



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
**Feb. 17, 2010, issue**

## ***Next meeting:***

Noon Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at  
the Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **Tunnickliff reports on Dav. Hilltop project**



The feature speaker at the Feb. 24 meeting will be the director of the Hilltop Campus Village in Davenport, **Scott Tunni-**

**cliff**, who will update us on this community development project.

Under Scott's leadership, Hilltop Campus Village, an historic commercial district in central Davenport, is re-establishing itself as a "vibrant area offering shopping, dining and entertainment." The work includes preserving historic properties and improving other buildings to make the area more attractive, secure and livable. The objective is to restore civic pride in the Village area.

Officials describe the project's goals this way: "Through interactive partnerships, the Village will attract and retain a diverse population living and working in

the established district, making it financially stable and sustainable, providing jobs and an improved tax base. Its various educational, cultural and religious institutions make it a destination with walking and biking for students, residents and visitors. The revitalized, mixed-use neighborhood will be family friendly, clean and safe, alive with activities and excitement."

## ***Last meeting:***

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010

## **Tibbetts: 'Wind at backs of GOP'**

At the Feb. 17 meeting, *Quad-City Times* political reporter **Ed Tibbetts** provided his observations about races for Iowa state and local offices – and some other aspects of his 21 years covering politics. Rather than deliver a speech, he chiefly answered members' questions.

About the year's elections in general, Tibbetts said, "Republicans have the wind at their backs, which does not portend good news for Democrats."

Still, he noted, that was also the conventional wisdom about the election of 2006, which Democrats won. So, it's a little early, in February, to be predicting the outcome of November elections, he said.



While the latest *Des Moines Register* poll shows Gov. Culver trailing likely GOP opponents, including former Gov. Terry

Branstad, “Culver wasn’t expected to win in ’06 either,” Tibbetts said. He said Sen. Grassley seems likely to beat any of his three probable Democratic challengers.

Tibbetts, who has interviewed both President Obama and George W. Bush, said his most memorable interview took place in the Oval Office.

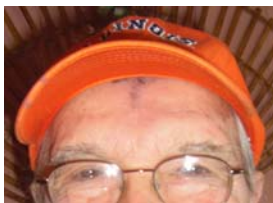
Tibbetts has been at the *Times* since 1989, most of that time as the newspaper’s political reporter. He has covered political figures ranging from aldermen to presidents.

### The meeting opened...

As he has since the beginning of his presidency, **President Dave** opened the meeting by leading members in **The 4-Way Test** – “Is It The Truth? Is It Fair to All Concerned? Will It Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will It Be Beneficial to All Concerned?” The singing of the day’s patriotic song, “God Bless America,” followed.



After Moments of Reflection, the singing continued, directed by Song-leader **Carter LeBeau**, ably accompanied by **Bernie Vogel** on the ivories, as we all sang “How Great Thou Art” (for Ash



Wednesday), “The Illinois Fight Song” (complete with Illini cap and Carter doing a “solo” on the team yells – “O Shee

Wow-wow!”), finishing with “America the Beautiful.”

### Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarian...

Leanne Shaw, Moline: Banking

### ... And guests

Dawn Saul with Connie Mangler  
Carla Batchelor, guest of Linda Miller.

### Announcements...

➔ **Haiti relief.** Collection continues to the end of February. Make checks payable to “Rotary District 600” with a notation that it’s for Haiti Relief.

➔ **Red Badge meeting.** A Red Badge meeting – to benefit new members (with a red sticker on the badge) – has been scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Farraday’s, in The Isle Hotel; all Board members are asked to attend.

### The News...

**Fred Anderson** reported: President Obama hailed the success of the year-old stimulus law... homelessness is a growing problem in suburban and rural America... Toyota acknowledges problems with power steering in Corollas... Pakistan arrests top Taliban military leader, with U.S. cooperation... Baltic, the Polish pooch rescued off an ice floe, soon will have his own Facebook page.



### Presentations...

It was truly a banner day for Bettendorf Rotary – two traveling members brought banners back from far-flung Rotary clubs they





encountered. **Tim Downing** brought one back from Kuranda, in the far northeast of Australia, where he missed the weekly meeting but became acquainted with the president of the 8-

member club. And **Carter LeBeau** presented a banner from his recent visit to the Naperville, Ill., Sunrise Club.

### Sergeant at Arms...



Sgt-at-arms **Karen Atnip** collected \$135 for our foundations while sharing her electrical engineering expertise with some tips on home electrical safety; for example: keep halogen lights out of

kids' rooms... never cover an extension cord (they'll overheat and start a fire)... and, "If a circuit breaker keeps going off, it means something's wrong – call an electrician!"

During **Ryan \$\$**, **Steve Pieart** gave \$1 for each of his 46 years of wedded bliss... **Tim Lane** tossed in \$30 (could it be also for an anniversary?). **Tom Olson**, **Carolyn Leutwyler**, **Mike Freemire**, **Phil Kinsley** and **John DeDoncker** added various amounts for such reasons as no \$1 bill in his pocket... getting the right cash back at McDonald's... arriving at the meeting just as the bell sounded... grandson's birthday... skiing with a son.

### Missing Today:

Adams-3, Adamson, Ahlstrand, Blaske, Brown, Cameron-2 Chambers-3, H. Coin,

Coley, Dobesh-2, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-5, Felsing-2, Foster, Habenicht, Haffernan-2, Hartsock-3, Hintermeister, James, Koos-6, Kraft, Legare-3, Larsen, McWilliams-2, Pelecky-3, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross-2, Selden-6, Semenow, Spyrow-6, St. Laurent-6, Schutte-5, Volbrecht-2, Worley-6.

### Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @ Daytona Beach Shores "Oceanside" twice.

Tim Downing @ Kiranda, Australia

Carter LeBeau @Naperville Sunrise, IL

At today's committee meeting: Decker Ploehn, Jeff Hassel, Mike Freemire, S.K. Nanda, Ralph Heninger, Donna Freese, Carl Loweth, Steve Nielsen, Bob Gallagher, Andrew Gudgel, Steve Pieart.

### The meeting ended...

... with **President Dave** sharing a comment on 'political correctness': "Why pay money to have your family tree traced? Run for president, and your opponent will do it for you." While that kind of "truth" is rooted in the sad state of political affairs, Dave observed, the things accomplished through Rotary are rooted in doing good....

### Future meetings...

... thanks to the efforts of Program Chair **Brian Kennedy**. Use this information to invite potential new members."

Feb. 24: **Scott Tunncliff** talks about what he's been up to lately with Davenport's Hilltop Campus Village.

March 3: **George Daugherty** is putting together another series of vocational talks by Bettendorf Rotary members.

March 10: Master naturalist Janet Moline will give us a close-and-personal look at the Quad Cities' favorite winter visitors, bald eagles. Rock Island County's Master Naturalist program strives "to improve public understanding of the natural world through natural resource education..."

### **News Staff...**

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Photographer Carter LeBeau...  
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### **Committees & chairs...**

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**Golf Outing/Steak Fry:** John Rabine  
**John Deere Classic/TPC:** Jeff Hassel & Lisa Brown  
**Run with Carl:** Dick Schillig & Chelsea Powers

**Winter Party:** Lisa Brown  
**Sunshine chair:** Lora Adams  
**Music co-chairs:** Tom Howard & Bernie Vogel



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

The history of Bettendorf Rotary, and more:  
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/local.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary in the community:  
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/community.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's current officers:  
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/current.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's committees and their chairs:  
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/committ.htm>

Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation,  
Polio Plus... and more:  
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/links.htm>

Link to District 6000's Website:  
[www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org)

Link to Run with Carl: [www.runwithcarl.com](http://www.runwithcarl.com)