



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
April 7, 2010, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, April 14, 2010,
at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

Linda Miller reviews Iowa Legislature '10



The Iowa General Assembly has adjourned its 2010 session, and our own State Rep. **Linda Miller**, R-82, will provide her annual views on what it accomplishe

d as the featured speaker at the April 14 meeting.

In a busy session, Linda sponsored 46 amendments. She serves on the Education, Human Resources and State Government committees and the subcommittee on Health and Human Services Appropriations. She has served since 2007 – she was elected in November 2006, defeating Independent Joe Hutter.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

How legislative acts affect schools

At the April 7 meeting, our own **Jim Spelhaug**, superintendent of the Pleasant Valley school system, provided perspective on obstacles he and other school leaders face as they try to



“balance the money in citizens’ pockets and the need for high quality schools” – which he said is one way to describe the job of a superintendent. “Quality schools are essential to a community’s worth,” he said, praising all of Bettendorf’s schools.

While Jim praised the Iowa Legislature for keeping the state “less bad financially” than other states during the recession, in his opinion Iowa still has school-related issues that must be fixed. As an example, he said the decision to mandate preschool for all 4-year-olds in the state was valuable, because it prepares them to learn, but he said the state should not pay for all of them to get that education. That support should be “targeted based on financial need,” he said.

Jim also called for changes in the collective bargaining laws governing the

relationship between school districts and their teachers. And he believes Iowa should consolidate its smaller school districts, to both improve educational programming and cost-effectiveness; with 99 counties, the state has 365 school systems, many with small enrollments.

The meeting opened...

President Dave opened the meeting by leading **The 4-Way Test** – “Is It The Truth? Is It Fair to All Concerned? Will It Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will It Be Beneficial to All Concerned?” – and the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “America the Beautiful.”

After Moments of Reflection, the singing continued under the direction of **Tom Howard** with guest pianist **Deborah**



DeCamp: “Sing Out a Song of Rotary.” “Let There Be Peace on Earth” and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians” for:

April birthdays...

13, Chuck Mooney; 14, Gary Hintermeister; 17, Joe Douglas; 26, John Rabine; 28, Mike Vollbrecht, and 30, George H. Coin, Jeff Brummel

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians...

Tom Fedje, Davenport: Edgerton Women's Health Center
Leanne Shaw, Moline: Banking
PDG Bill Tubbs: North Scott: Publishing

... and Guests:

Roby Smith with Harry Coin
David Atwell with Scott Naumann
Deborah DeCamp with Tom Howard

Announcements...

→ **Rich James** lauded the work of the **LobsterFest** Sponsors Committee and announced the latest additions to the list – RJS & Associates, Morgan Stanley and Nelson Chiropractic – bringing the total to \$16,000.



They join 2010 Presenting Sponsor Califf & Harper P.C., THE National Bank, Isle of Capri Casino & Hotel, *Quad-City Times*, WOC 1420, Weerts Funeral Home, Professional Touch Cleaning Services, HyVee, Results Integrated Marketing, Rivermont Collegiate, Steve’s Mirror & Glass, Gallagher & Gallagher, Wagner’s Cleaners, Wells Fargo Advisors, Russell Electric, Midwest Seafood, and Carter & Kaye LeBeau.



Rick Hartsock promoted **LobsterFest** tickets, urging members to buy tables at the

special price. Tickets are \$70 each, or tables of 8 for \$480. In a matter of moments, these members committed to purchase tables: **Carter LeBeau, Rich James, Tom Howard, Duncan Cameron, Frank Schwab and David Deuth.** Tickets for the June 12 event will be available at every meeting – while they last.



→ **President Dave** looked ahead to important dates in April and May:
 → **April 28:** The meeting focuses on our foundations
 → **April 29:** The **Quad City Spells** event, beginning at 7 p.m. at the

Bettendorf Public Library, pits the Bettendorf Rotary team – **Kevin Kraft, Decker Ploehn** and **Jeff Hassel** – against all comers in a contest to benefit the Library Foundation.
 → **May 26:** Club Assembly.

The news...



Lora Adams reported the day’s headlines – rescue efforts in the West Virginia coal mine explosion... tennis star **Martina Navratilova** has been diagnosed with breast cancer – and the strange tale of two women arrested

at Liverpool, England’s **John Lennon Airport** when they tried to smuggle a dead relative onto a flight for Germany (the report didn’t say how much of a fee the airline would have charged them).

Sergeant at Arms/Ryan \$\$...

Sgt-at-arms **President Dave** collected \$220 for our foundation by seeking happy news, which included...

- Chuck Mooney** – \$88 for his birthday...
- Lora Adams** – officially cancer-free...
- Tom Howard** – thanks to **Steve Piart** for fixing Tom’s screen door...
- Tim Lofgren** – Total Detailing’s best month

so far... **Carolyn Leutwyler** – sold her condo because she’s moving to Venice, Fla. (January field trip, anyone?)... **Phil Kinsley** – saying aloha soon... **Rich James** – happy birthday, grandson... **Brian Kennedy** – went to the Final Four... **President Dave** – thanx to Brian for last week’s meeting at the Figge... **Linda Miller** – good to be home from Des Moines (see next week’s promo).

The meeting closed...

With **President Dave** quoting **Diogenes of Sinope** (an ancient Greek intellectual who founded the philosophy of cynicism – although this quote doesn’t seem all that cynical): “The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.”

Missing Today:

Ahlstrand, Bowe, Brown, Brummel, Calabrese-4, Chambers-2, Coley-3, Dobesh-3, Ellstrom-12, Felsing-4, Foster-2, Habenicht, Haffernan-9, Heinrich-2, Hinton, Lanum, McWilliams, Pelecky, Rabine, Richards-2, Ricketts-McCool-3, Saul, Sarver, Selden-3, Spyrow-13, Vogel, Volbrech -9, Worley-3.

Make-ups:

Tony Calbarena @ Maquoketa
 Duncan Cameron @ Naples and Naples Bay in Florida
 At today’s committee meeting: Mike Freemire, Linda Miller, Donna Freese, Brian Kennedy, Ann Kappeler, S.K. Nanda, Lora Adams, Todd Larsen, Rich Hartsock, Decker Ploehn, Duncan Cameron, Ralph Heninger, Carl Loweth, Connie Mangler, Steve Piart.

In other news...

Bettendorf High School won three first-place awards for sportsmanship in the 2009-10 Rotary International/Mississippi Athletic Conference sportsmanship

awards competition. Davenport North won two and Davenport Central one award for fall and winter sports. Bettendorf scored its sportsmanship awards in volleyball, and girls' and boys' basketball. The awards will be presented Wednesday, April 7 at 6:45 p.m. at the Mississippi Athletic Conference coaches and athletic directors meeting at Davenport West High School.

Future meetings...

... thanks to the efforts of Program Chair **Brian Kennedy**. Use this information to invite potential new members:

April 14: Iowa State Rep. Linda Miller gives her annual legislative update

April 21: Mark Ridolfi, editorial page editor of the *Quad-City Times*, provides a look behind the scenes of the paper's editorial page.

April 28: Special focus on Rotary Foundations – locally and at the International level.

News Staff...

Editor, reporter Fred Anderson...

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Photographer Carter LeBeau...

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Committees & chairs...

Membership/Rotary University chair: Connie Mangler

News chair: Lora Adams

Programs chair: Brian Kennedy

Public relations chair: Fred Anderson

Sergeant-at-arms chair: Ben Selden

Fellowship co-chairs:

Golf Outing/Steak Fry: John Rabine

John Deere Classic/TPC: Jeff Hassel & Lisa Brown

Run with Carl: Dick Schillig & Chelsea Powers

Winter Party: Lisa Brown

Sunshine chair: Lora Adams

Music co-chairs: Tom Howard & Bernie Vogel

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

Link to Run with Carl: www.runwithcarl.com