



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2015,
at Tanglewood Pavilion

Next week it's time for a club assembly...

... when we get a wide-ranging update on all the ways Bettendorf Rotary is supporting the Rotary motto, "Service above Self."



Last meeting:
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**PV, BHS students
report on RYLA**

What began as an almost no-notice substitute program on Aug. 19 quickly turned into a demonstration of the ability of four Rotary Youth Leadership Academy grads to think on their feet and exercise some of the leadership skills they had developed at this summer's RYLA.

In introducing the students – two each from Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley high schools – PV superintendent **Jim Spelhaug** thanked BRC for its "investment in the youth of our community." BRC and the Iowa QC Rotary co-sponsor three RYLA participants each.



The week-long RYLA brings together more than 150 high school students from across Iowa to a college campus where they learn about leadership, group cooperation – and, often, about themselves – from Rotary counselors, college-age counselors and guest speakers from many walks of life.



BHS senior **Michael Trahan** said he learned the value of cooperation and trusting others from team-building exercises such as “the spider web” – in which team members lift a

person some 5 feet off the ground and pass him or her through a web-like maze of ropes.



PV senior **Bennett Cournoyer** praised MAD Groups (Make a Difference) for the way they let group members talk in complete confidentiality about many

personal issues. “I learned a lot about many topics and the viewpoints of others in the group,” he said.



Harrison Qu of PV described how an exercise called True Colors classified students in one of four colors based on personality types: blue = emotional, green =

thoughtful, orange = spontaneous and gold = organized. Later, when team members shared thoughts and ideas, Harrison said, it was surprising how their “color” affected their comments.

Michael Pyebich, a BHS junior, said he will help students chosen for next year’s RYLA understand the program better than he felt he did going into it.

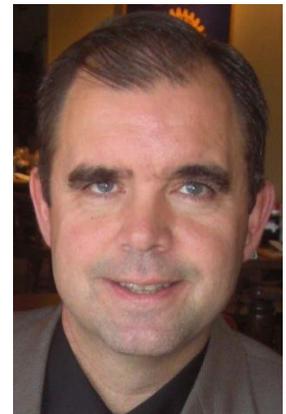


When asked what they believed to be the most important points to take away from their RYLA experience, they

mentioned such values as:

- Treat others with an open mind...
- Don’t be quick to judge based on superficial factors...
- “Pay it forward,” that is, help others along the way – with much the same spirit as the Rotary motto, “Service above Self”...

In summing up, **Theron Schutte**, Bettendorf Schools superintendent, noted that all four agreed that the experience of RYLA helped them become close friends with students from throughout Iowa – and it will help them lead in their school, and community.



Announcements...

→ **Rotary ‘Operation Warm Coats’:** Secretary **Johanna Smith** updated the pledge-and-check total to more than \$2,500 from BRC for this second annual

District 6000 project to collect funds to buy warm coats for needy Iowa children. She said there's still plenty of time to pledge – the suggested minimum is \$20. The deadline for payment is Sept. 16 – to ensure coats will be delivered to the QC by winter. Make your check payable to “**Rotary District 6000 H.E.F**” and bring it to your next meeting.

➔**Golf Outing:** “There are still opportunities to sponsor a hole – and we still have lots of room for golfers,” **Tim Lane** said about the Golf Outing, which replaces the meeting of **Wednesday, Sept. 9**, at Palmer Hills



Golf Club. Hole sponsorships are available at \$100. Dinner begins about 6 p.m. at the Pavilion. The fee for 18 holes of golf with cart rental is \$40 for Rotarians, \$50 for non-Rotarians. Dinner is free for Bettendorf Rotarians, just \$10 per guest. Contact **Tim at 320-9161 or timlane7@gmail.com**.



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

Acting President Mark Ross collected \$245, with special amounts from **Rick Hartsock** – healing nicely after getting left hip replaced... **Jerry Felsing** – first granddaughter just arrived... **Annette Martinez** – Dan Gable is making an

appearance at Silver Star; for details contact her (amartinez@seniorstar.com / 563-209-8880)... **Diane Ricketts-McCool** – 61st birthday... **Linda Miller** – “guess I won’t be getting a Christmas card from Genesis...”... **Theron Schutte** – 3rd grandchild on the way (maybe a girl this time?)... **Harry Coin** – middle son is off to college... **Ami Wells** – happy daughter came to Rotary today + high expectations as she returns to UNI... **George Coin** – yet another 100 bicycling miles... **Mark Ross** – good to be back after business needs kept him away these last 6 months.

The meeting opened...

The bell sounded, and who should appear at the lectern... (wait for it...) **Past-past-past-president Mark Ross**, who led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. After



Tom Howard led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “America” (“My Country ’Tis of Thee”), Mark returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Moments of Silence. **Secretary Johanna Smith** made introductions and Tom returned to lead one more song – “R-O-T-A-R-Y.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Guests:
Mikey Trahan, BHS, RYLA student
Mikey Pyebich, BHS, RYLA student

Bennett Cournoyer, PVHS, RYLA student
Harrison Qu, PVHS, RYLA student
Carrie Wells, guest of **Ami Wells**
Rick Bormann, Wells Fargo, guest of **Tim Lane**

In total, 45 Bettendorf Rotarians and 6 guests attended.



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 \$\$*.

Missing today...

Ashby, Bell, Bibik, Bush, Calabrese, Chambers, Daley, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dickson, Dobesh, Duda, Eikenberry, Elledge, Featherstone, Fee, Felton, Foster, Gallagher, Jr., Garlach, Gause, Hassel, Hill, Hintermeister, Hinton, Hipple, Hurd, Hutcheson, James, Kraft, Larsen, Lizak, Lokenvitz, McGimpsey, Mannix, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Naeve, Naumann, Nelson, Oswald, Pacha, Ploehn, Rutherford, Sarver, Saul, Schillig, Schmidt, Schmit, Sherrick, Slavens, Sorenson, Stone, Webster, Willsher, Windmiller

Make-ups...

Chuck Geisewite, Rotary Club of Rock Island

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. 26: Club Assembly
Sept. 9: Golf Outing and steak fry, Palmer Hills Golf Course
Sept. 16: Kelly Thompson, Teens for

Tomorrow (Community Foundation Youth Driven Philanthropy)

Oct. 14: Mike Whalen, Heart of America Restaurants and Inns

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