



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
July 13, 2022**

***Next meeting:*  
July 20 at Tanglewood Pavilion**

## **QCSO's 108<sup>th</sup> season – jazz, rock, classics...**

The 108<sup>th</sup> season of the Quad-City Symphony continues present a broad range of music in venues well beyond the Adler Theatre and Centennial Hall. The QCSO's director of education and community engagement, **Chelsea Sammons**, will tell us more at the July 20 meeting.

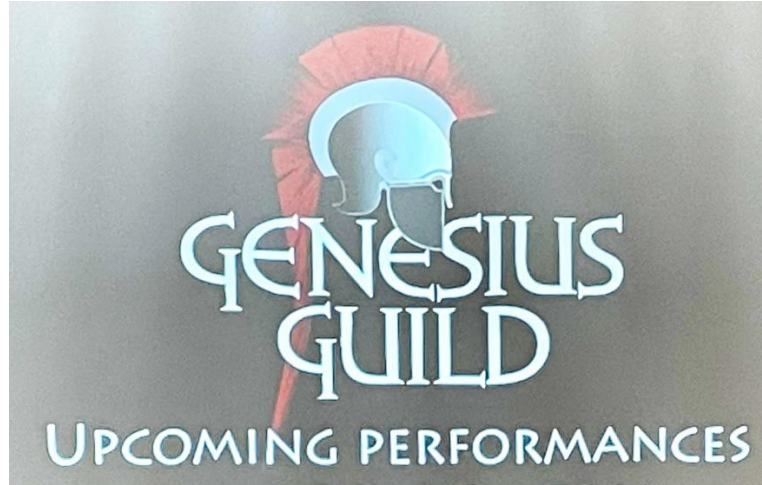
The season opens with two parties:  
→“Uncork the Season,” Aug. 4 at the Mississippi River Distilling Company’s Celebration Center, Le Claire, with cocktails and heavy hors d’oeuvres

→The 40<sup>th</sup> Quad City Bank & Trust Riverfront Pops, “The Music of Elton John” Aug. 20 at Davenport’s LeClaire Park

With at least one musical event every month, the season ends May 13 with the film and full score of Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast.” In between, it will present six Masterworks concerts (from Duke Ellington to Mahler)... a chamber opera... the Holiday Brass... a celebration of women in music... events at The Figge Art Museum and Butterworth Center... and lots more.



***Last meeting:*  
July 13, 2022**



## **Classic plays in RI's Lincoln Park**

Shakespeare plays performed in a park draw crowds in many cities, from New York City’s Central Park to Rock Island’s Lincoln Park – where they’re appearing in their 67<sup>th</sup> season.

What’s perhaps unique among all of those parks is Genesisius Guild’s addition of Classic Greek plays to The Bard’s, said the Guild’s first female executive director, **Isabel Dawson**, 24, our guest speaker at the July 13 meeting.

In this first full season since the COVID-19 shutdown, Isabel explained some of the reasons we can attend somewhat updated



versions of plays that have been performed for millennia.

“When (Guild founder) Don Wooten was looking for a performance venue,” she said, “he saw the Greek arches above the stage at Lincoln Park.” And that inspired him to introduce Classic Greek plays, as well as Shakespeare, to the QC audience.



Genesisius Guild performed Shakespeare’s “**Romeo and Juliet**” with a mostly female cast of high school theatre students in June, and Sophocles’ “**Electra**” in early July.

The third play of this year’s season, Shakespeare’s “**A Midsummer Night’s Dream**” has performances this Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17, and next weekend, July 23 and 24. Curtain for all plays is at 7 p.m.

The fourth play, Aristophanes’ “**The Frogs**,” runs July 30-31 and Aug. 6-7. For this Classic Greek comedy, Isabel explained, the jokes have been adapted and updated to today’s context.

Audiences range from 80 to 200, Isabel said. Some seating is installed at the theatre, but many patrons bring lawn chairs or blankets, she said.

Attendance at all of the plays is free, she noted. Expenses, chiefly simple sets and costumes and a few of the behind-the-scenes crew members, are covered through grants and donations. “We’re

trying to build our small endowment,” she added.

The core crew comprises 16 members – directors, set designer and stage hands. Volunteers augment that core staff. All actors are volunteers, ranging from high-school theatre students to retirees, first-timers to some who have been in many plays. “Anyone can audition,” Isabel said, adding, “You don’t even have to prepare something. We’ll give you a script to read.”

To learn more about Genesisius Guild, find the schedule of coming productions, audition or contribute, go to [www.Genesi.us.org](http://www.Genesi.us.org).



### **Gavel passes to Brian...**

Before Isabel Dawson told us about Genesisius Guild and its remaining summer of 2022 productions, **Past-President Larry Thein** received the commemorative gavel plaque, a past-president’s pin and other accoutrements of the presidency from 2022-23 **President Brian Goerdt**, who presided over the remainder of the meeting.



## Announcements...



→**5:01 Club:** The July meeting is the fourth Thursday... 5:01 p.m. July 28, at Twin Span Brewing, 6776 Championship Drive, near TBK Bank Sportsplex.

→**Golf Outing:** BRC's 2022 Golf Outing is set for Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Palmer Hills Golf Course. Watch this space for tee times and other details. Meanwhile, contact **Maria Osterberg** ([MOsterberg@legat.com](mailto:MOsterberg@legat.com)) or **Dean Krause** ([DKrause@bankorion.com](mailto:DKrause@bankorion.com)) to sign on as a sponsor.



→**LobsterFest survey:** Ann **Kappeler** said some members had received a survey about LobsterFest – although it didn't go to the whole membership database. She asked those who did get it to please fill it out and return it.

She also provided this link so any member who didn't receive it, but would like to respond to it, can do so:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RW89NLS>

→**Cause funds:** **Tim Lane** reminded members who had not yet paid their pledge to help provide basic funding for two of the Sukup Safe T Homes® to turn in their contribution. We learned about the homes at the June 8 meeting, and saw a model again at LobsterFest. Adapted from grain-storage silos, the Sukup homes provide shelter that withstands hurricanes and earthquakes. Tim also said anyone who hadn't pledged earlier can still contribute. Make checks payable to Bettendorf Rotary, with a memo note that it's for Sukup Safe T Homes®.

→**Rotary Night at the Ballpark:** It's an opportunity to meet Rotarians from other

QC clubs... while cheering for our hometown River Bandits. **President Brian Goerdt** announced game night is Thursday, Aug. 11. He said BRC has joined with North Scott and Iowa QC Rotaries to share a Pepsi Box for 10 fans – those tickets are \$25 per person. "If we get enough response soon enough, we can get another box," he added – for those tickets notify **Brian** ([brian@arenaqca.com](mailto:brian@arenaqca.com)) or **Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** ([bettendorfrotary@gmail.com](mailto:bettendorfrotary@gmail.com)) as soon as possible. Regular tickets are \$8, and can be purchased at any time, he added.

## Presentations...

**Mike Ingleby** and **Penny McGimpsey** presented two Rotarian of the Quarter awards for jobs well-done:



→**Maria Osterberg** recruited a record 32 sponsors for last fall's Golf Outing.



➔ **Matt Sturdevant** burned a lot of “midnight oil” while computerizing the LobsterFest.

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

In one of his final duties as president, **Larry Thein** roamed the room to give members an opportunity to share their news: **Larry** – in post-season baseball playoffs, his son’s team won 7-3... **Monica Kruse** – Sunday is her birthday and she brought treats + she recruited host families for the Rotary Exchange students – one for this year and two for next year... **Harry Coin** – as BRC’s Rotary Youth Exchange coordinator, he’s ecstatic that we have such excellent volunteer hosts... **Bill Daley** – news from his daughter that he’s going to become a grandpa... **Shelly Wells Cain** – happy to be back after being away for a few weeks... **Tom Mielnik** – thanked **Jeff**

**Hassel** as coordinator and all of the BRC members who volunteered to work at “our” Hole No. 1 at the JDC... **Tim Lane** – 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and welcoming a new grandbaby... past member Carl Loweth, visiting from Florida – “It’s a joy to be back... so far we haven’t found a Rotary club in Florida that’s close to equaling this one”... **Pat Englehaupt** – he and his wife, **Patt Englander**, are volunteer leaders at RYLA this year and next (when Patt will be the event chair!) [NOTE: For more on RYLA, see page.]



## The meeting opened...



The bell sounded and 2021-22 **President Larry Thein** called the meeting to order. He asked **Sharon Sarver** to lead the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard** led the singing of the patriotic song, “This Is My Country.” Larry asked **Dave Falk** to lead the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry led the Moment of Silence – we remembered our troops, (thanks to **S.K. Nanda**); three members, **Dave Sheffield**, **Mike Simons** and **Kelly Rockwell**, whose parents are suffering health issues; and **Tim Lane**, whose grandson arrived a bit early and is in intensive care.

**Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** introduced today’s visitors: Tony Romeo, **Mike Simons’** associate, East Moline Rotary; Zereen Abdullah, guest of **Dean Krause**; and Megan Stopulos, guest of **Dave Falk**.

Before Isabel Dawson told us about Genesius Guild and its remaining summer of 2022 productions, Larry passed the gavel to 2022-23 **President Brian Goerdt**.

After announcements, Tom Howard and **Pat Thornton** teamed for a songfest – which Tom claimed, “No other Rotary club has ever tried”: We all sang one verse each of “Yankee Doodle Dandy” and “H-A- double-R-I-G-A-N Spells Harrigan.” Then they split the room and Tom led “Yankee” while Pat led “Harrigan” – at the same time. To conclude, we all sang “You’re a Grand Old Flag.” [George M. Cohan would have been proud... or at least impressed.]

## **At the end...**

... of the meeting today, **Tom Mielnik** 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.” [NOTE: Deepest apologies, Tom... your photo somehow went astray.]

## **Upcoming meetings & more...**

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



**July 20:** Chelsea Sammons: The 108<sup>th</sup> season of the Quad-City Symphony  
**Thursday, July 28:** 5:01 Club, at Twin Span Brewing, 6776 Championship Drive, near TBK Bank Sportsplex

**Saturday, July 30 – 7-9 a.m.:** BRC

volunteers guide Bix-7 runners at the turn-around point at the foot of McClellan Boulevard, Davenport

**Thursday, Aug. 11:** Rotary Night at the Ballpark for all QC Rotarians

**Sept. 21:** 2022 Golf Outing at Palmer Hills Golf Course – no regular meeting that day

## **Add some music to your life...**

**Bettendorf Public Library Summer Concerts, Faye’s Field: 6:30 p.m.**

**Thursdays:**

→July 14: Crooked Cactus

→July 21: Avey Grouws Band

→July 28: Class of 82

→Aug. 4: David G. Smith

→Aug. 11: Soul Storm

**Veterans Memorial Park Bandshell Concerts, 7:30 p.m. Fridays:**

→July 15: Bettendorf Park Band + ice cream Social by Bettendorf Presbyterian Church

→July 22: Bix Youth Jazz Band + ice cream social by Davenport Village Lions Club Foundation

→July 29: Bettendorf Park Band + ice cream social by Grace Lutheran Church WELCA



## For more on Bettendorf Rotary...

Website:

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

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

## Make up at another QC club...

*[NOTE: To update any of these listings, please notify the editor; thanks]*

Monday, noon: Davenport – Modern Woodmen Park

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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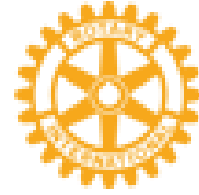
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# Rotary



## **Rotary elsewhere...**

### **Rotary Foundation minute...**



[S.K. Nanda, BRC’s Rotary Foundation chair, provides these reports on the good work of The Rotary Foundation around the world:]

**Welcome to Week 2 of Rotary International’s**

### **Month of Transition.**

When the new Rotary Year began on July 1 of this year, new presidents encouraged members to actively participate in committees and projects. Several clubs are continuing with ongoing projects, while others are picking up new ones.

One such club, the Rotary Club of St Vincent South (District 7030), plans to ensure the successful delivery of the Breast Cancer Awareness Global Grant. According to an online report, the project will improve access to breast cancer screening services and breast health awareness to women and girls in rural communities of St. Vincent and the Grenadines through the procurement of mobile ultrasound machines.

The new president, engineer Daniel Campbell, also intends to prioritize the implementation of projects to tackle the critical issue of prostate cancer, which accounts for 18%-47% of cancer deaths

in St. Vincent Grenadiers (SVG). Submitted by the Rotary Club of St. Vincent and the Rotary Club of Taipei Prosperity, the grant has been approved by The Rotary Foundation in the amount of US\$180,180.

“It’s great to imagine, and it is even better to do! Rotarians are people of action and will be committed to both imagining new possibilities and working together to improve our communities,” Campbell said.

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>



**An invitation to visit Iowa RYLA 2022 for a day...**

[NOTE: Iowa RYLA, or Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, a joint conference of Rotary Districts 5970 and 6000, is an annual 6-day leadership conference held at Grinnell College. High school youth with leadership experience or potential, who were sophomores or juniors during the 2021-22 school year, will attend from nearly all of Iowa.

[This year’s RYLA runs Sunday, July 17, to Friday, July 22, at Grinnell College. Dave Kutter, this year’s RYLA chair, extended this invitation:]

“We would like to invite you to visit RYLA next week. Our Rotary visit day is Tuesday, July 19.

“Breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. We kick off our morning activities at 8:15 with a Rotarian Word of Focus on the 4-Way Test, a team leader Word of Focus and two team time activities, an hour long each. Picture time is next followed by lunch at 11:45 a.m.

“We’ll start the afternoon with our Towers activity. After break time, we will have a speaker starting at 3:30 p.m. followed by comedy skit finals. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. followed by a discussion of Rotary Youth Exchange and Interact, concluding at 7:45 p.m.

“I hope this will give enough information so that you can plan your day and dovetail into the activities you would like to see. You are welcome to have any and all meals with us as our guests.

“If you plan to attend, and we hope you will, please email me or call. Let me know the time you plan on arriving and whether you plan on staying for meal(s). We will match you up with one of the conference leaders so we can show you around to different activities and answer any of your questions.

“We hope to see you on Tuesday. If Tuesday doesn’t work for you, give me a call and we’ll see if we can work out another time for you to visit.”

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