



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 21, 2011, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant



Get the latest from the QC's busiest promoter

The old year is ending, so it's time to see what's coming in the New Year 2012. Who better to hear from at our Dec. 28 meeting than **Joe Taylor** of the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau, whose Website lists these three top announcements:

- [John Deere Pavilion is currently closed... Reopens mid-Feb. »](#)
- [Enter to Win an Eagle Watching Winter Weekend Getaway! »](#)
- [Over 50 Coupons for Be a Tourist in Your Own Backyard Weekends, Jan. 13-16 & Feb. 17-20 »](#)

For more information on these – and everything else that's coming up – see: <http://www.visitquadcities.com/>

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2010

Doxsie: 'Too many bowl games'

As he has for the previous three years, **Don Doxsie**, sports editor of the *Quad-City Times*, did some speculating about the 2011-12



College Bowl Season at the Dec. 21 meeting. "I want to thank the University of Iowa football program for giving me something to write about," he began, commenting on the suspension of running back Marcus Coker – "who accounted for 89% of the Hawkeyes' running yardage this season." Since Iowa was listed as a 16-point underdog to Oklahoma in the Insight Bowl before Coker's suspension, Doxsie said, "without him there's very little chance" of the Hawks winning. Still, he concluded, a bit wistfully, in 1984 Iowa beat Texas by more than 40 points.

There are too many bowl games, he said – 35 games, meaning 70 of the 120 teams in the NCAA bowl-eligible division will be playing. "Who would have thought there'd be a bowl game on Dec. 30 in Yankee Stadium?" he added – referring to Iowa State vs. Rutgers in the Pin Stripe Bowl. To further drive the point home, he noted 10 of the 12 Big Ten teams will be

in bowl games (he didn't say anything about the ironic arithmetic...). Illinois plays UCLA Dec. 31 in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl in San Francisco.

Answering questions from the club, Doxsie commented, "Early in the season I expected Wisconsin to be in the national-championship game – but I was surprised they lost two." As for that game, he said "Alabama can beat LSU this year because it has an offense. LSU has a great defense." He predicted a low score.

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of "The 4-Way Test," followed by the singing of the day's patriotic song, "America the Beautiful." After Moments of Reflection, Song-leader **Tom Howard**, aided and abetted by piano accompanist **Sheri Fleming**, cranked up the old BRC singing machine with



some seasonal favorites: "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "We Three Kings" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Secretary Chuck introduced:

Visiting Rotarians:

Leanne Shaw, Moline: Banking
Marcia Brandt, North Scott: Marketing

Guests:

Michael Schmell with **Chris Glass**
Paul Murphy with **Phil Kinsley**
Jorge Rodriguez with **Sharon Sarver**

Presentation...

→ **Gift to Boy Scouts.** **Sharon Sarver** presented a check for \$500 to **Jorge**



Rodriguez, scoutmaster of Troop 24, chartered by St. John Vianney Catholic Church, in thanks for the Scouts' work as the wait staff during LobsterFest 2011. The money will be used for "camper-ships" to help some of the boys attend summer camp.

Announcements...

→ **Merry Christmas, Ying.**

Decker Ploehn presented the thanks of the club –in the form of \$950 – for all her attentiveness to our dining needs every week to **Ying (a.k.a. "Cha Cha"** – you'll have to ask **Doyle McCully**).



→ **Holiday Party.** **President Scott** reiterated the arrangements – saying invitations will be coming very soon: Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012, at TPC at Deere Run, with cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 and music, mingling and holiday merriment afterward. Please RSVP no later than Jan. 11 using the card in the mailed invitation. Questions? Call **Lisa Brown**: 563-441-4016 or 563-320-3849.

→ **New officers nominated.** The nominating committee presented its candidate to fill the one BRC Board



vacancy: **Chris Glass**; he was approved by voice vote of members present. The 2012-13 slate of officers – also passed by unanimous voice vote – will be: **Mark Ross**, president;

Chelsea Powers, president-elect; **Chuck Mooney**, secretary/treasurer; **Sharon Sarver**, club service; **Kevin Kraft**, community service; **Chris Glass**, vocational service; **Lee Semenov**, international service; **S.K. Nanda**, Rotary Foundation; **Jim Spelhaug**, new generation service; **George Daugherty**, at-large member.

➔ **Charity grants program.** **Jeff Hassel**



announced that the BRC Charities Board will distribute grants during the Jan. 11, 2012, to 12 recipient organizations – all of which plan to have representatives in attendance.

The news...

Fred Anderson reported the news you won't find elsewhere: X-rays of an English woman found a felt-tipped pen she accidentally swallowed 25 years ago – it still wrote, proving the pen is mightier than 2.5 decades of stomach acid.... A Florida man left his date at the movies – and stole her car; police found it in a parking lot and arrested him.... A London store prompted protests from

animal-rights activists by selling pâté of a “relative of Rudolph” – but the reindeer delicacy is no longer available: the furor hiked demand and it all sold out.... A British girl's gift wish list included “the real-life Justin Bieber,” and she threatened to kill Santa if he didn't deliver – turns out she was “angry because I thought I wasn't going to get all the presents I wanted.” Naughty? Nice? You be the judge.



Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$214 for our foundations + birthday money to our Scholarship Fund from **Jeff Hassel** (\$39) and **Carl Loweth** (\$66) – who also retired from Deere. **Ryan Happy \$\$** also were generously contributed by: **Dawn Saul** - \$11 for 11 days off... **John Sherrick** – birth of granddaughter... **Laurie Dobesh** – thankful all in the family are well... **Dr. Tom Olson** – “I appreciate each day” + welcome to take a cigar + thanks to **Tim Downing** for lowering the rent... **Bill Daley** – thanks to Scout Troop 24 – where he became an Eagle Scout... **Connie Mangler** – going to the Dominican Republic in January.



Farewell...



At the end of the meeting, **Duncan Cameron** announced he is resigning his membership because he's moving to Naples, Fla. – but he expects to be back “frequently.”

Missing today

K. Adams, L. Adams, Archer, Atnip-9, Chambers-2, H. Coin, Cahalan-5, DeBuhr-3, DeDoncker-4, Deuth, Dickson, Duda-2, Edwards, Eikenberry-3, Ellstrom-24, Freemire-14, Gallagher-3, Gudgel-3, Harrison-3, Hintermeister-2, Hinton-24, James, Kraft, Lanum-24, Larson, Legare-24, Lundin-2, McGimpsey, McWilliams-7, Marvin-2, Nelson-14, Oswald, Pelecky-2, Praul-3, Ricketts-McCool, Schillig-2, Scranton-11, Sorensen-2, St. Laurent-3, Volbrecht-2, Willsher-6, Worley-2

Make-ups:

At today's committee meetings: Phil Kinsley, Decker Ploehn, Todd Ashby, Bill Daley, Mike Limberg, Frank Mitvalsky, Linda Miller, Chris Glass, Ann Kappeler, Mark Ross, Tim Lane, Sharon Sarver, Duncan Cameron

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: **340-5114**, bmfkennedy@att.net
Dec. 28: Joe Taylor with the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau.

News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...
Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...
Photographer: Carter LeBeau...
Webmeister/Web-site host: Chris Glass

Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club
Monday, noon: Moline – Christ the King Catholic Church
Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Arbor Village Club House, Moline
Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapid City
Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center
Wednesday, noon: **Bettendorf** – Fortune Garden Restaurant
Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi's Restaurant, Davenport
Thursday, 7 a.m.: Iowa Quad Cities – The Lodge, Bettendorf
Thursday, noon: East Moline – Christ United Methodist Church
Thursday, noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country Club
Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

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