



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014, at
➔ **The Fountains (all October)**

Get a glimpse of the future of Bettendorf...

RDG Planning & Design has been working with Bettendorf leaders – and citizens, through a series of public meetings – to develop a vision for the city’s future. We’ll get an opportunity to look into both the process and the vision that will emerge from it at the Oct. 29 meeting, our last in this series at The Fountains.



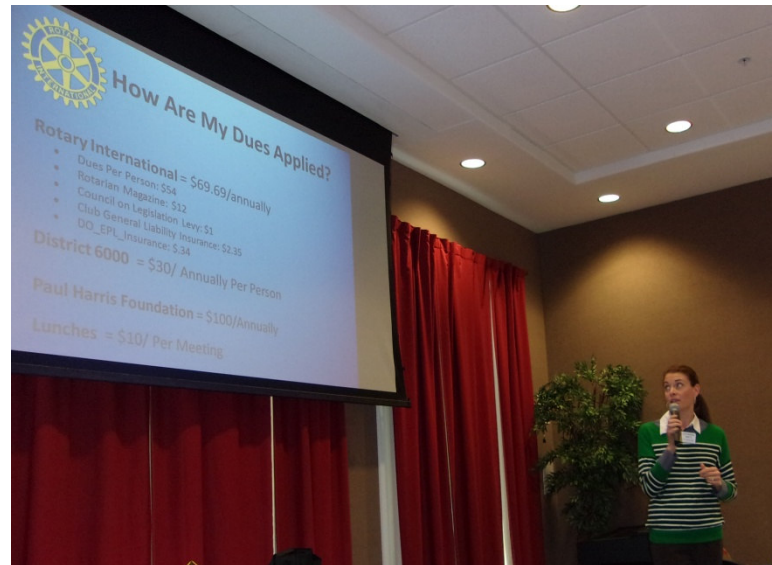
The group held a public meeting on Sept. 9, at which the discussions ranged across such issues as future housing options

and development on the city’s north side.

Another public meeting – focusing on the future of Bettendorf’s downtown and riverfront after completion of the Interstate-74 bridge and corridor project – is scheduled for 5-6:30 p.m. at the Bettendorf Community Center, 2204 Grant St. The meeting will be an open house format - stop by any time during the 90 minute time frame. All are welcome, according to RDG’s Web site.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014



Assembly lights up dues, budget

At the Club Assembly during the Oct. 22 meeting **President Sharon Sarver** took



us through a detailed look at the 2014-15 budget and a comparison of this year’s and last year’s income and spending.

Secretary Johanna Smith provided a breakdown of how our dues are applied.

The bottom lines for both years are comparable: \$92,000+ in income last year and \$93,000+ this year – with most coming from dues; each year, we add \$14,000+ in birthday checks and weekly Jon Ryan Happy \$\$\$. Expenses this year are projected at \$85K and change – about \$5,000 above last year.

Breaking down expenses, meal costs came in north of \$25,000 last year – with \$30,000 budgeted for this year, since the lack of a permanent home leaves some questions. About the same for both years are Rotary Foundation payments, at about \$14,500; Bettendorf Rotary Foundation at around \$9,500; International & District 6000 dues just above \$11,600, and support for the president to attend the International Convention at about \$6,000. Because our secretary's duties expanded, we'll pay her \$7,200 this year – a \$2,500 raise. And we'll buy about \$2,000 worth of supplies again this year.

As for project income and expenses, last



year we brought in \$35,000+ from **LobsterFest** and just under \$600 from the Golf Outing.

This year, we're projecting \$45,000 from boiling crustaceans and our Golf Outing already earned about \$2K. Several projects are budgeted to cost about the same – Run with Carl (\$3K), dictionaries (\$1,600), PolioPlus (\$2K) and book donations to the Bettendorf Public Library on behalf of speakers (\$1,500). The budgets for two projects were raised: Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets (\$4,500 – up nearly \$2K) and the Iowa RYLA [Rotary Youth Leadership Award] camp – tripled to \$1,200 to send more students. And we add two new projects this year – new members (\$1K) and the international project (\$2K) to bring water to a village in Haiti. We're budgeted to give 7 scholarships of \$1,000 each to grads of Bettendorf, Pleasant Valley and Rivermont Collegiate high schools and Scott Community College. Our budget

for grants to QC not-for-profit organizations will increase by \$2K to \$25,000.

Our dues breakdown looks like this: On an *annual* basis, RI gets \$69.69 – divided among \$54 for dues, \$12 for our *Rotarian* magazine subscription, and insurances; District 6000 gets \$30 and the Rotary Foundation receives \$100. Each week, \$10 pays for lunch.



Kevin Kraft answered the question, “How can I ‘Light Up Rotary’?” by describing all the ways to be involved in BRC projects and activities: LobsterFest, Run with Carl (many options for each of those events), Hole No. 1 marshal at the John Deere Classic, Annual Golf Outing, Read to Succeed, dictionary distribution to 4th graders, Salute to Veterans, caroling to seniors, New Member project (the latter 3 are new), Sunshine Committee (2-3 volunteers needed), Charities Board, holiday baskets, and the Holiday Party. Weekly meetings – and making up at another Rotary club – are opportunities for involvement, as are attending the District 6000 Conference and joining the BRC Board.

When the Club Assembly had ended, Vocational Service chair **Tim Lane** introduced two recently joined members

who spoke briefly about what they do outside Rotary:



→**Mike Hurd, CPA**, is senior tax manager with Doyle & Keenan accountants, the firm where he has worked

for about 20 years. He and his wife of 17 years are parents to a daughter at BHS and two sons. Mike volunteers with Junior Achievement and Cub Scouts.



→**Dimy Doresca** first met BRC as an exchange student from Haiti in 1974 and he has kept in touch through higher education and his early career. Now a member, he is director of the Institute for

International Business at the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center, University of Iowa and a consultant in international business to small-to-mid-sized Iowa companies that “want to go global.” He and his wife are parents to two children, ages 9 and 7. Dimy coaches soccer and basketball and is a Cub Scout den leader.

Announcements...

→**In November we move to the Bettendorf Public Library... except for Nov. 12:** On the 12th – the day after **Veterans Day** – we will have a special program on all of the Honor Flights that have taken aging veterans to Washington,

D.C., to visit memorials to the wars through Vietnam. That meeting will be at **Ridgecrest Village**.

→**Thanksgiving baskets: Jonna Schuler** signed up volunteers to deliver food baskets to needy families on Nov. 22.



→**Caroling to seniors: Tom Howard** asked for a show of hands from members interested in visiting nursing homes on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon or evening in December to sing Christmas carols and songs – and “about a dozen” said yes.

→**World Polio Day:** We are 99% of the way to a world without polio. On Oct. 24, World Polio Day, spread the word about our fight to End Polio Now. Listen to this message from Rotary International President Gary Huang and support World Polio Day:

<http://echo4.bluehornet.com/ct/48096398:28053399924:m:3:994893499:110F85DB32C449DFB0B37DA67F82715E:r>



→**Future meeting sites:** To help you plan where to find BRC meetings over the next several months, here’s the schedule through early 2015:

October 29 – The Fountains

November – Bettendorf Public Library (except **Nov. 12 – Ridgecrest Village**)

December – Tanglewood Pavilion

January (tentatively, if construction is finished) – the new Hilton Garden Inn

**History with Harry...
(Harry Coin looks through BRC archives to discover what the club was doing in years past...)**



“If someone has already built a runway, take off! If there is no runway, then take a shovel and start building one.” **Fred Anderson** thought this quote came from Amelia Earhart, but no... it was from **S. K. Nanda**, who gave of his wisdom in his retirement address four years ago yesterday after 42 years in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

S.K.’s reminder each time this club inducts a new member: that each of us has “friends all over the world,” really is so. There are 32,000 Rotary clubs around the world, and you really are invited to share a meal at any of them. Just before you do go, ask **Secretary Johanna** for a flag from our club. Take it with you, and present it during your visit. In return, you’ll get a flag to bring back here from



that club. **Carter LeBeau** holds something of a record for visiting other clubs and bringing back flags, but challengers are welcome!

And speaking of 40-year retirement speech quotes, it was **Ann Kappeler** who kept it simple: “The power of volunteerism is pretty strong.” And she should know. Not only was Ann an active Rotarian, she was awarded *QC Times* and Junior League’s “Quad City Woman of the Year” this week seven years ago,

capping her career mostly for the Red Cross.

And, by way of “highs and lows,” that same day 7 years ago this week, it was Carter LeBeau’s final song selection: “Home on the Range.” You might think it was Carter who brought the house down with those vocal solos that reminded all of us we had to pay with more than money to eat lunch here. But, no, that day it was soloist **Decker “Yippie-Kai-Yay” Ploehn** who got a standing ovation!

And that WAS the news!!



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

The sounds of “Because I’m Happy” came from the speaker, and **President Sharon** asked, “Who’s happy?” when the happiness and the cash died down, she had collected **\$150.75** – especially from: **Ann Kappeler** – \$0 this week, “but an IOU for \$20 next week: I’m happy because last week I was at the table with **Tim Lane** and six women – and this week look at all these men with me”... **Theron Schutte** – the Bettendorf Community School District appreciates the gift of our former piano, which is now at Neil Armstrong Elementary School... **George Coin** – yet another \$10 for 100 more biking miles... **Jennifer Garlach** – spent time with son in Arizona... **Dave Deuth** - \$10 for a piece of pie... **Decker Ploehn** – at our table, glad S.K. can make change - \$10 and a piece of pie for a \$20 bill.

The meeting opened...

President Sharon Sarver called the meeting to order and led the recitation of “The 4-Way Test.” Tom Howard – with the accompaniment of Scott Naumann’s tuneful laptop – led the singing of “America the Beautiful.” President Sharon returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence during which we learned of the passing of Simon Bowe’s father-in-law. After introductions, Tom and the laptop led something of a songfest: “Sing Rotarians (to the tune of “On Wisconsin”) and all three verses of “He’s Got the whole World in His Hands.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Guest:

Trina Lancaster, guest of Alexei Bibik
In all, 53 Bettendorf Rotarians and 1 guest attended.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, Jenny Garlach won a Happy to Have a Make-up in the drawing from among all those members who participated in Jon Ryan Happy \$\$.

Upcoming meetings...



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

Oct. 29: RDG Planning & Design: Community Vision for Bettendorf

Nov. 5: Doug Miller: the Quad

Cities in film...

Nov. 12: Veterans Day special: QC Honor Flight program – meeting moved to **Ridge Crest Village**

Nov. 19: Deana Comandatore and Dennis VanderGinst: QC Cares

Nov. 26: (day before Thanksgiving) tour of the newly remodeled Bettendorf Public Library

Dec. 3: Jason Platt, cartoonist, artist, actor, father

Dec. 10: Pleasant Valley Chorus: Christmas music

Dec. 17: Mark Smith: Hand-to-Hand

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve – no meeting



Missing...

(Number in parentheses: total meetings missed since July 1, 2014):

Arndt (16), Blaske (5), Boeye (14), Bowe (16), Bush (17), Calabrese (54), DeDoncker (11), Dickson (9), Dobesh (5), Eikenberry (15), Ellstrom (17), Erpelding (12), Featherstone (12), Felsing (6), Gallagher, Sr. (11), Glass (8), Habenicht (12), Hassel (8), Hill (110), Hinton (15), Hipple (14), Kennedy (17), Limberg (8), Loweth (2), McGimpsey (7), McWilliams (14), Mannix (17), Marbach (5), Martinez (9), Miller, L. (6), Mitvalsky (8), Morrison (3), Naeve (15), Nelson (17), Olson (7), Powers (4), Rutherford, Salm (17), Saul (8), Scranton (15), Stone (5), Tirone (9), Vollbrecht (12), Werner (17), Wessel (6), Willsher (14), Worley (16), Zachary (9)



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Make-ups...

Jenny Garlach (Happy to Have a Make Up)

Make up at another QC club...

- Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club
- Monday, noon: Moline –Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline
- 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 – The Fountains (during October)**
- 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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For more on Bettendorf Rotary Club:

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“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.”

—Paul P. Harris

Our 1.2 million-member organization started with the vision of one man—Paul P. Harris. The Chicago attorney formed one of the world’s first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905 as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Rotary’s name came from the group’s early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.

For more on Rotary International:

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