



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Sept. 22, 2010, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant



Augie marks 150th; Bahls looks forward

The year 2010 is the sesquicentennial anniversary of Augustana College, and **Steven C. Bahls**, the college’s eighth president, is the featured speaker at the Sept. 29 meeting.

Bahls was installed as president in October 2003. During Bahls’ tenure, the college has created a visionary strategic plan; built Duane R. Swanson Commons, a residential facility; and renovated Evald Hall, for the accounting, business,



economics, education and psychology departments. Student

enrollment has grown by almost 10 percent, and the faculty has increased by more than 13 percent. The college has raised more than \$90 million for scholarships, programming and enhancing buildings.

In the Quad-City community, he serves as president of the board of the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the boards of the Putnam Museum, United Way and the Quad City Symphony Orchestra Association.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010

Habitat: fighting poverty in the QC

Kristi Crafton, executive director of Habitat for Humanity in the Quad Cities, reviewed the organization’s impact on the lives of its partners – and its impact on countering poverty in the community – at the Sept. 22 meeting.

Since its 1993 founding, Habitat QC has built 67 new “simple, decent, affordable” homes for people who otherwise could not have owned their own home. It



continues to build new houses, which sell for about \$80,000, at the rate of 6-7 per year, Kristi said.

Habitat homes now house about 270 people, in both Iowa and Illinois QC



communities. The “partners” who buy and live in those homes, Kristi said, are chosen on the basis of need, ability to pay a 0% interest mortgage and their participation in partnering activities – 250 hours of “sweat equity,” building houses or volunteering in other ways.

The success of Habitat QC, she emphasized, is the involvement of volunteers. With a staff of just five – but a volunteer force of 3-4,000 – the organization is able to put the majority of its resources into buying building materials and constructing homes. An important spin-off program – the Habitat ReStore, 3629 Mississippi Ave., Davenport (just east of Dahl Ford) – helps keep costs low by collecting donated high-quality building materials (thus diverting them from landfills) and both selling them to the general public and installing them in Habitat homes.

For more information on Habitat QC or ReStore, or to donate, call 359-9066 or visit www.habitatqc.org.

The meeting opened...

President Jeff Hassel led the recitation of The 4-Way Test, and the day’s songmeister, **Carter LeBeau**, conducted the singing “America The Beautiful.” After Moments of Reflection, during which we learned of the death of the

father of **PDG Bill Tubbs**, the singing resumed with stand-in pianista **Penny McGimpsey** providing accompanim



ent for “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” and “Goodnight, Irene.” (Good night!)

Secretary Chuck (U of I star running back) introduced:

Visiting Rotarians:

Greg Gutgsell, Davenport: Ag. Machinery
Leanne Shaw, Moline: Banking

and Guests:

Josh Carter with Jim Legare
Glenn Kass with Connie Mangler

Announcements...

→ Golf Outing / Steak Fry.

Recalling the beautiful day and good turnout – 9 groups of golfers, more than 80 diners – **John Rabine**



announced that the event netted some \$2,500 for Christmas baskets and other charitable purposes. He thanked all who volunteered to help, and expressed appreciation for the sponsors: **Simon Bowe** / Bowe Machine... **Tim Downing**... **Steve Habenicht** / Home Care Instead... **Dick Schillig**... **Tom**

Howard / Grace Equipment... **Diane Rocketts-McCool** / Professional Touch... **Mike McCool**, dentist... **Kevin Kraft**/ UBS... **Dave Chambers** / McGinnes... **George Daugherty** / McGladry... **Mike Freemire** / Results... **Brad Boeye** / Mel Foster... **Jeff Lanum** / Russell Electric... **Phil Kinsley** / State Farm... **Dave Deuth** / Weerts... **Ralph Heninger** / Heninger & Heninger... **Steve Pieart & Jerry Felsing** / Steve's Mirrors... **Bob Gallagher** / GMG Law Firm... **Rich James** / A.G. Edwards... **John DeDoncker** / THE National Bank... **Mark Ross** / Rossbiz... **John Sherrick** / Sitrick & Associates

➔ **Cancer Fundraisers.** **Mike Freemire** invited participation in the “**Light the Night**” walk, 5:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 24 at Modern Woodmen Park, or “**Spirit Night**” fundraiser, 4-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at Chick-fil-A. 2945 E. 35rd St., Davenport. Both **benefit the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society** of Iowa. Call Mike with questions: **322-2065**.

➔ **Charity deadline.** **President Jeff** reminded all that the deadline for applications to be considered for a grant from the **Bettendorf Rotary Charities Fund** is rapidly approaching: **Oct. 1!**

➔ **Dictionaries.** It's about the time BRC gives a **dictionary to each 4th grader** in Bettendorf schools – public and private. We'll be handing them out **Oct. 12-28** – sign-up sheets will be coming soon.

Presentation

➔ **Banner from the Tubac, Ariz., Rotary Club.** It all sounded so innocent ... at first. And then the details came out. **President Jeff** distinguished himself over the past weekend, when he was in Arizona to cheer the Hawkeyes on (they



needed it, as *that* turned out...). From where he was staying, Jeff could see, across a stretch of golf course, a house that proudly flew... an... Ohio State Buckeyes flag. He contemplated that flag for some hours... over a few tankards of frothy brew. And then the perfect plan came into his head: Wearing only swimming trunks (we're not sure why), he would dash across the golf course, snatch that despised flag – and... take it away?... maybe keep it awhile?... It gets a little fuzzy on that point. But grab that flag, he did! And then the lady of the house came out and asked him what he was doing. Profuse stuttering, stammering and stumbling ensued. In the end, it turns out she and her husband are both members of the Tubac Rotary Club – presidential material, even – and Jeff ended up with their club banner (he gave back the OSU flag). And he learned

something about their club's charity – shoes for people in poverty. But, does he really get a make-up for this caper...?

The news...



Lora Adams gave a roundup of the day's news you won't hear very many other places:

Four downtown Davenport businesses –

Hotel Blackhawk, Adler Theater, River Center and Radisson Quad-City Plaza – branded themselves as The Quad-Cities Event Center.... The wrecking ball is headed for Moline's old nursing school dorm... Kone Centre's 8-story moves a step closer to reality... a Cedar Rapids man had worms in his eye and had them removed... but not without notifying Animal Planet (the home of a sickening series called "Monsters inside Me").... A western Iowa couple escaped injury when their 1893-vintage house collapsed around them... And speaking of appalling TV shows, E! is about to present "Bridalplasty," in which brides-to-be have "extreme" plastic surgery and reveal the results *at the alter* – and it's all emceed by an ex-*Playboy* model.

Sergeant at Arms...

President Jeff went in search of **Ryan \$\$** and found a whole bunch of anniversaries and birthdays. He collected \$162 for our foundations and \$91 for our Scholarship fund from these ecstatic people: **Himself** – 9th anniversary... **Kurt Lokenvitz** – birthday... **Andy Gudgel** – birth of a son... **Tim Lofgren** – 13th anniversary, daughter's birthday...

Dave Falk – 8th (?) anniversary... **Jim Legare** - \$25: \$1 for each Rotary Challenge pound lost... **George Daugherty** – 31st anniversary, son engaged, daughter-in-law-to-be passed bar and got a job... **Jen DeBuhr**'s hubby gets to be an Honor Flight escort... **Lora Adams** – her play, "Souvenir," continues its run at the Village Theatre, Thursday-Sunday... **Doyle McCulley** – pressed a button and got "perfect pancakes in 45 seconds."

Missing today:

K. Adams, Ahlstrand, Blaske, Boeye, Bowe-2, Brown, Brummel-3, Calabrese, Chambers-4, Coley-10, Dobesh, Douglas-2, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-12, Felsing, Foster-2, Hartsock-2, Heninger-2, Hintermeister, Hinton-2, Jones-8, Kappeler-2, Kennedy-2, Lanum-8, Loweth-4, McWilliams, Nielsen, Olson-3, Pelecky-11, Ploehn, Powers-4, Richards-2, Ricketts-McCool, Saul-2, Schuler, Scranton-2, Selden-12, Sherrick-2, Spelhaug-2, St. Laurent-2, Schutte-5, Vogel, Volbrecht-2, Worley-7.

Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @North Scott
Rich James @ Summit County, Colo.
At today's RED BADGE and other meetings: Jim Legare, Mark Ross, Frank Mitvalsky, Bob Gallagher, Kevin Kraft, Linda Miller, Penny McGimpsey, Lee Semenow, Bob Lunding, Susan Praul, Jen DeBuhr, Steve Pieart, Duncan Cameron, Fred Anderson.

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