



**THE  
BETTENDORF  
ROTARY  
CLUB NEWS**  
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
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***Next meeting:***  
Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at  
Fortune Garden Restaurant

**Run with Carl countdown  
gets serious next week**



Next week our own **Dick Schillig** takes over the meeting to bring us up to date on plans for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Run with Carl on Labor Day, Sept. 2, and to

introduce this year's scholarship winners from Pleasant Valley and Bettendorf high schools.

The Carl D. Schillig Memorial Fund annually provides a four-year, \$4,000 scholarship to one graduate each from Bettendorf's two high schools. The fund currently funds the studies of recipients who are attending Drake University, Iowa State University, St. Ambrose University, Luther College and Coe College.

Run with Carl first stepped off in 1995. In 2005, Bettendorf Rotary became the Run with Carl title sponsor.

***Last meeting:***  
Wednesday, May 22, 2013

**An inside look at  
Genesis Systems**

Genesis Systems Group – located in Davenport – is a world-leading robotic systems integrator. “We’re not a robotics manufacturer,” explained **Joel Lorentzen**, its president and CEO at the May 22 meeting. “We travel the world doing the very difficult work” of applying robots to manufacturing – “often, for very demanding clients.”

Founded in 1983 – Joel joined two years later – Genesis now works in an amazing diversity of industries. Last year – when the



company did \$56 million worth of business – it helped companies in agricultural manufacturing; automotive markets; passenger railcar manufacturing (recently including the Rochelle, Ill., plant of Nippon Sharyo, which is making cars that eventually Quad Citians will ride to Chicago); tractor-trailer rigs; and aerospace companies Boeing and SpaceX. “Interesting how far we reach,” Joel said. “SpaceX is coming to Davenport, Iowa,” for this technology.

Besides outer space, many of the 100-plus employees of Genesis Systems can find themselves working in Asia, Europe or Latin America, as well as the U.S., at U.S. plants of foreign companies; at foreign-company plants in third countries, such as a Japanese company's plants in India or Brazil; or as a joint-venture partner with a foreign company on its own soil. Genesis has a full-service travel-agency branch in-house to support all that travel.

"The Quad Cities is the perfect place for a company like ours," Joel said. "Our people are the best in the world at what they do." As proof of that point, he added, "Genesis Systems owns 32 patents. That comes from the passion of our people."

### Announcements...

➔ **John Deere Classic.** **Jeff Hassel** said



we're "still short of volunteers for all days" to serve as marshals for BRC's Hole No. 1. Marshals may work any of the days – Wednesday, July 10-Sunday, July 14 – Jeff said. "Volunteer one day, and get free admission" for

all, he said. to volunteer, go to the BRC Web site or **email Jeff** – [jhassel@davchc.com](mailto:jhassel@davchc.com) – and include your email address, please.

➔ **LobsterFest:** With 2½ weeks left, **Sharon Sarver** called on volunteers to sell chocolate boxes, spot bidders during the live auction and collect cash at the cracking station. She placed signup

sheets at each table – looking to fill slots in every job from Friday and Saturday setup to Saturday night cleanup.

**Penny McGimpsey** said, "Tickets are still available."



Here's the updated sponsor list:

**Presenting** (\$5,000): THE National Bank (**John DeDoncker**)

**Gold** (\$2,500): Lujack Northpark Auto Plaza

**Silver** (\$1,000): Bowe Machine (**Simon Bowe**), Bush Construction (**Tom Bush**), Iowa-American Water Co. (**Richard "Ozzy" Oswald**), Professional Touch Cleaning Services (**Diane Ricketts-McCool**), RJS & Associates (**Dick Schillig**), Weerts Funeral Home (**Dave Deuth**), Werner Restoration Services (**Brent Werner**)

**Bronze** (\$500): Califf & Harper Attorneys at Law (**Frank Mitvalsky**), **George Coin**, Community Health Care (**Jeff Hassel**), Dimitri Wine & Spirits, Estes Construction (**Jeff "Boomer" Hill**), Gallagher Millage Gallagher (**Bob Gallagher Sr.**), Grace Engineered Products (**Tom Howard**), Holmes Murphy & Associates (**Chelsea Powers**), Home Instead (**Steve Habenicht**), Humana Health Insurance, Knilans' Furniture & Interiors (**Amber Castro**),



**Carter and Kaye LeBeau**, Lindquist Ford, 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**)

➔ **Miss Iowa luncheon. President**



**Mark** announced that we will have the opportunity to meet this year’s Miss Iowa contestants at our June 5 meeting at The Fountains, thanks to arrangements made by **Becky Hinton**.

➔ **Scholarship recipients: Jim Spelhaug** introduced the two BRC 2013 scholarship recipients from PVHS: **Dionne Riley** and **Stephanie Bramer**. Dionne plans to attend Central College, Pella, Iowa, and major in elementary education, while Stephanie will go to St. Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Ind., to study pediatric nursing – both careers that will apply their love of working with



**Stephanie Bramer and Dionne Riley**

children, they both said. Stephanie and Dionne also have impressive resumes of community service during their high school years: among many other volunteer activities, Dionne helped at the Clarissa Cook Hospice House, and Stephanie has worked as a “runner” at Trinity Hospital.

**The meeting opened...**

**President Mark** (“staving off a coup by **Chelsea Powers**”) **Ross** returned after two weeks of “work reasons” to begin the meeting with the recitation of the 4-Way Test and the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “God Bless America” – accompanied by **Scott Naumann**’s



talented laptop. During Moments of Reflection, we learned that **Tom Howard** is “doing OK” after open-heart surgery (according to **Jay Willsher**) and **Doyle**

**McCully** is hospitalized for tests (reported by **Penny McGimpsey**). After Scott played his “get out of singing free card,” the singing concluded with “R-O-T-A-R-Y.”

**Secretary Chuck (‘the new chief of the IRS’) Mooney introduced: Visiting Rotarians:**

Warren Oxley, Alamo Heights, Texas: Attorney

**Guests:**

Heather Wessel with **Kirsten Adams**  
Rene Hipple with **Scott Naumann**  
Patty Clare with **Mark Ross**



**Jon Ryan**  
**Happy \$\$...**  
(Named to honor the late **Bettendorf** Rotarian, master punster and **Sven & Oley** jokester)

**President Mark** collected \$260 for our foundations + \$40 from **Bob Ryken** & \$40 in cash from **Tom Bush** toward our Scholarship Fund. Especially happy Rotarians were: **Sharon Sarver** – happy to see **Becky Hinton** at today’s meeting... **Tom Bush** – wedding of oldest daughter + “thanks to **Doc (Tom) Olson** for setting up the cigar bar”... **George Daugherty** – \$10 for parking in *the space*... **Tom Kellenberger** – happy about a new employee with 40 years’ insurance experience” + kudos to **Mike Limberg** for setting up new computer system... **Bob Ryken** – member of BRC for 40 years... **Kevin Kraft** – going to niece’s high school graduation... **John Sherrick** – 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary... **Steve Piart** – good to be back after 3 weeks in Europe... **Tom Olson** – welcome friend **Joel Lorentzen** as

speaker + **Craig Windmiller** not present “because he’s in one of my dentist chairs” + going to be a “wise cracker” at the LobsterFest (groans resounded around the room)... **Lee Semenow** – grandson “the fiddler” ranks as No. 1 high school math student in his home county... **Dave Death** – son’s wedding... visitor **Warren Oxley** – good



**Warren Oxley chatting with Dave Death**

that BRC “is still a singing Rotary” + happy “you’ve graduated to lobsters” from turkey drumsticks... **Jonna Schuler** – golfing daughter going to state... **George Coin** – youngest granddaughter accepted at NYU for master’s work... **President Mark** – son doing an 8-week internship at U of Iowa this summer



**Missing...**

Bibik, Blaske, Boeye, Bowe -21, Brown-21, Castro-2, Chambers-4, H. Coin-2, Dickson-5, Dobesh, Duda-2, Edwards-21, Ellstrom-21, Felsing-4, Gallagher Jr., Glass, Gudgel, Harrison-16, Hartsock-2, Kappeler, Kass, Kennedy-13, Lane, Larson-2, Limberg, Loweth,

McWilliams-10, L. Miller-20, Murphy-21, Nelson-6, Ricketts-McCool, Salm-2, Schutte, Scranton-5, Stopulos-2, Volbrecht-13, Windmiller-4, Worley-7



### Make-ups...

Mike Lizak @ North Scott

### 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

### 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.

**May 29: Dick Schillig** takes over the meeting with the presentation of Run with Carl scholarship winners and a preview of the Labor Day classic

**June. 5:** Meet this year’s Miss Iowa contestants and lunch at The Fountains, thanks to **Becky Hinton**

**June 12:** Maureen “Mo” Hart, executive director of Project NOW community action agency, Rock Island

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