



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, July 9, 2014, at
The Fortune Garden Restaurant

We salute programs to aid veterans in the QC

With Frank Mitvalsky at the helm while **President Sharon Sarver** is on vacation, at the July 9 meeting we will learn about the good work being done in the QC for military members, veterans and their families. We'll hear about multiple programs from three presenters:



→ **Joe Tirone** of our club is a retired U.S. Army colonel. As the interim director of a veterans' resource center in East Moline, one of the programs he leads brings injured veterans to the QC for

hunting and fishing experiences.

→ **Teri Johnson**, since 2013 the first military affairs liaison at UnityPoint Health-Trinity, is the mother of a fallen soldier, Cpl. Jason Pautsch, who was killed in Iraq in 2009. That year she created a foundation, Jason's Box, Inc.,

to help service members while deployed and after their return.

→ **Jamie Lange**, chief development officer of WQPT, PBS for the QC, is leading the station's military initiative, "Embracing Our Military."

Last meeting:

Wednesday, June 25, 2014



Chelsea retires, Sharon begins

President Chelsea Powers ended her term as president with a PowerPoint "Year in Review," after which she handed the gavel to **Sharon Sarver**, who linked the theme of her presidential year with that of new Rotary International President Gary Huang of Taiwan: "Light



Up Rotary.” To underscore the point, she left boxes of sparklers at each table.

After introducing the 2014-45 Board – on the presidential track, President-elect **Kevin Kraft**, Club Services **Chris Glass** and **Tim Lane** in vocational service; with Past-president **Chelsea Powers** and **Dimy Doresca** as international service chair joining returning members (see <http://bettendorffrotary.com/board-members>) – Sharon outlined her goals:

- ➔ Increase membership, now at 105
- ➔ Increase diversity of membership – now 22% female, “nearly all white” – but already young with 54% age 50 or younger, she said
- ➔ Complete one community-service project per quarter
- ➔ Continue to identify community needs and address them in weekly programs
- ➔ Add at least two corporate members, which permits 3-4 persons from a company to essentially share membership
- ➔ Form a New Member Advisory Council to air liaison between new members and the Board and aid new-member recruitment

To include all members present in looking to the new year, Sharon asked each table to write ideas for more goals.



Earlier, as Chelsea reviewed her year, she first had a little fun with how others viewed her as president (“... Mom saw the Oval Office, Grandma thought I could heal the world...”). Then she gave a special thank-you to the 2013-14 Board of Directors and listed milestones of her term; including:

- ➔ Welcomed new Executive Secretary **Johanna Smith**
- ➔ Average weekly attendance of 60% or membership
- ➔ Ten new Paul Harris Fellows, for a total of 64, representing about \$16,700 donated to the Rotary Foundation
- ➔ Board adoption of policies and procedures to guide club actions
- ➔ Becoming a sponsor of Cub Scout Pack 54
- ➔ Focusing on Rotary education with the series of “2 minutes with S.K.” plus coordination of programming with monthly Rotary International themes
- ➔ Increasing awareness of club history through “History with Harry” weekly segments
- ➔ Clearing \$35,000 from LobsterFest
- ➔ 15 new members joined
- ➔ The deaths of six longtime Rotarians: **Chuck Mooney** (founder and 50-plus-

year club secretary), **Carter LeBeau**, **Lee Semenow**, **Doyle McCully** (past district 6000 governor), **Carolyn Leutweiler** (past president) and **John Riepe**.

“The word on the street,” Chelsea said in conclusion, “is that we’re fun, welcoming... with consistently quality programs.... We break the mold of ‘a stuffy old men’s club....’ Thank you for an amazing year.”

Presentations...



→ **Paul Harris + 1:** **Tim Downing** received his Paul Harris +1 pin from **S.K. Nanda**, signifying that he has donated a total of \$2,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

→ **Perfect attendance:** **President Chelsea** recognized the

members who had achieved perfect attendance – either with direct attendance or through make-ups – throughout her presidential year. The Carter LeBeau Perfect Attendance Awards recognizes Carter’s emphasis on the importance of attending every meeting possible – and making up at other clubs while traveling.



Those awarded this year are: **Fred Anderson**, **Tim Lane**, **S.K. Nanda**, **Scott**

Naumann, **Sharon Sarver**, **Ken Vandersnick** and **Chelsea** herself.

Announcements...

→ **BRC-monogrammed Shirts:** **Kevin Kraft** said about 40 shirts have been ordered – but he’s received \$32 checks (payable to Bettendorf Rotary) for only “about half of them. So pay me today,” he said, or contact him (**359-4554 / kevin.kraft@ubs.com**) ASAP – and he’ll send in the order as soon as has the money for all who want a shirt.

→ **Update your directory info:** **President Chelsea** urged every member to check their profile on the BRC Web site – and update it as needed. “If you need any help,” she added, “**Secretary Johanna Smith** (**[Johanna M Smith@hotmail.com](mailto:Johanna_M_Smith@hotmail.com)**) can help you.”

The process is simple: Just go to the BRC Web site, log into your membership profile (in the upper right corner of the home page) and update anything that’s changed – including your photo. If you’re a new member, use the email address you registered with as a member, and the password *member*. After logging in, you can change the password.



→ **President’s Cup Challenge / 20th Run with Carl:** July 1 marked the beginning of the President’s Cup Challenge – the warm-up event for Run with Carl. **Dick**

Schillig said there’s still time to sign up for the Challenge – he has plenty more pedometers and tally sheets to record steps taken each day through Labor Day.

After the meeting, Dick said, “Record steps you’ve taken daily beginning July 1 – or start right now to log your steps.” Record them for the first partial week,

Tuesday, July 1-Sunday, July 6, and for every Monday-Sunday week after that.

Four team captains have volunteered: **Dimy Doresca, Andy Erpelding, Bill Daily** and **Heather Woods**. Team assignments will be coming soon, Dick said. After teams are formed, each Monday members should report to their captain the number of steps walked the previous week. Dick will make the first progress report at the July 16 meeting – and it will include steps from July 1-6 and 7-13.

To translate your steps or other activities, into miles use this key:

- Walking:** 2,100 steps = 1 RWC mile
- Running/jogging:** 1 mile = 2 RWC miles
- Biking:** 4 miles = 1 RWC mile
- Swimming:** 1 mile = 3 RWC miles

History with Harry...
(Harry Coin looks through BRC archives to discover what the club was doing *on this date* in years past...)



On this day, Wednesday July 2nd, in this room:

Club president Bob Owen turned over the president's gavel to Ken Horstmann, in **1958**. Chuck Mooney remained club secretary.

There was no meeting today in **1969**, but this week **Tom Howard's** family adopted a baby girl! Chuck Mooney, secretary and treasurer, recorded he was fined \$3.

Club President Connie Flick ended her year after giving the invocation, Bob Owen began his term as president in



1975. Chuck Mooney received an award for 100% attendance and retained his position as club secretary.

Outgoing President Henry Hartz welcomed Bob Barenburg as president in **1980**. Chuck Mooney retained his position as club secretary.

Bob Gallagher was president in **1986**. In those days our club lent money for student loans, and Chuck Mooney reported there was \$1,500 outstanding.

Jon Ryan presented Nalini Nanda with her Paul Harris pin, Jon noting that now both **S.K.** and Nalini were Paul Harris Fellows, in **1997**. The program that day was Dick Anderson who appeared in costume as President Abe Lincoln, who became a Christian the day he dedicated the cemetery at Gettysburg. President Glenn Pelecky presented a recognition certificate for 'Outstanding Newsletter, Third Place' to... Chuck Mooney.

Then past president Scott Tunncliff took over for President Ron Essner, home with the flu this day. **Decker Ploehn** and 13 other members attended future president Carolyn Leutwyler's grass-cutting party. Carolyn was looking for some help

selling turkey legs during the 4th. **Frank Mitvalsky** had a special name for those turkey legs... what was it?? In **2003 Jim Spelhaug** was the guest of... Chuck Mooney.

Finally, it was Club Assembly day in **2008**, President **Nicole McWilliams** and **Scott Naumann** were looking to help out John Deere Classic Chairman **Decker Ploehn** with volunteers, Decker played in the Pro-Am that year, and, what a shock, retaining his position as secretary for the coming year... Chuck Mooney! And that was the news!



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

President Chelsea collected \$205 with notable sums from: **Dimy Doresca** – taking his family to Disney World... **Ann Kappeler** – five weeks to retirement... **Mayor Bob Gallagher** – has a new driver for the July 4th parade + he gave \$1 for each block his car lagged in last year’s parade... newly elected state politician **Mark Ross** – “I’m happy to walk the parade – and I’ll give a free T-shirt to anyone who walks with me”... **Tim Lane** – **Mike Lizak** and daughter, visiting Brussels, survived the rioting after Belgium beat Team USA in the World Cup... **Andy Erpelding** – daughter, age 10, is 17 months cancer-free... **Decker Ploehn** – “Since Mississippi River flooding caused cancellation of Davenport’s Red, White and Boom, *stay home* from Bettendorf’s July 4 fireworks”... **George Daugherty** – visited one daughter in Utah in early June and the other daughter plus family

are visiting here now... **President Chelsea** – “\$52 for the happiest 52 weeks of my life!”

The meeting opened...

President Chelsea Powers called her final meeting to order and led recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**,



accompanied by pianist **Ruth Symmons**, led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “This Is My Country.” Tom opened with a solo rendition of the verse, which celebrates the role of America as a “melting pot” of immigrants from everywhere else, he noted. After Moments of Reflection Tom led the singing of “God Bless Our Rotary,” “Yankee Doodle Dandy” and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.” For July they are: 3, Kristine Stone; 7, Frank Mitvalsky; 12, John DeDoncker; 15, Mike Limberg; 21, Dave Chambers, Frank Schwab; 23, Tom Bush; 27, Bob S. Gallagher, Simon Bowe; 28, Steve Pieart; 29, Alexei V. Bibik



Upcoming meetings...



... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:

July 9: Military Appreciation (**Frank Mitvalsky** to run the meeting)

July 16: Ed Froelich, race director, 40th Anniversary Bix 7

(**Scott Naumann** to run the meeting)

July 23: Kathy Mellen, University of Iowa, "If You Are What You Eat, Then What Should You Eat?"

July 30: Jodie Kavensky, Norma-Leah Ovarian Cancer Foundation

Aug. 6: Mark Warner, University of Iowa, Student Financial Aid... Funding College

July 13: Dr. Steven Anderson, Aging Brain in the Workplace

July 20: Visit by District Governor John Ockenfels

Aug. 27: Dr. Dennis Marchiori, chancellor of Palmer College of Chiropractic

Missing today...

Arndt, Bell, Boeye, Bowe, Brown, Bush, Coin, G., Deuth, Eikenberry, Ellstrom, Featherstone, Franks, Gallagher, Sr., Gause, Gudgel, Habenicht, Hassel, Heninger, Hill, Hintermeister, Hinton, Hurd, James, Kennedy, Larsen, Limberg, Love-Sherrick, Loweth, Mannix, Miller, G., Miller, L., Naeve, Nelson, Olson, Rabine, Ricketts-McCool, Salm, Scranton, Sherrick, Slavens, Spelhaug, Stone, Stopulos, Vollbrecht, Werner, Willsher, Windmiller, Worley, Zachary

Secretary Johanna Smith

introduced:

Guests:

Luke Staudt, Edward Jones Financial, guest of **Tim Lane**

Mike Moran, Quad City Bank & Trust, guest of **Andy Erpelding**

Ruth Symmons, pianist

Duncan Cameron, Rotary Club of Naples, Fla.

Total attendance: 55 Bettendorf Rotarians and 4 guests

BRC News staff...

Editor, reporter, photographer:

Fred Anderson...

Correspondent/Web-site host:

Johanna Smith...

One last thing...

→ **Service above selfie:** During her last month as president, **Past President Chelsea Powers** initiated a contest – "Service above Selfie" – where members could shoot "selfie" photos of themselves while involved in a Rotary activity. At the Miss Iowa luncheon **Glenn Kass** shot the winning selfie... but another member "photo-bombed" himself into the photo. For that act of sabotage, inexplicably he "won" two tickets to the John Deere Classic – which he can't use because he'll be out of town. He'll give those tickets to the first member who:

1-mentions this matter during Jon Ryan Happy \$\$ next week, and

2-donates a tidy sum to the Happy \$\$ for Scholarships fund.



For more on Bettendorf Rotary Club:

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