



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Feb. 3, 2010, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010, at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

A chance to learn about polo in the QC

Two members of the Quad Cities Polo Club – **Jeff Boeh** and **Mike Garner** – will discuss the club and its involvement in the community at the Feb. 10 meeting. They’ll also introduce the basics of the game of polo, some of the rules, care of the horses and the equipment needed.

Jeff was introduced to polo in 2003 by Chuck Weaver of the Peoria Polo Club. His enthusiasm for the game led him to build a regulation-sized field on his farm and found the Quad Cities club in 2005.

He raises natural beef on his north Bettendorf farm and operates Boeh Construction. He is a longtime member



of the Farm Bureau Board and is a member of the Scott County Cattleman’s Association.

Jeff introduced Mike to polo. With little riding experience, Mike was reluctant to

try the game at first, but found riders of all levels playing. He has been a member of the Quad City club since 2007.

Mike raises corn and soybeans on the family farm in rural Scott County. A 12-year Farm Bureau Board director, he is also a member of the Iowa Corn Growers Association and the Iowa Soybean Growers.

For more polo in the Quad Cities, click: <http://www.quadcitiespoloclub.com/index.html>.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010

DeDoncker sees s-l-o-w recovery

After a “Big Banker” buildup introduction by Brian Kennedy, **John DeDoncker**, president of THE National Bank, presented a fact-filled assessment of the banking industry today.



Among his observations: With GDP rising by 5.7% in the most recent quarter, the economy is heating up somewhat. Businesses are starting to replenish inventories. Some exports and personal spending have risen. The CPI is expected to be less than 2% for the year. But, millions are still unemployed, and a *Wall Street Journal* poll of economists expects unemployment to stay above 6% until 2015. Consumer debt, at about 125% of

household income, “will take some time” to fall. New home sales are at their lowest in 20 years, and John said, “I don’t think the foreclosures are over yet.” So far in 2010, 15 banks have failed.

Putting all the factors together, John predicted a slow recovery from the recession... continued unemployment... a slight rise in taxes as well as interest rates... but “we will avoid a double-dip recession.”

The meeting opened...

President Dave opened the meeting by leading members in **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?” – and the singing of “America the Beautiful.”

After Moments of Reflection, the singing, directed by Deputy Songmeister **Carter LeBeau** and accompanied by Pianist **Bernie Vogel**, continued with “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” “Heart of My Heart” and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians” – especially:



February birthdays...

7, Flo Spyrow,
James Haffarnan
13, Paul Scranton
14, Brian
Kennedy, Donna
Freese
16, Tim Downing

23, S.K. Nanda 24, Bob Ryken

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians...

Terry Westbrook, East Moline: Banking
Tom Fedje, Davenport: Edgerton
Women’s Health Center

... And guests

John Zelnio and Tim Devooght with
Terry Westbrook
Mike McCool with Diane Ricketts-
McCool
Ryan Powers with Chelsea Powers
Dan DePuydt with Lee Semenow
Rene Hipple and Janice Leabeo with
Mark Ross
Ward Olson with Dr. Tom Olson
Virgil Richardson and Steve Sorensen
with Connie Mangler

Announcements...

→ Lobsterfest committee.

Meets 8 a.m. the
first Thursday of
the month at the
Bettendorf
Library.



→ Red Badge

meeting. New members will learn more
about Rotary and the Bettendorf Club
later this month – stay tuned for details.

The News...

Fred Anderson reported all the news
that fits in 2 minutes: The Illinois
primary race for
governor remained
virtually tied – in both
parties... Somali
pirates hijacked a
North Korean freighter
(there’s an irony here
someplace)... Iran
launched a rocket
carrying a mouse, two
turtles and worms into



space... a German woman watching the
sunset on a webcam spotted a man
trapped in North Sea ice – which led to
his rescue. And two genius thieves in
Tennessee stole \$300 worth of Twinkies,

Zingers and other snack cakes (but why?), and hid under a truck. Police arrested them by following their footprints in the freshly fallen snow.

Sergeant at Arms...

Sgt-at-arms **Todd Larsen** collected \$122 for our foundations with trivia about the



U.S. Winter Olympics team: 118 athletes... ages 16-40... 60 of them from 4 Midwestern states: MN (21), WE, MI and IL.

Ryan \$\$ brought in another \$100: **Brian Kennedy's** birthday...

10 straight days in school for **Harry Coin's** "Little Brother"... **Bob Gallagher** hob-nobbing with Temporary Floridians **Bob Ryken** and **Joe Douglas... Decker Ploehn** ... something about no Vikings in the Super Bowl...

Missing Today:

Adams, Ahlstrand-2, Brown-3, Calabrese, Cameron, Chambers, Downing, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-3, Felsing, Foster, Hartsock, Heninger, Hinton-4, Kappeler, Koos-4, Lane, Legare, Loweth-3, L. Miller-3, Nielsen-3, Pelecky, Pieart, Richards-3, Sarver, Selden-4, Spyrow-4, St. Laurent-4, Schutte-3, Worley-4.

Make-ups:

At committee meeting today: Diane Ricketts-McCool, Todd Larsen, Decker Ploehn, Brian Kennedy, Fred Anderson.

The meeting ended...

... with **President Dave** observing, "The best value for your dollar is Rotary. We gather here every week because we believe we can make a difference..."

Future meetings...

... thanks to the efforts of Program Chair **Brian Kennedy**.

Use this information to invite potential new members."
Feb. 10: QC Polo
Feb. 17: Ed Tibbetts, *Quad-City Times* political reporter, looks into the



2010 Iowa gubernatorial race (rescheduled from ice-cancelled Jan. 20).
Feb. 24: our own **Scott Tunncliff** talks about what he's been up to lately with Davenport's Hilltop Campus Village.

In other BRC news...

Connie Mangler has recruited volunteers – **Tim Lane, Chelsea Powers, Steve Habenicht and Kevin Kraft** – to help recruit more new members. They've been contacting current members and asking them to identify people they know who "would be a great addition to our club," Chelsea said. If you haven't already been contacted, expect an email or call asking for the names of friends, family, co-workers or others.

Correction...

In last week's edition, **Tim Lane** was identified with the wrong employer; Tim actually works for Edward Jones. *BRCN* regrets the error.

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Music co-chairs: Tom Howard & Bernie Vogel



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