



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club

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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, April 22, 2009,
Iowa Room, Waterfront
Convention Center...

Lunch, tour of newest Bettendorf attraction

Thanks to the efforts of our own **Decker Ploehn**, Bettendorf city administrator, we will meet in the **Iowa Room** of the new **Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center** for lunch and a tour of the facility, with General Manager Nancy Donovan from the Isle of Capri.

(Remember to park in the lot east of the center, 2021 State St., and go in the east entrance.)

The \$20 million center, which is owned by the City of Bettendorf and managed by the Isle of Capri, is expected to attract numerous large events, such as an international softball conference, as well as smaller parties – more than two dozen weddings have already been booked. A skywalk connects the convention center to the Isle of Capri’s Paradise tower.

On our tour of the 50,000-square-foot facility, we’ll see such features as the



Workers put finishing touches on the Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center in early February.

versatile meeting spaces, the business center and its huge kitchen, where meals will be prepared on-site rather than catered elsewhere.

Mike Spector, the lead architect with Downing Architects of Bettendorf, told the *Quad-City Times* he created the building with the intention of making it look dramatic at night.

Mayor Mike Freemire told the *Times*, “The convention center is a significant achievement for the redevelopment of the downtown and riverfront area.”

Last meeting:

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 ...

‘Stimulus spending and your taxes’



On Tax Day, appropriately, **Bill Onions**, CPA, outlined some of the effects of the Obama Administration’s economic stimulus program and next fiscal year’s budget on individuals and small businesses.

A senior tax manager with DeLoitte, Onions has more than 11 years' experience in public accounting, specializing in "providing federal and state tax services to high net-worth individuals and large and mid-sized businesses in a variety of industries including manufacturing, engineering, construction and real estate development," according to program chairman Brian Kennedy.

Onions received his B.S. in accounting at Rutgers University. He is affiliated with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Institute of Management Accountants, Illowa Chapter, where he is a past board member.



Announcements:

President Nicole McWilliams presided. The meeting opened with the singing of the second verse of "America" in our songbooks, and moments of reflection.

→ RED BADGE MEETING 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23 in the St. Croix Room, which is in the new tower of the Isle of Capri Hotel. All new members with a red "new member" sticker on your nametag must attend this meeting to have the sticker removed. You'll learn lots about being a Rotarian. And then there are those wonderful Isle hors d'oeuvres...



President Nicole McWilliams places a Rotary pin on new member Sharon Sarver's sweater.

→ S.K. Nanda inducted our newest member, **Sharon Sarver**, director of child welfare programs at Family Resources of the Quad Cities, whose mission since 1849 has been to strengthen children, families and individuals with a variety of quality services.



→ President Nicole read a letter from **James E. Stewart**, who expressed his regrets at having to resign for health reasons. A member of Rotary for more than 50 years, he had been a Bettendorf Rotarian since Sept. 27, 1967. Jim and his wife Thelma live in Bettendorf.



→ Dick Schillig reminded us that it is just **145 days until the 15th annual Run With Carl** on Labor Day – with Bettendorf Rotary as presenting sponsor – to raise funds for scholarships for graduating seniors from Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley high schools.

→ **Fred Anderson** announced that the organizers of a Rotary-affiliated group that uses sports events, such as a future Quad-City River Bandits game, to raise prostate-cancer awareness has contacted Bettendorf Rotary. More information will be coming soon....

→ **Frank Mitvalsky** reminded us that the **Lobsterfest Committee** meets every other Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Bettendorf Library. After meeting on April 16, the next meeting will be April 30. Fewer than 100 tickets remain. Along with Bettendorf Rotary, this premier fund-raising event is being sponsored by:



- THE National Bank, Presenting Sponsor
- Professional Touch Cleaning Service, Gold Sponsor
- HomeInstead Senior Care, Iowa American Water Co. and Weerts Funeral Home, Silver Sponsors
- Califf & Harper PC, Estes Construction, Glen Pelecky, Russell Electric, Schebler Company, Wachovia Securities and Wagners Cleaners, Bronze Sponsors.



→ **Carolyn Leutwyler** asked how many present would be willing to provide **home-made desserts for the Lobsterfest**. After seeing the response, she said a sign-up sheet would be circulated at next

week's meeting. Start practicing those delicious recipes! **MORE: P. 4**

→ If youse knows what's good for youse, there's still have time to make a reservation to attend **"Whacked at Da Wedding,"** a comedy whodunit to **help raise funds for**



Polio Plus. The vows in this event joining the Manicotti and Gelatto "mob" families begins at **6 p.m. Friday, May 1, at The Fountains Clubhouse** in Bettendorf. **Mystery package**, including dinner – sumptuous Italian food prepared by a Sicilian chef – and entertainment, **is only \$30.** **Scott Naumann** (who is also a member of the "wedding party") has **more details: 326-1237. RSVP to Chuck Mooney by the April 29 Rotary meeting.**

→ **OOPS!** In last week's issue, we mis-identified a photo of **Chelsea Powers** (who was really a very good sport about the error) in the announcement about the New Member Committee project to partner with the Association of the United States Army to sponsor discount retail cards for veterans. We'll adjust those tri-focals a little better in future....

The news

Lora Adams continued the grand Bettendorf Rotary tradition of presenting the news you just won't find anywhere else. Here's a case in point from her April 15 report:

"Rod Blagojevich has been invited to take part in a reality TV show set in Costa Rica.

"Based on a hit British program, 'I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!' is scheduled to premiere on NBC on June 1.

"The show will see a group of celebrities left in the middle of the jungle, with viewers voting on who should stay or leave.

"The impeached former Illinois governor reportedly could earn as much as \$80,000 an episode."

And, just so everyone gets a chance to see and hear Susan Boyle, the surprise international singing sensation who captivated even cynical Simon Cowell, here's a hot link:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnmbJzH93NU>

'We are a singing Rotary...'



While **Bernie Vogel** tickled the ivories, Songmeister **Tom Howard** led rousing versions of "The Four-Way Test," "Zip-A-Dee

Doo-Dah" and "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" – including a chorus of "... root, root root for the Bandits..."

Sergeant at arms

Sgt-at-arms **Frank Mitvalsky** collected \$98 for our foundations. Chuck Mooney added a happy-birthday check for \$87 for the scholarship foundation. Frank – who, by the way, was recognized as one of the

Quad-Cities' Outstanding People Under 40 (did anybody hear what size fine he actually paid...?) – gave a nod to Tax Day by asking such rhetorical questions as, "What's brown and looks good on an IRS agent?" [Answer: A Doberman pinscher.]



How you can help with Lobsterfest

It's just **58 days** and counting until the 3rd Annual Bettendorf Rotary **Lobsterfest!** We continue to bring on board new sponsors, and we are less than 100 tickets away from another sell-out.

That being said...

YOUR help is desperately needed in securing **items for our silent auction.**

Last year's auction was a big money maker for us, and this year's auction needs to be more successful yet. Items such as:

- Overnight hotel stays
- Restaurant gift cards
- Tickets to sporting events
- Tickets to concerts and theater productions
- Lawn care equipment
- Jewelry
- Wine Baskets
- Gourmet dinners
- Arts & Collectables

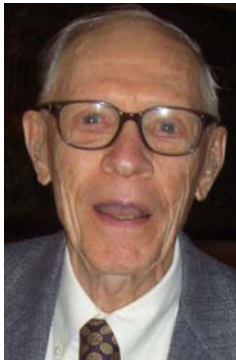
will make **GREAT** items for the silent auction. If everyone pitches in and secures one or two items, this year's silent auction is sure to be great. [**Continued**]



Once you've secured an item for the **Lobsterfest silent auction**, please **contact Nicole McWilliams to arrange for delivery** of the item. Contact her at **(563) 676-7660** or via email to nmcwilliams@pensioninc.com.

Thank you all for your support!!

Your Friendly Lobsterfest Committee



Secretary Chuck Mooney introduced visiting Rotarian...

Kurt Duitsman, Davenport, Carpet Sales

Upcoming featured programs

From Brian Kennedy, program chairman:

- ➔ April 22: "Field Trip" to the Iowa Room, Waterfront Convention Center
- ➔ April 29: State Rep. Linda Miller, "State Legislative Session Recap"
- ➔ May 6: Joyce Gibson, Director of Lydia House
- ➔ May 13: Club dinner to recognize winners of membership drive
- ➔ May 27: Dick Schillig, Run with Carl Scholarship presentation

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Please use this news!

Invite prospective new members who might appreciate our speakers.

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

MISSING TODAY:

Ahlstrand-2, Bowe-3, Brown, Calabrese, Case-2, Chambers-2, H. Coin, Coley, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dobesh-15, Douglas-2, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-15, Felsing-2, Freemire, Freese-2, Gallagher, Hartsock, Kappeler, Kempton-15, Kennedy, Lanum, Legare-7, Link-15, Mangler, L.Miller-10, Pelecky-2, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Ross-2, Rossmiller, Ryan-3, Sherrick, Spelhaug, Spyrow-15, St. Laurent-9, Swan-15, Tyler-5, Volbrecht-2, Worley

MAKE UPS:

Duncan Cameron at Naples Bay, Fla.: Naples, Fla.; Rock Island

At today's committee meeting:

Nicole McWilliams, Frank Mitvalsky, S.K. Nanda, Scott Naumann, Duncan Cameron

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Make up a meeting at a nearby Rotary Club:

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