



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

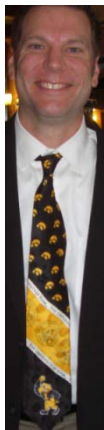
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
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## *Next meeting:*

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

## **11 charities to receive BRC grants**

We'll have the opportunity at our next meeting to see tangible evidence of the impact Bettendorf Rotary has on the community. Representatives of 11 non-profit organizations will be our special guests to receive grants from us and describe the work of their organization plus the specific project our grant will support.



**President Jeff** underscored the importance of a good turnout to welcome our guests. Come and eat your lunch as early as you can, he added, to allow extra time for the program.

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2010

## **Another summer of orange street cones**

Bettendorf has committed tens of millions of dollars to improving the city's streets, parks, recreational trails, street

lighting, sanitary and storm sewers and several municipal buildings, our own



**Decker Ploehn** reported – in detail – at the Jan. 19 meeting. By the time the projects he outlined in the city's 5-year capital improvement plan have been completed, drivers will see additional upgrading to

sections of such arterial roads as 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Tanglefoot Lane and Middle Road. Stretches of numerous secondary and residential streets will have been improved. The riverfront and Duck Creek recreational trails will be joined at Riverdale. An upgraded Interstate 80-Middle Road interchange will welcome travelers as development progresses at that key junction.

Along with the busy building plans, Decker reported on the city's overall financial and management conditions. "We're doing all the financial things we should be," he stated, noting that the city is striving to climb from its current AA-1 bond rating to AAA.

Other highlights in his presentation: Among all city taxes and fees, only the garbage-collection fee is scheduled to increase – by about 3%. The Riverfront Convention Center is exceeding projections for its first year of operation. The number of housing starts equaled Davenport's. The new park in the city's northeast will offer a mix of playing fields, recreational trails and other facilities similar to Crow Creek Park.

### **The meeting opened...**

**President Jeff Hassel** led members as they recited “The 4-Way Test” and sang the day’s patriotic song, “This Is My Country.” After Moments of Reflection, the singing resumed under the expert leadership of **Tom Howard** with the tuneful accompaniment of our own Piano Man, **Bernie Vogel**: “Sing Everyone Sing” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”

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

Leanne Shaw, Moline: Banking

### **... and guests:**

Kerrin Kirkpatric with Tom Howard  
Frank Manas with Phil Kinsley  
Peg Walker with Decker Ploehn

### **Announcements...**



➔ **BRC Social hour.** About a dozen members attended the first-ever BRC Social Hour on Monday, Jan. 17, at Symposium Café. The next one has been scheduled for **5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21**, at the newly renovated **Hotel Blackhawk**. It may include a mini-tour.

➔ **Meeting room update.** New lighting fixtures for our meeting room in the Fortune Garden restaurant have been ordered and should be installed around mid-February. After that, volunteers are needed to wield paint brushes....

➔ **Holiday Party.** **President Jeff** led a round of applause for **Lisa Brown** for her work in planning what he called “the largest and best holiday party in modern Bettendorf Rotary history.”



➔ **Publicity Committee.** Under the direction of Chair **Chelsea Powers**, the new Publicity Committee held its first meeting before the weekly BRC meeting. At future monthly meetings, it will work on such issues as internal email communication, and promotion of meetings, events and achievements to the community. Committee members include **Kirsten Adams, Lora Adams, Jonna Schuler, Glen Kass, Harry Coin, Fred Anderson, Jen DeBuhr** and **Cathy Duda**.

➔ **Women’s Pajama Party.** **Sharon Sarver** promoted the annual PJ Party to support the Family Resources’ Domestic Violence Shelter – 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 at Gilda’s Club. It’s only for female Rotarians, Rotary wives and female friends of the Davenport, Bettendorf and North Scott Rotary Clubs. Please bring PJs for women or children – new, with tags – and enjoy fun, pizza and beverages.

### **Presentation...**

Sunday it’s the Bears vs. the Packers for all the NFC marbles. To support the



fortunes of their favorite teams, two of our most rabid (I don't think that's too strong a term, do you?) fans "serenaded" us with fight songs. **Carter LeBeau** sang "Bear Down, Chicago Bears" – a cappella, yet – and Scott Naumann led a group-sing... sort of... of his own composition, "Oh please, give me some cheese.... And I will bring the crackers... for the mighty Packers..."

### News...



**Lora Adams** reported the news you just won't get anywhere else: Bomb threatens MLK Day parade in Spokane... QC Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign falls \$50,000-plus

short of goal... WIU introduces new president... wounded fox in Belarus shoots hunter with his own gun... thieves in Germany had to call the cops to rescue them from a stuck elevator in the building they intended to rob.

### Sergeant at Arms...

**President Jeff** collected \$206 for our foundations. **Ryan \$\$** donors were **Dawn Saul** – started a new job, with Davenport Schools... **Glenn Kass** – thank his team,

the Seattle Seahawks, for making the Pack-Bears game possible... **Tim Lane** – had fun with his tablemates at the meeting + loved that "Cheese" song... **Tim Lofgren** – the "Cheese" song made his face hurt – he's a Bears fan... **Lora Adams** – the basketball team her husband coaches (now 17-1) may go to the Illinois State Championships...

### Missing today:

Ahlstrand-2, Boeye-2, Brummell-3, Calabrese, Cameron, Chambers, Coley, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dobesh-2, Ellstrom-3, Falk, Gudgel, Hartsock, Heinrich-2, Hintermeister-2, Hinton-3, Jochmann-3, Kappeler, Kraft, Lanum-3, Legare-2, Lundin, L. Miller-2, Olson, Pelecky-3, Pieart, Praul-3, Richards-3, Ricketts-McCool-2, Scranton-2, St. Laurent-3, Schutte-3, Volbrecht, Worley-3

### Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @ Naples, Fla.  
Kurt Lokenvitz @ North Scott  
Jim Spelhalug @ Iowa Quad Cities  
@ Today's committee meetings: K. Adams, L. Adams, H. Coin, Jen DeBuhr, Cathy Duda, Glenn Kass, Chelsea Powers, Jonna Shuler, Fred Anderson, Lisa Brown, Dick Schillig, Bob Gabrilson, Frank Mitvalsky, Audie Foster, Jerry Felsing, Dawn Saul, Tim Lane, Sharon Sarver, Carl Loweth, Kurt Lovenvitz, Brian Kennedy

### Upcoming meetings...

**Jan. 26:** Charitable Giving funds & grants

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