



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
**May 18, 2022**

***Next meeting:***  
**May 25 at Tanglewood Pavilion**

## **Bettendorf's Zip-code day is next Friday – let's party**

At our next meeting – May 25 – just two days before it happens – **Jeff Reiter**, the city's director of economic development, will tell us all about the Bettendorf 52722 party.



Bettendorf is the only place on the planet where this could possibly happen. You can go to <https://bettevents.org/52722/> to watch the countdown and get details.

At press-time for *The BRC News*, it's possible events were still being added to any or all

of these categories:

- Family-Friendly
- Food and Beverage Specials
- Get Active!
- Indoor Entertainment
- Live Music
- Outdoor Entertainment
- Photo Op

Friday, May 27, kicks off Memorial Day weekend. The next weekend is the Be Downtown outdoor festival – and there might be a string of parties to link them.

***Last meeting:***  
**May 18, 2022**



## **Will Bison Bridge replace old I-80?**

The Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportation are in early talks to replace the current Interstate-80 bridge across the Mississippi River. If that project produces a new bridge up- or down-stream from the current structure, it raises the possibility of using the old bridge as a link between proposed bison parks on both states' shores.

At the May 18 meeting **Katelyn Darling**

of the Bison Bridge Foundation answered her own question: "Wouldn't it be cool if some of those (42,000 vehicles a day) that pass through the Quad Cities would



stop?” The Bison Bridge would be a reason for them to do that, she said.

To more fully develop that idea, she shared such information as this:

→The bridge linking the proposed habitats in Iowa and Illinois for a small herd of 8-10 bison would be “the longest wildlife bridge in the world.” They would comprise about 100 acres of grazing land.



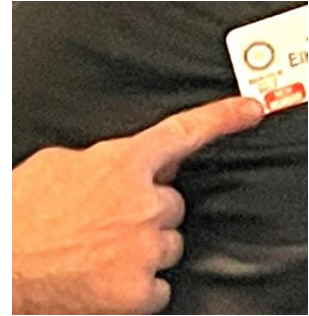
→Besides being a bison pathway, the bridge would accommodate cyclists, walkers and runners, giving them access to an educational center / meeting venue in mid-river. Running and Bicycle clubs could incorporate it into their cross-river races. The education center would inform visitors about bison, the Mississippi River and Quad-City history and other attractions.

→No tax money would be required – private donations would pay for remodeling and maintaining the bridge and caring for the bison; one donor has given \$4 million so far.

The Illinois DOT, which is in charge of the I-80 bridge project, is accepting public comment until May 25 – and Katelyn urged those who like the idea to visit <https://bisonbridge.org/> and click on “Show Your Support.”

## Announcements...

→**Red Badge meeting:** New members can learn more about Bettendorf Rotary and Rotary International – and remove the red sticker from their name badge – at the meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at the meeting room downstairs from the chapel at Tanglewood Pavilion.



→**Changes coming soon:** The new Rotary year changes on July 1 – and **Brian Goerdt** will take the gavel hand-off from current **President Larry Thein**.



That leaves a vacancy on the BRC Board, which – Larry announced – would be filled by **Mary Macomber Schmidt**.

While she is still fairly new to BRC membership, Mary has extensive experience serving on, and working with, governing boards, Larry said. She also has about 15 years of service with Rotary, she told us, before joining *the*





best Rotary club. Her husband, Brian, is Bettendorf's public works director.

➔**LobsterFest:** "It's 24 days to 'game day' (LobsterFest), **Larry** reminded us – and he turned to BRC's about-to-become new Board member, to make an appeal.

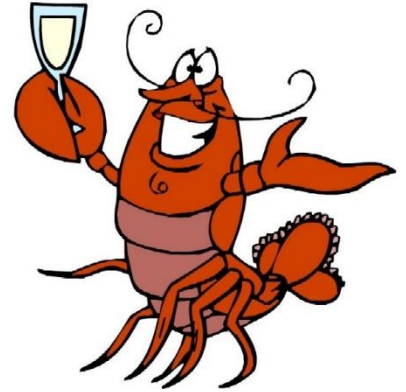


**Mary** held up two wine bottles and said, "We need at least 60 bottles, priced at \$15 or more, for the Wine Pull." She asked members to raise their hands – and with a show of fingers indicate how many wine bottles they will bring. It didn't take long for the count to pass 60. Members can bring their wine bottles – someone shouted, "Unopened!" – to next week's meeting.

As a reminder, here are this year's LobsterFest sponsors. When you see any of them – and they won't be hard to find, since so many are in the room each week – thank them for their support of the event... which fund's Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Grants to QC non-profit organizations. Our sponsors:

### **Presenting Sponsors**

Abbey Carpet Gallery  
– **Bill Daley**  
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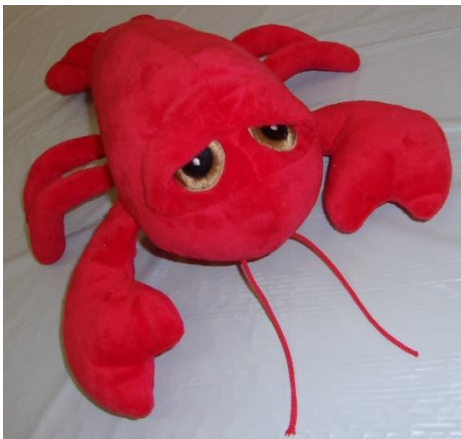
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➔ **Dictionaries for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> graders:** At last week’s meeting 17 members volunteered to hand out a personal dictionary to each 4<sup>th</sup> grader in Bettendorf – and this year, 5<sup>th</sup> graders, too, because of the Covid-19 shutdown, **Brian Strusz** said. Seven more volunteers are needed, he added, and the list quickly filled up. Kids get their dictionary next week, he added – just go to the school office, and the staff will direct you to the classroom.



➔ **“5:01 Club”:** The Social Gatherings Committee kicks off the first monthly “meeting” of the 5:01 Club – on Thursday, May 26 – when members can get together just for a good time together.

The 5:01 Club will converge on a different Bettendorf establishment the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. Next week’s first meeting will be at Crawford Brew Works, 3659 Devils Glen Road.

➔ **Spring cleaning update:** Community Service chair **Mike Ingleby** reported that **Joe Champion** and **Mike Simons** made up the crew that made short work of two cleanup targets last week: Since **Dean Kraus** is still recovering from surgery, they cleaned up what winter left in his yard. And, after learning at last week’s meeting that a Habitat for Humanity house had been the target of a graffiti attack, they cleaned that up too.

Mike Ingleby didn’t announce any new spring cleaning this week – but if you have gardening tools and want to help on a future work crew, contact him: 563-340-7739 or [mikeingleby@aol.com](mailto:mikeingleby@aol.com).

➔ **Youth Exchange host families:** **Harry Coin** said two more families from the Pleasant Valley school district are



needed to host this year's Rotary Youth Exchange student – a European girl who has finished her junior year and will attend PVHS as a senior. Host families are needed for only three of the months she'll be in Bettendorf.

To learn more, Harry provided extensive information in last week's newsletter. And if you have further questions, contact him: 563-650-7800 or [hgcoin@gmail.com](mailto:hgcoin@gmail.com). There's more information at this District 6000 site: <https://rotary6000.org/sitepage/rotary-youth-exchange/rotary-youth-exchange>.

[Have an announcement? To make sure it's complete, by Wednesday noon please send an email to Editor Fred – [fred.anderson.1144@gmail.com](mailto:fred.anderson.1144@gmail.com) – and include Who you are... What your announcement is... When it's happening... Why someone should go... and How to get there. Thanks.]

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



Asking members to toss the usual amount on the tables, **President Larry Thein** took the microphone around the room so we could learn about each

other's news: **Larry** – his son was chosen the first recipient of a \$1,000 college scholarship named for an area baseball umpire... **Dean Kraus** – \$\$ to thank **Joe Campion** and **Mike Simons** for their work spring-cleaning his yard... **Decker Ploehn** – rounding up his age since his birthday plus his years as a BRC member (= \$110)... **Joe Pacha** – granddaughter graduated from high school – after earning 12 varsity letters in



three sports... **Sharon Sarver** – claiming her birthday number is too large to round up, she promoted the Bettendorf Public Library's Summer Concert Series every Thursday at Faye's Field beginning June 2 with Doggin' Out... **Tim Lane** – updating the heart transplant for his wife's former student – now in surgery – and his daughter delivered the heart to be transplanted – asking for prayers... **Mayor Bob Gallagher** – delivered dictionaries to three classes of 5<sup>th</sup> graders... **Shelly Naumann** – took daughter Natalie to U of I Hospital to try a new medication [prayers would be a good idea here, too...].

## The meeting opened...

After the bell sounded, **President Larry Thein** called the meeting to order and introduced our guest speaker. Larry asked

**Daryn Smith** to lead the recitation of “The 4-Way Test.” **Tom Howard** led the singing of the patriotic song, “This Is My Country.” **Dean Kraus** – returning after recovering from surgery – Good news, Dean! – led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Larry** led the Moment of Silence, during which **Tim Lane** asked support for his wife’s former student who is having a heart transplant; **Maria Osterberg** asked for support for an ill 6-year-old; **S.K. Nanda** asked for support for our troops; and Larry asked us to give support to **Monica Kruse**, who broke her ankle.

**Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** introduced today’s visitors: Pat Engelhaupt and Cathy Rockwell, guests of **Larry Thein**, and Julie Kraus, mother of **Dean Kraus**.

After announcements, **Tom Howard** led singing of two more songs – “A Helping Hand” and “When You’re Smiling the Whole World Smiles with You.”

## At the end...



... of the meeting today, **Sharon Sarver** 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.”

**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](mailto:scottnaumann@msn.com):



**May 25:**  
Katelyn

**Thursday, May 26:** The first 5:01 Club gets together at Crawford Brew Works, 3659 Devils Glen Road

**June 4-8:** Rotary International Convention, Houston, Texas; to register: <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

**Saturday, June 11: LobsterFest**

**Tuesday, June 14:** Red Badge meeting, 6 p.m. at the Tanglewood Chapel meeting room

**Wednesday, June 29-Sunday, July 3:** John Deere Classic, where BRC manages the gallery at Hole No. 1

[**Bettendorf Public Library Summer Concert at Faye’s Field:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2 – Doggin’ Out]

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## For more on Bettendorf Rotary...

Website:

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





### 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



## Rotary elsewhere... Rotary District 6000...

### District 6000 governor...



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

**If it doesn't open... it's not your door.**

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### Minn. club hosts 2-part meeting on 'Building Inclusive Economy'

[NOTE: District 6000 Gov. Khanolkar has agreed to District 5950’s request to share the following information.]

The Rotary Club of Edina, Minn., in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and Rotary District 5950, is hosting two meetings entitled, “Building an Inclusive Economy in Minnesota.” The first meeting is 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at Edina Country Club, 5100 Wooddale Ave., Edina, Minn. 55424.

This event is based on an acclaimed 10-part national series entitled “Racism and the Economy,” sponsored and hosted by all 12 banks of the Federal Reserve system (see more about that program and all the videos at <https://bit.ly/39Dws8O>).

The June 2 event will focus on employment, housing, and financial services, and will feature a keynote by

Alene Tchourumoff, senior VP of community development for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, followed by panelists Kasey Kier, national community development manager for Bell Bank; Louis King, president and CEO of OICA, Inc.; and Henry Jimenez, executive director and president of the Latino Economic Development Center.

Registration is limited to 300; register at <http://bit.ly/R-ESeries>.

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

### Rotary Foundation minute...



[S.K. Nanda, BRC's Rotary Foundation chair, makes sure we have a minute each week to learn something about how the Rotary Foundation is helping people.]

**Revisiting from May 17, 2021**  
**It's Week 3 of Rotary International's Youth Service Month**

It's been another busy week for Rotary clubs all over the world. With the steady support of TRF, members have been responding to the plight of fellow human beings by doing good and making lives better for all concerned. During the month of May, many younger members of the Rotary, our organization's next generation of leaders, increase their involvement in their communities. They exhibit leadership in their roles in their high schools, colleges, as Youth Exchange Scholars and entrepreneurs in their communities. TRF encourages

youth focused clubs through matching funds which are added to proceeds from the fund-raising efforts by members of Rotaract and the Interact clubs all over the globe.

### Quick Facts: Rotaract

- A Rotaract club is a student organization that began originally as a Rotary International Youth Program
- The first Rotaract Club was officially chartered on March 13, 1968, at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- Motto: Self Development-Fellowship through Service
- About 200,000 members in 189 countries
- Almost 11,000 Clubs

Effective July 1, 2022, Rotaract clubs can be either partners or hosts of a Global Grant if they have previously partnered with a Rotary Club on a Global Grant.

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>

### Rotary International...

**“Rotary’s network enables rapid humanitarian relief for Ukrainian refugees”**

“The war in Ukraine is having devastating consequences on civilians as families flee their homes....” [More: <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotarys-network-enables-rapid-humanitarian-relief-ukrainian-refugees>]

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