



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015,
at Tanglewood Pavilion

And now for something completely different...

If you watched Bettendorf's July 4th parade, you got a preview of the Aug. 5 program: our own **Brad Morrison** (in a kilt) with his daughter marching and playing bagpipes. And doing a pretty darned good job of it as far as the folks within ear-shot could tell... Bagpipes being



what they are – an instrument that has morphed all the way from being a battlefield intimidation tactic in ancient Scotland to accompaniment for the hymn “Amazing Grace” – that ear-shot distance is considerable.



So, come back to Tanglewood Pavilion for a program that promises to be unlike any other we've had in quite some time.

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At the end of the meeting, Tom McDermott helped fold the flag for the trip to Tanglewood

Scouts learn 21st century skills

While updating what's new with Boy Scouts of America – and specifically in the Illowa Council (roughly, from Clinton to Galesburg) – **Tom McDermott**, the council's executive director, said the original scouting goals of “character development, citizenship training and personal fitness” remain.

But “a lot has changed in scouting's 105 years,” he added. “A hundred years ago we awarded a merit badge for the skills

needed to catch a runaway horse and return it to its owner.” That’s no longer in the list of skills that a scout can acquire to earn a merit badge, Tom said, but such 21st century pursuits as computers, robotics and aerospace technology are.

Scouts still do a lot of camping – as Tom can attest based on his 68 weeks of camping over the 35 years he’s worked as a scouting executive (9 of them in the QC area). But changes are occurring there, too:

Camp Loud Thunder, where Illowa Council scouts go to camp and learn

outdoor skills, is being redeveloped, he said – to accommodate the girls who have joined scouting programs and the women who have joined the

ranks of adult leaders. Hundreds of high school girls are now participating in Explorer programs with police and fire departments, hospitals and industries, Tom said, “to help them decide on careers” that might interest them.

Girls now join boys in Venturing programs in camping and outdoors activities, he added. Both genders are also drawn to STEM-teaching (science, technology, engineering and math) programs.

One Illowa Council project that applies knowledge of many kinds is the two-year-old aquaponics program at Camp Loud Thunder. As Tom explained it, aquaponics combines aquaculture (fish

farming – bass and channel catfish, in this case) and hydroponics (soilless plant culture – such as lettuces and vegetables like tomatoes, beans and cucumbers):

“The nutrient-rich water that results from raising fish provides a source of natural fertilizer for the growing plants,” according to Tom’s handout at the meeting. “As the plants consume the nutrients, they help purify the water that the fish live in... (creating) a sustainable ecosystem where both plants and fish can thrive...” At the end of summer, Tom quipped, “We’re going to enjoy a fish fry with salad.”

The Illowa Council has 83 Boy Scout troops and 113 Cub Scout packs, comprising some 7,700 youth and 2,600 adult leaders in western Illinois and eastern Iowa.

New member inductions...

S.K. Nanda inducted two new members:



→**Christine Schmidt** founded and heads the organization It’s All Love, Only Love, which educates parents whose children may be battling depression. She formed the group in memory of

her daughter, Morgan, who ended her life because of depression and bullying. She was the speaker at our May 27 meeting. Christine and her husband have four children.

→**Joe Pacha** is an education counselor and retired school administrator. He received his higher education on “the I-80 degree plan,” he quipped, with a



bachelor's degree from St. Ambrose, master's degree from Iowa and Ph.D. from Drake. Beginning at Bettendorf Middle School, he taught – and later moved into administration – at several Iowa

school systems. He also taught nine years at Illinois State University. He and his wife have two married sons with children.

Look for more new folks to wear brand-new Rotary pins and BRC name badges in coming weeks.

Presentations...

➔ **New member recruitment: Todd Ashby** received a special version of the



special Rotary pin for recruiting two new members into Bettendorf Rotary. Ask Todd to see his new pin – if you'd like one

yourself, just invite prospective members (remember to coordinate with **Jim Slaves**, BRC's chief recruiter).

➔ **Paul Harris + 1: Brad Boeye** received the Paul Harris Fellow pin + 2 sapphire, for donating a total of \$2,000 to the Rotary Foundation. With each \$1,000



added, the jewel count rises, S.K. Nanda explained: 1-5 sapphires, then rubies and finally diamonds.

Announcements...

➔ **Gene Miller 60-year Rotarian poster:** This meeting was the last opportunity to sign the poster we'll give to **Gene** in celebration of his 60 years of service as a Rotary member. Presentation of the poster and a recognition plaque is planned for next meeting.

➔ **Future meetings:** For August meetings we'll return to **Tanglewood Pavilion, 4250 Middle Road**. If you haven't already expressed your opinion on a permanent home – the options are Crust, Tanglewood Pavilion and the Davenport Country Club – use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2KCJ39F> – to vote by the deadline, July 31.

➔ **2 shirts for sale: President Kevin** said **Glenn Kass's** family had returned two shirts Glenn had ordered, but never got a chance to wear – and offered them for sale. (See *Happy \$\$*, next page.)



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

President Kevin collected \$299 with special amounts from: **Dr. Tom Olson** – last week the man surrounded by a wife, daughters and granddaughters started the suspense over the about-to-be revealed gender of the next Olson grandchild; today, he felt it was worth \$50 to announce: “It’s a boy!” – and \$50 more to buy **Glenn Kass’s** BRC shirts... **Sue Mannix** – just finished the summer reading program at Bettendorf Public Library with record numbers of kids and adults... **George Coin** – \$10 for President Kevin riding in RAGBRAI last week – and \$10 more for the 1,300 miles he’s biked so far this year... **Dick Schillig** – 42 days to Labor Day and the 21st annual Run with Carl: “early registration discount ends July 31,” so go to the Website today... **Todd Larson** – 25th anniversary... **Ann Kappeler** – \$10 for a week of vacation in Colorado and \$10 more to see **Duncan Cameron** visiting today’s meeting... **Decker Ploehn** – “**Joe Pacha** forgot to mention he’s my brother-in-law...”

The meeting opened...



For probably the last time at Crust, the bell sounded, **President Kevin Kraft** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test.

Tom Howard – accompanied by **Scott Naumann’s** musical laptop – led the

singing of the day’s patriotic song, “This Is My Country.” After Moments of Silence, Kevin returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and introduce **Laurie Hutcheson** who introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.

Tom and Scott’s laptop returned to complete the preliminaries with the singing of “R-O-T-A-R-Y” and “Hey Look Me Over.”



Stand-in secretary Laurie Hutcheson introduced...

Visiting Rotarians:

Marcia Brandt from North Scott Rotary
 Duncan Cameron from Naples, Fla., Rotary
 Tom Bley from Maquoketa Rotary

Guests:

Zavier Clark, guest of **Jim Slavens**
 Tom Kellenberger, guest of **Jim Slavens**
 Drew Lawrence, guest of **Jim Slavens**
 Greg Otto, guest of **Chris Carroll**
 Brittany Hopkins, guest of **Sharon Sarver**

In total, the meeting was attended by 50 Bettendorf Rotarians, 3 visiting Rotarians and 5 guests.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Decker Ploehn** won a Happy to Have a Make-up in the drawing from among all those members who participated in *Jon Ryan Happy \$\$*.

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
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

Upcoming meetings...



... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:
Aug. 5: Brad Morrison (in a kilt) and his daughter: all about bagpipes
Aug. 12: Bill Albracht, author and retired U.S. Army Special Forces and Secret Service officer

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