



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
June 10, 2015, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, June 17, 2015,
at **Crust Stone Oven Pizza,**
2561 53rd Ave, Bettendorf

Recapping LobsterFest at the June 17 meeting...

As you'll read below, we're on track for an all-time record LobsterFest achievement. Come to this new venue and hear what we all accomplished for the benefit of Quad-City non-profit organizations, through our charitable giving, and for students who will receive scholarships to continue their higher education.



Last meeting:

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Miss Iowa drops by – with 16 pals

The reigning Miss Iowa, **Aly Olson,** spoke briefly about highlights of her year wearing the tiara during the June 10 meeting at The Fountains – and introduced the 16 contestants who will vie for the title Miss Iowa 2015 this weekend at the Adler Theater, Davenport.



During her year, Aly said she covered thousands of miles across the Hawkeye State, visiting many schools – 10 of them in the QC – singing and discussing her platform, “diversity and inclusion” through service to the community. After

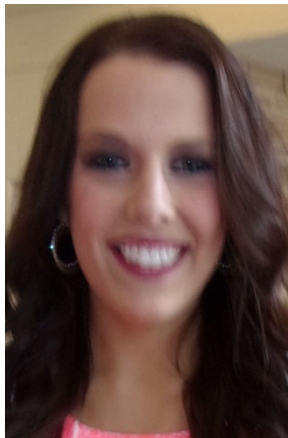
relinquishing her crown she'll return to the University of Iowa to complete her final semester to earn a degree in vocal music performance.

Although she had to depart early for a rehearsal, she introduced the 2015 contestants as a group. Each of them spoke briefly about their platforms – which ranged from anorexia to cancer research, heart disease to empowering youth volunteerism – many of them arising from their personal experiences.

Five of the contestants provided a preview into the talents they will present during the competition:



→**Kelly Koch**, Miss Metro, performed a modern jazz dance to a song, “Feeling Good.” The Waukee, Iowa, native majors in education at Iowa State University.



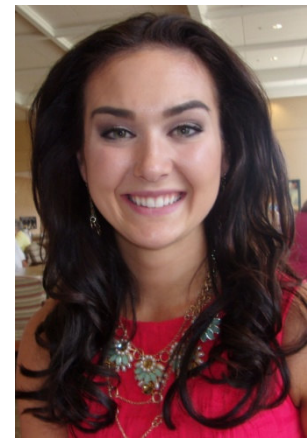
→**Abby Curtis**, Miss Liberty, sang the Hank Williams song “Lovesick Blues.” Her platform is Live United: The Silver Lining. She is majoring in business administration at Muscatine

Community College.

→**Maddison Lange**, Miss Burlington, tap danced to the song “Hey, Pachuco” from the film *The Mask*. She majors in business administration at the University

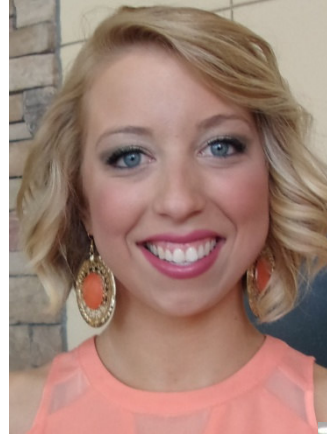
of Iowa. Her platform is Breaking Barriers: The Battle against Juvenile Diabetes.

→**Allison Gerstenberger**, Miss Cedar Valley,



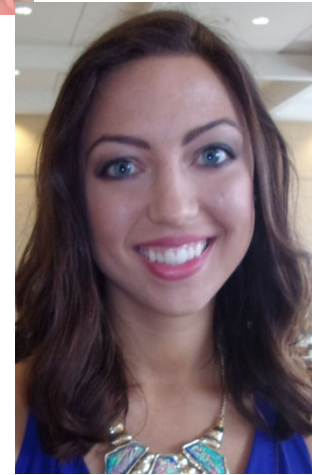
sang the soprano aria “The Queen of the

Night” from the Mozart opera *The Magic Flute*. She is pursuing a double major in vocal performance and entrepreneuri



al management at the University of Iowa.

→**Stacy Phipps**, Miss Riverview, played a piano medley of themes from “Pirates of the Caribbean.” She majors in theater and speech communication and secondary education at St. Ambrose University. Her



platform is United We Serve: Finding Your Servant’s Heart.

Other contestants, who did not perform their talent during the meeting, are:

→Taylor Wiebers, Miss Clinton County, who will sing a vocal solo, “Don’t Rain on My Parade,” during the competition

→Jessica Baker, Miss Eastern Iowa, who will perform a baton show twirl to the theme from “Mission Impossible”

→Lacey Verink, Miss Fruitland, who

will sing the vocal solo “With One Look”

→Maggie Gehlsen, Miss Great River, who will twirl a baton to the music “A Little Party Never Killed Nobody”

→Serica Rowley, Miss Greater Des Moines, who will perform an Irish step dance to the tune “Centuries”

→Johannah Vittetoe, Miss Heartland, who will perform a clog dance accompanied by a recording of “Honey I’m Good”

→Casey Sievert, Miss Kossuth-Winnebago, also a clog dancer who will perform to “The Devil Went Down to Georgia”

→Sidniann Rummans, Miss Mississippi Valley, whose talent is a magical science demonstration, “Weird Science”

→Kristen One, Miss Muscatine, will perform a contemporary jazz dance to the song “I Wanna Dance with Somebody”

→Christy Scimeca, Miss Pearl City, who will perform a lyrical dance to the song “Time After Time”

→Molly McDonnell, Miss Scott County, who will dance a Ballet En Pointe to music from *The Phantom of the Opera*



Scholarship recipients...

→**Bettendorf High School: Theron Schutte** introduced the BHS Rotary Scholarship recipients:

Hannah Chin is the daughter of Dr. Conway and Kim Chin. Hannah was valedictorian and a member of National Honor Society. She was captain of the dance team and served as a mentor-coach for students with special needs. She will attend Loyola University on a dance scholarship and intends to pursue a pre-law degree.

Drew Sass, the son of Larry and Deb Sass, competed in football, wrestling and soccer, and was named the most valuable male student-athlete this spring. Drew is a National Honor Society member. He will attend the University of Northern Iowa where he intends to major in pre-physical therapy.

Announcements...

→**Glenn Kass benefit:** A special benefit to help Glenn Kass and his family will be held 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at Barrel House, 1321 5th Ave., Moline. It will include a silent auction – and a percentage of all restaurant and bar proceeds will benefit Glenn.

(If you can’t make it to the benefit, you can send donations to Friends of Glenn

Kass, P.O. Box 1511, Moline, Ill. 61265-1511.)



→ **LobsterFest:** “LobsterFest is in three (now 2!) days,” **President Sharon** commented, “and we’ve cracked the code” – amassed some \$50,000 in sponsorships plus \$12,000 in ticket/table sales. “We’re sold out, folks,” she concluded. Even so, a few details remain:
→ Setup help is needed Friday morning, beginning about 10 – just show up.
→ Corn shucking volunteers are needed at 6 p.m. Friday.
→ If you’ve volunteered a cooler, please drop it off at Rivermont on Friday.
→ Several more bartenders will be needed for both inside and outside bars – just show up and volunteer.
→ More spotters will be needed for the live auction – again, just volunteer.

President Sharon and **Secretary Johanna** extend, “A huge thank you to all those who have stepped up to volunteer. You are appreciated.”

→ At the close of the June 10 meeting a few chocolate boxes were still available for purchase – now at LobsterFest, Saturday, June 13. The delicious chocolates are \$40 per box and each box contains a gift certificate from Doland Jewelers for \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100. The winner of the grand prize – a diamond pendant from Doland valued at \$2,800 –

will be drawn at LobsterFest (need not be present to win).

→ **Upcoming meetings:** Wednesdays,
→ **June 17 and 24:** Crust, near the corner of 53rd Avenue and 18th Street.

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



We took a break from the usual Happy \$\$ format and simply passed in **\$115**.

Later, **Brad Morrison** sent an email announcing that Riverbend Signworks is sponsoring “Digital Messaging Discovery Day” on June 25 – a free event “open to the business community informing on the benefits of digital messaging boards.” He’ll even provide lunch with time for Q&A with “a national expert on outdoor electronic and digital signage.” If interested, you’ll have to contact Brad to find out where and the time: bradmorrisonusa@gmail.com.

The meeting opened...

With no bell in sight, **President Sharon Sarver** called the meeting to order, led the recitation of The 4-Way Test and introduced **Becky Hinton** who sang the “National Anthem”



(accompanied by pianist **Gail Baldwin**). **Tom Howard** led the singing of “God Bless America,” also to **Gail Baldwin**’s accompaniment. We observed a Moment of Silence to honor our troops. We dispensed with introductions of visiting Rotarians and guests.

Secretary Johanna Smith recorded...

Guests:

Gail Baldwin, pianist
Hannah Chin, Bettendorf HS Rotary Scholarship winner
Drew Sass, Bettendorf HS Rotary Scholarship winner
Carol Sue VanOpdorph, guest of **Ken Vandersnick**
Sue Kraft, guest of **Kevin Kraft**
Chris Carroll, guest of **Todd Ashby**
Jordan Turnball, Holmes Murphy, guest of **Chelsea Powers**
Miss Iowa Contestants
Aly Olson, Miss Iowa 2014
Miss Iowa chaperones and board members

Upcoming meetings...



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

June 17: LobsterFest post-event meeting
July 1: Gavel Exchange

Missing...

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

Bibik (32), Blaske (13), Bowe (48), Bush (49), Calabrese (9), Chambers (27), DeDoncker (30), Deuth (17), Dickson (34), Dobesh (31), Doresca (16), Downing (13), Duda (30), Eikenberry (38), Ellstrom (49), Featherstone (40), Felsing (17), Gallagher, Sr. (25), Gallagher Jr. (21), Gause (29), Geisewite, Habenicht (32), Hartsock (26), Hassel (30), Hill (31), Hinman (43), Hintermeister (11), Hipple (43), Hutcheson (5), Larsen (29), Lizak (28), Lokenvitz (19), Mannix (35), Marbach (10), Miller, L. (36), Mitvalsky (23), Naeve (41), Naumann, Nelson (39), Oswald (28), Scranton (42), Webster (3), Willsher (41)



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 – Crust (during June)
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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