



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS...**
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722
January 31, 2024

This Week's Meeting...

**50 YEARS AT
AUGUSTANA**



Next Week's Meeting...

**Lead(h)er
Leader**

Last fall Hannah Howard was named as the new Executive Director at the QC Lead(h)er. Hannah hails from Muscatine where she previously worked for the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Hear Hannah's take on the Lead(h)er mission to fuel career and community engagement for Quad Cities women in the workforce.



Today we enjoyed recollections and reality blurbs from Professor Dan Lee. Dr. Lee also serves as an advisor, author, QC Times columnist, and is a former Naval intelligence officer. His is a fascinating life celebrating 50 years at Augustana College this year.

Dr. Lee has primarily taught three courses in Ethics at Augustana. He says

he got his first hard lesson in ethics from an admiral in the Navy regarding a mission in prohibited waters.

Lee says the most difficult concepts he has to teach are medical ethics and business ethics.

And he is very concerned about Artificial Intelligence. He promotes a “zero tolerance” around its application in his students’ assignments. Professor Lee submits his own private battle with AI to make his students include detailed bibliographies.

When comparing students in 1974 to students in 2024, Lee says they were delightful then as they are now... but they just dress differently. At Augie, the big change over the years is in the large number of international students enrolled – which Lee says makes Augustana a much better place.

Dr. Lee wanted to touch on the concept of Democracy. This topic was fueled by a recent visit with a friend who was a former Illinois state legislator.

Lee posits that we no longer work together as a society. We’ve been polarized to the point where our leadership only wants to “criticize and attack.” We no longer seek to meet in the middle, as American leaders did in previous generations.

Dr. Lee feels the Illinois and Iowa legislatures are great examples of this polarization as both states are “one party rule.” Illinois being Democrat and Iowa being Republican.

“The Art of Listening” is absent across the board, according to Dr. Lee. We need

to get back to the practice of trying to understand first, then come to judgement and decisions. We spend too little time trying to teach our kids how to listen. He alluded to the old comic strip, “Pogo,” in which he recalls the big message to be, “We have met the enemy and they are us.”



GUESTS...

Heather Dohrn (with Brock Biggerstaff)

Terri Taylor (with Bill Daley)

Richard Stubblefield (with Bill Daley)

Ben Bempong (with Maria Osterberg)

John Bracke (with Maria Osterberg)

WE SING...

Tom Howard fortified our posture as a SINGING ROTARY CLUB.



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

President Joe says mark your calendars for 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

Matt Sturdevant says there will be a Lobsterfest Team Meeting next Thursday morning. A recent email ties team members to a shared Google Docs file. Please let Matt know if you got the email. matt.sturdevant@goosehead.com



NOTE: 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

President Joe is serious about the Big Brothers/Big Sisters' Putt-A-Round. Says

the Davenport Rotary Club is taunting us. We need two 4-somes to compete. The team slots have been booked. If you're a putt-putt master, your club needs you! This hilarious putt off will be Thursday February 8. See President Joe to compete: Joseph.p.campion@gmail.com

Dr. Ben Bempong, of the Morning Star Academy, says a bowling fund raiser is in the works for May. The goal is to raise enough funds to increase the safety of the entrances at the school. Reach out to Dr. Bempong if you can be a sponsor.

NEW MEMBERS...

President Joe had Sarah Potter, Jen DeBuhr, and Andrew Lehman stand and be recognized as the newest members of those who are proud to be Rotarians... especially Bettendorf Rotarians!



Happy Bucks...

Brock Biggerstaff was pleased to recently celebrate his 34th birthday.

Tim Lane is giddy to have had a life-giving hot bologna sandwich in Chicago recently.

Steve Roberts is elated to have lost 32 pounds since Thanksgiving and is going to celebrate with a trip to Florida to see the Atlanta Braves at spring training.

Decker Ploehn is proud to have recently celebrated his 48th wedding anniversary and will mark his 50th employment anniversary with the City of Bettendorf.

Gwen Tombergs offered a happy shout out to Bob Gallagher Sr for pulling together a power of attorney for one of her clients on short notice.

Likewise, **Penny McGimpsey** gave a shout out to Ron Crist and his team at Duck Creek Tire for successfully servicing her beloved Jeep.

Sharon Sarver was pleased to be able to fill in for Dr. Tom Olson today. Bear witness: “Why did the bicycle fall over? It was too tired.” (*Doc, we may need an intervention here.*)



Thanks for ringing our bell, Dr. Lee!

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

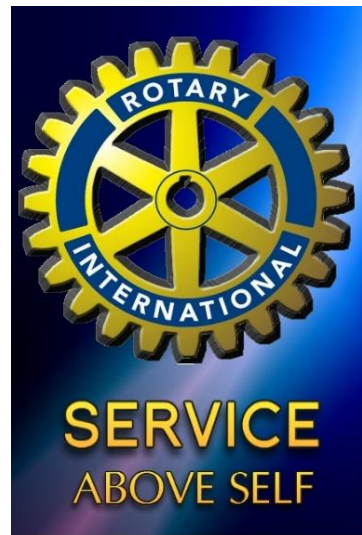
Thursday, Noon: East Moline – Christ United Methodist Church

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...



“As we bid farewell to January, let us briefly reflect on the concept of vocational service as defined in The Object of Rotary, which is to “encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

Second: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Third: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life.

Fourth: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.”

TRF has continued to fulfill these objectives with the ultimate aim of making the world a better place for all concerned.

In Rotary,

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

VISIT: [The Rotary Foundation | Rotary International](https://www.rotary.org/)

*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.



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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