



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
May 11, 2016, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at
Tanglewood Pavilion

It's BettenDo Project 2.0: clean our neighborhood

On May 18 – instead of a regular meeting – all members who are able will wear outdoor work clothes, put on roadside safety vests and clean up the roadsides and ditches in our new neighborhood: north and south on both sides of Middle Road and west on Tanglefoot Lane from where they intersect to the top of each hill.

We'll meet at Tanglewood Pavilion, as usual. Lunch service will begin at 11:30 a.m. so we can have a full hour to complete the project.

This is our second annual "BettenDo Project" – last spring we did landscaping tasks at sites of the Handicapped Development Center and Ecumenical Housing Development Group.



Last meeting:

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Tomeka Petersen holds a set of ankle braces (and one smaller brace for a younger child).

Rotarians work to repair clubfoot

About 200,000 children worldwide are born each year with clubfoot – an abnormality that turns the foot down and inward, making it very difficult for children stricken with it to walk, said **Tomeka Petersen**, the guest speaker at our May 11 meeting. With one case of clubfoot for every 750 births, more than 1 million cases have gone untreated, most of them in parts of the globe with limited resources.

Tomeka is the manager of a program at the University of Iowa that is leading the

effort to treat children with clubfoot using the Ponseti Method, which was developed at the University of Iowa. She was accompanied by **Patty Roberts** of the Ponseti International organization. Together, they are spreading the word among Rotary clubs about the Rotarian Action Group for Eliminating Clubfoot Disability – RAG4ClubFoot.org.



If clubfoot goes untreated, a child may be abandoned by his family (boys are twice as likely as girls to be affected), deprived of education, shunned by his community and relegated to life as a beggar, Tomeka said. Rather than expensive surgery, the Ponseti Method uses gentle manipulation of the ankle joint, application of a series of lower-leg casts, a snip of the Achilles tendon – followed by the use of nightly bracing until age 4 to hold the changes in place as the child continues to grow. It is described as “low-cost and low-tech, but highly effective,” and it can be used anywhere in the world.

The RAG4ClubFoot movement brings Rotarians together to address this condition to:

- Provide financial support to train healthcare professionals to apply the Ponseti Method
- Help the families of clubfoot patients with transportation, food and lodging during treatment

- Help buy nighttime braces for patients who can’t afford them
- Help raise awareness that clubfoot is a treatable condition – and urge referral of those with it for treatment
- And advocate with health officials and governments that more treatment facilities be developed around the world

Since Dr. Ignacio Ponseti received his training at the U of I in the 1940s, and the Ponseti Institute is there, the two Iowa Rotary districts – 5970 and 6000, of which BRC is a member – have based RAG4ClubFoot in Iowa City. This Rotarian Action Group “operates in accordance with Rotary International policy,” but is not an official agency of Rotary, Tomeka pointed out.

Announcements...

→2016

LobsterFest:

With Bettendorf Rotary’s biggest fundraiser exactly one month away, the pace is picking up:

- Meeting day (May 11) was the deadline for sponsors to email their ad to **Kurt**

Lokenvitz (KurtL@Hertz.ag), who puts the program together.

- Secretary Johanna Smith** called for – and got – volunteers for:

Tuesday before the event: 6 volunteers to begin set-up and wash tableware

Friday: 6 volunteers to wrap silverware and make centerpieces

Johanna also called for 8 more coolers (and maybe more – “if we have more we can cool more beverages...”) to be dropped off at Rivermont Collegiate on Friday and picked up at the close of



LobsterFest. She'll ask for more volunteers at future meetings.

→ **Penny McGimpsey** reminded members to order their tickets – and coordinate their seating preferences.

→ Sponsor banners can be brought to the June 1 meeting, or left at Rivermont *no later than June 8.*

→ **Will Doland** urged all members to buy a champagne toast, at \$10 apiece – and be automatically entered in a drawing for a specially designed piece of diamond jewelry from Doland Jewelers. “Buy a toast at meetings until LobsterFest – or at the event,” he said.



The LobsterFest planning group met Wednesday before the weekly member meeting.

10th Annual LobsterFest Sponsors – updated as of May 11:

CO-PRESENTING (\$5,000)

Triumph Community Bank (**DeDoncker**)
Abbey Carpet Gallery (**Daley**)

GOLD (\$2,500)

Doland Jewelers (**Doland**)

WOC

OnMedia/MediaCom

Quad City Times

Hy-Vee

Mickle Communications (**Mickle**)

SILVER (\$1,000)

Ascentra Credit Union (**Naeve**)

RJS & Associates (**Schillig**)

Iowa American Water (**Oswald**)

Professional Touch Cleaning Services (**McCool**)

Weerts Funeral Home (**Death**)

First MidWest Bank (**Lawrence**)

Werner Restoration (**Werner**)

UBS Financial Services/ **Kevin Kraft**

McGinnis Chambers (**Chambers**)

Steve's Mirror & Glass (**Felsing**)

Thein Insurance (**Thein**)

N2 Publishing (**Hutcheson**)

BRONZE (\$500)

David J. Franks, Attorney (**Franks**)

Califf & Harper (**Mitvalsky**)

Mechanical Sales Estes Construction (**Hill**)

Gallagher, Millage & Gallagher

Russell Construction (**Marbach**)

IHMVCU (**Love-Sherrick**)

Dr. Thomas Olson Dentistry

Tri-City Electric

Shive-Hattery (**Bennett**)

Windmill Development (**Windmiller**)

Mama Bosso

Hertz Farm Management (**Lokenvitz**)

Results Marketing (**Ashby**)

Edward Jones Financial (**Lane**)

Brad and Sharon Sarver

Rich and Dee James

Maher Bros. Transfer & Storage (**Hager**)

Dimitri Wine & Spirits

Galaxy One Dish (**Carroll**)

Senior Star (**Martinez**)

Midwest Seafood

YNBT, LLC (**Thompson**)

Mel Foster (**Boeye**)



→ **John Deere Classic:** The John Deere Classic is later than usual this year – Aug. 8-14 – and we need lots of

volunteers to help marshal the BRC Hole No. 1. To sign up – remember, it’s a 2-step process, so, first – click on: <http://bettendorfrotary.com/JDC-Signup>. Then, sign up at the John Deere Classic site, www.johndeereclassic.com. The password is “BettendorfRotary.” If you have any questions about volunteering or the JDC in general, just ask Jeff Hassel at hassel14@gmail.com.



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

President Kevin Kraft collected \$205 with special funds from: **Dick Schillig** – handed out the two latest Carl D. Schillig Memorial Scholarships + 117 days to Labor Day and Run with Carl... **Tom Howard** – twin grandsons, both in the Air Force – one



just returned from serving in Germany and the other gets married in July... **Brad Morrison** – stopped on his way to Rotary by BPD Sergeant Ramos, and given a warning (for which he paid 5 Happy \$\$)... **Todd Ashby** – successful Leader-Cast No. 7, with good BRC participation... **Julie Fopma** – finished Masters of Education in education administration at Upper Iowa University... **Decker Ploehn** – not happy: outside lanes of Spruce Hills Drive repaving may have to be redone... **Jennifer Garlach** – flying to Tucson, Ariz., and driving back with son... **Jonna**

Schuler – thrilled DG-Elect Chris Knapp is visiting + daughter played on 4 of PVHS’s 7 soccer championship teams... **John DeDoncker** – son home, briefly, after sterling freshman year at Iowa State, then off to Nicaragua for most of the summer... **Laurie Hutcheson** – got good gossip on celebrities (some of which she shared) at national meeting of publishers of neighborhood newsletters... **Dr. Tom Olson** – buying five champagne toasts + a bad pun... **Penny McGimpsey** – excited at the new format for LobsterFest tickets + going to Harry Connick Jr. concert... **Chris Carroll** – son, playing multiple sports and earning 4.00 GPA, named student of the year at Rock Island HS... **Dave Deuth** – after writing them for 9 years, just signed last check to UNI

The meeting opened...

The bell sounded, and **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 “The National Anthem” (and President Kevin retrieved the flag from the storeroom). Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and presided



over the Moment of Silence. During introductions, by **Secretary Johanna Smith**, we heard greetings from DG-Elect Chris Knapp. Tom returned to lead two more songs: “Sing, Rotarians” and “Singin’ in the Rain” (appropriately).



Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarians:

Chris Knapp, District 6000 Gov.-Elect / Iowa City A.M. Rotary
Vernette Knapp, Iowa City A.M. Rotary
 Tomeka Petersen, Ponseti Method (speaker) / West Liberty Rotary
 Bill Tubbs, North Scott Rotary
 Ken Werner, Werner Restoration / Geneseo Rotary (**Werner** guest)
 Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla., Rotary

Guests:

Patty Roberts, Ponseti Method

51 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 6 visiting Rotarians and 1 guest.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Dave Deuth** 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, Bennett, Blaske, Boeye, Bush, Chambers, Coin, G., Coin, H., Duda, Eikenberry, Elledge, Featherstone, Fee, Felsing, Franks, Gallagher Sr., Habenicht, Hager, Hassel, Hill, Hopkins, Hurd, Kappeler, Larsen, Lawrence, Love-Sherrick, Loweth, Martinez, Meyers, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Naeve, Nelson, Paplinski,

Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schmit, Schutte, Schwab, Scranton, Sherrick, Stopulos, Thein, Tombergs, Webster, Wells, Willsher, Windmiller and Worner

Make-ups...

LobsterFest Planning Meeting: Mannix, Pacha, Kraft, Smith, Stone and Schuler
Board of Directors Meeting: Kraft, Schuler, Daley, Smith, Spelhaug, Dobesh, Lane and Nanda



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:



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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For more on Rotary International:

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