



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 5, 2012, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, at
Fortune Garden Restaurant

A tuneful beginning to the holiday season

Start the year-end holiday season right with a serenade of special holiday music performed by student musicians from Pleasant Valley High School, thanks to **Jim Spelhaug**.



Last meeting:

Wednesday Dec. 5, 2012

All about WVIK..

On the eve of a 2½-day, \$15,000 fund drive, **Jay H. Pearce**, general manager of QC Public Radio station WVIK, talked about the station's commitment to the community, its programming and its funding goals.



WVIK is the only radio station in the Quad Cities with a news department, he said. In addition to local and regional news, the station's award-winning news team provides coverage of the arts, higher education and both Iowa and Illinois state government.

Its locally produced programming includes *Saturday Morning Live*, *Art Talks*, *The Parent Trip* and the daily *Rock Island Lines* plus broadcasts of performances by the *Quad-City Symphony Orchestra* and *Nova Singers*.

APRIS – the Augustana Public Radio Information Service – provides free access to news, including news from many area hometowns, for listeners whose impairments prevent them from reading local newspapers.

Money to support WVIK's annual budget of \$800,000 comes 43% from listeners,



23% from corporate and underwriting sources, 24% from state and federal governments, Jay said. Just under three-fourths of the budget supports programming and broadcasting. With Illinois in precarious financial shape and the constant threat of cuts to federal funding, WVIK constantly faces financial challenges.

In addition to current operations, the station is in the midst of a \$750,000 capital campaign to convert to all-digital technology, replace its 20-to-30-year-old transmitter and studio equipment, upgrade its building and improve its broadcasting – including “an exciting new opportunity,” Jay said.

To support the station or to learn more: www.wvig.org or 309-794-7552.

The meeting opened...

President Mark Ross opened the meeting with the recitation of the 4-Way Test and the singing of “America the



Beautiful.” After Moments of Reflection – during which we learned **Doyle McCully**’s wife is in failing health and **Greg Blaske**’s father died – song-leader **Tom Howard** – with **Scott Naumann**

ably accompanying on his musical laptop – led the singing of “R-O-T-A-R-Y,” “The Band Played On” and the monthly



popular “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.” This month’s honorees for the completion of another year are: 3, **Theron Schutte**; 5, David Franks; 15, Brad Boeye; 23, Jeff Hassel; 26, Bob Gallagher, Greg Blaske; 30, Beverly Murray.



Secretary Chuck (‘The year 2000 Heisman Trophy winner’) **Mooney introduced: Visiting Rotarians:** Ralph Heninger, Davenport:

Attorney PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott: Publishing Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla: Beverage Consultant

Guests: Jeanie Crowe with Steve **Habenicht** Bob Gallagher with **Mark Ross**

Presentations...



→ **Rotarians of the Quarters.** Chris Glass presented awards for the last two quarters:



→ **Sharon Sarver**, for the 1st Quarter, for all of her work making LobsterFest run so smoothly and for her effectiveness in marshalling volunteers for many projects

→ **Carter LeBeau**, for the 2nd Quarter, in recognition of his work, week after week, as newsletter photographer – plus his success at having a letter published in *The Rotarian*

Announcements...

→ **Christmas food baskets.** Kevin Kraft



passed the sign-up clipboard, seeking 10, or more, volunteers to deliver baskets on Saturday, Dec. 22. This year's recipients include 27 kids, so Kevin wants more than 10 volunteers so

members can pair up especially for the

two families with many kids. Christmas baskets include a toy for each child, worth up to \$50, which the club will reimburse. Volunteers will get details on their family by email.

→ **Reading program.** The reading program in Bettendorf elementary schools will begin in January. **Theron Schutte** and **Scott Naumann** are coordinating – and volunteers will get more information by email soon.

→ **Charitable grants special meeting.** **Jeff Hassel** and the BRC Charitable Grants Committee will use the Jan. 23 meeting to present grants to nonprofit community organizations. Lunch and program will be at the Waterfront Convention Center; lunch service will begin at 11:45 a.m. to allow the full hour for presentations and descriptions of the funded projects.

Date reminders...

→ **Board meeting...** 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at City Hall

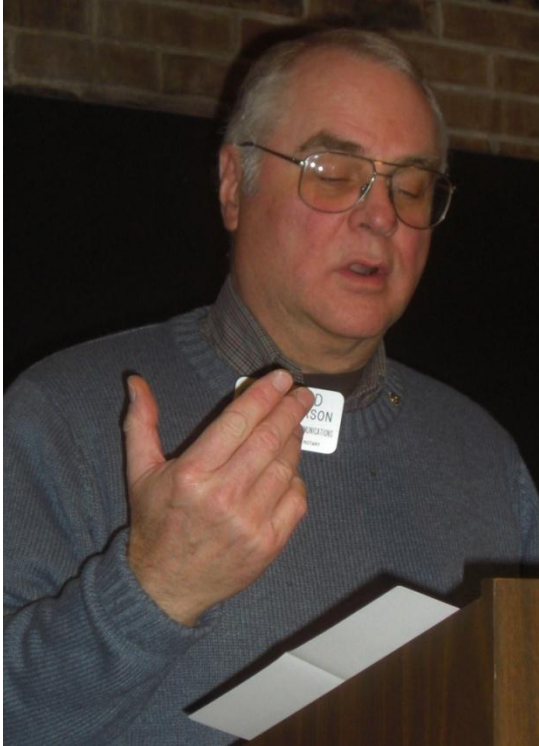
→ **Holiday party.** Jan. 5, 2013, at Crow Valley Country Club – more details coming soon from **Lisa Brown**.

→ **Bring your son/daughter...** to the Dec. 26 meeting.

→ **Red Badge meeting.** The evening of Jan. 15, 2013 – more information later...

The news...

Fred Anderson made us happy that we weren't any of the people in today's news summary. The latest Gallup poll finds only about 10% of Americans rank Congress "high" or "very high" in honesty and ethics; that's just 2% above used car salesmen – but, encouragingly... sort of... 3% higher than last year.... The U.S. Consumer Product Safety



Commission has recalled “Homer’s All-Purpose Bucket” coffee mug – the “microwave-safe” mug shoots off sparks when zapped.... The latest report from that impeccable news source, North Korea’s Central News Agency: discovery of a unicorn lair dating from the time of a kingdom in power 918-1392. [And finally, the one Fred skipped – it was just after lunch: A glance around the living space of Terry, the featured person on A&E’s “Hoarders,” left no doubt – she was “saving” cats. “Probably about 50 cats,” she guessed. Those were the live ones. “I probably have, in frozen and refrigerated cats (in the kitchen ’fridge!), between 75 and 100 – if not more,” she admitted.]

Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...

President Mark collected \$178 for our foundations + **Tim Downing**’s check for \$60 for our Scholarship Fund. Cash poured out of the pockets and purses of **Gary Hintermeister** – I.S.U. going to its

3rd bowl game in a row... **Frank Mitvalsky** – Northwestern is going bowling, too... **George Daugherty** – used *the* parking spot... **Theron Schutte** – birthday (his 50th)... **Decker Ploehn** – remembering the life of Rev. **Erwin Swanson**, retired pastor, Rotarian (Iowa QC) and Bettendorf PD chaplain... **Tim Downing** – the 60th anniversary of Downing Architects, and his 50th there... **Scott Naumann** – at Skellington Manor, 420 18th St., Rock Island, this Friday, “Fairway to Murder” (Scott in a kilt...) and next week, “Murder at the Moonshine Palooza”... **Tom Howard** – Handel’s oratorio “Messiah” Saturday evening at Centennial Hall, Augustana College, Sunday afternoon at Adler Theater, Davenport... **Dave Deuth** – praise for “this interesting Rotary club.”



Missing today...

K. Adams, L. Adams, Bibik, Blaske, Bowe-22, Brown, Bush, Calabrese, Chambers, H. Coin-3, DeDoncker, Dickson, Dobesh-7, Edwards-14, Eikenberry-3, Ellstrom-22, Felsing, Franks, Harrison-19, Hartsock-4, Hinton-

8, Kennedy-10, Lane, Lokenvitz,
McGimpsey-2, McWilliams-3, Murphy,
Murray-20, Nanda, Nelson-21, Olson-3,
Oswald-2, Praul-3, Schillig, Schuler,
Scranton-8, Sherrick-8, Volbrecht-3,
Windmiller, Worley-20

Make-ups...

Waterfront meeting: Jeff Hassel,
Decker Ploehn

New member proposal...

Robert C. Gallagher has been proposed
for membership by **Mark Ross**
Classification: Attorney
Any member with an objection has 10
days in which to file it – in writing and
signed – with Secretary Chuck.

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



Upcoming meetings...



... Thanks to
program chair
Brian Kennedy.
Have program
ideas? Contact
Brian: **340-5114,**
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Dec. 12: Pleasant
Valley High School
students presenting

holiday music

Dec. 19: *Quad City Times* Sports Editor
Don Doxsie presents his annual bowl
game forecasts and all things football

Dec. 26: Yet to be nailed down, but
Brian promises, “We will find a good
one” for bring-your-kids day

Jan. 23: Special meeting to present 2013
Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Grants, at
the Riverfront Convention Center; come
early for lunch

News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...
Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...
Photographers: Carter, Kaye LeBeau ...
Webmeister/Web-site host: Chris Glass

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