



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
May 16, 2011, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Noon Wednesday, May 23, 2012,  
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **Linda finally gets a chance to speak...**



She attended the May 16 meeting, so that means our own Rep. **Linda Miller**, Iowa House District 82, is home from the marathon session of the Iowa Legislature. Welcome back, Linda. We look forward to the 2012

version of your yearly assessment of how the session went – and what its impact is likely to be on all of us....

## *Last meeting:*

Tuesday, May 16, 2012

## **We can help South African projects**

Elizabeth “Biffy” Danckwerts came all the way from the Wynberg Rotary Club in Cape Town, South Africa, to provide the program at our May 16 meeting. For her, it was one of many such programs



she is giving to Rotarians across the U.S. To us, it was an opportunity to get a glimpse into Rotary International at work in her country – and an opportunity to accept her invitation to become directly involved as a partner club.

Biffy described aspects of three of the five projects in which her club is taking the lead in working to improve the lives of the more than 1 million people who live in poverty in the townships of Cape Town. All of them need help.

At the Khanyisa School for Supportive Education, 80 children and young adults with autism receive individualized instruction in school subject while they also learn skills they can use to sustain themselves in society, Biffy said.

Not far from that school, the Victorian Hospital – founded and built in 1888 – provides what health services it can with severely limited resources and outdated and much-repaired facilities and equipment to a patient population that is 60% indigent, she said.

A food bank gathers unsold food from supermarkets and distributes it in the form of 24,000 meals per day to the hungry who are served by about 1,000 social-service agencies, she said. It could do much more, but it needs a 5-ton truck, she added.

Biffy promised to provide hot links to her full program, including information on



the two projects she didn't have time to describe; look for those links in a future issue of *BRC News*.

Biffy was introduced by **Doug Peterson**, of the Iowa QC Rotary Club, who

is also assistant governor of District 6000.

### 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 and introductions, song leader

**Tom Howard** – accompanied by pianist **Sheri Fleming** – resumed the singing with olde favorites "Sing Out a Song of Rot'ry" and "Sunny Side of the Street."

### Secretary Chuck introduced:

#### Visiting Rotarians:

Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla.:

Beverages

PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott: Publishing

Leanne Shaw, Moline: Banking

Kerry Skinner, Davenport: Investments

Brock Earnhardt, Davenport: Water Service

Paul Holzworth, North Scott: Education, Retired

Mike Hamann, Davenport: Construction

#### Guests:

Sarah Shaw with **John Archer**

Lisa Stolte with **Connie Mangler**

James Patton with **Mark Ross**

Kent Pilcher with **Scott Naumann**

### Announcements...

→ **Flowers for Carolyn. Decker Ploehn** collected contributions to buy a floral arrangement for past president **Carolyn Leutwyler** who underwent cancer surgery last week in Florida. [See below]

→ **Scholarships. President Scott** has been busy presenting BRC scholarships to graduating seniors – 2 to Bettendorf High School grads last week and the Carl Schillig Memorial scholarship to a Pleasant Valley grad this week.

→ **LobsterFest.** Summoned by



**President Scott** (a.k.a. "Coach"), **Penny McGimpsey**, **Cathy Duda** and **Bev Murray** endured a bit of harassment (thank

goodness he didn't bring his whistle...) and reported:

→ New Bronze sponsors have been added, including Abby Carpet, Califf & Harper, Mel Foster and Lighthouse ... but a Gold sponsor still eludes us...



→ Promotional posters will be printed by the end of this week  
 → Save-the-Date cards are available to remind everyone to ... (what else?) circle June 16 on their calendar  
 → More Silent Auction goodies are coming in – with a recent emphasis on sports... game tickets, sky-box reserved seats...  
 → About 88 tickets remain to be sold  
 → **Glenn Kass** has sent the comprehensive news release on LobsterFest to QC news media – look for it

→ **Thirsty Thursday social...** will be history by the time you read this. It was scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Governor's, Bettendorf.

→ **John Deere Classic.** **Jeff Hassel** said more volunteers are still needed for all days – Wednesday, July 11, to Sunday, July 15 – to staff OUR Hole #1. So far, NONE have volunteered for Sunday. An interactive signup sheet will be on the BRC Website Friday – just fill it out and send it... it goes automatically to JDC HQ. Questions? Contact Jeff – 336-3008/ [jhassel@davchc.com](mailto:jhassel@davchc.com) – or **Decker Ploehn** – 344-4007 / [dploehn@bettendorf.org](mailto:dploehn@bettendorf.org).

## Presentations...

**New member inductions. S.K. Nanda** – sporting what he called his “deep cruise tan” after sailing the Aegean between Istanbul and Athens – presided at the inductions of new members **Chris Salm** and **Carrie Voigts**, D.C. Chris, a 15-year State Farm agent, has brought his family to his wife’s hometown to succeed the retiring **Phil Kinsley**. Carrie came to the QC from Platteville, Wis., to study at Palmer College of Chiropractic – and liked the community so well she has a clinic at Middle Road @ Devils Glen.



→ **Rotarian of the Quarter.** Admitting



to being “a little late,” **Kevin Kraft** gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter award (in this, the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter) to **Jeff Hassel** for his work coordinating the evaluations of grant applications to the BRC Charitable

Giving Board (see also **JDC**, above).

## The News...

**Lora Adams** compiled a heart-wrenching news summary, but the time ran short, so we missed it; here's the *Cliff's Notes* version of the *Reader's Digest* version:

It took extraordinary action to free and treat the driver of a car that left I-74 near the Spruce Hills exit, went into a ditch, hit the side of the on-ramp, went airborne, hit a tree and landed in another ditch – all because she was texting while driving.... Beware scammers who pose as MidAmerican Energy workers and ask for credit-card info.... A Washington man thought he was brushing a stick off of some mulch – but it was a snake, which bit him.... Utah police had no problem arresting a young burglary suspect – he left his homework at the scene of the crime.... A Wisconsin man says an all-you-can-eat café is guilty of false advertising – it cut him off at 20 pieces of fried fish... An Oregon girl, Caroline Inglis, would have been the first golfer in state history to win 4 state titles – but she was disqualified because her partner made an error on their scorecard.



## Sergeant at arms...

**President Scott** collected \$224 in **John Ryan Happy \$\$** from the wallets of these generous members: **Linda Miller** – happy to be home after marathon law-making... **Paul Murphy** – back from his daughter's graduation – and officer commissioning... **Glenn**

**Kass** – “We sing pretty good”... **Tim Downing** – just back from 3 weeks of cruising European rivers... **Jim Spelhaug** – happy a teacher with leukemia is improving – and a 6<sup>th</sup>-grade math team took top honors at State... **Steve Sorensen** – daughter just got a teaching job... **Bev Murray** – last child graduates from Geneseo HS... **Mark Ross** – “21 days until **John Archer** wins the GOP primary”... **Jonna Schuler** – 2 daughters take honors as PVHS cheerleaders... **George Coin** – grandson graduates from HS in Oklahoma, heads for college in North Carolina... **Dave Deuth** – \$20 for Caroline – recalling it was his “letter from the undertaker” that persuaded RI President **Bill Boyd** that BRC was really serious about inviting him to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## In other BRC news...

**Harry Coin** has created a commemorative book for past president **Carolyn Leutwyler**, consisting mostly of the newsletters during her time as president. It includes blank



pages where BRC members can add a note. This unique book is expected to be available at the May 30 meeting. After members have added notes, it will be expressed to Carolyn as she convalesces from cancer surgery.

## Missing today...

Boosalis-6, Bowe-10, Brown-12, Boling, Bibik, Calabrese, Carter-8, Castro-3, Daugherty, DeDoncker-2, Dobesh, Edwards-2, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-20, Felsing-3, Gudgel-2, Habenicht,



Hartsock-5,  
 Heninger-3, Hinton-  
 20, Kappeler-4,  
 Kellenberger,  
 Kennedy-4, Larsen-  
 2, Limberg, Loweth-  
 2, McWilliams,  
 Marvin, Mitvalsky,  
 Nelson-20, Olson,  
 Obriant, Pelecky-20,  
 Praul, Rabine-2,  
 Rolf, Schillig,  
 Scranton, Sherrick-  
 3, Vandersnick,  
 Volbrecht-15,  
 Werner, Willsher-  
 11, Worley-20.

**Upcoming meetings...**

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas?

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**May 23:**  
 Rep. Linda Miller, Iowa House Dist. 82

**News staff...**

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**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