

THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015, at the Davenport Country Club

Venture School to aid QC area entrepreneurs

Jennifer Ott, University of Iowa Venture School (thanks to Dimy Doresca) Venture School, a six-week program for entrepreneurs, is coming to the Quad Cities in March, and **Jennifer Ott** of the University of Iowa’s Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center will tell us more about it at the Feb. 4 meeting – at the Davenport Country Club.



Venture School “increases the chances of startup success and accelerates the timeline to launch, all through experiential learning activities

including customer research, insight from experienced entrepreneurs, and workshops,” according to a QC Chamber promotion. Venture School will take place March 3-April 17.

Eastern Iowa Community Colleges and the Quad Cities Chamber partnered with the University of Iowa John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center to bring Venture School to the region. Businesses, start-ups and entrepreneurs throughout the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities region can participate in the program.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015



BRC grants \$25K To 15 charities

Dispensing with most of the usual aspects of a Bettendorf Rotary Club meeting, **President Sharon Sarver** called District 6000 Assistant Governor **Doug Petersen** (Iowa Quad-Cities Rotary) to the rostrum. Doug extended greetings from **District Governor John Ockenfels** and congratulated BRC on its community service through its charitable grants.

Moving towards presentation of those grants, **President Sharon** thanked all of the sponsors of the 2014 LobsterFest for their generous support and acknowledged the vital roles played by such partners as Rivermont Collegiate, site of the event, and the culinary arts program at Scott Community College, whose faculty and students prepare the food.

She then introduced **Jeff Hassel**, chair of the BRC Charitable Giving Board, who in turn introduced members of that board who assisted in making the grant

presentations: **Ann Kappeler, Kevin Kraft, Ralph Heninger, Chelsea Powers and President Sharon.**

Jeff noted this year's 15 grants total \$25,000 – the highest total to date. Funds for these grants come from the 7th annual BRC LobsterFest; this year's event is scheduled for Saturday, June 13.

With **Mayor Bob Gallagher** presenting the Bettendorf Rotary grant checks to:



→**Center for Active Seniors, Inc.:** the \$1,250 grant will be used to replace equipment in CASI's Fit for Life Fitness Center, according to **Laura Kopp.**

→**Davenport**

Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol: John and Karen McDermott said the \$1,000 grant will help purchase high-tech



equipment to aid aircraft flight operations and aerospace education for cadets ages 12-20.

→**Dress for Success Quad Cities:** With its clientele growing by 40% last year, Dress for Success will use its \$2,000 grant to buy shoes for limited-resource

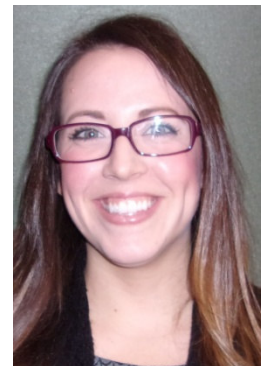
women entering the workforce, **Regina Haddock** said.

→**Friendly House: Andi Engler and Terry**

Hendershott said the \$2,000 grant will help fund Family Nights, events to strengthen family bonding.



→**Gilda's Club Quad Cities:** The new Cancer to Health program will provide education on a healthier diet and exercise to help club members deal with all the stresses of cancer and its treatment, thanks to the \$1,750 grant, according to **Paige Nagle.**



→**Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities: Dougal Nelson** said the \$1,000 grant will help pay for construction of a simple, decent, affordable home for a QC family.

→**Handicapped**



Development Center: the center's reception area will receive a much-needed repainting and refurbishing, said **Jeff Ashcraft** in thanking BRC for the \$1,000 grant.

→**Jason's Box:**

Joe Tirone and Teri Johnson reported the Patriot Place Veterans Resource



Center will use the \$2,500 grant to help QC area veterans in many ways as they transition from the service to civilian life.



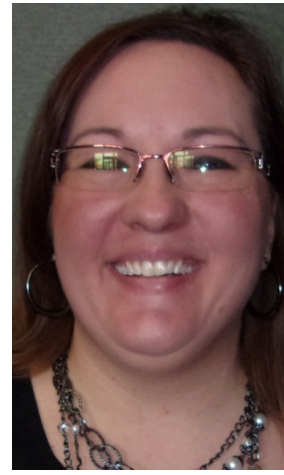
→**King's Harvest:** The Homeless Overflow Shelter can now afford an additional staff person to help feed and shelter homeless men, women and children Dec. 1- April 15, thanks to

the \$2,500 grant, according to **Margot Hary**.



In addition to grants to QC charities, BRC presents \$7,000 in scholarships to grads of Bettendorf high schools and Scott Community College.

→**New Kingdom Trailriders:** **Angie Nelson** said the \$2,000 grant will help pay for a new facility – barn and 30 acres – which will enable year-round programs.



→**People Uniting Neighbors & Churches (PUNCH):** **Rev. Craig Anglin** said the \$1,000 grant will help winterize homes in the Davenport Hilltop residential community.



→**QC United: Ruben Moore and Kim Riley Quinn** will use the \$1,000 grant to enable Pete the Purple Bull to teach more groups the social and emotional skills needed to counteract bullying.



LobsterFest 2015 – the evening of Saturday, June 13 – will bring 300 fresh lobsters from New England to the QC...



→ **Quad City Marathon: Joe Moreno** reported the \$1,500 grant will cover the entry fees for 150 low-income children to participate in QCM's micro-marathon.



→ **Quad City Symphony Orchestra Association:** Musicians from the QCSO can go into Bettendorf elementary schools as part of their music education program, thanks to the \$2,000 grant, said **Ben Klemme**.



→ **St. Mark Lutheran Church Food Pantry:** the \$2,500 grant will buy two months' food for hungry families who use the pantry, said **Linda Cook**, who added, "If you bought a ticket (to the

LobsterFest), you've fed someone today."

In summing up the afternoon's grant presentations, **President Sharon** commented, "It's humbling to be able to help create an impact" in the community... "We lit up Rotary today."

Announcements...

Although there were no announcements at the meeting, here are a few things to keep in mind during February:

→ **February membership meetings:** All weekly meetings will be at the Davenport Country Club... except:

→ **State of the City:** The Feb. 25 meeting moves to the Waterfront Convention Center so we can host **Mayor Bob** Gallagher's annual State of the City speech.

→ **Red Badge:** The Red Badge meeting – when all members still new enough to have a red patch on their name tags will learn much more about BRC and Rotary International – will be 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Granite City. Appetizers will be served with a cash bar available.

The meeting opened...

President Sharon Sarver called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard** led the singing of "The National Anthem." During Moments of Silence we learned that **Jonna Schuler's** Mom will undergo medical tests. [In order to provide maximum time for grant



presentations, many of the usual meeting features were omitted, such as additional

songs, Jon Ryan Happy \$\$, introductions, announcements of community events, Happy to Have a Make-up drawing, quips from members... Come next week for a more “typical” BRC meeting...]

Guests & visiting Rotarians...

Visiting Rotarians:



Bill Tubbs, PDG,
District 6000 News,
N. Scott Rotary
Doug Peterson, Iowa
QC Rotary, Assistant
DG
Ben Loeb, QC
Symphony Orchestra,
grant recipient,
Davenport Rotary
Jeff Ashcraft,
Handicapped

Development Center, grant recipient, N.
Scott Rotary

Patt Englander, Dress for Success QC, grant
recipient, Davenport Rotarian

Guests:

Laura Kopp, CASI, grant recipient,
Davenport Rotary

John McDermott, Davenport Composite
Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, grant recipient

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Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, grant recipient
Regina Haddock, Dress for Success QC,
grant recipient

Andi Engler, Friendly House, grant recipient
Terry Hendershott, Friendly House, grant
recipient

Paige Nagle, Gilda’s Club QC, grant
recipient

Dougal Nelson, Habitat for Humanity QC,
grant recipient

Teri Johnson, Jason’s Box. grant recipient
Margot Hary, King’s Harvest. grant recipient

Angie Nelson, New Kingdom Trailriders,
grant recipient

Mike Moritz, PUNCH, grant recipient

Ruben Moore, QC United, grant recipient

Kim Riley, QC United, grant recipient

Joe Moreno, QC Marathon, grant recipient

Ben Klemme, QC Symphony Orchestra,
grant recipient

Linda Cook, St. Mark Lutheran Pantry, grant
recipient

Paige Tirone, guest of **Joe Tirone**

Rona Loweth, guest of **Carl Loweth**

Angie Felsing, guest of **Jerry Felsing**

Nalini Nanda, guest of **S.K. Nanda**

Ami Wells, guest of **Theron Schutte**

Kate Terrell – Wallace’s Garden Center,
guest of **Penny McGimpsey**

Gail Baldwin

Diane Stanley, EICC

Michelle Calabrese

Brad Scott, EICC

In total, 58 Bettendorf Rotarians attended,
joined by 26 guests and 6 visiting Rotarians.

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program
chair **Scott Naumann,**
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Feb. 4: Jennifer Ott,
University of Iowa
Venture School (thanks
to Dimy Doresca)

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

Feb. 11: Ying-qi Chen, Shen Yun World-
class classical Chinese dancing show

Feb. 25: Mayor Bob Gallagher’s State
of the City address at the Waterfront
Convention Center



Missing...

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

Arndt (29), Bibik (18), Bowe (29), Bush
(30), Chambers (15), DeDoncker (21), Deuth
(10), Dobesh (14), Doresca (5), Duda (18),
Ellstrom (30), Erpelding (25), Gallagher, Sr.
(17), Gause (17), Gudgel (22), Hartsock (16),
Hill (18), Hinton (27), Hipple, (26), Hurd
(18), Kennedy (30), Limberg (17), Lizak
(15), McWilliams (27), Mannhardt (9),
Martinez (13), Miller, L. (17), Naeve (27),
Nelson (30), Olson (14), Oswald (15),

Rabine (6), Rutherford (5), Salm (30), Saul (17), Scranton (27), Sorenson (9), Spelhaug (3), Werner (30), Willsher (25), Worley (29), Zachary (17)

Make-ups...

Dimy Doresca and Tim Lane, Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean
Dimy Doresca, Rotary Club of Davenport

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



Rotary releases \$34.8M to fight polio worldwide

Rotary International released an additional \$34.8 million in grants to support polio immunization activities in 10 countries, including Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan, the three countries where the disease has never been stopped.

The funds, whose release was announced 20 January, will be used by the World Health Organization and UNICEF for

polio immunization and surveillance activities in the 10 countries, as well as to provide technical assistance in several other countries in Africa.

The grants include \$8.1 million for Nigeria to support its final push to eradicate the disease. Nigeria experienced a nearly 90 percent reduction in cases in 2014 compared with the previous year, and hasn't registered a new case of polio in the last six months.

One less promising spot in the polio eradication fight has been Pakistan, which saw an explosive outbreak totaling more than 300 cases in 2014, the most there in more than a decade. Pakistan will receive \$1.1 million of the funds that Rotary is releasing to support eradication efforts there.

In addition, the grants include \$6.7 million in Afghanistan, \$7 million in Somalia, \$3.3 million in Democratic Republic of Congo, \$2.8 million in Niger, \$2.5 million in Chad, \$1.6 million in Cameroun, \$1.1 million in Ethiopia, and \$250,000 in Kenya. A total of \$321,000 will provide technical assistance in Africa.

To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion to fight polio.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/member-news/news-features/>

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