



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club

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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009,
at the Fortune Garden Restaurant



Jeremiah Haas and 23-in. 7-lb. hybrid striped bass.

Nuclear station's wildlife programs

At the Nov. 11 meeting Jeremiah Haas, principal aquatic biologist at Exelon's Quad-Cities Nuclear Station, will inform us about the environmental programs connected with the installation.

In his position for three years, Haas has been conducting environmental work at the site since 2000. In addition to his work at the nuclear station, he is the current president of the Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. He holds a master's degree in fisheries management from Western Illinois University.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009 ...

2 'ex-cowboys' talk books, life after horses



For the Nov. 4 meeting, Vocational Service Director **George Daugherty** happened to wrangle together vocational talks from a couple of sometime cowboys from Idaho and Utah, who talked

about their lives off horseback. It's true; jest ask 'em, pardner.

Fred Anderson, President, A&A Communications, climbed down from his cattle-cutting quarter horse a long time ago, worked in newspaper journalism and then organizational communication and now is a marketing communication



consultant. In his version of that, he applies his professional experience and expertise to enable clients to complete communication objectives they otherwise couldn't pursue with their regular staff. Two of his strengths are writing TV/video documentary-type scripts and researching and writing the histories of local and regional businesses. Fred works in all communication mass media to create messages as small as a 10-second radio commercial or as large as a book-length corporate history for clients in many kinds of industries.



Steve Nielsen hasn't quite left all his riding behind – when he returns to Utah, he said after the meeting, he's been known to mount up and head for the proverbial hills. But what he talked about during

the meeting was his life as the director of Bettendorf's 200,000-title Public Library. After "riding airplanes for a living" for a library-services company and logging several million miles, Steve returned to his love of libraries and came here to direct the library. Steve really likes his decision – two-thirds of Bettendorfers have library cards, about half a million items are circulated each year, 20,000 people used programs at the library last year – and he has "the greatest staff ever." (By the way, if you know somebody who'd like to buy a house in Provo, Utah, give him a call.)

[See President Dave's comments, p. 4]

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?"

Under the able direction of **Tom Howard**, accompanied

on the 88s by **Bernie Vogel**, the assembled members sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" followed by the "Rotary Singing Invocation."



Jimm Spelhaug introduced two special guests – **Lin** and **Kinsey**, officers of the Interact Club at Pleasant Valley High School. Lin talked about the club's major project, literacy, in which members help elementary school children with reading. Kinsey worked this fall to prepare the dictionaries Bettendorf Rotary gave to all 4th graders in the city.

And then the singing resumed. After a rousing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," because of the World Series, we wished all those with November birthdays "Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians," and ended with "Sing, Everyone, Sing."

November birthdays...

4, Fred Anderson; 6, Nicole McWilliams; 7, Scott Tunnicliff; 8, Bob Lundin; 9, Becky Hinton; 12, John Sherrick; 14, Scott Naumann; 18, Rev. Gene Miller; 29,



Vicki Tyler; 30, **Ken Vandersnick**

Announcements...

➔ **President Dave** congratulated the two club members who won their contests in

Tuesday's municipal elections: **Scott Naumann**, Ward 2, and **Greg Adamson**, Ward 4. Greg was absent – attending the Quad-City Mayors' Hunger Luncheon – but Scott acknowledged that he was humbled and honored at his election, saying, "I hope I don't screw it up."



Joe Douglas, retiring alderman from Ward 2, was honored with a hearty round of applause for his 20 years' service on the Bettendorf City Council.



→ **Decker Ploehn** reported on the project next door to the Fortune Garden: site work has begun on what will become a low-income senior housing complex with 120 1- and 2-bedroom units.



→ **Scott Naumann** reminded members of the monthly meeting of the LobsterFest Committee.

The News...

Lora Adams – WELCOME BACK, LORA, with your terrific good news – reported on the day's news: British soldiers killed in Afghanistan... 3 missing softball players found in North Dakota pond... Michigan man considers

suing those who beat him up – after he robbed them... Florida store heist man robs the same store – for the 4th time...



Sergeant at Arms...

Sgt-at-arms: **Jim Slavens** stepped in – saying, simply, pass your \$2 back – and collected \$ 190 for our foundations.



Ryan \$\$: Birthdays, anniversaries, happiness at good medical news, daughters getting work, politicians getting elected and kudos to **Joe Douglas** came from **Lora Adams, Carter LeBeau, Tom Ahlstrand, Ken Vandersnick, Fred Anderson, Decker Ploehn, Dave Death** and **Becky Hinton**.

News Staff...

Editor Fred Anderson...
Reporter Chuck Mooney...
Photographer Carter LeBeau...
Webmeister Ralph Heninger

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians...

Ralph Heninger, Davenport: Attorney (and past-president of Bettendorf Rotary)
Frank Klipsch, Davenport: YMCA

... And guests...

Barry Ward with David Death
Two officers of the PV Interact Club with Jim Spelhaug

Missing Today:

Adamson, Bowe-4, Brown-4, Cameron-2, H. Coin, DeDoncker-4, Dobesh-3, Downing, Ellstrom-19, Foster, Freemire, Gudgel, Habinecht, Haffernan, Hartsock-2, Heinrich, Kennedy, Koos-3, Lane, Lanum, Larsen, Lundin-2, Nanda, Richards-2, Ross, Sarver-2, Schillig, Selden-4, Sherrick-4, Spyrow-19, St. Laurent-3, Schutte-7, Volbrecht, Worley-4.

Make-ups:

Carter LeBeau @ Kankakee, IL
At today's committee meeting: Diane Ricketts-McCool, Tony Calabrese, Bob Gallagher, Linda Miller, Jim Legare, Lora Adams, Nicole McWilliams, Tom Ahlstrand, Carl Loweth, Fred Anderson, Greg Blaske, Steve Nielsen.

Upcoming meetings...



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. 11 – Quad-City Nuclear Station's

environmental program

Nov. 18 – Trinity cardiac care

Nov. 25 – Xinoteca latrines - Bill Burress/ Jim Peterson

Message from President Dave...

Bettendorf Rotarians:

I just wanted to take a moment this afternoon to thank you all for a great meeting today (Nov. 4)! Vocational Service Talks are an important part of our fellowship – indeed, getting to know one

another better is foundational to our camaraderie. A special thanks to Fred and Steve for sharing with us today, and another thanks to Vocational Service Director George Daugherty for getting everything lined up. Great program!

I also want to tell you that I'm really having a blast serving as your president this year – and I mean that sincerely! The group interaction, the excellent programs (thanks, Brian!), the meaningful projects that serve our community and world, the Interact students showing up today (thanks, Jim Spelhaug!), a quick volunteer for stand-in Sergeant today (thanks, Jim Slavens!), the Birthday Bucks, the Ryan Bucks...THIS IS A ROTARY CLUB! It has absolutely nothing to do with me and positively everything to do with each of you – and all that you bring to our collective Rotary experience.

And DANG – we even SING well together (thanks Bernie, Tom and Carter)!)

So thanks for a commitment to having a good time together, to supporting one another (so thrilled to hear your good report, Lora!) and to making a difference in the lives of others, all anchored in the Rotary principles of truth, fairness, goodwill, better friendship...and Service Above Self.

You guys ROCK!

Make it a great week as you make a difference as a Bettendorf Rotarian,

David Deuth