



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS...**
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722
February 7, 2024

This Week's Meeting...

STRIKE A MATCH



Next Week's Meeting...

BULLET-PROOF



Bettendorf City Police Chief Keith Kimball will give us some insight to the PD's most sophisticated crime fighting tool: The BearCat.

The BearCat is an armored vehicle and it is 20,000 lbs of bad news for bad guys.

Don't miss it!



Today we enjoyed an update by one of the more progressive organizations in the Quad Cities: LEAD(H)ER.

Hannah Howard was named the new Executive Director at the QC LEAD(H)ER in September of 2023. Hannah is 2013 graduate of Iowa State University and previously served as the director of services at the Muscatine Chamber of Commerce. Our own Marcia Erickson recruited Hannah for the LEAD(H)ER job!

LEAD(H)ER was created in the QC in 2016 by Melissa Pepper. It is a mentorship program that has connected and advised 1000 women. The mission is to "fuel career and community engagement for women in the workforce." This is done via a one-on-one and group mentoring program named, Strike A Match.

LEAD(H)ER defines “mentorship” as a voluntary developmental relationship where experiences are shared between a woman of greater experience with a woman of lesser experience – characterized by mutual trust, respect, honesty, and commitment.

Hannah encourages all Quad Citians to either be a mentor or nominate one. All it takes in one hour per week.

LEAD(H)ER is funded by local corporate sponsors, private donors, and grants. President Joe presented Hannah with a check for \$100.

LEAD(H)ER holds several events each year, including at-large Huddles, a golf outing, and the “Girl On Fire Awards.”

Quick facts:

- ✚ Women with mentors are 5 times more likely to be promoted.
- ✚ Employees with mentors are 17% more likely to be satisfied with their jobs.
- ✚ The women-to-men earnings ratio is \$.72 : \$1.00



GUESTS...

We had no guests today.

WE SING...

Tom Howard led us to our proud designation as a SINGING ROTARY CLUB.



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

President Joe let us know the Red Badge Meeting will occur on Tuesday February 13 at Tangle Wood Hills Pavilion. All club members are encouraged to attend and help our newest members get exposure to Rotary philosophies and anecdotes. Drinks and finger foods will be involved. You might let Shelly Nauman know if think you want to join the fray.

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President Joe says mark your calendars for Wednesday February 21 as this is the date our own Mayor Bob Gallagher will deliver the “State of Bettendorf” address at the Waterfront Convention Center. PLEASE RSVP to Shelly Nauman if you plan to attend the state of the city event: bettendorfrotary@gmail.com

Mary Macumber-Schmidt is calling for kitchen help! On February 26 we need help providing an after school meal at Hope at the Brick House. We need a couple chefs to make the chicken sandwiches, the green bean casserole, and we need buns. Starts at 4:00 and will be done by 5:00. See Mary if you can assist: Mary.macumberschmidt@unitypoint.org

President Joe did some effective recruiting and the BRC is putting up three 4-somes to support the Big Brothers/Big Sisters' Putt-A-Round this week. *Go get 'em, BRC Putt Masters!*

Mary Macumber-Schmidt is in the process of developing a list of service efforts the BRC will take on in the next club year. In that vein, **Monica Kruse** advised that Habitat For Humanity will be building 6 houses this year, starting May 6. Monica says it is rewarding work and they will let anyone swing a hammer. See Monica to get involved: closing@mtctitle.com

Harry Coin advised that District 6000 is now going to allow "empty nesters" the ability to host qualified International Exchange Students. Our club's exchange program is in dire need of a host family for the 2024/2025 school year. Brock Biggerstaff, whose family hosted Italian student Dafne Sapia this year, offered testimonial to the fact that it is a very enjoyable assignment.

LOBSTERFEST: If you have questions or ideas for Lobsterfest, here are the committee members. Feel free to reach out to them.

- ✚ Silent Auction – Shannon Chap, Mary Macumber Schmit
- ✚ Venue – Ann Kappler

- ✚ Branding/Marketing/Social Media – Beth Clark
- ✚ Sponsorships – Maria Osterberg, Eric Reinsch, Marcia Erickson
- ✚ Ticket Sales – Brock Biggerstaff
- ✚ Live Auction – Kevin Koellner & Ron Chris
- ✚ Drawings – Matt Sturdevant

NEW MEMBERS...

SK Nanda welcomed and officially inducted five new Rotarians into the BRC. The new teammates told us a little about themselves and **President Joe** pinned them.

- ✚ **Michelle Rowe**
- ✚ **Bobby Ray Bunch**
- ✚ **Jen Debu**
- ✚ **Kristin Skaggs**
- ✚ **Andrew Lehman**

President Joe encourages all club members, especially new club members, to get involved with a club service activity. You'll be surprised at the life-long connections you will make.



Now proud Rotarians... especially Bettendorf Rotarians!

Happy Bucks...

Maria Osterberg happily reported that her hacked, spammed, and defiled email account has been fixed... and while she had the floor she added a plug for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters youth mentoring program.

Frank Mitvalsky was proud to let us know Bettendorf High School will make an appearance at the state swimming finals... and his son qualified in four events.

Bill Daley winked and thanked Maria Osterberg for the opportunity to buy 4000 gift cards via a suspicious email.

Gwen Tombergs is giddy to be turning 65 on Saturday.

Sharon Smith was happy to announce her daughter's and her mother's birthdays coming right up.

Penny McGimpsey was pleased as punch to report a successful repping stint for Petosi Brewing at the recent BREW Live event. Her next Petosi pitch effort will be at the Bacon, Bourbon, Brew & Wine event on March 23 at the MV fairgrounds.

Decker Ploehn was jocular in reporting that City Hall successfully defended Maria Osterberg's cybersecurity test.



Thanks for ringing our bell, Hannah Howard!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS...

- ✚ Shelly Nauman (5th)
- ✚ Gwen Tombergs (10th)
- ✚ Shawn Langan (13th)
- ✚ Tim Downing (16th)
- ✚ Bobby Ray Bunch (17th)
- ✚ Jolene Powell (21st)
- ✚ SK Nanda (23rd)
- ✚ Craig Windmiller (25th)

Happy Birthday, Rotarians!



Upcoming Meetings...

If you have an idea for a future program, see Program Chairman **Scott Naumann**, 563-505-7953; scottnaumann@msn.com

Need to Make Up at Another QC Rotary Club?

Monday, Noon: Davenport – Modern Woodmen Park

Monday, Noon: Moline –Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline

Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Club Room, upstairs, Hy-Vee, 30th Street & 18th Avenue, Rock Island

Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City

Tuesday, Noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center

Wednesday, noon: Bettendorf – Tanglewood Hills 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 – → *please update if you learn its meeting place*

Friday, Noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport



Rotary International... Rotary Foundation Minute

S.K. Nanda,
BRC’s Rotary
Foundation chair,
provides regular
guidance on the
good work of the
Foundation...



“Welcome to Week One of RI’s Month of Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution

Yemen, Syria, South Sudan, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Israel-Hamas... the list goes on of major conflicts in this century alone. The conflicts have exacted a devastating toll on civilians. Communities are continuously caught in the middle – killed, displaced and pushed into starvation as conflict blocks aid and cuts off communication. The violence has also wreaked havoc on health facilities and other infrastructure, making it that much harder for organizations to reach and help people.

This is the month Rotary International devotes to issues of peace and conflict prevention and resolution all around the globe. TRF’s Trustee Chair, Barry Rassin, reminds members that, “...in these times, we need to shift our focus from what we can’t change to what we can do. We can also support what we know works.

Rassin further believes that peacebuilding and conflict prevention is one of RI's areas of focus because, "...peace is central to everything we do in Rotary. Even though most of us aren't diplomats at the negotiating table or peacebuilders working on active conflicts, in Rotary's regular way, what we do works to promote peace and prevent conflict somewhere, every day... When you support any of the areas of focus of The Rotary Foundation, you are contributing to peace. Foundation grants that address fundamental issues – such as a global grant focused on enhancing basic literacy in a community – will cultivate a better understanding of the world and lead to greater economic stability, laying the groundwork for peace.”

In Rotary,

Olabisi Gwamna, PhD
Mount Pleasant Rotary
Editor, Foundation Minute”

VISIT: [The Rotary Foundation | Rotary International](#)

*See **S.K. Nanda** about making your contributions to The Rotary Foundation.*

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For more on Bettendorf Rotary...

Website:

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

You can also find us on Facebook and LinkedIn.



BIG FAVOR... Go to the BRC's Facebook and LinkedIn pages and share these posts. We'll be posting this notice over the next couple weeks. **THANK YOU!**

SAVE THE DATE!



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