



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Nov. 19, 2014, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014, at
→ Bettendorf Public Library

Now that the dust has settled, we'll tour the remodeled library...

After lunch at our final meeting in the Bettendorf Public Library, Nov. 26, **Sue Mannix** will give us a tour of the newly remodeled portions of the library. And, who knows? Since we're meeting on the day before Thanksgiving – and since **Dr. Tom Olson** has already issued a punny challenge of sorts [see Happy \$\$] – maybe we'll hear more turkey notes....



Last meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014



QCA Cares asks for support...

The QCA Cares is a charitable organization that raises funds to help “children, the elderly, veterans, the environment, the arts and the sick or injured in and around the Quad Cities area,” said **Dennis VanDerGinst** of VanDerGinst Law Offices in Moline – who created QCA Cares – at our Nov. 19 meeting. He and **Deana Comandatore**, who is the administrator of the QCA Cares Facebook Exchange and a Book Drive to buy books for special-needs children in time for their Christmas, explained all the ways QCA Cares carries out its mission of help:

→Catastrophic Illness And Injury Assistance helps when a patient doesn't have insurance or other financial help

→Hard-Headed Kids helps buy bicycle helmets for kids who otherwise couldn't afford them

→Veterans Legal Assistance offers legal assistance at little or no cost to veterans

→Environment and Arts Scholarships go to help children afford educational opportunities in these areas

→Our Elders informs elderly people about their legal rights

→Crime Doesn't Pay, But We Do offers rewards to apprehend criminal culprits.

They also issued a blanket invitation to their Holiday Bash, which benefits QCA Cares: 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at the Stern Center, Rock Island. Tickets – which are tax-deductible donations to the charity – are \$50 in advance, \$65 at the door. For tickets or more info, contact www.VanDerGinstHolidayBash.com or www.QCACares.com or 309-783-1234.

CORRECTION

→In last week's special Veterans Day program, we made an error in reporting on the \$1,800-plus check to QC Honor Flight. It was presented on behalf of all employees of the Bettendorf Community School District. Thanks to **Theron Schutte** for setting the record straight.

New member inductions...

S.K. Nanda inducted two new members:



→**Julie Fopma**, whose classification is Education – College Administration, has taken over the top spot in the QC office of Upper Iowa University in Bettendorf,

after teaching history at the high school level and 11 years in administration at

two other Iowa colleges. Julie is sponsored by **Penny McGimpsey**.

→**Bob Mannhardt**, whose classification is Human Resources, is member relations manager at MRA, The Management Association. He



serves on the board of DuTrac Community Credit Union. He and his wife Linda are parents of two adult children, Justin and Jennifer – “who haven't asked me for money for a couple of years now,” he quipped. Bob is sponsored by **Brad Morrison**.

Announcements...

→Future meeting sites:

Nov. 26 – Bettendorf Public Library

All December – Tanglewood Pavilion

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

→**Holiday baskets:**

Jonna Schuler

reminded Thanksgiving-basket volunteers to pick up baskets from Bettendorf HyVee on Saturday, Nov. 22. Signup for Christmas baskets begins at the first meeting of



December, Dec. 3, she added. **President Sharon** invited any member who hasn't delivered a holiday basket, but wants to learn more about doing so, to accompany her on Saturday (**email:**

ssarver529@yahoo.com)

→**BRC Board vacancy:** Chris Glass, who is in the presidential track of the Board, has resigned his membership – so all remaining members in that track move up a position. That means the Vocational Services chair becomes vacant. Any member interested in filling that spot should contact **President Sharon**. The board will vote to fill the vacancy at its December meeting, she said.

→**LobsterFest sponsorships:** The LobsterFest sponsorship committee will meet at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10 to begin planning for the 2015 event. Interested members who would like to serve on this committee – or

who have relationships with potential sponsor companies – are encouraged to attend. The 2015 LobsterFest will be held Saturday, June 13, 2015, at Rivermont Collegiate.

→**Charities Board:** President Sharon noted that the BRC Charities Board will meet Nov. 24 to make decisions about which nonprofit applicants will get grants – and for how much – from the funds earned at last year’s LobsterFest, and other efforts.

During Jon Ryan Happy \$\$, **Ann Kappeler** said 45 charities have applied for funds – and **Kevin Kraft** thanked Ann and her husband for hosting the decision-making meeting and providing the beverages and pizza.

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



Our Rotary Club’s motto is “Service Above Self.” There are numerous examples these many years when our club recruited members to give time. For those newer to our club, and in keeping with the theme of today’s program, here are most of those our Bettendorf Rotary club has aided financially, *just in recent years:*

Alternatives of the Older, American Red Cross of the Quad Cities x3, Asbury United Methodist Church Food Harvest projects x2, Ballet Quad Cities, Bettendorf Public Library Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley x2, Boys and Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley x2, Camp Courageous of Iowa, Center for Active Seniors, Central Community Circle Food Pantry, Children’s Therapy Center of the Quad Cities x2, Christian Care Women’s Shelter, Churches United, Community Health Care, Inc., Davenport Schools Foundation, Dress for Success Quad Cities...

Family Museum Foundation, Family Resources x3, Faye Clow Dictionary Project for all 4th grade students., Friendly House of Davenport, From Cover to Cover, Genesis Theatre, Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities, Hand in Hand x2, Handicapped Development Center x2, HELP Legal Services, Honor Flight of the Quad Cities x2, Humane Society of Scott County, Humility of Mary Housing, Inc. x2, ITN Quad Cities

Affiliate, Junior Achievement of the Heartland...

Lydia Home, Nahant Marsh Education Center, New Hope Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, Project O.N.E., Our House Preschool, Pleasant Valley HS Cheerleaders / Sparkles, Project NOW, Project Renewal, PUNCH Winterizing Project, Quad City Arts, Quad City Flutes Unlimited, Quad City Human Trafficking Project, Quad City Symphony Orchestra, Quad City Youth Conference, Rick's House of Hope, River Music Experience x2...

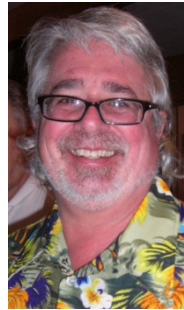
Rotary  **Rotary District 6000 Projects, Rotary**

International Projects, Rotary Polio Eradication Project, Rotary local Scholarships and Holiday food baskets,
The many Run with Carl Scholarship Recipients, Sacred Heart Food Pantry @ The Center, Salvation Army, Scott County Family Y, Street Team Homeless Outreach, Supplemental Emergency Assistance Program, The Salvation Army, The Shining Stars Dance Team, Thomas Merton House, Inc. (Cafe On Vine) x2, TRU (Trees R Us – Bettendorf), United Neighbors, Inc., Vera



French Community Mental Health Center, WVIK

Bettendorf Rotary: since 1957: Service Above Self.



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

President Sharon collected \$259 – with \$\$ above the customary \$2 coming from: Richard “**Ozzie**” Oswald – want to South Bend, Ind., to watch a Notre Dame game last week, and sat right in front of **Mark Ross**... **Dimy Doresca** – updating efforts for the Haiti water project: Tipton Rotary committed to \$1,000, making \$3,000 toward the \$7,500 goal – and Davenport Rotary plus a Chicago-area club look promising... **Bill Daley** – it was a pleasure to drive all the way along Utica Ridge Road, “the first time since 2010... **George Coin** – \$10 for Northwestern’s gridiron fortunes... **George Daugherty** – happy to have spent 6 days with 2 grandkids in Houston... **Decker Ploehn** – \$10 for **Will Doland**, “who can now go both ways on Utica Ridge”... **Ken Vandersnick** – happy to lunch “with the greatest people in the world”... **Jean Dickson** – \$50 for a birthday + daughter being tapped for National Honor Society... **Dick Schillig** – because it’s time for the annual Medicare enrollment... **Dr. Tom Olson** – time for turkey notes (“poetry” penned before each Thanksgiving) so he offered: “Turkey red/ Turkey Ross/ Don’t forget/ Your daily floss”... **President Sharon** – acknowledging her teary-eyed “Boehner imitation” at last week’s Veterans Day tribute, said **Pat Eikenberry** told her, “No need to apologize for genuine emotion... **Penny McGimpsey** – happy her friend **Julie Fopma** has joined BRC + 25th anniversary.

The meeting opened...

The bell sounded, **President Sharon Sarver** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. We sang the day's patriotic song, "God Bless America," thanks to the leadership of **Tom Howard** and the accompaniment of pianist **Ruth Symmons**. **President Sharon** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Moments of Silence, during which we learned that **Steve Piart's** sister has entered hospice. After introductions, the singing resumed with renditions of "That Rotary Wheel" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

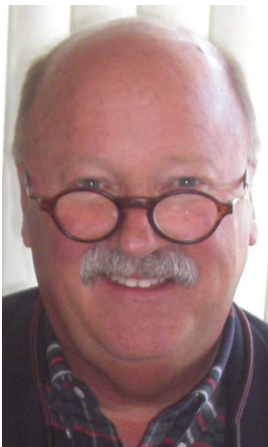
Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Guests:

Ruth Symmons, pianist
Dougal Nelson, Habitat for Humanity (**Ozzie Oswald** guest)
Laurie Hutcheson, N2 Publishing (**Mike Lizak** guest)
Dennis VanDerGinst QCA Cares (Speaker)
Deana Comandatore QCA Cares (Speaker)

In all, 55 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 5 guests.

And at the end...



... of the meeting, **Dr. Tom Olson** 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. 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 (20), Boeye (17), Bowe (20), Bush (21), Chambers (8), DeDoncker (15), Deuth (6), Dobesh (7), Duda (13), Eikenberry (18), Ellstrom (21), Erpelding (16), Falk (9), Featherstone (16), Felsing (8), Franks (14), Gallagher, Jr. (8), Habenicht (15), Hartsock (11), Hassel (11), Hill (9), Hinton (18), Hipple (18), Hurd (9), Kennedy (21), Larsen (13), McWilliams (18), Marbach (6), Mitvalsky (10), Nelson (21), Powers (6), Ross (6), Salm (21), Schutte (5), Scranton (19), Slavens (5), Sorenson (7), Spelhaug (2), Stopulos (7), Tirone (11), Vollbrecht (16), Werner (21), Wessel (10), Willsher (18), Worley (20)

Make-ups...

Tom Olson (Happy to Have a Make Up)

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