



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
June 8, 2016, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at
Tanglewood Pavilion

Lobsters, fun and a whole lot more – it’s a wrap-up

Each year for the past decade, it’s been the most fun a few hundred people could have with boiled crustaceans and a lot of trimmings. And it’s been a lot of work by an army of volunteers.

In the end, after the buttery chins and bidding on auction items and conversations with Rotary friends, it’s been the gratifying first step toward grants to deserving community organizations and scholarships to students taking the next step in their higher education.

It’s the Bettendorf Rotary LobsterFest – this year co-presented by Abbey Carpet Gallery and Triumph Community Bank. At the June 15 meeting we’ll hear a wrap-up of what all we accomplished at this 10th annual celebration. And it’s likely we’ll also have one last chance to partake

of some leftovers from our biggest party of the year.



Last meeting:
Wednesday, June 8, 2016



Lexi Marek, Miss Liberty, instructed a group of personal assistants to Miss Iowa contestants in how to take a photo with a selfie stick.

Meeting hopefuls for Miss Iowa

As emcee of the June 8 program that introduced the 17 young women competing for the title of Miss Iowa 2016 – who will be crowned this Saturday night – **Taylor Wiebers, Miss Iowa 2015,** celebrated them as “independent, educated young women.



Each contestant introduced herself, including the part of Iowa she represents and the talent she will perform during competition Thursday-Saturday evenings at Davenport’s Adler Theatre.

Afterward, Miss Iowa thanked the contestants' personal assistants, who help the young women manage the myriad details of their participation in the pageant, from on-time transportation to wardrobe management.

Five of the contestants performed a sample of the talent they will perform during the competition. Four of them will dance in a variety of styles, while the fifth played a segment of the piano solo she will perform:



→**Kelly Renee Koch**, Miss Polk County, performed a ballet dance. She is a sophomore in early childhood education at Iowa State University.



→**Paige Siegworth**, Miss Burlington, offered a portion of the tap-dance routine she will perform. She is from Danville, Iowa.



→**Meredith Olson**, Miss Metro, wove together several musical themes from *Bohemian Rhapsody* for a 90-second piano solo. The University of Iowa K-12 music education major chose "Music

Shapes Minds" as her pageant platform.

→**Taylor Alexis Smith**, Miss Great River, danced in musical-theater style

accompanied by a musical selection from *The Little Mermaid* movie.

→**Lexi Marek**, Miss Liberty, performed a tap dance. From Riverside, Iowa, she attends Iowa State University where she majors in public service and administration in agriculture plus journalism and mass communications.



At the end of the talent portion of the meeting, Miss Iowa sang one of her favorite songs from her competition, legendary country artist Patsy Cline's "Your Cheatin' Heart." She also especially thanked Sandy Custer, coordinator of the Miss Iowa Pageant (and indispensable helper with contestant photos for this newsletter).

Announcements...

→**BRC bike racks along Duck Creek Recreation Trail: President Kevin Kraft** reported that the bike racks BRC has purchased have arrived from the manufacturer, and the city has poured the concrete bases for two racks in Middle Park and one in Hollowview Park.

A work day will be scheduled soon, he said, to install the bike racks on those concrete bases, and members of Bettendorf Rotary can volunteer to complete that work.

President Kevin said “another city program” is in the offing... but he said details will come later.



→ **2016 LobsterFest:** With everyone in final count-down mode for this Saturday’s event, **Secretary Johanna** thanked the volunteers who helped move materials out of the Rivermont Collegiate carriage house on Tuesday. Two more intensive work days lie ahead with 10 a.m. start times on both Thursday and Friday, she said.

“We are sold out – there literally are no seats left,” she announced. The action for the 320 guests heats up late Saturday afternoon with appetizers, drinks, dinner, dessert, auctions and lots of fun – presumably including scores of champagne toasts – through the evening.

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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 \$279 with more than the usual amount coming from these especially happy folks: **Brad Morrison** – happy to be sitting with Miss Iowa 2015 and daughter Madison, who has been named a residence advisor at college... **Harry Coin** – very happy to announce that Dad **George Coin** (who has recovered from winter’s mishap) has returned from Florida and has a new bike... **Carl Loweth** – \$20 for 2 Miss Iowa contestants “at my table”... **Greg Blaske** – 26th wedding anniversary + 28th anniversary with Rock Valley Physical Therapy + son graduated from U of Iowa... **Max Roach** (guest) – just moved to town and happy to be the new headmaster at Rivermont, “where my kids go to school”... **Jim Slavens** – going fishing in Canada with family members... **Ann Kappeler** – “my husband’s going fishing there too”... **Tim Lane** – glad primary is past, “but I’m still not the one running for sheriff,” so glad it’ll all be over in November... **Mitch Dietrich** – happy his good friend was married recently.



The meeting opened...
 Warmly greeting all the visitors to the day’s meeting, **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 “America the Beautiful.” Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and presided over the Moment of Silence.

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Guests:
 Mylene Hanzelka, guest of **Dick Hanzelka**
 Gail Baldwin, pianist
 Marilyn Pieart, guest of **Steve Pieart**
 Max Roach, new Rivermont Collegiate headmaster, guest of **Todd Ashby**
 Josh Lighton, Iowa American Water, guest of “**Ozzy**” **Oswald**
 Madison Morrison, guest of **Brad Morrison**
 Tim Shea, Locals Love Us
 Sue Kraft, guest of **Kevin Kraft**

51 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 44 guests: 36 Miss Iowa contestants, their personal assistants and pageant officials, plus 8 additional visitors.



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...

Bell, Bennett, Boeye, Bush, Chambers, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dobesh, Downing, Duda, Eikenberry, Elledge, Featherstone, Fee, Felsing, Franks, Gallagher Jr., Gause, Hassel, Hurd, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Meyers, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Naeve, Nanda, Nelson, Paplinski, Ploehn, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schmit, Schuler, Schutte, Schwab, Scranton, Thein, Thompson, Tombergs, Webster, Wells, and Werner

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:

June 15: LobsterFest wrap-up

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



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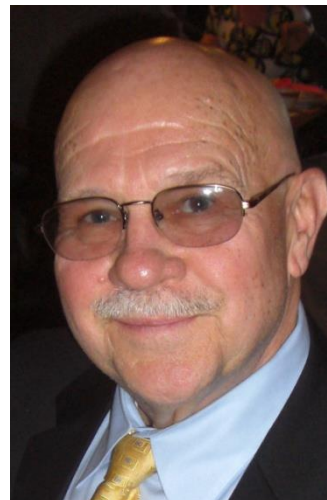
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A postscript to the newsletter...

[NOTE: Dick Schillig recently sent this email after attending this year's National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.]

You may recall about a year ago the Rotary program was Sandra Luster from Moline *Dispatch*... the person in charge of the annual spelling bee from this region...

Recently she sent this interview with a competitor in this year's spelling bee... (the) youngest contestant ever, Akash Vukoti, a 6-year-old from Texas.



I was invited to a press conference he gave. Thought you might enjoy reading some of the questions and answers he gave:

MEDIA: When did you first realize you could spell?

AKASH: When my uncle came to dinner one evening and he handed me a spoon. I looked at the spoon and said: 'Spoon. S-P-O-O-N.'

MEDIA: How old were you at the time?

AKASH: 11/2. I was in my first spelling bee at age 2.

MEDIA: What do you want to be when you grow up?

AKASH: Back when I was little, I wanted to be an astronaut. But now that I've met Steve Harvey [he was a guest on Harvey's TV show in March] I want to be an actor BUT I still want to go to Mars.

MEDIA: What do you like to do in your spare time?

AKASH: I like to memorize logos for businesses around the world BUT I'm going to have to come up with a new hobby because I've memorized them all.

MEDIA: In your next round of spelling, the words are randomly selected from the dictionary instead of from a study list. Does that scare you?

AKASH: No, but as you can see, I'm sitting way up high on this stool to reach the mic – and I'm scared thinking about how I'll get down from here!