



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Oct. 26, 2011, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Meet mayoral hopefuls in Bettendorf election

Three candidates are competing for mayor in the Nov. 8 Bettendorf municipal election. All three – attorney **Bob Gallagher Jr.**, retired nurse and former Alderwoman **Patricia Malinee** and teacher **Dave Thede** – are first-time candidates for the office being vacated by two-term Mayor **Mike Freemire**. The Nov. 2 meeting is an opportunity to meet the candidate, hear the positions on major issues and ask questions.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2010

Riding along with fire volunteer Jay

Our own **Jay Willsher** (day job: the boss at Trinity Bettendorf) has taken volunteerism to a whole new level – he’s a Bettendorf volunteer fireman. He and **Lt. Jeff Green** of the Bettendorf Fire Department (who had to answer an emergency call before he could speak) presented the program on Oct. 26.



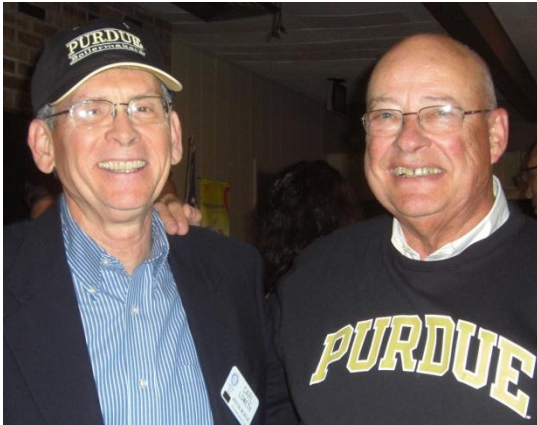
Jay, who had been a paramedic for 20 years before pursuing a career in hospital administration, gave some insights into what it’s like being (maybe the oldest) one of the 38 volunteers on the BFD. “The first thing you learn,” the member of the 2011 class of volunteer recruits said, “is that, after you’re trained, all members of the fire department are considered professionals. Paid or volunteer, there’s no distinction.”

The paid BFD staff consists of a chief, a captain, 3 lieutenants and 21 firefighters. In addition, 11 Explorers at the city’s high schools are part of the force. Volunteers usually work one 12-hour shift per month. All firefighters receive training each Monday – a total of 24 hours per year – “in the science of fire and how to put it out,” Jay said. He described the city’s training facility, with its spaces for learning techniques and battling fires involving various materials.

During the last fiscal year, crews from BFD’s four firehouses responded to 66 fires, 1,964 EMS or rescue situations and 128 hazardous material incidents. False alarms made up the remainder of the department’s 2,892 responses. You can read more about the history of BFD: <http://www.iaff3190.org/index.php?id=65>

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test,” followed by the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “This Is My Country.” After Moments of Reflection, the singing resumed, under the direction of **Tom Howard**, with piano accompaniment by **Sheri Fleming**: “I’m Looking Over a 4-Leaf Clover” and “The 4-Way Test.”



Before relinquishing the floor, Tom started the **Ryan Happy \$\$** early with a \$14 donation – \$1/point – for Purdue’s win over the Illini. **Carl Loweth**, also a Boilermaker alumnus, donned Tom’s cap to share the festive moment.

Secretary Chuck introduced:

Visiting Rotarians:

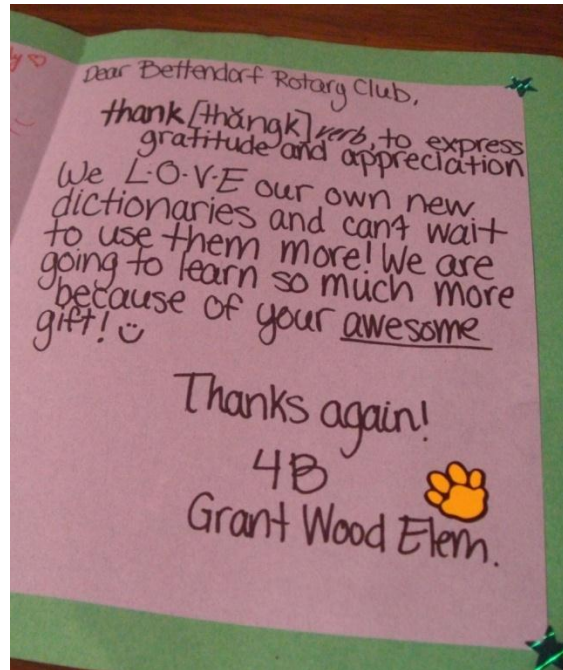
PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott: Publisher
Merle Anderson, North Scott:
Agricultural Marketing

Guests:

Jason Rannfeldt with **Susan Praul**
Christie Royster with **Scott Naumann**
Tom Bahls with **Ellen Harrison**

Announcements...

→ **Dictionaries for 4th graders.** **Jim Spelhaug** thanked all the dictionary volunteers and noted the whole project costs about \$1,400 – “a lot of good will



for a surprisingly small cost.” **President Scott** passed around a thank-you note signed by all his son’s Grant Wood School classmates.

→ **Thanksgiving Baskets.** **Kevin Kraft** asked for 10 volunteers to deliver baskets to 10 Bettendorf families; the baskets will be prepared and waiting on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

→ **Davenport Rotary Centennial.** **Jeff Hassel** announced that BRC had reserved 2 tables at the Nov. 11 celebration of the centennial of the founding of the Davenport Rotary Club, and 6 more people were needed to fill the seats. “Rotary in the Quad Cities all started with the Davenport club,” Jeff observed. “It was the 34th club in the world.”

→ **Bettendorf candidates forum.** The Iowa Quad-City Rotary is sponsoring a forum 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 29, at The Lodge (900 Spruce Hills Drive) – all mayoral and alderman candidates have been invited. Each candidate present will speak then be available to meet with voters and answer their questions.



Presentation...

→ **Rotarian of Quarter. Kevin Kraft** presented the award to **Ken Vandersnick** for all his volunteer work, in various capacities, for our two biggest annual fundraising events, the LobsterFest and the Golf Outing & Steak Fry.

The news...

Lora Adams couldn't make the meeting, and **Fred Anderson** didn't get the email, so he advised, "Watch CNN." How lame! So you won't feel completely abandoned, Dear Reader, here's an item of "the news you won't find anywhere else":

Kevin Gaylor, 24, of Colorado Springs, Colo., invited a woman he met online to come to his home so they could get "better acquainted." But his girlfriend came home before she arrived.

When Internet Girl showed up, Gaylor called police to report a home invasion.

Police charged him with a misdemeanor of false reporting to authorities. Gaylor has an unlisted phone number and couldn't be reached for comment – but presumably both Girlfriend and Internet Girl made plenty of comments in person.

Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$200 for our foundations. **Ryan Happy \$\$** were generously contributed by: **Dr. Tom Olson** – a big thank-you from Jefferson 4th graders for their dictionaries; he asked them to look up "the F-word"... (wait for it)... "floss"; what did you expect?... **Carter LeBeau** – \$14 + \$1 with a rueful smile for the Purdue-Illini score... **Tom Howard** – reunited with his glee club chums at Purdue Homecoming... **Bill Daley** – handing out dictionaries took him back to Pleasant View Elementary for the first time since '76 – "and the principal's office still looks the same"... **Steve Sorensen** – one of Bettendorf's Finest stopped him for speeding on his way to Rotary ... he got a warning... **Daniel Marvin** – UIU's building is finished – Grand Opening is 4-7 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 9... **Pat Stopulos** – daughter recognized with "Rising Star of the Year" award... **Glenn Kass** – "check out Symposium" (his new client) and thanks to **Penny McGimpsey** for help with the ad in the QCT... **Carl Loweth** – enjoyed handing out dictionaries – and wearing Tom's Purdue cap.



Mike Limberg greets Connie Mangler.



Missing today

L. Adams, K. Adams, Archer-2, Atnip, Brown, Calabrese, Cameron, Chambers-2, Cahalan-2, DeBuhr, DeDoncker, Dickson-2, Dobesh, Duda-2, Edwards-4, Eikenberry-3, Ellstrom-17, Felsing, Freemire-7, Glass-2, Gudgel-7, Habenicht, Hintermeister, Hinton-17, Kappeler-2, Kennedy, Lanum-17, Legare-13, McWilliams-4, Manas-17, L. Miller-3, Murray-8, Nelson-6, Oswald, Pelecky-17, Piart-2, Ploehn, Powers, Rolf, Ross, Sarver-9, Saul-2, Schillig, Schuler, Scranton-2, Sherrick-2, Volbrecht-17, Windmiller-17, Worley-2

Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @North Scott
 At today's committee meetings: Bob Gallagher, Phil Kinsley, Glenn Kass, Josh Carter, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Jim Spelhaug, Rick St. Laurent, Dave Falk, Tim Lane, Frank Mitvalsky, Simon Bowe, Penny McGimpsey, Kurt Lokenvitz, Kevin Kraft, Jeff Hassel, Ellen Harrison, Steve Sorensen, Carl Loweth, Ralph Heninger

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: 340-5114, bmfkennedy@att.net
Nov. 2: Bettendorf mayoral candidates
Nov. 9: Rotary district governor

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.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