



**THE  
BETTENDORF  
ROTARY  
CLUB NEWS**  
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Aug. 4, 2010, issue

***Next meeting:***  
Noon Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010,  
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

**Scott's Emergency  
Comms. Center...**

The term "Scott Emergency Communication Center" doesn't usually spark a lively conversation. "In fact," says our Aug. 11 speaker, **Dee Bruemmer**, Scott County administrator, "many residents don't know the emergency management services in place every day, keeping our residents safe...."



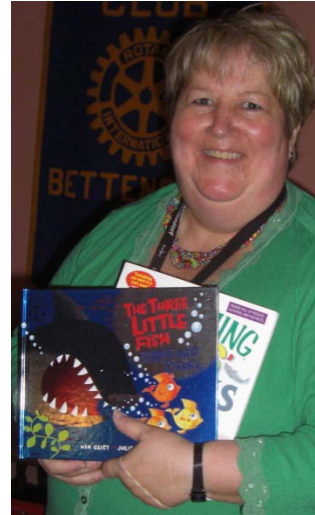
Bruemmer will update us on the efforts of all Scott County jurisdictions and emergency response agencies to the county's consolidated dispatch services and upgraded radio communications, which are scheduled to become fully operational in spring 2011.

She has been in Scott County administrator since 2008, and was Davenport's public works director and assistant city administrator 1981-2008.

***Last meeting:***  
Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2010

**Kids' Experience  
at library Aug. 21**

"It's like College for Kids – in one day," said **Tami Finley**, youth services/senior manager of the Bettendorf Public Library, as she described the library's Kids' Experience, scheduled for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21. She and **Rick Brammer**, who often performs magic at the library, provided details at our Aug. 4 meeting.



The "curriculum" of this third Experience reads like all the fun things kids could do on a late-August Saturday: balloon sculptures, juggling (with Ronald McDonald), face painting, caricature drawing (and other art), music, origami... and some slightly more serious topics, "Money Matters" and "Sign Language." They also can follow an obstacle course from the Bettendorf Life Fitness Center, learn about the theater, watercolors or storytelling, and eat hot dogs for lunch – the library served more than 400 of them at last year's Experience.

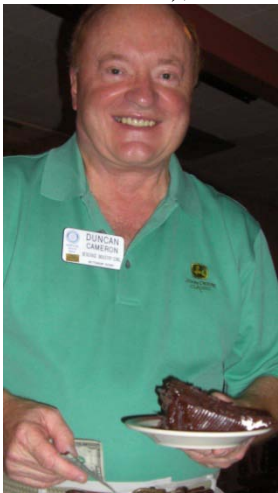
With all that going on, Tami said – after showing a video of kids at the first year's event – "we'll still be open for regular business."

## The meeting opened...



**President Jeff Hassel** opened the meeting with the recitation of the 4-Way Test and group singing of the day's patriotic song, "God Bless America." After Moments of Reflection, the singing resumed,

under the expert guidance of song leader **Tom Howard** and the piano stylings of **Bernie Vogel**. After a rousing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" (to mark Rotary Night at the Ballpark – see below) and "Run With Carl" (to the tune of "Ain't We Got Fun"), we all wished the



following folks "Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians":

### August birthdays...

9, Penny McGimpsey; 12, Jerry Felsing; 14, Diane Ricketts-McCool; 19, Duncan Cameron; 22, Dawn Saul; 27,

Linda Miller; 28, Tom Ahlstrand, Ben Selden

### Secretary Chuck introduced:

#### Guests:

Pat Cundiff with Kevin Kraft  
Ellen Haroson with Kirsten Adams

### Announcements...

➔ **Rotary Night at the Ballpark.** The game took place the evening after the meeting at Modern Woodmen Park.



During the meeting **Decker Ploehn** sold 31 tickets. At the game **George**

**Daugherty** threw out the first pitch ... for Bettendorf Rotary. (The Clinton Lumber Kings came from behind to defeat the QC River Bandits 12-11 in 11 innings at Modern Woodmen Park.)



➔ **WQPT Challenge.** President Jeff announced the need for 5 more volunteers to staff the Bettendorf Rotary portion of the challenge – beginning **6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18**. He got them. They'll get full instructions from **Lora Adams** – who will cheer them on as they get more pledge \$\$ than the Davenport Rotary volunteers (who will be working the phones that same night) so **Bettendorf can get our trophy back!!**

➔ **BRC Golf Outing.** Put it on your calendar – it's **Sept. 15**. More later...

➔ **Golf Outing (Part Deux).** While we were on the subject, **Rick St. Laurent** said Rivermont Collegiate will have its first fundraising golf outing on Sept. 20 – to benefit the school's scholarship program. Details: **359-1366** or [stlaurent@rvmt.org](mailto:stlaurent@rvmt.org)



➔ **Rotary in Motion Challenge/Run With Carl.** With just 33 days left (now fewer) until Labor Day, **Dick Schillig** updated the Motion Challenge – “StepTeasers” 2,747 miles – “RotoRockets” 2,253 miles. (Those RAGBRAI miles had a big effect... and not just on the Motion Challenge – see below.)

In probably her last official act before this year’s RWC, **Chelsea Powers** (who’s due to complete her own project any moment now...) reiterated her plea for volunteers – to supply cookies, or to work \*course traffic, stuff packets or staff \*water stops (\*worth extra Motion Challenge miles).



### **BRC extra...**

Blame RAG-BRAI, and maybe a vacation in the mountains of Colorado, for the recent outbreak of chin shrubbery, including **Kevin Kraft, Frank Mitvalsky** and **Mayor Mike Freemire...**

### **The news...**

**Fred Anderson** reported some news – 34 U.S. billionaires pledge to give half their wealth to charity... BP’s finally plugs Gulf of Mexico oil leak... stocks climbed – and some other stuff: Atlanta police say a thief who robbed a Wendy’s drive-through window phoned to complain about the small amount of cash he got.



### **Sergeant at Arms...**

**President Jeff** collected \$222 in **Ryan \$\$** for our foundations from these happy folks: **Chelsea Powers** – baby’s almost here... **Duncan Cameron** – proud of the Milwaukee Brewers... **Ralph Heninger** – daughter hired, son off to med. School (and earlier, in Moments of Reflection, dad recovering after a mild heart attack)... **Rich James** – helped the Boy Scouts celebrate 100 years... **Kevin Craft** – while on RAGBRAI, a makeup meeting at Clear Lake, Iowa, where he met **Bernie Vogel**’s son-in-law and grandson... **George Daugherty** – that by-now famous Opening Pitch... **Todd Larson** – seeing half his wealth going... **Jeff Hassle** – Brett Favre’s (maybe? – quick: check ESPN) retirement... **John DeDoncker** – taking his kids to Rotary Night at the Ballpark... and hoping George’s pitch makes it over the plate...

### **Missing Today:**

L. Adams, Adamson-5, Ahlstrand, Blaske, Brown-5, Brumme -5, Calabrese, Chambers, Coley-3, Dobesh, Downing, Ellstrom-5, Felsing, Freese, Gudgel, Hartsock-3, Heinrichs-5, Hintermeister-3,

Hinton-5, Jochmann, Jones, Kappeler, Lanum, Loweth-2, McGimpsey, McWilliams-2, L. Miller, Pelecky-4, Richards, Ricketts-McCool, Sarver, Selden-5, Schuler, Schutte-3.

### **Make-Ups:**

Duncan Cameron @ North Scott

At today's committee meeting: Phil Kinsley, Karen Atnip, Rick St. Laurent, Joe Douglas, Bob Gabrilson, Simon Bowe, Bob Lundin, Mark Ross, Todd Larsen, Frank Mitvalsky, Steve Nielsen, Audie Foster, John DeDoncker, Paul Scranton, Jim Legare, George Worley, Pat Eikenberry, Rick James, Steve Habenicht, Kurt Lokenvitz, Brian Kennedy, Decker Ploehn, Duncan Cameron, Mike Freemire, Connie Mangler.

### **New member proposal...**

**Jen DeBuhr** has been proposed by **Kirsten Adams**. Jan works at Senior Star at Elmore Place. Her classification is Community Relations Consultant. Members have 10 days to file a written objection – which must be signed – with the club secretary.

### **Future meetings:**

**Aug 11:** Dee Bruemmer, Scott County administrator, "Scott Emergency Communication Center"

**Aug. 18:** Sharon Sarver, "Vocational Service Talks"

**Aug. 25:** Dr. Joseph Rives, vice president, Western Illinois University Quad Cities Planning & Technology, "Progress on WIU QC Riverfront Campus and plans for the future."

### **Other news...**

→ **S.K. retires.** Seeing him *without a tie* at the meeting was a clue: **S.K. Nanda**

retired last Friday after 42 years with the Army Corps of Engineers.

At his retirement party, the Army gave him a whole bunch of medals – in fact, the most service medals a civilian officer can receive – which must mean the Army really liked the things he did during his career. They are (l-r, below) Exceptional Civilian Service Medal (civilian equivalent of the Distinguished Service Cross), Meritorious Civilian Service Medal (= Distinguished Service Medal), Superior Civilian Service Medal (= Soldier's Medal), Commander's Medal for Civilian Service (= Army Commendation Medal) and Achievement Medal for Civilian Service (=Army Achievement Medal).



S.K. also received (not shown) the Silver and Bronze Order of De Fleury medals, which are awarded for service or support to the Engineer Regiment. The De Fleury medal was the first medal authorized by Congress for valor.

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