



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Nov. 10, 2010, issue

Next meeting:
Noon Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

**Could this plan be
future of
agriculture?**



Brian Sievers wants to build a large cattle operation near New Liberty, Iowa, but – if he can make it happen – it will be unlike any other large livestock operation in the U.S. We’ll learn more from him at

the Nov. 17 meeting.

Under Sievers’ proposal, he would build four 6,300-square-foot buildings – each with a capacity of 1,222 head of cattle – along with a huge silo, stockpile buildings, processing and load-out facilities and office space, among other support facilities.

The most unusual aspect of the operation would be a 1.4-megawatt anaerobic digester to produce methane gas from the cattle waste.

“What makes this particular type of digester unique is that it relies significantly on high carbon-based plant material and biomass,” Sievers said. “There are no other digesters that we know of in farms in the United States that use a high carbon or high solids material digester.”

He said air quality concerns will be addressed through the anaerobic digester. The technology has not been readily adopted in the United States yet.

“My wife once said what you're looking at is taking another step in the reinvention of agriculture,” he said. “That's what we're intending to do here.”



The Welches and the BRC Board

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010

**District governor:
'Serve with Purpose'**

We gained some insight into the programs of Rotary International from the presentation of District 6000 Gov. **Gary Welch**, our featured speaker at the Nov. 10 meeting, and his wife **Colleen**.

Along the way, he praised BRC for its recent membership growth – and invited those responsible for the growth to the District 6000 Conference April 28-30, 2011, in Ankeny. He also reminded us of the RI Convention May 23-25 in New Orleans, where RI President Ray Klinginsmith – the first Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to be elected RI president – will preside.



Punctuating his presentation, “Serving With a Purpose,” with photos of his travels for Rotary, he reviewed the areas that RI focuses on this year: Peace and conflict resolution... disease

prevention and treatment... water and sanitation... basic education and literacy... economic and community development, and maternal and child health. “When you give to the Rotary Foundation,” he said, “do you realize, you save people’s lives.”

Gary also reviewed the goals he set for all Rotary clubs in the district:

- Foundation – every Rotarian in District 6000 will contribute something to the Foundation....
- Membership – every Rotarian will induct at least one new member... **each**. To grow membership, he said, “Find someone who wants to make a difference – and invite them to join.”
- Public Image – each club publicize itself in local media and in the District Newsletter
- Polio Plus – RI, he reminded us, is in the third of a 5-year challenge to rid the

planet of polio... but last year, he said, there was one case of polio in Minnesota.

“You determine the future of your club,” he said in closing his remarks.

The meeting opened...

... as it customarily does, with **President Jeff Hassel** inviting all present to recite The 4-way Test and sing the day’s patriotic song, “This Is My Country.” After Moments of Reflection, a mini-songfest ensued with **Tom Howard** – accompanied by **Bernie Vogel** – leading us in a rousing “Sing, Everyone, Sing!” and a standing “For Gary’s a Jolly Good Fellow” to honor our governor.

Secretary Chuck (“Godfather of Bettendorf Rotary”) introduced: Visiting Rotarians...

Greg Gutzel, Davenport: Agriculture
Jon Christiansen, Moline: Industrial Supplies

... and guests...

Mike McCool with Diane Ricketts-McCool

Announcements...

→ **Thanksgiving baskets. Chelsea Powers** passed out delivery assignments for the members who had signed up.



→ **LobsterFest.** The first monthly LobsterFest committee meeting was Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Bettendorf Public

Library – they’ll continue through the winter and early spring. You can still volunteer – contact **Scott Naumann, 445-4260** or scottn@midlandcom.com

The news...

Fred Anderson reported some of the day's news: Students in London protested university tuition hikes... GM to issue IPO next week... Alaska election officials begin counting the 92,500 write-in ballots in its Senate race... crippled cruise ship Carnival Splendor limps toward port in San Diego with vacationers subsisting on Spam (and presumably "Monty Python" reruns)... Arizona man arrested for throwing oranges at parked airplanes and sniffing spray paint (his green nose was a clue). Commenting on this story, one texter – identified as "Sal Monella" – said – (sorry – but it was a quote): "Orange you glad he was caught?"

Sergeant at Arms...

President Jeff collected \$176 for our foundations plus \$79 for the Scholarship Fund in the form of **Ryan \$\$** from these happy members:

Nicole McWilliams – her birthday and a plug for a hockey-benefit... **Diane Ricketts-McCool** – her daughter (5 months pregnant) finished the NY Marathon *ahead of Subway's Jared and NBC's Al Roker*... **Ann Kappeler** – happy to see Nicole here... **Becky**



Hinton – a check for her birthday... **Mike Freemire** – actually losing a vote in his next re-election bid by making some kind of remark about Becky's check... then trying to make amends by tossing some change into the

Ryan \$\$ pot... **Harry Coin** – kudos to the QCSO on its latest concert... **Decker Ploehn** – tossed in "all I have left" after his recent trip to California... **Dr. Tom**

Olson – a sawbuck because he's just back from Florida and couldn't make proper change (?)... **Tom Howard** – because he froze on his recent Florida trip... **President Jeff** – says he'll chip in big bucks because Iowa will beat Northwestern – and because the Bears will defeat the Vikings – which prompted **Frank Mitvalsky** and **George Coin** to "call" Jeff's "bet" on Northwestern – but **Dave Deuth** failed to take the bait (sorry for the mixed metaphor) on the Bears-Vikings game, mumbling something lame about a "rebuilding year."



Last week in this space, we reported that **Kevin Kraft** offered up kudos to **Carter LeBeau** for participating in *every* RAGBRAI. Well, that wasn't the half of it – not by a

long shot. Or, more accurately, long pedal. You see, Carter was inducted into the Quad-Cities Bicycle Club Hall of Fame for his bike touring achievements. Among them, in addition to the RAGBRAI feat: rides from Newport Beach, Ore., to Washington, D.C., in 1981; Davenport to New Orleans in 1984 for the World's Fair; Melbourne to Sydney, Australia; twice along stretches of the fabled Route 66, and 22 years of "Tail Wind Touring" all over the map. He logged 5,000 miles from Long Beach, Calif., to Washington, D.C., to mark Iowa's sesquicentennial in 1995. And all along the way, he visited Rotary clubs.

Missing today:

K. Adams, L. Adams, Ahlstrand, Blaske, Boeye-2, Brown-6, Brummel-11, Calabrese-4, Cameron, Coley-2, Douglas, Downing, DeBuhr, Ellstrom-14, Felsing, Foster, Freese-5, Gudgel, Habenicht, Heinrich, Jochmann-6, Jones-15, Kennedy, Lanum-6, Legare-2, Loweth, Lofgren, Lundin, Mangler, L. Miller, Nanda, Nielsen-3, Pieart, Rabine, Richards-9, Schillig-2, Scranton-3, Sherrick-4, St. Laurent-3, Schutte, Volbrecht, Worley-3

Make-ups:

Jen DeBuhr: distributing dictionaries.
Duncan Cameron @ Naples, Fla.
At today's committee meeting: Diane Ricketts-McCool, Dave Falk, Ralph Heninger, Harry Coin, Pat Eikenberry, Nicole McWilliams, Decker Ploehn.

Upcoming meetings...

Nov. 24: Ann Tubbs, Vera French
Community Mental Health Center
Dec. 1: Chuck Swanson, executive
director, Hancher Auditorium
Dec. 8: Doug Cropper, CEO, Genesis
Healthcare reform
Dec. 15: Holiday Musical Program –
students from Pleasant Valley H.S.
Dec. 29: Vocational Services Talks –
Sharon Sarver

News Staff...

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

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:

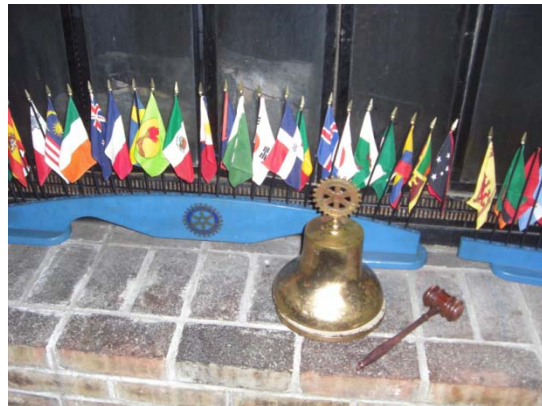
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/committ.htm>

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



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