



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club

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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

Legal services amid Iowa budget crunch



Davenport attorney **Bob Waterman** at the Dec. 2 meeting will describe the Iowa State Bar Association's plan to continue a high level of legal services to all Iowans, regardless of economic circumstances, during this time of austerity

during Iowa's budgetary crisis.

Bob Waterman Jr. is a 1974 graduate of Bettendorf High School and 4th-generation lawyer in his family who has been practicing law since 1981 with the law firm of Lane & Waterman law firm. He is a trial attorney who practices primarily in the area of civil litigation for the defense, including in cases involving commercial, professional, insurance coverage and product liability.

He is vice president of the Iowa State Bar Association and Iowa State chair of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009 ...



Jim Peterson and Bill Burress (at right) and some of the Jinoteca villagers in front of one of their new latrines.

Bettendorf Rotary's latrine project in Nicaraguan village

It was convoluted – and yet a perfect demonstration of how Rotarians work together to improve people's lives.

At the Nov. 25 meeting, two Rotarians – who are *not* members of the Bettendorf club – reported on the impact *our* project has had on the lives of people in the village of Jinoteca, Nicaragua. Rotarians



Bill Burress, Davenport, and **Jim Peterson**, Iowa City Morning, told us about their 2008 trip to Central America, which included a visit to the project that grew out of



the partnership between the Rotary Clubs of Bettendorf and Matagalpa, Nicaragua. It all began several years ago when a young student from Jinoteca, Fatima

Centeno, came to Bettendorf on an exchange program involving Scott Community College and stayed in the home of **Bernie Vogel** and his family. Conversations about the needs of her home village eventually led to the building of 101 composting latrines, which have improved sanitation in the village, reducing illness and improving



Brock Earnhardt.

life for all who live there. Along the way, key roles were played by Bettendorf Rotarians, besides Bernie, **Ann Keppeler**, **Lee Semenow** and **Dave Deuth**, and Davenport Rotarian

The meeting opened...



Be Beneficial to All Concerned?"

President Dave Deuth opened the meeting by leading a recitation of **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 opened with "America the Beautiful," directed by **Tom Howard** with **Bernie Vogel** on the ivories. After Moments of Reflection, with Thanksgiving in mind, the melody making resumed with renditions of "We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing," "Harvest Home" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth."



Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarian...

Brock Earnhardt, Davenport: Water ... **And guests...**

David Pieart with Steve Pieart
Anthony Calabrese with Tony Calabrese
Beth Ryan and Peg Walker with Mark Ross
Spencer Freemire with Mike Freemire

Announcements...

→ **An announcement about announcements.** Beginning next week, announcements during meetings will be kept short to conserve time for the featured speaker. But, we'll still get all the details in a blast email no later than each Friday. To make that happen, if you want to make announcement, **email it to Dave**, Dave@WeertsFH.com or click the "Coordinator" button at the lower-right of the home page at www.bettendorffrotary.com.



→ **Thanksgiving baskets.** **Mark Ross** reported that 10 members were able to deliver baskets to their assigned recipients in the community. **Ken Vandersnick**, commenting on the basket he and **Joe**

Douglas delivered, said, "The people are very grateful."



→ **Peru water project.** **Lee Semenow** reported our project will continue a project that's already installed 500 of a total 1,000 sand water filters to benefit a community of

5,000 families.



"Team Bookworm" members live up to the team cheer: "Rack 'em, tag 'em, scan 'em, stack 'em!"

→ **Library book-tagging.** Still one Monday evening left – **5-9 p.m. Nov. 30** – for Bettendorf

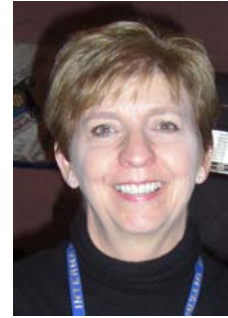


Rotarians to tag books at the Bettendorf Public Library, **Ann Kappeler** announced. A full crew is needed if Rotary is to win our challenge to Bettendorf's Kiwanis Club – 17 have volunteered so far. The 11 members who worked the evening of Nov. 23 tagged about 1,800 books in two aisles of thick, heavy nonfiction books – compared to a much larger group of Kiwanians who tagged about 6,400 skinny, little volumes of juvenile nonfiction in two sessions. The first week's Rotary crew – **Rich and Dee James, Ann and Jim Kappeler, Dave Falk, Fred Anderson, Kurt Lokenvitz, Ralph Heninger, Tom Olson, Ken Vandersnick and George Coin** – also enjoyed a variety of pizzas and soft drinks, plus pre-game coverage of Monday Night Football. It's still possible to volunteer. Contact **Ann**

Keppeler, 743-2166 or kappelera@usa.redcross.org.

→ **Pajama party.**

Ann also reminded us of the Women's Pajama Party to Support the Domestic Violence Shelter, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Gilda's Club in Davenport. Everyone can participate: Ladies can attend – in jammies, if they wish. Guys don't get to go, but can donate pajamas. Bring jammies to next week's Bettendorf Rotary meeting. For info, contact **Nicole McWilliams, 332-3071** or nmcwilliams@pensioninc.com.



→ **Holiday party.**

Lisa Brown said the Bettendorf Rotary Winter Party will be the evening of Saturday, Jan. 9, at Davenport Country Club. Invitations will be mailed soon. Questions? Contact **Lisa** at **441-4016** or lbrown@eicc.edu.



The News...

Lora Adams reported all the news that fits in 3 minutes. Some highlights: Toyota to replace faulty gas pedals... Butterball Turkey Talk dispenses advice (including: don't thaw the bird in the tub while bathing your children)... new housing sales best in a year... give your love a sparkly reindeer dung necklace, thanks to the



thoughtful folks at the Bloomington, Ill., zoo...

Sergeant at Arms...

Dave Deuth again filled in for a forgetful sergeant, collecting \$200 for our foundations. Meanwhile:



Ryan \$\$: Brian Kennedy and Ken Vandersnick: celebrating the PVHS Sparkles – on Oprah!... **Jim Spelhaug:** also lauding the Sparkles – and his anniversary... **Tom Howard:** his wife’s knee surgery... **Peg Walker:** sorry about the ringing phone... **Tim Lane:** his nephew’s heart surgery... **Steve Pieart:** his high school reunion... **Mike Freemire:** an emergency room visit... **Theron Schutte:** his anniversary (thanks to Jim’s reminder) and an approaching granddaughter.

Missing Today:

Ahlstrand, Atnip-2, Blaske, Bowe, Boeye-3, Cameron, H. Coin, Coley-2, Daugherty, DeDoncker-2, Dobesh-6, Douglas, Downing, Eikerberry, Ellstrom-22, Felsing, Foster-2, Freese, Gallagher, Habenicht, Haffernan-2, Hartsock-5, Hassel, Heinrich, Heninger, Hintermeister, Hinton-3, Kinsley, Koos-8, Kraft, Lanum, Legare-2, Larson-2, Leutwyler, Loweth, Lundin-2, McWilliams-3, Mangler, L. Miller-2, Mitvalsky, Naumann, Nielsen, Olson, Ploehn-3, Powers-2, Richards-5, Ricketts-McCool, Slover-2, Schillig-2, Selden-7, Spyrow-22, St. Laurent-2, Scranton-2, Worley-7.

Make-ups:

Lora Adams @ East Moline
Tony Calabrese @ North Scott

Chelsea Powers @ Rotary eclub of District 7890

The meeting ended...

... with a quote from Paul Harris at the RI 35th anniversary: “Rotary is a miniature model of a world at peace....”

News Staff...

Editor Fred Anderson...
Reporter Chuck Mooney...
Photographer Carter LeBeau...
Webmeister Ralph Heninger

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

Make up at a nearby Rotary Club:

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