



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS...**
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722
February 14, 2024

Next Week's Meeting...

**MAYOR'S
UPDATE**



Next week our own **Mayor Bob Gallagher** will take the stage at the Waterfront Convention Center and deliver the “State of the City” address with his usual panache.

Doors open at 11:00AM.
Lunch will be served at 11:30AM.
The mayor’s presentation begins at 12:15PM.

Be sure to let Shelly Naumann know if you plan to attend:
bettendorfrotary@gmail.com

Don’t miss it!

This Week's Meeting...

ROLLING STEEL



Today Bettendorf City Police Chief Keith Kimball gave us a peek at the BPD’s most effective and final word in law enforcement: The Lenco BearCat Armored SWAT Vehicle.

The PD recently took delivery of this BearCat after successful utilization of their first model. The first model was

acquired in 2014 with drug seizure money and was sold to the City of Moline.

The BPD's BearCat is not only used in Bettendorf... but is also regularly deployed to Davenport, Moline, Rock Island, and East Moline. When the BearCat shows up, the incident usually comes to a close.

The BearCat is custom built for law enforcement with ½ thick steel and an amazing amount of technology... including thermal imaging. It will hold 8 to 10 officers.

It takes 6 months to build a 10-ton BearCat from a Ford 550 chassis. It has a 20-year shelf life. Typical retail price is around \$200,000.

The race riots in Ferguson, MO of 2014 caused many PD's across the nation to look into armored vehicles. The BPD already had a Tactical Team in place so this was a nice marriage.

The BearCat is built to save lives, and Chief Kimball spoke emotionally about this aspect.

Accompanying Chief Kimball today was Captain Rich Streepy, who put the BearCat on exhibition in our parking lot.



GUESTS...

Joanne Naumann (with son, **Scott Naumann**)

WE SING...

Tom Howard coaxed us into assuming our position as a SINGING ROTARY CLUB.



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

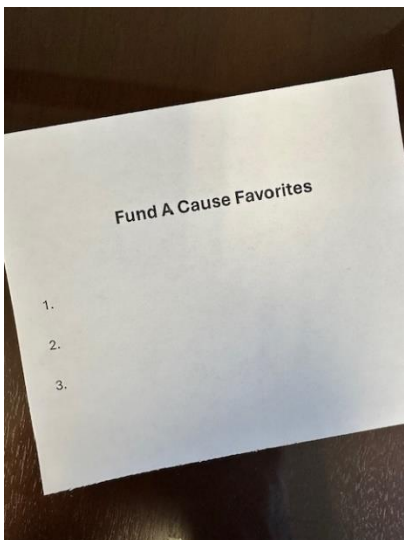
President Joe let us know the Red Badge Meeting took place this past week. **SK Nanda** delivered a historical and operational perspective and several board members offered other forms of insight. **THANK YOU** to our new club members who invested their time to learn about Rotary International and the BRC.



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 flashed the victory sign as the BRC Putt-Putt Team brought home the traveling Rotary Putt-A-Round Trophy. Despite inferences of pencil whipping, the Davenport Rotary Putt Putt Team will present the trophy soon.

Matt Sturdevant asks us to submit 3 causes we'd like the BRC to consider funding in the next club year. These funds come from our famous Lobsterfest. matt.sturdevant@goosehead.com



Gwen Tombergs and the Lobsterfest Marketing Committee are asking for help from 10 club members who will be share warriors... i.e., they will share all the Lobsterfest social media posts. We also need a couple members to be video producers so we can post some fun video clips on social media. This is all part of

an orchestrated social media blast around Lobsterfest. If you enjoy social media, we need you!

gwentombergs@gmail.com

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.

hgcoin@gmail.com

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 two new Rotarians into the BRC. The new teammates told us a little about themselves and **President Joe** pinned them...

- ✚ **Sarah Potter**
- ✚ **Deborah Mueller**



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.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS...

SK Nanda called up **Decker Ploehn** and **Ken Vandersnick** for advancing their Paul Harris Fellow status. Decker P has achieved a Paul Harris +3 designation and Ken V is now Paul Harris + 2. THANK YOU to these generous members for their support of the worldly goodness that comes from the Paul Harris Society.



Ken Vandersnick



Decker Ploehn

HAPPY BUCKS...

Jean Dickson was ecstatic to report that her son will graduate from the University of Iowa in May and he has been given a full ride scholarship to the Iowa College of Law.

Bobby Ray Bunch happily reported he's turning 39 this weekend.

Mary Macumber-Schmidt gleefully reported that Unity Point/Trinity Bettendorf celebrates its 20th anniversary years soon.

Larry Thein apologized for missing so many meetings but was giddy about being able to watch his son play college baseball.

Tim Lane encourages us all to watch Caitlin Clark break the NCAA women's scoring record.

Speaking of the big Iowa basketball game, **Scott Naumann** reminds us that the American Heart Association will have a special presence at said game.

Maria Osterberg gratefully thanked Mike Ingleby for the use of his truck to assist with Legat's Putt-A-Around presence.

Sharon Smith was pleased to invite us to learn Hands Free CPR next Thursday from 5PM – 8PM at Quad Cities Realtors headquarters.

Sharon Smith also let us know the Quad Cities Realtors recently made a contribution to the "Pay It Forward" effort in local grade schools.

Decker Ploehn wanted us all to know our guest, Joanne Naumann, is big fan of pro golfer Jason Day.

President Joe was giddy to report he will not be in attendance for the next two weeks... which caused an elated "yeah, baby" from Decker Ploehn.



Thanks for ringing our bell, Chief Kimball!

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



IN MEMORIAM...

Former BRC member, George Worley, passed away on February 5.

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 2 of RI's Month of
Peace and Conflict
Prevention/Resolution. ...

The news this week is from the
Northeastern State of Assam, in India,
where the health minister, Keshab
Mahanta, inaugurated three state-of-art
facilities — a blood bank, an eye hospital
and a physiotherapy unit — at the
KGMT Hospital, Guwahati, in the
presence of DG Nilesh Agarwal, PDGs
Manas Chaudhuri, Kalpana Khound and

Debashish Das. The facilities were set
up by RID 3240 at around ₹2 crore
(\$240,876 USD) through a Global Grant
project with RID 3282, Bangladesh, as
partner. During his tenure as governor in
2019–20, PDG Das initiated the project
with \$30,000 as a Directed Gift to form a
seed fund for the GG project. Past
District Governors from the United States
and other Rotarians from all the eight
clubs in Guwahati contributed to the
success of the medical project.

In Rotary,
Olabisi Gwamna, PhD Mount Pleasant
Rotary Editor, Foundation

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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Lothian, Scotland

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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!**



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