



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Sept. 29, 2010, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010, at
The Fortune Garden Restaurant

**Attorney to explain
Iowa judge retention**

Iowa's long-time system of selecting judges based on merit has become an issue in this year's elections. At the Oct. 6 meeting, Davenport attorney **Bob Gallagher Jr.** will provide some perspective on this important issue as he speaks about "Why the merit selection and retention of Judges works for Iowa."

Robert S. Gallagher is a partner in the law firm of Gallagher, Millage & Gallagher, P.L.C. (you may recognize the name of another partner). Within the firm, Gallagher's practice areas include civil practice, civil rights, criminal defense, family law, insurance defense, labor and employment, litigation, personal injury, real estate, trusts, estates and wills.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa and his law degree from Marquette University. He is admitted to practice law in Wisconsin and Iowa. An active community volunteer, Gallagher is a frequent speaker on employment and business law.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010

**Augustana College
marks its 150th year**



Steven C. Bahls, president of Augustana College, brought the celebration of the school's sesquicentennial anniversary to the Sept. 29 meeting in the form of an entertaining look at "then" and

"now" in photos and narration.

On the eve of the U.S. Civil War, Bahls related, a Swedish pastor named Lars Paul Esbjörn founded the college in Chicago. Over the next decade and a half, the college was moved twice, finally settling in the open country between Rock Island (which later grew to surround it) and Moline.

During his presentation, Bahls mentioned numerous milestones in the college's history, including the building of Old Main in 1894... the gymnasium in 1916 (first home of the then-Tri-City Symphony Orchestra)... the seminary, 1923-1960 (now part of Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago)... the founding of a Phi Beta Kappa chapter in 1949... the building of Centennial Hall in 1960 and many subsequent classroom and residential halls.

The college offers academic programs on all seven continents. The skeleton of the

first dinosaur discovered in Antarctica dominates the entrance to the science hall – it was discovered by an Augustana grad.

For more on Augustana history, visit the college's Website, www.augustana.edu, and click on the logo, "Celebrating 150 Years: 1860-2010."

The meeting opened...

... with **President Jeff Hassel** leading the recitation of The 4-Way Test. During Moments of Reflection, we remembered Past President **Ron Essner**, whose funeral was on Friday morning. Singing resumed under the direction of



Tom Howard, with guest pianist **Gail Baldwin**: "Sing Out a Song of Rotary," a



celebration of **Bill Harvey's** 90th birthday – in the form of (what else?) "Happy Birthday, Dear Bill" and a standing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" – with "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

for good measure.

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians...:

Terry Westbrook, East Moline: Banking
Brian Delaney, Davenport: Credit Counseling
PDG Bill Cameron, Keokuk: Education

Tracey Kuehl, North Scott: Museums
James Patten, North Scott: Leadership Development
Sally Fuller, LaJolla, Calif.: Real Estate

... and Guest:

Ross Wirth with Bill Harvey

Presentations...



→ **A Banner Day.** BRC's roving ambassador **Carter LeBeau** brought back souvenirs from his travels near the Canadian border – with greetings from Rotarians in Caldonia, Minn., and banners from Cloquet and Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Visitor **Sally Fuller** (who came to town as part of a Hawkeye football pilgrimage) brought greetings and a banner from her home club near San Diego – and she led us in The Pledge of Allegiance.



Announcements...

→ **Dictionaries.** **Jim Spelhaug** passed around signup sheets for members to choose which class of Bettendorf 4th graders to whom to distribute dictionaries later in October. He'll email reminders and talking points to all volunteers.

→ **“Fall Youth Harvest.”** **Tim Lane** reported details of the New Members’ project on Oct. 20 – working with the clubs of North Scott, Davenport and Rock Island, they’ll take kids, who might not otherwise be able to go, to an afternoon of fun at Pride of the Wapsi in Long Grove.



→ **Mysterious fundraiser.**

Davenport **Brian Delaney** issued an invitation to that club’s fundraising event –

“Murder in the Double-Wide,” presented by **Scott Naumann’s** It’s a Mystery troupe – No. 6 at Rock Island Arsenal. Tickets are \$45. More details: www.davenportrotary.org.



→ **Doodles.** **Rich James** invited one and all to the biennial Bettendorf Library Foundation’s Doodle Day fundraising event 6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 14. More than 100 doodles from celebrities of all sorts – from Alan Alda to Jim Zabel (well... his name *does* begin with Z) – and lots of other artifacts will be offered in a silent auction.

→ **Good Gardening.** **Bill Cameron** thanked all who participated in the QC

charity garden this summer – which grew more than 10 tons of produce for the Café on Vine and community food pantries. He said he’d return in February to ask for help again.

→ **Charity deadline extended.** After the meeting, **Ann Kappeler**, a member of the Bettendorf Rotary Charities Fund Board, announced that the deadline for applications for grants had been extended to Nov. 1. To be considered for a grant, a nonprofit organization must mail a typewritten application, postmarked by Nov. 1, to Bettendorf Rotary Club, P.O. Box 133, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. For a blank application form, visit our Website – www.bettendorffrotary.com – or mail a request to the same address.

The news...

Fred Anderson reported some of the news that’s fit to print: terror plot investigation in Europe... Southwest Airlines buys AirTran... Belgian woman on trial for letting down her sky-diving pal (and love-triangle rival) by slicing her parachute lines... Segway owner dies in freak fall off cliff (with his Segway...)... hot Christmas toy: the Justin Bieber doll, coming soon...



Sergeant at Arms...

President Jeff’s quest for **Ryan \$\$** netted \$188 for our foundations plus scholarship money from **Harry Coin** – \$50... **Bill Harvey** – \$90... **Frank Mitvalsky** – \$24, who were happy about birthdays and anniversaries. Other happy folks:

Jim Slavens – his 64-year friendship with **Bill Harvey** and bill's myriad contributions to life in Bettendorf...

George Coin – **Harry's** birthday...

Harry Coin – a plug for the Quad-City Symphony Orchestra... **Bill Harvey** – happy for his years as a Bettendorf



Rotarian... **Rich James** – “go early to the QCSO and catch Kai Swanson’s lecture on the music”...

Jim Spelhaug – proud of the National Merit scholars at PVHS... **Glenn Kass** (a new member who’s so new he hasn’t even been inducted yet) –

something about his kids... **Frank Mitvalsky** – Northwestern’s 4-0... **John DeDoncker** – best time ever (3:39) in the QC Marathon... **Todd Larson** – (couldn’t really hear, but he sure seemed thankful)... **Decker Ploehn** – isn’t he just naturally happy?

Missing today:

L. Adams, Ahlstrand-2, Atnip, Boeye-2, Brummel-5, Coley-11, Deuth, Dobesh-2, Douglas-3, DeBuhr, Eikenberry-3, Ellstrom-13, Felsing-2, Foster-3, Freemire, Freese, Heninger-3, Hintermeister-2, Hinton-3, Jones-9, Kennedy-2, Legare, Loweth-5, Lundin, McWilliams-3, L. Miller, Olson-4, Pelecky-12, Piart, Powers-2, Rabine, Richards-3, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Schillig, Selden-13, Sherrick-4, St. Laurent-3, Schutte-6, Vogel-2, Volbrecht-3, Worley-8

Make-ups:

At today’s committee meetings: Todd Larsen, Greg Blaske, Kirsten Adams, Jonna Schuller, Simon Bowe, Sharon Sarver, Lisa Brown, Penny McGimpsey, Dave Chambers, Bob Gallagher, Kurt Lokenvitz, Donna Spraul, Tony Calabrese, Duncan Cameron, Paul Scranton, Tim Lane.

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Bettendorf Rotary resources

The history of Bettendorf Rotary, and more:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/local.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary in the community:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/community.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary’s current officers:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/current.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary’s committees and their chairs:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/committ.htm>

Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus... and more:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/links.htm>

Link to District 6000’s Website:
www.rotary6000.org

Link to Run with Carl: www.runwithcarl.com