



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Aug. 22, 2012, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012, at the  
Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **QC Chamber: working to develop economy**

The Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce “works to strengthen and enhance the business environment, represent the interests of our members and foster balanced growth in the Quad Cities region,” according to its website.

“The Chamber advances the Quad Cities community by focusing resources on economic development, advocacy, workforce attraction and development, the Rock Island Arsenal and member resources--to name a few,” the site says.



At the Aug. 29 meeting, we’ll hear from **Bill Martin** of the Chamber, who will focus on the economic development efforts – such as marketing the QC community across the country, “from California to New York, Texas to Des Moines, and more.”

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**For more on BRC – and Rotary – see:**  
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/>

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## **Girl Scout office moving to Bett**

At the Aug. 22 meeting **Diane Nelson**, CEO of Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, admitted that, while the organization strives to “build courage, confidence and character” in girls, the most-asked questions concern another “C” – cookies.

While Girl Scouting often brings one set of “Cs” – camping, crafts and those cookies – to mind, Nelson said the other trio of characteristics is far more important in preparing girls for their futures. “If they follow the program through Girl Scouts, we can actually trace their development of those skills,” she said. And with those skills, girls and young women are making positive contributions to society. “Eighty percent

of women in business today were Girl Scouts,” she added.

The Girl Scout Council centered in the Quad Cities comprises 13 Iowa counties, from Decorah to Burlington, and 7 Western Illinois counties, she said. It is the 6<sup>th</sup> fastest growing council in the U.S., she said. And the 5,200 Girl Scouts in this area “are doing amazing things,”



Nelson said – including selling some 2 million boxes of those cookies.

Staff and volunteer

s visit all 428 elementary schools in the council every year to help in recruitment, she said.

During this centennial anniversary year of Girl Scouts of America, the QC office is moving from Rock Island to Bettendorf, Nelson said. The new location will provide needed office space, she said, and the Rock Island building will be converted into an “urban programming center,” which will aid development of skills for thriving in the future and use a variety of methods, including a unique “urban camp” for girls who don’t like outdoor camping.

Nelson closed her remarks by repeating the mission of Girl Scouts: to instill courage, confidence and character in girls, “who make the world a better place.”

And about those cookies: the Girl Scouts’ Thin Mints “are the No. 1 selling cookie in America,” she said.

### The meeting opened...

After calling the meeting to order – and apologizing for wearing flip-flops to the meeting – “I’m moving,” he said, as if that was any kind of explanation – **President Mark Ross** led the recitation of the 4-Way Test and the singing of “America.” After Moments of Reflection and introductions, the singing resumed. **Tom Howard** led – a cappella – we still don’t have an accompanist – “R-O-T-A-R-Y” (2 verses).

### Secretary Chuck introduced...

#### Visiting Rotarians:

PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott: Publishing  
Margo McInnis, North Scott: Tourism



Beth Ryan with Mark Ross

Paul Holzworth, North Scott: Education  
Paul Johnson, Davenport: Education

#### Guests:

Kevin Greenley with **Decker Ploehn**  
David Frank with **Todd Larsen**

### Announcements...



➔ **Rotary in Motion. Dick Schillig** had just begun to report on the results of Week 7 of Rotary in Motion when an oddly familiar looking

“**Doktor Spritzer**” (emphasis – lots of it – on the “spritz”) grabbed the

microphone and sprayed out a German-accented monolog that purported to... just what *was* he saying? Anyhow, he seemed to say an “internal Rotary audit” verified the truth of results of the contest among three teams of walkers and The Pacer (a.k.a. **John DeDoncker**, who must wear out a pair of sneakers per week).

And those results for Week 7:

**Chris Salm**’s Strutters: 3,124 miles

**Jonna Schuler**’s Racy Rotarians: 3,046

**Kurt Lokenvitz**’s Locos: “There’s some speculation the Locos held out this week,” Dick said.

In the Special Challenge, comparing those teams’ averages with The Pacer’s total miles – including the “audited” inclusion of golf, biking and “other activities,” and applying the “handicap”:

**The Pacer:** 519 miles

**Racy Rotarians:** 481

**Strutters:** 463

**Locos:** 308 (“Are they ‘sandbagging?’” Dick asked)

“Week 8 is going to be a big one,” Dick said. “Keep moving! Remember, registering for Run with Carl and volunteering each earn 10 bonus miles.”

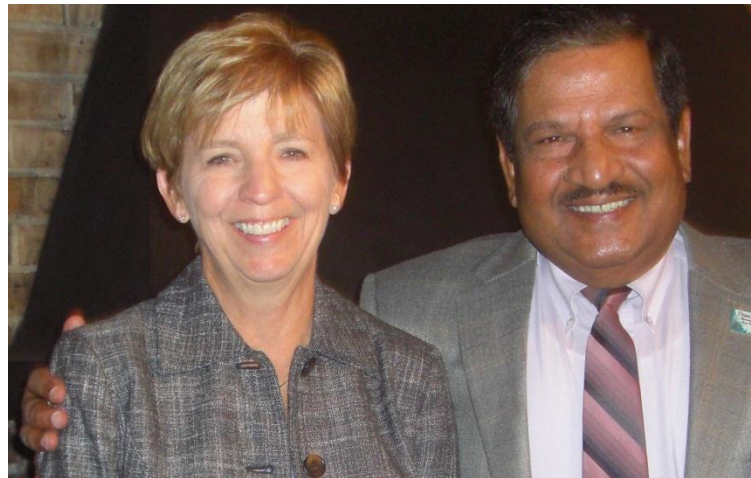
(BTW, did anybody disinfect the mic after Dr. Spritzer’s ... spritzing?)



➔ **Run with Carl.** With less than 2 weeks to race day, volunteers are still needed – especially at 2 water stops. To volunteer, **contact Chris Glass: 563-355-7174 or [cglass@terrostar.com](mailto:cglass@terrostar.com).** For more information on TWC, including ways to volunteer, go to [www.runwithcarl.com](http://www.runwithcarl.com).

➔ **‘Our’ shelter boxes.** **Lee Semenov** reported that he and **Ann Kappeler**, as co-international service chairs, received a thank you from Rotary International for the shelter boxes – containing emergency supplies for use in emergencies – that BRC had purchased. Those supplies went to Ethiopia to help during a natural disaster there.

➔ **Library benefit.** **President Mark** announced that an event to benefit the Bettendorf Public Library Foundation is scheduled for noon next Wednesday, Aug. 29.



### **Presentation...**

➔ **Paul Harris Pin.** In his role as Rotary Foundation chair, **S.K. Nanda** presented **Ann Kappeler** with her Paul Harris pin & certificate – signifying she has donated \$1,000 to the Foundation. S.K. also noted that a Rotarian can join the Paul Harris Society – all that’s needed, he said, is a pledge to donate \$1,000 per year for 10 years. He is about to apply to join, and he invited two other BRC members to join with him.

### **Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...**

Noting it has been three years since **Jon Ryan**’s passing, **President Mark** read from Jon’s eulogy as a way to explain to





newer members why the “Happy Bucks” segment of each meeting bears Jon’s name. With **Beth Ryan** as his special guest, Mark – and some BRC members – talked about Jon’s community activities, his contributions to Rotary and the never-failing sense of humor that fueled all that he did.

This week’s efforts collected \$216 for our foundations + **Ann Kappeler**’s check for \$62, **Dawn Saul**’s check for \$55 and **Beth Ryan**’s \$100 for our Scholarship Fund. **Jon Ryan Happy \$\$** came from:

**President Mark** – thanks to **Chelsea Powers** for conducting last week’s meeting + “the kids are back in school”... **Scott Naumann** – happy to honor Jon Ryan... **Decker Ploehn** – Bettendorf is racking up about \$20K in overtime payments because of visits by

President Obama and Mitt Romney... **Dawn Saul** – birthday + “I get to spend my birthday with my Rotary friends”... **Jim Spelhaug** – PVHS students are offering dance lessons (see the Aug. 21 *Quad-City Times*)... **Frank Mitvalsky** – back from 7<sup>th</sup> annual canoe trip with friends... **Dick Schillig** – \$10 to remember Jon Ryan, \$10 for *the* parking space... **Lee Semenow** – helped with a Boy Scouts fundraiser that earned \$100K... **Rich James** – “Should I be concerned that (Mark is) moving to my neighborhood?”... **Penny McGimpsey** – with hubby, rode a 2,900-mile round trip – on motorcycles – to South Dakota... **Todd Larsen** – couldn’t quite believe **President Mark** was working while away for last week’s meeting.

### Missing today...

K. Adams-6, L. Adams, Archer-2, Ashby, Blaske-2, Boeye-2, Boling-3, Boosalis-7, Bowe-7, Brown-7, Calabrese, Carter-7, Castro, DeBuhr, DeDoncker, Dickson, Duda, Eikenberry-3, Ellstrom-7, Glass, Gudgel-2, Habenicht, Harrison-4, Hassel-2, Heninger-2, Hinton-6, Kennedy-5, Limberg, Lokenvitz, Loweth, McWilliams-5, Mangler, Marvin, L. Miller, Murray-7, Nelson-7, Olson, Oswald, Praul, Scranton-2, St. Laurent-7, Voigts, Volbrecht-4, Willsher-7, Worley-5

### Make-ups...

Brent Werner @ Geneseo, Ill.  
**At LobsterFest Committee** meeting  
 Aug. 22: Chelsea Powers, Ken Vandersnick, Penny McGimpsey, Mark Ross, Chris Glass, Sharon Sarver

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