



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at
Tanglewood Pavilion

Engage Iowa seeks to fix state's serious problems



Ron Corbett is the founder and president of Engage Iowa, a nonprofit organization that seeks to “engage Iowans in discussion about common-sense solutions to Iowa’s most serious economic, educational and environmental issues.”

Among other issues, Engage Iowa wants to modernize Iowa’s tax code, which it calls “outdated,

confusing and expensive, leaving Iowa families with fewer jobs, lower pay and less opportunity.”

Ron is the mayor of Cedar Rapids, a post he’s held for seven years, leading his city’s recovery from the flood of 2008, which has been called the worst natural disaster in Iowa history. He is also a Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow.

Ron served seven terms in the Iowa House of Representatives, including four years as Speaker of the House.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, June 8, 2016



Lobsterfest nets record \$50,000+

It was a time to celebrate what looks to have been the most successful Bettendorf Rotary Lobsterfest in its 10-year run. And celebrate we did!

President Kevin Kraft announced that the net income from this year’s event looks to exceed \$50,000 – some \$6,000 more than that for previous years. It likely will top that figure by about another thousand, when proceeds from today’s auction of leftover party supplies are added in, he said.

“That will give us some extra for grants,” Kevin added, referring to the primary reason BRC raises funds at Lobsterfest: its charitable grants to not-for-profit agencies in the community. In past years, grants have gone to agencies serving education, health, homelessness,

domestic abuse, the arts and many other needs.

President Kevin brought the co-chairs of this year's festival forward for recognition for all their work: **Ann Kappeler, Johanna Smith and Kristine Stone**. Her co-chairs gave Johanna a beautiful flower arrangement as a special thank-you for her role as "the key person... with the brains and muscle" to make certain all the details were done right.

The co-chairs presented "Lobstar Awards" to members and others who made especially important contributions to the success of LobsterFest:



→"Louie da Lobstah Mobstah" **Scott Naumann** whose character greeted every arriving guest with a Bronx-tinged "Welcome ta Lobsterfest!" and a "high-claw"

→Mickle Communications and **Mike Mickle** for generating "excellent publicity"

→**Kurt Lokenvitz** for producing the programs, with their "great exposure for our sponsors"

→**Joe Pacha**, a new member working at his first LobsterFest who made the first year of the champagne toast a success

→**Carl Loweth**, who coordinated every aspect of the indoor and outdoor bars

→**Greg Blaske** for providing a cadre of Rock Valley Physical Therapy staffers who helped in many ways

→Chef Brad Scott and Diane Stanley of the Scott Community College's Culinary Arts program for preparing the lobsters and all the side items on plates

→Charlie Rodriguez who heads the physical plant staff of Rivermont Collegiate for ensuring smooth operation inside the school and on the grounds

→Master of ceremonies and "human coozie" **Decker Ploehn**

→**Rich and Dee James**, who helped during every day of preparation – and acted as liaison to lobster supplier "Larry the Lobsterman"

→**Jonna Schuler** for again ensuring the success of the wine-pull operation

→**Penny McGimpsey** for managing ticket sales and the seating chart for a totally sold-out event

→**President Kevin** who "showed up every day last week" to help in many ways

→**Gwen Tombergs**, who created three creative raffle baskets, winning the Raffle Basket Challenge with its award, bottle of champagne and bragging rights

→**Todd Ashby** for redesigning the event tickets





→ Kaye LeBeau, who continued her unbroken string of Lobsterfests, which began when she and her husband, the late **Carter LeBeau**, together would participate in planning and helping with behind-the-scenes preparations

President Kevin thanked the entire membership for supporting and contributing to the success of Lobsterfest 10 – and turned the microphone over to **Decker Ploehn**, who auctioned off leftover party supplies.



And, one more time, very special thanks to the sponsors of Bettendorf Rotary's 10th annual Lobsterfest:

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

GOLD (\$2,500)
 Doland Jewelers (**Doland**)

WOC
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Quad City Times
 Hy-Vee
 Mickle Communications (**Mickle**)

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 Ascentra Credit Union (**Naeve**)
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 Iowa American Water (**Oswald**)
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 First MidWest Bank (**Lawrence**)
 Werner Restoration (**Werner**)
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 Maher Bros. Transfer & Storage (**Hager**)
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 Mel Foster (**Boeye**)

Announcements...

➔ **Duck Creek Recreation Trail bike racks:** **President Kevin** reported that the date to install the bike racks BRC purchased for Middle and Hollowview parks will be announced soon.

➔ **Lost glasses:** After all the merry-makers had left Rivermont Collegiate, a pair of eyeglasses was found. President Kevin asked members to notify their nonmember guests. The glasses will be kept at Tanglewood Pavilion, he said.



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

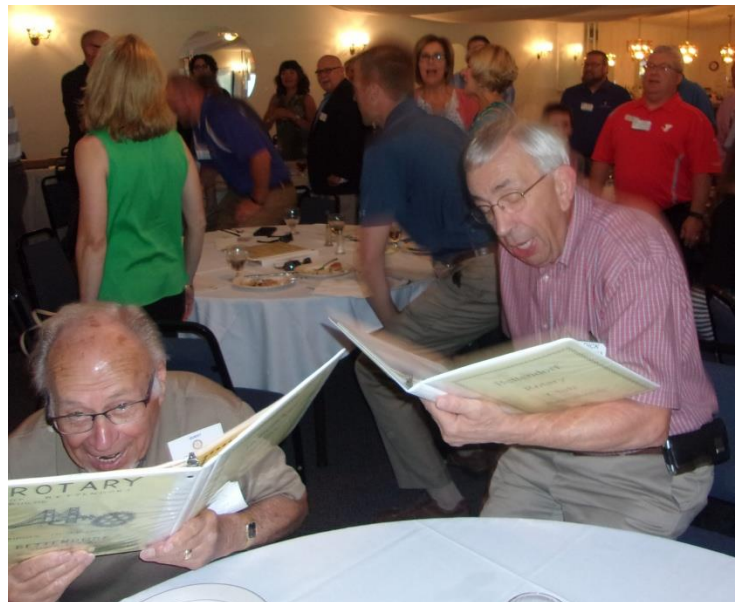
President Kevin Kraft collected \$306 with extra amounts from: **Decker Ploehn** – after receiving a congratulatory email prompted by LobsterFest from Allison Kass, \$10 in memory of her brother, our own **Glenn Kass...** **Bill Daley** – thanks for the privilege of being a co-presenting sponsor of LobsterFest... **Gary Mohr** – thanks to members who voted for him in the primary (he won 990-8), and “now, on to the general election”... **Carl Loweth** – last week he and Rona sat at the same table as the Miss Iowa candidate who won the title on Saturday... **Dick Schillig** – passed out copies of the Run with Carl promotional postcards – “some of you haven’t registered yet” with 82 days to go... **Ken Vandersnick** – looking forward to trip to Ireland... **Ann Kappeler** – sat at the luckiest table at LobsterFest, where her step-daughter won the diamond-ring drawing + the birthday check is coming next week... **Rich James** – passed along gratitude

from Larry the Lobsterman for the best Lobsterfest yet + enjoyed a golf outing with UNI coaches and athletes + spending the rest of summer at Colorado house... **Christy Gause** – looking forward to European vacation



The meeting opened...

After greeting members and visitors, **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 “God Bless America.” Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and presided over the Moment of Silence, during which we learned that **Todd Ashby’s** father is undergoing diagnostic tests for possible cancer.



After introductions, Tom and Gail led us in two more songs – “Rotary Town” and “My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean,” with calisthenics: standing or sitting with each word beginning with “B.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Guests:

Kaye LeBeau
Gail Baldwin, pianist
Jim Partridge, guest of **Tom Howard**
Bret Baker, guest of **Harry Coin**
Jared Powell, Powell Financial, guest of **Larry Thein**
Joe Champion, guest of **Kevin Kraft**

51 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 5 guests.



And at the end...

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

Missing today...

Ashby, Bell, Bennett, Bibik, Boeye, Bormann, Bush, Chambers, Deuth, Dobesh, Duda, Dugan, Elledge, Falk, Featherstone, Felsing, Fopma, Foster, Franks, Gallagher Jr., Habenicht, Hassell, Hill, Hurd, Kellenberger, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Morrison, Naeve, Nelson, Paplinski, Powers, Ross, Saul, Schmit, Schuler, Schutte, Schwab, Scranton, Slavens, Stopulos, Thompson, Webster, Wells, and Windmiller

Make-ups...

Rotary Club aboard the MS Zuiderdam, Baltic Sea cruise ship: S.K. Nanda
Lobsterfest Make-ups: Every member who worked at and attended the most successful Lobsterfest (so far...)

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

June 29: Gavel exchange

July 6: Leadville 6 (100-mile run) with **John DeDoncker** and John Byrne

July 13: Presidential assembly

July 20: John Deere Classic with Clair Peterson, director



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