



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
July 17, 2013, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, July 24, 2013, at
Fortune Garden Restaurant

Eco Arts Council of QC promotes nature in art



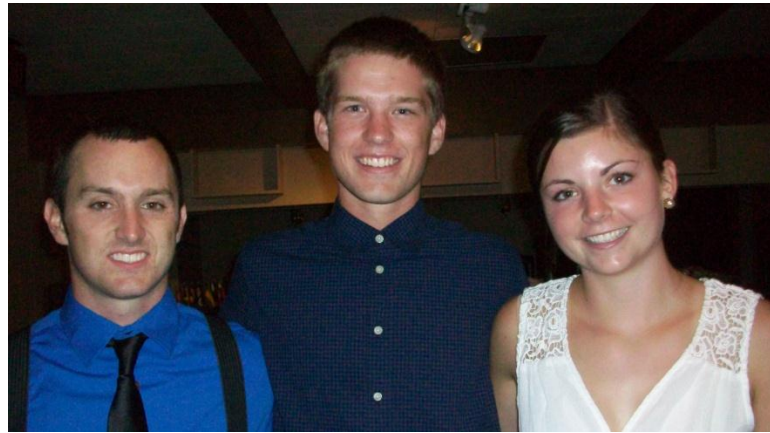
The Eco Arts Council of the Quad Cities, according to its Web site, “was created for advocacy, education,

and for the promotion of Nature and natural living lifestyle; addressing environmental issues, and using Art as a gateway to draw awareness to and celebrate our place on Earth, our home, and our relationship to it.”

Glorie Iaccarino, of the EACQC, is the scheduled speaker for our July 24 meeting, and she will talk about the council and its first project, “Papergirl.”

The council provides “an online environment that covers topics such as: Eco-Arts crafts ideas, environmental friendly DIY projects, recycling, re-purposing, un-consumption, organic gardening and farming, natural health remedies, frugal sustainability....”

Last meeting:
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How BRC helped build a bridge

Thanks to the work of **Lee Semenow** on the latest international project sponsored by Bettendorf Rotary, at the July 17 meeting we heard the first-hand report from three members of Continental Crossings – **Louie Hardin, Ian Nessler and Katie Langenfeld (above)** – who worked on building a bridge linking the remote hamlet of Jicaro, Nicaragua, with the outside world.

The trio – engineering students at the University of Iowa – worked on the bridge project for about a year under the auspices of Bridges to Prosperity, a non-profit organization that builds pedestrian bridges in third-world countries. Continental Crossings is the U of I affiliate of Bridges to Prosperity.

The experience, Katie said, “changed our lives – and it changed their lives,” referring to the villagers. Before the 64-meter-long bridge was built, they had to negotiate the steep cliffs of a deep gorge



and a river populated with crocodiles to get to market, school, economic opportunities and health care. In high-water seasons, they couldn't leave the village at all. Because of numerous interruptions, the students said, it took many extra years for a villager to complete high school.

The trio described the step-by-step process by which the bridge was built. It involved site assessments, detailed examination of the site finally chosen, surveys, soil samples, transportation of building materials – such as cement, steel reinforcing rods and steel cables – all using simple tools and equipment.



A team of seven Continental Crossings students took on every aspect of the project, from fundraising to designing the bridge to carry the weight of the whole

population of the village, to the on-site work of building the bridge in cooperation with the village residents.

When the construction was finished – and the students described each step in the process, from clearing the sites of loose boulders to building the pylons that anchored either end of the bridge, to stringing the cables, to installing and fine-tuning each element – the village celebrated. “That was the best day,” Louie commented.

The project cost \$13,000; BRC paid about \$1,400 with matches from other levels of Rotary International.

Continental Crossings students are already looking forward to next year's bridge project – about 3 miles away from Jicaro.

Find out more about these projects at: <http://continentalcrossings.com>.

Announcements...

➔ August Membership Month:

President

Chelsea repeated

Kevin Kraft's

announcement from last week:

August is Rotary Membership Month, so invite

guests who can become members.

The BRC member who is responsible

for adding the most members during the month will win a prize, “yet to be

determined,” Chelsea said... although last week Kevin did call it a “major

award – maybe even a leg lamp...”



➔ BRC Golf Outing:

Just a reminder to save the date: the annual Bettendorf Rotary Golf Outing & Steal Fry (chicken and salmon also available) will be Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Palmer Hills.

➔ **Run with Carl: Dick Schillig**



recognized the volunteer coordinator for Run with Carl – **Mike Volbrecht**. Dick also announced results of Week 2 of the President’s Cup Challenge: **Jeff Hassel’s Hustlers: 347 miles** this week, for a

total of 620 miles

Dave Falk’s Old Glory: 339 miles this week – with **Frank Mitvalsky** covering 16 walking, 12 swimming and 18 canoeing) – for 606 total miles

Nicole McWilliams’ Cosmic Cannonballs: 303 miles – 578 total It’s 46 days to Labor Day and the RWC events.



➔ **John Deere Classic. Jeff Hassel** asked all JDC volunteers to stand and be recognized – for once again showing how it’s done at *our* Hole No. 1. He especially thanked **Steve Pieart** for working more than four days during the tourney.

➔ **North Scott Rotary Corn Boil. Lee Semenow** passed along news of the opportunity to rub elbows with fellow QC Rotarians and eat lots of corn (and

other good July Iowa food) the evening of Thursday, July 25, at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport.

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



collected \$271 – especially from these generous members: **Amber Castro** – happy to be coordinator of PAX (Program of Academic Exchange), a foreign-student exchange program – if interested in sharing your home with a student from abroad, or helping with area school enrollment for a foreign student, contact Amber (563-210-3988 / amber@knilansfurniture.com)...

George Daugherty – happy to have two grandsons at his home this week... **Steve Pieart** – happy for **Jeff Hassel’s** work at the JDC + thanks to Weerts Funeral Home for his Dad’s funeral... **Scott Naumann** (channeling **Decker Ploehn**) – thanks for all the help at JDC... **Doyle McCully** – good

to be back + support the Run with Carl... **Lora Adams** – tickets now available for WQPT’s Brew Ha Ha annual fundraiser, 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at LeClaire Park,



downtown Davenport (contact Lora: LJ-Adams@wiu.edu)... **Jean Dickson** – thanks for a good job at the JDC... **Gary Hintermeister** – really enjoyed his 5th

year as a JDC volunteer marshal + his son is likely to appear in a Golf Channel spot on the JDC... **Frank Mitvalsky** – 41st birthday + the joy of a canoe trip in Wisconsin... **Todd Larson** – birthday... **Dave Deuth** – good job at the JDC + the pleasure of dining with **Scott Naumann** (“You never know what he’s going to say...”)... **Lee Semenow** – happy the bridge in Nicaragua is done, the crew is safely back and here for today’s program... **Carl Loweth** – happy **Duncan Cameron** is here today.

The meeting opened...



President Chelsea Powers led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard** led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “America the Beautiful,” with accompaniment by pianist **Gail Baldwin**. After Moments of

Reflection, the singing resumed with “A Helping Hand” and concluded with the ever welcome “Smiles.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Visiting Rotarians:

Duncan Cameron, Rotary Club of Naples, Fla.

Brock Earnhardt, Rotary Club of Davenport

Eloise Graham, Rotary Club of Davenport

Guests:

Katie Langenfeld, Ian Nessler, Aaron Nessler, Louie Hardin, University of Iowa, Continental Crossings (speakers) Christy Gause, guest of **Jay Willsher**

Missing today...

Adams, K. (3), Arndt (2). Bibik, Boeye (3), Bowe (3), Brown (3), Bush, Coin, H., DeDoncker (2), Edwards (3), Eikenberry (3), Ellstrom (3), Felsing, Franks, Gudgel (2), Harrison (3), Hartsock, Heninger, Hill, Hinton, Kennedy (3), Kraft, Limberg, Lokenvitz (3), McWilliams (2), Murphy (3), Nelson (3), Ploehn (2), Ross, Salm (3), Schutte, Scranton (2), Spelhaug (2), Werner (2), Windmiller, Worley (3)



Make-ups...

L. Adams, Bibik, Blaske, Bush, H. Coin, Daley, Dickson, Felsing, Gallagher (Jr.), Gallagher (Sr.), Glass, Gudgel, Hassel, Hill, Hinton, Kraft, Limberg, Loweth, McWilliams, Pieart, Ross, Schutte, Slavens, Vandersnick

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.com, 445-4260. All ideas for future programs are most gratefully accepted.

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 Tunncliff: 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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