



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Oct. 13, 2021

*Next, at Tanglewood Pavilion
plus via ZOOM:*

Oct. 20, 2021

**No meeting on Oct. 20,
but here are 3 alternates:**



→ World Polio Day dinner, 6 p.m., Oct. 20, at the Botanical Center in Rock Island; welcoming Rotarians, guests and friends from all QC clubs to celebrate World Polio

Day, which is actually Oct. 24; 2 tables reserved for BRC members. Contact **BRC President Larry Thein** (gatorthein@gmail.com)

→ **One Rotary Summit ZOOM** meeting, 5:30-8 p.m. Oct. 20, to “exchange ideas, get inspired, enlightened, learn about [the work of task forces on] Public Image, Foundation and Membership.” Register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1QTFdYcNpUxMUd-l2HsxIJ7szjZP_oMgF9wVu6tOucfBWMw/viewform?vc=0&%3Bc=0&%3Bw=1&%3Bflr=0&%3Busp=mail_form_link or call 877-976-8279 and provide your name and email by Oct. 19.

→ Go to the Palmer Hills Golf Course putting green (“The Forge”) for lunch at noon Oct. 20

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Megan Olson of the Iowa chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, **Erica Schroeder-Cerda** and **Tim Lane** display paintings by Alzheimer patients.

Alzheimer’s ‘rips apart families’

Alzheimer’s is the most common cause of dementia – among about 100 types – and “it rips apart families” as the brain of the person with it “gets broken,” said our own **Tim Lane**, one of two speakers on the topic at the Oct. 13 meeting.

Sharing time at the rostrum was **Megan Olson**, development specialist of the Iowa Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, who said her involvement with the degenerative brain disease began when she was in high school, and her grandmother moved in with her family.

Tim described how quickly his mother’s brain has “unraveled” in the four years since she was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. Once highly accomplished, she now has almost “lost all of herself,” Tim said, unable to perform even simple tasks to care for herself.

Because, as a financial planner, he knows how costly it is for nursing home or other care for Alzheimer's patients, Tim advised we all should "prepare financially for the unexpected."

And "it is imperative that we find that first survivor" or Alzheimer's by continuing research into the disease.

Megan described ways the QC community is supporting the association. The next fundraiser is Memories in the Making, a silent and live auction of artwork created by Alzheimer's patients in the art therapy program of the association. The auction, and updated information on research, is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11 – with doors opening at 5:30 – at The Bend Event Center, 910 Bend Blvd., East Moline. To learn more, contact Megan at 563-293-8056. Her office is at 1225 E River Dr., Suite 130, Davenport.

Dementia, Megan explained, is a general term for declining memory and other cognitive abilities. It often is associated with aging, but is not a normal aspect of aging. She provided a pamphlet explaining the warning signs of Alzheimer's:

- Memory loss that disrupts daily life
- Challenges in planning or solving problems
- Difficulty completing familiar tasks
- Confusion with time and place
- Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
- New problems with words in speaking or writing
- Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
- Decreased or poor judgment
- Withdrawal from work or social activities
- Changes in mood or personality.



Announcements...

→**An Acre of Warmth:** The past week has been full of important developments in BRC's campaign to gather enough new or gently used blankets to cover An Acre of Warmth:

→**Joe Champion** said the total as of this meeting stood at 266 blankets – well on the way to the goal of 800.

→A group at Pleasant Valley High School designed and produced blankets with the words, "Serve to Change Lives," the slogan of the current Rotary International president, Shekhar Mehta – and many BRC members immediately placed orders for them!

→**Kevin Koellner** received a phone call from a woman who said she had "maybe 50" blankets to donate, and asked where she should take them – Kevin replied, "We'll pick them up," and he and his son Mitch did just that.

→**John DeDoncker** said blankets are being collected at TBK Bank – and he added a \$500 donation, which Joe Champion said would buy 50 blankets.

→**Greg Blaske** said Acres of Warmth is the chosen charity of his now multi-state physical therapy company, Rock Valley

Therapy, adding an as-yet unknown number of blankets.

BRC's media partners – *Quad-City Times*, I-Heart radio stations and KWQC-TV – have begun to cover the campaign. This coverage appeared on Ch. 6's Website at 9:50 a.m. Monday, Oct. 11:

“BETTENDORF, Iowa (KWQC) - The Bettendorf Rotary is holding a blanket drive for the homeless.

“The Acre of Warmth project will run through October. Rotarians are asking for gently used and clean or new blankets to be donated.



“The size that is most requested is twin, but all sizes are welcome. The goal is to have 800 blankets donated which are enough to cover the size of a football field,

approximately an acre, the Rotary said in a media release.

“‘We have had a great start with blanket donations,’ Joe Campion, lead volunteer for this project, said. ‘Both PV and Bettendorf schools have started collecting blankets and several businesses are doing blanket drives. I know we can hit our goal of 800 blankets. We are about one-quarter of the way there already!’

“Drop off boxes are located at:

“K&K Hardware, 1818 Grant St., Bettendorf

“Bettendorf Library, 2950 Learning Campus Drive, Bettendorf

“Duck Creek Tire & Service, 4000 Middle Road, Bettendorf

“Bettendorf City Hall, 1609 St. Street, Bettendorf

“Visit www.BettendorfRotary.org to find the complete list of donation sites.

“Cash donations can be sent to Bettendorf Rotary Blanket Drive, P.O. Box 133, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

“For more information or questions, call or email Joe Campion at 563-343-7861 or joseph.p.campion@gmail.com.”



➔ **Thanksgiving baskets:** Mike Ingleby announced that BRC will distribute food baskets to needy families on Saturday, Nov. 20, and he circulated a sign-up list for volunteers. **President Larry Thein** said the amount for holiday baskets has been expanded in this year's budget – more info on the Christmas baskets coming soon. The exact number of families to receive baskets from BRC is not yet known - the list comes from the social worker in the Bettendorf Police Department. Larry said BRC may add families in LeClaire or Davenport if baskets for Bettendorf families do not use all of the budgeted funds.

➔ **Homes in Nepal:** Mike elaborated on the project to build homes in Nepal: The goal is to provide at least 50 homes (and up to 100) measuring 20-by-30 ft. at an estimated cost of \$4,000 per home. BRC

has \$5,000 “in the kitty now,” Mike said, thanks to a pledge from **S.K. Nanda** at the Red Badge Meeting this fall. Money from BRC will be matched by Rotarians in Nepal, and matched again by the Rotary Foundation, Mike said. “We’ll also invite other U.S. Rotary clubs to join in,” he added. The first step is to form a committee of BRC members – just let Mike know you’re interested.

➔**Red Badge Meeting:** Because BRC is enjoying a growth spurt in membership, Larry said a second Red Badge meeting – when new members learn more about the Rotary “big picture” – is being planned for February 2022. Details to follow...



BRC Happy \$\$ Plus...

President Larry Thein took the microphone around the room and got these nuggets from: **Frank Mitvalsky** – soon embarking on his yearly canoe adventure on a Wisconsin river + happy his Northwestern Wildcats didn’t lost last weekend... **Joe Campion** – happy his Penn State Nittany Lions had a bye week to maybe find a better quarterback... **Sharon Sarver** – a testament to Rotary membership: **Jerry Felsing** at Steve’s Glass cam through with a new glass door exactly as, and when, it was needed... Larry Thein – son at a baseball tourney full of high school stars performed well facing a 98-mph pitcher.

The meeting opened...

At the sound of the bell, **President Larry Thein** called the meeting to order, introduced the day’s program and asked **Tom Howard** to lead the recitation of The Four-Way Test. Tom also led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “This Is My Country.” Larry asked **Mike Ingleby** to lead the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry led the Moment of Silence, during which we especially remembered our troops and wished improved health for **Brian Goerdt** and his wife, who are ill with the Covid virus.

Club Secretary Shelly Naumann introduced visitors: Carl Zies and Ron McGauvran, guests of Larry Thein; Rochelle Dougall, guest of **Monica Kruse**; and Terri Smith, guest of Moline Rotarian Mark Carlson.

After announcements, we lived up to our reputation as a singing Rotary when Tom Howard led the singing of two verses of “A Helping Hand” and one of “Shine On, Harvest Moon.”

At the end...



... of the meeting today, **Larry Thein** (yes, *that* Larry Thein – but Shelly claimed there was no fix...) won the drawing for a free make-up from among

the names of members who shared their news in today’s installment of “BRC Happy \$\$ Plus.”

Upcoming meetings & more...

Meeting programs thanks to Program Chair **Scott Naumann**, 563-505-7953; scottnaumann@msn.com:

Oct. 20: No meeting at Tanglewood Pavilion; options available – see page 1

Dec. 1: District Gov. Alka Khanolkar and her husband Kiran plan to visit BRC



Make up at another QC club...

[NOTE: To update any of these listings, please notify the editor; thanks]

Monday, noon: Davenport – Davenport YMCA
Monday, noon: Moline – Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline
Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Club Room, Hy-Vee, 7th Street & John Deere Road, Moline
Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City
Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center
Wednesday, noon: Bettendorf – Tanglewood Hills Pavilion
Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi's Restaurant, Davenport
Thursday, 7 a.m.: Iowa Quad Cities – J-Bar, Elmore Avenue, Davenport
Thursday, noon: East Moline – Christ United Methodist Church
Thursday, noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country Club
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.: Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours – Bierstube, Moline
Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

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For more on Bettendorf Rotary...

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bettendorfrotary>

To join BRC meetings...

... on ZOOM, every Wednesday noon:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7823748708?pwd=Q1dKblVLSFhLZUJZVnA3YzVnLzRKZz09>
Meeting ID: 782 374 8708
Passcode: 236034





Rotarians elsewhere...

For more on Rotary International:

<https://www.rotary.org/>

The Rotary Foundation Minute...



[Thanks to **S.K. Nanda**, BRC's Rotary Foundation chair]

Welcome to Week 2 of Rotary International's Month of Economic and Community Development

One of the many ways TRF invests in people who create sustainable, measurable and long-term economic improvements in their communities and livelihoods is by developing opportunities for productive work and reducing poverty in under-served communities.

The news this week comes from the Philippines where a school for the blind has just been gifted computers and other gadgets that will make visually impaired learners improve their ability to communicate and absorb knowledge. According to a news report by *The Manila Times*, back in 2018, the low level of reading comprehension skills

among students of Philippine National School for the Blind was the reason the Rotary Club of Makati McKinley (RCMM) designed a project to provide vital software, hardware and teacher training resources.

When the expected government support was not forthcoming, RCMM spearheaded a RF Global Grant with funds from districts and clubs in the Philippines and outside the country. In the end, the Technology for Blind Learners Project was matched by TRF to the tune of \$44,400.

The formal turnover of the adaptive technology to the Philippines National School for the Blind took place on Sept. 30, via Zoom and the week-long teacher training was just concluded on Oct. 7.

Eye Opening Stats:

- \$9.2 mil is how much TRF has spent to grow local economy
 - 795 million people – or 1 in 9 people in the world – do not have enough to eat.
 - 60% of the world's hungry people are women and girls.
 - Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day.
- <https://my.rotary.org>

In Rotary,
Olabisi Gwamna, PhD
Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant,
Editor, Foundation Minute



Rotary District 6000 governor...



The R.I.S.E. Action Team shares these words:

“Be the reason someone smiles today.”

IN ROTARY FELLOWSHIP

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2021-22

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District Conference reminder:

The District 6000 Conference is scheduled for April 22-23, 2022. Early registration and booking of hotel rooms at the Hyatt Hotel at Coralville is open now. Please check with Carolyn Scharff at the District Office, call 877-976-8279. Details to follow...

[Excerpts from the latest District 6000 newsletter:]

Council on Resolutions:

The list of the proposed Council on Resolutions can be seen at <https://my.rotary.org/en/council/cor/vote>. According to the letter from Rotary International, you cannot make comments to RI directly but if you have comments, please forward them to District Gov. Alka K Khanolkar, email: akhanolkar6000@gmail.com so that

she can consider your comments before submitting her own.

Alka added, “I am proud to say that D6000 has submitted a resolution this year on preventing human trafficking that will be very important to RI and to the world. I hope you will take a look at 21R-28! Since my voting must be in by Nov.1, please send your comments by Oct. 22.”

October Is Environment Month in Iowa

Districts 5970 and 6000 are planting trees and pollinators this month. Many clubs are joining together to plant trees for the improvement of the environment and some clubs are planting trees in memory of Rotarians and other citizens who support Rotary.

Please select Iowa native hardwoods for endurance in Iowa climate. We want to make a list of all trees planted in our district to display at the District Conference and in the district newsletter. We will be sharing other areas such as solar panels and plastic reduction very soon.

When your club plants a tree, take photos of the planting for public image purposes. For each tree planted, please identify the tree name, and donated by Rotary Club of _____, 2021. Submit all photos to Bill Koellner: whkoell1943@gmail.com.