



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 8, 2021

Next:

Dec. 15 at Tanglewood Pavilion

Learn what's behind the Nahant Marsh headlines

The *QC Times* this week reported that the Nahant Marsh, a 305-acre nature preserve in southwest Davenport, has nearly reached its \$3.7 million fundraising goal. **Brian Ritter**, Nahant's executive director, is our scheduled speaker at the Dec. 15 meeting, giving us the opportunity to learn details about the marsh and what the money will buy.



The *Times* article reported plans are “to build a new operations center, buy more land for habitat restoration and extend public trails...”

Since 2007, Brian “has begun and sustained many environmental education programs, biological research projects, and natural resource management practices,” according to the website. The marsh is “part of a 513-acre wetland.”

The Nahant Marsh Education Center is open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday – extended to 3 p.m. April-October. Trails are open sunrise-sunset daily.

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PV singers raise holiday spirits

It's been two years since Bettendorf Rotary was privileged to hear a live concert of Christmas music performed by singers from one of Bettendorf's high schools. Two years ago, musicians from Bettendorf High School raised our Christmas spirits – but last year the Grinch of Covid-19 stole even the thought of a serenade by a choral group from **Pleasant Valley High School**.



That absence made what we heard at the Dec. 8 meeting just that much sweeter as PV choral director **Meg Byrne** brought members of the Chamber Choir to sing for us. Singing entirely *a cappella*, the assembled

voices performed some familiar arrangements – and some exciting new versions – of Christmas carols. The concert opened with multiple verses of



“Joy to the World” sung in perfectly balanced harmony.

When Meg introduced “Still, Still, Still” we learned that it originated as a Ukrainian folk song to welcome spring – with the Christmas words substituted when it was adapted to English.

“The Carol of the Bells” delighted from the opening soprano to the final bass tones.



An English arrangement of “Deck the Halls” was in “7/8 time,” Meg explained – that is, 7 beats per measure with an eighth note representing one beat. The result produced a sort of syncopation in places that would have made Scott Joplin feel right at home.

In contrast, crooner Bing Crosby probably would have settled comfortably into the traditional arrangement of “White Christmas.”

The concert concluded with – what else? – a rousing “We Wish You a Merry Christmas (and a Happy New Year).”

Midway through the performance, each member of the ensemble introduced him- or herself – name, parents’ names, class and, in the case of seniors, their plans for after graduation. One of the singers,

Alyse Zuiderveen, was one of the students BRC sponsored at this year’s RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) – a 6-day conference for high school students across



Iowa held on a college campus jointly by Rotary Districts 5970 and 6000. She thanked us for the opportunity to learn leadership skills.

Announcements...

→ **An Acre of Warmth:** Reporting that the number of blankets “in the barn” remained at 1,440, **Joe Champion**



said a number of additional monetary donations had been received since last week.

As promised at last week’s meeting, the winning ticket was drawn in the raffle for one of the hand-made quilts that had been donated. Proceeds from the raffle will buy about 75 more blankets that can be given away this winter, **Ann Kappeler**



announced. While Ann held the jar of ticket stubs, **Monica Kruse** drew the winning ticket; **Mary Schmidt** held the winning ticket – and she said, “Please give it to somebody who needs it this winter.”



The online auction for all of the other handmade quilts ended at noon Saturday, Dec. 4; results will be announced later.

➔ **Christmas baskets:** **Mike Ingleby** asked for more volunteers to deliver the Christmas food baskets to the 20 families on our list on Saturday, Dec. 18 – hands went up immediately, including those of some members who were inducted last week.

Christmas baskets include a gift for each child in the family. BRC reimburses members up to \$50 per gift. Details of each recipient family will be emailed to volunteers. Information on the additional needs of some families may be included.

Joe Campion said a new blanket will be included in each food basket.

➔ **‘Adopt a Family’:** Last week **Monica Kruse** reported some families on the Family Resources “Adopt a Family” Christmas list had not been adopted – but she said, “Six Rotarians stepped up after the meeting” today and adopted families.

Monica also shared a photo of BRC members and friends while they were serving lunch at One-Eighty Saturday at its weekly meal on Davenport’s West End. She asked for volunteers to help serve this weekend.



➔ **Charitable grants:** **President Larry Thein** and **Sharon Sarver** talked about how BRC used to make our annual presentation of grants to QC non-profits at a luncheon held at the Waterfront Convention Center – where “There’s room for everyone,” and “We can invite the public.”

“That’s our ‘game day’,” Larry said. “It’s what we work all year for.” He said discussions are underway to schedule that event celebrating BRC’s service to the community in late February or early March. Stay tuned.

BRC Happy \$\$ Plus...

President **Larry Thein** took the microphone around the room so members could report these bits of happiness: **Decker Ploehn** – the new Interstate-74 bridge over the Mississippi opened last week, “So start using it!” ... **Carol**



Foster – Bettendorf Rotary was named to the Handicapped Development Center’s Hall of Fame for its support of HDC’s programs... **Larry Thein** – praise for the skill of new member **Dr. Carl Zies** as his adjustments “fixed” Larry’s injured rib... **Paul Bofelli** – son Drew is a member of the Grandview Vikings team playing Dec. 18 against the Morningside College team for the national NAIA football championship – “Go, Vikings!”

The meeting opened...



President **Larry Thein** hit the bell three times before he heard a “bong-g-g” that he liked.... Then he welcomed all and asked **Scott Naumann** to lead the recitation of The Three-Way Test. **Tom Howard** led the singing of the day’s patriotic

song, “God Bless America, and **Peter Paisley** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the Moment of Silence, **S.K. Nanda** asked us to remember our troops, and other members reported **Dick Hanzelka** is “doing well” after his cardiac surgery; **Craig Windmiller** “is on the mend” from his illness, **Rob Roman**’s grandmother died, and former member **Frank Schwab** has died.

Club Secretary Shelly Naumann introduced guests: Jessica Van Dyke; Ron McGauvran, guest of **President Larry Thein**; Pat Baldwin, guest of **Peter Paisley**; and visiting Rotarians Dr. Don Sierk, North Scott Rotary; and Paul Plagenz, Moline Rotary.

At the end...



... of the meeting today, **Larry Thein** 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:**

Dec. 15: Brian Ritter, Nahant Marsh
Saturday, Dec. 18: Deliver Christmas food baskets to less fortunate Bettendorf neighbors

Dec. 22: No meeting, but social time and an open bar

Dec. 29: No meeting – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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

**April 22-23,
2022:** All-Iowa
District
Conference
(Districts 6000
and 5970),

Coralville Hyatt

June 4-8, 2022: Rotary International
Convention, Houston, Texas

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 [changing soon...]

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

For more on Bettendorf Rotary...
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... on ZOOM, every Wednesday noon:

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?pwd=Q1dKblVLSFhLZUJZVnA3Yz
VnLzRKZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7823748708?pwd=Q1dKblVLSFhLZUJZVnA3YzVnLzRKZz09)

Meeting ID: 782 374 8708

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Rotary elsewhere...

The Rotary Foundation Minute...



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

**Welcome to Week
One of Rotary
International’s
Month of Disease
Prevention &
Treatment.**

The month has no sooner begun than
December’s Rotary theme of “Disease
Prevention and Treatment” started
manifesting itself. According to a report
by Dick Dolinski of The Rotary Club of
Midland (Mich.), TRF recently approved
a Global Grant of \$83,800 to support
sanitation, solar power and teaching/
learning technology projects for two
schools in rural Uganda. Rotary’s current
theme of “Serve to change lives”

certainly captures the collaboration between the participating Rotary clubs and districts across two continents and Rotary International.

The Rotary Clubs of: Kabale, Uganda; Petaluma, Calif.; Traverse City and Midland Noon, Mich., along with their respective Rotary districts, collaborated with TRF to fund this Global Grant. The recipients of the grant are: Muko High School, a boarding school educating about 250 students in southwestern Uganda and Divine Mercy Elementary School with approximately 200 students in grades K-6 located about 20 miles north of Muko.

This Global Grant promises to provide important infrastructure that will result in multiple benefits to the students at both schools as well as for their teachers (and parents.... It also promises to dramatically improve the quality of life for the people in the area. It will indeed be “Beneficial to all Concerned!”

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

Give the gift of Rotary...

You can make a difference in this world by helping people in need. Your gift can do some great things, from supplying filters that clean people’s drinking water to empowering local entrepreneurs to grow through business development training.

The Rotary Foundation will use your gift to fund the life-changing work of Rotary members who provide sustainable solutions to their communities’ most pressing needs. But we need help from people like you who will take action and

give the gift of Rotary to make these projects possible.

Sincerely,
The Rotary Foundation

For more on Rotary International:

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

Rotary District 6000 governor...



The R.I.S.E. Action Team shares this.

“As you grow older you will notice that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.”

– Maya Angelou

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All Iowa District Conference

Friday, April 22-Saturday, April 23, 2022, at the Coralville Hyatt.
It combines Districts 6000 (south) and 5970 (north).

Early bird discount for registration by Jan. 1, 2022: check with Carolyn Scharff at the District Office, 877-976-8279.

Rotary International Convention Houston, Texas, June 4-8, 2022 12-16 June 2021 Rotary Virtual Convention

To register:

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston/register>