



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
July 20, 2011, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, July 27, 2011, at
The Fortune Garden Restaurant

**Meet Erik Maitland,
KWQC weatherman**



Erik Maitland, who reported weather at KWQC, the Quad-Cities' NBC affiliate, from 1993 to 2006, returned to the station and took over the top forecasting spot in

March 2011. Erik is our featured speaker at the July 27 meeting. His bio on the station's Website says he "enjoys speaking to school kids about weather and entertaining community groups with talks about weather, television, and his favorite subject: Erik Maitland!"

While away from the QC, he was the weekend meteorologist at KMSP, Minneapolis-St. Paul. That's his hometown. He and his wife, Michele, have two daughters, Taylor and Eryn.

Erik studied meteorology and broadcasting at Arizona State University. After his first year forecasting in Phoenix, Erik has had stops in Traverse City, Mich., and Mason City, Iowa.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, July 20, 2010



**Assn. helps Iowa's
biotech companies**

Since 1994, the Iowa Biotechnology Association has promoted the interests and growth of life sciences industries in Iowa, and its executive director, **Rachel Hurley**, provided some insight into its work at the July 20 meeting.

The association serves 547 Iowa companies that "use a living organism in some way," Rachel said. Those companies fall into three broad categories – Food & Agriculture, Industry & Environment and Health Care & Pharmaceuticals. As might be expected, more than 70% of those companies have something to do with corn, she said.

Still, they represent a tremendous diversity. Rachel profiled the work of several of them: breeding pigs that can

replicate human diseases, to aid in drug research... using corn starch to make the tiny structures that hold the fragrances in Febreze® and Bounce®.

Many of the companies make products that have been spun off of research at the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, Rachel said. One of those products, which will hit the market fairly soon, is cellulosic ethanol, made from the non-food parts of corn plants.

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and the patriotic song, “America the Beautiful.” After Moments of Reflection, during which we learned of the death of **John Rabine’s** father, a severe injury to **Greg Blaske’s** son and the death of Greg’s grandmother, the singing resumed, led by **Carter LeBeau**



with guest pianist **Wilma Nicole**: “In a Shanty in Old Shanty Town,” “Side by Side” and “Heart of My Heart.”

Secretary Chuck introduced:

Visiting Rotarian:

Leanne Shaw, Moline: Banking

Guest:

Stefanie Belanger with **Scott Naumann**

Announcements...

→ BRC Social Hour.

The next BRC Social Hour will be on **Thursday – not the day change** – Aug. 18, at 5:15 p.m., at Governor’s.

→ **Rotary-in-Motion Challenge.** After the second week, **Dick Schillig** reported that **Kevin Kraft’s** “Mile High Club” was approaching 1,000 miles – reaching 930 miles this week. **Jonna Schuler** and her “Racy Rotarians” stayed in 2nd place with 796 miles. And **Kurt Lokenvitz’s** “Gears in Motion” walked 217 miles.

This week’s “Striders of the Week” are **Bob Gallagher, Frank Mitvalsky** (who logged about 1,000 steps canoeing, hiking and biking) and **Tony Calabrese.** 47 days to Run with Carl.



→ **Big Brothers Big Sisters.** With a few minutes available after the program, **President Scott** announced that the Board had been considering additional opportunities for service in the community. He asked **Harry Coin** to talk about his service through Big Brothers Big Sisters. Harry said there are two types of service opportunities that could

easily fit into a busy Rotarian's schedule. In "lunch buddies," an adult regularly eats lunch with a "little brother/sister" at the child's school and serves as a role model and friend. To help youths learn "what work is," a Rotarian would welcome a small group of boys or girls to his or her workplace and explain the work that occurs there.

The news...

No newscast this week, but these stories were in the headlines: [Debt downgrade looms larger for US....](#) [Crippled Japan nuke plant now stable, says operator....](#) [Heat 'dome' covers 1 million square miles....](#) [Day after big run, markets end with a whimper...](#) [Great white shark leaps aboard boat....](#) [3 girls busted for illegal lemonade stand](#)

Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$228 for our foundations + a birthday check from **Frank Mitvalsky** for \$39 for our Scholarship Fund.

Ryan \$\$ were donated by these happy members: **Mike Freemire** – who will be happy *not* to be mayor come January...

Mark Ross – \$5, "one for each of The



Mayor's decades... **Jonna Schuler** – 13-year-old daughter honored as a "VIP" at the U of Iowa volleyball camp... **Harry Coin** – who enjoyed meeting a 90-year-old man, **Barney Young**, who told Harry

about flying 120 missions "over the hump" from India into China during

WWII... **Frank Mitvalsky** – birthday + a canoe trip with the family on a Wisconsin river... **Glenn Kass** – a "commercial" for the Aug. 13 fundraising golf outing at Rustic Ridge Golf Course, Eldridge, to benefit the Ron Bowman Wrestling Clinic at North Scott... **Scott Tunnicliff** – rehearsing for his role as the mayor in Music Guild's production of "The Music Man"... **Connie Mangler** – happy to see Scott at today's meeting... **Bob Lundin** – 2 babies soon to be added to his family.



Missing today:

L. Adams-2, Archer, Atnip-2, Blaske-2, Bowe-3, Brown-3, Calabrese-3, Castro, Chambers, Cahalen, DeBuhr, DeDoncker, Deuth, Douglas, Duda-2, Edwards-2, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-3, Felsing, Freese-2, Gallagher, Harrison-3, Hassel, Hintermeister, Hinton-3, Kappeler-3, Kinsley, Lanum-3, Larsen, Legare-3, Lokenvitz, Loweth, McWilliams-3, Manas-3, Nielsen, Olson, Pelecky-3, Ploehn-3, Powers, Rabine, Rickets-McCool-3, Sarver-2, Scranton-3, Sherrick, Spelhaug-3, St. Laurent-3, Schutte-3, Volbrecht-3, Willsher-2, Windmiller-3, Worley-3

Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @ Rock Island, IL

At today's committee meeting: Mark Ross, Dave Falk, Mike Freemire, Linda Miller, Brian Kennedy, Tim Lane, Duncan Cameron



Steve Habenicht greets Connie Mangler.

Upcoming meetings...

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

July 27: Eric Maitland, meteorologist, KWQC

Aug. 3: Sister Joan Lescinski, president of St. Ambrose University

Aug. 17: U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa

Aug. 24: Brian Kennedy, federal health care reform

Sept. 14: Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds

New member proposal...

Stefanie Belanger. Proposed by **Scott Naumann** under the classification of benefit counseling. Stefanie works for Group Benefit Consulting, LLC. Members have 7 days in which to file a signed objection to the proposed member with the club secretary.

News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...

Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...

Photographer: Carter LeBeau...

Webmeister: Ralph Heninger...

Website host: Harry Coin

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

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

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

Bettendorf Rotary's current officers:
<http://www.bettendorfrotrary.com/current.htm>

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

Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus... and more:
<http://www.bettendorfrotrary.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

