



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Jan. 15, 2014, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014, at the
Fortune Garden Restaurant

**Group helps QC youth
'experience life fully'**



HAVlife™
“seeks to allow
all youth to
experience life
in the fullest –
increasing

exposure to positive community
influences and enhancing the
development of a positive and confident
approach to citizenship,” according to its
vision statement. Three representatives
will share that vision with us at the Jan.
22 meeting:

- **Marshall Porter**, HAVlife™ board chairman and senior vice president/general manager at WHBF-TV/LWN.
- **Mike Vondran**, HAVlife™ founder and CEO of TAG Communications.
- **Natalie Johansen Murray**, HAVlife™ board advocate and director of operations and communications at TAG Communications.

Targeting young teens, HAVlife provides grants to enable youths to participate in athletics, music and the arts. It has made grants of more than \$375,000 to QC organizations since its founding in 2007.

Last meeting:

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**A look inside
Public Works...**

At the Jan. 15 meeting, **Brian Schmidt**, Bettendorf public works director, outlined the responsibilities of that division of city government. With a \$31.5 million budget, the division carries out work and projects in 17 areas. It is divided into two broad areas: Engineering, which evaluates needs and plans future projects, and Operations, which accomplishes those projects and sees to the day-to-day needs of citizens.

Some examples that Brian described:
→ Transit programs carried some 202,000 passengers last year, using a variety of buses.

→Fleet management, with a fulltime staff of 4 technicians, maintains 450 pieces of equipment, from cars to snow plows and tractors.

→Street Operations with a staff of 9 maintains the city's 444 lane miles of streets plus 9 miles of alleys and 10 miles of shoulders.

→The Floodwall Dept., which protects downtown areas from Mississippi River flooding, uses such equipment as a Megga-Bagger, which can fill 900 sandbags per hour.

→Bettendorf's Sanitary Sewer comprises 186 miles of pipes

→Garbage and waste collections from more than 12,200 households totaled some 7,950 tons last year.

→Curbside recycling kept some 2,600 tons of materials out of the landfill; single-stream recycling, in conjunction with Davenport, is being investigated.

→Winter Operations follows a detailed written plan – and reevaluates it after each significant storm – to clear all city streets down to bare pavement within 24 hours after a 4-6-inch snow.

Presentations:

→Rotary Awareness Month / “2



minutes with S.K.":

Famous for his “2 minutes with S.K.”

presentations,

S.K. Nanda cut his chat in

support of

January

Rotary

Awareness

Month to 3

minutes (according to **Decker Ploehn**) as he reported the World Health Organization has declared India officially

free of endemic polio – thanks in no small part to Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign. RI contributed \$24 million to PP in 2013, S.K. said. Polio continues to be endemic in Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan, he said, with some individual cases reported in Syria, Somalia and other troubled nations.

George Daugherty commented that he had a recent opportunity to inform his brother, who had returned from India,



about Rotary's role in eradicating polio there.

Meanwhile,

President Chelsea

continued to hand out Rotary-logo decals for members to display in a car window – **Dick Schillig** also took one for a friend.

Announcements...

→**Grant presentations:** Remember, the meeting on **Jan. 29** moves to the **Waterfront Convention Center** where the BRC Charitable Giving grants will be presented to the 2014 recipients – and lunch service begins at **11:30 a.m.** to allow time for all of the presentations.

→**Holiday Party:** Highlighted by an “Ugly Sweater” contest, the BRC Holiday Party will be 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan, 23, at the Davenport Country Club. The \$10 per person cost – pay now or at the door – covers “heavy hors d'œuvre.” The winner of the sweater contest wins back the \$10, plus free parking at the



coveted BRC spot for a month. To RSVP, contact Secretary **Johanna Smith** at bettendorfrotary@gmail.com.

➔ **Red Badge Meeting:** New members and others who want to attend this informative meeting – 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Granite City – should RSVP to Secretary **Johanna**, bettendorfrotary@gmail.com.

The meeting opened...

President Chelsea Powers called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**,



accompanied by pianist **Ruth Symons**, led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “This Is My Country.”

After introductions and Moments of Reflection the singing continued with renditions of “Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Guest:

Brian Schmidt, Bettendorf director of Public Works (speaker)
Ruth Symons, guest of **Tom Howard** (pianist)

In all, 47 Bettendorf Rotarians attended, joined by 2 guests.

Jon Ryan Happy \$\$... (Named in honor of the late Bettendorf Rotarian, punster, jokester and all-around good guy)



President Chelsea

collected **\$155** from these especially happy members: **Mark Ross** – happy to be here... **Kevin Kraft** – happy with 45 signed up for the holiday party... so happy he’s adding \$5 to the ugliest sweater contest winner... **Decker Ploehn** – “S.K. kept it to 3 minutes” + **Pat Eikenberry** is a davenport Country Club member, so... **Jerry Felsing** – expecting to become a grandpa... **Tim Lane** – has tickets for the Friendly House “bacon-fest” fundraiser on Feb. 28... **Dr. Tom Olson** – away for a while + added 4th granddaughter over the Christmas holiday; “I work with 8 women, so any guys want to go out for a beer?”...

Missing today...

Adams, L (22 total meetings missed since July 1, 2013, the beginning if the fiscal year), Adams, L (20), Arndt (21), Ashby (5), Boeye (17), Brown (27), Bush (22), Calabrese (12), Chambers (12), Coin, G. (4), Coin, H. (5), Daley (9), Deuth (11), Duda (21), Ellstrom (27), Featherstone (8), Gallagher, Sr. (13), Gause (10), Gudgel (16), Hassel (12), Heninger (12),

Hinton (24), Hipple (18), Hurd (3), James (5), Kappeler (23), Kennedy (24), Limberg (15), Lokenvitz (17), Loweth (10), McWilliams (22), Mannix (11), Marvin (16), Miller, G. (5), Miller, L. (9), Mitvalsky (12), Naeve (7), Naumann (2), Nelson (27), Ricketts-McCool (13), Salm (21), Sarver (5), Saul (4), Scranton (22), Sherrick (18), Sorensen (14), Stopulos (9), Thompson (9), Vandersnick, Vollbrecht (19), Werner (21), Wessel (6), Worley (27)

Make-ups...

Dawn Saul, Rotary Club of Davenport
 Chris Glass, Board of Directors meeting
 Sharon Sarver, Board of Directors
 Jim Slavens, Board of Directors



Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club
 Monday, noon: Moline – Christ the King Catholic Church
 Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Arbor Village Club House, Moline
 Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City
 Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center
Wednesday, noon: Bettendorf – Fortune Garden Restaurant
 Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi’s Restaurant, Davenport →
 Thursday, 7 a.m.: Iowa Quad Cities – The Lodge, Bettendorf
 Thursday, noon: East Moline – Christ United Methodist Church
 Thursday, noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country Club
 Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport



Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:

Jan. 22: Natalie Johansen Murray: HAVlife (Hunter Aaron Vondran Memorial Foundation) – preventing lost youth potential

Jan. 29: LobsterFest grant presentations at the Waterfront Convention Center

Feb. 19: Donna and Charlie Honold, “Code of the Cowboy; How to be a cowboy in the workplace”

For more on Bettendorf Rotary Club:

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

