



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Nov. 18, 2015, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015,
at Tanglewood Pavilion

Remember: No meeting Nov. 25!

Details of the Dec. 2 meeting weren't available at "press time" – but here's a peek at some future programs:



Dec. 9: Youth choir from a Bettendorf school system with a Christmas serenade

Jan. 13: Annual Charities Luncheon – an opportunity to see the BRC Charitable Giving \$\$ at work in the community



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Getting to the CORE of success

As featured speaker at the Nov. 18 meeting, **Dr. Michael Edmondson**, associate vice president for career development at Augustana College, described the college's innovative CORE (Careers, Opportunities, Research, and Exploration) program. It is designed to better prepare students for our ever-changing "volatile, uncertain, ambiguous" world.

Noting that about a quarter of recent college graduates are un- or under-employed, because of the highly competitive job market, CORE strives to help current students and recent grads "better prepare for lives of leadership, purpose and service." To work toward that goal, Augie has expanded its career-

counseling staff to the level of a much larger institution.



One of the tools they use is the “Personal Assessment of the Traits and Habits (PATH) of Successful People.” To provide a bit of insight into the usefulness of this

tool, Michael asked each person in the room to pick one of the traits or habits that he or she practices – or wishes to practice – regularly. Those traits are:

- Believe you create your own life
- Create a vision for your life
- Define a specific goal
- Exercise self-discipline
- Deal with change
- Rebound from failure
- Believe in yourself when others don’t
- Exhibit courage
- Get comfortable being uncomfortable
- Persevere through a difficult situation
- Be more resourceful
- Prioritize your go-do list
- Collaborate with others
- Differentiate yourself
- Communicate your value
- Understand events and people more
- Respect and discuss new ideas
- Take calculated risks
- Ask yourself empowering questions
- Practice self-improvement

These characteristics differentiate humans from other animals, Michael said, because they give purpose to our lives where animals are not capable of exercising these traits. “Successful people do this more than others,” he added. For more, check out Michael’s books: *Marketing Your Value*; *9 Steps to*

Navigating Your Career, “*Major in Happiness: Debunking the College Major Fallacies and Success: Theory and Practice* to be published in 2016.



New member induction...

S.K. Nanda inducted our newest member, **Jenny Hager**, general manager of Maher Brothers Transfer & Storage in Davenport. A life-long resident of Scott County, Jenny and her husband of 27 years are parents of 3 children – 2 in college and 1 of high school age. A former Rock Island Rotary member, Jenny was sponsored by **Peggy Schneden**.

Announcements...

→ **We have a piano:** **President Kevin Kraft** thanked **Tom Howard** for obtaining the upright piano that now will accompany our weekly songfest. The instrument is a gift from Asbury Methodist Church.

→ **Thanksgiving Baskets:** **Bill Daly** announced that he needed one more volunteer, for a total of 15 – **Will Doland** raised his hand. Baskets will be ready for picking up at 10 a.m. Saturday at the

Bettendorf Hy-Vee. Info on recipients and other details will be emailed to volunteers, Bill said.

➔**Recognition for BRC’s support of Bettendorf Public Library:** Each week for years and years, Bettendorf Rotary has thanked each program presenter with “a donation to the Bettendorf Public Library in your name.” Actually, we send a \$1,500 check to the library each year – and this morning the library unveiled a plaque thanking BRC for that ongoing support. It’s in the Kids Section. Some BRC members toured the newly remodeled features of the library – including the Kids Section – culminating at the thank-you plaque. Along the way, they became better acquainted with such state-of-the-art aspects as



➔“The Beast,” which uses a small tag in the cover to electronically sort returned items to more quickly return to shelves;
➔the Creation Studio, complete with a 3-D printer (which produced a 3-D Rotary logo);



➔expanded study areas for youths and young adults;
➔a lounge/meeting area with the longest video “fireplace” imaginable;
➔and much more. [If you haven’t been to the library since the new paint dried, go – and find out what else Library Director **Sue Mannix** can tell you about. *Ed. Fred*]



At the thank-you plaque in the Kids Section, BRC library tour-goers were, from left, Curtis Fee, Ann Kappeler, Kevin Kraft, Ami Wells, Sue Mannix (Paul Odell, the library’s youth services manager) and Dick Paplinski.

➔**BRC philanthropy awarded.** **Tim Lane** and **Carol Foster** missed today’s meeting because they were representing Bettendorf Rotary at the Association of Fundraising Professionals Quad Cities National Philanthropy Day presentations – in which BRC received the top award for service clubs. Past President **Sharon**

Sarver made the nomination. “Congratulations to us all,” President Kevin said.

➔**Thank-you note:** The 4th grade class at Rivermont Collegiate sent a photo and note of thanks for the dictionaries BRC donated to them, and President Kevin shared it.



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

President Kevin Kraft collected \$253 with special amounts from: **Jerry Felsing** – celebrating 2 years as owner of Steve’s Mirror & Glass... **Ken Vandersnick** – 74th birthday – “so I rounded up to \$75”... **Le;y Love-Sherrick** – happy birthday... **Dick Schillig** – a little extra \$\$ “because we won’t be here next week”... **Brent Werner** – \$\$ for the Thanksgiving baskets... **Ann Kappeler** – happy the LobsterFest Committee is working so hard – notes have already gone out asking last year’s sponsors to re-up this year... **Steve Piart** – happy his “90-foot-long retaining wall” has been finished... **Bill Tubbs** – BRC is one of 7 QC Rotary clubs that sponsor an annual high school sportsmanship recognition program, which awards teams, coaches and fans in 9 sports – the awards event is tonight, and Bill needed a BRC member to help him... **Ryan Bell** – the Minnesota Vikings are in 1st place in the NFL Central Division, while “Green Bay has had a 3-game losing streak”... **Penny McGimpsey** – 26th anniversary + \$\$ because we’ll all miss next week... **Bill**

Daley – this week’s 3-inch rain flooded his basement – “luckily I know the best carpet store in the world”... **Greg Windmiller** – granddaughter just turned 1 year old... **John Rabine** – granddaughter is 21 years old... **Decker Ploehn** – \$15: \$5 for the \$500,000 Riverboat Development grant to replace tennis courts at Bettendorf High and Middle Schools, \$5 for the city’s Bronze rating for its bike trails from the League of American Bicyclists, \$5 for the successful QC Boys and Girls Clubs fundraising Holiday Ball – and for the clubs’ naming **Jenny Garlach** its executive director... **Theron Schutte** – “upping Decker’s \$5 to \$10” to thank the city for sharing the grant \$\$ for upgrading the tennis courts – making possible their continued shared use by schools and community... **President Kevin** – happy to have our own piano again + a “friendly bet” with Ryan Bell on the outcome of the upcoming Green Bay-Minnesota gridiron contest.

The meeting opened...

President Kevin Kraft called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Deana Severe** on our new piano, led the singing of “America the Beautiful.” After a Moment of Silence and introductions, Tom and Deana returned for two more songs: “That Rotary Wheel” and –



because we won't meet the day before Thanksgiving – “We Gather Together (to Ask the Lord's Blessing).”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarian:

Past District Gov. Bill Tubbs, North Scott Rotary

Guests:

Deana Severe, piano player

Dr. Michael Edmondson, Augustana College CORE, guest speaker

Mitch Dietrich, Country Financial (**Worner** guest)

Mindi Adler, Senior Star (**Martinez** guest)

A total of 54 Bettendorf Rotarians attended; they were joined by 4 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.

Missing today...

Bibik, Boeye, Bush, Carroll, Chambers, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dickson, Dobesh, Duda, Dugan, Eikenberry, Elledge, Falk, Featherstone, Felton, Foster, Franks, Garlach, Gause, Habenicht, Hassel, Hill, Hinman, Hintermeister, Hinton, Hipple, Hurd, James, Lane, Lawrence, Loweth, L. Miller, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Naeve, Nelson, Rickets-McCool, Rutherford, Sarver, Saul, Schmidt, Schmit, Schneden, Schuler, Scranton, Sherrick, Slavens, Sorenson, Stopulos, Webster, Wells, Willsher

Make-ups...

Will Doland and Christy Gause, **Rotary Young Professionals Planning (2)**

Rich James, **Summit County, Colo., Rotary Club**

Carol Foster and Tim Lane, **Association of Fundraising Professionals Quad Cities National Philanthropy Day presentation**

BRC News staff...

Editor, reporter, photographer: Fred Anderson

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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

Upcoming meetings...



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

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