



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
July 27, 2022

Next meeting:
Aug. 3 at Tanglewood Pavilion

New BRC member shares message of improvement

One of BRC’s newest members, **Jennifer Furness**, is the scheduled speaker at the Aug. 3 meeting, who will share a message with an intriguing title: “As a Man Thinketh.”

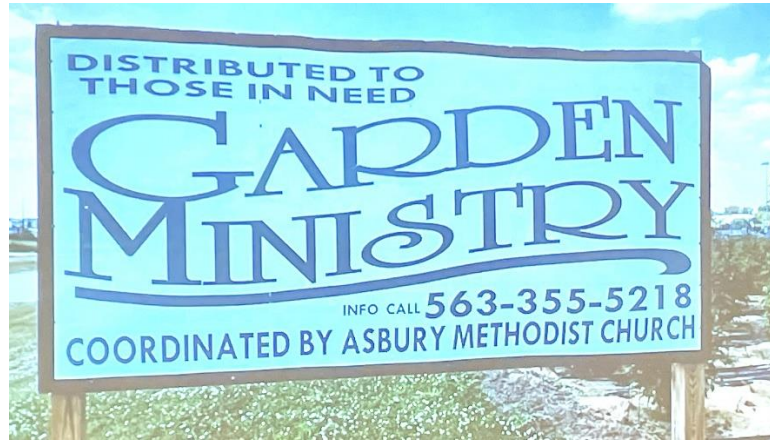
Go to Jen’s website and you’ll discover she’s both the CEO of Genesis Coaching & Consulting Group and a Maxwell Leadership Certified team member. She promises to inform us about both of those – but her core message “will be about leading ourselves to improve us personally, then families, companies, communities and country.”



Jen continues: “I will close in promoting Live2Lead as a vehicle for (one’s) leadership journey... Everyone is on some sort of personal and professional development leadership journey. L2L will facilitate and support that.”

To learn more, you can visit her website: <https://www.jenfurness.com/>.

Last meeting:
July 27, 2022



One productive garden ministry!

The Garden Ministry that gets its impetus from Asbury Methodist Church – although its founder and our July 27 speaker, **Dave Phillips**, says it’s really ecumenical – started to “provide fresh vegetables to those individuals who otherwise would not have access to them” 21 years ago.

In the wake of the 9/11/01 attacks on the U.S., Asbury was searching for a new ministry to the community, Dave said. Being an avid gardener, and seeing the need to add fresh produce to the diets of those who might not be able to afford it, one Sunday morning in 2002 he said he walked up the aisle in Asbury’s sanctuary, dressed in



bib overalls, a bandana around his neck and a hoe in his hand, and asked his fellow parishioners to help him supply that food.

At the time, Dave worked at the Rock Island Arsenal, and he got permission to plant a garden there. It soon became obvious that he needed to recruit some helpers – but base security was tight. It took command support, but he got a list of 12 volunteers approved to plant, water, weed and harvest with him.



In subsequent years, the garden occupied plots in Bettendorf, Davenport, Park View... a number of Scott County locations... until it settled at its current site, 5520 Eastern Ave., Davenport, “north of 53rd Street behind the Evangelical Free Church,” Dave says. So both the geography and the workforce of the garden underscore its ecumenical identity. And the breadth of unpaid community support,, Dave supplied some details:

- Wallace’s Garden Center yearly donates thousands of starts of a number of kinds of vegetable plants
- Last year a scientist in Pennsylvania voluntarily tested samples of soil from the garden to determine what fertilizers and other nutrients were needed
- This year, volunteers installed drip-irrigation hoses in all vegetable patches except the tomatoes – which require 12

steps to take them from seedlings to tall, caged productivity.

The results of all of this effort are pretty spectacular – remember, it’s just a 1.1-acre patch of Iowa ground. Last year’s harvest was 51,528 pounds of:

- Tomatoes (more than 28,000 pounds)
- Potatoes (north of 5,000 pounds)
- Cantaloupe and Musk melons
- Watermelons
- Cabbage
- Cucumbers
- Onions (4,000-plus pounds)
- Green peppers
- Zucchini, other squash and 300-plus pounds of “miscellaneous” veggies.

In its total history, the Asbury Garden Ministry has harvested more than 700,000 pounds of fresh vegetables, Dave told us.

That bounty found its way to the plates of hungry Quad-Citians served by nearly 30 food pantries, meal-preparation sites and social service agencies, Dave said.



In recent years, BRC has helped the effort through its charitable grants. Most recently, a BRC grant helped the food ministry purchase a potato digger

To learn more, call Dave at 563-340-6594 or visit the ministry on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AsburyGardenMinistry/>

Announcements...

→Run with Carl: Brian Strusz

reported that BRC has contributed \$1,000 to Run with Carl, the Labor Day races that raise funds for the Carl D. Schillig Memorial Scholarship Fund. That Gold-level donation includes the entry fees for four BRC members to participate in RWC, Brian said.



He also urged members or their companies to consider sponsoring the event: Platinum level, \$3,000; Gold, \$1,000; and Bronze, \$500 – contact Beth Marson or Heather Hageman, 563-332-5550 ext. 1026. For more information: www.runwithcarl.com.

→NAMI Walks: Jeff Bloemker invited participation in the National Alliance on Mental Illness, or NAMI, Walks fundraiser, Saturday, Sept. 17, at Veterans Memorial Park. NAMI yearly brings together some 1,200 people to raise funds – all of which stay in the QC, he emphasized, to serve the mental health needs of this community without charge. The walk has no registration fee, but donations are encouraged, Jeff says. Registration for the 5-K walk opens at 8 a.m., and the first steps begin at 9:30.

For more information on NAMI, go to namiwalks.org/greatermississippivalley/. To register, contact Lori Leipold, development director, NAMI of the Greater Mississippi Valley, 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Suite 4, Davenport, Iowa 52806; 563-343-0665, or lori.leipold@namigmv.org.

→BRC's Satellite Club update: President Brian Goerdts said BRC's

satellite club, which has been created to give teachers and other young professionals opportunities to become involved in BRC, is meeting at 5:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month at The Tangled Wood restaurant, 3636 Tanglewood Road.

→5:01 Club meets Thursday: Penny McGimpsey reminded us that the July meeting of this strictly social club is 5:01 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, July 28, at Twin Span Brewing, 6776 Championship Drive, near TBK Bank Sportsplex.



In answer to a question, Penny said, “Yes, of course, it’s more than OK to bring a friend.”

BRC Happy \$\$ Plus...

President Brian Goerdts roamed the room with a microphone to give members an opportunity to share their news: Pat Englehaupt and his wife, Patt Englander – spent last week at Iowa



RYLA, or Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, a 6-day leadership conference at Grinnell College – this year held jointly by Rotary Districts 5970 and 6000

– which drew some 160 high school students, 12 from the Iowa QC – Patt is the conference chair for 2022-23, and she’s recruiting Rotary volunteers for next year (if you’re interested, contact brian@arenaqca.com)... **Maria**

Osterberg – reminded us that BRC’s 2022 Golf Outing is Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Palmer Hills Golf Course with dinner after – “We had 17 teams last year, but we need a few more this year so we can have a shotgun start,” she said – signup sheets for playing or



sponsoring will be at next week’s meeting – or contact Maria (MOsterberg@legat.com) or event co-chair **Dean Krause** (DKrause@bankorion.com) at any time... **Ann Kappeler** – last week she spent lots of time hiking in Colorado... and before you know it, she’ll be doing the same in Wyoming... **Decker Ploehn** – construction on Forest Grove Road improvements have started... and after a year and a half, “It’ll be really nice after that.”

The meeting opened...



The bell sounded and **President Brian Goerd** called the meeting to order. He asked **S.K. Nanda** to lead the recitation of “The 4-Way Test.” **Tom Howard**

led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “America the Beautiful”; Gail Baldwin accompanied on keyboard. Brian asked **Brian Strusz** to lead the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Brian led the Moment of Silence, during which **S.K. Nanda** remembered our troops, and **Monica Kruse** asked that we remember the Schmidt family, victims of the Maquoketa Caves shootings.

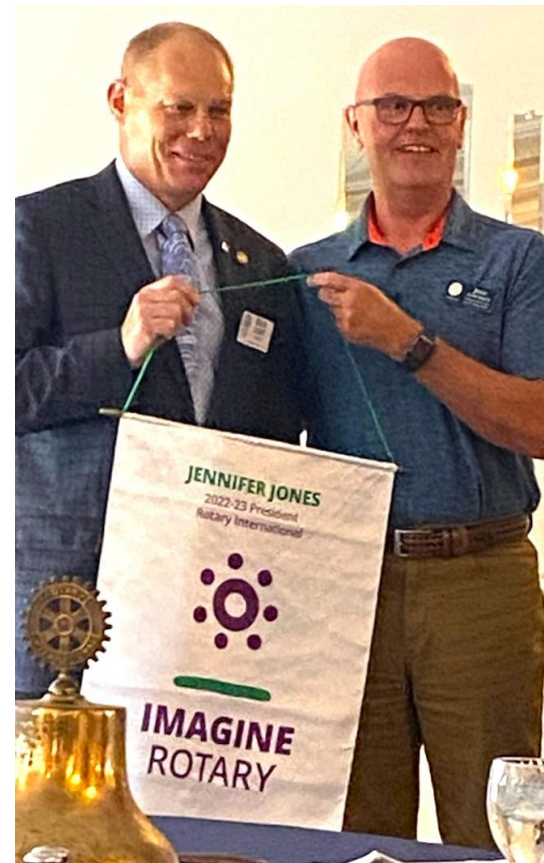
Club Secretary Shelly Naumann

introduced today’s visitors: Kay Howard, wife and guest of **Tom Howard**; Brad Baerwaldt, U.S. Army, guest of **Maria Osterberg**; Luke Petsch, Boys and Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley, guest of **Jennifer Garlach**; and Jeff Ashcraft, North Scott Rotary and new District 6000 assistant governor.

In his first visit to BRC as distract governor, Jeff presented Brian the club’s 2022-23 presidential banner, with Rotary International President Jennifer Jones’s motto, “Imagine Rotary.”

Saying this is only his second official club visit, Jeff congratulated BRC on the achievements of last year and said he’s looking forward to working with Brian and BRC this year.

After “Announcements” Tom Howard led the singing of, “Rotary Ideals” and two verses of “The Happy Wanderer.”



At the end...



... of the meeting today, **Decker Ploehn** 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/>

LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/bettendorff-rotary-club/>

Upcoming meetings & more...

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



Thursday, July 28: 5:01 Club, at Twin Span Brewing, 6776 Championship Drive

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

Aug. 3 meeting: Our own **Jennifer**

Furness: "As a Man Thinketh"

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

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

1st & 3rd Thursday, every month: BRC Satellite Club, 5:30 p.m. at The Tangled Wood restaurant, 3636 Tanglewood Road

Add some music to your life...

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

Thursdays:

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

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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

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 4 of RI’s Month of Transition

Recognizing that education is a pathway
out of poverty, TRF highlights the
provision of quality education as one
sterling means of advancing world
understanding, goodwill and peace.

Barb Roberts, a member of the Rotary
Club of Taree on Manning (AUS) had
been teaching in the Manning Valley

Schools for many years, before deciding
in 2015 to travel to Bhutan for 16 days on
a photography tour. On her return, and
for the next three years, this Rotarian
raised funds to return to the remote
corners of Eastern Bhutan with teaching
resources and books written in English.

Roberts’ efforts were crowned with
tremendous success when TRF awarded
her club US\$30,000 for vocational
training in Bhutan.

She has since returned to the Tang Valley
in Central Bhutan to introduce Western
style library services to schools in
isolated areas of Bhutan. Congratulating
Rotarian Roberts and her club,
Foundation director Maurie Stack
explained the possibility of more funds.
“At the moment, it is a US\$30,000
project and it is great to have those funds
approved through the Foundation;
however, more funds can enable Barb to
meet transport costs and provide more
books.”

To contribute to the Literacy Funds, go
to: my.rotary.org/en/donate. Click
“Global Grant” and enter grant number:
2015686

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

Rotary Foundation’s ‘Raise for Rotary’ fundraising platform...

[A Rotary Foundation message:]
“We’re pleased to announce an update to
The Rotary Foundation’s peer-to-peer
fundraising platform, Raise for Rotary.
When a Rotary member organizes a
Raise for Rotary fundraiser, their club
can now earn credit for donations made
by nonmembers. This enhancement

recognizes organizers for their hard work and encourages them to reach out beyond their Rotary networks for support.

“Since Raise for Rotary launched in August 2020, more than 1,500 custom fundraising events have generated more than \$1 million for the World Fund, the PolioPlus Fund, the Disaster Response Fund, and Rotary’s areas of focus. The platform is available worldwide in English and accepts U.S., Canadian and Australian currencies. Additional currencies and language options will be added over time.

“Additional benefits of Raise for Rotary include:

“→ Making it easy to use and share: Setting up a fundraiser with Raise for Rotary is simple and fast. You can support specific Rotary causes, and your fundraiser is easy to share with your friends and family — especially on social media.

“→ Giving donors recognition credit: Anyone who gives through Raise for Rotary using the email address they use for other Rotary functions, such as their My Rotary account, will receive Rotary giving credit and recognition.

“→ Minimizing fees to do more good: External fundraising platforms have their own fee structures, rules and guidelines. With our own platform, more of the funds you raise go directly toward Doing Good in the World.

“With Raise for Rotary, you can use your fundraiser to celebrate an occasion such as a birthday, tie it to an athletic challenge, or create a custom event. No matter how you choose to fundraise, the donations you generate will help our Foundation make an even bigger impact around the world.

“Thank you for your support. If you have additional questions, please review our Raise for Rotary FAQ or email us at raise@rotary.org. “

For more on Rotary Foundation:

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



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<https://rotary6000.org/>

For more on Rotary International:

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