



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009,
at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

DG Cal Litwiller to be featured speaker



District 6000 Governor Cal Litwiller, accompanied by his wife **Rachel**, will be the featured speaker at our next meeting, noon Wednesday, Aug. 19. Their

appearance follows their attendance Monday, Aug. 17, at Rotary Night at the Ballpark.

Cal grew up on a farm in southeast Iowa, rural Wellman, Iowa, youngest of three boys, according to his biography on the District 6000 Website. After graduating from Iowa Mennonite High School he received a B.S. in biology from Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Va. Cal received his masters degree in education from the University of Iowa.

His 38-year career in science education, teaching biology, chemistry and physics, has taken him to the American School of

The Hague, Netherlands, for three school years, before moving to Mt. Pleasant Community High School in 1977; they still live in Mt. Pleasant. He has been department chair for the past 20 years. The time spent in Holland initiated the Litwillers' enjoyment of adventure travel, which has taken them to six continents.

Cal has been nominated by former students to Who's Who Among America's Teachers for each of the past 10 years.

Cal and Rachel have been married 42 years. They have two children, Cherie (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates) and Tony and daughter-in-law Madeline (Charlotte, NC).

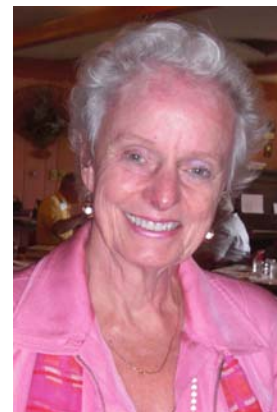
Cal and Rachel are both Rotarians and multiple Paul Harris Fellows, making their family a Paul Harris family.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009 ...

Tinsman warns of evils of human trafficking

“More than 1 million people worldwide,” and some 17,000 of them in the United States, are victims of human trafficking, **Maggie Tinsman** told members of the Bettendorf Rotary at its Aug. 5 meeting.



Defining the victims of what she said amounts to modern-day slavery as people who are “forced, coerced or defrauded into labor or sexual exploitation,” Tinsman said human trafficking fuels the growth of international crime as it deprives the individuals who are abducted of all their rights. Human trafficking has a \$70-90 billion annual impact on the world’s economies.

Tinsman became involved in efforts to combat human trafficking while she was an Iowa State Senator. In 2006 Iowa became the 14th state to pass a law punishing the crime as a serious felony. Two years later, the Iowa statute was used to prosecute and convict a man who had brought two teenage girls from Omaha into Iowa and forced them into prostitution and performing in strip clubs. Other victims have been exploited as laborers, having all their wages confiscated by those who abducted them.

Tinsman said anyone who sees a suspected act of human trafficking should report it to the hotline – 888-373-7888. A Davenport Rotarian, she also urged her listeners to become involved.

The meeting opened...



President **David Deuth** presided and began the meeting by leading the members in recitation of The 4-Way Test: Is It The Truth? Is It Fair to All Concerned? Will It Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Is It

Fair to All Concerned?



Since the Bettendorf club is a Singing Rotary, the songfest continued with songmeister **Tom Howard** leading the always tuneful members in “The Rotary Wheel,” “I’m Always Chasing Rainbows” and “My Blue Heaven” to the melodic accompaniment of **Bernie Vogel** on the piano.



Announcements...

➔ **Rotary Night at the Ballpark – Monday, Aug.**

17 – is upon us, and **Chelsea Powers** handed out packets of tickets to the members who had ordered them. The evening will also include a Rotarians-only Happy Hour



reception for District 6000 Governor **Cal Litwiller** and his wife **Rachel** – 4:30 p.m. in the lounge (near the elevator) on

the 2nd level of the stadium. Admission is a Rotary pin and a ticket to the game. At press time, **some tickets were still available. Contact ticket sales manager Connie Mangler - 355-4000 (business), 388-0796 (home).**

Remember, each of the 12 Quad-City Rotary clubs is committed to earn \$1,000 at this event, which will go to Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign. For each \$7 ticket we sell, we get \$3, and for every \$1 sold in Bandit Bucks we receive 50 cents.

➔ With just 25 days left until "Run With Carl," **Chelsea Powers** returned with an update: The Rotary Challenge is being delivered to all other clubs in the Quad Cities – the club with the most participants in the races wins the trophy. She's still recruiting volunteers – the greatest need is for cookies! Race day is Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.

➔ **Lora Adams** thanked the club for all its support for the WQPT Challenge. Bettendorf Rotary has exceeded the \$3,000 needed to win a TV set – but still trails Davenport Rotary by \$54. You can still donate until Aug. 31.

➔ With all the donations and checks counted and expenses deducted, **Frank Mitvalsky** announced the final results of the **2009 Bettendorf Rotary Lobsterfest**: a record **\$34,991** (and change) for our charitable foundation to grant to worthy causes in the community. In noting we've raised



more than \$100,000 in just three years of the event, he thanked all who participated, THE National Bank and the other sponsors, donors of auction items – and Boy Scout Troop 24, whose members served the entire throng of diners in only 18 minutes. Frank presented the troop's Scoutmaster **Monty Meyer** a \$600 check in appreciation.



Presentation...

Bettendorf Rotary's own Makeup Champion – **Carter LeBeau** – presented banners from two Rotary clubs where he attended meetings during stop-overs while



he was participating in this year's RAGBRAI (the *Register's* Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa). Carter brought back banners from Chariton and Corning, Iowa.

The News...

Lora Adams reported all the news that seemed fitting: Two-way traffic returns to the Interstate-80 bridge, just in time for the annual Tugfest between LeClaire and



Port Byron. In other news, Marines are attacking the Taliban in Afghanistan... the Chevy Volt hybrid car will get an estimated 230 miles per gallon of gas...

Sergeant at Arms...



Standing in for the actual Sgt-at arms, **Jon Ryan** (and his hair) collected \$65 as he announced there would be no bad news – so he invited each table to report some good news. Thanks went out to the volunteers and donors to the

WQPT fund drive... the patrons who borrowed 532,000 items from Bettendorf Library last year... and for good vacations... record sales... the little boy who asked, “Am I big yet?”... and **Lora Adams**, who donated \$28 for her anniversary.

Secretary Chuck introduced:

guests...

Eleanor Mooney with Chuck Mooney Monty Meyer, Boy Scout representative as a guest of the club.

Missing Today:

Brown-2, Calabrese, Chambers, Coley-2, Dobesh, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-7, Felsing-2, Foster-2, Freemire, Freese, Habenicht, Haffernan-3, Heinrich-2, Kennedy-3, Koos-7, Lanum-2, Legare, Link-7, Lofgren-3, Loweth, McWilliams, Mangler, L. Miller, Nanda, Naumann, Pelecky -2, Pieart, Rabine, Richards-2, Ricketts-McCool, Schillig, Schwab, Spyrow-7, St. Laurent-6, Swan-7, Schutte-2, Volbrecht, Worley-7

Make-ups:

At North Scott’s Corn Boil: Nicole McWilliams, Duncan Cameron, Lee Semenow

At today's committee meeting: Mark Ross, Jon Ryan, Tom Ahlstrand, Lora Adams, Andrew Gudgel, Duncan Cameron, Joe Douglas, Karen Atnip, Simon Bowe, Bob Gallagher, Gary Hintermeister, Phil Kinsley, Sharon Sarver, Ben Selden.

Upcoming programs

From Brian Kennedy, program chair:

August 19th, District Governor Cal Litwiller and his wife Rachel
August 26th, Larry Weber, University of Iowa College of Engineering, Flood Forecasting.

Bettendorf Rotary resources

Hot links where you can find answers to many questions about Rotary.

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