



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
July 10, 2013, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at  
Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **What Rotary is all about: The story of 'our' bridge**

It seems just a few weeks ago that **Lee Semenow** reported that BRC would help sponsor the building of a bridge to link remote Jicaro, Nicaragua, to the outside world. At the June 26 meeting – a mere blink of an eye later – Lee reported that the bridge had been completed and dedicated, all thanks to members of a group called Continental Crossings.

At the July 17 meeting, we'll hear the full story of the building of the bridge from three members of Continental Crossings – **Katie Langenfeld, Ian Nessler and Louie Hardin.**

To get a small sense of the emotion shared by the people of that village and the Continental Crossings members who



**First crossing of the bridge by people of Jicaro**



**Work on the bridge, in progress**

worked on the project, here's an excerpt from their blog: "Sunday was the opening ceremony for our bridge. We packed all our things in the morning, shared one final meal with our family, and joined the rest of the community and the mayor's office at the bridge for the party. There was food, a mariachi band, dancing, balloons, a ribbon cutting, lots of pictures with our new brothers and sisters, a blessing from the local priest, many large boulders rolled off the cliff into the river, and speeches given from all parties involved. The community was so grateful to us for helping them realize their dream of building a bridge. We, in turn, were just as grateful for the hospitality they showed us, for all they taught us about their culture, and for the relationships they fostered with us."

To read more, click on this link:

<http://continentalcrossings.com/mission-accomplished/>

***Last meeting:***  
Wednesday, July 10, 2013



## **QCAWC: lone QC no-kill shelter**

Since 1977, the Quad City Animal Welfare Center in Milan has provided low-cost, high quality health care, spaying / neutering and adoption of dogs, cats and some other animals, and reasonably priced adoptions, said guest speaker **Patti McCrae**, executive director, at the July 10 meeting. The facility supplements the work of tax-supported animal-control shelters and operates as the only no-kill shelter in the QC community. Last year the center facilitated adoptions of 141 cats, 106 kittens, 350 dogs, 59 puppies, 3 ferrets and 2 rabbits, she said.

The center obtains its animals when strays are found; when owners release them for a variety of reasons; or when animal-control shelters become too full, she said. “Since we’re a no-kill shelter, when we get an animal, they stay with us until they’re adopted. We take as many as we can until all our cages are full.”

The center has received animals from such distant Iowa and Illinois locations as Burlington, Danville and Springfield.

When animals arrive at the center, they are given a physical, Patti said, and treated for any illness. “We want to keep our animals healthy,” she commented. So they receive vaccinations, flea and tick prevention treatments and sterilization. Those veterinary services are also available to any QC pet owners, she said; clinic hours are 1-3:30 p.m. every Wednesday and 10 a.m.-noon the first Saturday of each month.



Volunteers at the center “help make the stay better for the animals,” Patti said, by exercising them and playing with them. Volunteers also serve on the center’s Board of Directors and provide financial help. Fund raising events include an annual Mutt Strut and a Trivia Night, Sept. 21. For more information on supporting, adopting or volunteering, contact Patti at [patti@qcawc.org](mailto:patti@qcawc.org) or 309-787-6830.



**Jon Ryan**  
**Happy \$\$...**  
 (Named to honor  
 the late Bettendorf  
 Rotarian, master  
 punster and all-  
 around good guy)



**President Chelsea**  
 collected \$136.35 (the count for the July  
 3 meeting was \$169.00) from these  
 happy Bettendorf Rotarians: **Mike Lizak**  
 – both sons’ baseball teams made it to the  
 finals... **Penny McGimpsey** – enjoyed  
 the photo of **Pat Eikenberry** in the *QC*  
*Times* coverage of the John Deere  
 Classic... **Tim Lane** – forming a “Giving  
 Circle,” to which he hopes to attract 100  
 generous folks willing to commit to  
 donating \$100 per quarter (producing  
 \$10,000); members of the Circle will  
 decide each quarter on a deserving  
 charity to receive the funds; first meeting,  
 Tim said, is scheduled for Aug. 14 at the  
 River Music Experience in downtown  
 Davenport.

**The meeting opened...**



**President Chelsea Powers** called the meeting to order, welcomed all present and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard** led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “This Is My Country,” with piano accompaniment by

**Gail Baldwin.** During Moments of Reflection we learned of the death of former BRC member **Bill Reagan** (funeral 10 a.m. Friday, July 12, at Sacred Heart Church, 1307 17<sup>th</sup> Ave.,

Moline). The singing concluded with two rousing verses of “Vive le Rotary” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”

**Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:**

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Merle Anderson, North Scott Rotary  
 Bill Northey, Des Moines Rotary

**Guests:**

Patti McRae (Speaker), Quad City  
 Animal Welfare Center  
 Todd Zachary (new headmaster of  
 Rivermont Collegiate), guest of **Todd Ashby**



**Missing today...**

Adams, K. (2) Adams, L. (2); Arndt; Blaske (2); Boeye (2); Bowe (2); Brown (2); Bush; DeDoncker; Dickson (2); Duda; Edwards (2); Eikenberry (2); Ellstrom (2); Felsing; Gallagher (Sr.); Glass; Gudgel (2); Harrison (2); Hassel; Hill (2); Hinton (2); Kappeler (2); Kellenberger; Kennedy (2); Lokenvitz (2); McWilliams (2); Mitvalsky; Murphy (2); Nelson (2); Olson (2); Oswald (2); Pieart; Ploehn; Ross; Salm (2); Schutte; Scranton; Sherrick; Slavens; Spelhaug; Vandersnick; Windmiller; Worley (2)

**Make-ups...**

Amber Castro, George Daugherty, Jeff Hassel, Boomer Hill, Becky Hinton, Kevin Kraft, Mark Ross, Sharon Sarver, Craig Windmiller



**Carter and Kaye LeBeau in the room in their home that displays the 842 banners they've gathered while making up during travel**

**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 **Scott Naumann**, [scottn@midland.com](mailto:scottn@midland.com), 445-4260. All ideas for future programs are most gratefully accepted.  
**July 17:** Our own **Lee Semenow:**

The BRC-sponsored project to build a bridge to aid residents of Jicaró, Nicaragua.

**July 24:** Brian Schmidt: Bettendorf public works director

**July 31:** Mary Pruess, new general manager, WQPT-TV

**August Membership Month:**

**Aug. 7:** Carol Foster, Handicapped Development Center

**Aug. 14:** Quad City Symphony Director Benjamin Loeb

**Aug. 21:** Rob Woodall, director of manufacturing, ALCOA

**Aug. 28:** Our own **Harry Coin:** “Human nature meets ‘Big Data’,” or what managers need to know about technology security directions

**Sept. 4:** Gary Asay, Osco, Ill., farmer and director, National Pork Producers Council

**Sept. 11:** Scott Tunnick: Harrison Hilltop redevelopment update

**Sept. 18:** Annual Bettendorf Rotary Golf Outing and Steak Fry, Palmer Hills

**Sept. 25:** BRC Club Assembly

**Oct. 9:** District Gov. Jacque Andrew



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