



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
**June 24, 2015, issue**

## ***Next meeting:***

Wednesday, July 1, 2015,  
**at Crust Stone Oven Pizza,**  
2561 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Bettendorf

## **Civil Air Patrol officer to speak about the CAP**

The scheduled speaker for our July 1 meeting is Lieutenant Colonel **Bill Rubel**, administrative and personnel officer of the Davenport Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.



He is also assigned to the Iowa Wing of the CAP as chief of staff and test control officer.

Born one week before the attack on Pearl Harbor brought the U.S. into World War II, the CAP has existed since 1948 as an auxiliary to the U.S. Air Force with three primary missions: aerospace education, cadet programs and emergency services.

Bill retired from the U.S. Army reserve in 1999 after more than 41 years of service in the Army, National Guard and Reserve. He served in the Infantry, Adjutant General and Quartermaster branches during his career. He later worked as a logistics management specialist at the Rock Island Arsenal, retiring in 2011.

## ***Last meeting:***

Wednesday, June 24, 2015



## **Gavel goes from Sharon to Kevin**

Before relinquishing the gavel to **Kevin Kraft**, **President Sharon Sarver** touched on highlights of her year as president and individually thanked a number of members for their roles in the successes of her presidency.

Sharon had just begun to list highlights – her trip to Sydney, Australia, for the Rotary International convention and firing the starting pistol at Run with Carl – when she stumbled upon one of the defining issues of her presidency. On Sept. 3, 2014, she met the new owners of the Fortune Garden restaurant, who said they were going to close and “remodel” the place – which has turned Bettendorf Rotary into a nomadic club ever since.

The search for a new home, she said, has taken us to several venues with “just the right combination” of such factors as

location, size, room décor and ambience, parking and food. “Kevin and I want to hear from you all on the final decision” of a new meeting home.

Continuing her review of how BRC worked to “Light Up Rotary” during the past year, Sharon listed marshaling at the John Deere Classic, raising funds for Coats for Kids, celebrating America’s veterans, a fun and successful Golf Outing, providing holiday food baskets to 15 families, more fun at the Holiday Party....

(She paused for breath and went on:) ... We furnished \$25,000 in charitable grants to community organizations, awarded seven scholarships to grads, helped two not-for-profits with the first “Betten-do” work day, supported Bettendorf cleanup with a New Member project, netted \$46,000 at LobsterFest for the next round of charity grants, sponsored a clean-water project in Haiti and inducted 16 new members.



“You remember one of my goals was to have greater diversity” in the membership, Sharon said. “Well, seven of those 16 new members are women.”

She praised several individuals for their roles through the year: **Johanna Smith**, secretary, LobsterFest co-chair and many other kinds of support; **Scott Naumann**, program chair; **Fred Anderson**,

newsletter editor; **Glenn Kass**, excellent media relations; **Tom Howard**, leading weekly song-fests; **S.K. Nanda**, Rotary Foundation chair; **Harry Coin**, History with Harry.

Thanking each Board member, Sharon praised **Jim Spelhaug** and **Theron Schutte**, youth services; **Jim Slavens**, membership recruitment; **Dimy Doresca**, international service; **Ryan Bell**, new vocational service chair; **Bill Daley**, new community service chair; **Tim Lane**, new club service chair; **Jonna Schuler**, new president-elect, and **Kevin Kraft**, new president. Then she passed the gavel to Kevin.



Kevin, promising to “lay out the goals for next year later,” thanked Sharon for all of the accomplishments of her year and “working tirelessly to find us a new home.” He also thanked the membership saying “without your commitment” there would be no service projects, scholarships, charitable giving, dictionaries for Bettendorf 4<sup>th</sup> graders...

Over the last 9 years of charitable giving from funds raised at the annual

LobsterFest, “we’ve given back more than \$231,000 to this community,” he said. “I look forward to working with each of you in the year ahead.”

Johanna brought out a bouquet of flowers and Sharon’s past-president plaque, and cameras flashed.



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

It was on July 2<sup>nd</sup> last, after a few years’ preparation, **Sharon Sarver** accepted our club’s presidency from **Chelsea Powers**. Sharon adopted Rotary International’s theme, “Light Up Rotary.” Toward that aim, Sharon announced many specific goals for her year. The top goal on her list was to increase membership, particularly among, well, pretty much anyone that doesn’t look like me.

She didn’t mention that plank during her campaign. But, I have to admit, “Is it the truth?” and all... as weekly meeting leadership transitions from watching Sharon to watching Kevin... I now see great merit in that policy.

Now, “to be fair to all concerned” on Kevin’s behalf, the record shows Sharon would have lost by a mile to Kevin, who emceed the Holiday Party Ugliest Sweater contest. Seriously, Sharon lost to the likes of **Tom Olson** and would have lost even to **Will Doland** if Will hadn’t been disqualified for wearing... well, whatever it was, it needed batteries. Sharon made a strong campaign pitch to



our table, but **Steve Pieart** and I and the rest quietly decided, Sharon has no shot of winning that one, ever.

In the spirit of “building good will and better friendships,” for the first time I could find in the club record these many decades, we as a club were out in the community personally gardening in support of people with serious challenges. (Some of us planted pretty little flowers. The less wise moved tons, tons and tons, of crushed rocks using sketchy little spades before the fellow with the little bulldozer arrived).

The very essence of our club’s four-way test to evaluate actions is to be “beneficial to all concerned.” Sharon led our club to a new LobsterFest fund-raising record; every penny goes to boost very carefully selected recipients, while also warming the hearts of donors and volunteers.

Sharon, many thanks for so many hours of effort to advance our community and for our club. Congratulations and very well done!

## Announcements...

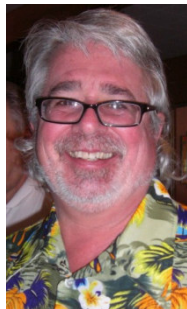
→ **New Member Advisory chair: Ryan Bell** said the role of the position is “to make sure new members are comfortable in the club, and get involved.” The member sits on the Board as an *ex officio* member and leads the new members’ service project.

→ **Meeting site:** For the month of **July** we’ll continue meeting at **Crust**, which promised a variety of lunch fare. During the month, President Sharon said, members will be asked for input on which of the venues we’ve visited they prefer as a permanent home.

→ **JDC Update:** **Jeff Hassel** said enough volunteers have filled all of the marshal slots to keep the crowds from speaking above a whisper at our Hole No. 1 – and he reminded to pick up their uniforms.

→ **District governor’s visit:** Mark your calendars for the District 6000 governor’s visit at the July 8 meeting.

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



President Sharon presided over her final **JRH\$\$** – and gleaned **\$229**, especially from: **Tim Lane** – missed LobsterFest because he was at a resort in the Dominican Republic, where he was reminded that just “on the other side of the island (in Haiti)” people struggle daily to get water for their basic needs – so he’s proud of our club’s Haiti water project... **Laurie Hutcheson** – planning

a benefit (along with **Mike Lizak**) to aid a heart transplant for Colby Carlson, age 13; the event is noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Elks Club, 4400 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport – contact **Laurie (563-650-1876)** or **Mike (563-650-6116)** to donate or with questions... **Bill Daley** – rounded up “slightly” to \$50 for his birthday... **Kevin Kraft** – happy his family members “are here for this memorable day”... **Steve Pieart** – happy his son, who is on a 3-week European trip, “has now left Chernobil and Ukraine behind”... **Brad Morrison** – 20 people signed up for his free workshop on signage... **Tim Lane** again – invited members to RSVP for the July 4 parade watch and lunch at his office on State Street... **Penny McGimpsey** – “Wow! What a wonderful turnout for **Glenn Kass**’ benefit last Wednesday.”

## The meeting opened...

The bell returned! Just in time for **President Sharon Sarver** to call the meeting to order, greet the assemblage, lead the recitation of The 4-Way Test and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and call for honorees for the Moment of Silence (our troops and **Glenn Kass** among them). With songster **Tom Howard** among the missing, we dispensed with singing and moved straight into History with Harry... followed by announcements.

## Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

### Visiting Rotarian:

Jessica Imm, Davenport Rotary and UBS, guest of **Kevin Kraft**

### Guests:

Joe Pacha, guest of **Dave Falk**

Matt Schmidt, EICC, guest of **Frank Mitvalsky**

Sue Kraft, guest of **Kraft**

Jennifer Krinart and children, guests of **Kraft**

Maddie Morrison, guest of **Brad Morrison**

In total, 44 Bettendorf Rotarians attended, joined by 5 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.



Ryan Happy \$\$.

### And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Kevin Kraft's** name was drawn, he asked for a second draw, and **Penny McGimpsey** won a Happy to Have a Make-up in the drawing from among all those members who participated in Jon

### Upcoming meetings...



... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, [scottn@midlandcom.com](mailto:scottn@midlandcom.com), 445-4260:  
**July 8:** District 6000  
Gov. Loring Miller

### Missing...

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

Bibik (34), Blaske (14), Boeye (38), Bowe (50), Bush (51), Calabrese (11), Chambers (29), Daugherty (15), DeDoncker (32), Deuth (19), Dickson (36), Doresca (17), Eikenberry (40), Elledge (3), Ellstrom (51), Featherstone (42), Felsing (18), Fopma (10), Franks (33), Gallagher, Jr. (23), Garlach (3), Gause (30), Habenicht (34), Hill (32), Hinman (45), Hintermeister (13), Hinton (47), Hipple (45), Howard (2), Hurd (33), Larsen (31), Lizak (30), Love-Sherrick (17), Miller, L. (38), Schutte (16), Slavens (15), Stopulos (20), Thein (3), Webster (5), Werner (50), Willsher (43)

### Make-ups...

Naumann, North Scott Rotary  
**Board of Directors meeting:** Lane, Slavens, Bell, Kraft, Daley, Powers, Sarver and Dobesh  
Schillig, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary  
Foster, North Scott and Iowa Quad Cities

### 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 July)**  
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  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.: Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours – Bierstube, Moline  
Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

### BRC News staff...

**Editor, reporter, photographer:** Fred Anderson  
**Correspondent, Web-site host:** Johanna Smith

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