



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
April 20, 2016, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at
Tanglewood Pavilion

Admiral to underscore need for a strong Navy

Rear Adm. **Grafton D. "Chip" Chase Jr.** is the reserve director of Logistics Programs and Business Operations in the



Office of Chief of Naval Operations, and he is the scheduled speaker at our April 27 meeting. While in the Quad Cities he will conduct a number of meetings with business, education and civic leaders to discuss the importance of having a strong U.S. Navy

and its benefit for the region.

A Pennsylvania native, he earned degrees from Syracuse University and LaSalle University and was commissioned through the Naval Officer Candidate School in 1986.

The admiral served two afloat tours, and staff tours with the Naval Aviation Supply Office, where he was a flag aide and a weapons system manager during Operation Desert Storm. He has completed a number of assignments since affiliating with the Navy Reserve in 1996.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

***Times* reporter talks '16 politics**

On the day after the New York Primary – which may have ensured that the 2016 presidential election will pit Hillary Clinton against Donald Trump – **Ed**

Tibbetts, chief political reporter for the *Quad-City Times*, visited to talk about... what else?... politics.

After opening remarks – in which he underscored the importance of Iowa's first-in-the-nation party caucuses in

the presidential-selection process – Ed opened the remainder of his time to questions from Rotarians. In response to those questions, his comments included:

→ Early primary and caucus states like Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina provide a useful function, "winnowing" out candidates who fail to "catch fire" with voters

→ When asked about the somewhat arcane issue of "super delegates" to the political party nominating conventions, he commented that the general population



will have opportunity to become more familiar with the “inner workings of the parties” as the process plays out
 →The top candidate on a party’s ballot, the president, often has an impact on the election of down-ballot candidates
 →After the conventions, the behavior of the candidates and their views on issues often change as they appeal to voters beyond their party
 →“Big money” from super-rich donors may not turn out to be as important this year, since Trump is drawing on his own fortune and Sen. Bernie Sanders is drawing mostly small donations from millions of supporters
 →The choice a vice presidential candidate often “makes little difference,” but may help balance what some voters see as a deficit in the presidential candidate

When asked about the *Times*’ Editorial Board’s endorsements of Democrat Sanders and Republican Gov. John Kasich, Ed said that, while he doesn’t participate in those decisions, he believes “they try to figure out who would be the best president.”

Announcements...

→ 2016 LobsterFest: President Kevin Kraft



Kraft announced that all members will be required to pay \$75 each – the price of one ticket – so that the club can tell the

community that 100% of the members are participating in supporting LobsterFest. That requirement would not apply to members who are event sponsors, he said.

10th Annual LobsterFest Sponsors – updated as of April 20 – next page:

CO-PRESENTING (\$5,000)
 Triumph Community Bank (**DeDoncker**)
 Abbey Carpet Gallery (**Daley**)

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➔ **New-member recruitment: Jim Slavens** praised the members for doing a good job recruiting new members – and urged all to keep looking for more candidates who exhibit “honesty, integrity and reliability.”



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

President Kevin Kraft collected \$201 with these happy Rotarians sharing their good news: **Bill Daley** – thanks to **John Rabine** for his comments last week praising Bill’s company’s work on his



house... (former member) **Lisa Brown** – happy to be here + thanks to **Scott**

Naumann for lending his blond wig (!) for a friend to use... **Todd Larson** – promoting his son’s baseball team’s fundraiser / murder-mystery dinner: “Murder in the Double-Wide,” with the ‘crime scene’ opening at 6 p.m., Friday, May 27, at CASI, 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport; cost is \$35 per ‘undercover agent,’ \$280 per 8-person table... **Steve Habenicht** – glad to be back after three months in Texas... **Dr. Julie Meyers** – happy her niece is helping celebrate Julie’s daughter’s signing to play soccer at the University of Iowa... **Decker Ploehn** – repair work begins April 25 on 18th Street and on Spruce Hills Drive, “so avoid that intersection area for a few weeks”... **Penny McGimpsey** – thanks to speaker Ed Tibbetts for being her “lifeline” during a “Millionaire”-type game... **Carl Loweth** – happy to be back home after three months in Florida... **Will Doland** – reconciled that **Ryan Bell** is moving to Iowa City... so he’s now “accepting nominations for a new best friend”... **Steve Piart** – a friend has already volunteered for “Our” Hole No. 1 at the John Deere Classic.

The meeting opened...



President Kevin Kraft 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.” President

Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and presided over the Moment of Silence.

After introductions by **Secretary Johanna Smith**, Tom led the singing of “Sing Out a Song of Rotary” and “Side by Side.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Guests:

Deana Severs, pianist

Lisa Brown, Iowa Legal Aid (**Decker Ploehn** guest)

Ashley Meyers (**Julie Meyers** guest)

Ed Tibbetts, *Quad-City Times* (speaker)

48 Bettendorf Rotarians and 4 guests attended.



And at the end...

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

Missing today...

Bennett, Bibik, Boeye, Bormann, Bush, Carroll, Chambers, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dobesh, Duda, Eikenberry, Elledge, Featherstone, Fee, Felsing, Franks, Garlach, Gause, Hager, Hanzelka, Hassel, Hill, Hurd, Kappeler, Kraus, Lane, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Mannix, Martinez, Mitvalsky, Naeve, Nelson, Olson, Oswald, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Rivera, Ross, Saul, Schillig, Schneden, Schutte, Schwab, Scranton, Sherrick, Sorenson, Stopulos, Thein, Tombergs, Webster, Wells, Willsher, Windmiller, Worner

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:

April 27: Rear Adm. Grafton D. Chase, USN: Navy Executive Engagement; one of the meetings with QC business, education and civic leaders to

discuss the importance of having a strong U.S. Navy and its benefit for us as a region.

May 11: Tomeka Petersen, Ponseti Non-Surgical Clubfoot Repair

May 18: "BettenDo" done-in-a-day project – details to come soon

June 1: Past District Governor Gary Welch, Rotary Youth Leadership Academy

June 8: Annual luncheon with Miss Iowa candidates.

June 15: LobsterFest wrap-up

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