



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
*Feb. 13, 2013, issue*

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013, at  
Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **Iowa education reform leader to share vision**

Our featured speaker at the Feb 20 meeting is **Mark M. Jacobs**, founder of “Reaching Higher Iowa,” a movement “to improve public education in Iowa and ultimately make it No. 1 in the country, just like it was when he was growing up here,” according to its Website.

Jacobs “came home to Iowa to give back to the state that gave him his start.” Before moving home, Mark was president and CEO of Reliant Energy. He joined Reliant as CFO in 2002 when it was near bankruptcy and under state and federal investigations. He was part of a team that managed a turnaround that saved the company, and in 2007, at the age of 45, he was named CEO.

The vision statement for RHI states, “That all children in Iowa have access to a world class education that prepares them to be skilled, engaged, resourceful members of our workforce.” Its equally ambitious mission is “advocating for a more effective Iowa K-12 public education system to provide opportunities for every child and foster long term economic growth in the state.”

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday Feb. 13, 2013

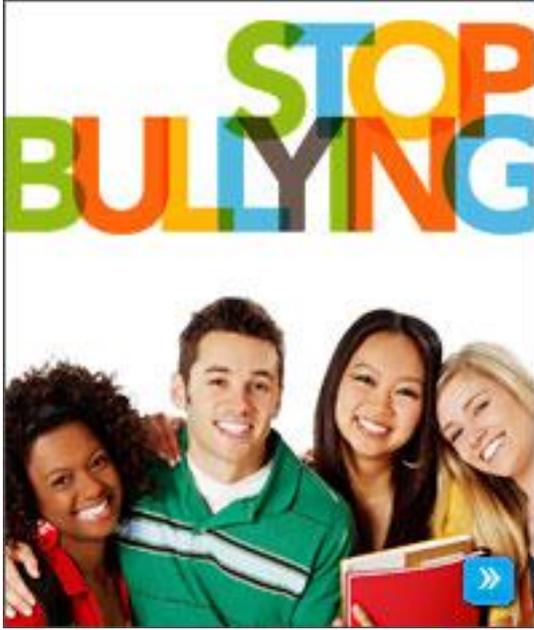


## **WQPT leads QC anti-bullying**

WQPT, the Quad Cities’ public TV station, is spearheading community-wide efforts to combat bullying by joining forces with area not-for-profit groups in forming “Connecting Anti-Bullying Resources and Education” (CARE QC), organizing public forums and scheduling broadcasts on the issue, said **Lora Adams** at the Feb. 13 meeting.

The community conversations – free and open to the entire QC public – will be:  
→5-7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, at the Martin Luther King Center, Rock Island  
→5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Moline Public Library.

The programs on WQPT will air at 8 and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, and 8 and 9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 18.



In addition, Ballet Quad Cities will present a special performance of “The Ugly Duckling,” a message of acceptance through the medium of dance, 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Davenport North High School. Admission is free. After the performance, Dr. Jennifer Caudle, a widely respected anti-bullying authority (and former Miss Iowa) will host a discussion.

People attending any of these events may enter a drawing for a free Kindle Fire, Lora said.

The impetus for this anti-bullying series of events came from the impact of bullying on children at school, Lora said. “Bullying is often the reason students drop out of school,” she said. But the scope extends to the effect on the family, neighborhood and entire community, she added.

To find interactive surveys, resources and more information, Lora said, go to: [www.wqpt.org/stopbullying](http://www.wqpt.org/stopbullying).

## Announcements...

→ ~~Thirsty Thursday~~. **Chris Glass** reiterated that the monthly social is slated to begin at 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Feb. 20**, at Pints, just off Utica Ridge Road.

→ **Blood needed!** **Fred Anderson** passed along a plea from the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center that it’s “especially important to schedule a donation” the weeks of Feb. 11 and 18. That’s because the Mondays in these two weeks are exactly 56 days – the minimum eligibility interval for whole blood donors – after Christmas and New Year’s Day. Since the blood center was closed on those days, there were no donors to make appointments for now, so the appointment schedules are “very light,” the center explained. The flu epidemic and other illness also have decreased the number of donors.



As an added incentive for donors, and since February is Heart Month, “all presenting donors will be entered to win a heart-themed gift basket,” the center said. To schedule an appointment, call **(800) 747-5401**.

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

**President Mark** collected \$264 for our foundations + Scholarship Fund bucks from **George Daugherty** (\$60) and **Tom Kellenberger** (\$50), both for birthdays with a little extra added. Other generous members: **Steve Pieart** – 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary... **John DeDoncker** – kudos to BRC members **Jerry Felsing** (Steve’s Mirror & Glass) and **Greg Blaske** (Rock Valley Physical Therapy) for fix-up jobs well done to his house and shoulder,

respectively... **Brad Boeye** – \$100 for his and his wife’s recent successes as top agents at Mel Foster... **Kurt Lokenvitz** – son’s birthday... **Rich James** – Great



Midwest Seafood and his own Wells Fargo Advisors are repeating as bronze sponsors of

LobsterFest (Saturday, June 8 – mark the date) + just returned from “four great days of skiing in Colorado”... **President Mark** – the Bettendorf Bulldogs (20-0) clinched the MAC boys basketball title... Alumna **Lora Adams** – husband Michael doing “extremely well” post-op with no sign of malignancy.

### The meeting opened...

The meeting opened with **President Mark Ross** leading the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard** –



accompanied by **Penny McGimpsey** at the piano – led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “America the Beautiful. After Moments of Reflection, the tuneful twosome returned for the singing of “Sing, Everyone, Sing” and “Let Me Call You Sweetheart” because of Valentine’s Day imminence.

**Secretary Chuck Mooney** had no visitors to introduce, but **President**

**Mark** gave him a moniker *du jour* anyhow: ‘**Pope Chuck**,’ since it’s **Ash Wednesday**.

### Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**, [bmfkennedy@att.net](mailto:bmfkennedy@att.net), 340-5114, and to **Scott Naumann**, 445-4260, [scottn@midlandcom.com](mailto:scottn@midlandcom.com). Have a program idea? Give ‘em a call.

**Feb 20:** Mark Jacobs, “Reaching Higher Iowa” education reform

**March 6:** Julie Plummer, Waste Commission of Scott County

**April 10:** Dan Grinstead, social work specialist at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, who served with the Iowa National Guard in Iraq

**April 17:** Iowa Secretary of State Matt Schultz

### Missing today...

K. Adams-2, Archer-7, Bowe-7, Brown-7, Bush, Chambers, Dickson-3, Dobesh-5, Duda-4, Edwards-7, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-7, Gallagher Sr., Gallagher Jr.-2, Gudgel, Habenicht, Harrison-2, Hintermeister-2, Hinton-7, Kappeler, Kass-2, Kennedy-7, Kraft, Lane, Loweth, McWilliams-5, L. Miller-6, Murphy-7, Murray-2, Olson, Oswald, Powers, Ricketts-McCool-3, Saul, Schillig, Schutte, Scranton-3, Sherrick, Vandersnick, Voigts-2, Volbrecht-2, Werner, Windmiller, Worley-7

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