



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
July 24, 2013, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at
Fortune Garden Restaurant

**Meet the new general
manager of WQPT-TV**



Mary Pruess, general manager since April of WQPT-TV, the QC’s own public television station, is the scheduled speaker for the July 31 meeting.

Mary came from South Bend, Ind., where she had been at WNIT-TV for 10 years, most recently as president and general manager.

At the time of her appointment, Joe Rives, vice president for Quad Cities and planning at Western Illinois University said, “Mary’s expertise in public broadcasting and community outreach will further enhance WQPT’s outstanding level of service to the region.”

Before serving at WNIT, Mary held managerial positions at WHRO-TV in Norfolk, Va.; worked in public television in Tucson, Houston and Phoenix; and served as CEO of the Public Television Programmers Association. She replaces Rick Best, who retired in June 2012.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, July 24, 2013



**Connecting art,
nature, children**

With a level of enthusiasm that caused her high-school classmate **Scott Naumann** to nickname her “an art evangelist,” **Glorie Iaccarino** animatedly described her intertwined passions for nature, art and children as she spoke at the July 24 meeting.

Those passions, she said, led her to create the Eco Arts Council of the Quad Cities about 14 months ago to combine her loves for nature and art. She peppered her comments with phrases that repeatedly underscored her interrelated themes: “I believe we’re innately connected to nature.... We’re born with creativity – children are creative and uninhibited.... The Eco Arts Council celebrates nature and art as a gateway to education.... We use creativity to address more serious issues among all generations....”



The daughter of famed QC water-color artist Ralph Iaccarino, Glorie says the Council uses art as a way to help children learn about such environmental issues as how animals live in nature and how to live an eco-friendly life.

Today's children often are disconnected from nature – they often don't comprehend the connections among plants, animals, their own food and clothing, for example, she asserted. So the Eco Arts Council seeks to "reconnect children with nature" through its own efforts and by partnering with other agencies, institutions and non-profit groups locally and nationally, she said.

While much of the Eco Arts activity occurs online, it has given impetus to The Edible Schoolyard Project, which helps children learn about the role of plants, "from plot to plate," Glorie said.

And the Council created and promoted the QC version of the Papergirl Project, an event that began in 2006 in Berlin and has spread to such cities as Glasgow, Istanbul, Vancouver, New York, San Francisco and Portland, to carry the message that art should be accessible to everyone.

"The Papergirl project begins with an open call for artwork," according to a news report. "Submitted works are rolled up like newspapers and delivered to random members of the public by people on bicycles." In the recent QC Papergirl Project, volunteers delivered artworks to surprised people in Rock Island, Moline, East Moline and Davenport, Glorie said.

For more information on the Eco Arts Council, go to <http://edibleschoolyard.org/program/eco-arts-council-quad-cities>

Announcements...



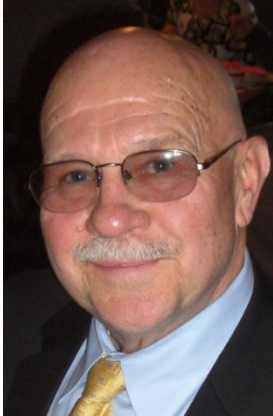
→ **August Membership Month:** Emphasizing that August is Rotary Membership Month, **President Chelsea** reported that **Kevin Kraft** had determined the prizes to be awarded to winners in the

new-member competition will be in the form of Paul Harris points. "So start thinking of guests to bring," Chelsea said, "any time, but especially in August."

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

→ **Run with Carl:** After reminding all present that it's 39 days to Labor Day and the Run with Carl events, **Dick Schillig** announced results of Week 3 of the President's Cup Challenge:

Jeff Hassel's Hustlers: 324 miles this week, for a 3-week total of 944 miles



Dave Falk's Old Glory: 307 miles this week and a contest total of 913 miles
Nicole McWilliams' Cosmic Cannonballs: 256 miles for the week and 834 total miles. But,

Dick warned, "Nicole is riding in RAGBRAI this week, so wait till next week."

→ **Royal baby update:** At that moment in the meeting, **Scott Naumann** broke in with the news "bulletin" that the brand-new 3rd in line heir to the British throne has been named: George Alexander Louie Windsor. And now, back to our regularly scheduled newsletter...

New member induction...



S.K. Nanda inducted our newest member, **Kristine Stone**, the new Bettendorf City Attorney. A graduate of Iowa State University and Drake University Law

School, Kristine has roots in both Mediapolis, Iowa, where she graduated from high school, and Southeast Asia, where she lived most of her childhood.

While he had access to the microphone, S.K. took the opportunity to update some news from Rotary International: One area of service has been renamed Youth Service, to clarify its focus; it joins the other types of service – and, therefore,

the bases for obtaining RI service grants – global, district and package grants, S.K. reported.

He also pointed out that, in recent elections, RI had elected its first female vice president, Anne L. Matthews from Columbia, S.C., who is also the first woman to serve as both a Rotary Foundation trustee and an RI director. (Tom Howard added the comment that Bettendorf Rotary has elected more women presidents than any other club.)

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



collected \$179 from: **Frank Schwab** – 80th birthday... **John DeDoncker** - \$20 for missing last week, because he was on vacation + 49th birthday... **Dick Schillig** – happy "because my guest today wants to become a member"... **Diane Ricketts-McCool** – happy with results she's getting at **Sarah Ploehn Coon's** fitness studio... **Boomer Hill** – going to watch the Bulldogs beat Clinton to qualify for going to the state tourney... **Pat Eikenberry** – a new grand-daughter has arrives... **Decker Ploehn** – thanks to Diane for the commercial for his daughter's new business... **Jeff Hassel** – told the story of Pat Eikenberry catching golf balls that kids drove at him during the John Deere Classic – with his hat, a baseball glove and, most notably, with his... uh, lap.

The meeting opened...

President Chelsea Powers led the recitation of The 4-Way Test, and **Tom**

Howard – with piano accompanist **Gail Baldwin** – led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “God Bless America.” After introductions and Moments of Reflection (during which we learned that **Jean Dickson**’s father is seriously ill), the singing resumed: “Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry” followed by 2 verses of “My Grandfather’s Clock” (complete with clinking glasses at appropriate spots).

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Guests:

Glorie Iaccarino, Eco Arts Council (speaker)
Patrick Hanrahan with **Dick Schillig**
Christy Gause with **Jay Wilshire**
Mark Lofgren with **Linda Miller**
John McNamara with **John DeDoncker**
Todd Zachary with **Todd Ashby**

Missing today...

Adams, K., 4; Adams, L., 2; Arndt, 3; Blasko, 2; Bowe, 4; Brown, 4; Calabrese, 2; Coin, H.; Daugherty; Downing; Duda, 2; Edwards, 4; Ellstrom, 4; Felsing; Franks, 2; Gallagher, Sr.; Gallagher, Jr.; Glass; Harrison, 4; Hartsock, 2; Heninger, 2; Hinton, 4; Hipple, 3; Kappeler, 3; Kellenberger, 2; Kennedy, 4; Kraft; Lane; LeBeau, Lizak; Lokenvitz, 4; Loweth; McWilliams, 3; Marvin; Mitvalsky, 2; Murphy, 4; Nelson, 4; Olson, 3; Oswald, 3; Rabine, 3; Scranton, 3; Sorensen, 2; Vandersnick; Volbrecht; Windmiller, 2; Worley, 4

Make-ups...

Glass, Hill, Hintermeister, Loweth

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@midlandcom.com,



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

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

News staff...

Editor, reporter, photographer: Fred Anderson...

Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...

Webmeister/Web-site host: Chris Glass

For more on Bettendorf Rotary Club:

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