



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
March 30, 2022

Next meeting:
April 6 at Tanglewood Pavilion

Penny McGimpsey leads talks about vocations

The Vocational Services Committee gives members the opportunity to talk about their work outside of Rotary, and **Penny McGimpsey**, this year's



chairperson, will lead a program at the April 6 meeting when we'll have the opportunity to know more about some of our fellow Rotarians.

As this newsletter was being written,

Penny was still recruiting the speakers, so we'll all get better acquainted together next Wednesday.

At past Vocational Service programs, we've learned facts about each other ranging from who's run 100-mile races up and down mountains to who herded cattle on horseback, from who had fascinating experiences in far-away places to who learned an unexpected skill. Come and learn more...

Last meeting:
March 30, 2022



John describes state of economy

As he has for "about 15 or 16 years," as he said, our own **John DeDoncker** described the current state of the U.S. economy at the March 30 meeting. And he made some predictions about where we'll find ourselves a year from now.

John reported that the \$24 trillion U.S. economy's Gross Domestic Product rose 5.7% since last year. He described other aspects of the current economy:

➔ Consumer spending is being hit hard by inflation, currently at 7.9%. While it's being described as "the worst in decades," it's still "nowhere near the inflation of the 1970s," when mortgage interest rates, for example, climbed into the double-digits.

➔ Consumers are seeing prices in a number of key categories – food and drink, clothing, gasoline – that have risen more than 30% in a year.

➔ Because of widespread shutdowns during the pandemic, consumers saved more than before Covid so consumers are on average still “in a good position to keep spending,” so demand is still high. The recent savings rate has dropped back to near pre-pandemic levels, however.



➔ The Producer Price Index has risen 36% in two years, which contributes to inflation. Shipping bottlenecks are still causing supply chain interruptions – one result is months-long waits for popular items like cars, for example, because key components aren’t where they need to be. Beyond the short-term, John still said, “I think the supply side will work its way through,” and demand remains high.

➔ Unemployment was at 3.8% in February, which equated to 6.3 million workers without jobs. But there are 11 million available jobs, and “it’s hard to find qualified people,” even with good benefits and higher wages. Some 2.1 million fewer are in the workforce than before Covid.

➔ Housing starts are at 1.6 million now, compared to about a million in the pandemic. “But we probably need 3 million” homes, so prices are about 14% higher for comparable properties. “Headwinds” – rising mortgage rates – may cool demand somewhat.

➔ Manufacturing remains robust.

➔ Leading indicators are mixed: Consumer sentiment is pessimistic, but 6 of the 10 leading categories are moving up, and small businesses remain optimistic. The Standard & Poor average is generally up.

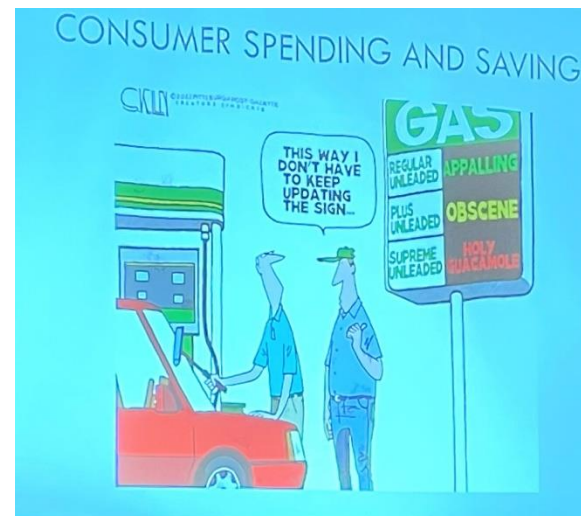
➔ The national debt is more than \$30 trillion, a trend that keeps rising no matter who is in the White House or Congress.

➔ “Covid-19 today is a non-factor,” John said – although the highly contagious but less lethal BA.2 strain is widespread in Europe and some of Asia, and it accounts for about 55% of new infections in the U.S.

At the beginning of the program, John reviewed his predications from a year ago – he got almost all of them right... except for inflation which, in all fairness, almost all experts missed.

Among his predictions this year: little chance of recession this year or next... 3% growth this year... inflation above 5% for the year... Producer

Price Index above 10%... 10-year bond rate at 3%... unemployment down... housing starts at 1.8 million... home prices continue upward... Stock Market tops 36,000... Republican “landslide” in fall 2022 elections... Patrick Cantlay will win the Master’s.



Announcements...

→LobsterFest: Gwen Tombergs



updated progress in planning the June 11 fundraising event, asking for a few more volunteers to move items during setup. She also asked for:

→Donations of bottles of wine, priced at \$25 or more, to be added as sweeteners in auction packages – any left over from that use will be available to buy with dinner, she added

→Anyone with pizza restaurant connections – to acquire free pies to feed volunteers during setup and tear-down

She reminded us that tickets go on sale May 2. (We have a goal of selling 400 tickets.)



We have more than \$40,000 in sponsorships “with many more commitments to come” – well ahead of this point in last year’s record LobsterFest – reported **Eric Reinsch** and **Tim Lane**. They underlined how much value has been added to sponsorships in the form of complementary tickets: 16 for Gold (\$2,500) sponsors, 8 for Silver (\$1,000) and 4 for Bronze (\$500). They,

along with fellow Sponsorship Committee member **Maria Osterberg**, will next meet April 4 at the Realty One Group on North Brady Street, Davenport.

Scott Naumann provided more details of his recent radio interview on “what Rotary membership means to me.” He explained how service to the community lies at the heart of Rotary and invited interested listeners to contact any of the dozen-plus club in the QC to learn more.

→**Fundraiser for Ukraine:** We were reminded of the Sunflowers for Ukraine Relief Project, a partnership between BRC and Bereskin Gallery and Art Academy, 5:30-7:30 p.m. this Friday “to fundraise and provide relief directly to those who are displaced.”

The gallery is at 2967 State St., Bettendorf. Proceeds from the event will go directly to the Kyiv Rotary Club through Rotary International.

→**BRC Board: President Larry Thein** said there’s still a little time for members to volunteer to be considered for the 5-year presidential track on the BRC Board – just tell any current Board member.

BRC Happy \$\$ Plus...

As he roamed the room with the microphone, **President Larry Thein** captured news that members wanted to share: **Bill Daley** – happy to welcome

guest Daryn Smith today + “I love being part of this club” + good to see **Paul Scranton... Carol Foster** – her boss at Handicapped Development Center, Jeff Ashcraft, a North Scott Rotarian, is an incoming assistant District 6000 governor plus



recipient of its Integrity Award... **Ann Kappeler** – glad to see visitor Natalie Budde here... guest Teri VanDyke – thankful for daughter’s recovery from catastrophic illness 10 years ago – she’s now an accomplished runner... **Dr. Tom**



Olson – brought a miniature xylophone to the meeting, on which he played the familiar “N-B-C” tones as he said to **Tom Howard**, “You know NBC calls itself ‘the Peacock Network’,” and he said something like too bad Purdue ran into another Peacock (St.

Peter’s University) in the NCAA Tournament...

Harry Coin – super proud of daughter Liz, who saved a life thanks to taking the CPR class while at Pleasant Valley Junior High [Harry sent the full story – see following]... **Paul Scranton** – middle son is a National Merit Scholar – earning free tuition at Iowa State... **Decker Ploehn** – 36th anniversary of when **Dave Falk** invited him to join BRC... **Dave Falk** – “I’m sorry!!”... **Larry Thein** – on April 4, he’s going to join the 10-week Challenge at **Dan Harvey’s** Ferrell’s Extreme Body-shaping + welcomes any members who “want to join me in the challenge.”

Bonus: How Harry Coin’s daughter saved a life...

In the early morning hours last Saturday, Harry’s daughter **Liz** and her boyfriend were walking to her New York City apartment after a show. As they passed an alley, Liz saw a motionless, well-dressed body lying on the ground.

She investigated – the man’s face was “blue” and he didn’t seem to be breathing. She told her friend to call 911 and go for help. She acted because of two earlier life experiences:

→ She remembered what she learned in a CPR class at Pleasant Valley Junior High
→ She had become what Harry described as “cool-headed in a pinch” because she had acted when her brother George had had health crises over the years.



So, Liz rolled the young man onto his back, cleared his mouth and began mouth-to-mouth CPR. He emitted a gurgling sound. She continued CPR until an ambulance arrived and medics took over.

She later said it “seemed like forever.” She also recalled setting the tempo for CPR to the tune of “Staying Alive.”

The medics injected Narcan, and the man soon breathed on his own. They told Liz he had taken cocaine laced with fentanyl – that he probably got at a nearby bar known as a source of drugs.

Upon reflection, Harry said, Liz felt certain her CPR saved the young man’s life and – given the time it took for medics to arrive – she probably saved his higher brain functions.



The meeting opened...

Before the meeting, **Brian Goerdt** set the Zoom camera to give the members who couldn't attend a good view. After the bell rang, **President Larry Thein** called the meeting to order, thanked **John DeDoncker** for presenting the day's program and asked **Tim Lane** to lead the recitation of The 4-Way Test. To fill an unexpected moment, **Larry** said, "Let's sing 'Happy Birthday' to the three members with birthdays tomorrow: **Ron Crist, Dave Falk** and **Kevin Koellner**." Then **Tom Howard** led the singing of the patriotic song, "This Is My Country," with keyboard accompaniment by **Penny McGimpsey**. **Dick Hanzelka** led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry led the Moment of Silence, during which we remembered our troops and supported the besieged people of Ukraine; also **Scott Naumann** asked for support for the Naumanns' daughter Natalie, who is undergoing medical tests.

Club Secretary Shelly Naumann introduced today's visitors: visiting Rotarians **Bill Tubbs**, North Scott Rotary, and **Mark Carlson**, Moline Rotary, and **Micah Colbert**, Muscatine Rotary, a guest of **Penny McGimpsey**. Additional visitors: **Daryn Smith**, guest of **Bill Daley**; **Tim Kerns**, guest of **John Rabine**; **Amy Crist**, wife and guest of **Ron Crist**; **Natalie Budde**, owner of K9 Resort, guest of **Peter Paisley**; **Teri VanDyke**, mom and guest of **Jessica VanDyke**; and TBK Bank colleagues of **John DeDoncker**.

After announcements, **Tom** returned to lead us in two more songs: "Rotary Ideals" and, considering today's weather, "April Showers."

At the end...



... of the meeting today, **Ann Kappeler** 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."

For more on Bettendorf Rotary...

Website:

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

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

To join BRC meetings via ZOOM...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86114972491?pwd=c3RZdm5qL01EckFWZzFrSjZkZ01ZZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 1497 2491

Passcode: 816180

Upcoming meetings & more...

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



Friday, April 1:
Sunflowers for Ukraine Relief, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Bereskin Gallery and Art Academy
April 6: our own **Penny McGimpsey** leads a Vocational

Services Committee program

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, 30th Street & 18th 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

2nd and 4th 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...

Special District 6000 meeting

All Rotarians in District 6000 have been invited to attend the final meeting of Gov. Alka Khanolkar with the district’s club presidents. It’s scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 8.

Tom Gump, past district governor from District 5950 will be the guest speaker on “Membership this year, next year and into the future.”

Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsduGorjkvGtHAPO9LV_B3uhpJOI4CsZaG.

After registering, you will get a confirmation email containing details about joining the meeting.

All Iowa District Conference

The All-Iowa conference uniting the state’s two Rotary districts is just under 4 weeks away! This video lists 10 reasons to attend:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTUztujsgss>

Visit the District 6000 website – <https://rotary6000.org/event/all-iow-district-conference/> - to find out about the athletic and fun activities (Bike Crawl, Walk for Polio, Yoga), learn about our dynamic speakers and panels, see the king-size quilt and details of the 1 week trip accommodations for the live auction.

You can still register for conference either online – <https://rotary6000.org/> - but do it soon!

If you have questions, just ask Carolyn at dis6000admin@Lisco.com or 877-976-8279.

District 6000 governor...



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

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can

change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

- Margaret Mead

For those of you that also like a joke.

“I hate when I go to the kitchen looking for food and all I find is ingredients.”

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For more on Rotary District 6000:

<https://rotary6000.org/>



Rotary Foundation minute...



[S.K. Nanda, BRC's Rotary Foundation chair, is on vacation, so these answers to two FAQs come directly from the Foundation:]

How does the Rotary Foundation

work?

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

Where does Foundation money go?

Through the SHARE system, contributions to The Rotary Foundation are transformed into grants that fund local and international humanitarian projects, scholarships, and activities, such as vocational training teams.

Who runs the Rotary Foundation?

The Board of Trustees manages the business of The Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of our organization. The Rotary International president-elect nominates the trustees, and the Board of Directors elects them to four-year terms.

For more on Rotary International:

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