



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
March 21, 2011, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, March 28, 2012,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Hear what's coming from STEM Council

The Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council is charged with advising the governor on ways to improve Iowa's education, innovation and opportunities for careers in science, technology,



engineering and math. Its administrator, **Jeff Weld**, is our guest speaker at the March 28 meeting.

Made up of 40 members appointed by the governor, the STEM Advisory

Council comprises the presidents of the three state universities; others in primary, secondary and higher education; representatives of business, industry, information technology; officials from executive agencies of the state government, and elected legislators.

Last meeting:

Tuesday, March 21, 2012



Deere Foundation works worldwide

The John Deere Foundation has spent more than \$201 million on philanthropy worldwide since it was formed in 1948, said **Mara Sovey**, its president, at our March 21 meeting. And since 2004 the Deere Foundation has become much more active than in earlier years, she said, shifting its focus to global philanthropy in such places as Africa, Brazil, China, India, the European Union, Russia, Canada and Australia, plus the U.S.

Deere now directs its philanthropic funds toward strategic partnerships that share the company's values, such as supporting educational programs at every level; striving to eliminate world hunger; acting to enrich communities in which it

operates, and assisting in disaster relief. Sovey outlined several specific examples, including the Kick Start program in Africa: a simple, foot-operated pump helps subsistence farmers irrigate their crops, which improves both their income and nutrition, helping to foster better education and other community development, she said.

Much of the Deere Foundation’s philanthropic work in developing countries is propelled by projections of demographic changes in coming decades; enormous population growth in Asia and Africa will require improved food production – without an increase in arable land worldwide. Deere is working to overcome the challenge, Sovey said, “to produce more food and better food within the same resources and a reduced environmental impact.”

To learn more about the John Deere Foundation’s worldwide philanthropic and citizenship efforts, click on: http://www.deere.com/wps/dcom/en_US/corporate/our_company/citizenship/philanthropy_community_enrichment/community_enrichment.page?



The meeting opened

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... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and the singing of “The National

Anthem.” After Moments of Reflection, **Tom Howard** led the resumed singing – accompanied by pianist **Sheri Fleming** – with “That Rotary Wheel” (note →) and, with some hope for a change in the weather, “April Showers.”

Secretary Chuck introduced:

Guest:

Bobby Meyers with **Scott Naumann**



Announcements...

→ **LobsterFest.** Tickets will be available soon, **President Scott** announced. Tables – blocks of 8 tickets – will cost \$480, and he urged members to reserve one, or more, of the 43 available tables ASAP. 86 days to go.



→ Social night.

Penny McGimpsey reported on last Thursday’s social at The Clubhouse, “a wonderful place” where about 20 members enjoyed the “indoor country club” ambience.

The next social 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 19, will feature a wine tasting and heavy hors d’oeuvres at the Red Crow Grille. The price is \$50 per

person with \$5 from each ticket going to Bettendorf Rotary. The event will be open to the public, Penny said, so invite all your friends. More details to come.

→ **District Conference.** Frank **Mitvalsky**, BRC's nominee for the Integrity Award, has a conflict at the time of the District 6000 Conference, April 12-14 in Riverside, Iowa – his son's birthday. Mit said the nomination is the greatest honor because "you are the people I know, love and respect" the most.

→ **Visiting Kiwi Rotarians.** A delegation of Rotarians from New Zealand will visit our club in April, to present a program and enjoy the River Bandits' opening night.

The News...



Lora Adams reported the news – and then some: French police surrounded the house where the gunman who had killed seven was hiding [NOTE: overnight, they killed him in a gun battle]...

Among local winners in the Illinois primary: Cheri Bustos in the 17th Congressional District and John McGehee for state's attorney... NIU linebacker Jamaal Bass was indicted for injuring a Toledo band member... Iowa 2nd District GOP candidate Dan Dolan gave a rousing speech in Muscatine – to a group of Democrats... Washington drug runners don't seem to know the meaning of the word "subtle" – their SUV carrying nine bricks of cocaine bore the license plate "SMUGGLER" and they

were nabbed at Smuggler's Inn B&B... Great grandma Mary Hardison pushed the Guinness World Record for oldest para-glider "to new heights" – it was her 101st birthday.



Stereo greeters **Connie Mangler** and **Mike Limberg** welcome **Glenn Kass** to the meeting.

Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$222 for our foundations + \$58 from **Kevin Kraft** toward our Scholarship Fund. **Ryan Happy \$\$** came from: **Carter LeBeau** – the Bulls and Romney are winning... **Ralph Heninger** – finally got to use his ski pass in Colorado... **Dawn Saul** – Davenport Schools Foundation is honoring teachers who have positively influenced children; she invited BRC members to make nominations; funds raised go for scholarships... **Jen DeBuhr** – finally back after injuring her Achilles tendon playing dodge-ball... **Tom Ahlstrand** – daughter will be married June 2 in Malibu... **Steve Sorensen** – thanked **Decker Ploehn** for the city relocating some light poles in the middle of sidewalks... **Decker** (granted rebuttal time by **President Scott**) – "We thought it would be harder for drivers to hit them from the road... but now bikers use them as a slalom course"... **Mark Ross** – twice lost mailboxes to snowplows + got together with son and daughter in Kansas

+ thanks for support for **John Archer** (who simply stood, said thanks and passed a \$\$ bill to the back of the room)... **President Scott** – turned in **Kevin Kraft**'s birthday check – 2 weeks late – so he fined himself.



Missing today...

Ashby, Bowe-2, Brown-3, Cahalan-12, Chambers-6, Daugherty, DeDoncker-3, Dickson-2, Dobesh-7, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-12, Felsing, Glass-2, Gudgel, Hassel, Hinton-12, Kappeler, Kraf -2, Larsen-3, Loweth, McWilliams, Marvin, L. Miller-11, Murphy, Nelson-12, Olson-3, Pelecky-12, Powers-2, Sarver, Scranton-2, Sherrick, Spelhaug-3, St. Laurent-3, Volbrecht-7, Willsher-3, Worley-12

Make-ups...

At today's committee meeting: Diane Ricketts-McCool, Dick Schillig, Rich Oswald, David Death

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: **340-5114**, bmfkennedy@att.net
March 28: Jeff Weld, Iowa Governor's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Advisory Council
April 4: Nicole Carkner, Quad City Health Initiative
April 11: Becky Bray, ISU Extension
April 18: Tony Singh, Hiking the Appalachian Trail

Resignation...

Secretary Chuck reports that Donna Freese has resigned from our club.

News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...
Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...
Photographer: Carter LeBeau...
Webmeister/Web-site host: Chris Glass

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.: Iowa 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

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