



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, April 8, 2015,
at the **Tanglewood Pavilion**

**QCSO, choral ensembles
to perform ‘Ode to Joy’**

At the April 8 meeting, **Kai Swanson**, special assistant to Augustana College President Steve Bahls, will preview the Quad-City Symphony Orchestra’s “Masterworks VI: Peace and Brotherhood Ode to Joy” performances, which include Beethoven’s Symphony 9. Before each QCSO performance, Kai presents a lecture on the pieces to be played.



The QCSO will be joined by four international-level singers, including the Quad Cities’ own Eleni Matos, and two local choral groups, Quad City Choral Arts and the Handel Oratorio Society under the direction of Jon Hurty.

The concert dates are 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Adler Theatre, Davenport, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at Centennial Hall, Rock Island. For tickets: <https://qcsso.org/concerts/ticket-information>.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, April 1, 2015



**Trucks ‘move
America forward’**

At the April 1 meeting our scheduled speaker is Aaron Tennant, president of Tennant Truck Lines of Colona, Ill., shared some facts and figures about the trucking industry at the April 1 meeting. His family-owned company, which runs about 230 flat-bed trucks out of the QC and another 25 from a North Dakota hub, primarily hauls materials and finished products from manufacturers to dealers.

Aaron paid high praise for truckers: “Truckers move America forward,” he said. Although some regard truckers as “second-class citizens,” he stated, “We are good folks,” who travel all week, support families and keep the nation’s shelves stocked. The trucking industry

provides 7 million jobs – and “80% of U.S. communities rely on trucks to deliver their freight,” he said.

Aaron summarized the “plight of the trucker” – noting some of the difficulties of the job: Because they have some unhealthy habits – more than 70% are smokers, their lifestyle is largely



sedentary, and they have poor eating habits – their life expectancy is about 61 years, he said, compared to 76 for average North American males. Tennant Truck Lines is making changes to encourage a healthier lifestyle – and reverse that trend, he said. Those include a health and wellness program, an on-line personal trainer and incentives for eating a better diet and exercising more.

The trucking industry suffers from a driver shortage, Aaron reported, for a variety of reasons, including strict safety and operating regulations. He and other owners lobby to make some of those rules less stringent, he said. Drivers’ wages are attractive, he pointed out: A high school graduate can earn \$50,000 to begin – and up to \$80,000 a year with 3 years’ experience. A typical work week for Tennant drivers stretches from Sunday evening to Friday night, with 14-hour days (a maximum of 11 hours driving), often covering 2,500 miles.

Announcements...

We’re famous! The latest edition of the Rotary District 6000 News is full of coverage of BRC: **Kevin Kraft** in the

photo of District6000 presidents-elect training (p. 7); **Glenn Kass**’s terrific piece on our \$25,000 in grants (p. 22); **Chelsea Powers** mentioned in a bright about local presidents giving birth (p. 26). And we’re all over the p. 32 lists of top clubs in various giving categories. Check these stories and others in D6K at <http://www.rotary6000.org>.

➔ **Reach out: President Sharon** declared April “Reach out to a Rotarian” month, encouraging members to reach out to fellow Rotarians who have been absent from recent weekly meetings. (Need some “ammunition”? Entice them with the roster of upcoming meetings that **Scott Naumann** has lined up – see below).



➔ **Dynamic speaker – an all-QC Rotary Club event:** Inspirational speaker **Michael Angelo Caruso** – who spoke at the latest Rotary International Convention – will present “The Power of First Impressions” to all QC clubs 4:30-6 p.m. Monday, April 20, at the Gold Room, Hotel Blackhawk, Davenport. Tickets are \$25, which includes hors d’oeuvres. **Space is limited – and advance registration by April 15 is required; go to: <http://bit.ly/1FXwNeg>.**

→ **‘Beautify Bettendorf’ project:**

There’s just one week left to submit a “one-and-done” project to be completed in lieu of the May 6 meeting, **President Sharon** said. The job could be a cleanup, fix-up, painting or other task to help that agency. Submit ideas this week to either President Sharon (**563.320.7180 / ssarver529@yahoo.com**) or Secretary **Johanna Smith** (**760.458.1218 / [Johanna M Smith@hotmail.com](mailto:Johanna_M_Smith@hotmail.com)**). We’ll vote on the nominated projects at the next meeting.



→ **LobsterFest: President Sharon Sarver** reported that in the past two weeks alone we have brought in \$17,000 worth of LobsterFest sponsorships. Total cash sponsorships are now \$25,000 and in-kind totals \$19,000 for a grand total of \$44,000!

We still need lots of items for the new LobsterFest raffle. Baskets of donated items – gift cards, special gift items... and more – will be assembled and raffled during the event. A letter explaining the significance of LobsterFest and all of the helpful grants that it makes possible will be emailed to all members so you can use it as you solicit businesses throughout the Quad Cities.

New sponsors added this week include HyVee, Sandstrom (**Rick Hartsock**), **Rich and Dee James** and Hertz Farm Management (**Kurt Lokenvitz**).



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

The changing shape of education at public expense over time was Bettendorf Rotarian **Dr. Jim Spelhaug**’s program April Wednesday five years ago. For our newer members, Jim is the superintendent of the Pleasant Valley school system.

Visiting that day was candidate, now state senator, Roby Smith. One week later, Bettendorf Rotarian and Iowa State Rep. **Linda**

Miller gave her well attended program about the ‘legislative winners and losers.’ One of the winners she announced was the tax credits that made possible



building the now finished Mississippi Blood Center out on 53rd near 18th. If you haven’t been inside there, it’s a splendid interior space, one which you can admire seated in a comfy recliner for less than an hour, while, coincidentally, saving someone’s life. Yes, there is momentary pain. But there are cookies afterward. Did I mention the saving someone’s life bit? Service above self after all...

Ten years ago April Wednesday club member **Jon Ryan** of “Happy \$\$” fame collected \$94. That day’s speaker was chairman of the National Center for Policy Analysis and CEO of Hearts of America restaurants Mike Whelan. Mike noted there were 40 workers per recipient when our Social Security System started, but only 3 workers per recipient in 2005. Mike predicted there would only be 2 workers per recipient “in ten years” – which would be today actually. So I looked it up. If your idea of worker is “near to 40 hours per week,” then Mike’s guess of 2 workers per beneficiary turned out to be a little high. Some hold “one worker” includes folk like my daughter, who works a half day on warm weekends in the snow-cone truck at the baseball field. If that’s your view, then it will take another 5-10 years to hit Mike’s prediction.

And that WAS the news!



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

President Sharon (accompanied at first by the cheesy strains of “Shiny, Happy People”) collected **\$819** from: **Christy Gause** – 15th anniversary... **Dave Falk** – 66th birthday + 33rd year of BRC membership, so \$100... **Ralph Heninger** – birthday last week + son is engaged... **Harry Coin** – Dad, **George**, age 80, now has passed 800 biking miles this year... **John Rabine** – \$170 for birthday (he could pass for 70. Easily!)... **Rita Nelson** – husband, Rick, elected president of the Iowa Academy of General Dentistry +

birthday... **Carol Foster** – birthday month... **Sue Mannix** – birthday + Bettendorf Public Library anniversary with special events all month... **Dave Deuth** – daughter’s birthday... **Decker Ploehn** – clarifying, IDOT, not the City of Bettendorf, cut down all those trees downtown, as part of the Interstate 74 bridge project – and to prevent some bats from using the trees for reproduction purposes... **Joe Tirone** – another successful hunt for wounded warriors + he has video evidence of **President Sharon** shooting a shotgun... **Jeff Hassel** (yes – he *was* here) – daughter votes a “most outstanding” competitive dancer.

The meeting opened...

The bell sounded. **President Sharon Sarver** called the meeting to order and opened with recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Gail Baldwin** on keyboard, led the singing of “America the Beautiful.” President Sharon led Moments of Silence, during which we learned **Dawn Saul** is recovering from embolisms in both lungs at Rm. 4213, Genesis East. After introductions, Tom and Gail returned to lead singing of “Rotary Town,” “Let There Be Peace on Earth” and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians” – in April: 05, Pat Stopulos; 06, Sue Mannix, Joe Tirone; 07, Carol Foster; 09, Ann Rutherford; 14, Gary Hintermeister; 23, Rita Nelson; 26, John Rabine; 30, George Coin



Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarian:

“Chopper,” Milan Rotary

Guests:

Gail Baldwin, pianist

Aaron Tennant, Tennant Trucking (speaker)

Larry Thein, Thein Insurance (guest of **Bill Daley**)

In all, 55 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 3 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Joe Tirone** 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:

April 8: Kai Swanson, “Masterworks VI: Peace and Brotherhood Ode to Joy” (The QCSO Masterworks Series is being performed in April)

April 15: Judd Hulting, manager: Patriot Renewable Fuels, Annawan, Ill.

April 22: Dr. Eric Dyken, professor of neurology: “Sleep Disorders,” importance of sleep for health; dangers of disordered or interrupted sleep

April 29: Kent Pilcher/**Rene Hipple**: Quad City regional vision

May 6: Done-in-a-Day projects

May 13: Brad Scott, Scott Community College Culinary Arts Program

May 20: Ken Asta: Rock Valley Physical Therapy workplace wellness program



May 27: Donna Young, designer: Isabel Bloom

Missing...

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

Bell, Bibik (24), Bowe (38), Bush (39), Chambers (20), Coin, G. (12), DeDoncker (25), Dickson (25), Dobesh (23), Eikenberry (30), Ellstrom (39), Erpelding (34), Franks (26), Gallagher, Sr. (23), Gallagher, Jr. (16), Geisewite (2), Gudgel (30), Hill (25), Hintermeister (3), Hinton (36), Hipple (34), Hurd (27), Kennedy (39), Kraft, Lane, Limberg (26), Lizak (21), Loweth (16), McWilliams (36), Miller, L. (26), Mitvalsky (17), Morrison (7), Naeve (35), Nanda (2), Olson (16), Oswald (22), Powers (12), Ricketts-McCool (28), Schutte (9), Scranton (34), Slavens (15), Stopulos (14), Werner (39), Willsher (33), Worley (38), Zachary (24)



Make-ups...

Chelsea Powers, eClub One Online

Tim Lane, Read to Succeed Program

Rita Nelson, Davenport Rotary

Cub Scout Pack 54 Presentation: Sharon Sarver, Bill Daley and Frank Mitvalsky
Ann Kappeler, LobsterFest Inventory meeting

Kevin Kraft, District 6000 President-Elect Training Seminar

LF Raffle/Auction Planning meeting:

Rutherford, Vandersnick, Schuler, Naumann, Wells, Doland, Kappeler, Sarver and Stone

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 – Club Rm., HyVee, 7th Street & John Deere Road, 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 March)
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

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