



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
April 29, 2015, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 6 & 13, 2015,
at HDC & Tanglewood Pavilion

We roll up our sleeves to do some landscaping...

Instead of a regular meeting on May 6 we'll go to the **Handicapped Development Center facility at 2700 Linwood Court, Davenport**, for box lunches and a "done-in-a-day" landscaping project. (A few members will split off for a second landscaping project at an inner-city apartment building owned by the Ecumenical Housing Development Group.)



Remember to come dressed to do landscaping work. Bring your own gloves, shovel, rake and other yard-work tools that you anticipate you might need.

To reach the HDC's Linwood Court facility, take Northwest Boulevard to its intersection with North Pine Street. Turn south on North Pine to West 63rd Street (the first intersection). Go west on 63rd to Jebens Avenue and turn right. Linwood Court is the first right on Jebens.

The **May 13 meeting** will return to **Tanglewood Pavilion**, where we'll welcome **Brad Scott of the Scott Community College Culinary Arts Program** – the crew we have to thank for much of the delicious fare at LobsterFest.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, April 22, 2015



A look at 'cool' QC Regional Vision...

Looking to advance the Quad City region in a more coordinated way, a task force comprising business, non-profit and public-sector leaders has been working hard to develop a Regional Vision. At the April 29 meeting **Kent Pilcher**, president of Estes Construction and a leader of the Regional Vision process, gave us some insights into the process and its objectives.

With the goal of transforming the QC region into "a **cool, creative and prosperous place to live and work,**" to attract talented people and employers, the group – which now includes some 145 organizations – faced the No. 1 problem

of “unaligned thinking” and individual agendas for the cities and counties within the region.

So, Kent said, the group has been striving to reach that unity and alignment. One



breakthrough, he said, was the comment by one group member that “we ought to think of ourselves as New Yorkers do – we’re each in a ‘borough’ but we’re all part of the same city.” That thinking, Kent added, led to the realization that each city

or county in the region should continue to develop its own individual plans and programs – but realize that they all contribute to the advancement of the whole region.

The Regional Vision group is working systematically in four phases to create – and then implement – a unified plan that will take the region forward to 2030. The process will take the leadership of the region from developing the vision; to

aligning their thinking, speaking and behavior; shifting the culture to embrace the vision and strategy to achieve it, and finally implementing the plan.



Kent said he is encouraged that “there’s lots of

energy” already behind this movement. A request for citizen input brought more than 3,500 responses – nearly double the expected response – and the 3,000 members of the QC Chamber’s Young Professionals group are solidly behind the effort, he said.



Announcements...

→ **LobsterFest: President-elect Kevin Kraft** asked members to continue to hunt for raffle items. Packages of gifts will be assembled and raffled in these categories:

- **For the home**
- **Food & drink**
- **Wellness**
- **Enjoy the QCA**
- **For the guys**
- **For the girls**

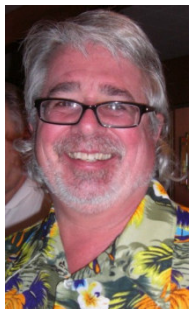
Secretary Johanna Smith began recruiting volunteers for specific LobsterFest jobs – set-up on Thursday, June 11, Friday, June 12, and the morning of Saturday, Fest Day. She got a number of sign-ups for each day – but said, “We can always use more, and you can just come to Rivermont Collegiate around 10 a.m.” Johanna will call for more volunteers at coming meetings. Or you can contact her (**760-458-1218 / Johanna.M.Smith@hotmail.com**) to volunteer to set up, tear down or work during the event.

Got your tickets yet? Contact ticket boss **Penny McGimpsey (W: 333-2649 / pmcgimpsey@qctimes.com)**.

➔ **Reach out:** Kevin urged members to reach out to members we haven't seen for a while and invite them to come back.

➔ **New member project:** Ryan Bell said a sign is being made to identify the area of downtown Bettendorf that BRC members will be beautifying. Members will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Waterfront Convention Center and work until noon.

➔ **Next meeting:** Betten-do landscaping project at the Handicapped Development Center facility at 2700 Linwood Court, Davenport (see p. 1 for details).



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

President-elect Kevin collected \$269 – with special amounts coming from: **John Rabine** – enjoyed a party at the Palmer Hills clubhouse – “so give ’em some business”... **Harry Coin** – Dad (**George**) has now logged 1,010 biking miles this year – he’ll be returning to the QC soon... **Brad Morrison** – his daughter, on the PVHS cross-country team, was named “most supportive team



member”... **Dick Schillig** – 132 days to Labor Day – and you can register now online for Run with Carl (at a discount)... **Larry Thein** – a chance to play golf at a fundraiser – contact him for details (larry@larrythein.com / 386-7740)...

Jeff “Boomer” Hill – at a table today with 6 women + son has his first job, at Whitey’s... **Bill Daley** – 21st anniversary... **Ami Wells** – 22nd anniversary + Bettendorf Schools Foundation is proud to co-sponsor RWC... **Jennifer Naeve** – Ascentra Credit Union also happily sponsors RWC... **Dave Deuth** – good to see **Nicole Hinman**... **Decker Ploehn** – “I’m not happy – the Iowa DOT is screwing up Grant Street – call them to complain: 1-800-IowaDOT.”

Member spotlight...



Introducing new members or reintroducing ‘longer-tenured’ members... a new monthly column by Bill Daley. This month’s spotlight: **Laurie Hutcheson**

Laurie Hutcheson joined Bettendorf Rotary in December 2014. A life-long resident of Davenport, Laurie and her husband Geoff have been married more than 21 years, and they have 3 active boys, Jake, Matthew and Drew. Laurie says she spends a lot of her time “chasing after my boys, watching them participate in sports and other activities.” The



household includes Gracie, a yellow lab, and a gray tabby cat named Toonces. (That's the cleaned-up name☺.) In addition to chasing her kids, Laurie enjoys home-improvement projects and movies.

To support all of that, Laurie has spent the last 20 years in sales and marketing. She has published a local magazine, *Healthy Cells*, and is now deep in the thick of a new publishing adventure with N2 Publishing, *Crow Valley Living*, a social publication that connects neighborhoods.

When asked what no one knows about her, Laurie confides that she can't swim and she hates to sing in public, due to a less-than-encouraging 5th grade music teacher. (Bettendorf Rotary just may remedy that phobia!)

Laurie says the keys to success are: "never believing I'll fail, my tenacity and my desire to see things through."

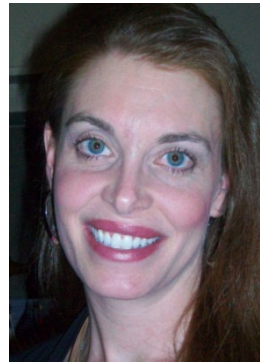
She gets excited when she reveals that if she could have any other job she'd like to be a talk-show host!

And finally, what she likes the most about Rotary is meeting new people. Thank you, Laurie, for your willingness to share and for your service to our club!

[In future Spotlights, we'll ask members their vocation; previous jobs; current address; where they're from originally; marital status / kids / grandkids / pets; hobbies and activities of interest. We'll also ask them to reveal "something no one knows about me"; "if I could work in any other job it would be..."; "the keys to my success" and "what I like most about Rotary." We hope you'll have fun – and come away saying, "I didn't know that!"]

The meeting opened...

President-elect Kevin Kraft called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, with tuneful help from **Scott Naumann's** versatile laptop, led the singing of "This Is My Country." After leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, **Kevin** returned for Moments of Silence – during which we learned that **Dawn Saul** has returned home and is continuing her recovery, and **Glenn Kass** has been admitted to UnityPoint Trinity Rock Island, Room 406; he'd appreciate cards, but he's not allowed visitors yet – *doctor's orders*. After introductions, **Tom** led the singing of "The 4-Way Test" and verses 1 and 5 of "The Happy Wanderer."



Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarians:

Ken Beck,
Davenport Rotary

Guests:

Phillip Potter,
American Power
Systems (**Doland**

guest)

Kent Pilcher, QC Chamber Regional Vision and president, Estes Construction (speaker)

Meghan Enright, Estes Construction (**Hill** guest)

In total, 49 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 3 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Ami Wells** 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:

May 6: Done-in-a-Day landscaping project at Handicapped Development Center
May 13: Brad Scott, Scott Community College Culinary Arts Program



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

May 27: Christine Schmidt, Only Love Coalition: "It's all love,"

June 3: Kelly Thompson, Community Foundation: Teens for Tomorrow

June 10: Miss Iowa contestants ON LOCATION at The Fountains

June 17: LobsterFest post-event meeting

July 1: Gavel Exchange

Missing...

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

Boeye (31), Bowe (42), Bush (43), Chambers (22), Coin, G. (16), Dickson (29), Dobesh (26), Doresca (11), Downing (10), Duda (25), Dugan, Eikenberry (33), Ellstrom (432), Erpelding (38), Featherstone (34), Felsing (15), Franks (29), Gallagher, Jr. (18), Gause (25), Gudgel (33), Hassel (26), Heninger (23), Hintermeister (6), Hinton (40), Hutcheson (2), Kennedy (43), Lane, Larsen (23), Love-Sherrick (13), Loweth (18), Mannix (33), Martinez (18), Miller, L. (30), Mitvalsky (19), Naumann (2), Nelson (33), Oswald (25), Piart (5), Powers (14), Rutherford (10), Sarver, Schutte (12), Scranton (36), Spelhaug (6), Stone (11), Stopulos (16), Tirone (22), Vandersnick, Werner (43), Willsher (37), Zachary (27)

Make-ups...

Chelsea Powers, eClub One Online

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 May)

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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