



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Jan. 26, 2022**

*Next:*  
**Feb. 2 at Tanglewood Pavilion**

## **Meet Dr. Amy Novak, new president of St. Ambrose**

The scheduled speaker for the Feb. 2 meeting (rescheduled from Jan. 12 because of Covid) is Amy Novak, EdD, the 14<sup>th</sup> president of St. Ambrose University.

She comes to St. Ambrose after eight years at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, S.D. Her work there was the basis for a 2019 book, “Pivot: A Vision for the New University.”



According to the St. Ambrose website, “Dr. Novak began her career in higher education at DWU in 2003 after working in the private sector as she, her husband Ken, and their growing family travelled the country and the world during Ken’s career in the U.S. Air Force. The Novaks both are graduates of the University of Notre Dame.”

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## **The story behind QC TV forecasts**

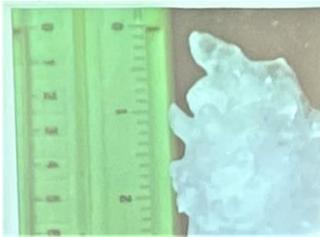
We’ve seen him for nearly 20 years predicting the weather on Ch. 4 and 18. At the Jan. 26 meeting weatherman **Andy McCray**, chief meteorologist at WHBF-TV, provided some insights into Quad-City weather reporting.

On a day when the temperature struggled to reach double-digits, he gave us a look at local TV coverage of the more severe weather that we’re likely to encounter in a few short months.

Although severe weather can happen any time, in the U.S. Midwest we mostly experience bad thunderstorms and tornadoes in the spring, he said. Because of our geography, the U.S. has the most tornadoes in the world – averaging about 1,200-1,300 per year. Weather fronts coming down the east slope of the Rockies and across the Great Plains

collide with warm moisture from the Gulf of Mexico to create “ideal” severe weather conditions. While tornadoes occur mostly in the warm months, he showed storm-tracks of tornadoes (spots where they had touched down or caused damage) that had hit the QC area in the past in October, December and February.

Andy explained the two most common terms we see on TV in the spring:  
→**Tornado Watch:** In a good-sized area, often throughout the station’s coverage area, the conditions exist for dangerous storms to develop. This announcement usually doesn’t interrupt programs.  
→**Tornado Warning:** Radar has detected – or people have spotted – a tornado on the ground. Because people’s safety is more important than entertainment, Andy said, it’s likely that programming may be interrupted. Weather-casters may also break in for a **severe thunderstorm warning**, even if tornadoes are not imminent, he added.



**When a viewer sends a photo of a hail stone to a TV station, Andy advised, include a ruler or a coin to show its size.**

**Storm sirens** sound warnings when the wind speed goes above 70 mph, Andy explained, or when tornadoes or hail storms are in the area.

He said most tornadoes in this area are classed as EF0 or 1 – the Enhanced Fujita Scale, in use since 2007, rates storms by wind speed: EF0 with winds 65-85 mph and EF1 having winds 86-110 mph. The wind of an EF2 tornado can be up to 135 mph. Iowa experienced one EF4-5 (166-200 mph or higher) in 1976 and another in 2008, Andy said.



Displaying a diagram of the “anatomy” of a thunderstorm, he pointed out the characteristics that often indicate the cloud formation can spawn a tornado.



## 7 new members inducted

S.K. Nanda presided over the induction of seven new members:

→**Marcia Erickson**, a business coach who works with business leaders to develop and refine plans. She and her husband Darren (the principal of Pleasant Valley High School) are



parents of two teens, who are students at PVHS and Scott Community College.



→**Elias Alkhouri**, CPA, a business consultant with Hammar & Associates, Rock Island. Elias and his wife are parents of one student at St. Ambrose University and a PV 3<sup>rd</sup> grader.



→**Jeff Bloemker**, a commercial banker at Northwest Bank & Trust. Although he has been in the QC only a short time, he's no stranger to Rotary. He's a

past-president of the Effingham, Ill., club, and a Paul Harris Fellow. He and his wife are parents of three adult children.



→**Renalda Samolitis**, manager of Weerts Funeral Home, is the mother of three children – a student at Iowa State University, an employee of John Deere and a high school junior.

→**Marty Clifton** is a State Farm Insurance agent in Bettendorf. Married

18 years, he and his wife are parents of a freshman and a 7<sup>th</sup> grader in PV schools. He is an experienced coach of youth baseball teams.



→**Joy Dodson** is vice president for community relations for Junior Achievement of the Heartland. An Illinois QC native, she and her husband, who works for Deere & Co., are parents of sons, ages 12 and 10.



→**Matt Sturdevant** is **Larry Thein's** partner at Goosehead Insurance in Davenport. He met his wife at the University of Iowa (which explains his favorite university sports team), and they're happy to be in the QC after having lived in other parts of the country.



## Announcements...

→**Feeding the Bettendorf Police: Brian Goerdt** said the first lunch in our new project, to provide lunch once a month for all of the Bettendorf Police Department, will be tomorrow, Jan. 27. Meals will be from Texas Roadhouse,

with desserts furnished by Nothing Bundt Cake. **Monica Kruse** is coordinating details of the project. Brian is sponsoring this week's lunch, and these members volunteered last week to sponsor future lunches: **President Larry Thein, Tim Lane, Craig Windmiller, Mike Ingleby, Mike Vondran, Mike Simons, Rob Roman and Jerry Felsing.**

That left us needing five more sponsors, and Larry asked others to volunteer today.

➔ **Acre or Warmth wrap-up: Joe Champion** said only about 10 blankets are left – out of the 1,500 or so collected – and he delivered 36 yesterday to the Humility of Mary Shelter. While he was doing that, he said, an apparently homeless woman approached and asked if she could have a blanket – and he replied, “Of course.”

➔ **Dates to remember:**

➔ **Rotary Challenge of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Putt Around is 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3,** at the River Center, Davenport.

➔ **Red Badge meeting,** for new members to learn more about Rotary, **Tuesday, Feb. 8, 6 p.m.** at the Tanglewood Chapel reception room

➔ **Awarding of grants, Feb. 16,** at the Waterfront Convention Center – lunch beginning at **11 a.m.** and grant presentations at **11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

➔ **State of the City: Mayor Bob Gallagher** will present his annual State of the City address at **noon Wednesday, March 9,** at the Waterfront Convention Center – BRC hosts; no regular meeting

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

Toting the microphone so members on ZOOM could hear, **President Larry**

**Thein** roamed the room so those with news could share it: **Larry** – happy for nine new members, seven of whom are inducted today... **Harry Coin** – happy to have \$\$ in his pocket (to make up for those weeks when he didn't have \$\$ in his wallet) + happy that daughters brought “sons-in-law candidates” home for Christmas... **Dr. Tom Olson** – prepared a visual pun – with a quarter



dangling from a chain behind his back and a \$1 bill affixed to his left ear, he turned himself into the “Buck-an-ear Quarter-back”...

**Craig Windmiller**

– with \$50 he celebrated his half-century birthday coming up + the good news that he's driving again, with his neurologist's OK, after a brief scare a few weeks ago... **Sharon Sarver** – completely unsolicited praise for your *BRC News* editor's weekly offering of club news... **Scott Naumann** – with judgment impaired by “his” Green Bay



Packers' loss in the NFL playoffs, he made a pathetic (and probably unconstitutional) attempt to buy "just 10 more points"... **Fred Anderson** – truly rendered speechless – but gratified and humbled – by Sharon's kind words.

## The meeting opened...



After ringing the bell, **President Larry Thein**, called the meeting to order for members present and on ZOOM. He asked **Bill Daley** to lead the recitation of The Four-Way Test. **Tom Howard** led the singing of "God Bless America," the cay's patriotic song. Larry asked **Fred Anderson** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry led the Moment of Silence, during which **S.K. Nanda** asked that we remember our troops, **Dr. Tom Olson** noted the passing of Mike Duffy, president of Per Mar Security, and **Monica Kruse** asked us to remember the police officers felled by attackers in the past week.

**Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** introduced visitors: PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott Rotary; Chris Ryder, guest of **Scott Naumann**; Jessica Van Dyke; Melissa Rebro and Brian Gant, guests of **Joy Dodson**.

Later, after announcements, Tom led the singing of "Sing Out a Song of Rot'ry" and "Smile... Sing a Song."



## At the end...

... of the meeting today, **Sharon Sarver** won the drawing for a free meeting make-up from among the 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):



**Feb. 2:** Amy Novak, EdD, the 14<sup>th</sup> president of St. Ambrose University  
**Thursday, Feb. 3:** Rotary Challenge at the BBBS Putt-Around, 6-8 p.m. at the River Center

**Tuesday, Feb. 8:** Red Badge meeting at Tanglewood Chapel reception room, 6 p.m.

**Feb. 9:** John Lohman, publisher of the *Quad Cities Regional Business Journal*

**Feb. 16:** Awarding of \$37,000 in BRC Charitable Grants, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Waterfront Convention Center

**March 9:** Mayor **Bob Gallagher** gives the State of the City address at the Waterfront Convention Center; BRC hosts

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

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

## For more on Bettendorf Rotary...

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## To join BRC meetings...

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

Meeting ID: 782 374 8708

Passcode: 236034

## For more on Rotary International:

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



## 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, upstairs, Hy-Vee, 30<sup>th</sup> Street & 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island

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



## Rotary elsewhere...

### The Rotary Foundation Minute...



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

### Welcome to Week 4 of Rotary International’s Month of Vocational Service

The Minute this week touches two of The Rotary Foundation 7 Areas of Focus: Water and Sanitation and Disease Prevention and Treatment.

*The Daily Inter Lake*, a local newspaper in Kalispell, Mont., reports that 13 Rotary clubs in western Montana have been granted a \$39,000 Rotary Foundation Global Grant to fund ongoing clean water initiatives in Guatemala. According to the newspaper, “The grant project, named ‘Clean Hands, Clean Water,’ partners Whitefish Rotary Club (international sponsor) and Rotary Club Guatemala West (Host club), with support from the 13-member Western Montana Rotary Coalition. Spearheaded by Rotarian Dave Renfrow, Columbia Falls Rotary Club, the project has international significance, suggesting that small investments in clean water can stimulate economic development, prevent disease, and reduce the flow of immigration to the United States’ southern border. Renfrow said the project

is aimed directly toward mitigating malnutrition caused by lack of clean water and sanitation practices, which result in low school attendance and subsequently, low lifetime incomes.”

Average family income in the project area, located in the western highlands of Guatemala, is \$4.50 per day, and school attendance is approximately three years.

When completed the project will serve four communities and 2,500 residents who will participate in the construction of 318 home bio-sand water filters, nine community-size bio-sand filters for 30 families each, nine well-head covers and submersible pumps, and four school-size Tippy Tap hand-wash stations.

#### **Fast Facts: Guatemala**

Birthplace of the Mayan civilization;  
Continually inhabited for 20,000 years;  
Home of 3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites; Most populated Central American country; Two coastlines; Location on three tectonic plates, reason for major earthquakes; Over 30 volcanoes, four of which are currently active.  
90% water dangerous to drink due to poor infrastructure, pollution, unregulated sanitation.

Rotary Club of Guatemala was chartered in 1977.

Several Rotary clubs around the globe contributing to WASH and GWP to supply potable water through filtration so the high mortality rate from water-borne diseases could be drastically reduced from its current 30,000+ people, of which 90% are children.

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 this thought:

**“Just when the caterpillar thought her life was over, she began to fly.”**

#### **IN ROTARY FELLOWSHIP**

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### **All Iowa District Conference...**

Friday, April 22-Saturday, April 23, 2022, at the Coralville Hyatt. Check with Carolyn Scharff, 877-976-8279.

### **D-6000 Foundation Dinner...**

In a recent email, Chris Knapp, District Rotary Foundation chair, and DG Alka Khanolkar “invite you and a guest to join us on Thursday, April 21, for our Rotary District 6000 Foundation Dinner.”

It begins at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour and opportunity to talk with Rotarians from around the district. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program with keynote speaker Past District Governor David Forward. Suggested dress is business attire.

Follow this link to the registration form, and return it by April 15:

<file:///C:/Users/Anderson/Downloads/21-22-registration-form---coralville-april-21.pdf>