



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
March 13, 2013, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at
Fortune Garden Restaurant

Expect to expand your mind next week...



Scott Naumann and Brian Kennedy are working hard to bring us another in the long series of excellent meetings that we've enjoyed – and derived benefit from. In recent weeks, we've become more knowledgeable about solid waste management, self-awareness and Iowa's education reform efforts. Come next Wednesday prepared to



learn about something else that could change your life....

Last meeting:

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'Arts promote self-discipline'

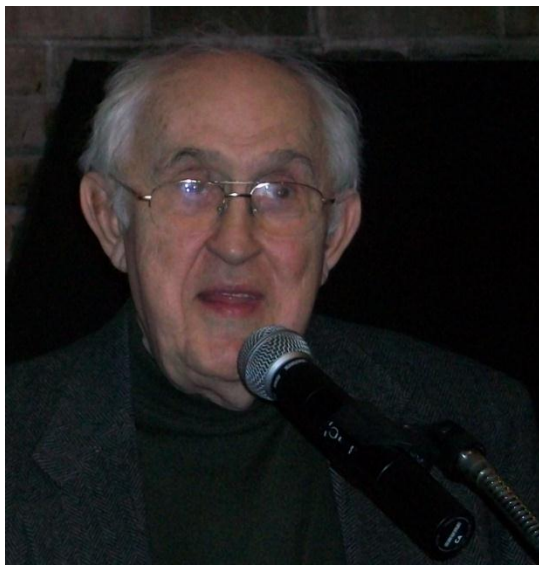
"I have seen young lives changed because of the arts," said **Don Wooten**, featured speaker at the March 13 meeting, "because of the self-discipline they develop." To make his point, he described one shy girl who joined the chorus of a Greek tragic play one summer. Four years later, she told him that one experience had changed her life: after joining her school's theater program, her grades improved, she was elected a class officer and she felt much more optimistic about her future.

Don, who has played leading roles in the QC Genesis Guild – which has staged classic theater productions for the past 57 summers in Rock Island's Lincoln Park – has experienced that same dynamic in his own life. He founded the group and directed many of its productions of

Classic Greek and Shakespeare plays for many years.

Because of that self-discipline and his commitment to the arts, Don has had successful careers in television, the Illinois legislature, as a theater impresario and as founder and general manager, until his retirement, of WVIK-FM, the Quad Cities' public radio station.

While he is a devotee and participant in many of the fine arts, he considers "anything you do or make" to be art. "If you do the work well, it says something about you," he commented. "You tell people who and what you are by what you do and how you do it."



Fine arts are done for their own value, Don said. Every composer, writer, playwright and artist puts himself into something as he creates, he added. Yet, many school districts, when they confront tight budgets, cut the arts first.

"But those should be at the center," Wooten emphasized. "Why? Because the arts promote self-discipline. Kids have to work hard – get the lines right to make Shakespeare come alive."

He added, "At any point in life you can venture into the arts and get something out of the experience."

(To learn more about the Genesius Guild, go to: <http://www.genesius.org/>.)



Announcements...

→ **LobsterFest update.** Co-chairs **Chelsea Powers** and **Sharon Sarver** announced the new sponsorship total of \$15,500.

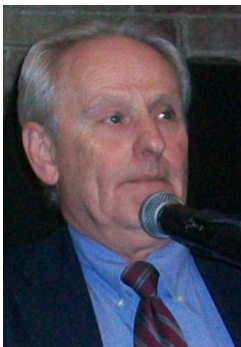
The updated sponsorship list:

- = **Presenting** (\$5,000): THE National Bank (**John DeDoncker**)
- = **Gold** (\$2,500): still available
- = **Silver** (\$1,000): Bowe Machine (**Simon Bowe**), RJS & Associates (**Dick Schillig**), Weerts Funeral Home (**Dave Deuth**), Werner Restorations (**Brent Werner**)
- = **Bronze** (\$500): Holmes Murphy & Associates (**Chelsea Powers**), Home Instead (**Steve Habenicht**), Knilans' Furniture & Interiors (**Amber Castro**), Midwest Seafood, Steve's Mirror & Glass (**Jerry Felsing**), Sharon and Brad Sarver, Paul and Emily Scranton, Swiss Valley Farms, Wagner's Cleaners (**Ken Vandersnick**), Wells Fargo Advisors (**Rich James**)



Because of the Rivermont Collegiate graduation, LobsterFest setup will begin on at noon on Friday, June 7 – the day before LobsterFest, Sharon said.

Earlier, **Chris Glass** had announced that the direct link to purchase tickets – www.bettendorffrotary.com/tickets – is now live. Chris also has updated the LobsterFest page on the BRC Web site: <http://bettendorffrotary.com/lobsterfest> Any sponsor whose logo does not now appear there can email their logo file to Chris, at cglass@terrostar.com, “and I will get it up there,” he promises.



→ **Children’s Therapy Center.**
Guest **W.K. Juncker** of the QC Children’s Therapy Center thanked BRC for its grant for 2013 – and asked for volunteers to staff phones during the

“Rotary Hour” of the center’s annual telethon, noon-1 p.m., Sunday, April 21, on WQAD-TV 8. The Therapy Center served 790 children last year, he said, and “52% of them can’t afford” the \$100,000 per year cost of their therapy.

→ **New international project. Lee**

Semenow, International co-chair, announced that BRC has launched a new international project – construction of a 70-meter-long foot-bridge to link the isolated village of Jícaro in the



Nicaraguan district of Matagalpa to the outside world. “The bridge will be designed by Continental Crossings, a University of Iowa affiliate of Bridges to Prosperity,” Lee said. It will take about 6 months to complete the bridge and train villagers to maintain it, he added. Total cost is set at \$13,002, with \$2,858 coming from BRC and the remainder provided by the Rotary Foundation, District 6000 and the Rotary Club of Matagalpa, Lee said.

→ **Sunshine chair.** BRC needs a new Sunshine chair, **President Mark** said. To volunteer, contact **Sharon Sarver** – email ssarver529@yahoo.com or phone 320-7180.

Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...

President Mark collected \$202 in John Ryan Happy \$\$ – plus birthday check for our Scholarship Fund from **Chelsea Powers**, \$30; **Glenn Kass**, \$45; **Andrew Gudgel**, \$33, and **Rich James**, \$100 (he *really* doesn’t show his age!).

Other especially happy members: **Todd Larson** – chipped in \$\$ to “help Lee with that bridge”... **Gary Hintermeister** – invited all to the ribbon-cutting of BHS’s new Performing Arts Center at 4:30 p.m. Friday... **Chelsea** – birthday... **Carter**



LeBeau – \$5 apiece for U of Iowa’s latest basketball wins (pretty good for an Illini alumnus) + \$5 more to lead the “Iowa Fight Song”...
Glenn –

birthday: “I was actually born on a Wednesday... in the snow... in Brooklyn”... **Andy** – birthday... **Steve Habenicht** – apparent guilty conscience for missing 4 weeks (which he spent in a warm locale) + he used *the* Parking Spot... **Rich** – birthday + the “other \$34 is really for Dee”... **Hizzoner Bob Gallagher** – a pleasure to read to Hoover School 1st graders... **Ralph Heninger** – about to fly off to the island of Tortola... **Sharon Sarver** – thanks to **Lee Semenow** for “sweet talking” to her in Spanish + thanks to LobsterFest volunteers who gathered for last week’s planning session... **President Mark** – thanks for all the guests – and prospective members – who came today... **Tim Lane** – thankful his daughter has been discharged from the Mayo Clinic – “At least we know what we can rule out.”

The meeting opened...

The meeting opened with **President Mark** (“I’m standing in for **Chelsea Powers**”) **Ross** leading the recitation of the 4-Way Test and asking song leader **Tom Howard** to conduct the day’s patriotic song, “The National Anthem.” During Moments of Reflection we learned **Jean Dickson**’s father remains in



ICU in Minnesota and **George Daugherty**’s cousin has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. With the accompaniment of **Scott Naumann**’s ever-talented laptop, the singing continued with “Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry” and “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling,” with a nod to St. Patrick’s Day and our departed brother, **John Ryan**, at whose funeral we heard that song.



Secretary Chuck (“the lone senior starter on the BHS basketball team”) **Mooney** introduced: **Visiting Rotarian:** Doug Peterson, Assistant District Governor, Iowa Quad Cities
Guests: Todd Johnson with **Jonna Schuler**
 John Mrvinac with **S.K. Nanda**

Kaye LeBeau with **Carter LeBeau**
W.K. Juncker and Jeffrey Hill with **Scott Naumann**

Darren Garrett with **Steve Sorenson**
Mike Lizak with **Mark Ross**

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.

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...

41 members (**Secretary Chuck**'s email went down, and we didn't feel like that much dictation over the phone – but you know who you are...)



Make-ups...

Mark Ross @ Iowa QC

Bob Riken @ Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

LobsterFest meeting last week: Sharon Sarver, Doyle McCully, Tom Bush, Pat Stopulos, Tim Lane, Chelsea Powers

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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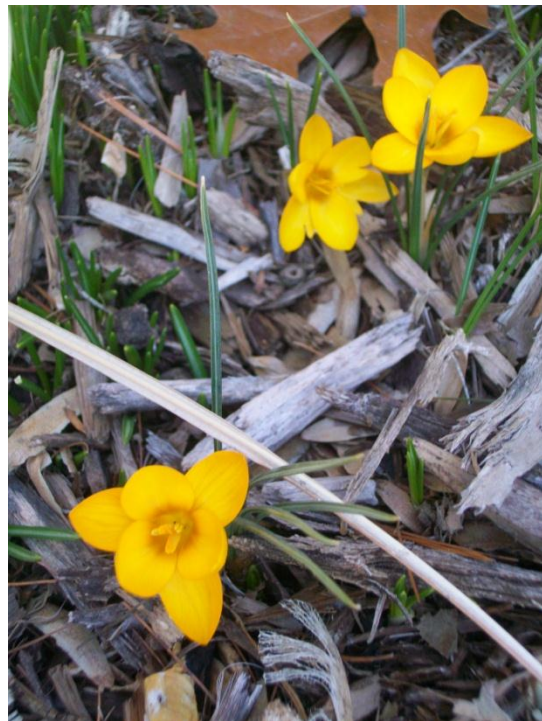
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For more on BRC – and Rotary – see:

<http://www.bettendorfrotrary.com/>



The first crocuses of spring...