



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
Oct. 12, 2011, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Noon Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011,  
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

## U of I Provost Barry Butler to speak



**P. Barry Butler**, executive vice president and provost, University of Iowa, will be the guest speaker at our Oct. 19 meeting.

Butler was appointed provost in May 2011 after serving as interim provost since October 2010. Before that appointment, he was dean of the UI College of Engineering, where he holds the rank of full professor in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in aeronautical engineering and his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering all from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He joined the University of Iowa faculty in 1984.

Butler is active in a number of aerospace-related instructional and research activities at UI. He currently serves on the boards of several state and national technology-based organizations.

## *Last 2 meetings:*

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2010



## Teaching kids about free enterprise

"You as business people understand how important it is that you do what you do," said **Barbara VenHorst**, president of Junior Achievement of the Heartland, at the Oct. 12 meeting.

"Our government and economy are in a mess," she continued, with this generation of kids seeing congressional gridlock, foreclosures and layoffs as "normal." In this setting, the mission of Junior Achievement – teaching kids how the free enterprise system works – is very important, so they'll be ready for global competition, she said.

JA provides lessons – taught by experienced business persons, who interject real-world knowledge into the classroom – in financial literacy,

readiness for the world of work and entrepreneurship, VenHorst said.

Junior Achievement of the Heartland works with some 56,000 students, kindergarten-grade 12, in 260 schools in 24 counties in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. About 3,700 volunteers from the business communities in that area teach the students, she said.

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2010



## We golfed & dined at Palmer Hills

At the Oct. 12 meeting, **Ken Vandersnick**, co-chair of the Golf Outing committee, reported that 48 golfers – BRC members, spouses and



guests – competed in the club’s annual autumnal ritual. After chasing little white balls around the Palmer Hills course all afternoon, the duffers and members/



spouses/guests who – for one reason or another – did not demonstrate their prowess on the links joined in the



pavilion for a repast of steak, chicken and salmon with sides and desserts. A few present also consumed potent potables. (Or was it a few present who *didn't* consume them?) Anyhow, all present seemed to have a good time. **Jayne Ploehn** and an ensemble of vocalists entertained. A small silent auction (was it really silent?) followed, and **Diane Ricketts-McCool** took home the coveted WQPT-TV TV set. The whole event earned some \$4-5,000, Ken reported, but some bills are outstanding, so a final report is still pending.

## The meeting (Oct. 12) opened...



... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test.” **Tom Howard** led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “America The Beautiful,” with piano accompaniment by **Sheri Fleming.**

After Moments of Reflection, during which we learned that **Tom Ahlstrand’s** chemotherapy has left his colon free of cancer, the singing resumed with “Singing in the Rain” (a bow to the day’s weather), “Sunny Side of the Street”



(hoping tomorrow’s forecast is right) and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.” In October, they are: 2, Jeff Lanum; 3, Dick Schillig; 4, Rick St. Laurent, Joanna Schuler; 6, Tom Howard; 10, **Ellen Harrison**; 16, Dr. Tom Olson; 17, Karen Atnip; 23, Annette Snyder.

## Secretary Chuck introduced:

### Guests:

Charles Gough with **Gene Miller** Pat Stopulos, a former member who wants to rejoin, with **Ken Vandersnick**



## Announcements...

→ **Dictionaries for 4<sup>th</sup> graders.** **Jim Spelhaug** announced the first presentations occurred that morning at Neil Armstrong School. He passed around the roster to finish signing volunteers to deliver books in the Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley schools plus Morning Star Academy, Rivermont Collegiate and Lourdes Catholic School. He said talking points would be emailed to volunteers. “The kids are enthused” about getting their dictionaries, Jim said. One boy he talked to told him his older brother still uses the one he received when he was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

→ **Faye’s Field.** **President Scott** represented BRC at the Oct. 1 dedication ceremony for the new facility to honor the memory of our own **Faye Clow.** Scott deemed it “a wonderful day.”

→ **1<sup>st</sup> LobsterFest meeting...** did not happen, **President Scott** reported,

because turnout was excruciatingly light. “So we have lots of opportunity for improvement,” he straight-faced as he encouraged members to become involved in the club’s premier fundraiser.

Although June 2012 seems a long time off, he noted, there is work to be started right now. **The next LobsterFest meeting will be 8 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at the Bettendorf Public Library.**

➔ **Davenport Rotary centennial.** The 100<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebration of the founding of Davenport Rotary Club – which, former president **Tom Howard** noted, was also the arrival of Rotary in the Quad Cities – will take place Nov. 11 at the Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University. Contact **President Scott** for more information or reservations.

### The news...



After reporting the day’s serious headlines – “Underwear bomber” Umar Abdul-mutallab pleaded guilty... DNA testing of bones found beneath John Wayne Gacy’s house will begin soon... An Occupy Wall Street event is

being planned for the QC – **Lora Adams** reported news you probably won’t hear anywhere else:

Three elderly folks attending a funeral in California got sick on pot-laced brownies (a favorite of the dearly departed)... A man on trial for armed robbery used his lunch break to rob a nearby jewelry store; officers arrested him for that crime just

after jurors convicted him of the armed robbery.... A Denver duo had a night on the town – drinks and a strip club visit – thanks to a dead buddy, whose credit card they used; they thought it was OK – the corpse went along in the backseat.... A Massachusetts family called police for help when they got lost in a corn maze....

### Sergeant at arms...

**President Scott** collected \$232 in **Ryan \$\$** for our foundations – from these generous BRC members:



**Ralph Heninger** – looking forward to the return of **Frank Mitvasky** and family from their canoe trip... **Ken Vandersnick** – a bunch of \$\$ for Northwestern, Illinois and Iowa recent football fortunes... **Carter LeBeau** – the Illini are 6-0... **Dick Schillig** – Medicare enrollment begins Oct. 15 – and 352 days to the 18<sup>th</sup> Run with Carl... **Connie Mangler** – changed jobs – now with **Mike Limberg**’s Integrated Solutions... **Rich James** – *alma mater* UNI ranked No. 2 nationally in its division (having lost only to Iowa State; go, Cyclones).

### Missing today (Oct. 12)

K. Adams, Bowe-9, Brown-8, Carter, Daugherty, DeBuhr, Dobesh, Downing, Edwards, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-15, Freemire-4, Gallagher, Gudel-5, Hartsock, Hinton-15, Kennedy, Lane, Lanum-15, Legare-11, Lokenvitz, McWilliams, Manas-15, L. Miller, Mitvasky, Murray, Nelson-4, Pelecky-



15, Ploehn, Praul, Rabine, **Ricketts-McCool**, Rolf, Sarver, Sorensen, St. Laurent-11, Volbrecht-15, Windmiller-15

### Upcoming meetings...

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

**Oct. 19:** Barry Butler, executive vice president & provost, University of Iowa  
**Oct. 26:** Jay Wilshire and Lt. Jeff Green, Bettendorf Fire Department

**Nov. 2:** Bettendorf mayoral candidates  
**Nov. 9:** Rotary district governor

### Make-ups:

Pat Eikenberry @ Iowa Quad Cities  
 Tim Downing @ Clinton  
 At today's committee meetings: John DeDoncker, Carl Loweth, Jim Spelhaug, Tony Calabrese, Glenn Kass, Greg Blaske, Daniel Marvin, Ann Kappeler, Todd Larsen, Jean Dickson, Paul Scranton, John Archer, Dave Falk, Mike Limberg, Rich James, Todd Ashby, Mark Ross, Bob Gabrilson, Brad Boeye, Ellen Harrison, Bob Lundin, Kevin

Kraft, Jerry Felsing, Lora Adams, Amber Castro, David Deuth, Rick Hartsock

### 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.: 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

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)