



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Noon Wednesday, March 2, 2011,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

**The story of Le
Claire Miss. R.
Distilling Co.**

The water is obviously plentiful, and so is the grain, so... it was only a matter of time until somebody brewed up something good to do with them. That somebody is our March 2 guest speaker, **Garrett Burchett** of the Mississippi River Distilling Co., Le Claire, maker of River Baron vodka and River Rose gin.



Born and raised in Harlan, Iowa, Garrett was graduated from

Iowa State with degrees in community and regional planning and transportation, he worked at the Center for Transportation Research and Education in Ames and as a land use and transportation consultant in Texas. With his wife Erin, he returned to Iowa and cofounded the company. He will share the successes, and pitfalls, of bringing his

vision for the Mississippi River Distilling Co. to reality.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2010

**Expect slow, steady
growth during 2011**

Filling in for the scheduled **John DeDoncker** (“We’ve never before had a



no-show in my years as program chair,” quipped **Brian Kennedy** during his introduction), **Todd Larsen** – a vice president of THE National Bank – presented the “Economic Outlook: Slow and Steady in

2011.” Among his observations and predictions:

- ➔ About 2.5% up-tick in GDP
- ➔ Consumer spending still outpaces industrial growth – but can spending still pull the economy up? Sobering fact: people/households with average income (\$50,000) have \$0 available for discretionary spending
- ➔ Continued sluggish drop in unemployment – by about 1% this year, to 8.7% by year’s end
- ➔ Food and fuel costs are rising
- ➔ Housing is still in the dumps, with 1/12 of houses vacant and 1/10 mortgages at least one month past-due.

The meeting opened...

President Jeff Hassel opened by leading members and guests in the recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and the singing of the

day's patriotic song, "God Bless America."

During Moments of Reflection, **Decker Ploehn** delivered a tribute to **Faye Clow**,



who died Feb. 18, after a battle with cancer: The first woman member and first woman president of Bettendorf Rotary, Decker said Faye also had served the community as

president of both Quad-City Arts and public TV station WQPT, and a member of the Iowa Humanities Board. To honor her work in creating the Learning Campus, encompassing the Public Library, which she directed for 30 years, and the Family Museum, the City Council named the green space that will be built on the site of the former Eagle's County Market "Faye's Field." A service to celebrate her life will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1107 Tanglefoot Lane. The family will greet friends beginning at 2 p.m. at the church.



Afterwards, **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Bernie Vogel**, led more singing: "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" – in honor of Presidents Day – and "My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean" – complete with

calisthenics on the "B" words.

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarian...

Tim Schlicksup, Iowa Quad Cities: Furniture.

...and Guests:

Mary Watson, Colleen James and Dallan Christensen with Connie Mangler.

Announcements...

➔ **BRC Social Hour.** The second-ever

BRC Social Hour on Feb. 21 at the Hotel Blackhawk drew these

members: **Greg Blaske, George Daugherty, Jeff Hassel, Tom Howard, Glen Kass, Mike Limberg, Bob Lundin, Doyle McCully, Connie**

Mangler, Scott Naumann, Steve Sorensen and Terry Westbrook.

Membership Chair Connie said, "It was a fun event, and we thank the Hotel Blackhawk for the wonderful appetizers and tour."

The next Social Hour will be Monday, March 21, at Caddy's.

➔ **Rotary Night at the Ballpark.**

George Daugherty alerted us to the event that brings together all QC Rotarians to raise funds for our joint commitment to Rotary International's Polio Plus fund. The River Bandits will play the Cedar Rapids Colonels on June 29. Tickets are \$7 with \$3 – plus 25 cents of every Ballpark Buck – going to Rotary.



→ **LobsterFest.** **Scott Naumann** read a letter from Bah Harbah 'Rotarian' Larry



T. Lobsterman, who's looking fohwahd to shipping us another 300 lobstahs for our event this

yeah, June 11. Sponsorship and ticket-sales efforts begin next week.

→ **Meeting room renovation.** Within two weeks, work to install new lighting is expected to be finished, and volunteers are needed to prep and paint the room.

→ **Mysterious money-maker.** To raise more funds to meet the club's commitment to Polio Plus, **Scott Naumann** announced the opportunity to be an eye-witness to "Murder in the Double-Wide," a crime committed by "It's a Mystery" on April 16 – where???

News...

Lora Adams reported the day's top (and some not-so-top) news: The 15 pirates who killed four Americans off Somalia may face trial in the U.S.... Foreigners flee fighting in Libya.... A clown who won election to Brazil's Congress after campaigning on the slogan, "It can't get any worse," apparently was wrong – he pressed the wrong button for his first vote.... In sports news, Cal Tech snapped a 310-game losing streak – the longest ever, dating back to 1985 – beating Occidental College 46-45; what Cal Tech lacks in athletic prowess it make up for in

Nobel Prizes, with 31 alumni and faculty among the winners.

Sergeant at Arms...

President Jeff amassed the trove of \$168 for our foundations + \$15 to the Birthday Fund. **Ryan \$\$** came from these happy members:

Glenn Kass – his daughter, a Leap Year baby, had a birthday.... **Tom Ahlstrand** – relived his glory days as a member of the 21-3 Moline HS basketball team.... **Ron Falk** – on the Maroons' 21-0 team 2 years later.... **Tom Howard** – Ecstatic about Purdue beating Ohio State.... **Lora Adams** – hubby voted Coach of the Year in his school's conference.... **Decker Ploehn** – tossed in \$13 because the tax levy stays below that amount.... **Susan Praul** – a girls' night with Jayne



Ploehn... **Ken Vandersnick** – happy about the full-page ad on Rotary's 106th anniversary in the *QC Times*.... **Lora**

again – taping **Faye-Clow**-tribute edition of “The Cities” – which airs 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, on WQPT.... **Todd Larsen** – celebrating hockey achievements of Bettendorfer Andy Yohe, named Player of the Year.... **Tim Lofgren** – kudos to Jayne Ploehn’s “beautiful singing voice.”

Missing today:

K. Adams, Atnip, Bowe-2, Brown-4, Cameron, Chambers, Coley-2, DeBuhr, DeDoncker-3, Dobesh-6, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-7, Felsing-2, Foster, Freemire, Habenicht-2, Hartsock-4, Heninger, Hinton, Kappeler, Kinsley, Kraft-7, Lanum-7, Legare-2, Lokenvitz, Loweth, Manas, L. Miller-6, Mitvalsky, Nielsen, Pelecky-6, Sarver, Saul, Schillig, Scranaton-2, Sherrick, Spelhaug, Volbrecht, Willsher, Windmiller, Worley

Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @Daytona Beach Oceanside Rotary.
Decker Ploehn @ Iowa Quad Cities
At committee meeting today: Rick St. Laurent, Brian Kennedy, Diane Ricketts-McCool, S.K. Nanda, Tim Lane, Mark Ross, Chelsea Powers, Glenn Kass, Decker Ploehn, David Deuth, Bob Gallagher

Upcoming meetings...

March 2: Garrett Burchett, Mississippi River Distilling Co., Le Claire

News Staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...
Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...
Photographer: Carter LeBeau...
Webmeister: Ralph Heninger...
Website host: Harry Coin

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.: IA 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

Bettendorf Rotary resources

Hot links where you can find answers to many questions about Rotary.

The history of Bettendorf Rotary, and more:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/local.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary in the community:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/community.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary’s current officers:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/current.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary’s committees and their chairs:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/committ.htm>

Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus... and more:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/links.htm>

Link to District 6000’s Website:
www.rotary6000.org

