



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, April 25, 2012,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant



IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE
Matt Schultz

Find out what Iowa official does all day

Iowa Secretary of State **Matt Schultz** will be our featured speaker at the April 25 meeting.

The secretary of state has lots of “irons in the fire,” and what follows is just a partial list that could be found on one day at his Website, <http://sos.iowa.gov/>:

→Final Candidate List for Primary Election on June 5 available here

<http://t.co/xvYPJttJ>

→Secretary of State announces the Primary Election candidate filing period

<http://t.co/aUHGvANF>

→Secretary of State announces voter list maintenance efforts

<http://t.co/nU3yd8XD>

→Secretary of State provides information regarding Iowa Senate races

<http://t.co/S9rQLfE6>

→Secretary of State announces availability of voter registration lists

<http://t.co/s2pPCGj3>

Last meeting:

Tuesday, April 18, 2012

Singh talks of his Appalachian trek

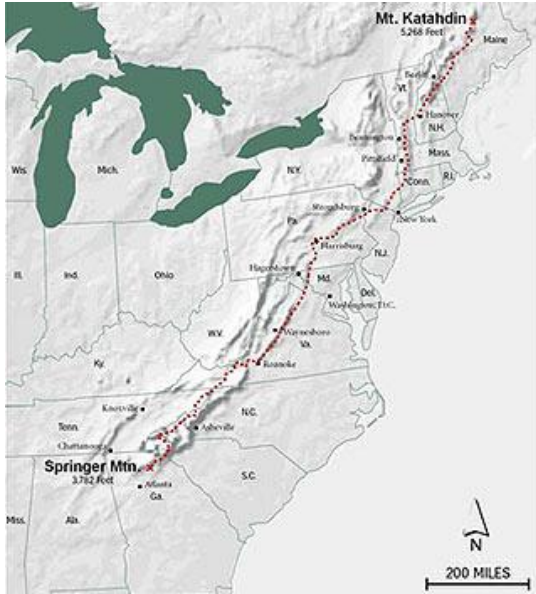
It's 2,184 miles long, it took 23 years for him to finish walking it, and **Tony Singh** told us a bit about his 3-weeks-per-year hike along the Appalachian Trail at the April 18 meeting.

Since Singh took his first step on the trail in 1988 at Springer Mountain, Ga., it has taken virtually the lifetime of his daughter **Lisa** – who will graduate this



spring from the University of Iowa and join his Merrill Lynch Group full time – for him to reach Mt. Katahdin, Maine. Along the way, he learned a great deal about the trail (finished in 1937), the characters of the woods, terrain and people of the 14 states it passes through – and about himself.

“I always had too much,” said Singh, who emigrated from Lahore, India, as a young man. “We all do. I never feel vulnerable.” But on the trail, he continued, one is “fully exposed to the



elements and often out of touch” by cell phone. “But if you’re ever in trouble and need help,” he observed, “you always get it” from the people who walk the trail and those who live nearby. So, one of the lessons Singh learned was “to let go of possessions” – carrying everything he needed in a backpack.

Another lesson learned: the importance of “paying it forward” – from fellow hikers helping each other on the trail to the volunteers along the way who work to maintain the condition of the trail.

The full impact of Tony Singh’s trek eludes the reader of these words. But BRC members got some further hints while viewing the photos he took – from close-ups of wildflowers and tiny lizards to scenes around some of the 262 lean-to shelters that dot the route to the vast scenery viewed from atop mountain ridges in New Hampshire. He is one of only 12,000 hikers who have experienced the trail’s full length over its 75-year history; “about 80% who start it never finish it all,” Singh said. [TIP: Miss the meeting? Watch for one of Singh’s Appalachian Trail presentations.]

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and the singing of the patriotic song, “America the Beautiful” (how many weeks in a row...?). After Moments of Reflection and introductions, **Carter LeBeau** led more singing – “April Showers” and “Battle Hymn of the Republic” with piano accompaniment by **Wilma Nichol**.

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians:

Rick Best, Davenport: Public TV
 Marcia Brandt, North Scott: Marketing
 Lisa Arndt, Iowa Quad Cities:
 Chiropractor

Guests:

Chris Salm with **Phil Kinsley**
 Matt Anderson with **Fred Anderson**

Announcements...

→ **Children’s Therapy telethon.** A telethon to benefit the Children’s Therapy Center, Moline, will be broadcast Sunday on WQPT, Quad-Cities Public TV, and **President Scott** asked for two volunteers to handle calls 1-2 p.m. – joining volunteers from other QC Rotary clubs. **Ozzie Oswald** and **Chris Glass** volunteered.

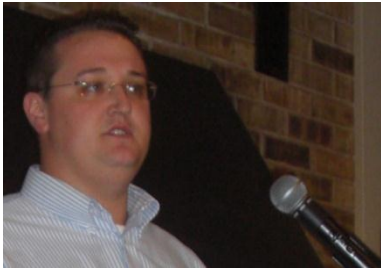


But no other hands went up, prompting Scott to comment forcefully that each member should take the Rotary International motto – “**Service**

Above Self” – more seriously.

➔ **Social night – 6-8:30 p.m.**

TONIGHT. Chris Glass reminded us



about our April social – wine tasting and heavy hors

d'œuvre at the Red Crow Grille – and passed around a reservation list. Tickets @ \$50 (with \$5 coming back to our club) will be available at the door – and so will **LobsterFest tickets.**



➔ **LobsterFest.** Sharon Sarver, in her role as volunteer chair, updated the LobsterFest volunteer situation – and said, “We need to fill these boxes (on the signup chart) with names” – 4 members signed up on the spot, but more are still needed. “Check the board – and sign up,” Sharon urged. In other LobsterFest developments this week:

➔ “We still need more sponsors,”

Beverly Murray said – especially the \$2,500 Gold Sponsorship, since

promotional materials – with all sponsorships – will be printed soon.

➔ Speaking of printing, **Todd Ashby** urged sponsors to get their logos to him ASAP.

➔ **Penny McGimpsey** began to distribute tickets – which are hot off the presses.



➔ **Red Badge meeting.** Held to benefit all members with red patches on their badges, The Red Badge meeting – **6 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at Farraday's in the Isle Complex** – “will be a bit about the International organization, the foundation, avenues of service, our local club projects – and interaction with board members and established Rotarians,” **President Scott** said. “Anyone wanting a reconnection with the Rotary ‘source’ is more than welcome and encouraged to attend...red badge or not!”

➔ **District Conference.** BRC's nominee for the District 6000 Integrity Award, **Frank Mitvalsky**, made a strong showing – but had to compete against two past district governors, so did not bring the trophy home from the District 6000 Conference last weekend.

The News...

Fred Anderson read a few headlines, but it was a slow news day, so if you missed them you didn't miss much.

Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$178 for our foundations + birthday money from **Jen DeBuhr** (\$33) and **Chuck Mooney** – \$90! – which prompted a couple of



spontaneous choruses of “For he’s a Jolly Good Fellow.”

Remaining **Ryan Happy \$\$** came from the pockets / purses of:



Decker Ploehn – got his lost wallet back (and “won” this week’s “best tie award”... **Tim Lane** – didn’t find anything, but gave some \$\$ for “traveling with my chiropractor”... **Steve Pieart** – European vacation... **Sharon Sarver** – thanks for the 4 members who volunteered to sell LobsterFest raffle tickets... **Mark Ross** – son named to BHS Honor Society.

Missing today...

K. Adams, L. Adams-2, Archer,

Blaske, Boeye, Boosalis-2, Bowe-6, Brown-8, Boling, Calabrese, Carter-4, Daley, DeDoncker-3, Dickson-2, Dobesh-11, Duda, Edwards-6, Ellstrom-16, Gudgel, Hartsock, Hassel, Hintermeister, Hinton-16, Kellenberger-2, Kraft, Larsen, Limberg-2, Lokenvitz, McWilliams-5, Mangler, L, Miller-15, Mitvalsky-2, Nelson-16, Pelecky-16, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Schillig, Sherrick, Spelhaug, St. Laurent-7, Volbrecht-11, Werner, Willsher-7, Worley-16

Other Rotary news...

➔ **Exchange student. District 6000** is looking for Rotarians interested in the possibility of hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange Student for the upcoming year, according to **Chris Knapp**, Youth Exchange chair. The students coming for this fall will be Lucas and Rafaella, both 17, from Brazil; Nuria and Paula, both 16, from Spain; Morgane, 18, from Belgium. To volunteer, or for more information, contact Chris at **319-338-0909** or knappc1@mchsi.com.

➔ **BRC now owns...** a projector for speakers to... project... their photos and videos, and an easel

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: **340-5114**, bmfkennedy@att.net
April 25: Iowa Secretary of State Matt Schultz
May 2: Rep. Linda Miller, Iowa House Dist. 82

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