



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Dec. 9, 2015, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015,  
at Tanglewood Pavilion

## It's an update on Bett. parks, recreation

Steve Grimes, Bettendorf parks and recreation director, is the scheduled speaker at the Dec. 16 meeting. The city recently received a national bike-friendly award; he'll explain the significance of the award and talk about plans for future bike-related development.



In addition, according to program chair **Scott Naumann**, Steve will provide an overview of the full range of Bettendorf's amenities for recreation, health and wellness. These are all ways the city fulfills its recreation

mission: "To provide recreational opportunities that enrich the quality of life for all.

[It's worth noting that Bettendorf has 21 parks scattered throughout the city. They include Kiwanis and Optimist parks – but *not* a Rotary Park....]

## *Last meeting:*

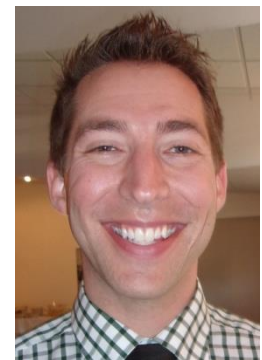
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## Getting into the Christmas spirit

Thanks to our own **Theron Schutte**, superintendent of Bettendorf Schools, the Bettendorf Rotary enjoyed a mini-concert of Christmas choral music at the Dec. 9 meeting.

**Brandon Fraseur**, director of choral activities at Bettendorf High School, brought 14 members of the school's Chamber Choir to sing seasonal carols and songs – in four languages.



After opening with a rousing rendition of "Angels We Have Heard on High," the ensemble sang:

- "Bebe Yetu" in Swahili
- "Hacia Belén ya un burrito" in Spanish
- "All Is Well" and
- "Bonzorno Madonna," an Italian madrigal

The performance concluded with a group of familiar traditional carols – "Deck the Halls," "Joy to the World" and "Silent

Night.” During that segment, the students introduced themselves.



### Announcements...

→Our new sign: **Brad Morrison** announced that the “Rotary Meets Here” sign will be installed, as a New Member project, at noon this Friday, Dec. 11. It will be positioned beside the Tanglewood Pavilion sign on Middle Road. “I just need some muscle,” Brad said. “If you can make it, please come and help.”

→**Holiday Baskets:** After finishing his salad, **Bill Daly** announced details of the club’s delivery of Christmas food and gift baskets to 15 families. HyVee is assembling them so they’ll be “lighter and with more bags,” he said, adding that each volunteer will receive full details in an email.



throughout the QC. BRC will give away \$25,000 in January at a special luncheon.

→**Charities Board meets: President Kevin** noted that the BRC Charities Board is meeting tonight (Dec. 9) to consider the nearly 40 requests for grants from charitable organizations from

→**Board nomination: President Kevin** invited any members to consider seeking nomination to the one position on the BRC Board that will become vacant at the end of this term, June 30. Deadline for nominations is Dec. 31.

→**No meetings on Dec. 23 and 30 – but let’s go bowling: Tim Lane** is heading up a Dec. 30 social opportunity to bowl at Millertime Lanes. Balls will roll 5-7 p.m.



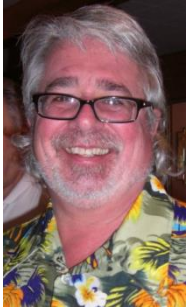
Members play free, and guests pay just \$10 to bowl and rent shoes. If you plan to go, contact Tim ([563.320.9161](tel:563.320.9161) / [tim.lane@edwardjones.com](mailto:tim.lane@edwardjones.com)).

→**Holiday Party:** The date for BRC’s annual Holiday Party is set to begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Tanglewood Pavilion.



→**Red Badge Meeting:** All members who have joined since **Feb. 15, 2015**, are urged to attend the Red Badge Meeting scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. **Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016.**

→**Fill all the tables: Jim Slavens** asked members to continue to invite new-member prospects to meetings.



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

**President Kevin Kraft** collected \$598 – including: **Will Dolan** – 35<sup>th</sup> birthday... **Jenny Garlach** – again said “Go Green” for that travesty (although the Rose Bowl is a pretty good consolation prize... I’m just sayin’)... **Brad Morrison** – \$6 – “\$1 for each decade” + one more \$... **Theron Schutte** – \$5 for being one year off his actual age when he gave \$\$ last week for his birthday... **Ken Vandersnick** – asked **Decker Ploehn** what all that digging is about along the Middle Road side of Palmer Hills... **Decker** said it’s for a big gas line... and added \$20 for his Mom’s 84<sup>th</sup> birthday + thanks to **Alexei Bibik** for having such nice Christmas decorations that his Mom can view from across the street + “saving \$ on salt this winter and still making \$ from golfers”... **Carol Foster** – Mom’s 90 years old... **Alexei** – \$10: “\$5 fir Decker’s Mom + \$5 for the children my significant other and I are going to have, including the one we’re expecting now.”

**The meeting opened...**



With one resounding tone of the bell, **President Kevin Kraft** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard** led the singing of “America.” President Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. President

Kevin read a congratulatory note on BRC’s recognition for philanthropy from the president of St. Ambrose University.

**Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...**

**Guests:**

Kara Mitvalsky, guest of **Frank Mitvalsky**  
Dick Hanzelka, guest of **Tom Howard**  
Rona Loweth, guest of **Carl Loweth**  
Chopper Shea, Locals Love Us, guest of **Ryan Bell**

Gary Fincher, guest of **Tom Kellenberger**  
Members of Bettendorf High School Chamber Singers and Brandon Fraseur, director of choral activities

**Visiting Rotarian:**

Ralph Heninger, Rotary Club of Davenport

A total of 50 Bettendorf Rotarians attended, joined by 19 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.



**And at the end...**

... of the meeting, **Alexei Bibik** 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](mailto:scottn@midlandcom.com), 445-4260:

- Dec. 16:** TBD
- Dec. 23:** NO meeting
- Dec. 30:** NO meeting
- Jan. 13, 2016:** Annual Charities Luncheon
- Jan 20, 2016:** NO afternoon Rotary – but

our Holiday Party will be that night at Tanglewood Pavilion  
**TUESDAY, Feb. 9, 2016:** Red Badge Meeting that evening; location TBD

### **BRC News staff...**

**Editor, reporter, photographer:** Fred Anderson

**Correspondent, Web-site host:** Johanna Smith

### **Missing today...**

Boeye, Bormann, Bush, Carroll, Coin, H., Daugherty, DeDoncker, Dickson, Dobesh, Duda, Eikenberry, Elledge, Featherstone, Fee, Felton, Franks, Gallagher, Sr., Gallagher, Jr., Gause, Habenicht, Hassel, Hill, Hintermeister, Hinton, Hipple, Hurd, James, Kappeler, Larsen, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, McGimpsey, Mannix, Marbach, Miller, L. Mohr, Naeve, Nelson, Olson, Powers, Ross, Rutherford, Saul, Schmidt, Schmit, Scranton, Sherrick, Sorenson, Stone, Stopulos, Thein, Webster, Wells, Werner, Willsher, Windmiller, Worner



### **Make-ups...**

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

Peggy Schneden, **Iowa QC Rotary**

**Board Meeting:** Sarver, Lane, Dobesh, Bell, Spelhaug, Schuler, Kraft, Smith, Nanda and Schutte

### **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, 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 – 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 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

### **For more on Bettendorf Rotary:**

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