



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

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Remembering Bernie...

Bernie Vogel, a Bettendorf Rotarian for 30 years, died on Sunday, July 31, after an extended illness. The long-time pianist before and during meetings, Bernie was remembered during the Aug. 3 meeting for his many talents and contributions: **President Scott Naumann** referred to Bernie's deep faith and his impact on youth, as a teacher of choral music at Bettendorf High School. **Dave Deuth** recalled how Bernie was responsible for BRC's support of the latrine project in Xinoteca, Nicaragua. **Tom Olson** recalled Bernie's work with high school choruses – as well as that of his friend, **Ernie Behrens**, as BHS band teacher. **Bob Ryken** thanked Bernie for taking over as BRC pianist – "I was the pianist before he came, and I was terrible." **Tom Howard** praised Bernie's musicianship – "He played by ear, a true gift from God."

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Decker brings home more golf stories...

Decker Ploehn isn't just a golf fan. He's such a fan that last year he followed players from the John Deere Classic to the British Open, and he told us



all about the trip. This year, he's done one better; he went to Scotland again – and then on to the Canadian Open. He brought back more photos and stories to share at the Aug. 10 meeting.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2010

Pres. Lescinski gives SAU update

Almost exactly three years after her first visit to Bettendorf Rotary, **Joan Lescinski**, CSJ, PhD, the president and CEO of St. Ambrose University, returned with an update for our Aug. 3 meeting.

The university has done a lot of building recently, Sister Joan said, "all meant to improve service to students and strengthen our relationships with our neighbors and the greater Quad Cities." In her four years as president, SAU has erected two major buildings and is in the



midst of a storm-water mitigation project that will alleviate Locust Street flooding in heavy rains as it improves parking on campus. By the way, she pointed out, the campus uses its detained water on the campus’s landscaping.

The president went on to talk about what’s coming next. The university will build a new dormitory at Harrison and Lombard and two new parking lots near campus. SAU has purchased “The Bubble” on North Brady Street, which it will use for indoor athletic practice space. Elsewhere in Davenport, the university has sold the Professional Arts Bldg. at Locust and Main to private developers, and it will expand its presence in the Graduate Studies Center being developed in the downtown New Ventures Center. Two new vice presidents have recently joined the staff, she said.

Looking further into the future, she said the University Board is reviewing recommendations for 10-20 years out.

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and singing of the patriotic song, “America the Beautiful.” After Moments of Reflection, during which some members shared memories of **Bernie Vogel**, the singing resumed under the direction of **Tom Howard** with pianist **Gail Baldwin**: “Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry,” “Five Foot Two,” “Tavern in the Town” and, of course, “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians” – this month for: **August birthdays...** 4, Steve Sorenson; 5, Amber Castro; 7, Ron Edwards; 9, Penny McGimpsey; 12, Jerry Felsing; 14, Diane Ricketts-McCool, **Jay Willsher**; 19, Duncan Cameron; 22, **Dawn Saul**; 27, Linda Miller; 28, Tom Ahlstrand



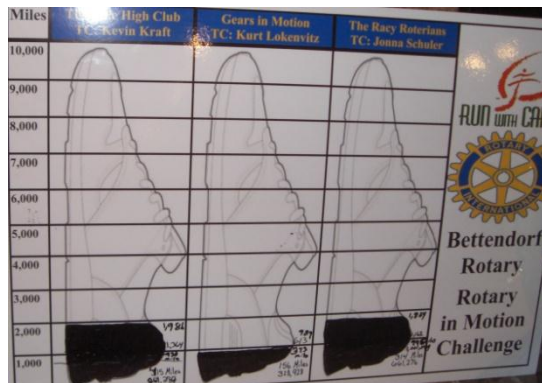
**Secretary Chuck introduced:
Visiting Rotarians:**

Merle Anderson, North Scott: Ag. Marketing
Jack Hasken, Dubuque: Sales
PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott: Publisher

Guests:

Scott Banbewoesey, Rock Island: Quad City Chamber of Commerce
Justin Brown with **Kevin Kraft**

Announcements...



➔ **Rotary-in-Motion Challenge.** In week #4, **Dick Schillig** reported on the close race for 1st place: **Kevin Kraft**'s



“Mile High Club” kept its slim lead, now totaling 1,986 miles; **Jonna Schuler** and her “Racy Rotarians” inched closer with 1,834 miles. Meanwhile, **Kurt Lokenvitz**'s “Gears in Motion” are still in the game with 613 miles (“We’re saving the drama to the end,” Kurt quipped.). Strider award winners this week are **Carter LeBeau**, “Racy” (thanks to pedaling in his 39th RAGBRAI [that’s all there have been!]), **Doyle McCully**, “Mile High,” and **Mike Limberg**, “Gears.” Next: Week 5... 33 days to RWC.



➔ **BRC Social Hour.** The next social hour will be on **Thursday**, Aug. 18, at Governor's, Bettendorf, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Presentation...

➔ **Rotarian of the Quarter.** **Kevin Kraft** presented the “Rotarian of the Quarter” plaque to **Amber Castro** for her leadership role on the project to redecorate our room at the Fortune Garden, and for her work securing Silent Auction items for the LobsterFest.



The news...

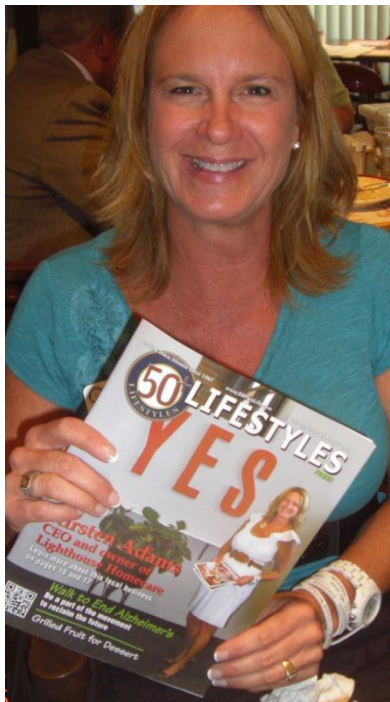
Lora Adams reported all the news that fit in 2 minutes: In the QC's big weekend, 19,850 bikers rode the last leg of RAGBRAI into Davenport – and 14,938 runners participated in the *QC Times Bix 7*.... An LED light maker plans to move its plant – with 132 jobs – from China to Bettendorf.... Rock Island HS wrestler B.J. McGhee fights for his life at U of Iowa Hospitals with severe pneumonia.... Australian police freed a teenager who had been trapped with a suspected explosive device.... The fall premiere of *Two and a Half Men* features the death of Charlie Sheen's character (“Winner!”).... Idaho Falls, Idaho, police stopped a man wearing a bunny suit from hopping at small children (he also has a ballerina dress... ew).

Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$306 for our foundations + \$30 from **Amber Castro** for our Scholarship fund.

Ryan \$\$ came from: **Amber Castro** – “1st anniversary of 29th birthday”...

Glenn Kass – lived in Idaho Falls – and *didn't* own a bunny suit... **Jen DeBuhr** – hubby's birthday + vacation in Minnesota... **Mark Ross** – **Kirsten**



Adams on the cover of 50+ *Lifestyles* magazine (how come *she* didn't pay a fine, too?) + **Bob Gallagher Jr.** running for mayor... **George Daugher**

ty – son getting married... **Todd Ashby** – plugged scholarship fundraiser for Rivermont Collegiate (BRC's LobsterFest partner!): golf tourney Monday, Sept. 19 – lots of slots for golfers + sponsorship opportunities...

Greg Blaske – thanks for all the support during son's injury and recovery + death of grandmother... **Kevin Kraft** – happy about his “dumb luck to sit next to the cover girl”... **Doyle McCully** – Ol' Miss is the No. 3 party campus (and it's dry!)... **Dave Deuth**, **Tom Olson** and **Bob Ryken** – remembering **Bernie**.

In other BRC news...

Aug. 3 was **Joe Douglas's** last meeting. He had been a Bettendorf Rotarian since November 1990. He and his wife, Jan, have sold their house and become permanent Floridians.



Missing today:

Archer-3, Bowe-5, Brown-5, Calabrese, Carter, Chambers, H. Coin, Cahalan, DeDoncker-2, Dobesh-2, Edwards, Eikenberry-3, Ellstrom-5, Felsing, Freemire, Gallagher-2, Glass-2, Habenicht, Harrison-5, Heninger-2, Hinton-5, James, Lanum-5, Larsen-2, Legare-5, Lundin, McGimpsey-2, Manas-5, Marvin-2, L. Miller, Nelson, Pelecky-5, Praul, Rabine-2, Sarver-4, Schuler, Sherrick-3, Spelhaug, St. Laurent, Schutte, Volbrecht-5, Windmiller-5, Worley-5

Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @ North Scott

Carter LeBeau @ Boone and Grinnell, Iowa

At today's committee meetings: Mark Ross, Brian Kennedy, Jeff Hassel, Kurt Lokenvitz, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Mike Limberg, Phil Kinsley, Carl Loweth, Kevin Kraft, Jean Dickson, Kirsten Adams, Tim Lane, Duncan Cameron, Glenn Kass, Decker Ploehn



Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: 340-5114, bmfkennedy@att.net

Aug. 10: Decker Ploehn, trip to the British and Canadian Open golf tournaments

Aug. 17: U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa

Aug. 24: Jason Glass, director, Iowa Department of Education

Aug. 31: Brian Kennedy, federal health care reform

Sept. 14: Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds

News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...

Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...

Photographer: Carter LeBeau...

Webmeister/Website host: Chris Glass

Bettendorf Rotary resources

Hot links where you can find answers to many questions about Rotary.

The history of Bettendorf Rotary, and more:

<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/local.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary in the community:

<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/community.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's current officers:

<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/current.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's committees and their chairs:

<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/committ.htm>

Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus... and more:

<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/links.htm>

Link to District 6000's Website:

www.rotary6000.org

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

