



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
April 3, 2013, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at Fortune Garden Restaurant



## **He learned what soldiers face by being with them**

**Dan Grinstead**, a social worker at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, “knew he could make a difference to soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. So at the age of 56, he decided to become one.” So begins an article in the University of Iowa *Faculty & Staff News*. We’ll get more of the story at the April 11 meeting.

Here’s a bit more of the story: Dan “had long been troubled by news reports of returning soldiers suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), committing suicide, or struggling to readjust to domestic life. He had often heard of the dire need for social workers from his colleague Mike Gummow, a resident in the Department of Psychiatry,

who provides mental health services as a member of the Iowa National Guard.

“I followed the stories and I talked to Mike, and I thought that’s something I might be able to have an impact on,” Grinstead says....”

## *Last meeting:*

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## **Chamber EVP: ‘QC advancing’**

At the April 3 meeting, **Paul Rumler**, executive vice president of the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, provided an updated picture of the Chamber two years after the cities’ individual chambers were consolidated.



When they joined together, he said, they set a goal of raising the QC ranking from No. 170 to “the middle of the pack” or No. 90. “We now rank No. 106,” he said. He mentioned other evidence the QC is moving ahead at a brisk pace:

→Signs of success include the 80 ribbon-cuttings since last July, he said, meaning more jobs and a hike in the community’s overall wealth. We’ve increased wealth by about \$1.5 billion, he reported, and brought in about 2,000 new jobs.



→The Chamber is creating new programs to provide more networking and other business group opportunities. Examples: “Q-Link,” to identify

community and company issues that will benefit mid-sized businesses, and “In-the-Q” blitz events to focus on businesses in a specific part of the community, such as Bettendorf’s Cumberland Square area this spring, he said.

→The Rock Island Arsenal, as the QCs’ largest employer, is getting increased attention from the Chamber, with emphasis on showing more support for the military, fostering creation of more civilian jobs on the island and working together on such projects as bringing daily direct flights between the QC and Washington, D.C. “We’re working on that now,” Paul said. “And the QC is on the federal government’s radar, he said, adding that the Army’s Contracting Command is bringing 45 more jobs to the Arsenal.

For more news of the QC Chamber, see: [www.quadcitieschamber.com/](http://www.quadcitieschamber.com/).

### Announcements...

→**LobsterFest:** Co-chair **Sharon Sarver** announced that five members had volunteered to lead ticket-selling teams, “but we need a sixth to have three teams,” she said. The name **S.K. Nanda** suddenly was heard, and before anyone

could say another word, she thanked him for volunteering and declared three teams would vie for a ticket-selling title.

Here are the LobsterFest sponsors:

= Presenting (\$5,000): THE National Bank

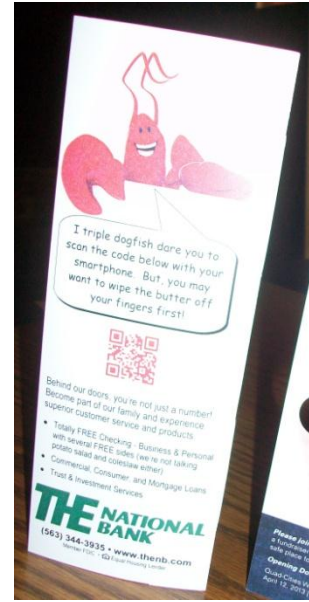
(**John DeDoncker**)

= 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**), **Carter and Kaye LeBeau**, Mel Foster Co. (**Brad Boeye**), 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**)



### The meeting opened...

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

**McGimpsey** again providing piano accompaniment (Go, Penny!), led the singing of “This Is My Country.” After Moments of Reflection – during which **Doyle McCully** said his chemo treatment for a throat cancer was finished – the songfest continued with “Rotary Town”, “The Get Together Song” and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians” – this month: 5, Pat Stopulos; 13, Chuck Mooney; 14, Gary Hintermeister; 23, Rita Nelson; 26, **John Rabine**; 28, Mike Vollbrecht; 30, George H. Coin.



**Secretary Chuck** (‘Leading scorer for Iowa’s NIT win over Maryland’)

**Mooney introduced:**

**Visiting Rotarian:**

George Heninger, Davenport: Attorney

**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.

**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

**Jon Ryan Happy \$\$\$...**

**President Mark** collected \$140 for our foundations plus \$70 for our Scholarship Fund from **John Rabine**. This week’s generous Rotarians were **Todd Larsen** – thanks to **Mayor Bob Gallagher** (for a scribbled note Your Editor can’t read)... **Rita Nelson** (by way of **Lee Semenov**) – “my youngest daughter will receive her Masters of Architecture degree in May” + she got a job with Substance in Des Moines... **Jim Slavens** – nephew Nick’s pic was in the QCT... **Todd Ashby** – a month away from “Leader-cast”: call for a discount + register online... **Jonna Schuler** – daughter is the only freshman cheerleader on the squad for an upcoming game... **Glenn Kass** – LobsterFest PR is underway – check the Website or Facebook for details, then sell some tickets...

**Carter LeBeau** – cheers for Iowa’s win at the NIT... **Chris Glass** – incoming DG asked him to be on District 6000 tech committee...

**John Rabine** – also enjoyed “Iowa’s quality win” + birthday + asking \$\$\$ per cupcake... **Steve Pieart** –



daughter-in-law about to be ordained...

**Ralph Heninger** – Mike Limberg updated his office computers...

**Tim Lane** – “bought one of Rabine’s cupcakes,” so no \$\$ left...



**Sharon Sarver** – promoted Family Resources fundraiser on April 12 “to serve women and families”...

**Mark Ross** – sympathy

for injured University of Louisville cager Kevin Ware... **Decker Ploehn** – “Bettendorf keeps its AA1 bond rating.”

### Missing...

Archer-14, Bibik, Bowe-14, Brown-14, Cahalan, Hinton-14, Dickson, Duda-3, Dobesh-12, Edwards-14, Eikenberry-14, Gallagher Sr.-3, Harrison-4, Hassel-3, Hinton-14, Kappeler-4, Kennedy-6, Limberg-6, McWilliams-3, L. Miller-13, Murphy-14, Murray-3, Nelson-2, Olson, Oswald, Praul, Powers, Ricketts-McCool-2, Salm-7, Stopulos, Voigts-9, Vollbrecht-6, Werner-2, Windmiller



### 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

### News staff...

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

For more on BRC – and Rotary – see:

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