

THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club *Feb. 27, 2013, issue*

Next meeting:

Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at Fortune Garden Restaurant

Where does your waste go in Scott County?



Many issues confront Scott County and its efforts to

process the waste all homeowners and businesses generate: Landfill space, recycling, toxic materials... the list is long. **Julie Plummer** of the Waste Commission of Scott County, the speaker at the March 6 meeting, will update us on what's happening at the commission.

As preparation, you might visit its
Website – http://www.wastecom.com/ – where you could learn more about such services as these, among many others:

→ Auditing your business's waste. A waste audit will determine how much of the material going into your dumpster can be recycled. (Our speaker is the local Lowa Waste Exchange representative.) → Setting up a business recycling program. The Web site lists all items accepted in county recycling programs.

→ The Electronic Demanufacturing Facility. Both residents and businesses may dispose of e-waste safely here.

Last meeting:

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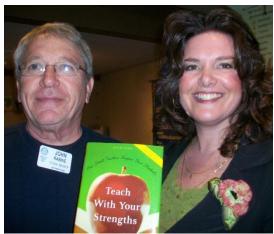


Helping students build on strength

An enthusiastic speaker, **Christine Caves**, outreach specialist for Ashford University in Clinton, and the Feb. 27 featured speaker, drew from her own life to explain how she "advocates for career development" while speaking with high school students.

As a 39-year-old mother, Christine says she faces a challenge when speaking with high school students: "Who wants to listen to mom?" So she tells students her personal story on the way to introducing them to Strengths Quest, a "psychology tool that develops (a person's) self awareness." Ashford uses a Strengths Quest test to help every freshman find his or her strengths – and therefore a major that uses those strengths.

Christine says she went to college to play basketball on scholarship. Forced to



After the meeting, Christine gave books on Strengths Quest to John Rabine, above, and to Jim Spelhaug.

choose a major, she decided on criminal justice, but it didn't fit her outgoing personality at all, she said. After a series of jobs – park ranger, private investigator, security services –she finally got a job in Texas helping people land jobs. "I loved it," she said. As a "people person," she realized that job put her personality strengths to full use.

That led eventually to her post at Ashford when she returned to Iowa.

Strengths Quest, as she described it, assesses and builds on four characteristics of a person's positive attitude toward a major, or a career:

- → "Yearning" an eagerness to get going in the work, and keep coming back
- →"Rapid learning" learning quickly all about the job
- → "Satisfaction" feeling the job gives the person real meaning
- →"Timelessness" the work is so enjoyable that "time flies" when doing it

Christine describes students who have found majors that apply their greatest strengths with such words as "excited," "happy," and "successful." For more information on Strengths Quest, go to www.strengthsquest.com.

Announcements...

→ Read to Succeed. Scott Naumann and Tim Lane reported on their positive experiences working on reading skills with first graders in Bettendorf schools — a program initiated by Theron Schutte. "A few more volunteers may be needed," Scott said.

→ Letter from Larry T. Lobsterman.

President-elect Chelsea read a letter from BRC's lobster connection in Bah Harbah, Maine, looking forward to supplying crustaceans for our club's 7th annual LobsterFest, presented by THE National Bank. This year's event kicks off with an update – the committee has already been hard at work – at the March 6 meeting and a working session at 5:15 that evening at Granite City.

Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...

President-elect Chelsea collected \$154 for our foundations. Joy spread



throughout the room from these members: Jerry Felsing – just became a first-time grandpa... Rick Hartsock – added another grandchild... Dick Schillig – 186 days to Run With Carl

on Labor Day: "The Web site's now open with all new info on RWC No. 19"... **Sharon Sarver** – more specific info on the Family Resources Opening Door Gala, April 12 at the QC Waterfront convention Center; cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 – tickets: \$80 per person, tables of 8 for \$600.



The meeting opened...

The meeting opened with **President-elect** Chelsea Powers leading the recitation of the 4-Way Test and Moments of Reflection, during which we learned Carter LeBeau is improving after his recent hospitalization; Tim Lane's daughter will undergo treatment at the Mayo Clinic, and Chris Glass's infant nephew is struggling with serious health issues. Tom Howard – accompanied by Scott Naumann's relentlessly (though not infallibly) musical laptop – led the day's patriotic song, "This Is My Country," and after Moments of Reflection added to the songfest with "Sing Rotarians" and "The Happy Wanderer" (verses 1 and 5).

Secretary Chuck Mooney introduced:

Visiting Rotarian:

Tom Torrey, Rock Island: Outdoor Advertising

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

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**, **bmfkennedy@att.net**, **340-5114**, and to **Scott Naumann**, **445-4260**, **scottn@midlandcom.com**. Have a program idea? Give 'em a call.

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, Archer-9, Bibik-2, Blaske, Boeye-2, Bowe-9, Brown-9, Chambers, H. Coin, Daugherty, Daley, DeDoncker, Deuth-2, Dixon-5, Dobesh-7, Downing-2, Edwards, Eikenberry-8, Ellstrom-9, Franks-2, Gallagher, Jr., Habenicht-3, Harrison-4, Heninger-2, Hinton-9, Kappeler-3, Kennedy, Larsen, LeBeau, Limberg, Lokenvitz-2, McGimpsey-2, McWilliams, Mangler, L. Miller-8, Mitvalsky, Murphy-9, Nelson, Olson, Ploehn, Ross, Salm-2, Saul-3, Scranton-5, Semenow, Topper, Voigts-4, Volbrecht, Werner-3, Worley-9

Make-ups...

Today's LobsterFest Silent Auction and Marketing/Events Committee meetings: Glen Kass, Chris Glass, Joanna Schuler, Beverly Murray, Ken Vandersnick, Sharon Sarver, Fred Anderson.

News staff...

Editor, reporter, photographer: Fred Anderson... Correspondent: Chuck Mooney... Webmeister/Web-site host: Chris Glass