



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
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## Special Report: Lobsterfest, Part I

The third annual Bettendorf Rotary LobsterFest was such a huge, successful event that *TBRC News* can't get the coverage into just one issue. (Also, the event's Finance Committee was still counting all the beans.) So, this week we bring you Part I of however many parts it takes to tell the story.

And what a story it is. Here's a sampling of the early comments:

"The Lobsterfest was fabulous – best of the three years."

"They served all 300 diners in 18 minutes – a record!"



"Air Tran tickets at \$20 sold out before dinner."

"Decker should wear red more often."

"Scott should grow the mustache – for real!"

"Larry the Lobsterman never looked better."



At the June 17 meeting, President Nicole McWilliams thanked everyone who played a part in making the event such a success... the LobsterFest Committee... all the sponsors, whose support ensured the success of the purpose of this



gala event – raising funds for Bettendorf Rotary's project throughout the coming year... all the members who volunteered in many ways... Rivermont Collegiate... the culinary folks from Scott Community College... Pleasant Valley cheerleaders and others who served....

Nicole will have a much more complete and detailed list of 'thank-yous' when she makes her full report at a future meeting. In the meantime, just enjoy this first batch of photos....



S.K. and Nalini Nanda with friendly crustacean...

***Next meeting:***

Noon Wednesday, June 24, 2009,  
at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

**Texting, twittering –  
using the new media**

We hear about them everywhere, from TV ads to our own children’s personal communications... to the angry protests in Tehran in the wake of the suspected election fraud in Iran. They’re personal communication media, and they have such names as texting, blogging and twittering.

We’ll learn more about them from our guest speaker, Steve Grubbs of Victory Enterprises, at our next meeting, noon, Wednesday, June 24, at the Fortune Garden restaurant.

Victory Enterprises, Inc., is a technology communications company that provides Internet services and political communication services, according to its Website. Our speaker and his wife, Kelli, founded the company in 1993.

Steve Grubbs serves as President and CEO of the company. While involved in web site design, his primary responsibilities are in managing the company day-to-day and maintaining its political accounts. He is a former Iowa state representative and chairman of the Republican Party of Iowa. He graduated from the University of Iowa business school and law school.

Kelli Grubbs serves as chief financial officer for Victory Enterprises. She graduated with distinction from the University of Iowa Law School and

formerly was a partner with Stanley, Lande and Hunter in Davenport.

Their company’s Internet services include Website design, Internet advertising and other “E-commerce” activities. Among its political services, Victory provides advertising, fundraising and research for its client candidates.

For more information:  
<http://www.victoryenterprises.com/aboutm.htm>

***Last meeting:***

Wednesday, June 10, 2009 ...

**Red Cross provides  
varied services to QC**

Betsy Pratt, CEO of the American Red Cross of the Quad Cities Area, provided a wealth of information about the services her organization provides in the Quad



Cities region during her presentation at the June 17 meeting.

The Quad Cities chapter traces its roots to 1917, when the Red Cross opened chapters across the United States in the wake of its service to soldiers during World War I. The Quad Cities chapter serves Scott, Muscatine and Louisa counties in Iowa and Rock Island, Mercer, Bureau, Whiteside and Henry counties in Illinois.

Betsy has been CEO since 2001.



**American Red Cross**

To fulfill its mission of service to the

Quad Cities area, here's some of what the local Red Cross chapter did just last year: served 488 families after disasters such as home fires... provided aid to more than 100 families affected by last summer's flooding... provided disaster training for more than 8,000 adults and youth... trained some 35,000 in first aid, CPR and other life-saving skills... conducted Family Safety Day... helped 499 military families communicate with service men and women overseas....

For the last three years, the Quad Cities unit has achieved the designation of Highly Performing Chapter – only 38 other chapters, out of 749 nationwide, have attained that rating.

For more information, click on: <http://qcredcross.org/>.

### Announcements...



→ President **Nicole McWilliams** presided at the meeting. The meeting opened with the singing of “America the Beautiful with **Carter LeBeau** performing song-leader duties as **Bernie Vogel**

accompanied us on the piano. After a Moment of Reflection, the songs resumed



with one more singing this year of “The LobsterFest Song,”

composed by Bernie, and – in honor of Flag Day, June 14 – “It’s a Grand Old Flag.”

→ One piece of **LobsterFest** business remained, so **Decker Ploehn** and **Duncan Cameron** conducted a spirited auction – which raised \$110. On the block were cases of chardonnay, pinot grigio, mojitos, water, a bucket of beer and one good shot of scotch.

→ **Ann Kappeler** donated her birthday money to the Scholarship Fund, noting that between her and **Carter LeBeau** they enriched that fund by \$143.

→ Members have the opportunity to order new yellow or white Rotary shirts – ladies’ V-neck or men’s polo styles – a navy T-shirt or khaki wind-shirt – all specially embroidered with the Bettendorf Rotary identity. Order forms are available.

→ Volunteers to staff the Bettendorf Rotary hole – We’re No. 1! – at the John Deere Classic received instructions. Questions? Contact **Lisa Brown, 441-4016**, or **Jeff Hassel, 336-3008**.

→ **S.K. Nanda** inducted five members as new Paul Harris Fellows – the first time in the history of Bettendorf Rotary that five fellows were inducted at once.



**Newly inducted Paul Harris Fellows, from left, are Fred Anderson, Scott Naumann, Todd Larsen, Brian Kennedy and John Rabine. S.K. Nanda made the presentations.**



## The News...

**Lora Adams** reported on the day's news: Goldman-Sachs about to repay bailout \$\$... searchers finding more debris from Air France 447... ongoing turmoil in Iran... a ton of cocaine smuggled inside sharks... a Brooklyn man was arrested for dressing as his dead mother to collect her Social Security payments... for years.



## Sergeant at Arms...

**Scott Naumann collected \$90** added to the vast storehouse of knowledge of the sexes by revealing Things You'll Never Hear a Woman Say and Things You'll Never Hear a Man Say. From men: "Here, Honey,



you use the remote for a while, While I'm up, can I get you anything? Let me hold your purse while you try that on." And from women: "I love it when my pillow smells like cigars and beer. Are you sure you've had enough two drink? Listen, I make enough for both of us – why don't you retire?"

**CONTINUING OPPORTUNITY:** If you enjoy public speaking and helping friends part with some money, there are still **OPENINGS in the sergeant-at-**

**arms schedule. Contact Ben Selden: 449-1070.**

## Secretary Chuck introduced:

### visiting Rotarian...

Leanne Shaw, Moline, Banking

### ... and visitors

Dave Patochetti with Kevin Kraft

Bob Lundin with Jon Ryan

Chris Ryder with Lora Adams

## Missing Today:

Blacke-2, Bowe-3, Cass, DeDoncke -2, Deuth, Dobesh-3, Douglas, Ellstrom-5, Felsing, Freese, Gallagher, Hartsock, Hintermeister, Heninger, Kempton-24, Kinsley, Koos-9, Lanum, Legare, Link-24, L.Miller, Nielsen, Pelecky-9, Powers, Richards-3, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Selden, Semenow, Sherrick, Spyrow-5, St. Laurent, Stradt-5, Swan-24, Tyler-14, Volbrecht, Worley-10.

## Make-ups:

Todd Larsen at East Moline/Silvis

**At today's 'Lobsterfest' committee meeting:** Tom Coley, Brian Kennedy, Jeff Hassel, Tony Calabrese, Mark Ross, Todd Larsen, Jim Spelhaug, Connie Mangler, Frank Mitvalsky, Bernie Vogel, Decker Ploehn, Duncan Cameron, S.K.Nanda, Ann Kappeler, Fred Anderson, Jon Ryan, Nicole McWilliams.

## Upcoming featured programs

*From Brian Kennedy, program chair:*

July 1<sup>st</sup> Transition to New Club President

July 8<sup>th</sup> Open

July 15<sup>th</sup> State

Auditor David Vaudt

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Jim Legare,



The Network

**Program ideas? Call Brian, 340-5114.**

**'Staff' for this issue of *The***

***Bettendorf Rotary Club News*:**

Fred Anderson, editor... Carter LeBeau,

photos... Chuck Mooney, reporter...

Ralph Heninger, Webmeister.

### **Bettendorf Rotary resources**

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

What is Rotary? How did it get started? The object of Rotary. Avenues of Service, the Four-Way Test, the history of Bettendorf Rotary:

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

Bettendorf Rotary in community involvement:

<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, District 6000, Polio Plus... and more:

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

**To read about what's going on elsewhere in District 6000, here's a link to the District's Website:**

[www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org)



### **Make up at a nearby Rotary Club:**

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