



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Jan. 30, 2013, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013, at
Fortune Garden Restaurant



Here's what Mike's IT firm has to offer...

“Renowned for providing exceptional service to businesses in the greater Quad-Cities area, Integrated Solutions is your partner in both reliable computer support and the long-term success of your business,” the firm’s website says. “With



comprehensive network services, you can have the peace of mind to stop worrying about your technology and get back to achieving your business goals.”

At the Feb. 6 meeting, our own **Mike Limberg**

will explain just what those promotional words mean – and can mean in terms of your business.

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Lots of fun at Family Museum

At the Jan. 30 meeting, **Margaret Kuhl**, who has been the director of Bettendorf’s Family Museum since September, ran through a litany of programs, events and support opportunities the facility offers the children – and their parents and grandparents – of the QC community – and beyond.

Amid her recitation of interactive exhibits, special programs, visiting exhibits – and much more – Margaret noted that the Family Museum attracts



visitors from many area ZIP-Codes, and well beyond the area, because it is a member of the Family Museum Association of some 200 similar facilities nationwide.

While many attractions and events continue, the museum is undergoing a \$1.3 million, 3-phase renovation, which is scheduled for completion in April. Phase 1, “Bridges & Waterways,” explains much of what happens on the Mississippi River – at about an 8-year-old level. Phase 2, now under construction, includes a Town Square full of hands-on experiences that teach everyday skills, and an interactive exhibit that lets children follow corn, the area’s most plentiful crop, from field to cereal box.

Opportunities to volunteer and to support the attraction abound; check them out at familymuseum@bettendorf.org. Or contact Margaret directly at 344-4162 or mkuhl@bettendorf.org.



The meeting opened...

The meeting opened with **President-elect Chelsea Powers** leading the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Scott Naumann** pulled

out his musical laptop and accompanied the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “God Bless America” – and later, after Moments of Reflection, that talented notebook-sized brain also provided the music for a group-sing of “R-O-T-A-R-Y (“That spells Rotary...”).”

Secretary Chuck Mooney introduced:

Rotarians:

Dougal Nelson, North Scott: Non-Profit
 Peter Mitchell, East Moline: Chiropractor
 Lawrence Davis, Rock Island: Banking
 Gary Loff, Davenport: Engineering Management

Guests:

John Rule with **S.K. Nanda**
 Jennifer Vondracek with **Sharon Sarver**

Announcements...



➔ **Thirsty ‘Thursday’.** Chris Glass said there’s a conflict with the normal date, so February’s social event will be on a **Wednesday: Feb. 20** – at the usual time and place, 5:30 at Pints, just off Utica Ridge Road.

➔ **LobsterFest Strategy Session.** **Pres.-elect Chelsea** and **Sharon Sarver**, co-chairs of this year’s crustacean boil, will host a planning session next Wednesday, **Feb. 6**, at the Granite City meeting room.



Presentation...

→**Paul Hellwege Award nomination.** **Scott Naumann** announced the BRC nominee for this year's District 6000 Paul Hellwege Award is **Decker Ploehn**. The award, named for the late Judge Paul E. Hellwege, past district governor (1954-55) from Boone, Iowa, recognizes a Rotarian from the district who exhibits exceptional ethics, honor and integrity, Scott said. While joking that Decker was outstanding "in two of the three," Scott said, he was highly "effective while partially impaired" as one who "teaches, leads, inspires" and gets things done. "He's a tireless resource for all of us on the City Council – and for the whole city," Scott added. Genuinely taken aback by the nomination, Decker (although not totally speechless – has he ever been?) said he was "flabbergasted... and honored."



Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...

President-elect Chelsea collected \$178 for our foundations + \$100 from **Greg Blaske** & \$100 from **Lee Semenow** for our Scholarship Fund. Significant cash came from **Jonna Schuler** – kudos to two BRC members who were honored by the QC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at its recent Gala: **Chris Glass** for redesigning its website and **Todd Ashby** as Small Business of the Year... Jonna also retrieved **Decker Ploehn's** "Deckhead" cap and gave it back to him... **Decker** – \$20 for the Hellwege honor... and for the cap, which he wore



for the remainder of the meeting... **Theron Schutte** – became a grandpa for the second time + invited BRC members to participate in the BHS Mock Interviews on Thursday, Feb. 14, which give junior and senior

students insights into job interviewing; please contact Katie Howard at BHS, Theron said... **Todd Ashby** – "BRC scored 2 for 2 in the Hispanic C of C Small Business award" – it's been awarded twice, and Terrostar (**Chris Glass**) won last year... **Greg Blaske** – his birthday + remembering his late Dad, a Rotarian in Kansas... **Sharon Sarver** – plug for Family Resources' Opening Doors Gala, "a fundraiser... that helps provide a safe place for children, women and families," 6:30 p.m. April 12 at the Waterfront Convention Center + \$10 tickets for a chance to win \$4,000... **Lee Semenow** - \$100 check for birthday ("You don't show your age," someone quipped. "That includes mileage," Lee

replied.)... **Dougal Nelson**, North Scott Rotary – “Thanks for the (BRC) grant” + he showed photos of progress at the Habitat for Humanity house under construction in Davenport.



More banners from Carter LeBeau’s collection

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**, and **Scott Naumann**. Have a program idea? Contact **Brian: 340-5114, bmfkennedy@att.net** or **Scott: 445-4260, scott@midlandcom.com**
Feb. 6: Mike Limberg, Cloud computing
Feb. 13: Julie Plumber, Scott County Waste Authority
Feb. 20: Mark Jacobs, Reaching Higher Iowa (education reform)

Missing today...

Archer-5, Bibik, Bowe-5, Brown-5, Calabrese, Chambers, Daugherty, Deuth, Dickson, Dobesh-3, Downing, Duda,

Edwards-5, Ellstrom-5, Gallagher Sr., Harrison-5, Hassel, Hinton-5, Kappeler, Kennedy-5, Limberg-2, Loweth-2, McWilliams-3, G. Miller, L. Miller-4, Murphy-5, Murray-2, Olson, Oswald-5, Rabine, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Salm-2, Saul, Scranton, Sorensen-2, Topper, Werner-3, Worley-5

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

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