



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at Tanglewood Pavilion

John DeDoncker's yearly look at the economy

Our own **John DeDoncker** brings offers his analysis of the year past and prognostications for the year ahead in his annual state of the economy presentation, at the March 9 meeting.



marks raised by this year's elections. But John will do his usual able best to help us find our way through all of those thickets.

It won't be the easiest of years to analyze, with the post Great Recession recovery still inching ahead, the stock market plunge of early 2016 and the big question

Last meeting:

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Co-workspace: the new 'office'

A common current workplace model, working alone in a home office, has given rise to a new trend, the co-workspace. The speakers at our March 2 meeting, **Amy Sivertsen** and **Leslie Klipsch**, described how working at home eventually led them to look for – and then start – the QC's first co-working business, The Creative Collective.

Co-working, they said, provides work space away from home and shared equipment, knowledge and a more collaborative working environment. The Creative Collective, which occupies Suite 203 (the second floor) of the Bucktown Center for the Arts in downtown Davenport, is the workplace for freelance writers, graphic designers, a medical transcriptionist, a consulting engineer and more.

As owner-operators of the co-workplace, Amy and Leslie regularly provide workshops for their clients on such diverse topics as communicating with prospects and clients via social media and tax issues for sole practitioners. In addition, Amy said, “An important part of co-working is good coffee and snacks and fast Internet access.”

The Creative Collective offers three levels of membership to its clients, ranging from exclusive use of a working space, to shared use of space to occasional use of workspace and as-needed use of “community” spaces. One of those spaces, a conference room, sees regular use by members – or can be rented by anyone. Recently, it has been used for meetings, classes, study groups, a photo shoot and even a start-up church service.

To learn more, contact Amy, co-owner and managing director, at 563.265.0966 or Amy@coworkqc.com.



Mayor’s State of the City

For the **Feb. 24 meeting** Bettendorf Rotary moved to the **Waterfront Convention Center** to hear **Mayor Bob**

Gallagher’s 2016 State of the City Address. **President-elect Jonna Schuler** served as master of ceremonies for the event, which included members of all Bettendorf service clubs in the audience.

Announcements...

➔**BRC’s ‘Leave a Legacy’ Initiative to grow the Endowment Fund:**

Immediate Past President Sharon Sarver announced that pledges and contributions totaled \$4,250 as of March 1. With 50% matches from the Challenge Pool, that increased the commitment to \$6,375 – leaving \$3,625 to go to the first year’s goal of \$10,000 by the June 30 deadline.



Pledge forms circulated among the tables.

Checks can be given to any BRC officer or mailed directly to the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, which manages the fund. When writing a check, make it payable to “Community Foundation of the Great River Bend” (or, simply, “Community Foundation” or “CFGRB”) and note in the memo space that it’s for the Bettendorf Rotary Endowment Fund.

➔**‘Spread the Word to End the Word’:** **Carol Foster** distributed posters that reminded all present to not “use the ‘R word’ when referring to persons with intellectual disabilities. She related stories of how hurtful it is for her clients at the Handicapped Development Center

to hear that word when referring to them. She urged us to visit www.r-word.org and sign the pledge not to use that word – and to tell others not to use it either.



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

Past President Sharon Sarver collected \$151 with some special amounts from: herself – thanks to **Jonna Schuler** for emailed referrals to hot yoga groups... **Harry Coin** – \$5 and kudos to **Secretary Johanna Smith** for her emcee stint for the Davenport Schools Foundation’s Show Choir Showoff at the Adler + \$5 to **Jim Spelhaug** for his PVHS kids who visited a man in hospice care and made it possible for him to see his daughter graduate... **John Sherrick** – 6 more months cancer-free... **Tim Lane** – daughter accepted for a research fellowship at Mayo Clinic... **Tony Calabrese** – glad to be back from vacation... **Decker Ploehn** – correcting news report: City Council passed \$100 million budget (not \$10 million) – but the \$24 million in street work was right, especially the major revamp of Middle Road, “So find a new route to wherever you’re going,” he advised... **Secretary Johanna** – happy she “didn’t pass out during my first official speech for the Davenport Schools Foundation in front of 4,000 during Show Choir Show Off”

The meeting opened...

Past President Sharon Sarver extended a welcome, called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist

Deana Severs, led the singing of “America the Beautiful.” Past President Sharon led a Moment of Silence. After introductions, Tom and Deana led the singing of “Smile – Sing a Song,” “Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry” and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.” Members with March birthdays are: 07, Jim Spelhaug; 15, Glenn Dugan; 16, Rich James; 19, Joyce Rivera; 21, Jenny Garlach, Chelsea Powers; 25, Rick Bormann; 31, Dave Falk, Kevin Kraft. Platters of yummy, ever-so-



slightly gooey brownies beckoned both birthday celebrants and their well-wishers.

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Guests:

Deanna Severs, pianist
Gwen Tombergs, QC Chamber of Commerce (**Penny McGimpsey** guest)
Leslie Klipsch, Creative Collective (speaker)
Amy Sivertsen, Creative Collective (speaker)

45 Bettendorf Rotarians and 4 guests attended.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Secretary Johanna Smith** drew her own name and won a Happy to Have a Make-up in the drawing from among all those members who participated in

Jon Ryan Happy \$\$.

Missing today...

Bell, Bibik, Boeye, Bormann, Bush, Carroll, Chambers, Coin, G., Dobesh, Doland, Duda, Eikenberry, Elledge, Featherstone, Felton, Fopma, Garlach, Habenicht, Hanzelka, Hassel, Hill, Hinton, Hurd, James, Kappeler, Kraft, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Loweth, Mannix, Martinez, Meyers, Mohr, Morrison, Naeve, Naumann, Nelson, Paplinski, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Saul, Schillig, Schmit, Schneden, Schutte, Schwab, Scranton, Slavens, Spelhaug, Stopulos, Thein, Thompson, Webster, Wells, Werner, Willsher, Worner

Make-ups...

Peggy Schneden
Moline Rotary, Moline State of the City
Address
Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf Event at the
RiverCenter
QC Rotary Event at St. Ambrose

Recent resignations...

January 2016:

Jean Dickson (business obligations)
Christine Schmidt
Gary Hintermeister (relocation)
George Daugherty (retirement)
Linda Miller
Chuck Geisewite (relocation)

February:

Rene Gellerman (business obligations)
Ann Rutherford (relocation)
Gary Felton (business obligations)



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:

March 9: John DeDoncker presents his annual financial analysis

March 16: Kim Findley, director, Putnam Museum:

King Tut Exhibit

March 23: Dr. Mark Dyken, director, Sleep Disorders Clinic, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

March 30: Mary Schmidt, president, Family Resources

BRC News staff...

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