



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 20, 2023

Next meeting:
Jan. 3, 2024

Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

Come for a 'Celebration of Bettendorf Rotary'

The Jan. 3 meeting has been on the calendar for several weeks, described as "Review of 2023 activities and their community impact."

Asked what he's going to include,



President Joe Campion said, "There are so many GREAT things the club did, it's hard to keep track." We'll find out after the Holidays, but it's likely that he'll talk about at least some of these:

→Blanket Drive collecting 3,400 blankets...

→Highly successful LobsterFest...

→Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets...

→Bylaws reviewed and updated...

→Helping out at the "Spooktacular" event at Empower House...

→Walk for Freedom to show support for victims of human trafficking...

Remember: No meeting Dec. 27 and Charitable Grants: Jan. 10, 2024, at the Riverfront Convention Center

This week's meeting:
Dec. 20, 2023



President Joe Campion presents a thank-you check to hosts Donna and Juli Sundholm.

It was really a Christmas party

Promise kept!

Instead of a regular meeting, as promised for the last few weeks, for Dec. 20 we had been told to expect a "Christmas luncheon." And at last week's meeting, **President Joe Campion** advised us to "wear your Santa and elf hats."

Both things happened. The buffet table presented a delicious selection of appetizers, and a number of our fellow Rotarians – and some spouses, too – looked like Santa's helpers.

There was only one piece of Rotary "business" – amid the eating and conversations about, "what are you doing for Christmas?" President Joe called our weekly hostesses, **Juli and Donna Sundholm**, to the front of the room, where he gave them a check for more



than \$1,200 with thanks for taking such good care of us during our weekly meetings.



As the applause died down, the party resumed, and Rock-a-Billy musician Pat Jones resumed playing his guitar and singing from his songbook of familiar standards.

Later, as the crowd thinned, and we headed for the parking lot, Bettendorf Rotarians could be heard wishing each other a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



On these pages you'll see glimpses of the merriment, with much thanks to **Monica Kruse** and **Jeff Bloemker** for their contributed photos.

(This issue of *BRC News* is the final one for your editor. After 10½ years, he's hanging up the green eyeshade and stepping back into the ranks of Bettendorf Rotarians. Beginning in

January, **Jeff Bloemker** has volunteered to carry on... Thanks, Jeff!)





Upcoming meetings & more...

Meeting programs thanks to Program Chair **Scott Naumann**, 563-505-7953; scottnaumann@msn.com:

Dec. 27: No meeting – Christmas week

Jan. 3, 2024: Celebration of Bettendorf Rotary achievements during 2023

Jan. 10, 2024: Charitable grants of

\$80,378 will be presented at the Waterfront Convention Center – come early for a good seat and the buffet

Friday, June 21, 2024: LobsterFest at the Waterfront Convention Center



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Make up at another QC 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 elsewhere...

Rotary District 6000...

Former governor passes: The District 6000 office informed us: "It is with sadness that we notify you of the death of **Past District Governor 2018-2019, Tom Narak**. Tom and Carol were in Alabama visiting their daughter when he had a massive stroke. Tom was a member

of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines. Another email will be sent when visitation and service information is available.

“Our district will send a \$100 contribution to The Rotary Foundation in his memory.

“Send condolences to Carol Narak, 5700 Aspen Dr., West Des Moines, IA 50266 cdnarak@gmail.com 515-229-9847.”

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For more on Rotary District 6000:

<https://rotary6000.org/>



Rotary Foundation minute...



[S.K. Nanda, BRC's Rotary Foundation chair, provides weekly reports on the good work of the Foundation.]

Welcome to Week 3 of RI's Month of Disease Prevention & Treatment

Most households all around the world are busy preparing for end of the year celebrations in all forms and styles. The

Rotary Foundation too has its own list of things to do before the year runs out, and the following message from the president sums it all up:

“December, a month universally associated with giving, aligns with the spirit of Christmas and its tradition of generosity. In several countries, citizens receive favorable tax treatment for charitable gifts, a practice often observed at year-end. In this spirit, I wish to discuss ways each of us can contribute to aiding Rotarians in serving others and doing good in the world. The good news is, there are numerous avenues to make a meaningful impact.”

Giving to the Rotary Foundation:

A straightforward method to contribute is through our beloved Rotary Foundation. Most often, our gifts to the Rotary Foundation are contributions to the Annual Fund or the Polio Fund, supporting TRF's signature program of polio eradication. I urge you to consider two additional ways to give: a) the TRF endowment and b) specific global grants.

Why contribute to the TRF Endowment? It ensures a perpetual source of resources for the Rotary Foundation. Funds placed in an endowment are never spent; only the earnings generated by the endowment are utilized. TRF's total, including expectancies, is close to 2 billion US dollars. Not widely known is TRF's Economic Development and Empowerment Fund, an endowment specifically focused on economic development projects. Earnings from this fund annually support economic development global grants. If you wish to contribute, please direct your gift to TRF Fund E11972.

Direct contributions to global grants also make a significant impact. Over the past

decade, TRF Global Grants for Economic Development projects have totaled over 105 million US dollars. Your direct investment can shape future Global Grants.



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