



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 16, 2015, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016,
at Tanglewood Pavilion – watch your emails for details. Jonna Schuler will preside.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015

What's new in Bett. recreation

With Bettendorf having won a Bronze Award as a Bicycle-Friendly Community, **Steve Grimes**, director of Bettendorf parks and recreation, used the Dec. 16 meeting to provide more information about the award – and a roundup of recent recreational developments in the city.



Steve turned the microphone over to **Donnie Miller**, Bettendorf's pedestrian and cycling coordinator (the first one in the QC), to explain just how prestigious the Bicycle-Friendly Award is.



Bettendorf is one of only six Iowa communities to be recognized by the American League of Bicyclists – and among 371 in all of the U.S. The group judges communities on their cycling friendliness using criteria in “the 5-E’s,” Donnie explained:

- Engineering – the actual cycling facilities built in the community
- Education – for example, educating vehicles drivers how to share the road with cyclists
- Enforcement – enforcing laws that keep cyclists safe
- Encouragement – events, such as bike-to-work days, to spur bike ridership
- Evaluation – judging the city’s fulfillment of bike-friendly criteria – and helping it excel toward a higher ranking in future years.

Donnie noted that “everyone likes to come to the QC and ride out trails” because the community occupies the crossroads of the American Discovery

Trail, from coast to coast, and the Mississippi River trail, from Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico.



Steve described some of the city's newest recreational offerings:

- Two deck hockey rinks at Crow Creek Park – the sport has grown to draw more than 2,000 participants in two years
- Pickle ball courts at Kiwanis Park to expand kids' fitness opportunities. Other additions include the GaGa Pit – site of a kind of dodge-ball – near the Band Shell; expanded girls softball leagues, and Zumba exercise sessions at the Bettendorf Fitness Center
- The US67 recreation trail, for cyclists, joggers and walkers, parallels the highway along the Mississippi River through Bettendorf, Riverdale – and on to LeClaire next year, he said

Steve also charted the development of Forest Grove Park in far northeast Bettendorf, which will eventually be home to many recreation activities on its 100 acres.

Presentation...

→ **Thanks for your service: President Kevin Kraft** presented Christmas thank-you gifts to **Juli** and **Donna Sundholm**, our weekly hostesses at Tanglewood Pavilion. Later, Juli sent this email:



“Donna and I would like to thank everyone at Bettendorf Rotary for their wonderful gift that we received today. It was totally unexpected but very much appreciated! We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year!”

“Thanks again from the bottom of our hearts!”

Announcements...



→ **Our new sign: President Kevin** thanked the Sundholms, owners of Tanglewood Pavilion, and **Brad Morrison** and his New Member volunteers – including (from left) **Joe Pacha, Keith Worner, Drew Lawrence** and **Tom Kellenberger** – for erecting the club's “Rotary Meets Here” sign near Middle Road.

➔The ‘Bettendorf Rotary Bowl’: **Tim Lane** informed us of the newest winter-season bowl game – the Bettendorf Rotary Bowl, Dec. 30 at Millertime Lanes. Members play free – which includes all bowling and shoe rental, and guests pay just \$10 apiece. The first ball will roll down a lane at 5 p.m. If you plan to go, contact **Tim (563.320.9161 / tim.lane@edwardjones.com)** or **Secretary Johanna (760.458.1218 / [Johanna M Smith@hotmail.com](mailto:Johanna_M_Smith@hotmail.com))**.

➔**Holiday Party: Secretary Johanna Smith** said BRC’s annual Holiday Party



– with appetizers, bar service and an ugly sweater competition

– will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Tanglewood Pavilion and run “until 8 or 9,” she added. The cost and other details will be announced later, but you can make your reservation any time (760.458.1218 /

[Johanna M Smith@hotmail.com](mailto:Johanna_M_Smith@hotmail.com)).

➔**Charities Board grants:** BRC will make its annual grants to charitable organizations – 14 of them this year – at the Jan. 27, 2016, meeting, at Tanglewood Pavilion. As in previous years, BRC grants will total \$25,000.

➔**QC Young Professionals event:** BRC members **Will Doland** and **Christy Gause** represent BRC in the planning of an event to recruit young professionals to join the QC’s Rotary clubs. The event is scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 25. Any BRC member can invite a young professional guest to attend (current members will pay \$10).

➔**District 6000 Conference: President Kevin** invited any member to attend the district leadership conference Friday and Saturday, April 1-2, 2016, in Des Moines. Watch for more details.



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

President Kevin Kraft collected \$369 – especially from these happy Bettendorf Rotarians:

President Kevin – happy holiday season – and happy 6 months remain in his presidency... **Joe Pacha** – 43rd anniversary next Wednesday... **Ann Kappeler** – after determining BRC charitable grants recipients, “I feel good about this club and its good work... **Bob Gallagher Sr.** – \$75 (“rounded up”) for birthday... **Todd Ashby** – thanks to Juli and Donna + setting leadership lunches in 2016 at Tanglewood + thanks to **Bill Daley** for helping with a gift for his daughter... **Kristine**

Stone – was in Hilton Coliseum last week for the ISU Cyclones’ 83-82 win over U of I Hawkeyes... **Tim Downing** – a special \$1 for the point spread in “that great game last week”... **Larry Thein** –

happy to sit at the meeting with **Gary Mohr** and **Dr. Tom Olson**... **Tim Lane** – nephew graduated from Reserve training... **Ken Vandersnick** – thanks



for the holiday basket opportunity... **Carl Loweth** – for Hawkeye fans going to the Rose Bowl, his time-share condo in Palm Desert is available at a \$200 discount... **George Daugherty** – daughters home for the Holidays... **Brad Morrison** – good year for the business + good to have kids home for this first Christmas as empty-nesters... **Steve Pieart** – happy for a house full of family for Christmas... **Bill Fitzgerald**, visiting from Marshalltown, Iowa, Rotary – happy to be here... **Penny McGimpsey** – happy to be sitting with her BRC sponsor, **Tim Lane**... **Dr. Tom Olson** – for their Charities Board work, “don’t take Kevin and Ann ‘for granted’ [to the accompaniment of groans]... **Glenn Dugan** – happy Northwestern is bowl-bound.



The meeting opened...
Channeling St. Nick himself, **President Kevin Kraft** called the meeting to order

and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Deanna Severs** on piano, led the singing of “God Bless America.” President Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. After Introductions, President Kevin led an exercise (because there was repeated standing and sitting) to show the age range in BRC for our visiting Rotary president-elect from Marshalltown, who is looking for ways to increase his number of young members.

After Announcements, we sang “Welcome” (to the tune of “Jingle Bells”), “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Guests:

Deanna Severs, pianist
Donnie Miller, Bettendorf Parks and Recreation, speaker
Steve Grimes, Bettendorf Parks and Recreation, speaker
Colleen Porter, RSM, **George Daugherty** guest
Dr. Julie Meyers, LiveWell Chiropractic, **Ryan Bell** guest

Visiting Rotarian:

Bill Fitzgerald, Marshalltown, Iowa, Rotary

55 Bettendorf Rotarians attended; they were joined by 6 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Penny McGimpsey** 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:

Dec. 23: NO meeting
Dec. 30: NO meeting
Jan 20, 2016: NO afternoon Rotary – but our Holiday Party will be that night at Tanglewood Pavilion

Jan. 27, 2016: Annual Charities Luncheon at Tanglewood

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...

Bibik, Blasko, Boeye, Bush, Coin, G., Coin, H., DeDoncker, Deuth, Dickson, Dobesh, Duda, Eikenberry, Elledge, Falk, Featherstone, Felton, Foster, Franks, Gause, Hager, Hassel, Hill, Hintermeister, Hinton, Hipple, Hurd, James, Mannix, Miller, L., Mitvalsky, Naeve, Nelson, Oswald, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Rutherford, Saul, Schillig, Schmidt, Schmit, Schutte, Schwab, Scranton, Sherrick, Slavens, Sorenson, Stopulos, Webster, Wells, Werner, Willsher

Make-ups...

Rich James, **Summit County, Colo., Rotary Thanksgiving Basket Delivery:** Morrison, Hopkins, Paplinski, Lawrence, Dugan, Naeve, Slavens, Rabine, Thein, Marbach, Bormann, Bell, Doland, Ashby, Howard, Schillig

Charities Board: Martinez, Sarver, Kappeler, Oswald, Powers, Kraft, Hassel
New Member Sign Project: Morrison, Worner, Kellenberger, Lawrence, Pacha

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

For more on Bettendorf Rotary:

<http://www.bettendorfrotrary.com/>

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Rotary
International:



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**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
To Rotarians everywhere...
But especially Bettendorf
Rotarians!**

