



The Bettendorf Rotary Club News
**Nov 28, 2007. Guests Welcome at our next meeting, Weds.,
Dec. 5, Noon at the Fortune Garden**

Featuring:

Linda Cook,
Marketing Director
Figge Art Museum



In a coordinated exhibition with the Putnam museum's focus on Leonardo Da Vinci, four full-sized replicas of Leonardo Da Vinci art, including "Mona Lisa," "Annunciation," "The Virgin and Child with St. Anne" and "The Last Supper" — which looms huge at 15 feet tall and 28 feet wide, are being shown at the Figge in conjunction with the Putnam's presentation of huge gliders and other inventions featured in 'Da Vinci: Man-Inventor-Genius'. Sponsored in part by Butler Insurance Services, Inc. The exhibit is open now through Jan 3, 2008.

The Figge Art Museum draws upon the rich history of the Davenport Museum of Art, it aims to set new standards for cultural, social and economic development. The new facility provides rewarding social, cultural and educational spaces for the community.

The Davenport Municipal Art Gallery opened in 1925, through a gift of 350 European and Mexican Colonial paintings, creating the first municipal art gallery in the State of Iowa. Today, the collections have grown over ten-fold and include more than 3,500 paintings, sculpture, and works on paper from the 16th century to the present.

In 2003, the museum launched its next phase of growth: relocation to the heart of downtown Davenport in an 115,000 sq. ft. facility overlooking the Mississippi designed by London architect David Chipperfield. In recognition of the \$13.25 million lead gift to the new building project from the V. O. and Elizabeth Kahl Figge Foundation the museum was renamed the Figge Art Museum.

The new building and new name represent significant internal changes that have taken place. The new facility allows the collections to be permanently on view for the first time in the museum's history, with ample space designed for traveling and educational exhibitions. The new building triples the size of the previous facility, with fifty percent of its public spaces dedicated to education and public service purposes.

On the net at <http://www.figgeartmuseum.org>

Announcements:

- **Club Holiday Party**
Crow Valley Country Club, January 5th
Tentative Time: 6:30 pm
See President Lisa for details.
- Visiting Rotarian and Palmer graduate Todd Rubley, D.C., who visited us last week, sent us a thank you note too interesting not to share:



“I wanted to thank you and all the Rotarians in the Bettendorf Club for your hospitality. I look forward to attending in the future when I go back to visit family. Your program was informative and I enjoyed the Bettendorf High School performers.

Back in Jackson, Ohio, today I give the Rotary program. I will present a medical trip in which my daughter and I took “out dated medications” to help the victims of hurricane Katrina in the gulf coast.

Even though I am a chiropractor, I collect “outdated medications” from our medical group that would normally be thrown in the trash. We took 10 boxes of medications down to New Orleans. I now send down these outdated medications (that are still good up to six months after expiration) to a clinic in New Orleans.

Ninety percent of the doctors left New Orleans during Katrina and many have not returned. Two hospitals closed; I was told by a local healthcare provider thousands of beds in nursing homes and hospitals were destroyed. I was able to find a nurse practitioner who stayed. She told me her patients were all “gainfully employed” and when the hurricane hit, they lost their businesses and/or their place of employment. The clinic she worked in was destroyed. She had patients bringing their children to her home and now her clinic is in her home. We have been sending down out dated medications for over two years. Keep up the good work in Bettendorf.” – Todd Rubley, D.C.

*From Mr. Brian Kennedy,
program chairman--*



Upcoming Featured Speakers

- 12/12: Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey.
- 12/19: Holiday Music presented by the Bettendorf Schools II.
- 12/26: No Meeting
- 2/6: Gunda Davis, Local author of “Pumpkin Soup and Shrapnel: Growing Up Under the Third Reich”
- 2/20: Linda Cook, QC Times Movie Critic: Oscars Preview

Please use this news!

Invite prospective new members who might appreciate our speakers.

Lunch and program only \$8 per visitor, payable at the door.

Help Wanted: *Rotary Newsletter Editor. Start Date: Weds, February 13, 2008. See Lisa.*



Meeting Review

Noon, Nov 28th, 2007, the Fortune Garden. Presiding:

President Lisa Brown



President Lisa opened the meeting accompanied by **Bernie Vogel** on the piano in ‘America The Beautiful’, and then paused for a moment of reflection for world peace and fellowship and for those noted by the membership who are having a tough time. Ron Essner noted our troops overseas; Faye Clow and Carolyn Leutwyler noted Joann R., a friend to many in Bettendorf who is very seriously ill. Decker

Ploehn noted the passing of Wendell Hill, long time educator in the Bettendorf Schools, Wendell was husband to long time B.H.S. Biology instructor Barbara Hill, who predeceased Wendell by many years. *(Editor’s note: I can still see them both in my mind’s eye as they were when I was a teenager at BHS).*



Songleader **Carter LeBeau** along with Bernie on the piano led the best chorus to sing at the Fortune Garden that day so far in “Wedding Bells Breaking Up That Old Gang of Mine”, “Grand Old Flag”, “Shine on, Harvest Moon” and (notwithstanding not so quiet objections by Todd Larsen, Scott Naumann and other Cheesehead Green Bay Packer’s Fans) “Bear Down, Chicago Bears”.

Carter spread the invitation to attend a ‘Men’s Smoker’ this evening to watch that game, and also the invitation to Frank

Mitvalsky’s associate Mike Wendt’s Illinois – Maryland game watching party at the Park Side Café in Moline.

Rich James once again donated \$20 in support of the winning streak of ‘his’ University of Northern Iowa’s Football team. The Panthers played in the finals this weekend, and the lead shifted back and forth many times throughout the exciting game—but as the clock ran out Delaware was ahead. What an amazing season for so many of our Eastern Iowa teams this year!



Bettendorf Rotarian News Announcer Emeritus: Jon Ryan.



Multiple Paul Harris Fellow Jon Ryan was asked on the spot to either present, or make up, the news as was his past practice being that our revered news duo Fred and Lora both punted.

Years before the ever esteemed Fred Anderson and Lora Adams Duo took over preparing and presenting 'The News' to our club, Jon strode weekly to the Silver Microphone on the Prime Rostrum to present a very special version of the day's news, with some help from the local newspaper folded in his hands at the time.

Carolyn Leutwyler opined that often the newspaper was little more than a prop for Jon, as she recalled

Jon in 2001 telling the club there was a story in that day's paper quoting her as complaining loudly to a reporter about the local hardware stores. In the story she was quoted as saying she'd been to many hardware stores, including Lowe's, Home Depot, Menards, and K & K but in each case the stud finders sold there did not in fact work at all. – *The laughter came then in three waves, a record for Jon. But in those days our spies tell us that it wasn't always just tea in the tea, so it took some a while to get it...*

Jon Ryan greeted visiting North Scott Rotarian and past president **Bill Tubbs**, Bill just returned from a Rotary sponsored Polio Vaccination trip to Nigeria. Bill will present a program on the state of Rotary's battle against Polio in the future, but President Lisa pressed for a few remarks today.



Bill reported he went with 20 other Midwestern Rotarians and had a very sobering experience 'right where Polio lives' in Nigeria, as they attempted to dispense vaccines to the public in one of the few countries yet plagued by the wasting disease. Bill noted that Rotary was welcomed back into the country that threw Rotary out in 2003 due to mistrust and ignorance about the effect of the vaccinations – this lost time set back the Polio eradication project worldwide but we are recovering.



Chuck "Paul Harris Fellow Times Five" Mooney, Club Secretary was presented a Paul Harris Fellow pin with a Ruby by Foundation Chariman S.K. Nanda.

Chuck has given generously of his time and money to Rotary for many years, dating back to the founding of our club. S.K. noted that after \$5,000 is donated, rubies replace sapphires in the Paul Harris award pins. Diamonds replace rubies at the \$10,000 level.

S.K. Also noted that the Polio Plus Eradication project gained \$100 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation in the form of a challenge, leading S.K. to join Bill Tubbs in the hope that Polio will be eliminated soon from the five remaining countries where it presently is confined.

Chuck Reports: Visiting Rotarians: Bill Tubbs, North Scott, Publisher; Teresa Paper, North Scott, Education Administration; **Guests:** Peg Walker with Jon Ryan.

Rotary Meeting Make Ups: Duncan Cameron @ Rock Island, Bernie Vogel @ New Port Richey. At today's committee meeting: Todd Larsen, Mike Freemire, Scott Tunncliff, Joe Douglas, Rich James, Jim Spelhaug, Faye Clow, Steve Habenicht, Mark Ross, Dick Schillig, Duncan Cameron, S.K. Nanda, Dave Falk, John Kempton, David Death, Linda Miller, Decker Ploehn, Ron Essner.

Missing Today: Adams, Ahlstrand -2, Ball -15, Bowe -14, Calabrese -2, Chambers, Coley, Dobesh -6, Downing, Eikenberry -5, Ellstrom -7, Gallagher, Hassel -2, Heninger -2, Hyder -21, Hartsock -2, Ingleby -21, Kennedy, Koehler -2, Legare, Loweth, Lucas, McWilliams -2, Mitvalsky -2, Pelecky, Perisho -6, Rabine, Sherrick -7, Snyder -7, St. Laurent -5, Spyrow -2, Urbaitis -3, Voelliger, Voigt -11. Worley -5.

Make up a meeting at nearby Rotary Clubs:

- Monday, noon.....Davenport The Outing Club
- Monday, noon.....Moline-Calvary Church of the Quad Cities
- Monday, 6 pm.....QC Illinois-Moline Club
- Tuesday, 7:15 am..... River Cities-Brothers Rest. Rapid City
- Tuesday, noon.....Rock Island - QC Botanical Ctr.
- Wednesday, noon.....Bettendorf-Fortune Garden
- Wednesday, 5 pm.....Mini Meet-Lunardi's
- Thursday, 7 am.....IA Quad Cities-The Lodge
- Thursday, noon.....East Moline-Christ United Methodist Church
- Thursday, noon.....Milan-Milan Community Center
- Friday, noon.....North Scott-Steeplegate Inn



Sergeant at Arms

Ben Selden

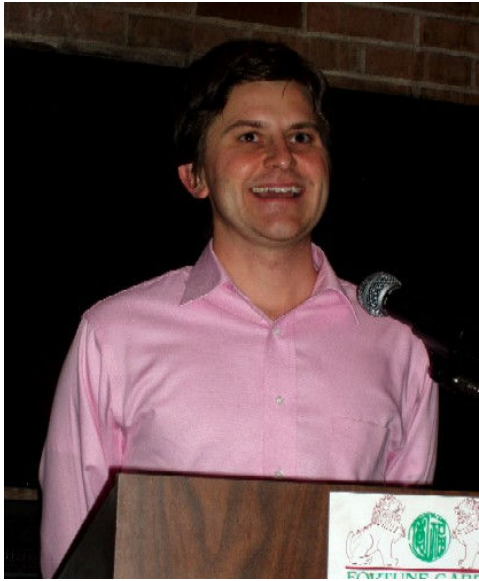
Collected \$104 for our foundations.

This week's speaker was introduced by President Lisa Brown:

Aaron Roof "The Voice of the Flames"

Aaron is the Director of Broadcasting and Media Relations, Quad City Flames.

Aaron grew up around Paducah, Kentucky, where he feels pretty sure he was the only hockey fan. While studying broadcasting in college, his professor made it clear that he could choose between keeping his down home pronunciation on the one hand, or continuing to work toward a career in broadcasting on the other.



Lucky for the QC Aaron chose to solder on, coming here to work for the Mallards for three years after working for a year in Cincinnati. The Q.C. Flames are not the Mallards team in new uniforms, but instead are part of a different league altogether, just one level below the National Hockey League. Players for the QC Flames spend three to five years or so here at good salaries, working to be called up to the Calgary Flames in the NHL at amazing salaries.

Aaron joked that mastering the pronunciation of the many European team member's names has gone smoothly, but the Finnish names remain a challenge.



Aaron noted that around the league attendance of 5,000 and up happens on a good Saturday evening, while mid-week games are about half that.

Half the 80 game season is played at home, while the team can have 40 on the roster, dress 22 for travel while playing at most 19 in any one game.

Aaron explained that the Flames were indeed ambassadors for the QCA due not only to the away games but also for the three international exhibition games, bringing notice of our region to the world. Locally the Flames work with youth skating programs in Moline and the QC Sports skate center in Davenport. He's pleased with the good support the Flames enjoy from local corporate partners.

