



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Nov. 3, 2021**

Next, at Tanglewood Pavilion plus via ZOOM [see page 00]:

Nov. 10, 2021

Learn about device that aids some heart patients

Dr. Helbert Acosta specializes in cardiology and electrophysiology as a member of the Genesis Heart Institute. As our guest speaker at the Nov. 10 meeting, he will tell us about the Watchman FLX device, which the manufacturer’s Website says is inserted during “a one-time, minimally invasive procedure for people with atrial fibrillation not caused by a heart valve problem..., who need an alternative to blood thinners.”



After earning his medical degree at the Universidad Del Valle in Colombia, Dr. Acosta completed residency in internal medicine at Miami University and fellowships in cardiology at Oklahoma University Hospital and State University of New York at Buffalo.

Nov. 3, 2021



Foundation funds Rotary projects

The mission of The Rotary Foundation 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.” At our Nov. 3 meeting, Past District 6000 Gov. **Chris Knapp**, who is the district’s Foundation Chair, brought those words to life as he explained how the Foundation does its work – and how each of us can support that work.

He began by explaining that the money donated this year isn’t immediately available to fund projects – it’s invested for two years, after which half of it becomes available to districts to fund grants that support projects.

Chris explained that District 6000 makes all of the funds it receives available to clubs in the district to fund projects in their community. In recent years, BRC has used such grants to support the work of a number of non-profits in the QC.

All TRF grants, whether to support local, district or international projects, must be

used to support one of Rotary's seven areas of focus, he said:

- Peace and conflict prevention and resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development
- Supporting the environment.

Chris described how Rotary's Global Grants "support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes." Global Grants are a partnership among individual clubs, districts and the Foundation. They need to address an important community need and have a minimum budget of \$30,000. He outlined two examples of Global Grants involving Iowa Rotary clubs:

For the last seven years, District 6000 and many of its clubs have been part of the Rotary Action Group for Clubfoot, which trains orthopedic surgeons to use the Ponseti Method of correcting clubfoot in young children. Since 2016 RAG4Clubfoot has trained 152 surgeons from South America and the Caribbean using more than \$525,000 in Global Grant funds. They have treated some 152,000 patients in that time – at a cost-per-patient of only \$3.46, Chris said.

Meanwhile, he said a Rotary club in Tanzania saw the need to provide fresh water to some remote villages in its area. It researched the issue, wrote a proposal and put out a request for Rotary partners – and a club in Ames joined in.

[A few years ago, BRC spearheaded a similar project: A member originally from Haiti proposed and researched a project to collect rainwater from roofs in a village and store it in cisterns, saving

villagers from making daily multi-hour trips for fresh water. Bettendorf members recruited other Iowa clubs, plus clubs in the Chicago area, elsewhere in the U.S. and many places in the Caribbean.]

Chris went on to describe "Ways to Give" – as an annual or sustaining donor, becoming a major donor or including the Foundation in estate planning. BRC structures its dues so every member donates \$100 per year to the Paul Harris Fellowship – and matches those contributions until they reach \$1,000, when the member becomes part of the Paul Harris Society.

Announcements...



→An Acre of Warmth:

Greeted by cheers and questions about his TV career, because he had been interviewed for the Ch. 6

report on this project, **Joe Campion** reported we had blown through the original goal of 800 blankets, saying the total was 1,025 as today began. But by 9 a.m. 30 more blankets had come in, and two checks for \$300 each had been received. He said the YWCA asked to

extend the deadline for two more weeks so it could collect more. Joe commented, "I think we'll hit 1,200 blankets."



Kevin Koellner listed the agencies that will receive blankets

– with totals ranging from 25 to 160 – but they may receive more as the donation total keeps growing:

St. Anthony’s... Christian Care... Big Brothers Big Sisters... Unity Home of Davenport... Project NOW... Argrow’s House of Healing... Iowa Empowerment Center... One-Eighty... Family Resources... Humility of Mary Homes... World Relief.

➔**Thanksgiving baskets:** So far 17 members have volunteered to deliver baskets to the 17 families whose names we have received. **President Larry Thein** said the club has budgeted to give out 25 baskets, and he will contact the Bettendorf Police social worker for more names – or extend our support to LeClaire for families there. **Mike Ingleby** invited members to give him names of families that could benefit from a basket. The Thanksgiving food basket delivery will be on Saturday, Nov. 20.

In the spirit of giving, Mike suggested a work day when Rotarians could do yard work for those who can’t do it themselves – and **Decker Ploehn** said he should check with the BPD social worker for any referrals.

➔**Red Badge 2.0:** **President Larry Thein** said the growth in memberships prompts scheduling of a second meeting for new members to learn more about Rotary on Feb. 8, 2022, at the Tanglewood complex.

➔**Celebrity Luncheon:** Each year the most successful fundraiser for Festival of Trees is the Celebrity Luncheon, where QC office-holders, media persons and others who are well-known wait on tables of 10 persons who donate \$50 apiece (or \$450 for a table of 10). **Larry Thein** is one of those waiters, and **Decker Ploehn** has been involved in the event for

decades. It’ll begin at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 24, with a “Holiday Cheer Hour” and the event at noon at the Radisson QC Plaza, 111 E. 2nd St., Davenport.

Penny McGimpsey is in charge of the sign-up list.

➔**Charities Committee:** **Jeff Hassel** announced 38 proposals have been submitted for a Bettendorf Rotary Grant, as of the Nov. 1 deadline. The committee will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 17, and grant recipients will be selected on Dec. 1, he said.

BRC Happy \$\$ Plus...

President Larry Thein prowled the meeting room, microphone in hand, and elicited these bits of news: **Beth Clark** – mention of “her” Wisconsin Badgers made her happy for some obscure reason... guest **Carl Zies** – announced he’s become engaged... **Lee Marback** – his daughter’s 3rd birthday... **Mark Carlson**, always welcome visitor from Moline Rotary – after the reelection of **Scott Naumann** as a Bettendorf alderman, he’s happy he lives in Moline... **Scott** – saying he’s happy **Mark** lives there too, offered thanks for his reelection and praised all who ran... **Decker Ploehn** – kudos to **Harry Coin** and the Civil Air Patrol members he guides for organizing the July 4th and Halloween parades... **Mike Vondran** – the HAVlife fundraiser is scheduled for Feb. 17 + he’s announcing a run for the new Iowa House Dist. 94 seat as a Republican... **Bill Daley** – “happy to be back”... **Harry Coin** – excited about the CAP cadets taking on organization at the Festival of Trees and “a couple of” Farmer’s Market events... **Paul Boffeli** – happy the Atlanta Braves won the World Series.

The meeting opened...



At the sound of the bell, **President Larry Their** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The Four-Way Test. **Tom Howard** led the singing of the day's patriotic song, "This Is My Country," and – as he does every month, "Happy Birthday, Dear

Rotarians," this time especially for those with November anniversaries of their birth: 04, **Fred Anderson**; 05, **Jennifer Naeve, Peter Paisley**; 06, **Beth Clark**; 13, **John Sherrick**; 16, **Scott Naumann**; 21, **Brent Werner, Jean Dickson**; 30, **Ken Vandersnick**. Larry led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence, during which **S.K. Nanda** asked that we remember our troops and **Dr. Tom Olson** asked us to remember Dick Wells, Davenport attorney who died this week.



As a lead-in to Announcements, Larry showed a video recording of the Ch. 6 coverage of BRC's Acre of Warmth project to collect enough blankets to cover a football field from the 10-yd. line to the opposite goal line – with all blankets going to help those suffering homelessness or inadequate winter clothing.

Club Secretary Shelly Naumann introduced visitors: visiting Moline Rotarians Dougal Nelson and Mark Carlson; Joy Dodson; Carl Zies, DC; and Marvin Kennedy.

After announcements, Tom Howard led the singing of "Sing, Rotarians" – to the tune of "On, Wisconsin," which, judging from the response, might not have been the most popular tune imaginable.

At the end...



... of the meeting today, **Beth Clark** 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**:

Nov. 10: Dr. Helbert Acosta: Watchman FLX device, which eliminates the need for blood thinners for patients with atrial fibrillation
Saturday, Nov. 20: Annual 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, 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

BRC News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson
fred.anderson.1144@gmail.com

Correspondent, Website host:
Shelly Naumann:
bettendorfrotary@gmail.com

For more on Bettendorf Rotary...

Website:

<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/>

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

To join BRC meetings...

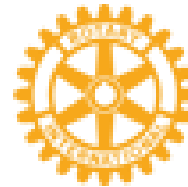
... on ZOOM, every Wednesday noon:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7823748708?pwd=Q1dKblVLSFhLZUJZVnA3YzVnLzRKZz09>

Meeting ID: 782 374 8708

Passcode: 236034

Rotary



For more on Rotary International:

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

Rotary District 6000 governor...



The R.I.S.E. Action Team shares these words, from last week as well as this:

“Don’t be afraid to fail. Be afraid not to try.”

IN ROTARY FELLOWSHIP

Alka K Khanolkar | District 6000

Governor 2021-22

Email - akhanolkar6000@gmail.com

Cell – 319-504-9857

District Conference reminder:

The District 6000 Conference is scheduled for April 22-23, 2022. For early registration and booking of hotel rooms, check with Carolyn Scharff at the District Office, 877-976-8279.

The Rotary Foundation Minute...

[No column this week, since the program focused on The Rotary Foundation.]

