



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014, at
→ Ridgecrest Village



Special meeting: Salute to Veterans/Honor Flights

The day before our meeting is Veterans Day, a time to pause and thank those who served – and especially gave their lives – in military service.

To honor the veterans who call Ridgecrest Village home – as well as those in the Bettendorf Rotary membership – our Nov. 12 meeting moves to the Davenport site for a report on the program that has taken 30 charter flights of veterans of WWII and since to visit war memorials in Washington, D.C.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014



A quick roundup of library revamp

The scheduled program for the Nov. 5 meeting cancelled at the last minute, so Sue Mannix, the Bettendorf Public Library director, gave an impromptu update on the recently completed 15-month renovation project.

Completed in three phases – so the library could still serve patrons – the renovation project resulted in a number of redone or completely new features. Sue described some of them – and we'll have an opportunity to tour the whole new main floor at the **Nov. 26 meeting**.

Features to learn more about include:

- The public-service area
- The children's area
- A community living area

→ A new aspect of library public service, the “Creation Studio” near the Information Desk – where “guided experiential learning” from traditional crafts to emerging technologies occurs
 → A 3-D digital printer
 → 12 study rooms – up from 9 – for 2-3 people or, in a few of them, a somewhat larger group

You can learn more about the library – before the Nov. 26 meeting or any time – at: www.bettendorflibrary.com/



Announcements...

→ **Nov. 12 Salute to Veterans:** Past President **Chelsea** reminded us that the Nov. 12 meeting will be at **Ridgecrest Village**. On the day after **Veterans Day** we will have a special program on the Honor Flights to Washington, D.C. She also reminded us to write a note to a veteran on the Rotary note cards provided – and to sign up to furnish baked goods for the veterans who live at Ridgecrest.

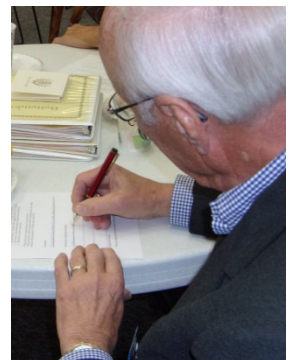
→ **New member project:** Saying, “Voting has been extended for one more day,” **Ryan Bell**, New Member Advisory



Board chair, passed out ballots on which members could “nominate” a project BRC could take on to “more beautify” Bettendorf. The project, he explained, could be at a public place, such as a park, or a non-profit organization or a person whose home could benefit from a day of volunteer labor. He asked each member –

plus those absent – to fill out a “ballot” (as **Tim Downing**, at right, did during the meeting) and turn it in to **Secretary Johanna Smith**.

In the spring, after all ballots are in, the 18 new members (plus others who will have joined in the meantime) will select a project to complete.



→ **Thanksgiving baskets:** **Jonna Schuler** announced that all Thanksgiving baskets have been assigned to BRC volunteers. It’s now time to contact recipient families to coordinate delivery.

➔ **Future meeting sites:** Here's the meeting schedule through early 2015:
November – Bettendorf Public Library (except Nov. 12 – Ridgecrest Village)
December – Tanglewood Pavilion
January (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...)



It was today in **2004** when **Mark Ross** introduced a friend of his to give the post-election program. A political consultant who transferred to our club from Davenport Rotary, one **Linda Miller**, was relieved as she told us that voting shenanigans – the leaking of exit- polling results before the polls closed – had failed to discourage voters.

Two years later, this week in **2006**, club **President Carolyn Leutwyler** announced that Linda herself had won election to her first term in the Iowa House of Representatives, earning three of every five votes. Yesterday Linda won another term, running unopposed.

Back in **2004**, our **Linda Miller** in her day-after-election-day program said three in four Scott County residents who registered to vote that presidential election year voted. Yesterday just under

half voted. For those of us lucky enough to learn math from Bettendorf High School's Joann Stuhr and humanities from Vince Heinrichs, there's a much deeper meaning revealed in the vote numbers.

If you worry your one person's vote is of little importance, if you doubt your life has an impact on the big decisions shaping our community, hear this: Races personally important to many in this room would have gone the other way had only one single person in rooms about like this one in our metro area voted differently. If just one of 68 people had a different idea, one in 68 voted at all or voted differently, decisions affecting everyone would not be the same. You really do count.

And, in honor of Past Bettendorf Rotary **President Mark Ross**, who on his first day as president of our club in **2012** encouraged everyone to know and appreciate our club history...well: That WAS the news!!



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

Past President Chelsea asked members to relate stories of happiness, and collected **\$377** – with increments more than \$2 from: **Mark Ross** – so happy the election is over he chipped in \$20... **Ken Vandersnick** – today is his 20th anniversary as a BRC member... **Pat Stopulos** – although last week he was a disappointed Hawkeye fan, this week that emotion had changed considerably...

George Coin – a kind word for his beloved Northwestern gridiron squad + noting another 1,000 on his bike... **Sue Mannix**, Bettendorf's top book lender, thanks us for meeting "just down the hall from my office"... **Dawn Saul** – happy to be back after a bit of absence... **Dave Death** – happy the Vikings won two in a row ("That makes it a winning season... doesn't it?")... **Decker Ploehn** – Utica Ridge Road will be open soon... and other street projects will soon follow... **Tim Lane** – "Here's \$1 for every Northwestern first down – a whole \$5."

The meeting opened...

With **President Sharon Sarver** out of town, **Past President Chelsea Powers** stepped in, 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, "This Is My Country." Without a flag

in the room to pledge allegiance to, we moved to Moments of Silence, when **S.K. Nanda**, as he usually does, asked that we remember our troops.

After introductions, Tom and Ruth led us through more singing: two verses of "Rotary, My Rotary" and "Shine on Harvest Moon." This being the first meeting of November, the singing concluded with "Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians," especially: 4, Fred Anderson; 5, Jennifer Naeve; 6, Nicole McWilliams; 9, Becky Hinton; 13, John Sherrick; 14, Scott Naumann; 16, Kelly Love-Sherrick; 18, Rev. Gene Miller; 21, Brent Werner,



Jean Dickson; 22, Andrew Erpelding; 25, Christy Gause; 27, Cathy Duda; 30, Ken Vandersnick. (Goodies included the customary birthday cake – and leftover Halloween candy bars, thanks to **Kevin Kraft**.)

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Guest:

Ruth Symmons, pianist

In all, 54 Bettendorf Rotarians and 1 guest attended.

And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Mark Ross** 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. 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 (18), Bibik (10), Blaske (6), Bowe (18), Bush (19), Calabrese (6), Chambers (7), DeDoncker (13), Dickson (11), Duda (11), Eikenberry (17), Ellstrom (19), Erpelding (14), Featherstone (14), Felsing (7), Franks (12), Gallagher, Jr. (7), Garlach, Gudgel (14), Hartsock (9), Hassel (10), Hinton (16), Hipple (16), Hurd (8), Kennedy (19), Larsen (11), Love-Sherrick (8), Loweth (4), McGimpsey (8), McWilliams (16), Martinez (10), Miller, L. (7), Naeve (17), Nelson (19), Oswald (7), Salm (19), Sarver, Schillig, Schutte (5), Scranton (17), Vollbrecht (14), Werner (19), Wessel (8), Willsher (16), Worley (18), Zachary (10)



Make-ups...

Decker Ploehn (Moline Rotary 100-Year Celebration)

Mark Ross (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



We can't ever go back to the Fortune Garden...

Dr. Tom Olson received the photos below (next page) from James and Ying Mu on vacation in their retirement... about the same time **Glenn Kass** happened past the site of the Fortune Garden restaurant (above) – which by the time you read this will probably have the rubble cleared away.

So, thanks again and *bon voyage* to our former, long-time hosts and the restaurant

– going clear back to El Rancho of the 1950s – where Bettendorf Rotarians met and enjoyed so much friendship.



Membership directory updated
Secretary Johanna Smith reports that she has made numerous updates to the BRC membership directory – including mounting photos in the listings of a number of members whose pictures were missing.

If you would like to update the words in your listing, it's pretty simple:

Log in to your account using your email address and your private password – if it's your first time, use the password "member".

Click on "Member Account" in the left-side column to bring up your personal file.

Make the changes you want – then scroll to the bottom of the file and click the "save" button. You can change your password too.

BRC News staff...

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Bettendorf Rotary resources

Hot links where you can find answers to many questions about Rotary.

The history of Bettendorf Rotary, and more:

<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/local.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary in the community:

<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/community.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's current officers:

<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/current.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's committees and their chairs:

<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/committ.htm>

Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus... and more:

<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/links.htm>

Link to District 6000's Website:

www.rotary6000.org



For more on Rotary International:

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