



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
**Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014, at the
Fortune Garden Restaurant**



**Update on Davenport's
Hilltop Campus Village**

In the 3½ years since the Hilltop Campus Village was organized, under the leadership of **Scott Tunnicliff** (former BRC member), the area south of Locust Street has been designated a Main Street Iowa urban neighborhood district, and many signs of progress have been popping up:

- Banners and decorative streetlights have appeared...
- The neighborhood has hosted music festivals...
- Some area businesses have undergone restoration and remodeling...

Come back from the Holidays to learn more from our friend Scott.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013

**Getting through
the Holidays...**

With the Christmas Holiday bearing down on us – and bringing with it many family pressures, and stresses, at the Dec. 18 meeting, **Nicole Cline**, a Dale Carnegie



business consultant in the firm's Davenport office, provided some advice for the holidays.

Rather than focus on *controlling* the situation with a houseful of people who may not always (or ever) get along, put the focus on the purpose you are all there – celebration of the holiday, Nicole advised. With that changed focus, she said, you can let some things go, make some compromises, accommodate the needs of all. Things “don’t have to be perfect,” she observed.

Applying Dale Carnegie human relations principles, she offered three pieces of advice to lower holiday stress:
→ “Don’t criticize, condemn or complain” – noting that the holiday situation “is what it is,” Nicole advised not to let thoughts of criticism, complaint

or condemnation of others “stay in your head.”

→”Become genuinely interested in the other person” – she offered, “Find common ground” with even a difficult person, and then let them talk; “But don’t coach someone about their ‘mistakes’ – unless they ask you to,” she warned.
→”Try honestly to see things from the other person’s point of view” – since each person sees life through his or her own “lens,” we may be challenged to change our perception of their view point, she said. Once you to appreciate their point of view – even if you don’t agree with it – you can then say, “If I were in your shoes, I might feel the same way.”

Amid other gems of advice for reducing stress from human interactions during the holidays – or any other time – Nicole advised: “Think about the opportunities we have to love the people in your life, and capitalize on them.”

Presentations...



→**Merry Christmas, Ying: Decker Ploehn** presented **Ying Cheng** an envelope full of appreciation for the excellent care she takes serving us all year long. (Later, during Happy \$\$, Decker tossed in \$20, taking the total to

\$950; **S.K. Nanda** added \$50, and then **George Daugherty** put in \$20 more.)



→**Rotarians of the Quarter: Jonna Schuler** called **John Rabine** and **Ken Vandersnick** to the front of the room to present them the Rotarian of the 3rd Quarter award, recognizing the excellent jobs they did with the Golf Outing on Sept. 18.

Announcements...

→**Holiday baskets: Chris Glass** reminded the volunteers who will deliver Christmas baskets – this Saturday – to call the recipient family ahead of time to schedule the delivery. Each volunteer has received an email with details, Chris said, and anyone with questions should contact him: (cglass@terrostar.com / 355-7174).

→**Red Badge Meeting:** The schedule is set – 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Granite City. This meeting is chock full of Rotary information for all new members – with red patches on their name tag – and for longer-term members

who want to brush up on their Rotary knowledge.

➔No meetings... on Wednesday, Dec.



25, and Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014. More than likely, you'll be busy those days...

➔**Rotary Awareness Month:** **President Chelsea** said January is

Rotary Awareness Month, so be prepared...

The meeting opened...

After **President Chelsea Powers** called the meeting to order, she led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard** led the singing of the day's patriotic song, "America the Beautiful,"



accompanied by **Gayle Baldwin**. After introductions and Moments of Reflection, we sang "Sing Out a Song of Rot'ry" and

"Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly," and Tom serenaded us with a solo performance of "Go Tell It on the Mountain."

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Visiting Rotarian:

Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla. Rotary

Guests:

Nicole Cline, Dale Carnegie Institute (speaker)

Joe Tirone, guest of **Chris Glass**

Rona Loweth, guest of **Carl Loweth**

Sharon Semenow, guest of **S.K. Nanda**



In all, 54 Bettendorf Rotarians attended. Joining us were 4 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.

Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...

(Named in honor of the late Bettendorf Rotarian, punster, jokester and all-around good guy)

President Chelsea

collected \$226 with special contributions from: **Harry Coin** – \$\$ remembering how **Lee Semenow** often inquired about his ill son... **Tim Downing** – the best university in Iowa with both men's and women's basketball teams in the Top



25... **Dick Schillig** – had a good week of visits with family in Ohio... and it's 256 days to you-know-what... **Tim Lane** – “Iowa is actually a wrestling state” + \$\$ in memory of Lee... **Todd Ashby** – “Leader-cast” lunches start Jan. 3, so see him if you're interested... **Tom Howard** – wished he'd had a chance to see Purdue vs. Iowa State for the worst football team... **Jeff (Boomer) Hill** – “won't have to hear Decker sing Christmas Carols for another year”... **Jim Spelhaug** – \$\$ in memory of Lee: “I learned from him”... **Glenn Kass** – happy to be back, and appreciating every day a bit more + \$\$ in memory of Lee... **Rene Hipple** – happy to be here for Nicole Cline's presentation... **Dave Deuth** – son and daughter-in-law graduated from UNI + “I never saw Lee in a bad mood... I miss him, but I have that memory...”

Missing today...

Adams, K (21), Adams, L (19), Arndt (19), Bibik (16), Blaske (13), Boeye (15), Bowe (25), Brown (25), Bush (20), DeDoncker (13), Dickson (16), Duda (19), Edwards (25), Eikenberry (17), Ellstrom (25), Franks (21), Gause (8), Hassel (11), Hintermeister (14), Hinton (22), Kappeler (21), Kellenberger (13), Kennedy (22), Kraft (3), Larsen (11), Limberg (13), Lokenvitz (16), McWilliams (20), Mannix (9), Miller, L. (7), Mitvalsky (12), Naeve (6), Nelson (25), Olson (13), Oswald (15), Salm (19), Schutte (8), Scranton (20), Sherrick (16), Slavens (8), Sorenson (13), Stone (8), Vollbrecht (18), Wessel (5), Willsher (11), Worley (25), Zachary (10)



Make-ups...

Nanda (Rotary Club of Davenport)
Pieart (Mukwonago, Wis., Rotary Club)

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:

Dec. 25: Christmas Day (*no meeting*)

Jan. 1, 2014: New Year's Day (*no meeting*)

Jan. 8: Scott Tunnickliff: Davenport Hilltop Campus Village update

Jan. 15: Open...

Jan. 22: Natalie Johansen Murray: HAVlife (Hunter Aaron Vondran Memorial Foundation) – preventing lost youth potential

Jan. 29: LobsterFest grant presentations at the Waterfront Convention Center

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