



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**

**Nov. 18, 2009, issue**

## ***Next meeting:***

Noon Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009,  
at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **Update on latrine project in Nicaragua**



On the day before Thanksgiving, we'll get an update on the project to construct 100 latrines in four villages in the municipality of Xinoteca, Nicaragua.

Presenters for this program are Rotarians **Bill**

**Burress**, Davenport, and Jim Peterson, Iowa City.

The area has been regarded as the poorest region in one of the poorest countries in Central America. The latrines have greatly improved sanitary conditions for the people, reducing illness and disease and improving the quality of their lives.

Bettendorf Rotary has a connection to this project: **Bernie Vogel** hosted a Xinoteca exchange student under the CASS program a few years ago. Today, she is a Rotarian who is actively involved in a local volunteer organization to help make projects happen.

Burress has been an active member of the Rotary Club of Davenport for 30 years, and is the immediate past president of the club. He currently serves on the club's board of directors and on the World Community Service Matching Grants subcommittee of District 6000. Since Peterson became a Rotarian in 2000 he has been active in various international projects in Mexico and Central America.

## ***Last meeting:***

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009 ...

## **Heart surgeon reports on Trinity cardiac care**

**Dr. Bryan Foy**, medical director of open heart surgery at Trinity Regional Health Systems, reported on the state of cardiac surgery at Trinity during the Nov. 18 meeting.



Heart disease is the No. 1 cause of death in the United States for both men and women, and the disease afflicts both genders about equally in Trinity's cardiac practice, Dr. Foy said. In questioning after his presentation, he listed the chief risk factors: obesity, smoking, insufficient exercise – in essence, the modern American lifestyle.

Trinity performs some 4,000 cardiac procedures, according to Foy, ranging from angioplasty to angioplasty with the insertion of stents to keep arteries open to coronary artery bypass surgeries. The hospital's heart program has been ranked "in the top 10 percent of hospitals in the United States for overall cardiac services for 2010," by HealthGrades, an

independent national health-care rating organization.

Foy heads a team of 26 cardiac specialists – Cardiac Surgery Associates, S.C. – which includes nine surgeons who practice at Trinity and both practice and teach at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine and the university’s Medical Center in Chicago.

### The meeting opened...

**President Dave Deuth** opened the meeting by leading a recitation of **The 4-Way Test**:

“Is It The Truth? Is It Fair to All Concerned? Will It Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will It Be Beneficial to All Concerned?”



The singing – Bettendorf is a Singing Rotary – began with “This Is My Country,” directed by songmeister **Tom Howard** and accompanied by pianist **Bernie Vogel**.

After introductions of visitors and guests, the music continued with “Sing Out a Song of Rotary,” concluding with the meteorologically appropriate “Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella” and “Singin’ in the Rain.”



### Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians...

Jon Honsey, Davenport: Health Care  
Mary Ellen Chamberlin, North Scott: Gambling Foundation

### ... And guest...

Ward Olson with Dr. Tom Olson

## Announcements...

→ **Water projects.** Clean water is an increasingly scarce resource in the world – some 1.1 billion of our fellow humans lack access to it. So, we have two opportunities to address the problem:



→ **Lee Semenov** introduced our club’s next international service project: working with the Rotary Club of Molina Vieja in Lima, Peru, to provide sand-filters to purify water for the people

in a Peruvian town of 1,755. More on that project later as the Peruvians tell us more about their specific needs.



→ **Scott Naumann** issued an invitation to attend the Iowa Quad-Cities Chamber of Commerce dinner to raise funds for **charity: water**, an international effort to raise awareness and dollars to bring fresh water to

people. The Nov. 23 event at the Waterfront Convention Center begins with cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 and keynote speaker Scott Harrison, who founded the organization, at 8.

Questions? Please contact **Scott, 445-4260** or [scottn@midlandcom.com](mailto:scottn@midlandcom.com). To register, call 823-2676 or visit [www.iowaQCchamber.com](http://www.iowaQCchamber.com). To see the video Scott talked about, click: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rphhf y4qCfc>

➔ **Thanksgiving Baskets. President Dave** thanked all who volunteered to deliver Thanksgiving baskets. Here are the instructions: **THIS SATURDAY** – Nov. 21 – pick up baskets between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Produce Department of the Devils Glen Hy-Vee. Questions? Please call Julie at **Mark Ross**'s office, 441-2800 or [jforsythe@rossbiz.com](mailto:jforsythe@rossbiz.com).

➔ **Library Project.** On the next **TWO Monday evenings – 5-9 p.m. Nov, 23 and 30** – Bettendorf Rotarians have opportunities to help tag books at the Bettendorf Public Library. Pizza and soda provided! Monday Night Football will be on the TV. You gotta help – we want to beat Bettendorf Kiwanis – and they have a 3,000-book head-start. Call **Ann Keppeler, 743-2166**, to sign up, or **Steve Nielsen, 344.4175**, if you have questions.



➔ **Pajama party.** The Women's Pajama Party to Support the Domestic Violence Shelter will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Gilda's Club in Davenport. **Nicole McWilliams** has full information on this joint Davenport-North Scott-Bettendorf Rotary fund-raiser. She said, "I'd really like to see as many people as possible participate at some level.... Everyone can participate: Ladies, please come. And Guys, you don't get to go and see the ladies in jammies, but you can help by donating pajamas to the cause." **Contact Nicole** for more information – **332-3071** or [nmcwilliams@pensioninc.com](mailto:nmcwilliams@pensioninc.com).

➔ **Holiday party.** Mark your calendars for Saturday, Jan. 9, for the annual

Bettendorf Rotary Winter Party. **Lisa Brown** is making arrangements. Contact **Lisa** at **441-4016** or [lbrown@eicc.edu](mailto:lbrown@eicc.edu) with questions or venue preferences.

➔ **Membership. Connie Mangler** introduced the Membership Committee: **Donna Freese, Tim Lane** and **Scott Naumann**. Soon committee members will call all club members asking their preferences for the areas in which they will provide Service: Club, Community, Vocational or International.



### **Presentation...**

**Carter LeBeau** presented a banner from his recent visit to the Rotary Club of Kankakee, Ill. Carter makes it a point to include Rotary make-ups whenever – and wherever – he's traveling. He's made 818 such visits over his years as a Rotarian. He says, "My purpose is to get others to take advantage of this entitlement we have, to visit other clubs around the country and the world, and to show how much I enjoy the experience. I'll never forget how many times Bernie Vogel has told me how much he enjoyed his make-up last year in Italy. He had never made up a Rotary meeting before."



### **The News...**

The Bettendorf Rotary's crack news team of **Lora Adams** and **Fred Anderson**



were both present – but in the interest of keeping on schedule, relinquished their time to the speaker. Here’s a quick synopsis of the news you would have heard: Andrea Coleman has resigned as president and CEO

or Trinity Regional Health Systems... The U.S. cargo ship Maersk Alabama, the victim of a bloody hijacking drama last spring, was attacked again by Somali pirates but fought them off without casualties... And a Brownsville, Texas, man faces drug charges (this is a surprise?) after he knocked on a police officer’s door and tried to sell him marijuana.

### Sergeant at Arms...

**Dave Deuth** substituted for **Mike Freemire**, and apparently they were still counting the proceeds at press-time...

**Ryan \$\$: President Dave, Greg Blaske** and **Diane Ricketts-McCool** celebrated happy moments in their children’s lives.

### Missing Today:

Atnip, Adamson, Boeye-2, Calbarese-2, Colely, DeDoncker, Dobesh-5, Ellstrom-21, Falk, Foster, Freemire-2, Haffernan, Hartsock-3, Hinton-2, Kennedy, Koos-7, Kraft, Lane, Legare, Larsen, Lokenvitz Loweth, Lundin, McWilliams-2, L. Miller, Pelecky, Ploehn-2, Powers, Richards-4, Ross, Sarver, Schillig, Selden-3, Sherrick-6, Spelhaug, Spyrow-21, St. Laurent, Schutte-9, Scranton, Volbrecht-3, Worley-6

### Make-ups:

At committee meeting today: Phil Kinsley, Bob Gallagher, Tom Ahlstrand, Joe Douglas, S.K. Nanda, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Duncan Cameron

### The meeting ended...

As you prepare your hearts and minds for Thanksgiving... remember: “It’s a sign of mediocrity when you demonstrate gratitude with moderation.” [Roberto Benigni (1952 - )]. We have MUCH to be thankful for.

### Upcoming meetings...



Jim Peterson

Thanks to Program Chairman **Brian Kennedy**, we can look forward to these fine future meetings. Invite guests – and prospective members – to enjoy them with us. Nov. 25 – Xinoteca latrines - Bill Burress/

### News Staff...

Editor Fred Anderson... Reporters Chuck Mooney, Dave Deuth... Photographer Carter LeBeau... Webmeister Ralph Heninger

### Bettendorf Rotary resources Hot links where you can find answers to many questions about Rotary.

The history of Bettendorf Rotary, and more: <http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/local.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary in the community: <http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/community.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary’s current officers: <http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/current.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary’s committees and their chairs: <http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/committ.htm>

Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus... and more: <http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/links.htm>

Link to District 6000’s Website: [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org)