



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
March 30, 2011, issue

Next meeting:
Noon Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at
The Fortune Garden Restaurant

**World-class violinist
to do QC residency**



World-renowned violinist **Midori** does just two residencies each year, and the Quad City Symphony Orchestra is one of them. The Japanese artist

will do her residency with the QCSO and its Youth Ensembles April 13-17, and we'll be among the first to learn more about the public events and concerts from the three speakers at our April 6 meeting:

Mary Decker, a retired Bettendorf elementary music teacher, is a member of Volunteers for the Symphony, a private voice and piano teacher and ensemble choir director at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church, Bettendorf.

Laurie Skjerseth, retired music education director for the Quad City Symphony, is also a member of Volunteers for the Symphony.

Mary Kae Waytenick, retired youth orchestra manager for the Quad City Symphony and a member of Volunteers for Symphony, is director of music at Church of Peace, Rock Island.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, March 30, 2010

**BRC poses queries
for state secretary**



With his staff of 30 and an annual budget of \$2.9 million, Iowa Secretary of State **Matt Schultz** (at 31, the youngest ever) oversees the state's elections and many essential business activities, he said during the March 30

meeting. After a brief outline of his office's duties, Matt took questions from BRC members; among the issues raised:

→ **Ending a corporation.** A corporation will simply dissolve if you do nothing for five years, Matt said. However, dissolving a corporation means you lose all the protections of that corporation.

→ **Redistricting.** The secretary of state's office has only an administrative role in redistricting, prompted by the 2010 census, he said. New congressional and legislative districts are drawn up by the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency, and proposed to the General Assembly.

→ **Reducing the number of Iowa counties as a way to save money:** “That’s not my call,” Matt said.

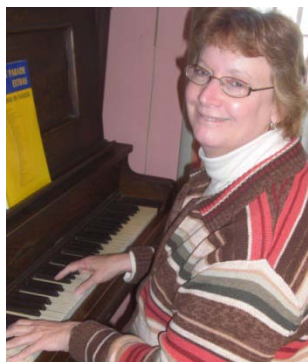
→ **Photo IDs for voting.** Saying he works with a panel of “five Democratic and five Republican” county auditors to oversee the process, he noted other aspects of life when one must show a photo ID – and “you can get one for free,” he asserted.

“Iowa makes it easier than most states to do business with the secretary of state’s office,” John DeDoncker commented.

The meeting opened...

... with **President Jeff Hassel** leading recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and singing of “America The Beautiful” (4th week in a row). After Moments of

Reflection – during which we learned **Bernie Vogel** is still recovering at home – the singing resumed with **Tom Howard** leading and **Gail Baldwin** at the piano: “The 4-Way Test,” “Get Together” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”



Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians:

Roger Killion, Davenport: Communications
Karla Steele, Moline: Attorney
PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott: Publisher

Announcements...

→ **BRC Social Hour.** President Jeff announced the next Social Hour: 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 18, at Granite City.

→ **Painting the meeting room.** Painting and prep – including removing wall decorations – will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 17. Paint supplies, food and beverages will be provided. Sign-up sheets were passed among the tables. **Connie Mangler** and **Amber Castro** are selecting the new color scheme.

→ **Red Badge Meeting.** New members can remove the red patch from their name badge after attending the Red Badge Meeting, beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Farraday’s.

→ **Club Assembly.** The meeting on **May 4** will be a Club Assembly – when we get a detailed update on all of the Bettendorf Rotary Club’s activities and community-service projects.

→ **Murder ... for polio.** **Scott Naumann**, in his own quiet way, invited one and all to attend “Murder in the Double Wide” – with **proceeds to benefit**



Polio Plus – beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at The Fountains, 3752 Thunder Ridge Road. Tickets to the mystery and gourmet dinner are \$35 – contact Scott at 355-6100 or scottn@midlandcom.com.

→ **LobsterFest.** Califf & Harper will repeat as the \$5,000 Presenting Sponsor of LobsterFest, **Karla Steele** of the firm announced. The \$2,500, Gold Sponsorship is still available, **Scott**



Naumann noted. Scott and his Bah Hahbah cohort, **Larry The Lobsterman**, started taking reservations for tables – including **Dave Death, Carter LeBeau, Decker Ploehn, Tom Howard, Jerry Felsing** and more... **LobsterFest will be on Saturday, June 11, on the grounds of Rivermont Collegiate.** The updated sponsorship list:

SILVER (\$1,000):

Iowa American Water Co. (**Audie Foster**) –
 RJS & Associates (**Dick and Juanita Schillig**)
 Weerts Funeral Home (**Dave Death**)

BRONZE (\$500):

Bowe Machine Co. (**Simon Bowe**)
Carter and Kay LeBeau

Gallagher, Millage & Gallagher (**Bob Gallagher**)

George and Harry Coin

Home Instead Senior Care (**Steve Habenicht**)

Knilans' Furniture & Interiors (**Amber Castro**)

Lighthouse Homecare
 McGinnis-Chambers
 Funeral

Home (**Dave Chambers**)

Midwest Seafood

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney (**Paul Scranton**)

Nelson Chiropractic

Professional Touch Cleaning (**Diane Ricketts-McCool**)

RBC Wealth Management (**John Rabine**)

Rick and Sara Hartsock

Russell Electric (**Jeff Lanum**)

Steve's Mirror & Glass (**Jerry Felsing**)

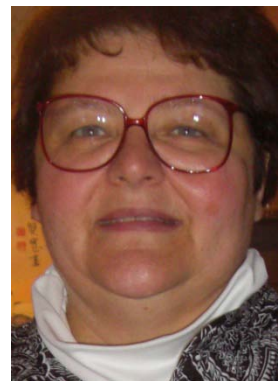
Wagner's Cleaners (**Ken Vandersnick**)

Wells Fargo Advisory Group (**Rich James**)



➔ **Rotary blood drive.**

Sharee Hoeger from the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center promoted the Quad-City Rotary "Service above Self" Blood Drive – 1-6 p.m. Thursday, April



14, at Centre Station, Moline, and 7 a.m.-noon Friday, April 15, at The Lodge, Bettendorf. If you missed the sign-up sheet, log on to www.bloodcenter.org or call **Sharee: 823-4128.**

Presentations...



→ **Club banner. Carter LeBeau** presented a club banner from the meeting he attended at the Rotary Club of Dubai. While in Dubai, Carter and friends went to the top of the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa skyscraper (2,625 feet) and sang "The Iowa Fight Song" – only later learning they could have been arrested under the country's law against "excessive boisterousness."



→ **Rotarian of the Quarter. Sharon Sarver** presented **Decker Ploehn** the "Rotarian of the Quarter" plaque for his work on evaluating and improving the club's meeting venue and in making arrangements for the Red Badge Meeting.

Inductions...

... of **two** new members by **S.K. Nanda**:

Daniel Marvin moved to the Quad Cities to establish a QC campus for Upper Iowa University. He and his wife Heather have a 2-year-old son and are expecting twins.



Native Quad-Citizen **Bill Daley** owns Abbey Carpet Gallery in Davenport. He and his wife Linda are parents of two daughters, ages 8 and 11.



The news...

Lora Adams compiled a comprehensive news summary, but it was cancelled to save time... so here's a summary of the summary: Flood warnings are in effect the length of the Mississippi River in Iowa... Road work on I-280, just south of I-80, will pinch traffic to one lane each way until Dec. 30... Iowa's redistricting plan is revealed Thursday... Japan orders safety upgrades at its 55 nuke plants... a 300-lb. eagle ray flew out of the water in the Florida Keys and pinned a woman to the deck; unhurt, she continued the cruise.

Sergeant at Arms...

President Jeff postponed the sharing of **Ryan \$\$** this week and asked members to just pass in \$3 apiece – yielding \$226 for our foundations.

Upcoming programs:

April 6: April's Quad-City Symphony visiting artist

April 13: **Lora Adams** – WQPT screening of "Freedom Riders"

April 20: Brock Earnhardt, Davenport Rotary – Project Safari Nigeria 2010

April 27: **Chelsea Powers** – Updating BRC Marketing Committee's recent work: Club Website & Facebook page (for a preview, check it out: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bettendorf-Rotary-Club/86874546875>)

May 4: Club Assembly

May 11: **Rep. Linda Miller's** annual legislative update

Missing today:

Ahlstrand, Archer, Atnip, Bowe, Calabrese, Cameron, Castro, Chambers-6, Colely-8, Dobesh-11, Eikenberry-4, Ellstrom-12, Freese, Glass, Habenicht, Heinrich-11, Heninger-2, Hintermeister-2, Hinton-6, Harrison, Kappeler-2, Kass, Kennedy-2, Kinsley, Lofgren, Loweth-3, McWilliams, Manas-2, L. Miller-11, Nielsen, Pelecky, Ricketts-McCool, Saul-2, Sherrick-2, Volbrecht-2, Wilsher, Worley-6

Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @ Naples, Fla.
At today's committee meetings: Lisa Brown, Andrew Gudgel, Jim Legare, Greg Blaske, Steve Sorensen, Sharon Sarver, John DeDoncker, Rick Hartsock,

Jerry Felsing, Jonna Schuler, Kurt Lokenvitz, Audie Foster, Paul Scranton, David Deuth, Jen DeBuhr, Mike Freemire, Frank Mitvalsky, Penny McGimpsey, Tim Lane, Kevin Kraft, Mark Ross, Todd Larsen, Decker Ploehn, Kirsten Adams, Jeff Lanum, Bob Lundin, Daniel Marvin, Tom Olson, Chelsea Powers, John Rabine, Lee Semenow, Rick St. Laurent

In other news...



The Marketing Committee met before the March 30 meeting to plan its presentation at the April 27 meeting. Hot topics include new features on the BRC Webpage and the club's page on Facebook. Members at the meeting were **Chelsea Powers**, chair, plus **Jen DeBuhr**, **Jonna Schuler**, **Kirsten Adams** and **Fred Anderson**.

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