



**THE  
BETTENDORF  
ROTARY  
CLUB NEWS**  
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
March 2, 2011, issue

***Next meeting:***  
Noon Wednesday, March 9, 2011,  
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

**You're going to get  
slammed...  
poetically**

Silvis native **Catie Osborn** won a scholarship from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., for her slam poem "Green, Green Hope," which she will perform next Monday at the center. She is our guest speaker at Wednesday's meeting.



Slam poetry is a performance art, based on the recitation of a poem, which Catie describes this way: "It's like poetry and theater got together and had a baby. It started out of this like, hip-hop kind of quasi-rap thing, and it was like beat poetry. At the same time, I think there's much more of a performance."

"When you go to a poetry slam," where poets perform their works in competition, Catie said, "people are clapping and whistling and yelling, and so I think the

difference between a poetry reading and a poetry slam is that your goal is to hook the audience and to get the audience behind the message that you are trying to convey."

An Alleman High School grad, Catie, 23, received her theatre degree from St. Ambrose University in December.

She says she primarily works as an actor, speaker and poet, but she's also been a princess, a pirate, a part-time dreamer and seller of sandwiches who also writes comic books and in-game content for an up-and-coming gaming company. She also works as a stage manager at ComedySportz Quad Cities.

She lives in Rock Island, along with a chameleon, two tiger salamanders and Falstaff, a frog the size of a softball. And yes, she does her hair herself.

***Last meeting:***  
Wednesday, March 2, 2010

**Vodka, gin & more  
distilled here in QC**

Iowa is the largest distiller of grain alcohol in the world, said our March 2 speaker,

**Garrett Burchett** of the Mississippi River Distilling Co., Le Claire. That product is shipped all over the world, returning to Iowa as myriad products. Garrett and his brother **Ryan**, former Ch. 6 weatherman, decided they wanted to



make products that stayed right here – so they opened the business in December 2010. It produces River Baron vodka and River Rose gin – and, soon, Buffalo Bill Cody bourbon.

MRDC, Garrett said, will always be a micro-distillery, in contrast to national brands. The core of its market is the communities along the Iowa and Illinois banks of the Mississippi – plus all of Iowa and targeted parts of Illinois. In those areas, MRDC sells products with flavors that distinguish them from most other vodkas, gins and bourbons. Using a somewhat different distilling process and a mix of grains (all grown within 25 miles of Le Claire) that differs from most other distillers, Garrett said they are able to create a sweeter vodka with a slight butterscotch flavor, for example.

Looking to the future, he said they are exploring possibilities of adding some limited, seasonal flavors, such as apple and raspberry – all keeping with the distillery’s core concept of using locally grown crops as the basis for the products. MRDC liquors are available locally at Hy-Vee and other stores.

**The meeting opened...**

... with **President Jeff Hassel** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and the singing of “The National Anthem.” After Moments of Reflection, during which we learned **Bernie Vogel** is in hospital with pneumonia, the singing resumed with **Tom Howard,**



accompanied by guest pianist **Gail Baldwin,** leading a rousing “Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry” (to the tune of “Give My Regards to

Broadway”), “Edelweiss” and the every-monthly popular “Happy Birthday,



Rotarians” – this month: **March birthdays...** 1. S. **Audie Foster**; 7, James Spelhaug; 13, Andrew Gudgel, Glenn Kass; 14, Ralph Heninger; 16, Rich James; 18, Lora Adams; 21, Chelsea Powers; 31, Dave Falk, Kevin Kraft

**Secretary**

**Chuck introduced:**

**Guests:**

- Daniel Marvin with Connie Mangler
- Ron Freidhof with Tom Olson
- Keerin Kirkpatrick & Gail Baldwin with Tom Howard
- Todd Ashby with Mike Freemire
- Josh Carter with Jeff Hassel
- Chris Glass, who signed up as a potential new member

**Announcements...**

➔ **BRC Social Hour.** The next Social Hour will be Monday, March 21, at Caddy’s.

➔ **LobsterFest.** Channeling a new persona, “Reverend Scott,” **Scott Naumann** exhorted his congregation to come forward and accept duties as LobsterFest volunteers – to the frequent loud shouts of “Amen!”



(though none so loud as Reverend Scott's exhortations). Sister **Cathy Duda**, who adopted a more decorous demeanor, nevertheless delivered her sermon on



corporate sponsorship (read on to see just how effective was her message) and new sources of fun at 'Fest 2011. The quest for sponsors begins in earnest... soon.

➔ **Mysterious money-maker.** One mystery was revealed concerning the opportunity to raise more funds for Polio Plus as an eye-witness to "Murder in the Double-Wide" – the crime will be committed at The Fountains on April 16. Tickets are \$35 apiece.

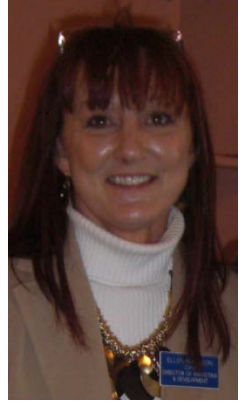
### Induction...

... of two new members by **S.K. Nanda**, who first staged a pop quiz about recent events at the Rotary International level. Asking the name of the president-elect, S.K.



answered his own question – **Kalyan Banergee** – quipping, "Easy for me to say."

Our newest members are **Ellen Harrison** and **Mike Limberg**. Ellen, marketing director for CASI, the Center for Active Seniors in Davenport, is married with two adult children. Mike, who owns an IT business, and his wife have four adult offspring.



### Sergeant at Arms...

**President Jeff** twisted enough arms to add \$280 in **Ryan \$\$** for our foundations. Those arms were attached to:

**John DeDoncker** – \$20 worth of apology for being absent the last two weeks.... **Mike Limberg** – happy to be a Bettendorf Rotarian! **Frank Mitvalsky** – back from his annual winter campout, where overnight lows added up to -15° - hence, \$15.... **Decker Ploehn** – the city budget passed – and he's going to Florida to see **Joe Douglas**.... **Jerry Felsing** – spent last week in Florida – using tickets



from last year's LobsterFest to get there.... **Tom Howard** – about to take the "vacation of a lifetime" to Israel and Jordan.... **President Jeff** – 2 kids, 6 days while Momma vacationed in Florida – and everybody survived.... **Scott Naumann** – got to see **Carter and Kaye LeBeau** dance at the Silver Ball last Saturday.... **Carl Loweth** – back from a vacation in the Southwest.... **John Rabine** – going to be a LobsterFest Bronze Sponsor (**Cathy Duda's** first convert). Later, during the program, when the speaker mentioned water...

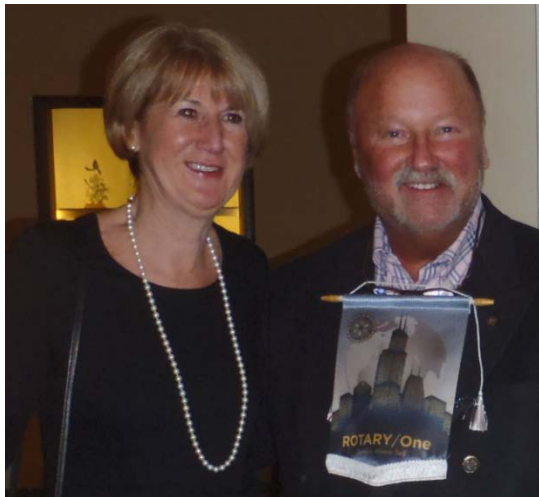
specifically, treated Mississippi River water... **Audie Foster** added \$20.

### **Missing today:**

L. Adams, Atnip-2, Boeye, Brown-5, Cameron, Chambers-2, H. Coin, Coley-4, Dobesh-7, Ellstrom-8, Freese, Hartsock-6, Heinrich-7, Heninger-2, Hintermeister, Hinton-2, Kappeler, Kass, Kennedy, Lane, Lanum-8, Legare-3, Lofgren, Lokenvitz-2, Lundin, Manas, McGimpsey, McWilliams, L. Miller, Powers, Ross, Sarver, Schuler, Vogel, Volbrecht-3, Willsher-2, Windmille-2, Worley-2

### **Make-ups:**

Duncan Cameron @ Naples, Fla.  
Phil Kinsley @ Springfield Southeast, Springfield, Mo.



### **More BRC news...**

**Dr. Tom Olson** was in Chicago last Wednesday and visited the Chicago Rotary Club during its 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bash, where he was the guest of club President **Andrea Leuman**.

### **News Staff...**

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...  
Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...  
Photographer: Carter LeBeau...  
Webmeister: Ralph Heninger...

Website host: Harry Coin

### **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.bettendorfrotary.com/local.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary in the community:  
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/community.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary’s current officers:  
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/current.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary’s committees and their chairs:  
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/committ.htm>

Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus... and more:  
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/links.htm>

Link to District 6000’s Website:  
[www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org)