



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 7, 2011, issue

Next meeting:
Noon Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

**It'll be sounding a lot
like Christmas ...**



Get ready to enjoy some Holiday Spirit at the Dec. 14 meeting – just 11 days before Christmas – as singers from the Bettendorf Community Schools come to serenade us.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2010

**Grubbs: 'Participate
in Iowa Caucuses'**

Christmas will hardly be over – and Bowl games will still be on TV – when the Iowa Caucuses, first in the nation, kick off the 2012 year-long political season on Jan. 3. One

of the people in the thick of it, Republican political consultant **Steve Grubbs** of Victory Enterprises, Davenport, provided a



bit of a look behind those political scenes at the Dec. 7 meeting.

“Why participate in the Iowa Caucuses?” the former Iowa chairman of the Herman Cain campaign asked. The caucuses offer an opportunity for any candidate to “get a foot in the door” and be considered as a candidate for president without having to spend huge sums of money to campaign in the state, he said. And the relatively small number of participants – about 100,000 out of all the eligible voters in Iowa – means each individual at the caucus “has a powerful opportunity to participate in choosing the next leader of the most powerful nation on Earth,” he added. He characterized the caucuses as “the closest thing to participatory democracy.”

Grubbs spent six weeks as Iowa chairman of the Cain campaign, having been recruited in October. “And I ran it into the ground,” he joked ruefully, noting that Cain had topped the polls of likely Republican voters when he was hired, but had dropped to just 8% by the time he suspended his campaign amid growing accusations. As for the outcome now, Grubbs said, “It’ll come down to Newt (former U.S. Rep. Newt Gingrich) and Mitt (former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney).”

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and the singing of “This Is My Country.”

After Moments of Reflection, song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Sheri Fleming**, led a medley of Rotary, patriotic and seasonal melodies. We sang “Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry,”



“Remember Pearl Harbor” – **Carter LeBeau**, who was 16 on Dec. 7, 1941, led a rousing *a cappella* rendition of that

song from World War II – “Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly” and the monthly wish for “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.” Those marking the passage of another year in December are: 3, **Theron Schutte**; 15, **Brad Boeye**; 23, **Jeff Hassel**; 26, **Bob Gallagher**, **Greg Blaske**; 30, **Beverly Murray**.



Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarian:

Ardo Holmgrain, Rock Island, Civil Engineer

Guest:

Tamara Binder with **Beverly Murray**

Announcements...

➔ **Christmas baskets.** **President Scott** (channeling **Sharon Sarver**) asked for five more volunteers to deliver Christmas baskets – and hands went up around the room.

➔ **Attended Davenport Rotary.** **President Scott** reported he had attended the Monday meeting of Davenport Rotary to present BRC’s \$1,000 check for the Rotary Riverside Pavilion project.

➔ **LobsterFest.** “We had a great meeting last week!” **President Scott** enthused (when Scott enthuses, you know



he's really pumped...). Planning for the June 16, 2012, event is off and running. Scott prompted **Carter LeBeau** to announce, "191 days to go!" (He enthused, too.) Planning meetings continue 8 a.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Bettendorf Public Library.

→ **BRC Holiday Party.** The date has been set – Jan. 14, 2012 – and the site tentatively will be TPC at Deere Run (don't hit Google Maps until it's confirmed).



→ **Nahant Marsh event.** Doyle McCully informed us of the Nahant Winter Festival & Craft Fair starting 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Marsh Education Center, 4220 Wapello Ave., Davenport. Scheduled events – a wildlife hike, winter birds presentation and tracking animals in the snow – run

through the morning, with art, crafts and other shows all day (half of sale \$\$ benefits Nahant conservation and education, Doyle said). To register for scheduled events: call 323-5196 or email nahantmarsh@eicc.edu.

The news...

Lora Adams gave a roundup of news (most of which you won't find anywhere else...). MidAmerican Energy will hike rates 3-4% in 2012.... The Wonder Bread plant on River Drive may become a data center.... A

South Carolina woman killed a family friend and (in the spirit of the season?) left the body under Christmas presents.... A felon made two mistakes in Chicago: he tried to mug a man in a car,



who turned out to be an ultimate fighting champ, and he told the would-be victim to get out of the car; his total haul: gunshot wound to his ankle, face full of cuts, two black eyes and multiple charges.... *Myth-busters* shot a cannonball that... went through a house, through a block wall, skipped off a hill, flew 700 yards, ripped through a house's front door, went up the stairs, through a bedroom (where a family slept), left the house, crossed a 6-lane road, damaged a roof and slammed into a parked car.... A Labrador retriever named Reagan rescued 2 kittens that had been left in a bag to be killed; the headline could read, "Tipper & Skipper rescued by... Gipper." And Ron Santo made it into the MLB Hall of Fame (only about a year after he died).

Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$192 for our foundations + birthday money for our Scholarship Fund (\$44 check from **Beverly Murray** and \$61 in cash from others).

Other **Ryan Happy \$\$** came from: **Ann Kappeler** – announcing the arrival of grandson... **Tom Howard** – happy to be back from Thanksgiving with family in Pacific Northwest... **George Coin** – \$41 for that number of years he’s lived in Bettendorf – and now he’s moving to a Davenport condo, very near Bettendorf’s



border... **Rich James** – very happy about UNI wins in football postseason and basketball (especially over unnamed Iowa opponents)... **Tom Ahlstrand** –



will spend two weeks with daughter at Christmastime – in California... **Beverly Murray** – her birthday – and her grandson’s... **Lora Adams** – Riverdale

Rams

now 9-0...

President Scott – \$4 for the 4 remaining wins the Packers will have to finish their perfect



season... **John Archer** – 7th anniversary + Henry’s 6th birthday + campaign going well.

Missing today

K. Adams, Ashby, Atnip-7, Bowe-5, Brown, H. Coin, Cahalan-3, DeBuhr, DeDoncker-2, Death, Dobesh, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-23, Felsing, Freemire-13, Gallagher, Glass-5, Gudgel, Harrison, Heninger-3, Hinton-23, Kennedy-7, Kinsley, Lane, Lanum-23, Legare-19, McWilliams-5, Mitvalsky, Nelson-12, Oswald-3, Powers, Praul, Rolf, Ross, Sarver, Scranton-5, Sherrick-4, Spelhaug, Wilshire-4

Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @ Rock Island

Scott Naumann @ Iowa Quad Cities

At today's committee meeting: Todd Larsen, Bill Daley, Josh Carter, Jonna Schuler, Duncan Cameron, Mike Limberg, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Carl Loweth, Rick Hartsock, Linda Miller, Jean Dickson



Greeter Jonna Schuler really welcomed Gene Miller to the Dec. 7 meeting.

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: **340-5114**, bmfkennedy@att.net

Dec. 14: A Holiday Music Concert, thanks to the Bettendorf Public School District.

Dec. 21: Don Doxsie, sports editor of the *Quad-City Times*, offers predictions for the College Football Bowl Season.



News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...

Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...

Photographer: Carter LeBeau...

Webmeister/Web-site host: Chris Glass

Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club

Monday, noon: Moline – Christ the King Catholic Church

Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Arbor Village Club House, Moline

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

Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center

Wednesday, noon: **Bettendorf** – Fortune Garden Restaurant

Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi's Restaurant, Davenport

Thursday, 7 a.m.: Iowa Quad Cities – The Lodge, Bettendorf

Thursday, noon: East Moline – Christ United Methodist Church

Thursday, noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country Club

Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport