



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
**March 9, 2022**

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**March 16 at Tanglewood Pavilion**

## **Hands-only CPR: Saving a life until help arrives**

**Cathy Brandt** is the American Heart / Stroke Association’s corporate events director for the Northeast Region of Iowa, which includes the Quad Cities.

At our March 16 meeting, she’ll bring us up to speed on hands-only CPR, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, first-aid for

cardiac arrest until first responders arrive. “For every minute that passes, a (heart attack) victim’s chance for survival is cut by 10%,” the AHA says. “By learning how to perform Hands-Only CPR until the medical help arrives, you can double even triple their

chances. It only takes a few minutes to save a life.”

Cathy organizes fundraising Heart Walks in the QC and elsewhere in her region. Her biography says, “As the mother of two boys saved by heart research, technology and education, Cathy believes deeply in the mission to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives.”



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## **State of City: new growth is coming**

After preliminaries, our own **Mayor Bob Gallagher** began the **2022 State of the City Address** with a computer-generated video showing the way the city’s planned Interstate 80-Middle Road Gateway will look after reconstruction – which is slated to begin this year.

The images in that video – the planned pedestrian bridge to the new TBK Sports properties, crossing expanded Middle Road, leading into the city from an envisioned new Interstate-80 exchange – set the intertwined themes of the address:



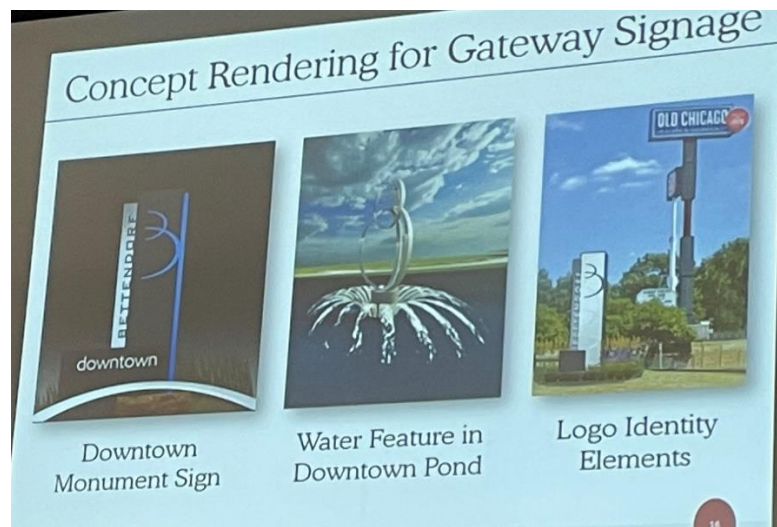
growth, and how that growth is planned to occur. Here are some highlights:

According to the 2020 census, Bettendorf's population grew by more than 17% over the decade – which, in Mayor Bob's characterization, enabled the city to operate a "lean organization," doing more with less than all of Iowa's 38 largest cities. Bettendorf has the second lowest general fund tax levy among those cities, he said. The combination of tax levy plus fees will actually drop by 15 cents, from \$12.80 to \$12.65, he said. Taxes on existing homes will rise less than 1% in the new budget year, while solid-waste fees stay the same, and storm-water and sanitary sewer fees will rise by modest amounts.

With the rise in assessed value of property in the city, Bettendorf's "levying capacity" goes up more than \$10 million, he said, which means:  
→We'll add several fulltime firefighters,  
→Over the next two years, we'll add 6 officers to the current police force of 51  
→Some part-time staffers will be added to other city departments.

→Continued revitalization of the downtown: finishing the bike-and-pedestrian lane on the I-74 bridge... adding the elevator to ease access to that amenity... upgraded landscaping and park space in the bridge area, and throughout downtown... redevelopment of the old Herbert Goetsch Community Center property...

→Revitalizing business corridors throughout the city, including Duck Creek Plaza... Middle Road... Devils Glen Road...



Bob described recent progress and planned growth in businesses, housing and leisure sectors, including:

→The I-80 Gateway plans: TBK Sports complex more than

doubling in size and recreation facilities... expanded parks with exciting new features... the addition of lanes to all streets in that area... two new roundabouts... new "branding" signage and landscaping to greet arriving motorists...

→Communication: Tying all of these developments together, Bob described various ways, such as increased use of social media, that the city continually is using to inform residents and attract newcomers, for example:

→"This is the first time the State of the City is being carried live on Facebook"  
→Messages from the mayor and city officials are updated continually  
→Signage, welcoming arrivals and in use throughout the city, will be graphically unified by the stylized "B" that mimics the double arches of the I-74 bridge

→Expanding leisure-time opportunities: Developing added hotels and entertainment venues... upgrading and

expanding parks, continuing to add such facilities as pickleball and GaGa ball courts, zip lines, more rec trails... renovating Splash and Frozen Landings... enlarging the programming at all Learning Campus facilities – the Public Library, Family Museum and Faye’s Field...



→Expanded housing facilities: Bob pointed to recent – and planned near-future – expanded apartment complexes, condo neighborhoods and group housing for retirees... and more of each, in addition to the city’s traditional strength in single-family homes.

Mayor Bob said all of these recent developments and those planned for this year and into the near future are coming about because of Bettendorf’s “Vision 2035”: “The City of Bettendorf is the most livable community with rich educational, cultural and recreational opportunities where we enjoy a vibrant riverfront and a growing, competitive business environment.”

The new and planned developments he reported fit neatly into the “Goals 2027” he and the City Council had set:

→Financially sound city providing quality city services

→Orderly growth and quality development

→Growing current businesses and attracting new businesses

→Riverfront / downtown development – destination for living, working and entertainment.

The mayor enthusiastically issued a special invitation to the city’s **5-27-22 party** – of course, scheduled for May 27 – to “welcome people out of Covid and into Memorial Day.”

## Announcements...

Although there were no Rotary announcements at the State of the City Address, here are some important reminders:

→**Membership:** Although Bettendorf Rotary is leading District 6000 in recruitment of new members this year – 19 added so far, for a 20% increase to 113 – **President Larry Thein** would like us to remember our commitment to hike membership by 30% by the end of June – so he urged us to keep inviting guests.

→**BRC Board:** There’s still time for any member who is interested in becoming part of the presidential track on the BRC Board to apply – just tell any current Board member. The presidential track involves a five-year commitment.

→**Lobsterfest:** Planning continues for LobsterFest – the evening of Saturday, June 11, here at Tanglewood Pavilion. Volunteers are welcome to take on any of the myriad jobs of the event, and members’ companies are planning their sponsorship level. Title Sponsors TBK Bank and Abbey Carpet Gallery have committed to repeat. Gold (\$2,500), Silver (\$1,000) and Bronze (\$500) levels are available.





## The meeting opened...

The mayor's State of the City Address opened with welcoming remarks by **Bettendorf Rotary President Larry**



**Thein.** He introduced the president of Bettendorf Kiwanis, Nicole David, who led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Baptist Pastor Mark Cannon, who delivered the Invocation.

After lunch, A.J. Loss, chairman of the QC Chamber of Commerce, introduced **Mayor Bob Gallagher.** Before launching into his address, Bob welcomed all in attendance, and introduced visiting county, state and federal officials, or their representatives, and officials from other QC cities. He introduced members of the Bettendorf City Council, City Manager **Decker Ploehn** and the heads of all city departments.

### For more on Bettendorf Rotary...

Website:

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

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

### To join BRC meetings via ZOOM...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7823748708?pwd=O1dKblVLSFhLZUJZVnA3YzVnLzRKZz09>

Meeting ID: 782 374 8708

Passcode: 236034

## Upcoming meetings & more...

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



### March 16:

Cathy Brandt of the American Heart / Stroke Association: hands-only CPR

### April 22-23:

All-Iowa District Conference, Coralville Hyatt

### June 4-8:

Rotary

International Convention, Houston, Texas; to register:

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

**Saturday, June 11: LobsterFest**

## 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

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### **Rotary elsewhere...**

#### **District 6000 responds to natural, Ukrainian disasters**

Troy Thompson, of our district's Disaster Response and Humanitarian Services Committee, reports:

“Your District 6000... Committee has been very active these past few months. Our District was very fortunate to be able to provide such a worthwhile response to the tornado victims in Kentucky. This included financial help along with several groups of Rotarians that went to Kentucky to provide volunteer hours.

“We recently scheduled a meeting to discuss providing humanitarian relief to the people of Ukraine. By the time our meeting occurred, we had been hit with the devastating tornadoes in Central and Southern Iowa.

“The committee has decided to facilitate two different ways that Rotary Clubs, Rotarians and other individuals can help.

→“First, we will be providing information to make it easier for people to volunteer in the affected areas in our state. Committee member Robert Goldhammer – [rggoldhamr@aol.com](mailto:rggoldhamr@aol.com) – is communicating with groups, like the Winterset Chamber of Commerce, who are coordinating the volunteer efforts. (He and DG) Alka Khanolkar will be communicating relevant information on the District 6000 Facebook page and website....

→“Secondly, we want to provide a pathway for financial donations for both the humanitarian crisis in Eastern Europe and the tornado disaster in Iowa. We will (use) our District 6000 Humanitarian/Educational Foundation (HEF) to accept donations and deploy them where they can be used appropriately. District 6000 HEF is a 501(c)3 organization. (Contact: Phil Peterson, Treasurer District 6000, H.E.F., PO Box 5774, Coralville, IA 52241-5774)

“At this point, the ultimate destination for the funds has not been determined. It may be that the Ukrainian assistance will be sent to an organization helping the Ukrainian refugees in one of the nearby countries. It may be that the funds designated for Iowa tornado relief are given to local Rotary clubs or other local organizations... assisting the victims.

“... Once the financial decisions are made, that information will be communicated through District 6000 channels. If you or your club will be sending funds, please make sure they are clearly marked **“Ukraine” or “Iowa Tornado”**....

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### DG Alka adds...

“We are truly saddened by all the recent happenings taking place. We are trying to work as fast as we can to offer help.



Thank you to all the Rotarians who have already stepped up and are volunteering their time in person and in sending donations....

“Please keep all the families in your thoughts and prayers who have lost their loved ones in all the recent tragedies that have occurred with the school shootings too. One cannot make any sense of such occurrences. At this time, we have to do as Rotarians always do. Let’s help in every way which we can and when we can. Thank you again for all the help....

With the warmest of Regards,  
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### All-Iowa District Conference...

Our District Conference is next month and if you haven't already registered, the Early Bird Discount rate is available until March 22.

If you plan to book a hotel room at the Hyatt, you have until March 31 to get the reduced rate of \$119, which includes internet and ramp parking. Learn about the speakers, activities and register at: <https://rotary6000.org/event/all-iow-district-conference/>.

**For more on Rotary District 6000:**  
<https://rotary6000.org/>

### Rotary Foundation minute...



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

**Welcome to March, Rotary International's Month of Water and Sanitation**

Today, 2 billion people across the world lack access to clean and drinkable water and 3.6 billion people lack safely managed sanitation services.

March is Rotary's Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) month.

In the past, TRF has funded several WASH projects; among which are the following:

- In Sierra-Leone, the Rotaract Club of Freetown Sunset collaborated with a local engineering firm to construct a well with hand pumps for a local orphanage to make clean water more accessible.
- In India, the Rotary Community Corps of Chennai Metrosone sponsored the construction of two handwashing stations for a secondary school.
- In the Philippines, the Rotary Club of Downtown Dagupan provided water collection tanks to a nearby community to help residents collect and store rainwater.
- In Taiwan, Rotary Clubs supported the construction of a drinking water filtration station at a high school in Thailand.

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