



The Bettendorf Rotary Club News

**Jan. 21st, 2008. Guests Welcome at our next meeting, Wed.,
Jan. 28th, 2008 Noon at the Fortune Garden. Featuring:**

Quad City Arts, Santa Cruz River Bend program

**This weeks our feature speaker will be The
Quad City Arts and its presentation of the Santa
Cruz River Band Concert.**

**Jan. 31, 7:00 p.m.
Santa Cruz River Band Concert
Augustana College, Wallenberg Hall
Tickets: \$12 Adults - \$8 Students
Box Office (309) 794-7306**



Band members Gilbert Brown, Michael J. Ronstadt and Ted Ramírez compose the Santa Cruz River Band a professional touring concert group from Tucson, Arizona. The band performs in English, Spanish and American Indian languages. They present a beautiful, intriguing and powerful musical program filled with the history and mystical lore of the Great American Southwest.

Their music is authentic and original - as it is rooted in the traditional music styles of the United States and Mexico. They create a uniquely beautiful sound with outstanding vocals harmonies and powerful acoustic instrumental sounds. Be at the meeting to learn more?

By Connie Mangler

Rotary News and Announcements



**Nicole McWilliams
President**

We opened our meeting with the singing of "This Is My Country", followed by several moments of silence for personal reflection. Nicole mentioned Dave Peters wife is fighting cancer – please keep her in your prayers.

Also, R.I. finally has accepted the final report on our Nicaragua project. We are now free to start the next project.

Scott Naumann shared a nice letter from the City of Bettendorf thanking our club for its efforts to provide Christmas baskets to people who truly needed them, and that they are so thankful for our Rotarians help.



**S.K. Inducted
Mike Vollbrecht
into our club.**

Congratulations Mike!

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David Dueth
Donated \$40 to our
foundation in honor of his
birthday!

Thank you David



**Greg Blaske,
Sergeant-at-arms**

Collected \$160 for our
foundations.



Tom Howard

Leading Rotary
songs with
Bernie Vogel
at the piano.



Brian Kennedy Offers Insight into Obama Administration

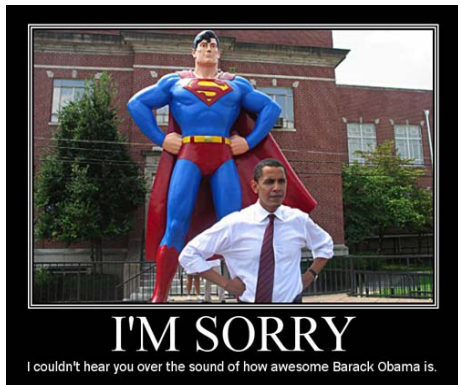
Obama Wins the Race for President on a Platform of Change.

On the day following the Inauguration, loyal Republican Brian Kennedy offered a very non-partisan preview of President Obama's new administration.



Brian addressed the challenges facing the new President as well as the key personnel and policies define his term in office. Brian noted that while there are several new faces in the cabinet, like Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, and National Security Advisor General James Jones, there are also many familiar Washington insiders at the table. A few of these old hands include Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates.

With regard to policy changes, Brian predicted that on the issues of the economy, healthcare reform, energy policy and the environment, there would be a dramatic departure from the policies of the Bush administration. More spending, fewer tax cuts, a health insurance mandate and an expansion of government sponsored health plans would all be proposed by the administration.



With regard to energy and the environment, Brian expects to see more investment in renewable energy as well as government mandates for higher automobile fuel economy and a cap and trade system designed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

Brian concluded by noting that expectations are quite high for the new President and his team and while the public will be patient, in the end it may prove difficult to effect the real change the President has promised.

By Brian Kennedy

Visiting Rotarians & Guest

Audie Foster with Greg Blaske, Brent Shananan with Scott Naumann (kit) Peg Walker with Jon Ryan and Kurt Lokenbitz with Mike Freemire

MISSING TODAY

Adams -3, Atnip -2, Calabrese -3, Cameron, Cass, Coley -2, Dobesh -3, Ellstrom -3, Falk, Haffernam, Hartsock, Heninger -2, Jahn -3, Kappeler, Kempton -3, Kraft, Legare, Leutwyler, Link -3, Lofgren -3, Loweth, L.Miller -2, Mitvalsky -2, Pelecky, Ploehn, Ricketts-McCool, Rossmiller -3, Selden -2, Sherrick -3, Spyrow -3, Swan -3, Tyler -2, Worlely -3

Make Ups

Duncan Cameron at Naples & Naples Bay, Florida. Scott Naumann at Moline
At today's committee meetings .. Todd Larsen, Steve Habenicht, Joe Douglas, Dennis Heinrich, Tim Downing, Gary Koos, Bob Gallagher, Jerry Felsing, Steve Pieart, Tom Ahlstrand, Greg Blaske, Simon Bowe, Jon Ryan, Rick St. Laurent, Mike Freemire, S.K. Nanda, Scott Tunncliff, Donna Freese, Brian Kennedy.



From Mr. Brian Kennedy, program chairman:

Upcoming Featured Speakers

- **Feb. 4th:** Andrea Coleman, CEO Trinity Regional Health System
- **Feb. 18th:** John Stineman, Iowans for Wellness and Prevention

Please use this news!
Invite prospective new members who might appreciate our speakers.
Lunch and program only \$8 per visitor, payable at the door.

Make up a meeting at nearby Rotary Clubs:

Monday, noon.....Davenport The Outing Club
Monday, noon.....Moline-Calvary Church of the Quad Cities
Monday, 6 pm.....QC Illinois-Moline Club
Tuesday, 7:15 am..... River Cities-Brothers Rest. Rapid City
Tuesday, noon.....Rock Island - QC Botanical Ctr.
Wednesday, noon.....Bettendorf-Fortune Garden
Wednesday, 5 pm.....Mini Meet-Lunardi's
Thursday, 7 am.....IA Quad Cities-The Lodge
Thursday, noon....East Moline-Christ United Methodist Church
Thursday, noon.....Milan-Milan Community Center
Friday, noon.....North Scott-Steeplegate Inn

