



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
**Feb. 8, 2011, issue**

## ***Next meeting:***

Noon Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012,  
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **Hoover Library's director to speak**

We'll have the opportunity to learn more about Iowa's only President from our featured speaker at the Feb. 15 meeting, **Thomas Schwartz**, director of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum and Library, West Branch.

The Hoover Museum "has educated, inspired and entertained nearly three million visitors since it opened more than 40 years ago." It "tells the extraordinary story of an orphan boy who lived the American dream, becoming a multi-millionaire engineer, a worldwide humanitarian, and the 31st president of the United States. These triumphs were



**Herbert Hoover birthplace in West Branch**

followed by the tragedy of the Great Depression and then a return to public life and popular acclaim," the facility's Website says.

The current featured exhibit marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Girl Scouts. Lou Henry Hoover was involved with the Girl Scouts for much of her life and was chosen National President of the organization twice. To learn more:

<http://hoover.nara.gov/>

## ***Last meeting:***

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2012



## **Doucette outlines EICCD's mission**

Enrollment at the Eastern Iowa Community Colleges – Scott, Clinton and Muscatine – has increased 30% in the last five years, according to **Dr. Donald S. Doucette**, chancellor of EICCD since July 1, 2011.

Besides preparing students for more higher education at 4-year universities, Doucette said this district's colleges are

working hard to meet the demand by area employers for skilled workers in “advanced manufacturing, information technology and healthcare / science.”

The district consists of campuses in Clinton, Muscatine and several scattered throughout Davenport, Bettendorf and smaller Scott County communities. Besides offering freshman and sophomore-level college courses and many 2-year associate degree programs, the campuses provide early-college courses for qualifying high school students, Doucette said.

The district’s priorities, he said, are completion – ensuring students complete their education; efficiency – providing high-quality education with declining state support, and economic development – providing skilled workers to meet employers’ demand.

### The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test,” followed by the singing of “America the Beautiful,” introductions and Moments of Reflection. Later in the meeting, the singing resumed with “Bye Bye Blackbird” and “Sentimental Journey,” led by **Carter LeBeau** and accompanied by pianist **Wilma Nichol**.



### Secretary Chuck introduced:

#### Visiting Rotarian:

Peter Mitchell, East Moline/Silvis:  
Chiropractor

#### Guests:

David Farmer with **George Daugherty**  
Brian Poirier with **Steve Habenicht**  
Kara Mitvalsky with **Frank Mitvalsky**  
Kay LeBeau with **Carter LeBeau**

### Presentations...



→ **Integrity award. President Scott** presented the District 6000 Paul E. Hellwege Integrity Award to **Frank Mitvalsky**. Named for a past district governor from Boone, Iowa, the award recognizes the recipient’s ethics and integrity, Scott said. He lauded Frank as a “person of character, a leader, someone who is always dependable.” Six of Frank’s colleagues at the Califf & Harper law firm surprised him by entering the room during the presentation; the managing partner, Roger Strandlund, said, “We appreciate Frank’s dedication to public service.”

→ **PH+3. Rich James** received his Paul Harris + 3 pin for reaching the \$4,000 donation level to the Rotary Foundation. “We have been blessed,” Rich said, noting that money donated to the Rotary Foundation “goes to a good purpose.” In



making the presentation to Rich, **S.K. Nanda** reported that the Foundation had recently opened three new funds to enable Rotarians to target donations to help provide relief for people

affected by flooding in Thailand, earthquakes in Turkey and the famine in Ethiopia and surrounding countries.

### Announcements...

➔ **LobsterFest. President Scott** announced special LobsterFest working lunch session, at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Bennigan's, Bettendorf, to focus on sponsorships and the silent auction.



With 128 days left before the event, at the meeting nine new sponsorships were added. They are RGS &

Associates, (**Dick Schillig**), McGinniss-Chambers Funeral Homes (**Dave Chambers**), Wagner's Cleaners (**Ken Vandersnick**), Morgan Stanley Smith Barney (**John Rabine**), Home Instead Senior Care (**Steve Habenicht**), Steve's Mirror and Glass (**Jerry Felsing**), A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. (**Rich James**), Gallagher Millage & Gallagher, PLC (**Bob Gallagher**) and Great Midwest

Seafood Co. (a friend of Larry T. Lobsterman).

In other LobsterFest news, it is now possible for sponsors to use Visa to pay for their support, thanks to the efforts of **Bev Murray** and **John DeDoncker**. Stay "tuned" for more details on this and other LobsterFest developments.

➔ **Special meeting.** Reminder: The **Feb. 22** meeting will be a joint event with the Iowa Quad-Cities Rotary and Bettendorf Kiwanis at the **Waterfront Convention Center** to hear the "State of the City" address by Mayor Bob Gallagher Jr. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; meeting begins at noon. No extra charge for members.

➔ **District Conference.** The District 6000 Conference will be April 12-14 at the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, Riverside, Iowa. For more details, logon to <http://www.rotary6000.org/>

### The News...



**Fred Anderson** delivered a summary that included: Republican Rick Santorum

won three caucus victories, raising new questions about front-runner Mitt Romney's clout with conservatives... It won't be a surprise to anyone who spent January on the golf course, but Iowa could be in line for the warmest winter on record... Dustin Kruse, 4, of New Berlin, Wis., wanted something extra special last Christmas -- a toilet -- specifically, a top-of-the-line double-flusher. After flushing it, he said to his mother, "Can you imagine all of the

things I could do (with this)?” ... After soldier Donny Eslinger, 20, was severely wounded in Afghanistan, he was airlifted to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Maryland for treatment, but he had to leave his adopted puppy, “Smoke Pup Barbarian,” behind; thanks to some friends, now the two have been reunited.

### **Sergeant at arms...**

**President Scott** collected \$232 for our foundations + birthday money for our Scholarship Fund – a \$45 in cash and a check for \$62 from **Susan Praul**. Other **Ryan Happy \$\$** were donated by **Steve Pieart** – 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary... **Jerry Felsing** – on vacation next week in Cozumel... **Susan Praul** – 39<sup>th</sup> birthday... again... **Bob Gallagher** – honoring today’s speaker (as a Scott Community College Board member)... **Nicole McWilliams** – happy for Frank... **Steve Habenicht** – also happy for Frank... **Rich James** – happy the UNI Panthers beat nationally ranked Creighton... **Dave Deuth** – Linda’s 45<sup>th</sup> birthday... **Jonna Schuler** – chaperone for her daughter’s cheer squad as they compete at the Nationals in Orlando.

### **Missing today...**

L. Adams, Blaske, Boosalis-2, Bowe, Cahalan-6, Calabrese, Carter, Castro-2, Daley, DeDoncker, Dickson, Dobesh, Eikenberry-4, Ellstrom-6, Falk, Freese-2, Glass, Gudgel-2, Harrison-4, Hartsock-3, Hassel-2, Hintermeister-4, Hinton-6, Kappeler, Kellenberger, Kennedy, Kinsley, Lokenvitz-2, Loweth-5, McGimpsey-4, G. Miller, L. Miller-5, Murray, Nelson-6, Oswald, Pelecky-6, Ploehn, Powers-2, Ricketts-McCool-2, Ross-2, Sarver-2, Saul, Schutte, Scranton, Semenow, Sherrick-2, Sorensen, Spelhaug, St. Laurent-3, Volbrecht, Werner, Willsher-6, Worley-6



**Greeter Jonna Schuler welcomes Harry Coin.**

### **Make-ups...**

**At today’s committee meeting:** Bob Gallaher, Jen DeBuhr, Lisa Brown, Michael Limberg, Steve Pieart, David Deuth, Brad Boeye, Jerry Felsing, Tim Lane, Frank Mitvalsky, Kirsten Adams  
**At the LobsterFest Meeting, Feb. 2:** Brian Rolf, Bev Murray, Carter LeBeau, Ken Vandersnick, Scott Naumann

### **In other BRC news...**

**Marika Jones** has resigned from our club, Secretary Chuck reports.

### **Upcoming meetings...**

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: **340-5114**, [bmfkennedy@att.net](mailto:bmfkennedy@att.net)  
**Feb. 15:** Thomas Schwartz, director Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum and Library, West Branch  
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