



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Oct. 27, 2021**

*Next, at Tanglewood Pavilion plus via ZOOM [see page 6]:*

**Nov. 3, 2021**

## **We'll get a look inside The Rotary Foundation**

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.



Our scheduled speaker for the Nov. 3 meeting is Past District 6000 Gov. **Chris Knapp**, who is now the district's Foundation Chair. He will share information about what The Rotary Foundation does

and how important it is to support it.

[*The BRC News* provides a weekly glimpse into the work of TRF – see page 6 for this week's column.]

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## **How Bettendorf is progressing**

**Jeff Reiter**, Bettendorf's economic development director, provided a number of "snapshots" of the city's growth at the Oct. 27 meeting. He provided highlights of new and recent projects, such as:

➔ **Housing:** In 2020 Bettendorf had 107 housing starts with a value of \$36.9 million. The city completed 6,622 building inspections – a number that was inflated because of damage caused during that summer's Derecho wind.



Three senior living complexes are under construction: The Summit of Bettendorf, at the roundabout on Middle Road plus a complex north of the Northwest Bank tower and another at 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Devils Glen Road.

Four multi-family townhouse complexes are under construction with a combined capacity of more than 150 units.

➔**Retail, office and commercial:** The Hy-Vee store, at Middle and Devils Glen roads, is remodel, with the addition of a drive-through pickup facility. Terrazo and Trillium restaurants are among stores added to the TBK Sports Complex area. The Food Affair Bistro adds a restaurant at the foot of Utica Ridge Road.

The city’s industrial park north of Interstate 80 has seen development of two large, expandable industrial facilities.

➔**Downtown:** Energized by construction of the new Ascentra Credit Union and TBK Bank headquarters buildings, new eating places and a micro-brewery either have opened or will open soon across from the Bridges Lofts (TBK HQ) and in the former Ascentra building.



Attractive landscaping enhances the approach to City Hall and the expanded downtown fire station. More is planned for the area under the I-74 bridge. The city is evaluating proposals to redevelop the nearly 4.5-acre site of the old Community Center. Also, Jeff said a developer is eyeing “something special” near the downtown exit of Interstate 74.

➔**I-80 gateway and TBK Sports Complex:** Sport competition at the TBK Complex has led to construction of the “very busy” Cambria Suites hotel, a swarm of shops and restaurants plus a clinic nearby. Plans have begun to extend development to the east side of Middle Road; the whole area will be upgraded to a city gateway with welcome signage and a pedestrian bridge over Middle Road.

Jeff mentioned other signs of movement throughout the city – Windmill Development’s “modern, contemporary designed” Shops at the Woodlands... Rivermont Collegiate’s expansion of dormitories for international students... the Chive-Hattery corporate headquarters in north Bettendorf... the Eagle View Mental Health complex... newly remodeled or rebuild community schools... plans to bring new business tenants into Duck Creek Plaza...

## Members split up, attend 3 alternative meetings

**President Larry Thein** summarized the ways Bettendorf Rotarians attended the three options we had on Oct. 20 – because Tanglewood Pavilion was not available that day – instead of going to our regularly scheduled lunch meeting:



➔ Nearly twice as many members arrived for **lunch at The Forge** at Palmer Hills Golf Course as had made reservations.

Twenty-two members ate sandwiches (or hamburgers) as they talked about the putting greens at The Forge, golf in general – and even about Rotary.



→ Six BRC members attended the **World Polio Day** dinner at the Botanical Center in Rock Island, at which Rotarians, guests and friends from all QC clubs celebrated PolioPlus. **President Larry Thein**, who joined presidents of all 11 QC clubs in conducting parts of the meeting (Larry led the recitation of The Four-Way Test), reported that the featured speakers were two retired QC doctors who had contracted polio as children – which influenced their decisions to pursue careers in medicine. Thanks to the efforts of Rotary International and other entities in the PolioPlus coalition, endemic incidence of the disease has dropped from more than 350,000 cases in many countries in 1985 to two cases, in Afghanistan and Pakistan, so far this year, Larry said. Special guests included Dist. 6000 Gov. Alka Khanolkar and Gary Rowe, assistant governor of Illinois Dist. 6420.

→ Two Bettendorf Rotarians – **Scott Naumann** and **Tim Lane** – attended the **One Rotary Summit ZOOM** meeting, the evening of Oct. 20, where they joined others from across District 6000 to focus on the work of task forces on Public Image, Foundation and Membership.

## Announcements...

→ **An Acre of Warmth:** Good news on our efforts to collect at least 800 new or gently used blankets came from a number of members:

→ Leading up to the meeting, **Joe Champion** sent out an email in which he reported, “With one week to go in the official campaign, we have 634 blankets on hand....”



As he spoke at the meeting, members reported more blankets coming in from collection boxes at the Bettendorf Public Library, K&K Hardware and elsewhere.

→ **John Sherrick** said he had brought about 80 blankets to the meeting, from his firm’s collection efforts. So, suddenly the total topped 800.



→ Praising the Spartan Thread group of special needs students at Pleasant Valley High School for the blankets they designed and made especially for this project, **Monica Kruse** offered the few she had left for sale for \$20 apiece – and the sale didn’t last long after the meeting.

By the time the subject changed to other announcements, the goal had risen to “a thousand blankets.” The campaign ends “officially” next week. Blankets then will be given to QC homeless shelters.

➔ **Red Badge 2.0: President Larry Thein** said a second meeting for new members to learn more about Rotary has been scheduled for Feb. 8, 2022, in the reception room beneath the chapel on the Tanglewood complex. Our membership is growing, with a goal of 30% more of us this year, and Larry promised an update in about two weeks.

➔ **Thanksgiving baskets – and Homes in Nepal: Mike Ingleby** said sign-up sheets were circulating for volunteers to distribute food baskets to needy Bettendorf families on Saturday, Nov. 20 – and for those who want to join the committee



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## **BRC Happy \$\$ Plus...**

**President Larry Thein** took the microphone around the room and got these nuggets, beginning with himself: Larry – praise for **Club Secretary Shelly Naumann**’s quick work coordinating with the staff at The Forge last Wednesday to provide lunches for the 22 members who attended after 13 had made reservations... **Jean Dickson** – proud of her 20-year-old son who was called to jury duty + thanks for support in the City Council election in which she’s running for alderman-at-large... **Monica Kruse** –

attended the Sept. 26, benefit for Jessica Dell, 15-year-old girl with Covid-induced ALS + happy to report her daughter with long-haul Covid has been symptom-free for the last three weeks... **Frank Mitvalsky** – happy he survived his annual three-day canoe trip along a river in Wisconsin – two good days and one that was “a son-of-a-gun” until they reached shore and his brother-in-law broke out the cocktails... **Scot Naumann** – daughter, in her first year of chorus, was the only Bettendorf singer named to All-State... **Shawn Langan** – jumped out of a perfectly good airplane while it was in flight, saying the experience lived up to his jump partner’s promise that “it was the most fun I’d ever have jumping out of a plane strapped to another guy.”

## **The meeting opened...**

The bell sounded.

**President Larry Thein** called the meeting to order. He asked **Carol Foster** to lead the recitation of The Four-Way Test; **Tom Howard** to lead the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “America the Beautiful”; and **Paul Boffeli** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry led the Moment of Silence, during which **S.K. Nanda** asked that we remember our troops; Tom Howard reported that **Dick Hanzelka** is still recuperating at Genesis East after heart surgery; and we learned of the passing of the fathers of **Dean Kraus** and **Steve Sorensen**.

**Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** introduced visitors: Visiting Rotarians



PDG Bill Tubbs and Brad Nielsen, North Scott Rotary; Dick Klein, Davenport Rotary; Kyle Kuehl, guest of **Dean Kraus**; Steve Roberts, guest of **Larry Thein**; former member Jerry Higgs, guest of **Larry Thein**; Kristin Glass, guest of **Scott Naumann**

After announcements, we lived up to our reputation as a singing Rotary when Tom Howard led the singing of “Rotary Ideals” and “When You’re Smiling (the Whole World Smiles with You.”

### At the end...



... of the meeting today, **Shawn Langan** 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](mailto:scottnaumann@msn.com):

**Nov. 3:** Past District 6000 Gov. Chris Knapp, The Rotary Foundation  
**Saturday, Nov. 20:** Thanksgiving food basket distribution  
**Dec. 1:** District Gov. Alka Khanolkar and her husband Kiran plan to visit BRC



**Feb. 8, 2022:** Red Badge 2.0 at Tanglewood Chapel reception room

### 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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...

**Website:**  
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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=Q1dKbVLSFhLZUJZVnA3YzVnLzRKZz09>

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 3 of Rotary International's Month of**

### **Economic & Community Development**

It's all about POLIO this week as Rotary International and the whole world observed World Polio Day on Oct. 24. Rotary International became involved in the prevention and eradication of polio in 1979, when it initiated a multiyear project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines.

Polio mainly affects children under age 5

There is no cure, but polio is preventable with a vaccine – \$3 average cost to fully protect a child against poliomyelitis.

Only two countries (Afghanistan and Pakistan) remain endemic. Since 1988, Rotary has reduced cases by 99.9%. Until we end polio forever, every child is at risk.

Rotary members through TR, have contributed more than \$2.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Because of the efforts of Rotary and its partners, nearly 19.4 million people who would otherwise have been paralyzed are walking, and more than 1.5 million people are alive who would otherwise have died. The infrastructure we helped build to end polio is also being used to treat and prevent other diseases (including Covid-19) and create lasting impact in other areas of public health.



Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million per year for polio eradication. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to match that 2-to-1, for a total commitment of \$150 million each year. These funds provide much-needed operational support, medical workers, laboratory equipment and educational materials. Governments, corporations and private donors all play a crucial role in funding. Not only that, local Rotary clubs all over the world continue to contribute

time and money to efforts aimed at completely eradicating polio from the surface of the planet.

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, from last week as well as this:

**“Worry often gives a small thing a great shadow.”**

– *Swedish proverb*

**“Give every day the chance to be the most beautiful day of your life.”**

– *Mark Twain*

For those of you that also like a joke.

**“A patient bursts into the psychiatrist’s room and says ‘Doctor, doctor, help me! I believe I am a deck of cards!’ The doctor turns to him and says, ‘Have a seat in the waiting room. I will deal with you later’.”**

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### **A polio patient needs help**

Rotary Zone 29, of which District 6000 is a part, has shared that a woman in Shawnee, Kan. – who is still living in an iron lung – needs parts to maintain the collar and other components of the iron lung.

If you have any information or knowledge where these parts can be located, please contact me as soon as possible.

Be safe, my friends and fellow Rotarians.

**Steve Dakin**

**Governor 2020-2021**

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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.

