



The Bettendorf Rotary Club News
**Dec. 10th, 2008. Guests Welcome at our next meeting, Wed.,
Dec. 17th, 2008 Noon at the Fortune Garden. Featuring:**

Holiday Music Program – Pleasant Valley High School



For the meeting on the 17th, the Bettendorf Rotary will have a special treat as the Pleasant Valley High School student orchestra will perform “sounds of the seasons” to help us welcome in the Christmas holiday.

Once again we thank Jim Spelhaug for making these talented young people available for our entertainment pleasure.

What a wonderful beginning for the holiday season.



You might be interested to know that PV long pondered the formation of a music program, and in October 2002, the high school orchestra made its debut. In the beginning 112 students enrolled for the music program, and it has grown every year since to become a very popular element of the Fine Arts Curriculum.

From that early beginning, the orchestra has continued to build a reputation of excellence, and has demonstrated its talent at various QC events. Make plans to be there and show your appreciation for these outstanding young people.

by Connie Mangler

Rotary News and Announcements



**Nicole McWilliams
President**

We opened our meeting with the singing of "America the Beautiful", followed by several moments of silence for personal reflection. You can still donate clothing for Christian Care. Next week There will be **NO MEETINGS on December 24th. & December 31st.**

**Fred Anderson
The News**

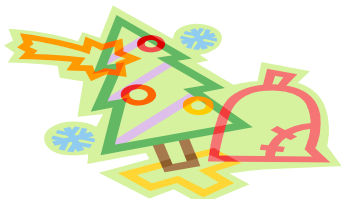


Scott Naumann

We have fulfilled the volunteer slots for delivering Christmas basket to 14 families. Our club will also make a \$40 per child contribution for Christmas gifts. You will be given one wish list per family. This will be extremely rewarding to you and the family. Thank you again for volunteering for a worthy cause. Baskets will need to be picked up at Hy-Vee Dec. 20th.

Save the date

Our Christmas party is January, 3rd 2009 at Crow Valley Country Club



**Vicki Tyler
Sergeant-at-arms**

Collected 118 for our foundations.



Tom Howard
Leading Rotary songs with Bernie Vogel at the piano.



Additional News

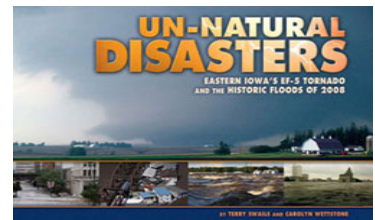
Terry Swails

Author of Un-Natural Disasters



Terry Swails gave a very interesting talk about his books, "Un-Natural Disasters" and "Superstorms", which are both very detailed examinations of some of the worst weather in Iowa history. Terry shared his excitement in joining "storm chaser" teams in Kansas in the hope of seeing a tornado up close and personal. As you would expect from Murphy's Law, the day

Terry returned home is the very day that Parkersburg was struck by a huge EF-5 tornado. The devastation was unbelievable! As if to demonstrate just how bad our weather can be here in Iowa, we all remember the floods of 2008. For those of you who may have driven through Cedar Rapids, you would have been stunned by the damage caused by the Cedar and Iowa rivers overflowing their banks. At times like that we see just how helpless we are against nature. The book "Superstorms" explains that our weather can be so violent because the Midwest is situated between the warm breezes of the Gulf of Mexico and the bitter cold of the Yukon. The collision of the weather elements leads to extreme temperature swings, violent tornadoes, giant hailstorms destructive floods, and blinding blizzards. Thank you Terry for a truly memorable presentation.



Please visit www.terryswails.com for details.

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Jeff Hassel gave a report explaining how Lobsterfest funds were spent.

We had 37 applicants for a total request of \$37,000. Since we had \$15,000 to allocate, our Board has approved the following: "Alternatives for the Older" for \$1,500, "The American Red Cross of the Quad Cities Area" for \$1,200, "Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley" for \$1,500, "Boys and Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley" for \$2,500, "Camp Courageous of Iowa" for \$2,500, "Child Abuse Council" for \$2,500, "Children's Therapy Center of the Quad Cities" for \$1,800, and "The Pleasant Valley High School Cheerleaders" for \$1,500.

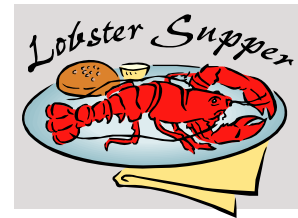


Thanks to everyone that made Lobsterfest so successful.

THE NATIONAL BANK



Frank Mitvalsky, Lobsterfest Chair, brought John DeDoncker to the front of the meeting to announce that The National Bank is again the sponsor for Lobsterfest 2009. This is the third year in row that the bank has served as the major sponsor. The major sponsor allows our club to purchase tickets and start planning. John received a standing ovation.



"Tip of the hat" to **Ralph Henniger** for one year of volunteer help on the newsletter. Once Connie writes the newsletter, Ralph turns into a PDF and post on the Bettendorf Rotary web site and makes sure each member receives a separate email to view.





Thank you Chuck for all you do for the club. Another amazing year serving as Club Secretary, Treasurer and minute taker at our weekly meetings.



Visiting Rotarians & Guest

Scott Raney, Wabash, Indiana, Water Utility (hopes to transfer to our club) Ralph Heninger, Davenport, Attorney. Jim Prather, Illinois Quad Cities < DG of District 6420
Guest: Brad Boeye with Tom Ahlstrand (kit) Audie Foster with Greg Blaske, Jill Eikenberry with Pat Eikenberry, Pat Quinn with Joe Douglas and Mike Vollbrecht with Scott Naumann

MISSING TODAY

Adams -2, Anderson, Brown, Calabrese, Cameron, chambers, Colely -7, Daughtry, Ellstrom -24, Essner -8, Felsing -2, Freemire -5, Freese, Heninger -2, Jahn -9, Kappeler, Kempton -24, Kennedy -3, Loweth, Link -8, Ploehn, Rossmiller, Ryan, Selden, Sherrick, 9, Spyrow -7, St. Laurent -4, Swan -6, Worlely -17.

Make Ups

At todays committee meeting .. Steve Habenick, Todd Larsen, Bob Gallagher, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Linda Miller, Chelsea Powers, David Deuth, Rick James, Laurie Dobesh, S.K.Nanda, Vicki Tyler, Joe Douglas, Carolyn Leutwyler, Simon Bowe, Gene Miller, Bernie Vogel, Karen Atnip, Dick Schillig.



From Mr. Brian Kennedy, program chairman:

Upcoming Featured Speakers

- **Happy Holidays!**
- **No Meeting until Jan. 7th 2009**

Please use this news!

Invite prospective new members who might appreciate our speakers.

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

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

