



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Oct. 19, 2011, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Get an update on the Bettendorf Fire Dept.

At the Oct. 26 meeting, we'll hear from our own **Jay Wilshire** of Trinity Medical Center and Lt. **Jeff Green** of the Bettendorf Fire Department. While Jay spends his time in the comparatively calm administrative offices of Trinity Terrace Park, Jeff earns a living riding loud, multi-ton vehicles to burning buildings (you'll often see him talking about fires in the local news media) and sometimes engaging in rescue dives in swiftly moving Mississippi River waters. You'll find out what they've been doing together at next week's meeting.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2010

A fascinating look at U of I research

P. Barry Butler, executive vice president and provost, University of Iowa, provided some insight at the Oct. 26 meeting into the university's approach to research. To make best use of increasingly scarce research funds, Butler



said, the U of I often focuses on broad world problems, with impact beyond Iowa's borders, using interdisciplinary teams of researchers and involving students as well as faculty. Butler described research projects in four challenging areas:

Water: An estimated 1 billion people world-wide lack access to clean water, so the U of I is looking for solutions with experts in the fields of law, engineering, public policy, healthcare, chemistry, economics, agriculture, atmospheric science and more.

Digital Public Humanities. Projects in this area, Butler said, help us understand ourselves and our community, thanks to the work of historians, philosophers and those in other humanities disciplines who

delve into Civil War era diaries, for example – aided by digital technology.

Aging Mind and Brain. With an eye toward improving the quality of life for aging people, researchers from fields including medicine, nursing, public health, engineering and the liberal arts are studying such issues as the effects of distractions on older drivers' abilities.

Obesity. To combat the growing obesity epidemic, a group that includes members from medicine, nursing, business, public policy, liberal arts and other disciplines is examining the “appetite” gene in mice.

By making strategic investments in research, such as these, Butler said the U of I brought \$450 million in research funding to the campus last year.

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test,” followed by the singing of “America the Beautiful.” After Moments of Reflection the singing resumed, with the day’s song leader, **Carter LeBeau**, accompanied by pianist **Sheri Fleming**, with rousing renditions of “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad” and “Shine on, Harvest Moon.” In honor of our guest speaker, we also sang “Iowa Fight Song”



and “Victory Song” (which, oddly, never mentions victory) – with Carter in a U of I cap, making it 2 newsletters in a row that Mr. LeBeau’s *chapeau* gets him into print.

No guests or visiting Rotarians attended the meeting.

Announcement...



→ **Dictionaries for 4th graders.** **Jim Spelhaug** updated the club on progress of the project to give each 4th grader in every elementary school in Bettendorf his or her own dictionary. **Chris Glass** presented the books to a class at Hoover Elementary, and passed along some photos of kids enjoying their first moments as owners of new dictionaries.



Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$250 for our foundations + \$100 from **Doyle McCully** for our scholarship fund – who was happy that **Gladys** has had a “really good month” with a birthday and an anniversary. Other **Ryan Happy \$\$** came from **Amber Castro** – \$29 for her first baby, expected on April 29, 2012... **Frank Mitvalsky** – \$95 (\$1/mile) for the distance he and his brothers, and families, paddled in canoes in Wisconsin... **Harry Coin** – his sister’s hubby landed the job as ADO at University of North

Carolina... **Rich James** – doing well after receiving 3 stents... **Tom Ahlstrand** – feeling good – and “Thanks for all your prayers” – after the CT scan showed no cancer in his colon... **Brian Rolf** – the Lady Knights (his daughter among them) are volleyball co-champs of the M.A.C. for the first time *ever!*

Presentations...



→ **LobsterFest thanks. Jeff Hassel** presented a check for \$500 to **Rick St. Laurent** in thanks for the use of the facilities at Rivermont Collegiate for our LobsterFest again this year.



→ **3 NEW MEMBERS!! S.K. Nanda** inducted our newest members: **Rick (“Ozzie”) Oswald, Tom Kellenberger** and **Pat Stopulos. Ozzie** is operations

supervisor at Iowa-American Water Co; he and his wife Kate have one son, 6-month-old Preston. **Tom**, a native Quad-Citizen, is an insurance agent and investment counselor; he and wife Heidi are parents of three kids, ages 4, 6 and 8. **Pat** – returning to BRC after some years in Chicago – specializes in long-term care insurance; his two grown children live in Chicago and Des Moines.

The news...

Lora Adams presented a brilliant newscast, full of useful information, pathos, humor and just a hint of intrigue.

Unfortunately, your humble editor left the notes in the meeting room and all that brilliance to anonymous posterity. So, instead, you’ll



have to settle for this one morsel from the Oct. 20 news file:

It’s common for twins the world over to report shared traits and unusual coincidences well into their adult lives. But these twins? WHOA.

After a lifetime of uncanny similarities, Alicia Teeples and Ari Ostler, identical twin sisters in Utah, experienced their biggest coincidence of all when they both had babies on Oct. 7. Ostler gave birth to a boy named Oliver at 4:15 p.m. And 43 minutes later, Teeples gave birth to a girl named Penelope. “They have the same nose!” Teeples said of the little cousins.

Missing today

Archer, Bowe-10, Cameron, Chambers, Cahalan, Death, Dickson, Duda, Edwards-3, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-16,

Falk, Felsing, Freemire-6, Glass, Gudgel-6, Heninger, Hintermeister, Hinton-16, Kappeler, Kass, Kraft, Lanum-16, Larsen, Legare-12, Lokenvitz, Lundin, McWilliams-5, Manas- 16, Marvin, L. Miller-2, Murray-7, Nelson-5, Olson, Pelecky-16, Pieart, Ricketts-McCool-2, Sarver-8, Saul, Scranton, Sherrick, Volbrecht-16, Willsher, Windmiller-16, Worley



Greeter Ellen Harrison welcomes Bill Daley.

Make-ups:

Todd Ashby @ North Scott
 Jim Spelhaug @ Iowa Quad Cities
 Duncan Cameron @ Rock Island
 At today's committee meetings: Rick Hartsock, Lora Adams, Tim Lane, Lisa Brown, Bob Gallagher, Josh Carter, Frank Mitvalsky, George Daugherty, Rick St. Laurent, Jen DeBuhr, Dick Schillig, Laurie Dobesh, Brian Rolf, Tim Downing, John Rabine, Brian Kennedy, Susan Praul, Chelsea Powers, S.K. Nanda, Penny McGimpsey

Upcoming meetings...

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

Oct. 26: Jay Wilshire and Lt. Jeff Green, Bettendorf Fire Department

Nov. 2: Bettendorf mayoral candidates

Nov. 9: Rotary district governor

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.: 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

Bettendorf Rotary resources

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>