



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Nov. 24, 2010, issue

Next meeting:
Noon Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010, at
The Fortune Garden Restaurant

**Hear an update on
Hancher Auditorium**



As the featured speaker at the Dec. 1 meeting, **Chuck Swanson**, executive director of Hancher Auditorium at the University of Iowa, will share details about recent programs and activities since

the 2008 flood. He will also present up-to-date news regarding plans for the new Hancher building.

As executive director, Chuck directs the programming, educational, technical and financial operations of Hancher. The chief financial officer, he is in charge of all fundraising.

Chuck began his career at Hancher in 1985 as business manager. He became executive director in 2001. For more information on Hancher or its programs, go to www.hancher.uiowa.edu.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010

**Vera French helps
all of Scott County**

The Vera French Mental Health Center – serving all of Scott County – helps the community’s adults who face anxiety, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, depression, suicide and many other mental health challenges. The executive

director of the Vera French Foundation, **Ann Criswell-Tubbs**, CFRE, described the work of VFMHC at the Nov. 24 meeting.

Mental health conditions are treatable, she pointed out, but many go untreated because of the stigma attached to mental health challenges.



Since 2001, Vera French’s School-based Mental Health Services for Kids have helped children with mental health issues – often stemming from abusive conditions. **Kevin Hatfield**, principal of Neil Armstrong School in Bettendorf, shared his views on the impact of the program on troubled pupils in his school. Now 10 Vera French therapists provide counseling in 19 elementary schools – in all four QC school systems.

To learn more – or to contribute:
www.verafrenchmhc.org.

The meeting opened...



... with **President Jeff Hassel** – aided and abetted by booming baritone **Tom Howard** and perennial pianist

Bernie Vogel – singing “The 4-Way Test” and “America.” After Moments of Reflection the singing resumed with “God Bless Our Rotary” and, with Thanksgiving mere hours away, “We Gather Together.”

Secretary Chuck (“world-renowned turkey hunter”) Mooney introduced: Visiting Rotarian...

Jim Scott, Moline: Ag. Equipment

... and guests...

Tom Melchert with Paul Scranton
David Pieart with Steve Pieart

Announcements...

→ Paul Harris Fellowship Day. In



honor of Rotary Foundation Month (November), our Rotary Foundation Chair **S.K. Nanda** called a pop-quiz. Some of the answers (you’ll have to infer the questions):

founded 1917... with \$26... now spends \$100 million yearly... Paul Harris Fellowship started in 1957... \$1,000 in donations to become a Fellow... with BRC making matching contributions,



every Bettendorf Rotarian becomes a Fellow after 5 years.

Many PH Fellows, including **Rich James** and **John DeDoncker**, wore their pins in honor of the day – and **Carter LeBeau** even sported his medallion.



→ All-QC Rotary meeting. Frank Mitvalsky distributed flyers about the



meeting at noon Monday, Dec. 13, for all Quad-City Rotarians to hear Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, chair of the Rotary Foundation and 2005-6 president of Rotary International, at the i wireless Center. The event

also includes a performance by an ensemble of the Augustana College Choir. Cost is \$20. For a reservation contact Frank: **764-8300 or fmitvalsky@califf.com.**

The news...

Fred Anderson reported that Canada's industry minister, Tony Clement, was giving a speech on the government's digital strategy when he blurted out, "We need more Canadian sex stories." After the laughter died down, he said he meant to say, "We need more Canadian SUCCESS stories... like the world-famous BlackBerry." Later teased by reporters, Clement said, "The male brain is a very strange organ at times, isn't it? ... It really was not on my mind. I want to stress that for the record." (Methinks the minister doth protest too much....)

Sergeant at Arms...

President Jeff collected \$94 for our foundations + \$78 for our Scholarship fund. (Most of our happy throng were apparently sharpening their turkey-carving knives.) Those who were happy enough to share **Ryan \$\$** were:



Carter LeBeau – Illinois, his *alma mater*, beat "that team from Evanston," becoming bowl-eligible... and prompting a full rendition of the Illinois Fight Song... **Scott Naumann** – observed, "Burl Ives couldn't sing either"... **Dave Deuth** – \$20 for his son's 20th birthday + \$20 for something he did

like about his 3-7 Vikings... **President Jeff** – his daughter's 6th birthday...

In other news...



CASI Holiday Hat Bash. A tip of the hat goes to the Bettendorf Rotarians who showed up with hats on at the annual CASI fundraiser to buy gifts for QC seniors. Prominent

among them were event planners **Connie Mangler, Decker Ploehn** and **Steve Habenicht**, along with **Glenn Kass, Jen DeBoehr, Becky Hinton** and some camera-shy ones.



Festival of Trees Parade. Seen among the revelers at the annual Festival of Trees Parade were Bettendorf Rotarians **Decker Ploehn, Mike Freemire** and **Scott Naumann** – handling the Yogi Bear balloon (Yabba-Dabba-Doo!). **Tony Calabrese** and **Carter LeBeau** were part of the Clown Corps.

Missing today:

K. Adams, L. Adams-2, Ahlstrand-3, Atnip, Blaske-2, Bowe -3, Brown, Brummel-13, Cameron, Chambers,



Coley, Dobesh-2, Douglas-3, Downing, DeBuhr, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-21, Foster, Freemire, Freese, Gabrilson, Gudgel, Habenicht, Hartsock, Heinrich, Hintermeister, Hinton-2, Jochmann, Jones-17, Kappeler, Kennedy-3, Kraft-2, Lane-2, Lanum-8, Legare, Lofgren-2, Lokenvitz, Loweth, Lundin, McGimpsey, McWilliams-2, Mangler-3, Nielsen, Pelecky-2, Ploehn, Powers, Praul, Richards-11, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schillig, Schuler, Spelhaug, St. Laurent-5, Sorensen-2, Volbrlecht-3, Worley-5

Make-ups:

Phil Kinsley @ Springfield, Mo.
 At today's committee meeting: Linda Miller, Bob Gallagher, John DeDoncker, Theron Schutte, Rich James, Tony Calabrese, David Falk, Jerry Felsing, Paul Scranton, Glenn Kass, David Death, Frank Mitvalsky, Fred Anderson, Brad Boeye, Todd Larsen, John Rabine, John Sherrick

Upcoming meetings...

Dec . 8: Doug Cropper, CEO, Genesis Healthcare reform
Dec. 15: Holiday Musical Program – students from Pleasant Valley H.S.
Dec. 22: Don Doxsie, *Quad-City Times* sports editor – bowl predictions
Dec. 29: Vocational Services Talks – Sharon Sarver

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Bettendorf Rotary resources

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

The history of Bettendorf Rotary, and more:
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/local.htm>
 Bettendorf Rotary in the community:
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/community.htm>
 Bettendorf Rotary's current officers:
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/current.htm>
 Bettendorf Rotary's committees and their chairs:
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/committ.htm>
 Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus... and more:
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/links.htm>
 Link to District 6000's Website:
www.rotary6000.org

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