



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2012, at the
Fortune Garden Restaurant

**Learn more about
Girl Scouting in QC**

The featured speaker at the Aug. 22 meeting is **Diane Nelson**, CEO of the Girl Scout organization that serves the entire Quad Cities region.



“Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois is the premier leadership development program for girls ages 5 to

17 in 31 counties of Eastern Iowa and seven counties in Western Illinois,” according to the group’s Website.

It continues: “With guidance from dedicated volunteers, girls participate in a range of programs that allow them to discover by understanding their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore their world; connect by caring about, inspiring and teaming with others locally and globally; and taking action to make the world a better place. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character.”

Last meeting:
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**MetroLINK: ‘Not
just buses...’**

Closing her presentation on MetroLINK at the Aug. 15 meeting, **Jennifer Garrity**, public information officer of the agency that serves the mass-transit needs of Rock Island County, said “It’s not just buses – but about driving economic activity.”



MetroLINK is most easily recognized by its fleet of some 55 buses that serve the transportation component of “creating a livable and sustainable community” throughout the Illinois Quad Cities, according to Garrity. The agency also offers specialized transit services to citizens with various medical needs, to some 2,000 public school pupils daily and many students attending Augustana

and Black Hawk Colleges and Western Illinois University – and it operates the Channel Cat Water Taxis, which serves more than 30,000 passengers each summer.

Here are some more facts about MetroLINK:

→ Bettendorf residents can ride its buses home from Quad-City International Airport by transferring to Bettendorf Transit at the MetroLINK Central Station in downtown Moline.

→ About 70% of its fleet is powered by compressed natural gas, and “has been a leader in environmentally friendly policies for over a decade...”

→ It is projected to carry about 3.9 million riders in 2012.

→ The \$32 million MetroLINK Transit Maintenance Facility, with construction beginning this year, has the potential to



qualify for the environmentally prestigious

LEED Gold Certification because of its use of solar and other sustainable energy sources.

→ The Rock Island Transfer Station, with construction beginning in October, will “improve multi-modal access between housing, employment and recreation for downtown residents.”

→ The Multi-Modal Station planned for downtown Moline will bring passenger rail service back to the Quad Cities and provide space for housing, retail and lodging as well as rail station operations.

For more information on MetroLINK, go to <http://www.gogreenmetro.com/>.

The meeting opened...

After calling the meeting to order, **President-elect Chelsea Powers** led the



recitation of the 4-Way Test and the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “America.” After Moments of Reflection and introductions, the singing resumed. **Tom Howard** led – a cappella – “God Bless Our Rotary” (same tune as “America”) and “Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah,” because it was a wonderful day. Tom reiterated his plea for a pianist, now that school is back in session and **Gail Baldwin** can’t join us on Wednesdays.

Secretary Chuck introduced...

Visiting Rotarians:

Ralph Heninger, Davenport: Attorney
Jon Christensen, Moline: Industrial Supplies

Shelia Volrath, North Scott: Broker

Bill Roffow, North Scott

Guests:

David Frank with **Todd Larsen**

Announcements...

→ **Rotary in Motion.** “Chris Salm’s Strutters are ahead by a narrow 23 total



miles,” **Dick Schillig** said as he rounded up the results of Week 6 walking action: **Chris Salm’s** Strutters: 376 miles for a total of 2,745 so far in the contest **Jonna Schuler’s** Racy Rotarians: 409 miles this week and 2,722 total **Kurt Lokenvitz’s** Locos: 348 miles for the week and a total of 2,295

In the Special Challenge, comparing those teams’ averages with The Pacer’s (**John DeDoncker**) total miles and applying the “handicap”:
The Pacer: 62 running miles for week 6, and a total of 333 for the campaign
Strutters: 387 total
Locos: 308
Racy Rotarians: 401

“From this data,” Dick said, “it appears that Jonna’s Racy Rotarians lead the Challenge at 401. However, a special Rotarian audit has determined The Pacer is not being given proper credit for other steps – golfing, biking and working. So stay tuned – and don’t miss next Wednesday’s meeting to see how this

thrilling audit (is that an oxymoron?) comes out.”

Dick ended his report with, “Only 18 more days to go.”

➔ **Run with Carl.** **Chris Glass** issued a plea for more volunteers for Run with Carl – especially to help stuff registration packets. This is an excellent way for new and veteran members to get better acquainted – and make a difference in one of BRC’s signature events. To volunteer, **contact Chris: 563-355-7174 or cglass@terrostar.com**. For more information on TWC, including ways to volunteer, go to www.runwithcarl.com.



➔ **Thirsty Thursday.** It’s **Aug. 16** – at Pints, 5268 Utica Ridge Road in Davenport (technically), next to Genghis Grill. Glasses rise at 5:30 p.m.

➔ **WQPT Rotary Challenge.** **Chris Glass** and **Fred Anderson** raised \$1,600 during Monday’s on-air fundraiser; still \$1,400 to go to get a TV set we can auction during the golf outing. Chris handed pledge forms to all who wanted them as they left the Fortune Garden. Remember, in previous years we topped all other QC Rotary clubs – and it’s time

we regained our title. So please give generously to WQPT, the Quad Cities' own public TV station.

The news...



Lora Adams reported a summary of the news you don't get anywhere else:

Crews soon will demolish the old Lincoln School building in Rock Island.... An Iowa woman who hit and seriously injured a motorcyclist while texting was sentenced to 5 years in prison for causing the injuries and 2 more for leaving the victim.... Wildfires are raging across the Western states.... Americans shopped more in July than in the previous 5 months.... Rock Island police arrested a naked man covered in cooking spray and carrying a pair of shorts; police said he told them, "He was looking for a place to party."... Florida officials captured a 17-ft., 7-in. Burmese python – a record – carrying 87 eggs.... A study in Finland finds that children reared in homes with pet dogs have fewer respiratory illnesses.

Sergeant at arms...

President-elect Chelsea collected \$130 for our foundations + \$31 from **Lora Adams** (anniversary) + \$20 **Tom Kellenberger** something about a golf outing and **Kevin Kraft**..?). Other generous donors of **Jon Ryan Happy** \$\$ were **Todd Larson** – first day of school... **John Rabine** – he and **Ken Vandersnick** are working on the fall Golf Outing, but looking for a date that would coincide with some live entertainment – since the Visiting Artist

Series won't have an artist in town until January (lousy for golf.. and outing)...

Dick Schillig – took advantage of the \$10 parking spot.

Missing today...



K. Adams-5, Archer, Blaske, Boeye, Boling-2, Boosalis-6, Bowe-6, Brown-6, Carter-6, Chambers, G. Coin-2, Dobesh-3, Downing-2, Edwards-3, Eikenberry-4,

Ellstrom-6, Gallagher-4, Gudgel, Harrison-3, Hassel, Heninger, Hintermeister, Hinton-5, Kappeler-4, Kennedy-4, Kraft, Lane, McGimpsey, McWilliams-4, Mitvalsky, Murphy-6, Murray-6, Nelson-6, Pieart, Ploehn, Ricketts-McCool-3, Rolf -2, Ross, Sarver-4, Schuller-3, Scranton, Sorensen, St. Laurent-6, Volbrecht-3, Willsher-6, Worley-4

Upcoming meetings...

Aug. 22: Diane Nelson, CEO of Girl Scouts Quad Cities – their move to Bettendorf, and Girl Scout programs

Aug. 29: Bill Martin, QC Chamber of Commerce – economic development and attracting new commerce to our region
Have program ideas? Contact **Brian Kennedy: 340-5114,**

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