



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Nov. 9, 2011, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Noon Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011,  
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

## Explore gaps between the generations...

The program at the Nov. 16 meeting focuses on communication gaps between the generations. If you have kids you have some insights already. If you have colleagues in generations different from your own, you have other insights. Come and see exactly what Program Chair **Brian Kennedy** has lined up for us. When you arrive, you can expect a warm welcome, such as the one **Chelsea Powers** bestowed on **Bob Gabrilson** when he arrived for the Nov. 9 meeting.



DG Patterson met with the BRC Board Nov. 9

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2010

## Rotary: a tale of 2 small boys helped

“I was a member of Rotary for almost 25 years before I even knew there was a district,” admitted District 6000 Gov. **Don Patterson** as he talked candidly at the Nov. 9 meeting about some of his life-changing experiences as a Rotarian. He and his wife **Becky** have been delivering on a promise to visit all 64 clubs in R-6000 before January 2012.



Before becoming president of a local club – first in Arkansas and later of the Rotary Club of Washington, Iowa – Don had always focused on local service projects. (He praised BRC for its many local community-service projects, as well as support for international projects.)

But as a local president, interacting with other local presidents at regional

meetings – and eventually at the International Convention – he became aware of the impact of Rotary projects world-wide. He first saw that impact in Xicotepec, Mexico, in the early 2000s when Region 6000 began supporting projects identified by Rotarians in that rural community. In those early years, many of those projects helped provide clean water, sanitation and school facilities.



During one of those visits, Don and Becky noticed one boy, whom they had met on an earlier visit, wasn't at school. Learning he was sick, they visited him and saw he was dying because he had

roundworms. They saw that he was treated – thanks to Rotary connections – and “now six years later he's doing fine,” Don said. The incident led to a yearly program to rid children of the parasites.

And it resulted in another opportunity to help a child. During their 2011 visit, Don and Becky met a child with leukemia. The Rotary D-6000 connection acted again to provide the money for him to go to Mexico City for chemotherapy treatments. Over the years, many Iowa Rotarians, university students and other volunteers have helped that community's health and literacy needs.

**The meeting opened...**

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and the singing of the day's patriotic song, “This Is My Country.” After Moments of Reflection and

introductions, song leader

**Tom Howard** (abetted by pianist **Sheri Fleming**)

took us through two favorites: “A Helping Hand” (to the tune of “The Happy Wanderer”) and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”



**Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarian:**

PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott: Publisher

**Guest:**

Scott Florence with **George Coin**

**Announcements...**

➔ **Thanksgiving Baskets. Kevin Kraft** asked the volunteers who had signed up to deliver baskets on the Saturday before Thanksgiving to stand – and stay standing because it seems Kevin had lost the list... But, never fear – he ransacked his house and office and checked every suit jacket – and he found the list! So, soon, **Sharon Sarver** promised all volunteers will get an email from her with full instructions.

➔ **LobsterFest Committee. President**



**Scott** said the committee seems rejuvenated, with eight-10 volunteers at last Thursday's meeting. There's plenty of work for

more volunteers. Our signature event will be June 16, 2012.



### The news...

**Lora Adams** led off her newscast with election results: Bob Gallagher Jr. will be Bettendorf’s new mayor... and a poll worker in Cleveland tried to bite a voter’s nose off because a campaign sign was too close to the polling place. In other news, a De Witt man was killed in a rock-crushing machine... much of Iowa got its first snow... Suffolk County, N.Y., axed Santa (\$660) from its \$2.7 billion budget... a cleaner accidentally ruined an art installation worth \$1 million when she cleaned what she thought was a stain....

### Sergeant at arms...

**President Scott** collected \$250 for our foundations from these generous donors of **Ryan Happy \$\$**: **Scott Tunncliff** – his daughter is returning from London after 10 weeks, so \$10... **Daniel Marvin** – open house for the Upper Iowa University location at Lincoln and Old Kimberly roads... **Glenn Kass** – thanks to the Marketing Committee, his



“staff” of volunteer proofers and **Jim Spelhaug** for the excellent coverage of BRC’s Faye Clow Dictionary Project in the *Bettendorf News* last week...

**President Scott** – and thanks for all who are responsible for “our club’s improving recognition across the community”...

**Steve Piart** – glad to be back after a 3-week absence... **George Coin** – son and brother’s birthdays... **Mark Ross** – Bob Gallagher Jr. elected mayor... **Decker Ploehn** – “he’s already on the job,”

filling in at the QC Mayors’ Hunger Luncheon... **Dave Deuth** – just got 5-gallon blood donor pin, so here’s \$\$ for all blood donors in the room... **Bob Lundin** – retiring at the end of the week... **Tom Howard** – love those Boilermakers... **Lora Adams** – it was only a sprain – but presentation of “The Turn of the Screw” had to be postponed until she could get back on solid footing...

**Tom Olson** – PUN-ished us with a quip about the quarry victim now being a piece of the rock... **Doyle McCully** wondered about having your cake and eating it (Did he forget the punch-line? Did he ever have one?)...

**Tim Lane** tried to regain the mood by challenging **Carter LeBeau** to sing the “Iowa Fight Song” – so he did, plus that other (theologically questionable) song about no beer in Heaven. So, basically, it was a typical **Ryan \$\$** session for our DG to witness....



**Snow was falling as we arrived for the meeting**

## Missing today

Archer-4, Ashby, Atnip-3, Bowe, Brown, Calabrese, Cameron, Carter, Cahalan-4, DeBuhr-3, Dickson, Dobesh-3, Eikenberry-5, Ellstrom-19, Felsing, Freemire-9, Gallagher, Glass, Gudgel, Habenicht, Harrison, Hintermeister, Hinton-19, James, Kappeler-4, Kennedy-3, Lanum-19, Legare-15, Lokenvitz, Loweth, McGimpsey, McWilliams, G. Miller, Nanda, Nelson-8, Saul, Schillig-2, Schuler, Scranton, St. Laurent, Volbrecht, Werner-3, Worley-4



## Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @ Naples, Fla.

Steve Piart @ Downtown Club of Visalia, Calif.

At today's committee meetings:  
Connie Mangler, Tim Lane, Phil Kinsley, Glen Pelecky, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Rick Hartsock, Linda Miller, Decker Ploehn, Frank Mitvalsky, Michael Limberg, Mark Ross, Kristen Adams, Steve Piart.

At the LobsterFest committee meeting:  
Ken Vandersnick, Scott Naumann, Carter LeBeau, George Daugherty, Penny McGimpsey, Brain Rolf, Beverly Murray, Cathy Duda

## Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: **340-5114**, [bmfkennedy@att.net](mailto:bmfkennedy@att.net)  
**Nov. 16:** Inter-generational communications gaps.

**Nov. 23:** Vocational service talks

**Nov. 30:** Bruce Carter, Quad Cities International Airport

## 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

## 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](http://www.rotary6000.org)