



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013, at
Palmer Hills Golf Course

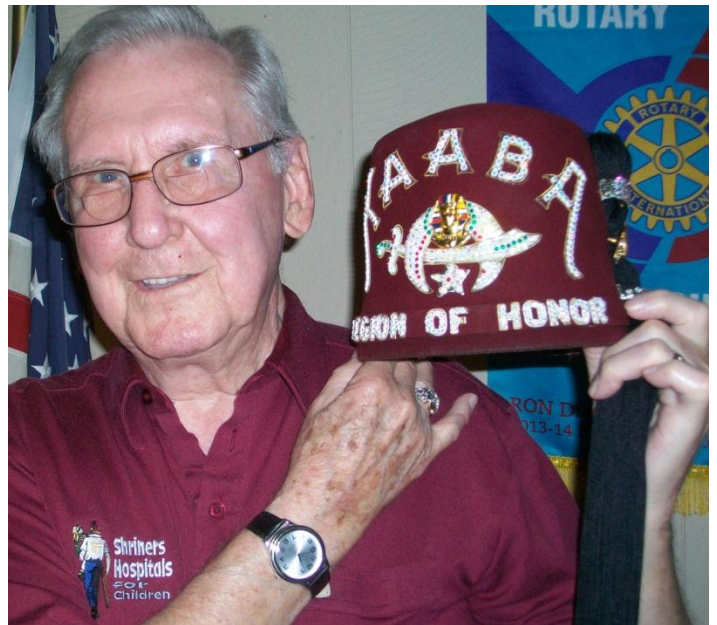
Let's play some golf! (And eat some steak...)

Next Wednesday, Sept. 18, is the annual Bettendorf Rotary Golf Outing & Steak Fry at Palmer Hills. Tee times begin at noon. After-golf drinks start at 5:30 in the pavilion, with dinner – steak, chicken or salmon – at 6. **Dinner is free** for members, since the outing subs for the meeting. Guest dinners are only \$10 each. At press time, three hole sponsorships, at only \$100, were still available; contact **Ken Vandersnick** (ken@vandersnick.com / 332-5405). For reservations, contact **John Rabine** (john.rabine@mssb.com / 441-4381.) or do it all at www.bettendorfroty.com.



Last meeting:

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Shriners operate 22 kids' hospitals

Carl W. Van Keuren of the Kaaba Shriners in Davenport provided some background on Shriners – “They’re more than guys who wear fezzes and ride tiny cars or motorcycles in July 4th parades” – and especially their children’s hospitals during the Sept. 11 meeting.

A part of Free Masonry, Carl explained, Shriners emphasize philanthropy that supports a network of 22 hospitals in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, which specialize in treating children with orthopedic needs, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lips and palates.

Those hospitals have helped more than 800,000 children, at no cost to the parent or child, he said, since the first Shriners Hospital opened in 1922. To illustrate their work, Carl showed before-and-after



photos of some children who had been treated at one of the hospitals.

In addition to treating children, he said, Shriners hospitals contribute to the education of physicians and other health care professionals and conduct research in the specialties they serve. The Chicago Shriners hospital developed the first artificial skin substitute for victims of severe burns, Carl said.

A Kaaba Shriner for 25 years, Carl served nine years on the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospital for Children in Chicago, and was elected to emeritus governor status for his work. He recently joined the board of the St. Louis Shriners Hospital for Children as an associate member.

The fez, by the way, reflects the Arabic theme of the Shriners organization – it is commonly worn in Morocco, especially the city of Fez, he said.

Announcements...

→ **Please sign in: President Chelsea** reminded one and all that a weekly attendance sheet is posted at the front of the buffet line. “Please check off your name each week,” she said, “in order to track attendance accurately.”

→ **And the winner is...: Kevin Kraft**, club services chair, announced that **Jeff Hassel**, the sponsor of two new members, is the winner of our August membership drive. They are Tate Featherstone and

Dan Thompson, who will be installed soon. Jeff will receive 500 Paul Harris Fellow points for his efforts.



Kevin also extended congratulations to three other members – **Todd Ashby, Decker Ploehn and Jay Willsher** – who each sponsored one new member: Todd – **Todd Zachary**, Decker – **Sue Mannix** and Jay – **Christy Gause**.

→ **Grant applicants needed. Jeff Hassel** said the BRC Charities Board has received only five applications for grants so far – and the deadline is Oct. 1! The Board has more \$\$ to grant than ever before – \$23,000, thanks to such a successful LobsterFest in June. To apply, Jeff said, “Just go to the Web site, www.bettendorfrotary.com, and click ‘Rotary Grants’ under the ‘Community’ menu.”



→ **Golf Outing:** Don’t come to the Rotary meeting next week at noon, **John Rabine** advised – because Sept. 18 is the annual Bettendorf Rotary Golf Outing & Steak Fry at Palmer

Hills. Members who signed to play golf were to receive tee times by the time they read this. After the golf, drinks start at 5:30 in the pavilion, with dinner – steak, chicken or salmon – at 6. Dinner is free for members, with guest dinners at only

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→ **A field trip:** The Oct. 2 meeting will move to the Bettendorf Public Library, **Jeff Hassel** reminded us, for lunch and a tour of newly remodeled facilities. A BRC Charities Board grant helped pay for one of the new features, he added.

→ **Read to Succeed: Scott Naumann**



urged members to sign up for the Read-to-Succeed program, which puts an adult in every 1st grade – and, new this year, 2nd grade – classroom in the Bettendorf Community

School District. BRC is teaming with the Iowa QC Rotary on the project, and it's open to anyone – adult family member, neighbor, friend – willing to commit one hour a week to help young readers build their skill. Contact Nancy Herrin, Bettendorf Schools administrative assistant (nherrin@bettendorf.k12.ia.us) to volunteer or to get more information.

→ **Dictionaries, a red face and more:** **Jim Spelhaug** took to the microphone with three announcements (one of which had the rest of us seeing red... all over Jim's face; it went like this):

→ **The BRC dictionary program** is underway – dictionaries have been ordered, one for each 4th grader in the city of Bettendorf, but distribution dates

are still pending; soon you can sign up to distribute dictionaries... but not quite yet.



And that's when Jim got a bit flustered: He mistook the Read to Succeed signup sheets for dictionary distribution signup sheets... realized his mistake... but by then he had turned an amazing stop-light-like hue. The photo really doesn't do his chameleon ability justice, but you can get a sense of the chagrin behind his grin. Anyhow...

→ **Literacy Links in PV:** Jim announced a program in the PV elementary schools, grades kindergarten-3rd, in which an adult helps one young reader one-on-one, for just 20 minutes a week. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Charlotte Schumacher, Literacy Links coordinator, PVCSD, 343-0509 / schumachercharlotte@pleasval.k12.ia.us.

→ **RYLA student:** Jim introduced **Gabby Petkovah**, Bettendorf's winner of the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award), who thanked us for the



opportunity to attend the week-long leadership-training program in Des Moines earlier this summer. The program has undergone

a major change in format – now a week long, rather than one day, and much more intense, with several guest speakers plus counselors and Rotarians who mentor students for the full week. Gabby, whose family moved to the QC from Bulgaria three years ago, said of the RYLA event, which was attended by about 100 students from throughout Iowa, “It was a life lesson.”



The meeting opened...

President Chelsea Powers opened the meeting by leading the recitation of The 4-Way Test and Moments of Reflection, during which we learned that **Chuck Mooney** is having

some health problems. **Tom Howard** led the singing of “The National Anthem,” in recognition of the 12th anniversary of 9-11. Accompanied by **Scott Naumann**’s musical laptop, **Tom** later led more singing: “R-O-T-A-R-Y” (two verses) and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Visiting Rotarians:

Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla.

Frank Klipsch, Davenport

Guests:

Carl Van Keuren, speaker

Ryan Bell with **Glenn Kass**

William Doland with **George Daugherty**

Scott Rubbins with **Mark Ross**

Gabby Petkovah, PVHS student and

Bettendorf Rotary RYLA representative,

with **Jim Spelhaug**

Jon Ryan Happy \$\$... (Named in honor of the late Bettendorf Rotarian, master punster and good guy)



President Chelsea collected \$171 from the assembled throng – especially: **Theron Schutte** – thanks to the voters in the Bettendorf Community School District for passing the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy in Tuesday’s election... **Jean Dickson** – thanks to the voters in her district for electing her to the Pleasant Valley Community School District Board... **Mark Ross** – congratulations to **Jeff Hassel** for winning the new member recruitment contest... **Decker Ploehn** – thanks to **Mayor Bob Gallagher** for his quick action in handling a citizen’s report

of a traffic problem on Saturday, when he was out of town; “It’s good to know your mayor is always on the job,” he said.

Missing today...

Adams, L. (7); Arndt (6); Ashby (3); Boeye (6); Bowe (11); Brown (11); Bush (6); Chambers (4); Daley (3); DeDoncker (4); Deuth (5); Duda (6); Edwards (11); Eikenberry (8); Ellstrom (11); Falk (2); Franks (7); Glass (5); Heninger (4); Hintermeister (4); Hinton (7); Hipple (7); Kappeler (9); Kellenberger (7); Kennedy (9); Limberg (4); Lizak (3); Lokenvitz (7); Mooney (4); Nelson (11); Riepe (9); Salm (8); Schillig; Sorenson (5); Stopulos (5); Vollbrecht (4); Werner (8); Wessel; Willsher (4); Windmiller (2); Worley (11)



Make-ups

Dobesh (Board of Directors meeting)
Heninger (Online)
Oswald (North Scott)
Powers (Board of Directors meeting)
Ross (Board of Directors meeting)
Sarver (Board of Directors meeting)
Schuler (Board of Directors meeting)
Slavens (Board of Directors meeting)
Wessel (Davenport)
Windmiller (Run with Carl)

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.

Sept. 18: Bettendorf Rotary Annual Golf Outing & Steak Fry

Sept. 25: Club Assembly

Oct. 2: Lunch and tour of renovated sections of the Bettendorf Public Library, thanks to **Jeff Hassel**.

Oct. 9: District 6000 Gov. Jacque Andrew

Oct. 16: Exchange student from Germany, thanks to host **Amber Castro**

Oct. 23: Rob Woodhall, ALCOA director of manufacturing

Oct. 30: Our own **Tony Calabrese** and new CEO of the YMCA

Nov. 6: **Mariannette Miller-Meeks**, director, Iowa Department of Public Health: Affordable Health Care and the status of public health

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