



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

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

Ploehn to reveal city improvement plans

Every so often we have to get serious, and the Jan. 19 meeting is one of those



times. Our own **Decker Ploehn** will step out of character as heckling Rotarian and into the role of his day job as

Bettendorf city manager to discuss the city's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. While that may sound like a live version of watching a certain cable channel, just think back five years and consider all the exciting things that have been built since then.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2010

'The Cities' focuses on QC public issues

"The Cities" on WQPT, the QC's own public television station, is the only weekly, locally produced public service program.

"There's nothing else like it on local TV or radio,"

said **Jim Mertens**, host of the show and



our guest speaker at the Jan. 12 meeting.

"The Cities" airs at 6:30 p.m. each Thursday, with a repeat at 5:30 p.m. on Sundays – and the next guest will be former Illinois 17th District U.S. Rep. Phil Hare, who will lend his perspective as a long-time Washington insider to the issue of the apparently high level of anger in current politics.

"The Cities" uses a conversational format to explore issues that affect the QC, Jim said. Because it discusses current issues, guests are chosen only a week or two before each program. Doug Miller, head of the QC Film Commission, and leader of the project to convert the old *Rock Island Argus* building into a film production center, is scheduled to be the guest soon.

Jim is also slated to be the host of WQPT's annual fundraising gala, Champaign on the Rocks, Friday, Jan. 28, in the Gold Room of the newly renovated Hotel Blackhawk. Tickets are \$85. A cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:30. For reservations and more information, call 309-764-2400.

The meeting opened...

President Jeff Hassel led the assembled throng in the recitation of "The 4-Way Test" and singing the day's patriotic song, "God Bless America."

After Moments of Reflection, **Tom Howard** – accompanied by the tuneful piano styling of **Bernie Vogel** – led the songfest: "Rotary Ideals" and "Winter Wonderland."

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians...:

Tom Torrey, Rock Island: Outdoor Advertising
Rick Best, Davenport: TV Broadcasting
George Johnson, Rock Island: Hydraulic Engineer

... and guests:

Dennis Vanderginst & John Connell with Connie Mangler
Frank Manas with Phil Kinsley

Announcements...

→ **1st ever BRC Social hour.** The bar opens for the first monthly BRC Social Hour at **5:15 p.m. Jan. 17 at Symposium Café** - but **President Jeff** said you can come any time after that.

→ **Charitable grants.** Come early to the meeting of **Wednesday, Jan. 26**, **President Jeff** said. That's when reps of the 11 not-for-profit organizations that will receive Bettendorf Rotary charitable grants will be our guests – and guest speakers.



Like everybody who enjoyed the BRC Holiday Party, the Kennedys got their photos taken. You'll see others in this issue – and find them all at the Jan. 19 meeting.

→ **Holiday Party. President Jeff** thanked all who were responsible for making last weekend's Holiday Party a success – and drew a crowd of 95. He singled out **Lisa Brown** for planning the whole affair, **Dave Deuth** for providing the sound system, Mike McCool for providing the music and **Carter LeBeau** for taking photos of all present. He'll have copies of photos such as these, and other candid shots from 2010, at **next week's meeting.**

→ **Publicity committee. Chelsea**



Powers said the committee would have its 1st meeting at 11:15 a.m. next Wednesday. All who want

to help are welcome, she added.



→ **LobsterFest Committee.** **Scott Naumann** didn't have an announcement this week – but the committee had its 1st meeting of 2011 last Thursday, and here's a photo to prove it: The committee meets at the Bettendorf Public Library at 8 a.m. the 1st Thursday of every month until the event, **Saturday, June 11.**

Presentation...



Noting that January is Rotary Awareness Month, **S.K. Nanda** took the rostrum... and wouldn't give it back... until he had presented **Tim Lane** with his Paul Harris Fellow pin for donating more than \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. **President Jeff** demonstrated his pin-pinning prowess.

News...

Lora Adams delivered the worst news imaginable: “Nothing funny today.” She went on to prove the point: Illinois lawmakers OK a 66.67% tax hike... Lebanon's “unity” government collapses... Bhutan's police can raid homes when searching for contraband tobacco...



Sergeant at Arms...

President Jeff collected \$150 for our foundations + birthday \$\$ from **Dave Falk.** **Ryan \$\$** came from these happy members:

President Jeff – gave \$50 from **Dave Deuth** (who had to leave early): 45th birthday... **Glenn Kass** – thanx for the vocational talk opportunity – and happy the Seattle Seahawks won: “They don't have a fight song”... **Mark Ross** – his 40th birthday on the 14th... **John DeDoncker** – tossed in 5 bucks when Mark said he's his idol... **Phil Kinsley** – going to the Caribbean... **S.K. Nanda** - \$20 to thank **Decker Ploehn** for the city's efficient snow removal... **Scott Naumann** – noting Decker's brother Andy didn't seem to have his snow shoveled... **Decker** – “I'm sure Andy will have a suppository just for **Scott**”...

[There was a little fallout as **Lora Adams** introduced our speaker. She commented, “It's hard to follow a suppository...” Decker quipped, “Lots of water.”]



**BRC news...
President Jeff**

announced that the Board has decided to continue meeting at the Fortune Garden, and plans are being

made to remodel the meeting room – including new lighting, freshly painted walls, installation of a projector and moving the buffet to the outer room, creating more space for tables. Members involved so far are **Jeff Lanum, Amber Castro** and **Connie Mangler**. When the time comes, painting volunteers will be needed.

Missing today:

K. Adams, Ahlstrand, Boeye, Brown, Brummel-2, Calabrese, Cameron, Dobesh, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-2, Felsing, Foster, Freemire-2, Freese-2, Heinrich, Hintermeister, Hinton-2, Jochmann-2, Jones-2, Kennedy, Kraft, Lanum-2, Larsen, Legare, Lokenvitz, Lundin, L. Miller, Nielsen, Olson, Pelecky-2, Praul-2, Richards-2, Ricketts-McCool, Sarver, Saul, Schillig, Scranton, Sherrick-2, Spelhaug, St. Laurent-2, Schutte-2, Worley-2

Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @Naples, Fla.

At today’s committee meetings: Tom Coley, Greg Blaske, Carl Loweth, Glenn Kass, Jen DeBuhr, S.K. Nanda, Mike Vollbrecht, Ann Kappeler, Tim Lane,

John DeDoncker, Bob Gallagher, Andrew Gudgel, Bob Gabrilson, Phil Kinsley, Steve Sorenson, Decker Ploehn

Upcoming meetings...

Jan. 19: Decker Ploehn, new 5-year Bettendorf Capital Improvement Plan

Jan. 26: Charitable Giving funds & grants

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, 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