



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
Dec. 29, 2010, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Noon Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011, at  
The Fortune Garden Restaurant

## It's an update on Hotel Blackhawk

The historic Hotel Blackhawk in downtown Davenport has been lovingly restored – with many luxurious amenities – and it's once again open for business. The guest speaker at our Jan. 5 meeting, **Wes Ludloff**, was at the center of the action – in fact The Blackhawk was his second opening for the Preferred Hotel Group and Summit Hotels & Resorts in the last two years.



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Learn some of the inside story of the Hotel Blackhawk's renaissance from someone who has spent much of his working life opening and operating luxury hotels. During a 6-year stretch in the '90s he was part of the "opening team" for nine new Ritz-Carlton properties. "I



have always worked for luxury hotel companies," he said, "such as the St. Regis and several private hotels." Most recently he worked for Orient-Express Hotels, Trains & Cruises as the vice president of food & beverage for North America. Wes is a past member of the board of directors for the American Hotel & Lodging Association.

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010

## Scranton, Archer, Kass reveal job info

At the Dec. 29 meeting Vocational Chair **Sharon Sarver** – who could probably pursue a career in stand-up comedy if she ever quits her day-job – persuaded three members to tell us all about their jobs.



Before **Paul Scranton** became an investment counselor with Morgan Stanley / Smith Barney, Davenport, he followed a circuitous route from his childhood in Moline. A Drake University graduate, he

started an insurance career with General Reinsurance in New York City. After moves to Dallas and St. Paul (where he met and married Emily), he switched to financial advising. They returned to the QC 10 years ago. They have three children. Paul serves on the John Deere Classic and SIDS support group boards.



**John Archer**, a corporate attorney with Deere & Company for 10 years, is one of about 100 Deere attorneys worldwide. And Deere takes its global role seriously – John has colleagues in

offices in such far-flung locations as Russia, China, Brazil and Germany. As one of the attorneys working on the \$100 million project to update the Waterloo, Iowa, Foundry – “one of the few left in America” – he regularly interacts with attorneys in Italy, where the foundry’s new equipment is made.



**Glenn Kass** owns Catch Driver Marketing & Communications, Moline, which helps many kinds of clients with their, often, one-time marketing needs. Originally from Millburn, N.J., Glenn moved

to the Quad Cities in 1995 to work for the Quad-City Mallards. Previously, he had worked for baseball and hockey teams in Idaho and Virginia, and in marketing for the *Quad-City Times*.

**The meeting opened...**

**President Jeff Hassel** led the recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and singing of “God Bless America.” After Moments of Reflection, **Tom Howard** led more singing – unaccompanied – “R-O-T-A-R-Y” and a warm-up for Friday night, “Auld Lang Syne.”

**Acting secy. Lee Semenow introduced... visitors:**

Mike Peart with Steve Peart

Jim Kappeler with Ann Kappeler



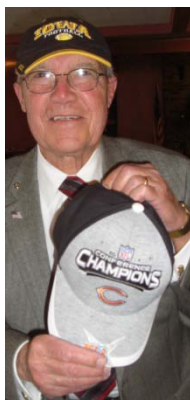
**Announcements...**

➔ **Holiday Party.** The party will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at the Crow Valley Country Club. Mail your reservation to **Lisa Brown by Jan. 3 with \$35 per person, payable to Bettendorf Rotary Club, to 5331 Taylor Ave., Bettendorf 52722.**

➔ **Social hour.** Corks pop at the first monthly BRC Social Hour at **5:15 p.m. Jan. 17 at Symposium Café.** “It’ll count for a make-up,” President Jeff said. The 2<sup>nd</sup> BRCSH will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of February at an as-yet undisclosed venue.

➔ **Charitable grants.** Plan to attend the meeting of **Wednesday, Jan. 26**, when we’ll “hand out the money we raised at last June’s LobsterFest,” President Jeff announced.

**Presentations...**



**Carter LeBeau** rummaged through the sports section of his hat closet and offered a fight-song tribute, as only Carter can, celebrating the Hawkeyes’ Insight Bowl victory and the Bears’ advancement in the NFL playoffs.



**S.K. Nanda** inducted our newest member, **Catherine Duda**, who works in business development for BLDD Architects. She and husband Joe have lived in Bettendorf since 1989.

### Sergeant at Arms...



**President Jeff** collected \$142 for our foundations + \$177 for our Scholarships from these happy Rotarians, who shared their **Ryan \$\$:**

**President Jeff** – paid his promised \$50 from last week and added \$50 more, declaring, “It’s great to be a Hawkeye!”... **Dave Deuth** – “My team (the Vikings) won too!”...

**Glenn Kass** – “My team – the Seattle Seahawks – are about to win their division with a 7-9 record”...

**Carter LeBeau** – still pumped from his solo serenade, reminisced a

moment about the good old days of the Bears with Johnny Lujack running the ball in Wrigley Field... **Decker Ploehn** – happy the streets were cleared of snow so fast... **Fred Anderson** – happy 5<sup>th</sup>

birthday to his “personal trainers,” Bert (front) & Ernie, “the Bichon Brothers from Bettendorf” ... **Scott Naumann** –



says he’ll be happy when the Packers beat the

Bear on Sunday... **Jim Slavens** – happy to live in Bettendorf, home of “the best city administration around.”

### Missing today:

K. Adams-2, L. Adams-2, Ahlstrand-4, Atnip-2, Blaske-4, Boeye, Bowe-4,



Brown-2, Brummel-18, Calabrese, Cameron, Chambers, Coley-2, Daugherty, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Douglas, DeBuhr, Eikenberry-4, Ellstrom-26, Foster, Freemire-2, Freese-4, Gallagher-2, Gudgel-2, Harvey, Heinrich-2,

Heninger-3, Hintermeister-3, Hinton-8, James, Jochmann-6, Jones-22, Kennedy, Kinsley, Lane, Lanum-13, Larsen-2, Legare, Lofgren-8, Lokenvitz-3, Loweth, Lundin, McCully, McWilliams-4, Mangler-2, Mitvalsky, Nielsen, Pelecky-7, Praul-4, Rabine, Richards-13, Ross, Saul, Schillig-6, Schuller-2, Sherrick, Spelhaug, St. Laurent, Schutte-2, Sorensen, Vogel-3, Volbrecht-7, Worley-10



## Make-ups:

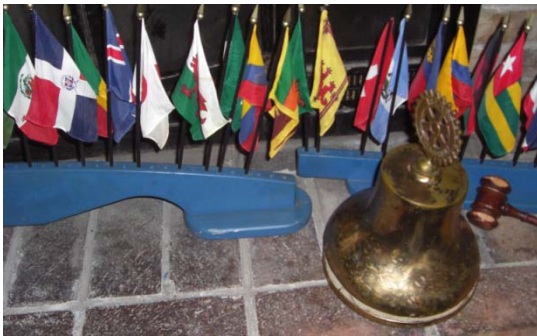
Carter LeBeau @ Davenport  
At today's committee meeting: Diane Ricketts-McCool, Linda Miller, Rich Hartsock, Sharon Sarver, Dave Falk, S.K. Nanda, Steve Sorensen, Kevin Kraft, Jerry Felsing, Decker Ploehn

## Upcoming meetings...

**Jan. 12:** Jim Mertens, New WQPT public affairs program, "The Cities"  
**Jan. 19:** Decker Ploehn, new 5-year Bettendorf Capital Improvement Plan  
**Jan. 26:** Charitable Giving funds & grants

## News Staff...

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## 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

### 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](http://www.rotary6000.org)

