



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
May 9, 2011, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Noon Wednesday, May 16, 2012,  
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **A chance to help with S. Africa project**

A Rotarian from Capetown, South Africa, has come to the Quad Cities seeking help from fellow Rotarians for a variety of projects in her country. The Iowa QC Club made arrangements for **Elizabeth “Biffy” Danckwerts** to visit a number of clubs in District 6000 while she’s in the U.S. Her presentation is the scheduled program for the May 16 meeting.

Meanwhile, now that the Iowa Legislature has adjourned its 2012 session, we can anticipate the previously scheduled – and postponed – wrap-up from our own Rep. **Linda Miller**, Iowa House District 82, in the near future.

## *Last meeting:*

Tuesday, May 9, 2012

## **Celebrating Army and the RI Arsenal**

This is Military Appreciation Week. In its honor, two representatives of the Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the Association



of the U.S. Army – **Kerry Skinner**, Davenport Rotarian and president of the RIA-AUSA, and Maj. Gen. (Ret.) **Yves Fontaine**, retired commander of the Army Sustainment Command, executive vice president of the RIA-AUSA – talked of the importance to the Quad Cities of the Arsenal and the Army.

They issued an invitation

to the Military Appreciation Night at Modern Woodmen Park on Saturday, May 12. In a ceremony before the game (QC River Bandits vs. Cedar Rapids Kernels), the Quad Cities Military Community Covenant will be signed. That document recognizes the mutual benefits of the civilian and military communities and pledges the community’s support for military personnel, veterans and their families.

In celebration of this 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the RI Arsenal – the largest employer in the QC, with 14,000 employees and a \$1 billion annual economic impact – both Skinner and

Fontaine urged continued support for the arsenal in this time of shrinking defense budgets. Since the RIA is “an open post,” meaning civilian access is not restricted, Fontaine invited one and all to visit and learn more about his former command – which, among other logistical matters, “controls the distribution of every bullet used by the U.S. military.”

For more information, visit [www.ria-ausa.org](http://www.ria-ausa.org).

### The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “America the Beautiful.”



After Moments of Reflection (during which **Decker Ploehn** reported that past president **Carolyn Leutweiler** has cancer; we’ll send flowers next week) and introductions,

**Carter LeBeau** – with the expert accompaniment of pianist **Wilma Nichol** – the singing resumed with turn-of-the-last-century favorites “Just a Shanty in Old Shanty Town” and “For Me and My Gal.”

### Secretary Chuck introduced:

#### Visiting Rotarians:

Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla.:

Beverages

Frank Klipsch, Davenport: YMCA

Kathy Kraft, Davenport: Wealth Advisor

Lorraine Lynch, North Scott:

Manufacturing

#### Guests:

John Fraser with **Mark Ross**

Carrie Voigts, D.C., with **Tim Lane**

### Announcements...

→ **Read to Succeed. President Scott** introduced the idea of finding an early childhood literacy program in which BRC can become involved – and make an impact; stay tuned...



→ **LobsterFest. Penny McGimpsey and Bev Murray** reported:

→ About 14-16 tables’ worth of tickets still remain to be sold....

→ Snazzy 4-color cards are now available to help members **sell tickets, secure Silent Auction items and promote sponsoring companies**. More of all 3 are still needed! Bev has changed jobs, and can be reached at 309-714-9225 (cell) or [Beverly-J-Murray@uhc.com](mailto:Beverly-J-Murray@uhc.com).

→ **Thirsty Thursday social. Chris Glass** announced the next BRC Social: after work Thursday, May 17, at Governor’s, Bettendorf – the deck is reserved for us.

→ **RYLA students. Theron Schutte** introduced **Matt Degner**, BHS associate principal, who introduced the two sophomore students who received the Rotary Youth Leadership Award and attended the recent RYLA leadership



training program for young people in Des Moines – **Olivia Drexler** and **Aubrie Rivera**. Both are National Honor Society members, athletes and involved in other student activities. The daughter of educators, Olivia also hopes for a career in education. Aubrie said one of the lessons she learned at the RYLA workshop was “the need to know how to both talk and listen.”

➔ **John Deere Classic.** To staff OUR Hole #1, BRC needs to supply 15-20 volunteers each day – Wednesday, July 11, to Sunday, July 15. They don't all have to be Rotarians – so recruit friends, family members or neighbors, and they'll earn FREE ADMISSION to all of those days for working just one of them. To sign up, contact **Jeff Hassel** – 336-3008 / [jhassel@daychc.com](mailto:jhassel@daychc.com) – or **Decker Ploehn** – 344-4007 / [dploehn@bettendorf.org](mailto:dploehn@bettendorf.org).



## In other Rotary news...

One example of the ways Rotarians internationally are doing good things is the program to support maternal and child health in Haiti.

“Haiti has the highest infant and maternal mortality rates in the Western Hemisphere. Rotarians around the world are working to reduce these rates...”

(Read more at:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/?tab=wm#inbox/137373e72d436a35>)



## The News...

**Lora Adams** couldn't attend but graciously compiled a summary, which **Fred Anderson** used to enlighten the assembly; here's the *Reader's Digest* version:

Workers shut down East River Drive from the Bettendorf city limits to Forest Road in Davenport for a sewer repair project that's expected to last into Friday.... The average gasoline price this summer is forecast to be \$3.79 per gallon – on par with last summer's \$3.71 per gallon.... A Pennsylvania man, Holland Cokeley, 85, said on a recent walk in the woods behind his home, he found a live box turtle his son carved his initials into 47 years ago.... Researchers calculate that dinosaur flatulence could have put enough methane into the atmosphere to warm the planet during the hot, wet Mesozoic era 150 million years ago.... A parakeet that escaped from its home in

Yokohama, Japan, flew into a hotel and perched on a guest's shoulder was reunited with its owner a few days later – after telling police its address.

### **Sergeant at arms...**

**President Scott** collected \$168 for our foundations. Generous donors of **Ryan Happy \$\$** were: **Decker Ploehn** – just to clarify, the River Drive project is all Davenport's... **Kevin Kraft** - \$20 – half to celebrate the “interested young people,” the RYLA participants and half because he got his car detailed by former BRC member **Tim Lofgren** – at whose shop he saw a '66 Corvette belonging to **Ken Vandersnick** – “and wouldn't that make a terrific Silent Auction item?”... to which Ken said he'd donate *photos* of the car (come on, Ken, can you do better? – It's for good, old BRC)... **Brian Rolf** – 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary... **Dr. Tom Olson** – a check for a LobsterFest table + donating a portrait to be painted by his Dad (“or a root canal by me”) for the Silent Auction + “... if a school needs a counselor, my son's available”... **John Fraser (Mark Ross's guest)** – plug for University of Iowa, from whose business school he has just retired...



### **Missing today...**

L. Adams-2, Archer-2, Ashby, Blaske, Boosalis-5, Bowe-9, Brown-11, Carter-7, Castro-2, Daley, DeBuhr-3, DeDoncker,

Dickson-5, Downing-3, Edwards, Ellstrom-19, Felsing-2, Gallagher, Gudgel, Hartsock-4, Hassel, Heninger-2, Hintermeister-2, Hinton-19, Kappeler-3, Kennedy-3, Larsen, Loweth, L. Miller-18, Murphy, Nelson-19, Pelecky-19, Powers, Rabine, Sarver, Sherrick-2, Scranton, St. Laurent, Stopulos, Salm, Volbrecht-14, Willsher-10, Worley-19

### **Upcoming meetings...**

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: **340-5114**, [bmfkennedy@att.net](mailto:bmfkennedy@att.net)  
**May 16:** South African Rotarian Elizabeth “Biffy” Danckwerts  
**Future:** Rep. Linda Miller, Iowa House Dist. 82

### **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