



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
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## Next meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016, at  
Tanglewood Pavilion

## Annual Holiday Party – right here at Tanglewood

Bettendorf Rotary Club’s Holiday Party – a time to relax after the rush of the end-of-year holiday festivities – will be 6-9



p.m. next Wednesday at Tanglewood Pavilion.

It will feature refreshments, snacks and the latest iteration of the celebration of The Ugliest Sweater in the club. (Brad Morrison captured honors last year for

“Ugliest Sweater – Any Theme.”

There will be no midday meeting.

If you haven’t already made reservations, contact Secretary **Johanna Smith** ASAP [bettendorfrotary@gmail.com](mailto:bettendorfrotary@gmail.com). The cost is \$10 per person – member or guest.

## Last meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2015



## Keeping streets clear in winter

Brian Schmidt, director of public works in Bettendorf since 2012, shared his briefing on snow removal at the Jan. 13 meeting – it’s the same briefing he had earlier presented to the Bettendorf City Council.

Even though this winter has had just three snowfalls that required plowing, the city’s snow-removal policy remains the same: “bare pavement” on every city street within 24 hours after the end of the storm, Brian said. He described the efforts Bettendorf takes to achieve that goal – and the system works so well that even a 14-inch snowfall last year was totally cleared within 22 hours, he said.

Experienced snowplow drivers who know exactly how to clear their route in the city and the right equipment are two keys to this success, Brian said.

Bettendorf is divided into 11 snow-removal routes. Several truck models are fitted with plows – and “wing” plows are added to the trucks that clear arterial streets so they can be cleared faster, with



fewer passes. A laser device positions plows for greatest efficiency – to get close to mailboxes but leave them intact. Rather than spread salt on roads, Bettendorf uses a brine that “stays put” better

– and adds calcium chloride when temperatures fall below 15 degrees, the point at which regular brine loses effectiveness.

To benefit the greatest number of drivers most quickly, Bettendorf plows streets in this priority: arterial streets; collectors’ local roads, courts and cul-de-sacs; and alleys last.

Homeowners bear the responsibility for removing snow from sidewalks, driveways and mailboxes – and 3-feet around fire hydrants – within 48 hours of the end of a storm, Brian said. The city cleans sidewalks wider than 6-feet.

He passed along a few other facts about Bettendorf snow-removal:

→If the city should “kill” a mailbox, it erects a temporary one then plants a new one in spring (or reimburses up to \$74 for special-design boxes)

→Plows drive 25 mph or slower – unless snow conditions require a faster speed for a short stretch

→GPS in each truck allows real-time monitoring of speed and progress in clearing each route

→Plow drivers decide how to most efficiently clean their route, so the order of cleaning streets varies from storm to storm

Brian also shared some tips for homeowners:

→To minimize plowed snow “dumped” in your driveway, “clear at least 6-feet of snow away from the curb to the left side of your drive, as you face the street”

→On trash pick-up days, leave your cart “a few” feet in from the curb

→Cut off low tree branches that overhang the street

→Do not pass a snowplow or follow closer than 50 feet – and beware if it’s also spreading brine

→Notify the Bettendorf Public Works Department as soon as possible of any hazards, such as an apparently broken water main

And throughout snowplowing season, Brian advised, “Please be patient.”

## **New-member induction...**

**President Kevin** inducted two new members into Bettendorf Rotary:



→**Dick Hanzelka:** After a career in education that saw him retire three times, Dick and his wife enjoy life as parents of four daughters and 11 grandchildren.

Dick first served community education in New York State, Muscatine and the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency, where he first retired.

Then he headed the Education Department of Marycrest College, where



he retired again. He closed his career after another decade at St. Ambrose University.

→ **Dean Kraus:** A 12-year Quad-City resident, Dean works at Sauk Valley Bank & Trust. He and

his wife Diana are parents to a son and a daughter.

### Announcements...

#### → Donation from fundraisers:

**President Kevin Kraft** announced that the QC chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals – which recognized Bettendorf Rotary as its outstanding service organization of 2015 for our philanthropy – sent us a \$100 donation.

#### → All-QC Rotarians meetings: Christy



**Gause** revealed details of two meetings during February for Rotarians from throughout the QC:

→ "Service for Success" meeting to introduce Rotary to

prospective members of all Iowa and Illinois QC Rotary clubs is scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Rogalsky Center, St. Ambrose University. Since it is intended to

acquaint prospective members to Rotary and persuade them to join one of the QC Rotary clubs, current members are urged to invite as many prospects as wish to attend. Cost for Rotarians is \$10 each – but prospects attend free.

→ A social opportunity for all current QC Rotarians to get better acquainted with each other – and learn more about the Feb. 25 event – is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the River House Bar & Grill, 1510 River Dr, Moline.

Christy and **Will Doland** have been BRC's representatives during the planning for these meetings.

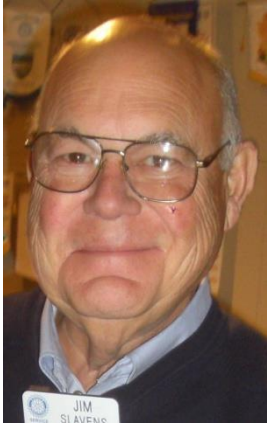
→ **BRC Board service:** The BRC Board will have a vacant seat July 1, the beginning of the new Board term, so

**President Kevin** invited any member "interested in a 7-year commitment" to leadership to sign up for consideration to fill that vacancy. The

member filling this spot will progress through the chairs of the club's service committees to become president-elect, president and past-president. If you're interested, please email **President Kevin** ([kkbluenote1@gmail.com](mailto:kkbluenote1@gmail.com)) or **Secretary Johanna Smith** ([Johanna M Smith@hotmail.com](mailto:Johanna_M_Smith@hotmail.com)) by the end of February.



→ **Greater Diversity: Jim Slavens** – who spearheads BRC's membership recruitment – asked members who invite prospective members to keep two things in mind:



→”We’re looking for greater diversity in the membership,” Jim said. “You decide what that means” – whether occupation, age, ethnicity or other factors, he added.

→When you ask someone, please

inform them about the dues and the need to participate – attend 60% of meetings and be a part of the club’s service projects.

→**Red Badge Meeting: Secretary Johanna** urged all members who have joined since **Feb. 15, 2015**, to attend the Red Badge Meeting scheduled for 6-7:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016**, at Jersey Grille, 5255 Jersey Ridge Rd, Davenport, to learn much more about Rotary International as well as Bettendorf Rotary. If you have a red patch on your name badge, please email her to RSVP ([Johanna M Smith@hotmail.com](mailto:Johanna.M.Smith@hotmail.com)).



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

**President Kevin Kraft** collected \$220 – with special amounts from these happy Rotarians: **Tom Kellenberger** – happy to be on the BRC Putt-A-Round team for the Jan. 21 Big Brothers Big Sisters fundraiser... **Jenny Garlach** – 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary... **Steve Pieart** – looking forward to ice fishing in Minnesota... and visiting the Joe Douglasses in

Florida... **Decker Ploehn** – “Please move the piano to one side so some members and guests can see the 4-Way Test Banner”... **Brent Werner** – new baby’s almost here + just became a new uncle... **Christy Gause** – UnityPoint Health-Trinity in Bettendorf is building a \$5.5 million expansion to accommodate more babies... **Dr. Tom Olson** – “with eight lovely women in the family” – wife daughters and granddaughters – “soon we’ll have our first grandson” + “We’d better move the piano so Decker won’t get so keyed up”... **Jim Slavens** - \$5 because “it’s a pleasure to start the day at Bettendorf’s dog park” (to which **Scott Naumann** added, “It’s even more fun with a dog”)... **President Kevin** – thanked **Jonna Schuler** for presiding last week + said it’s disappointing for fans of some teams (Iowa at the Rose Bowl, Vikings in the NFL playoffs) but added he’s happy the Packers are still winning.

### The meeting opened...

**President Kevin Kraft** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Scott Naumann’s** musical laptop, led the singing of “This Is My Country.” President Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. After Introductions, Tom returned to lead the singing of “R-O-T-A-R-Y” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”

### Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

#### Guests:

Brian Schmidt, City of Bettendorf (speaker)  
Duane Thompson, (**Franks** guest)  
Briane Franks, State Farm Insurance (**Thein** guest)  
Julie Meyers, LiveWell Chiropractic (**Bell** guest)  
Emily Lane, (**Lane** guest)

Jennifer Bennett, Shive-Hattery (**Ploehn** guest)  
“Chopper” Shea, Locals Love Us (**Bell** guest)  
Brian Goerd, Arena Computers (**Naumann** guest)

50 Bettendorf Rotarians, 8 guests attended.



### And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Brent Werner** won a Happy to Have a Make-up in the drawing from among all those members who participated in *Jon Ryan Happy \$\$*.

### Missing today...

Bibik, Boeye, Bormann, Bush, Carroll, Coin, G., Daugherty, DeDoncker, Dickson, Dobesh, Duda, Dugan, Eikenberry, Elledge, Featherstone, Fee, Felsing, Featherstone, Felton, Fopma, Foster, Gallagher, Sr., Gallagher, Jr., Geisewite, Gellerman, Habenicht, Hager, Hassel, Hill, Hinton, Hurd, Hutcheson, James, Kappeler, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Loweth, Marbach, Miller, L., Mohr, Naeve, Nanda, Nelson, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Rutherford, Saul, Schmit, Schwab, Scranton, Sorenson, Stopulos, Webster, Wells, Willsher

### Make-ups...

Christy Gause – **Rotary “Service for Success” Planning Meeting**  
Rich James – **Summit County, Colo., Rotary Club Board Meeting** – Kraft, Slavens, Dobesh, Schuler, Bell, Daley, Smith and Morrison

### BRC News staff...

**Editor, reporter, photographer:** Fred Anderson  
**Correspondent, Web-site host:** Johanna Smith

### 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

### Upcoming meetings...



... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, [scott@midlandcom.com](mailto:scott@midlandcom.com), 445-4260:  
**Jan. 20:** NO afternoon Rotary – Holiday Party starts at 6 p.m. at Tanglewood Pavilion  
**Jan. 27, 2016:** Annual Charities Luncheon at Tanglewood

**TUESDAY, Feb. 9, 2016:** Red Badge Meeting 6-7:30 p.m. at Jersey Grille, 5255 Jersey Ridge Rd, Davenport  
**Feb. 24 – at Waterfront Convention Center: Mayor Bob Gallagher’s 2016 State of the City Address.** Doors open at 11 a.m. Opening/welcome remarks and lunch at 11:30. State of the City presentation at 12:15. Meal for BRC members included in dues, as normal.

### For more on Bettendorf Rotary:

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

### For more on Rotary International:

<https://www.rotary.org/>