



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Noon Wednesday, May 11, 2011,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Linda Miller to round up legislative session

The Iowa General Assembly is in something of a limbo at the moment, as legislative leaders and Gov. Terry Branstad wrangle over how to reach a version of the budget that they can all agree on. While House and Senate leaders stay in Des Moines to play this game, they sent most lawmakers home on May 4 because they've run out of things to do until they agree on the budget.



Assuming this all gets ironed out by next Wednesday, our own **Linda Miller**, who represents House Dist. 82 (Bettendorf), will be here to present her take on the Assembly's 2011 session. Linda's

standing committee assignments are Education, Human Resources and State Government, and she serves on the

Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, May 4, 2010

BRC celebrates at Club Assembly

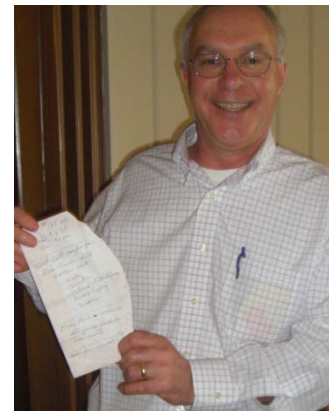
President Jeff Hassel convened the Club Assembly, introducing presentations by several members.

Jim Spelhaug, Youth Services director, spoke first. He thanked **Chuck Mooney**, **Rich James** and **Jim Stradt** and their wives for the financial gifts that started the endowment that underpins BRC's

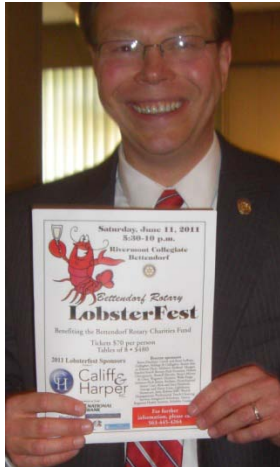


educational foundation. Jim said BRC has grown its scholarship program from four \$500 scholarships a few short years ago to six \$1,000 scholarships this year – and hopes for eight next year – given annually to grads of Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley High Schools, Rivermont Collegiate and Scott Community College. Jim also advocated reinstating the Youth Exchange program, which brings a student from abroad to spend a year at a Bettendorf high school.

George Daugherty presented the budget report (actually, the back of a torn placemat) for next fiscal year, which



calls for \$65-70,000 in estimated total membership costs (meals, national and Rotary Foundation dues, record-keeping, support for the president-elect's trip to the Rotary International convention) – which must be balanced by members' dues. Those dues will have to rise to \$185 per quarter, George said, beginning July 1.



Scott Naumann and **Frank Mitvalsky** split the report on LobsterFest, during which they thanked many members who make specific contributions to the event. They include **Ann**

Kappeler – decorations, **Frank Mitvalsky** – logistics and “weather reports every 5 minutes or so,” **Decker Ploehn** – master of ceremonies, **Penny McGimpsey** and **Cathy Duda** – tickets, **Dave Deuth** – public-address system, **Sharon Sarver** – recruiting and “wrangling” volunteers, **Tony Calabrese** – tables, **Tom Ahlstrand** – Starbuck’s coffee, **Todd Larsen** – shuttles, **Duncan Cameron** – spirits, **Ken Vandersnick**, **Rich James**, **Frank Schwab** – HyVee food, **Kurt Lokenvitz** – programs, **Rick St. Laurent** – the Rivermont venue, **Carter Lebeau** – photos. To close their report, Frank and Scott urged, ell tickets, sell tickets, sell tickets!”

President Jeff announced awards BRC had received at the recent Region 6000 convention:

➔ Presidential Citation, for achievements in all areas of Rotary service...



Dave Deuth, Jeff Hassel with their awards

➔ Guardian of Integrity – **Dave Deuth** was BRC’s nominee...

➔ Membership Development – with a 3-year increase of 20.2% (from 89 to 107 members) –

Connie Mangler and the Membership Committee...

➔ Outstanding Club

Newsletter – First Place for clubs of 56 or more members – editor **Fred**

Anderson and the faithful crew whose names you see in each issue of *BRC News* (see page 5).



Reports on the foundations and committees will be presented at the Red Badge Meeting, May 18 (see page 3).

The meeting opened...

... with **President Jeff Hassel** leading recitation of “The 4-Way Test” – the banner has been re-hung, by the way.

Tom Howard led the patriotic song, “This Is My Country,” followed by Moments of Reflection, during which **Jim Spelhaug** asked that we remember the family of PVHS freshman Trent Herman, who had just died.



The singing resumed, under Tom’s direction, with “Rotary Ideals, “The Sunny Side of the Street” and “Happy birthday, Dear Rotarians” – specifically:

May birthdays...

1, Decker Ploehn; 12, Jim Legare; 13, George Worley, Steve Nielsen; 16, Tom Coley; 19, **Laurie Dobesh**, Todd Ashby; 29, Sharon Sarver; 31, Carl Loweth

Secretary Chuck introduced:

Visiting Rotarian:

Cheryl Salley, Moline: Manager

Guests:

Jean Dickson with **Kevin Kraft**
Derik Morgan with **Cheryl Salley**
Beverly Murray with **Penny McGimpsey**
Ron Edwards with **John Archer**
Rich Oswald with **Audie Foster**

Announcements...

➔ **BRC Social Hour.** The next event is scheduled to begin at 5:15 p.m. Monday, May 16, at Symposium.

➔ **Red Badge Meeting.** New members can remove the red patch from their name

badge after they’ve attended the Red Badge Meeting, at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Farraday’s. Club Assembly information will continue at that session – specifically, updates on the foundations and committees, **President Jeff** announced.

Induction...

... by Past President **Dave Falk** of our newest member, **Brian Rolf**, a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch. QC natives Brian and his wife Kathy, a Lourdes School nurse, are parents to four children, from 1st grade to high school junior.



The news...

Lora Adams reported some really fun news (after she got past the dog that bit two people in Bettendorf and the feds’ lawsuit against Deutsche Bank alleging fraud in mortgage loans). Kohler announced a “new standard of excellence in the bathroom” – the “Numi,” with motion-activated seat, feet-warming, music and remote-control flushing.... A man in Germany accidentally wandered into a women’s prison and got locked inside.... And a British immigration officer tried to get rid of his wife by adding her name to a list of suspected terrorists after she went to Pakistan to visit family.

Sergeant at arms...

President Jeff collected \$286 for our foundations + \$54 from **Laurie Dobesh** (birthday) for our Scholarship fund.

Ryan \$\$ came from these happy members:

Dave Falk – “A buck a bullet”... **Scott Naumann** – “Leaving early” (but did he?)... **Ann Kappeler** –



expecting the birth of her first grandchild... **Brent Werner** – been absent because “Business has been good”... **Decker Ploehn** – family funeral and “I didn’t sit at

the birthday table”... **Gene Miller** – birth of first great-granddaughter – \$10 for 10#... **Amber Castro** - \$20 for the first 20 LobsterFest Silent Auction items (“only 60 to go”)... **Kevin Kraft** – “We live in the greatest country – with the best military in the world”... **Mark Ross** - \$5 for 5 weeks here + going to golf with **John Archer** to celebrate their MBA milestone... **Dick Schillig** – 124 days to RWC + thanx to **Decker** for reopening Middle Road near his office + Mother’s Day... **John Archer** – thanx “for friends like **Mark Ross** (“Get a room,” someone shouted out)... **Doyle McCully** – “I’d be happy if you’d buy up all the cake.” [NOTE: BRC refers to “Happy Bucks” as “**Ryan Bucks (\$\$)**” in honor of the late **Jon Ryan**, a loyal Rotarian and jokester, who died all too soon.]

Upcoming programs:

May 11: Rep. Linda Miller’s annual legislative update

Missing today:

Atnip-2, Bowe-5, Brown-5, Chambers, Coley-13, DeBuhr, DeDoncker,

Downing, Ellstrom-17, Felsing, Freese-4, Gallagher, Heinrich-16, Heninger, Hintermeister, Hinton-3, Harrison-2, Kass, Kennedy-2, Lane, Legare-5, Lofgren-4, McWilliams-6, L. Miller-16, Nanda, Olson-3, Pelecky-4, Piart, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Saul, Sherrick-2, Sorensen, Schutte-2, Worley-3

Make-ups:

Rich James @ Summit County, Colo.

At today’s committee meetings: Todd Larsen, Greg Blaske, Ann Kappeler, Audie Foster, John Rabine, Phil Kinsley, Kurt Lokenvitz, Rich James, Tom Ahlstrand, Bob Lundin, Carl Loweth, Laurie Dobesh, Duncan Cameron, Kirsten Adams, David Death

News staff...



Editor, reporter: **Fred Anderson...**
Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...
Photographer: Carter LeBeau...
Webmeister: Ralph

Heninger... Website host: Harry Coin

RI news...

The Rotary Japan Disaster Recovery Fund has raised more than US\$500,000 as of 25 March.

In response to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11 March, The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund, which will

support long-term recovery projects in affected areas.

Rotarians and non-Rotarians can [donate online](#). Clubs and districts can contribute cash and District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations to the fund. The deadline for contributing to the fund is 31 December 2011.



The 9.0-magnitude quake, Japan's largest in history, and the tsunami that followed it caused widespread devastation, paralyzing much of the

northern coast. More than 10,000 people have been killed, and thousands are missing. Millions have been left without clean water or power, and at least 550,000 people have been forced from their homes....

RI President-nominee Sakuji Tanaka, of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, was in Lisbon, Portugal, on Rotary business during the disasters. He was able to reach his wife, Kyoko, on the phone to confirm her safety.

“She said it was the most horrifying experience she’d ever had,” says Tanaka. “The northern region of Japan is still in chaos. We are unsure when this chaos will end or when things will get better. However, I am most thankful to know that Rotarians around the world care for us.”...

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide are mobilizing efforts to bring urgently needed aid to victims....

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/110315_news_japan.aspx

[NOTE: To help BRC readers keep updated on Rotary International news, in each issue we’ll run excerpts of an item at Rotary.org – with a link to the full article.]

Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club
Monday, noon: Moline – Christ the King Catholic Church

Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Arbor Village Club House, Moline

Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapid City

Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center

Wednesday, noon: Bettendorf – Fortune Garden Restaurant

Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi’s Restaurant, Davenport

Thursday, 7 a.m.: IA Quad Cities – The Lodge, Bettendorf

Thursday, noon: East Moline – Christ United Methodist Church

Thursday, noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country Club

Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

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

