



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
April 13, 2022

Next meeting:
April 20 at Tanglewood Pavilion

Tour historic homes on the Rock Island Arsenal



In celebration of the 160th anniversary of the Rock Island Arsenal, the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club offers a tour of island homes – such as Quarters 1 and Quarters 4 (1880 photo) – 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

Mary Britton and **Heather Kindberg** will tell us more about this self-guided walking tour of the Arsenal’s historic and modern homes, which otherwise are not open to the public. Tickets at \$25 include admission to the Colonel Davenport House. Docents will be at each home to provide more information.

All the proceeds from the tour go to the RIAWC’s scholarship and grant programs. For information or tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rock-island-arsenal-welcome-clubs-tour-of-homes-2022-tickets-269028791357>.



Last meeting:
April 13, 2022

- 24 counties
- Goal: 50,000 students
- More than 130 schools & youth organizations
- More than 1,500 unique volunteers
- 68% volunteer retention rate

Junior Achievement of the Heartland

JA readies kids for ‘real world’

It’s the stated purpose of Junior Achievement “to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy.” **Joy Dodson**, vice president, community relations of JA of the Heartland (24 counties in Iowa and Illinois), explained at the April 13 meeting how the organization does that working with kids, Kindergarten through 12th grade.



Joy outlined JA’s curriculum, which deals with progressively more complex issues the students will face “in the real world”:
→Kindergarten – wants vs. needs

→3rd grade – living as part of a community, including introduction to taxation and why it’s needed
 →5th grade-middle school – finance and JA Biztown, in which kids “run” a city for a day
 →High school – ethics and thinking about careers, and a Titan Competition in which teams take a “product” from concept through the steps of design, build and selling

When speaking to groups of kids, Joy advises adults to “tell your story,” which gives them an opportunity to learn from a constructive role model.

JA provides the experiences and concepts that will prepare youths to work and make a contribution to their employer’s business – from the beginning.

Youths who participate in JA are more likely to go to college, complete it, earn graduate degrees and have better lifetime incomes than those who don’t, she pointed out.



Early in her presentation, she asked those who have volunteered for JA to stand, and a number of members did.

She thanked them, noting that in doing so they’ve had an impact on those kids – and that has become part of their legacy, that is, “what you leave behind; think: what will your legacy be?”

To volunteer with JA, click on:
<https://jaheartland.org/volunteer-today/>.

Presentations...

Paul Harris Fellows: S.K. Nanda, BRC’s Rotary Foundation liaison, presented pins to two new members of the Paul Harris Fellowship – and gave a PHF + 1 pin to a third member.



Receiving their first PHF pins – signifying they have each contributed \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation – were **Carol Foster** and **Larry Thein**. S.K. informed us that when the Harris Fellowship was begun in 1957 to reward donors to the Foundation, \$1,000 was determined as the basis for membership because “that’s what a Chevy cost.”

Dr. Tom Olson received his PHF + 1 pin – which contains one blue sapphire – because he has contributed \$2,000 to the Foundation. The number of sapphires – and then rubies – escalate as donated amounts increase to \$10,000. Donations to Rotary Foundation form the financial foundation for all of the grants that Rotary International make to improve the lives of people worldwide, S.K. explained.



Announcements...

Fasten your seatbelt, everybody – there are TONS of announcements ...:

→**LobsterFest update: Eric Reinsch** of the Fest sponsorship committee reported we have reached \$52,500 in all levels of sponsorship commitments – with most coming from BRC members or their companies.



Tickets go on sale May 2.

→**Social media connections: Dan**



Harvey reported on progress toward establishment of a BRC group on Facebook. It'll be where all members can post and exchange information – invitations to events, opportunities to volunteer, photos

of members doing projects in the community. Contact **Dan, Bill Daley** or **President Larry Thein** to get aboard, he said.

Larry added that posting that content on Facebook would help raise BRC's visibility in the community.

Meanwhile, Larry said **Jeff Bloemker** is working to set up a BRC presence on LinkedIn, which will help members' business networking.

→**Help with Spring Cleaning:** In his role as Community Service Committee chair, **Mike Ingleby** asked members to refer to him the names of people who might need and appreciate help with indoor or yard-spring cleaning. BRC "would like to help some elderly folks, neighbors, maybe someone who's been injured" and can't do their own cleaning.

Larry reminded everyone that the club has purchased a number of blue "Rotarian at work" T-shirts to wear while doing community projects – so the community can recognize one way that BRC helps the community. If you don't have one, contact Larry.



→**Lunches for BPD: Monica Kruse** reported on the fourth month of BRC providing lunch to the Bettendorf Police Department. Thanks to sponsor **Mike Vondran** BPD is getting lunch Thursday, April 14, delivered from Mio Russo. Monica, who's coordinating this project, says, "We have one month left that needs a sponsor. Please let me know if you are interested. Thank you to all who have stepped up so far to support our most deserving police department."

→**Working at the JDC: Jeff Hassel** made his first ask for volunteers to work on BRC's Hole No. 1 at the John Deere Classic, Wednesday, June 29-Sunday, July 3. The job is the same, but the title

has changed to “Gallery Manager” instead of “marshal”. Jeff explained that volunteers will only be managing spectators around the BRC hole – but questions regarding sports betting, which could possibly occur with each stroke, now will be handled by others.



To volunteer as a gallery manager, Jeff said:
→ Register for the Gallery Management Committee at the

JDC volunteer website, www.johndeereclassic.com/volunteer.

- For Hole No. 1, use the password BettendorfRotary (no space).
- Uniform shirt pickup is June 13-15 at Bend XPO, 922 Mississippi Parkway, East Moline.
- Volunteers who register after those dates can get their uniform at the main entrance of TPC Deere Run 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, June 26 – or at the Credentials Trailer near the Clubhouse beginning June 29.
- Volunteer parking is near the No. 2 green, where Coaltown Road meets River Road, East Moline.

More details are at the volunteer website. If you have questions, contact Jeff: 563-505-7973 or hassel14@gmail.com.

→ **Food Truck Fight:** Guest Bobby Ray Bunch issued an invitation to the 5th annual Food Truck Fight noon-8 p.m. Saturday, June 18, in downtown Bettendorf. It will feature 18 food trucks, live music, a beer tent and activities for kids. Eaters can vote on their favorite. Sponsorships are available; contact Bobby at info@foodtruckfight.com.

→ **5-27-22 Party:** Only Bettendorf could have a 52722 party – and Bobby Ray had more info on that all-city party, too. More than 60 businesses have signed up so far, he said. All five breweries in Bettendorf are brewing up special... brews.

According to a *Quad-City Times* article about the event, “May 27 is the Friday of Memorial Day weekend. The following weekend is the Be Downtown event, an outdoor festival” – and the city is planning events for each day that week.

→ **Help for young musicians:** Many young musicians have the talent and the will, but often can’t afford to buy the instruments or pay other costs to fully participate in symphonic music. **Harry Coin** announced a Quad-City Symphony Orchestra project to raise funds to help those deserving young musicians:



Moline Rotarian Mike Steffen is helping McLaughlin Subaru and the QCSO raise money through a raffle for a 2022 Subaru Outback. To enter the raffle and learn more – before the May 14 deadline – go to <https://qcsso.org/event/carraffle/>.

By entering the raffle, Harry commented, you can help “provide the proven brain development and teamwork benefits that come by participating in music – and maybe win a new car.”

→ **‘Sweet Treats’:** Today wasn’t a birthday Wednesday, but some members arrived at their table with treats. By way of explanation, **Monica Kruse** invited all who missed their treat to go to the bar

and take one of the “Sweet Treats” – peanut clusters or donuts, “blessings from God from the heart of a survivor”, who baked them. To order your own: email: reneeconnor86@yahoo.com
www.facebook.com/peanutclusters

➔**Sexual Assault Awareness:** April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Many organizations are reaching out especially this month – one of them, RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network). “is the nation’s largest anti-sexual violence organization,” according to its website.

It operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline – 800-656-HOPE (4673). It also partners with more than 1,000 local sexual assault service providers across the country and “... carries out programs to prevent sexual violence, help survivors, and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice.” To learn more, go to: <https://www.rainn.org/national-resources-sexual-assault-survivors-and-their-loved-ones>.

➔**Help for Family Resources:** **Monica Kruse** said Family Resources “is in dire need of cleaning supplies, socks and underwear for men, women and children.” To help, contact Rochelle Dougall, or take needed items to FR’s main location, 2800 Eastern Ave., Davenport. To learn more, call 563-326-6431.

➔**Help for Habitat:** **Monica Kruse** passed along this invitation to the annual Habitat for Humanity fundraiser, “Golf ‘Fore’ Homes,” Friday, June 10, beginning with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. at Indian



Bluff Golf Course in Milan. Habitat “is looking for golfers and / or sponsors,” Monica said. Fee for golfers is \$75 per golfer, \$300 for a foursome. Sponsorships range from \$100 for a hole sponsor to \$5,000 for a presenting sponsor. For either information or to sign up, contact: Kristi.crafton@habitatqc.org.

BRC Happy \$\$ Plus...

President Larry Thein roamed the room with the microphone so members could share their news: Larry – “listening to all of the announcements, and the opportunities for service they represent, makes me proud to be part of it all”...

Shelly Walls Cain – just became a grandma for the first time... **Mayor Bob**

Gallagher – visitor **Jake Eikenberry** became a papa... **Mike Ingleby** – first baby daughter just joined the family...

Monica Kruse – “happy to know **Bettendorf** Rotarians who always answer the call to...

help others” including **Cris Ryder** and **Dan Harvey** who provided goods and services for teacher appreciation at PV High school, **Ron Crist** for helping Habitat for Humanity purchase a new box truck, and **Larry Thein** and **Matt Sturdevant** for supporting Habitat by sponsoring two teams to golf at their annual event + happy her daughter, sick since late 2020, is so much better she’s graduating with her class and headed for University of Oklahoma (“But what’s a



Sooner?")... **Gwen Tombergs** – along with **Ann Kappeler**, signed up to walk the Easter Egg Scramble – but now can't do it, so offering their entries – even the T-shirts – to first ones who contact her.

The meeting opened...



After the gavel struck the bell, **President Larry Thein** called the meeting to order, introduced our own **Joy Dodson** as the presenter of today's program on Junior Achievement and asked **Marty Clifton**

to lead the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard** led the singing of the patriotic song, "America the Beautiful." **S.K. Nanda** led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry led the Moment of Silence, during which we remembered our troops; marked the passing of Quad-Citians Don Ruggles, Export Packaging, the grandmother of **Ryan Kopf** and Joe Kelly, *QC Times*; and supported the besieged people of Ukraine as they battle Russian invaders.

Carol Foster (substituting for **Club Secretary Shelly Naumann**, who is ill) introduced today's visitors: Dale Zude, guest of **Mike Vondran**; Bobby Ray Bunch and Jake Eikenberry, guests of **Larry Thein**; and Natalie Buckle, guest of **Peter Paisley**.

After announcements, **Tom** returned to lead us in more songs: "R-O-T-A-R-Y, That Spells Rotary" and "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" – since the River Bandits had their 2022 season home-opener last evening.

At the end...



... of the meeting today, **Shelly Walls Cain** 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.bettendorffrotary.com/>

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

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:



April 20: Mary Britton and Heather Kindberg of the RI Arsenal Welcome Club: tour of island homes

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...

Sewing machines for Afghans...

The governor of our District 6000, Alka Khanolkar, sent a reminder of a way we can ‘Serve to Change Lives’ by donating sewing machines to refugees from Afghanistan – to donate or learn more:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/FMfcgzGpFWJwfGRSdjSKrWQxPFLrNTMN>

All-Iowa District Conference

The All-Iowa Rotary Conference, uniting our District 6000 and Northern Iowa’s District 5970, is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 22-23 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center in Coralville, Iowa.

If you have questions about the conference, contact Carolyn at the District 6000 office: 877-976-8279 or dis6000admin@Lisco.com.

Two events that are scheduled for April 21 may provide reasons to go to Coralville earlier:

→The District 6000 Foundation Dinner is scheduled for 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, also at the Hyatt.

→A tour of the nearby Kalona Colonies is scheduled for April 21. Those



attending will meet in the Hyatt Hotel lobby at 8:30 a.m. and leave for Kalona 10 minutes later. Arriving at the Kalona Village Museum at 9:15, the group will begin village tours at 9:30.

Those who take the tour may travel:
→ In a carpool from the Coralville Hyatt, or
→ Drive directly to the museum, 715 D Ave., Kalona; for directions, contact Nancy Reis, 319-656-3232.

The hour-long tours of Kalona will visit an Amish hen house and hatchery, the Kalona Amish Buggy Shop and a goat farm – with an optional visit to a wood-working shop.

Lunch and a presentation on the Amish lifestyle is scheduled for 12:30 at the museum. The tour will return to the Hyatt by 2:30 p.m.

Cost of the full package is \$40; lunch and the Amish presentation only is \$17. The deadline is noon Monday, April 18. Money will be collected at the door during lunch.

To join the tour, contact Teresa Hortan with the number of people in your party: teresa.horton@yahoo.com or text 319-936-3880

D6000 focuses on attracting, retaining new members...

With the emphasis throughout Rotary International on attracting new members, the clubs in our District 6000 met via ZOOM last week. Members of the BRC Board and the membership committee attended, and **Harry Coin** compiled these summary notes:

“The speaker was PDG Tom Gump of our next-door-to-the-north district (Edina, Minn.)”

Discussion “emphasized... key features of an annual cycle required to keep membership... all are about (equally) important”:

- Variety of service projects (local / national / international)
- Fun social events
- Professional development
- Leadership development
- Mentoring across ages
- Networking
- Family-friendly (picnic...)

The No. 1 reason people leave a Rotary (or any organization) is because of feeling unwelcome.

An annual survey is valuable. It’s important to let people be heard, make minor changes in response whenever possible.

Novel idea: “Rotary in the workplace” – hold meetings from time to time in the workplace of a member, or at the location of a service project.

Membership Types: Traditional / Family-Partner / Corp/non-profit / Associate / Young Professional / Service. Lower fees can be balanced against not being able to be on the board, committee leadership, etc.

52% of new members are gone before the end of year 3; cause-based clubs do better. Generally, Tom Gump asserts, it’s about the quality of the relationships, the camaraderie/friendship, and visible impact in an identifiable area. (Seems to fit given the Rotary / Polio experience). Cause-based clubs tend to attract greater female participation (>50%).

Notion for LobsterFest: Generate funding for a new cause-based club of ‘doers themselves of the productive work/result’.

District 6000 governor...



The District 6000 Resources for Inspiration and Special Events (R.I.S.E.) Action Team shares this:

“It is better to look ahead and prepare than to

look back and regret.”

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For more on Rotary District 6000:

<https://rotary6000.org/>

Rotary Foundation minute...

[S.K. Nanda, is BRC’s Rotary Foundation chair. This column addresses March, Rotary’s Month of Water and Sanitation.]



Welcome to Week 2 of Rotary International’s Maternal & Child Health Month

While the focus this month is on the health of mothers and their

children, TRF through the Rotary Disaster Response Grants has not stopped raising funds for relief efforts toward the ongoing war in Ukraine.

In the meantime, a Rotary Foundation Global Grant has resulted in the construction of much-needed classrooms for school children in Uganda. The Rotary Club of Paignton, UK (D1175) and The Netherlands Rotary Dokkum (D1590) generally work together every third year on international projects, and this year, they decided on supporting the construction of classrooms in Munami, a village in Uganda.

According to a report published in *The Torbay Weekly*, until 2018, the village had no classroom or qualified teachers and many children sat on the ground under a tree or in makeshift huts to learn the basics of reading and writing. Robbie Clymo, a member of Paignton Rotary Club, said: “This is one of Rotary’s core beliefs of education and Rotary Paignton were proud to be part of this project.”

Uganda: Fast Facts

→ Slightly smaller than the UK, or U.S. state of Oregon

→ Capital City: Kampala

→ 42,886,000 population, 89.4% rural; 10.6 % urban

→ Population projection for 2030: 55,723,000

→ Number of Rotary Clubs: More than 400

→ Rotary Peace Center established at Makerere University in 2021.

In Rotary,
Olabisi Gwamna, Club Secretary
Mount Pleasant Rotary,
Editor, Foundation Minute

For more on Rotary Foundation:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>

For more on Rotary International:

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