



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014, at
→ The Bettendorf Public Library

Learn about QC history, and its future, in film

The theme of our Nov. 5 meeting is the Quad Cities in film – past, present and future – and our guest speaker, **J. Douglas (Doug) Miller** has spent a lifetime becoming an expert it all.

A native of the Quad Cities, Doug spent a 50-year career in the entertainment field. In high school and college, he started as an usher and production assistant and learned how to manage all sorts of events, including Broadway road shows.

In the U.S. Army in Vietnam he was the production coordinator for the Bob Hope Christmas Show in Da Nang. After college, he worked in radio and TV, rising from production assistant to director of community relations and development. He left broadcasting 25 years ago to produce, promote and distribute motion pictures.

Doug now works for the Davenport Community School District as a planning consultant for the Creative Arts Academy of the Quad Cities. He is also the producer of the multimedia production of “Red Hot Jazz” for Western Illinois University.

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Planning for the city's future...

For some four months, RDG Planning & Design has been working with Bettendorf leaders and citizens, through a series of public meetings, to develop a comprehensive 10-plus-year plan for the city. At the Oct. 29 meeting we heard a progress report on that effort from **Lauren Ditzler** of the city staff.

Those public meetings, which have attracted input from a cross-section of about 500 residents, Lauren said, have resulted in shared visions for priorities, including:

- Revitalization of the city's downtown and riverfront,
- Attracting more businesses – and jobs
- Improving city streets and streetscapes

- Building more quality housing in the \$150-250,000 range to attract more young families
- Planned growth as the population rises from 33,000 in the 2010 census to an expected 43,000 or more over 20 years
- More cultural and recreational opportunities

The plans that will emerge from this process will comprehensively deal with transportation, housing, street and utility infrastructure, land use, education...

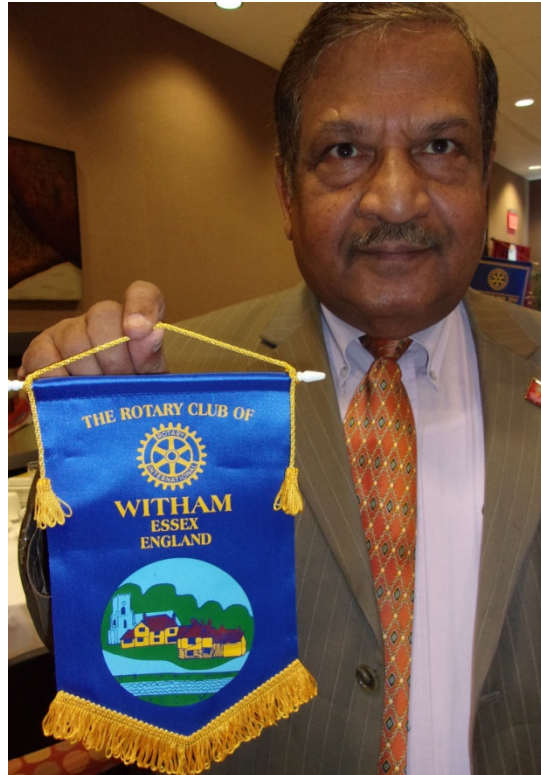
During Q&A after Lauren’s presentation, one key dilemma emerged: with high land costs in Bettendorf, it is very difficult to build single-family houses in a moderate price range. One suggestion to address that issue was the building of multi-story condos with ease of access to shopping and amenities.

Presentations...



→ **New member induction: S.K. Nanda** inducted **Ann Rutherford** as the BRC’s newest member. With bachelors and master’s degrees from Iowa State and a law degree from Iowa, Ann is an attorney with the Law Office of Cristy Tackett-Hunt PLLC. She is sponsored by **Scott Naumann**.

→ **Banner exchange:** After making up at the Rotary Club of Witham, Essex, during his recent trip to the U.K., **S.K. Nanda** presented **President Sarver** with that club’s banner. Observing that the



club’s members “were all about 70 years old,” he said he challenged them to recruit five new members before his return “next summer.”



→ **Rotarian of the Quarter: Tim Lane** as vocational chair honored **Fred Anderson** as Rotarian of the Quarter, 1st quarter 2014, for his work and dedication to producing BRC’s weekly newsletter.

Announcements...

→ **Last meeting at The Fountains:** **President Sharon** thanked The Fountains for hosting our October meetings: “We appreciate all their efforts – and the good food!”

→ **Next week we meet at the Bettendorf Public Library:** We’ll meet there every week in November ... **except Nov. 12.**



→ **Nov. 12 Salute to Veterans:** Meeting at

Ridgecrest Village, the day after **Veterans Day**, we will have a special program on the Honor Flights that have taken veterans to visit war memorials in Washington, D.C.

President Sharon is looking for BRC members who are willing to bake a dozen or so cookies and bring them to the Nov. 12 meeting at Ridgecrest.



At the Oct. 29 meeting, Rotary greeting cards were at all tables, and we were asked to write a personal message of thanks to a veteran – bring them back to the Nov. 5 or Nov. 12 meeting.

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

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

December – Tanglewood Pavilion

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



**Jon Ryan
Happy \$\$...**

(Named in honor of the late Bettendorf Rotarian, punster, jokester and all-around good guy)

First came the sounds of “Because I’m Happy” and then **President Sharon** asked for tales of happiness, and soon she had collected **\$278** – especially from: **Mayor Bob Gallagher** – watched son at track meet... **Glenn Kass** – 30 attended the Israel trade forum he had spearheaded + thanks to **Kurt Lokenvitz** and **Andy Erpelding** for their help... **Harry Coin** – his Little Brother needs a twin or double bed for his new living arrangements – it was almost immediately obtained... **Kris Stone** – husband is the new PVHS soccer coach... **Ryan Bell** – thanks to **Mayor Bob** for a quick loan for last week’s Happy \$\$... **Brad Morrison** – giving away some free signage to a non-profit; contact him for more info (**424-5841 / bradmorrisonusa@gmail.com**)... **Pat Stopulos** – as an Iowa football fan, “happy they didn’t play last Saturday... **Rich James** – rounded 29 years as a Bettendorf Rotarian up to \$100... **Dave Deuth** – \$20 to mark **Rich James**’s retirement... **Greg Blaske** – daughter among 27 PVHS singers selected for all-state choir... **Dimy Doresca** – \$20 for the good press he received on the cover of the *Quad-City Times* Business Section last Sunday... **Kevin Kraft** – thanks to **Rich James** for all his work as a Bettendorf Rotarian... **Ann Kappeler** –

paying up the promised \$\$ from last week's Happy \$\$ session... **S.K. Nanda** – recalled that he and **Rich James** shared hosting for a Colombian Rotary exchange student... **Penny McGimpsey** – “husband surprised me with a Mustang convertible for my birthday”... **Ralph Heninger** - \$10 for **Rich James** – “a great teacher and coach before he became a financial advisor.”

The meeting opened...

President Sharon Sarver struck the bell, called the meeting to order and led the recitation of “The 4-Way Test.” **Tom Howard** – accompanied by pianist **Ruth Symmons** - led the singing of the day's patriotic song, “God Bless America.” President Sharon returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we learned **John Sherrick** is recovering at home after cancer surgery and **Brad Morrison's** brother has died.



After introductions, the singing resumed with a rousing “Sing Everyone Sing!” followed by an even more rousing “For He's a Jolly Good Fellow” – when in came **Dee James** with a decorated cake for her husband **Rich** to mark his retirement in two days after 37 years as a financial advisor. After retirement they'll split time between homes in the QC and Summit, Colo.



→Foundation financial update:

President Sharon took the moment of Rich's retirement celebration to announce that the Bettendorf Rotary Foundation's balance stands at about \$150,000 – substantial growth since Rich's donation of \$25,000 in 2007.

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Visiting Rotarian:

Joe DePaoli, North Scott Rotary

Guests:

Julie Fopma, Upper Iowa University

Dougal Nelson, Habitat for Humanity (guest of **Ozzie Oswald**)

Ruth Symmons, pianist

Elyce Billany, Village Cooperative (guest of **Scott Naumann**)

Lauren Ditzler, City of Bettendorf (speaker)

Dee James, guest of **Rich James**

In all, 59 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 6 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.

And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Pat Stopulos** 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:

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 (17), Bibik (9), Boeye (15), Bowe (17), Bush (18), Chambers (6), Daugherty (6), DeDoncker (12), Dickson (10), Dobesh (6), Duda (10), Eikenberry (16), Ellstrom (18), Erpelding (13), Falk (7), Featherstone (13), Glass (9), Gudgel (13), Habenicht (13), Hassel (9), Hipple (15), Hurd (7), Kennedy (18), Larsen (10), Limberg (9), Lizak (9), Loweth (3), McWilliams (15), Mannix (18), Mitvalsky (9), Morrison (3), Naeve (16), Nelson (18), Olson (8), Ploehn (6), Salm (18), Saul (9), Scranton (16), vollbrecht (13), Werner (18), Wessel (7), Willsher (15), Worley (17)

Make-ups...

Pat Stopulos (Happy to Have a Make Up)
SK Nanda (Essex, England Rotary)



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

BRC News staff...

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

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Opportunity to learn more about Rotary Foundation

Rachel Greenhoe, the Rotary Foundation Major Gifts Officer for Zone



28 (which includes BRC) will be at **North Scott Rotary at noon on Friday, Nov. 7** – meeting at Steeplegate Inn in Davenport. For any Rotarians who might be potential Major Donors – or who just want more

information about The Rotary Foundation – this is their opportunity to ask questions, according to PDG Bill Tubbs, who is also assistant regional Rotary Foundation coordinator for Zone 28.



Rotary Foundation Minute for the Week of Oct. 27

In an effort to promote global development and volunteer service, last May, Rotary and the Peace Corps agreed to participate in a one-year pilot program in the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo. Under the agreement, Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers are encouraged to share their resources and knowledge to boost the impact of development projects in these three countries.

Opportunities for collaboration include supporting community projects, training, networking, and community education. Both organizations are committed to improving lives and building stronger communities by addressing the root

causes of violence and conflict, such as poverty, illiteracy, disease, and lack of access to clean water and sanitation.

The two organizations also agreed to explore expanding the collaboration to more countries based on the results of the pilot. Rotary will enlist the support of its members in recruiting Peace Corps volunteers and involving returned Peace Corps volunteers in service projects at home.

For example, in Togo, two Peace Corps volunteers teamed up with Rotary and other partners in the United States and Togo to distribute more than 5,000 soccer balls to disadvantaged youth. They are organizing 'More Than Just a Game' sessions, which use soccer as a medium to teach children about malaria prevention.

"It's just one example of how Rotary and Peace Corps can collaborate to achieve a lasting impact in the communities where they work."

Your donation to The Rotary Foundation enables this to happen.

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