



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Jean, Steve to tell us about their day jobs

Last meeting:

The program for the Sept. 21 meeting rests firmly on the foundation of Rotary – vocational talks from two members. When Paul Harris and his associates founded Rotary, they intended it as a business networking organization. And Vocational Service Chair **Kevin Kraft** continues that tradition by presenting talks by **Jean Dickson** and **Steve Sorensen**. Jean is an employment law attorney with the Davenport firm of Betty Neuman



McMahon, and Steve owns the business-

consulting firm Strategy in Progress, which specializes in serving closely held businesses and not-for-profit agencies. Come and learn more about what two of our fellow members do when they're not at Rotary.

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2010



Brian gives insight into new health law

The Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act has been the target of both praise and derision, and our own **Brian Kennedy** presented his earlier-postponed explanation of the law's main provisions at the Sept. 14 meeting. The act, signed into law in March 2010 by President Obama, is intended to reform some aspects of the health insurance industry, such as removing the cap on lifetime benefits and adding coverage for pre-existing conditions, as it expands access to health insurance for millions of Americans, primarily those with lower incomes.

Healthcare accounts for 16% of U.S. Gross Domestic Product, Brian said, accounting for 23% of federal

expenditures, currently about \$940 billion; that figure is expected to rise, he said. Meanwhile, about 1 in 6 Americans do not have health insurance – when they seek health care it usually costs more than if they were insured, he explained.

Currently, some aspects of the act are being phased in – even as challenges to aspects of the law are being challenged in federal courts; federal appellate judges are about evenly divided over whether to declare the law unconstitutional or uphold it.

As the law is coming on line, officials and newly created commissions are wrestling with a number of issues, Brian said, including: how to pay for costs not addressed by the law; how to ensure access for all patients; how to determine the most effective treatments for patients. To learn more, and to track implementation of the act – which will take several more years – Brian advised entering PPACA in Google.



Daniel Marvin welcomes visitor Linda Honig.

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test.” **Tom Howard**, accompanied by guest pianist **Sheri Fleming**, led the

singing of “The National Anthem.” After Moments of Reflection, the singing continued with “The Band Played On” and “A Helping Hand.”



RYLA participants Elizabeth Baer, Kayla Fenn.

Presentation...

Theron Schutte introduced **Jimmy Casas**, principal of Bettendorf High School, who presented the two BHS students who attended the recent Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, or RYLA, event in Des Moines. **Elizabeth Baer** and **Kayla Fenn** reported on the sessions, which emphasize leadership, citizenship and personal growth. The Des Moines event brought together youths from throughout Iowa. Elizabeth, BHS Student Council president-elect, and Kayla, the vice-president-elect, thanked Bettendorf Rotary for sponsoring them. Both students are involved in many school and community activities.

Announcements...

➔ **LobsterFest review.** **George Daugherty** reported the results of this year’s LobsterFest: The event earned a profit of \$41,000 – compared with \$32,000 each of the two previous years, he said. That will enable BRC to provide \$20,000 in grants to community charities; the club’s Educational Foundation

receives \$5,000 for scholarships, and the remainder supports other club projects. Total income was \$62,000,



with expenses of \$21,000. Major income sources were ticket sales (\$15,000), sponsorships (\$27,000), Silent Auction (\$12,000) and beverage sales (\$3,000). Of the 29 sponsors, 26 were BRC-member companies, George reported.

→ **Official Rotary clothing.** The **deadline** for order forms and money was extended to Friday, **Sept. 16, Nicole McWilliams** announced. Please complete your order form and **fax** it to her: **332-3086**. Please give your check (payable to Bettendorf Rotary) to **Secretary Chuck** at next week's meeting.

→ **Golf Outing & Steak Fry.** **Ken Vandersnick** asked for more sponsors – 14 have signed up so far vs. 23 for last year's event. And items are needed for the Silent Auction. Signup sheets were circulated for the Wednesday, Oct. 5, event at Palmer Hills – it replaces that day's meeting. Tee-times start about 10:30 a.m.; steaks come off the grill at 6 p.m. Cost: golf and dinner – \$40 members, \$50 nonmembers; \$10 per guest for dinner only (members free!).

→ **2 opportunities to volunteer.** **Fred Anderson** invited members to participate in 2 athletic events for charities:

→ **NAMI Walks:** The annual event to benefit the QC chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness begins with check-in at **8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Schweibert Park** on the **Rock Island** riverfront. No registration fee, but a donation is appreciated. Info, or to register: **332-8870** (10 a.m.-2 p.m. daily) or **www.namiscottcounty.org**.

→ **Prostate Cancer Initiative of the QC Marathon.** The mission of this event within the QC Marathon is “to help men and their families make informed decisions about prostate cancer detection and treatment through support, education and advocacy.” The 1-mile walk steps off at **7 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at John Deere Commons, Moline**. No fee for this event, but all donations aid the work of Us Too, the QC chapter of the international prostate cancer support group. **Register:** www.qcmarathon.org (or contact **Fred: 355-5001** or fred.anderson.1144@gmail.com).



Lora Adams and Fred Anderson attended the BRC Communications Committee meeting, just before the club's weekly meeting.

The news...

Lora Adams reported the news you just don't get anywhere else. QC River Bandits lead Midwest League Championship Series 1-0 over Lansing... Davenport woman in critical

condition after an accident on I-74.... Amtrak reports its highest ridership in history.... Mississippi man who says he was abducted by aliens nearly 40 years ago has died.... The would-be robber who dressed as Gumby has turned himself – and the Gumby suit – in to police in San Diego (Google “Gumby robber” to see surveillance video); Pokey still at large.... Something went horribly wrong (imagine!) for a man in China who bathed with live eels – one swam upstream, as it were, as far as his bladder; surgeons removed the intruder, but it was dead.... A Florida man took the term “moon roof” too literally – and got arrested for it.

Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected **Ryan \$\$** from: **Chris Glass** – sold his house thanks to **Brad Boeye**... **Gary Hintermeister** – happy the Iowa State Cyclones beat the Iowa Hawkeyes 44-41 in 3 overtimes... **Carter LeBeau** – the Illini won too... **Scott Naumann** – thanked **Kevin Kraft** for wearing a Packers tie... **Kevin** – “It’s the only tie I own with green in it”... **Dave Falk** – “9 years of wedded bliss” (that’s what he said)... **Tim Lane** – good turnout for the North Scott school election (even if voting went the wrong way)... **Bob Gallagher** – 44th anniversary... **Theron Schutte** – thanks to Bettendorf school district voters for voting yes on the revenue purpose statement issue... **Mark Ross** – helping raise campaign funds for **John Archer**... **Linda Honig** (visiting Rotarian from Texas) – Texas Gov. Perry got a call from Satan asking Perry to please send his weather back....

Missing today & Make-ups:

(NOTE: Reports unavailable this week)

Upcoming meetings...

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

Sept. 21: Vocational talks

Sept. 28: Brig. Gen. **Kendell Penn**, deputy commander for general operations, 1st Army

News staff...

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Amber Castro and Scott Naumann attended the LobsterFest review meeting Sept. 8 at Symposium; see report, pages 2-3.

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