



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Feb. 29, 2011, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, March 7, 2012,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Find out about some members' day jobs

When they're not eating Chinese food on Wednesdays, BRC members do some interesting things to bring home a paycheck. Find out more about **Bill Daley** of Abbey Carpet Gallery plus



other members whom **Kevin Kraft**, in his guise as vocational director, is recruiting. Rotary was founded on the concept of providing a means

for business persons to network – so this program will philosophically take us back to our roots. Plus, it's fun to harass the speakers.

Last meeting:

Tuesday, Feb. 29, 2012



Speaker promotes online learning

Rose Fernandez, executive director of the National Parent Network for Online Learning, or NPNOL, was the featured speaker at the Feb. 29 meeting.

The mother of five children who were educated online through Wisconsin's state-wide online school, Fernandez founded NPNOL in 2010 to provide "a resource to parents, students and policy-makers" who want to lobby their state legislatures to establish online schools in every state.

Two school districts in western Iowa will offer classes online next school year, and the principal of one of those districts,



Alan Nelson, is traveling with Fernandez to meet with with Eastern Iowa educators. They stayed after the meeting to answer members' questions.

More than 250,000 students were enrolled in online classes in 2010-11, either exclusively or in combination with traditional classroom classes, Fernandez said. About 30 states now offer online classes, which lets students learn at home from courses that meet the same requirements as traditional courses, which are taught by state-certified teachers.

She described some kinds of students who benefit from this method of learning:

- Drop-outs who want to complete high school but can't afford to leave work
- Advanced-placement students who want to take courses not offered by their town's schools
- Students with health issues or other special needs.

Fernandez said more information is available from her Website, www.NPNOL.org; the International Association for K-12 Online Learning, www.inacol.org, or the National Coalition for Public School Options, www.publicschooloptions.org.

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of "The 4-Way Test," followed by the singing of "This Is My Country" and Moments of Reflection. After introductions, **Tom Howard** led a mini-songfest – "Sing Out

a Song of Rot'ry" (sung twice for emphasis) and "Grandfather's Clock," a bow to Leap Day – with accompaniment by pianist **Sheri Fleming**.

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians:

Ken Beck, Davenport: Environmental Consultant

Guests:

Kim Lundry with **Paul Murphy**

Tim Mohs & Eva Dondanville with

Mark Ross

Joshua Lewis with **Bill Daley**

Dr. Doug Kloss & Mark Panther with

Scott Naumann



Induction...

→ **New member. S.K. Nanda** inducted **Chris Bowling**, who recently moved from Rockford to join Molyneaux Insurance, Davenport. His wife and 2 sons will move to the QC at the end of the school year; their daughter is a student at UCLA. Before the induction, S.K. noted last Thursday (Feb. 23) was the 107th anniversary of the founding of Rotary.

Announcements...

→ **Social nights return. Chris Glass**, chair of the newly formed Social



Committee, announced that after-work socials would return on the 3rd Thursday of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m. March 15 at The Clubhouse “indoor country club,” 2501 53rd Ave., Bettendorf

➔ **QCSO special performance.** **Harry Coin** and **Tom Howard** issued an invitation to attend one of the Quad-City Symphony Orchestra’s performances this weekend of Benjamin Britten’s *War Requiem*, Op 66. Written in 1962, this



extraordinary work employs a full orchestra, a chamber orchestra, two choirs and vocal soloists. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Adler Theater,

Davenport, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 3, at Centennial Hall, Augustana College,

Rock Island. For tickets:

<http://www.ticketmaster.com/Quad-City-Symphony-Orchestra-tickets/artist/804209>. Harry offered 2 free

tickets to a member who would take a student to a performance; **Connie Mangler** said she would take a high school-age violin student she knows.

➔ **LobsterFest.** **President Scott** showed off a new chart that will be used to show the progress toward obtaining sponsorships for the event.

After the monthly LobsterFest meeting – 8 a.m. Thursday, March 1 – **President Scott** enthused, “What a successful meeting for the LobsterFest Committee! We have built our lists and designated the best candidates to make our calls to

Sponsors and Silent Auctions. We’re going to do the SAVE THE DATE card right away, update the brand new Sponsor Board, and get the tickets out into the hands of our Guests! We’ve also



committed to Larry the Lobsterman that we want him to start checking Lobster Market Pricing for June 16th!!!”

Members who attended Thursday’s committee meeting: **Mike Limberg, Penny McGimpsey, Carter LeBeau, Brian Rolf, Beverly Murray, Cathy Duda, Scott Naumann, Doyle McCully**

➔ **Special recognition.** **President Scott** read a commendation citation for **Mike Limberg’s** son, Sgt. **Christopher Limberg**, USMC, for his actions in combat in Afghanistan in May 2011.

The News...

Fred Anderson reported the day's news. At least 13 people were killed overnight



as tornadoes marched across the Midwest.... Mitt Romney won Republican primary victories in Michigan and Arizona Tuesday

night.... Heavy fighting broke out on Wednesday when Syrian troops began a ground assault on a rebel stronghold.... A New Jersey mother born on February 29 beat 2 million-to-1 odds: her daughter was also born on leap day.... An armed man barged into a Florida motel room, scuffled with his victims, and dropped his gun -- only to return a short time later to try to buy it back; his would-be victims pepper-sprayed him both times, and police arrested him.... A St. Petersburg, Fla., high school sign promoting a literacy event for parents read: "Laeping to Literacy Night 6:30 PM." The embarrassed principal said, "I sure hope that sign doesn't end up on Jay Leno," but the sign was soon making the rounds on students' Facebook pages.

Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$112 for our foundations + \$15 from **Glenn Kass** for his daughter's birthday. Tales prompting the donation of **Ryan Happy \$\$** were postponed to give the speaker more time.

Missing today...

K. Adams, L. Adams, Archer, Blaske, Boosalis-7, Bowe-2, Brown, Cahalan-9, Calabrese, Chambers-3, Daugherty,

DeBuhr-3, Deuth, Dobesh-4, Duda, Edwards-3, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-9, Freese-5, Gabrilson-2, Gudgel-2, Hartsock-6, Hassel, Heninger, Hintermeister, Hinton-9, Kappeler, McWilliams-2, L. Miller-8, Nelson, Pelecky-9, Ploehn, Ricketts-McCool, Sarver, Schillig, Scranton-4, Semenow, Spelhaug-2, St. Laurent, Volbrecht-4, Worley-9

Make-ups...

Rich James @ Summit County, Colo.

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: **340-5114**, bmfkennedy@att.net
March 7: Vocational talks by BRC members, recruited by **Kevin Kraft**.

News staff...

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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 – Steeplegatt Inn, Davenport

