



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
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## *Next meeting:*

Noon Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012,  
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **12 non-profits will receive BRC grants**

If there was ever doubt about why Rotary exists, next week’s meeting will provide tangible proof – it’s the meeting when we hear from representatives of not-for-profit organizations in the QC community that are this year’s recipients the BRC’s Charitable Giving Board grants. With grants ranging from \$500 for the Humane Society of Scott County to the maximum \$2,500 for the Supplemental Emergency Assistance Program, BRC will provide a total of \$20,000 in assistance to 12 organizations. Come a little early if possible, so you can finish lunch and give our guests plenty of time to explain their programs.

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012

## **Agency guards rights in city**

**Greg Jager**, Bettendorf city attorney – and a past president of BRC – came to the meeting to talk about the Bettendorf Human Rights Commission. Its seven



members “enforce the anti-discrimination laws in Bettendorf,” he explained. “It’s a very low-key commission,” he added. Most complaints are determined to be unfounded, he said, but when there is a violation “it takes action, because we don’t want things like that happening” in Bettendorf. He cited one example of a young African-American man who worked as a waiter in a restaurant where the manager referred to him using the N-word. The young man filed a complaint with the commission, and the matter was swiftly settled by arbitration, Jager said.

On his way to talking about the work of the city’s Human Rights Commission, Jager talked of two of his favorite cases – an illustration of how representation by a lawyer can actually prove a pony is a bird and an incident involving **Decker Ploehn** and two drag racers when he was police chief. You had to be there...



**The meeting opened...**  
... with **Past-President Jeff Hassel** 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, during which we learned that **PDG Bill Cameron**, a frequent visitor to BRC, is



ill, the singing resumed thanks to the efforts of song-leader **Tom Howard** (aided and abetted by **Sheri Fleming** on piano), with "Rotary Ideals," "Auld Lang Syne," "Bye Bye Blackbird" and "Happy birthday, Rotarians." This month's featured cake-eaters are:

10, **Chris Glass**; 14, **Mark Ross**; 16, **Tony Calabrese**; 17, **Jon Ellstrom**; 20, **George Daugherty**; 25, **Dave Deuth**, **Lee Semenow**, 29, **John Archer**.

### **Secretary Chuck introduced:**

#### **Visiting Rotarians:**

Steve Taiets, East Moline: Banking  
Terry Anderson, East Moline: Banking

#### **Guests:**

Katie Combs & William DeDoncker with **John DeDoncker**  
Braxton Adams with **Kirsten Adams**  
Paul Murphy with **Phil Kinsley**

### **Announcements...**



#### **→ Holiday Party.**

**Decker Ploehn** reiterated the invitation to the BRC

Holiday Celebration, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012, at TPC at Deere Run.

Please RSVP, with payment (check for \$35 per person to BRC) by Jan. 11 – mail to **Lisa Brown** at 5355 Kilt Court, Bettendorf, or call 320-3849.

**→ New Website update.** **Chris Glass** said, as the launch time nears for our new Website, each member should ensure all personal information is correct. Please review your profile in the member area, **Chris** asked, and email any changes to him: [cglass@terrostar.com](mailto:cglass@terrostar.com). To access the member area on the current Website, [www.bettendorffrotary.com](http://www.bettendorffrotary.com), click on the member area link on the right side. Both the Username and the Password are: member. Questions? **Chris**' phone is 563-355-7174 ext. 207.

### **The news...**



After summarizing results of the Iowa Caucuses, **Lora Adams** reported the rest of the news: The Chicago Bears fired GM Jerry Angelo and kept Coach Lovie Smith.... A northern

Illinois man was arrested after trying to gouge out his uncle's eyes as they fought over the remote control.... A western Illinois couple faces charges after a 2 a.m. run to McDonald's – in the buff.... A suburban Chicago cop issued a speeding ticket to a young woman – then used information in vehicle records to find her car and put a note on her windshield.... And a Brit carpenter accidentally cut off his... uh... private part; it's back on now, but no word on whether his carpentry skills have improved.

## Sergeant at arms...

**Past-President Jeff** collected \$197 for our foundations + for our Scholarship Fund checks from **Greg Blaske** for \$46 and from **Carter LeBeau** for \$60, and \$20 cash.



Other **Ryan Happy \$\$** came from the pockets and purses of: **Carter LeBeau** – an *a cappella* rendition of the Illini Fight Song + Bears won + Iowa beat Wisconsin + Illini beat UCLA... **Glenn Kass** – took his

kids to see New Jersey family for New Year's... **Amber Castro** – it'll be a girl... **Jen DeBuhr** – daughter turned 5... **Greg Blaske** – birthday... **Ken Vandersnick** – Illinois won... **Kevin Kraft** – \$15 for the 15-1 Packers... **Tom Olson** – “I thought after Scott became president we'd have only Hassel-free meetings”... **Doyle McCully** – thanks for the gift-wrapped cigars, which he took to a nursing home... **Greg Blaske** – \$1 for that 1 in the Packers' record, thanks to the KC Chiefs... **Dave Deuth** – \$20 for the Vikings, just because he's a fan... **Braxton Adams** – one more chance for Tebow to make the playoffs... **Decker Ploehn** – \$10 to shut up all the sports fans.

## Missing today

Archer, Boeye, Bowe, Brown, Cahalan, Chambers, Dickson, Dobesh, Eikenberry, Ellstrom, Gudgel, Habenicht, Harrison, Hartsock, Hinton, Kennedy, Larsen, Limberg, Lokenvitz, McWilliams,

Mangler, Naumann, Nelson, Pelecky, Powers, Praul, Ross, Sherrick, Sorensen, St. Laurent, Willsher, Worley



**Greeter Kevin Kraft welcomes Bill Daley**

## Make-ups:

At today's committee meeting: Jeff Hassel, Rich James, Harry Coin, Glenn Kass, Linda Miller, Greg Blaske, Jim Spelhaug, Bob Gallagher, Sharon Sarver, Carl Loweth, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Dick Schillig, Todd Ashby, Rich Oswald, Josh Carter, Jen DeBuhr, Tony Calabrese, Kirsten Adams, Pal Scranton, Jerry Felsing, Tim Lane, Decker Ploehn, Jonna Schuler

## Departing member...

Karen Atnip has resigned her membership, according to **Secretary Chuck**.

