



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
June 1, 2016, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at  
Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

## Let's have lunch with 2016 Miss Iowa hopefuls

Each year in early June, Bettendorf Rotary gets to enjoy lunch with the contestants who hope to leave the QC a few days later with the crown of Miss Iowa.

This year, that opportunity is next week – June 8. While lunching with contestants and their chaperones, we'll hear from **Taylor Wiebers**, Miss Iowa 2015, and enjoy a sample of the talents they will perform during competition the following weekend. Members often invite their spouse to be their guest for this meeting.



At last year's luncheon, S.K. Nanda really enjoyed meeting Aly Olson, Miss Iowa 2014, more than this photo seems to suggest.

## *Last meeting:*

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## How RYLA develops youth leadership

With infectious enthusiasm, Past District Gov. (2010) **Gary Welch**, told us at the June 1 meeting about how Rotarians annually instill leadership skills in about 240 Iowa high school sophomores and juniors through the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).

Gary, a Rotarian from Ankeny, is chairman of this year's RYLA, a 6-day conference on the campus of Grinnell College that is conducted by Iowa's two Rotary districts, 5970 and ours, 6000.

RYLA has been described as "a life-changing leadership training program for young men and women where leadership skills and principles are learned, developed and enhanced in an atmosphere of trust and respect" – and that message certainly came through during Gary's presentation.



**Jim Spelhaug's guests were Rebecca Fuhrmeister, left, and Diana Wu, PVHS seniors who received this year's Bettendorf Rotary Scholarships.**

The influence of RYLA was present at the meeting. This year's RYLA students from Bettendorf High School – Ben Tinsman, Eleanor Drexler, Andrew Del Vecchio and Alina Sepanski – sat with **Mayor Bob Gallagher** and other BRC members. And Diana Wu, one of the Bettendorf Rotary Scholarship recipients from Pleasant Valley High School, was a RYLA student two years ago.

During his remarks, Gary enumerated some of the character of RYLA and its objectives:

→“We have fun – there's music, singing, dancing, talking... – as we teach them who they are and what they can be.”

→“Being a leader is simple – just be willing to say, ‘I'll help,’ and take the opportunity to learn something new.”

→“We make a difference (in the students' lives) – the size, big or little, doesn't matter.”

→“We talk about Rotary and its opportunities –Youth Exchange through Rotary International and hosting Exchange youth. It's so much fun and a terrific way to learn.”

→“We develop young leaders and help them develop their potential.”

→“(They learn) the greatest gift we have is the ability to make choices.”

→“You put yourself out there – reach beyond your grasp. Fear (of public speaking, for example) kept me from doing more – so they learn to overcome their fears.”

→“Differences don't matter. We all have something – self-image, cultural differences – to keep us down. But differences don't matter. We can all make a difference.”



**Seated with Mayor Bob Gallagher, from left, BHS RYLA students Ben Tinsman, Eleanor Drexler, Andres Del Vecchio, Alina Sepanski**

The 2016 RYLA Conference will be July 17-22. During questions after his remarks, Gary said interested students may apply at [www.iowaryla.org](http://www.iowaryla.org) and coordinate their application with a local Rotary club.

Bettendorf Rotary and Iowa Quad-City Rotary jointly sponsor eight Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley high school students, completely underwriting their \$450 RYLA fees.

### **Announcements...**

→**BRC Scholarship recipients: Jim Spelhaug** introduced the Rotary Scholarship recipients from Pleasant Valley High School:

→**Rebecca Fuhrmeister** will attend the University of Iowa to double-major in biology with a focus on pre-med and

Spanish. A Sunday School teacher in her church for five years, she has also taught in Guatemala, where she hopes to return after graduation to volunteer in clinics.

→ **Diana Wu** is enrolled in the B.S. / M.D. program at the Illinois Institute of Technology, majoring in chemical engineering and pre-med. An ex-RYLA winner after her sophomore year, she volunteers in the Genesis Medical Center and is a tutor in robotics.

→ **2016 LobsterFest:** Noting it is just 10 days until the June 11 event, **President Kevin McGimpsey**, who asked sponsors to coordinate the seating at their tables with her



now – or return tickets that won't be used so they can be sold. "We have just one table left," she said. President Kevin added, "Thanks to the terrific publicity we've received" – he and Chef Brad Scott of Scott Community College appeared on *Paula Sands Live* on



Tuesday, May 31, to promote the event – "seats are really in demand."

He urged anyone who prefers steak, instead of lobster, to order by the Friday deadline.

→ **Secretary Johanna Smith** signed up four more bartenders – and added that, beginning at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 7 it is all hands on deck, "volunteers will be appreciated – just show up and we will put you to work."

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual LobsterFest Sponsors:

#### **CO-PRESENTING (\$5,000)**

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

**President Kevin Kraft** collected \$449 with additional amounts from: **Steve Sorensen** – \$35 for wedding anniversary + \$70 for parents’ anniversary... **Joe Pacha** – shot a hole-in-one Saturday!... **Ken Beck** (Davenport Rotary visitor) – be sure to vote in Tuesday’s primary... and if you’re a Republican, “I need your vote for county supervisor”... **Jim Spelhaug** – sad to lose **Theron Schutte** as a colleague, but our loss is Marshalltown’s gain... **Dr. Tom Olson** – sorry to see Theron go, too + 92-year-old Dad Ward is coming home from the Kahl Home... **Kris Stone** – 10<sup>th</sup> LobsterFest – and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary... **Dick Schillig** – brother-in-law, a great supporter of Run with Carl, has died at age 77 + **John DeDoncker** has just 93 days left to train

for RWC... **John DeDoncker** – son Walter, Iowa State student, will spend four weeks this summer helping farmers in Nicaragua... **Rich James** – happy **Gail Baldwin** is playing the piano for second week... **Ryan Bell** – now officially an Iowa Citian with plan to join Rotary there... **Decker Ploehn** – Spruce Hills Drive is done and open + the Bettendorf Public Library is open and accessible through the east entrance... **Ann Kappeler** – \$10 for LobsterFest + \$10 for all the work that begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday... **Kevin Kraft** – if you’re not signed up as a volunteer, and find yourself with some available time, let **Secretary Johanna** know – and volunteer... **Tim Lane** – final high school graduation last Sunday.

### The meeting opened...

At the sound of the bell, **President Kevin Kraft** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Gail**



**Baldwin**, led the singing of “This Is My Country.” Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and presided over the Moment of Silence.

After introductions, Tom returned to lead “Sing, Everyone, Sing” and “The Band Played On,” wrapping up with that monthly favorite, “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.” Those marking the passage of another year during June: 14, Jim Slavens; 17, Ann Kappeler; 22, Tim

Lane; 24, Bill Daley; 26, Steve Habenicht; 28, Tate Featherstone

### **Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...**

#### **Visiting Rotarians:**

Gary Welch, RYLA (speaker)  
Colleen Welch, RYLA (speaker)  
Doug Peterson, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary  
Don Sierk, North Scott Rotary  
Ken Beck, Davenport Rotary  
Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla., Rotary

#### **Guests:**

Ben Tinsman, Bettendorf High School (RYLA student)  
Eleanor Drexler, BHS (RYLA student)  
Andrew Del Vecchio, BHS (RYLA student)  
Alina Sepanski, BHS (RYLA student)  
Diana Wu, Pleasant Valley High School, Bettendorf Rotary Scholarship recipient  
Rebecca Fuhrmeister, PVHS, Bettendorf Rotary Scholarship recipient  
Bret Grimes, LiveWell Chiropractic (guest of **Julie Meyers**)  
Gail Baldwin, pianist

58 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 6 visiting Rotarians and 9 guests.



### **And at the end...**

... of the meeting, **Ann Kappeler** 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, Bush, Carroll, Coin, G., Deuth, Duda, Dugan, Eikenberry, Elledge, Featherstone, Fopma, Franks, Gallagher Sr., Gause, Hager, Hassel, Hill, Hurd, Hutcheson, Kellenberger, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Mannix, Martinez, Morrison, Nanda, Nelson, Paplinski, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schmit, Schwab, Scranton, Stopulos, Webster, Wells, Werner, Windmiller and Worner

### **For more on Bettendorf Rotary:**

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

### **Make-ups...**

**Davenport Rotary:** Pat Stopulos and Laurie Hutchinson

**QC Rotary Event Planning:** Christy Gause

### **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**, [scottn@midlandcom.com](mailto:scottn@midlandcom.com), 445-4260:

**June 8:** Annual luncheon with Miss Iowa candidates.

**June 15:** LobsterFest wrap-up

**June 22:** Ron Corbett, mayor of Cedar Rapids, Engage Iowa program



### **BRC News staff...**

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