



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015,
at Tanglewood Pavilion

**Helping needy kids learn
all about golf...**



Any member who has attended a meeting around the time of the John Deere Classic knows golf plays an important role in the life of our own **Decker Ploehn**. At the Oct. 28 meeting Decker and a representative of First Tee of the QC will tell us more about this program.

The Website of First Tee of the Quad Cities says it “is a chapter of The First

Tee program, which provides greater access for underprivileged and disadvantaged youth in the Quad Cities. In its 14th year of operation at the newly remodeled Red Hawk Golf Course, kids will be taught the joy of golf and its lessons in integrity and other positive behavior skills. By learning the basic athletic and social skills associated with golf, young people who otherwise may not be able to afford or be exposed to the lessons it can teach now have the opportunity to reap benefits that will prove useful throughout their lives.”

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015

**Iowa American
treats our water**

Our own **Richard “Ozzy” Oswald**, operations superintendent of Iowa American Water, provided comprehensive background on the utility that provides safe water for the Iowa QC during the Oct. 21 meeting – and, for those who could attend, a plant tour later that afternoon. From the two events we learned, among many other facts:



- Iowa American Water, “the largest publicly traded water and wastewater utility in the U.S.,” serves more than 15 million customers in 47 states and Ontario by treating and delivering a billion gallons of water a day.
- In the Iowa QC and Clinton, its 69 employees serve 195,000 customers – maintaining 840 miles of water main and inspecting and maintaining 7,520 fire hydrants. The utility delivers about 17 million gallons a day to them.
- In 2014 Iowa American treated and delivered more than 5.3 billion gallons of

water to QC customers and more 1-billion-plus in Clinton.

→Applying technology to the cities' water systems, Iowa American recently has invested more than \$200,000 in a GPS data-collection project that enables it to "locate assets," pinpoint trouble spots and otherwise improve service. Sophisticated sound equipment helps them locate even small leaks and repair them before they become major water-main breaks. About 290 breaks occur in a typical year.

→The company answers about 27,000 service calls in a typical year in the QC and Clinton.

→In 2014, Iowa American finished a permanent floodwall that surrounded its treatment facility in East Davenport, which kept the facility "high and dry" during Mississippi river flooding.

→The company was the first Iowa water utility to join the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency's voluntary Partnership for Safe Water – and the only one to continually achieve its Director's Award each year it has been a member.

→An emphasis on worker safety has resulted in more than five years without an accident being reported to the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Like most other water utilities, Iowa American struggles with many miles of pipes that are more than 100 years old and other aged equipment. It spends more than \$10 million each year to maintain and upgrade its infrastructure. Ozzy said.

Announcements...

→Invite a vet to the Veterans Day meeting: President Kevin Kraft urged each member to invite a veteran to be a

guest at the BRC special Veterans Day meeting on Nov. 11. The scheduled speaker is Sam K. Young, command sergeant major of the First Army, which has headquarters at the Rock Island Arsenal.

→Holiday meetings schedule: Because they occur so close to holidays, these meetings have been cancelled:

→Nov. 26, pre-Thanksgiving

→Dec. 23, pre-Christmas

→Dec. 30, pre-New Year's Eve



Davenport Rotarian Annette Horvath also helped unload coats Saturday morning.

→Coats for Kids: President Kevin thanked the members who worked with him Saturday morning to unload the 966 winter coats for needy Iowa QC kids: S.K. Nanda, Glenn Dugan and Fred Anderson. The coats were purchased thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Rotary Clubs of Bettendorf, Davenport and Iowa Quad-Cities, plus matching funds from the Rotary District 6000 annual Warm Coat Drive.

Besides helping keep those kids warm this winter, Rotary received another benefit – all three TV stations and WVIK-FM radio reported on the unloading of the coats at the Mississippi

Bend Area Education Agency. The coats



will be distributed to school children as part of the AEA's David E. Lane Coats for Kids Program.

Rotary clubs across

Southern Iowa raised enough money this fall to purchase 8,800 winter coats for children, according to Rotary District 6000 officials. Last year the three Rotary clubs in Bettendorf and Davenport bought 370 coats.



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

President Kevin Kraft collected \$149 with special amounts from: **Ann Kappeler** – grandson's high school golf team placed 3rd in the Illinois Class 1A state tourney... **Greg Blaske** – thanks to **Harry Coin** for building his daughter's Website... **John Rabine** – enjoyed driving through fall foliage in Quebec last week... **Christy Gause** – happy to be back after some absences... **Sue Mannix** – 3 staff members from the Bettendorf Public Library were presenters at a recent librarian conference... **Kelly Love-Sherrick** – celebrating her 11th wedding anniversary.

The meeting opened...

President Kevin Kraft struck the bell, calling the meeting to order, and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by piano player Deana Severs, led the singing of the patriotic song, "God Bless America." President Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Moment of Silence.

After introductions, Tom led two more songs, "All Hail to Rotary" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Guests:

Deana Severs, piano player
Dave Vanderbleek, TriCity Electric (**Hill** guest)
Jenny Hager, Maher Moving & Storage (**Schneden** guest)

A total of 54 Bettendorf Rotarians and 3 guests attended.

Missing today...

Boeye, Bush, Carroll, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dickson, Dobesh, Duda, Dugan, Eikenberry, Elledge, Featherstone, Fopma, Franks, Garlach, Geisewite, Habenicht, Hassel, Hinman, Hintermeister, Hinton, Hipple, Hurd, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Loweth, Marbach, Martinez, Miller, L., Mitvalsky, Naeve, Naumann, Nelson, Ploehn, Powers, Ross, Rutherford, Sarver, Saul, Schillig, Schmidt, Schmit, Schutte, Scranton, Sherrick, Slavens, Sorenson, Stopulos, Webster, Werner, Willsher, Werner

Make-ups...

2016 LobsterFest Committee Meeting:

Foster, Kraft, Love-Sherrick, Kappeler, Schuler, Smith and Stone

Rotary Club of Summit, Colo.: Rich James (3)

Coats for Kids delivery: Anderson, Bell, Dugan, Kraft and Nanda

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 Room, 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



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Greg Blaske** 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:

Oct. 28: First Tee, our own **Decker Ploehn** plus a First Tee representative
Nov. 11: Veterans Day program: Sam K. Young, command

sergeant major, First Army, Rock Island Arsenal

Nov. 18: Dr. Michael Edmondson, associate vice president for career development, Augustana College: the college’s initiative, Careers, Opportunities, Research and Exploration (CORE)

Nov. 25: Vocational Service

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