

The Bettendorf Rotary Club News

August 29, 2007. *Guests Welcome at our next meeting
Weds., Sept. 5, Noon at the Fortune Garden*



FEATURING:

Bruce Carter, Director of Aviation,
Quad City International Airport



"I look throughout the Midwest and see what airports have lost air service in the past ten years," comments Carter. "You can look coast to coast and see communities that have lost air service. Then look at the next tier that have air service that have applied for small community air service grants to keep this service — Marion, Decatur, Mason City, Fort Dodge, the list goes on.

"An airport director is going to do anything he can to keep his air service in the marketplace."

Carter, 53, is well qualified to be at the center of the debate. His resumé includes time as an air traffic controller, commercial pilot for a fixed base of operation service and airport manager since 1982. He also has the experience of propelling his airport into the airline servicing business.

In November 2003, Quad City International, via a limited liability corporation, QCIA Airport Services, entered the into-plane refueling business to the air carriers serving the airport. TransStates Airlines had been the previous provider, while also serving as the regional feeder to St. Louis for TWA/American.

July 2007 is the new, all-time best month in the history of the airport for passenger boardings. "First, it was June of this year that broke our all-time best month ever record. Now, July has beaten that number by over 1,800 people," Bruce said. "I know we are at risk of sounding like a broken record, but I can't tell you how excited I am about these record numbers. We have never before boarded over 45,000 enplaned passengers until this month," Carter adds.

Statistics show that July '07 boarded 46,825 travelers, +4,167 over July of 2006. The previous July record was from 2004, when 44,261 travelers were enplaned. This makes seven consecutive record months for 2007.

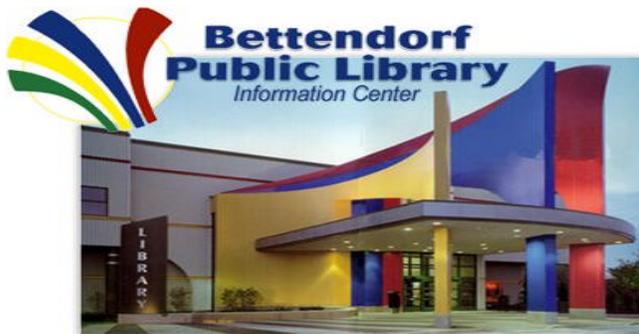
Also, the airport is among five finalists in this year's America's Best Restroom contest, sponsored by Cintas Corp. "We do get good compliments about the terminal and its cleanliness," Bruce said. "That's just a tribute to the staff who do a nice job and work hard to keep it first-class." *(This introduction was compiled from several recent articles- ed.)*

ALL AREA ROTARY MEETING



Rotary International President-Elect Dong-Kurn Lee of Seoul, South Korea will be in Davenport to speak to Rotarians for an all-area Rotary meeting **at the Outing Club on Monday, September 10th.** Lunch service

begins at 11:30, the program begins at noon, and will end by 1. Contact our leadership to make reservations, meal cost is \$15. Or, call Chris at Davenport Rotary, 322-3567.



Duncan Cameron invites all Rotarians to the 10th Anniversary of the Bettendorf Public Library Information Center Thursday 9/6.

Toasting retiring long-time library director and Rotarian Faye Clow whose leadership has earned our library the only 'A' rating in Iowa. The event also features guest author, Sara Paretsky (Chicago mystery writer and creator of V.I. Warshawski, the first female investigator who uses both wits and fists) on "My Quest for Heroes: Creating a Writer's Voice", Thursday, September 6, 2007 - 5:30 PM., The Abbey Hotel, 1401 Central Ave., Bettendorf. Join the Library Foundation at The Abbey Hotel to visit and bid on great silent auction baskets and rub elbows with our guest author. Proceeds from this event will go to the endowment. \$50.00 per person, Tables of 10: \$500.00, Reservations Due 8/31/07. Call 563-344-4182 or contact Lori Freemire or Duncan Cameron.



*From Mr. Brian Kennedy,
program chairman--*



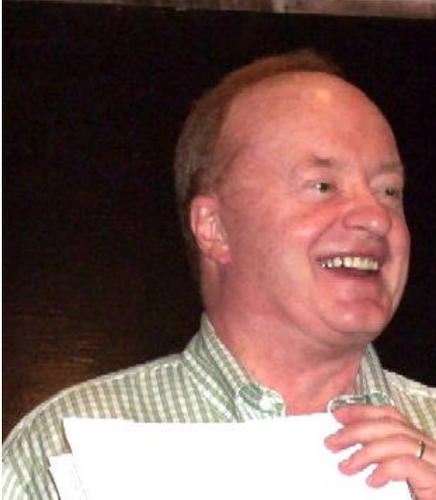
Upcoming Featured Speakers

- 9/12 Richard Bartsh, M.D. CEO of United Healthcare of Iowa and Central Illinois will speak about current healthcare policy issues including costs and access.
- 9/19 Club Golf Outing – No noon meeting, meeting moved to Dinner at Palmer Hills
- 09/26 Mike Freemire, Mayor of Bettendorf (2nd in Mayor's series)
- 10/03 Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey.
- 10/31 Sister Joan Lescinski, CSJ, PhD, incoming President, St. Ambrose University

Please use this news!

Invite prospective new members who might appreciate our speakers.

Only \$8 per visitor, at the door.



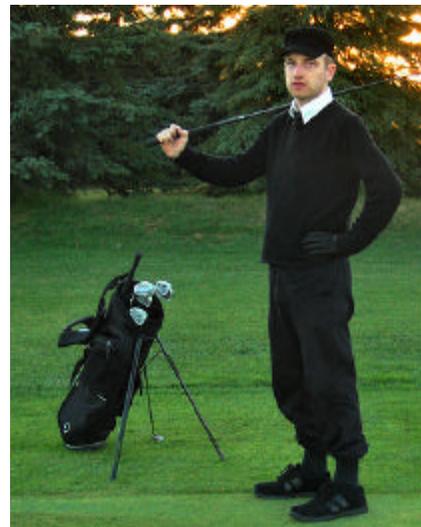
Duncan Cameron was recognized by S.K. Nanda, who presented to Duncan a Paul Harris pin with two Sapphires. This award is in recognition of Duncan's \$3,000 donation to support the educational and humanitarian programs of the Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs fund.

Announcements:

- President-Elect Nicole McWilliams: Polo Shirt sign up sheets are going to be on the tables during the next few meetings. These are the same very upscale shirts we had last year, yellow with blue Rotary detail, \$35 each.



- The 2008 Lobsterfest committee will meet Thursday, Sept. 6th., 8 p.m. at Café Indigo.
- **Our Club's Annual Golf Outing and Steak Fry: Wednesday, September 19th. RSVP yesterday.** Ken Vandersnick: We need more golfers and hole sponsors!



- **Run With Carl – Labor Day!** Runners and Volunteers – **HAVE A BLAST!**



Meeting Review *Noon, August 29 2007, the Fortune Garden.* Presiding: **President-Elect Nicole McWilliams**



President-Elect Nicole opened the meeting in a moment of silent reflection in support of our troops overseas and those noted by the membership who suffer, and for world peace and fellowship.



Uber Musician Bernie Vogel used his magical piano (*even if it hasn't been tuned since Bill Straight was club President*) to improve the taste, aroma and ambience of the meal. He later accompanied **Tom Howard** and the Combined Rotary



Masterchoir in **"Sentimental Journey"** and **"School Days"** after opening the meeting with "America The Beautiful".



Sergeant-at-Arms Ben Selden collected \$144 for our foundations. (We overheard Ben being advised to increase fines until six members sign up to be Sergeant. Fair warning....)

Lora Adams presented "The News".

Today's news featured the Cubs' 2.5 game lead and political zinger directed toward Program Chairman Brian Kennedy's #1 project. Is now the time to rename this meeting segment to 'Perspectives'?





Chuck “Ask Questions” Mooney, Secretary:

- ❖ Visiting Rotarians:
Leanne Shaw, Moline, Banking

Rotary Meeting Make Ups: Pat Eikenberry @ Iowa Quad Cities. At today's make-up meeting: Mark Ross, Ann Kappeler, Greg Blaske, Tony Calabrese, Todd Larsen, Frank Mitvalsky, Brian Kennedy, Bernie Vogel, S.K. Nanda, Duncan Cameron, Linda Miller, Dick Schillig, Decker Ploehn.

Missing today: Ahlstrand -2, Andersom, Ball -2, Bowe, Brown, Callihan -6, Dobesh, Ellstrom, Essner, Gallagher, Habenicht, Heninger -3, Hyder -8, Ingleby -8, James, Koos -4, Loweth -3, Naumann, Sherrick, Snyder -8, Spyrow -6, St. Laurent, Voigt -5, Worley -3.

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



Rotary: The only group that throws parties where it's okay to feel good getting clipped comin' and goin'!
Legal and tax deductible in 50 states!
What a country!

This week's featured speaker was introduced by Program Chairman Brian Kennedy:



David Vaudt, Auditor, State of Iowa

Through printed financial detail and via projector, Auditor David Vaudt made a strong case that under Governor Culver's Fiscal Year 2008 budget proposal 'true total expenditures' grow at the rate of almost 10% above Fiscal Year 2007 levels, even with the proposed cigarette tax increase.

The Auditor detailed how in recent years taxes were increased at many times Iowa's historic practice of tracking Iowa's population changes. Worryingly he detailed how the new money was spent as quickly, and sometimes more quickly than it arrived through the legislative loophole of 'supplemental budgeting', circumventing financial discipline laws.

Partly justifying tax increases in recent years, Iowans created long term set-aside programs such as the Senior Living Trust Fund. Indeed Auditor Vaudt showed that while tax money was deposited into the accounts to operate special programs, at the same time it was then withdrawn and spent not for the special purpose, but general purposes.

Governor Culver stated increasing the cigarette and tobacco tax will enable Iowa to "Keep our commitment to fund the Senior Living Trust, which allows more Iowans to remain in an independent living setting for a longer period of time." By law, the Senior Living Trust Fund (SLTF) is to be repaid \$300 million for a portion of the General Fund costs that have been shifted to the SLTF over the last several years. The Governor's proposed budget leaves a balance due of \$103 million. The rest of the story is \$260 million of General Fund costs were shifted to the SLTF during that same period the repayments were being made, and that money does not have to be repaid under current law.

Auditor Vaudt remarked, "It's hard to replenish the SLTF when the amount being taken out is more than the amount being repaid."

Though Governor Culver has pledged, "Simply put, we can't spend more than we take in.", this budget proposal will result in spending nearly \$300 million more than we take in. The proposed budget accomplishes this by shifting over \$400 million of fiscal year 2008 General Fund costs to other funds and special accounts.

Auditor Vaudt observed that legislators are hard pressed to say 'no' to any increased spending plans when they think public portrayal of their choices will cost votes. To help create a consensus that keeps political promises closer to accounting realities, Auditor Vaudt strongly endorsed changing to a two-year budget process enacted in the context of a 3 to 5 year taxation and spending plan. Secondly a constitutional change to end the temptation to spend more than anticipated revenues, and to block taking money from set-aside funds for general purposes without also enacting repayment schedules.

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