



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015,
at Tanglewood Pavilion

**The January run-up to
BRC Charitable Grants...**

... continues at the Jan. 14 meeting when **Nicole Cisne Durbin**, of the SafePath Survivor Resources program at Family Resources, will share an overview of their services and introduce the new Employer Network for Survivors project.



At its Web site, Family Resources describes SafePath as “a community-based program that serves the needs of women, men, children and families whose lives have been affected by domestic or sexual violence, human trafficking, or other violent crimes. We work from a feminist, anti-oppressive framework that embraces inclusiveness, diversity and equality. Our mission is to create a community free of violence through education, counseling and advocacy.”

(For more on this series of programs, see “Upcoming meetings,” below.)

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015



**2 grants given in
2014 helped...**

The Jan. 7 meeting kicked off a month-long emphasis on Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Grants with updates from two representatives of past grant recipient organizations.

Dave Phillips, of the **Ecumenical Gardening Ministry**, spearheaded by Asbury United Methodist Church, reported the 2014 harvest brought 52,607 pounds of fresh vegetables to Quad-City food pantries and meal sites. Since planting its first seeds in spring, 2003, he said the ministry has harvested more than 306,000 pounds of fresh tomatoes,

onions, potatoes, peppers, cucumbers, cabbage, sweet potatoes, green beans, watermelon and zucchini. It cultivates two plots, totaling 1.5 acres.

The Bettendorf Rotary grant of \$1,500, Dave said, paid about half of last year's expenses – buying bedding plants, seeds, equipment and paying the operators who plowed and roto-tilled the gardens.

He invited volunteers to join in planting, tending and harvesting.



Joyce Klopp, director of **Lydia Home**, said the mission of her organization – part of a nation-wide group – is to “strengthen families to care for children and caring for children when families cannot.” Lydia Home operates primarily three programs:

→**Safe Families** provide temporary care or guidance to at-risk children and their family during a crisis time – averaging about 45 days, she said.

→**After-School / Summer Programs** offer mentoring and tutoring to about 40 elementary through high school age children per day – Monday-Thursday

afternoons during school months and for 5 hours a day during summer.

→**Neighborhood Connections** host weekly Friday night cookouts and monthly meetings to improve their neighborhood. Besides work projects – often to help a neighbor in need – and clean-up days, they use these opportunities to communicate with police and other city officials. BRC's 2014 grant helped fund Lydia's neighborhood outreach efforts.



A spokesperson for **From Cover to Cover** couldn't attend the meeting.

However, a written summary said the mission of the group, which was started by two mothers, “is to promote literacy among children at-risk by working cooperatively with targeted schools to provide enrichment activities and opportunities for more print exposure through sponsored literacy nights, donations of new book-and-blanket sets to kindergarten students and book donations to classrooms, libraries and students....”

The BRC grant “provided a book and blanket to all of the kindergarten students at Monroe elementary and Eagle Ridge School in Silvis, Ill. for a total of 138 students.” They also provided a new book for each of the 245 1st-through-8th-grade students at Eagle Ridge.

Announcements...

➔ **January meetings:** Jan. 14 and 21 we'll return to **Tanglewood Pavilion**.

➔ **Jan. 28 meeting:** The annual grant-awarding ceremony, when we'll give away \$25,000 to local nonprofit organizations, is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. at **Waterfront Convention Center**.



➔ **Holiday Party:** The Bettendorf Rotary Holiday Party is 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Davenport Country

Club. The Great Ugly Sweater competition continues from last year – and they don't have to have a Christmas theme. Cost is \$10 per person. ([Johanna M. Smith@hotmail.com](mailto:Johanna_M_Smith@hotmail.com) / 760-458-1218 to RSVP).

➔ **February meetings:** In February we'll meet each Wednesday noon at the **Davenport Country Club**.

➔ **Red Badge meeting:** The Red Badge meeting – when members with red a red tag on their name badge learn more about Rotary and BRC – will be 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Granite City. Appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be available.

➔ **Big Brothers Big Sisters Putt-A-Round:** On apparent behalf of Bettendorf Rotary, **Scott Naumann** accepted the challenge from Davenport Rotary to show “who has the best putters” by signing up for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Putt-A-Round Rotary Cup Challenge, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the RiverCenter in Davenport. It's

part of the BBBS benefit Putt-A-Round Jan. 21-23. Cost is \$25 per person. To play, contact Scott Naumann (359-4140 / scottn@midlandcom.com).



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

A new year! Here are highlights of the year's first meeting starting 10 years ago:

2004 – Scott Tunnicliff read a letter of appreciation to Bettendorf Rotary from a woman for donating to pay her son's medical expenses.

2005 – **Mark Ross** turned 40, donated \$40, then introduced Mayor Mike Freemire who announced an \$80 million downtown investment project.

2006 – **Duncan Cameron** transferred to our club, Lora Adams became a Paul Harris Fellow, and president **Frank Mitvalsky** organized the club to house, chauffeur and feed a large group of doctors visiting from Russia to learn how our clinics function.

2007 - We won the WQPT fundraising challenge!

2008 – **John Archer** was **Frank Mitvalsky**'s guest, and Chuck Mooney waited an hour for the new pdf-format newsletter to display then gave up and asked me to mail one to him.

2009 – **Kevin Kraft** thanked all who helped him raise \$300 for the Boys and Girls club, Jon Ryan read the news, and **Jeff Hassel** and **Ann Kappeler** distributed \$16,000 to our chosen causes.

2010 – Dolores Flick, widow of multi-decade Bettendorf Rotarian and past president Conrad “Connie” Flick, passed away. **John DeDoncker** announced his bank's \$2,500 LobsterFest sponsorship.

2011 – The New Hotel Blackhawk's Wes Ludloff was **Brian Kennedy**'s program.

I'm sure your memories are so good you don't need me to tell you what led off **2012, 2013** and **2014!** That was the news!!



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

President Sharon collected \$303 with special amounts from: **Alexei Bibik** – happy for **Jeff Hassel**'s perfect attendance so far in 2015... and for his own... **Bob Gallagher Sr.** – also his perfect 2015 attendance + \$100 for his birthday (\$30 of which was a bonus)... **Craig Windmiller** – \$20 for the two outstanding high schools in Bettendorf (among Iowa's Top 10) and for their

superintendents... **Dr. Tom Olson** – thanks to those supers for no school today (weather) so he can have dinner tonight (since his wife can't volunteer at school)... **Jim Spelhaug** – extra happy it'll be warmer tomorrow... **Tim Lane** – happy Dr. Tom didn't pun-ish us... **Decker Ploehn** – saw photo of Dr. Tom at the Miami Boat show in *Cigar Aficionado* magazine... **Jonna Schuler** – just got happy birthday card from Dr. Tom... 10 months early (it's Oct. 24).

The meeting opened...

President Sharon Sarver called the meeting to order, and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Tom Howard** led the singing of “This Is My Country.” During Moments of Silence, we learned of the death of former member Tom Rogensack. After introductions, we sang some more: “The 4-Way Test” and a weak rendition of “Auld Lang Syne” (for future reference, the words are on p. 103 in our songbook) before a more heart-felt “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians – in January: 14, Mark Ross; 16, Tony Calabrese; 17, Jon Ellstrom; 20, George Daugherty; 22, Ryan Bell; 25, Dave Death; 26, Dimy Doresca.

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Visiting Rotarian:

Dick Kleine, Rotary Club of Davenport

Guests:

Dave Phillip, Asbury United Methodist Church's Garden Ministry (speaker)
Joyce Klopp, Lydia Home (speaker)
Cal Klopp, Lydia Home
Alexis Vanderhorn, guest of **John Rabine**
Jesse Rozio, guest of **Jenny Garlach**
Graham Garlach, guest of **Jenny Garlach**

All together, 53 Bettendorf Rotarians attended joined by 6 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.



And at the end...

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

Hutcheson, Kappeler (9), Kennedy (27), Kraft (3), Larsen (17), Limberg (15), Lokenvitz (12), Loweth (6), McWilliams (24), Mannhardt (6), Mannix (25), Miller, L. (14), Mitvalsky (12), Naeve (24), Nelson (27), Oswald (13), Powers (9), Ross (11), Salm (27), Saul (14), Schutte (8), Scranton (24), Stone (7), Tirone (15), Vollbrecht (22), Werner (27), Willsher (23), Worley (26), Zachary (15)

Upcoming meetings...



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

Jan 14: Nicole Cisne Durbin, of the SafePath Survivor Resources program at Family Resources, will share an overview of their

services and introduce the new Employer Network for Survivors project.

Jan 21: Continuing 2014 grant award updates: Project Renewal, Bettendorf Family Museum and American Red Cross of QC are the scheduled guests.

Also **Jan. 21, Holiday Party**, 6-9 p.m., Davenport country Club

Jan 28: 2015 Grant Award Ceremony, **Waterfront Convention Center**

Feb. 10: (Tuesday) Red Badge meeting, 6-7:30 p.m.: Granite City

Make-ups...

Chelsea Powers, eClub One Online
Craig Windmiller, 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 – Tanglewood Pavilion (during December)

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

Missing...

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

Arndt (26), Boeye (22), Bowe (26), Bush (27), Chambers (12), Daley (2), DeDoncker (19), Dickson (16), Dobesh (12), Eikenberry (23), Ellstrom (27), Erpelding (22), Featherstone (21), Gause (15), Gudgel (20), Habenicht (21), Heninger (12), Hill (15), Hinton (24), Hipple, (23), Hurd (15),

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