



The Bettendorf Rotary Club News
**Nov 14, 2007. Guests Welcome at our next meeting,
Weds., Nov. 21, Noon at the Fortune Garden**

FEATURING:

The Bettendorf Schools Holiday Chorus

Six Bettendorf High School Students were accepted to this year's All State Music Festival November 15-17. Competition was fierce, over 3000 student instrumental and vocal musicians from one end of Iowa to the other auditioned for 600 spots in the all state honor Orchestra, Choir and Band. Six Bettendorf High School music students were chosen to participate in the Iowa All-State Music festival: Sarah Buck - All State Band, clarinet, Jill DeWit - All State Orchestra, violin, Sarah Mascher - All State Orchestra, violin, David Edwards - All State Choir, Andrea Kuster - All State Choir, Chloe Biermann - Opus Honor Choir.

The Iowa All-State Music Festival is sponsored by the IHSMA (Iowa High School Music Association) to provide a state-wide selective festival for the instrumental and choral high school musicians of Iowa. November 15-17 students who have been selected for participation rehearse with guest conductors: Orchestra - David Becker, Appleton, WI, Chorus - Dr. Edith Copley, Flagstaff, AZ, and Band - Dr. Ray Cramer, Colorado Springs, CO.

The 61st Annual All State Concert was held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 17th at the Hilton Coliseum, Iowa State Center, Ames, Iowa. Students from schools that are members of the Iowa High School Music Association and enrolled in grades 9-12 participate in the festival. Auditioning students must be in good standing and currently enrolled and eligible in the respective ensemble eligible for participation in the Large Group Festival.

Iowa Public Television had five cameras on hand at the Coliseum, and extensive audio recording gear to support two broadcasts of this year's All State Festival during the Thanksgiving Week: Thursday at 6:30pm, Sunday 11/25 at 4:00pm and Tuesday, December 25 at 9:00pm. Hopefully WQPT will make it available for those in the QCA.

The musicianship at this year's event was better than some professional groups, even inspiring. The choir's rendition of Loch Lomond, the Orchestra's selection from 'The Planets' and the Band's 'Armenian Dances' were particularly memorable, however the two combined chorus / orchestra (America the Beautiful) and chorus / band (Battle Hymn of the Republic) brought the filled Hilton Coliseum audience to a hushed awe before explosive sustained applause.

Announcements:

- Past president Carolyn Leutwyler:

Club Holiday Party
Crow Valley Country Club, January 5th
– *Save the Date* –

- **Thanksgiving Food Basket Delivery Volunteers attained!** Jeff Hassel, community service chairman this year has all the slots filled for Thanksgiving basket delivery! Well done!
- **A “Mitt Moment” today – by The Original Himself!**
President Carolyn, herself given only a moment’s notice that she would be leading our merry group today, gave past President Frank Mitvasky even less notice, dragooning him to the Rostrum to close the meeting with a trademark ‘Mitt Moment’. Frank did not disappoint, delivering an old favorite off the top of his head as though he’d practiced beforehand!



*From Mr. Brian Kennedy,
program chairman--*



Upcoming Featured Speakers

- 11/28: Aaron Roof, “The Voice of the Flames”, Director of Broadcasting and Media Relations, QC Flames
- 12/5: Linda Cook: What’s New at the Figge Art Museum
- 12/12: Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey.
- 12/19: Holiday Music presented by the Bettendorf Schools II.
- 12/26: No Meeting
- 2/6: Gunda Davis, Local author of “Pumpkin Soup and Shrapnel: Growing Up Under the Third Reich”
- 2/20: Linda Cook, QC Times Movie Critic: Oscars Preview
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Please use this news!

Invite prospective new members who might appreciate our speakers.

Lunch and program only \$8 per visitor, payable at the door.



Meeting Review

Noon, Nov 14th, 2007,
the Fortune Garden. Presiding:



Past President Carolyn Leutwyler

Past President Carolyn volunteered to lead our meeting since President Lisa, Vice President Nicole and International Chairman Dave Dueth could not attend today. Carolyn opened the meeting with 'America The Beautiful' after a pre-lunch room-warming piano voluntary by Bernie Vogel

including 'Autumn Leaves', 'Rotary' and other showtunes.

President Carolyn then asked for a moment of silent reflection for world peace and fellowship and for those the members noted who suffer including Ron Essner's mention of our troops overseas and Lora Adams' seriously ill friend.



Southeast European Wandering **Minstrel Carter** *'They sure do this well on cruise ships'* **LeBeau** led pianist Bernie and the Kimberly Road Rotary Not Ready For All State Chorus in a Veteran's Day Retrospective: 'The Caissons Go Rolling Along', 'Anchors Aweigh', 'The Marine Hymn' and 'The Army Air Corps.'



Lora Adams presented 'The News'. Did you know that our Rotary Newscast is researched and assembled each and every week by our dedicated member? It isn't a mass email that Lora or Fred merely read.

Each week before our meeting they search out a balance of international, national and local top news and amusing slice-of-life stories.

Thanks Much Lora and Fred!



Responsibilities of Rotary Club Membership



The club is the cornerstone of Rotary, where the most meaningful work is carried out. All effective Rotary clubs are responsible for four key elements:

1. Sustaining or increasing their membership base,
2. Participating in service projects that benefit their own community and those in other countries,
3. Supporting The Rotary Foundation of RI financially and through program participation, and
4. Developing leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.

What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to help members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience. Attending weekly club meetings allows members to enjoy their club's fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community. Many larger communities offer clubs with different meeting times, including early morning, the lunch hour, after work, and evening. If members miss their own club's meeting, they're encouraged to expand their Rotary horizons by attending make-up meetings at any Rotary club in the world — a practice that guarantees Rotarians a warm welcome in communities around the globe. Find meeting places and times in the Official Directory or through the Club Locator at www.rotary.org.

In some cases, Rotarians can make up meetings by participating in a club service project or attending a club board meeting or a Rotaract or Interact club meeting. Members can also make up online at one of several Rotary e-clubs.

All Rotary clubs share a key mission: to serve their community and those in need throughout the world. By participating in club service projects, members learn about their club's involvement in local and international projects and can volunteer their time and talents where they are most needed.

To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian must share the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring guests to meetings or invite them to participate in a service project. The value of Rotary speaks for itself, and the best way to spark the interest of potential members is by letting them experience fellowship and service firsthand.

Keeping members interested in Rotary is another responsibility. Good club fellowship and early involvement in service projects are two of the best ways to sustain the club's membership. The ideal composition of a Rotary club reflects the community's demographics, including professions, gender, age, and ethnicity. Such diversity enriches every aspect of the club's fellowship and service.



Chuck "Challenges make life interesting" Mooney, Secretary Reports:

Visiting Rotarians:

**Terry Westbrook, East Moline, Banking
 Jeb Hart, Moline, Music Education
 Gene Hoth, North Scott, Security**

Rotary Meeting Make Ups:

Carter LeBeau twice aboard the Princess Cruise ship visiting Naples, Italy, Rhodes, Greece, Kusadasi, Turkey & Dubrovnik, Croatia. At last night's Board meeting .. Carolyn Leutwyler, S.K. Nanda, Nicole McWilliams, Lisa Brown, Jim Spelhaug, George Daugherty, Chuck Mooney & Jim Slavens. At today's committee meeting .. Joe Douglas, Phil Kinsley, Greg Blaske, Dick Schillig, Rich James, Mark Ross, Ron Esner, Fred Andersnn, Scott Tunnickliff, Lora Adams, Tony Calabrese, Steve Habenicht.

Missing today: Atnip, Ball -13, Bowe -12, Brown, Cameron, Chambers -2, Colely -2, Daugherty, Deuth, Dobesh -4, Eikenberry -3, Ellstrom -5, Freemire, Gallagher, Hyder -14, Ingleby -14, Kappeler, Kennedy, Legare, Larsen, Loweth -3, Lucas -3, L.Miller -3, McWilliams, Pelecky -2, Perisho -4, Ploehn, Selden, Sherrick -5, Snyder -5, Spelhaug, St. Laurent -3, Urbaitis, Voelliger, Voigt -

Make up a meeting at nearby Rotary Clubs:

- 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



Sgt-at-arms Mark Ross collected \$ 140 for our foundations.

Mark had the good fortune of appearing right after major sports events that motivated Carl Loeth, Carter Lebeau and Ken Vandersnick to donate and extra \$20 each!

Mark noted many Rotarians who also serve with the Chambers of Commerce. The Illinois Chamber has 980 members, he said.

Scott Tunncliff, with an extended dramatic oration, introduced this week's speaker:



Paul Rumler

Director of Community Economic
Development,
Illinois Quad City Chamber of
Commerce



Following Scott's lighthearted introduction, Paul recalled that the last time he waited so long to begin a talk he wondered whether his turn to use the microphone would ever come – it was Scott who introduced him then as well!

Paul rallied the support of the members, seeking their participation in the 'Quad Cities Passenger Rail Coalition' to spearhead the project to gain 79 MPH rail service between the Quad Cities and Chicago.

The Quad-Cities could have passenger rail service to Chicago within two years, if all the chips fall into place. The Coalition has 1,100 supporters so far, according to Paul.

The QCA has a geographic advantage over Dubuque Iowa, also competing to be the rail conduit to Chicago. This as the Quad Cities is the natural connecting point to Iowa City, Des Moines and Omaha, all part of the future plan for high speed commuter and passenger rail service.

Paul noted that although the costs involved for high speed 'Bullet' train infrastructure was 20 years away, the U.S. Senate has approved legislation that could provide federal grants to help states pay for new more traditional passenger rail service, including a route from Chicago to the Quad-Cities. The legislation, which still must be considered by the House of Representatives, would provide \$11.4 billion for Amtrak over six years. States could apply for matching grants -- with a 20 percent state match -- for rail infrastructure.

Paul noted that passenger rail would be a boon to local colleges, as it would make them more attractive to prospective students living in Chicago. From the local perspective, rail offers a delay free way for QCA residents to relax or get work done while safely traveling to downtown Chicago. With car gasoline prices expected to near \$4/gallon, the case for rail ridership high enough to justify the investment becomes ever more persuasive. Add your name to the Coalition – Call Paul at 309-757-5416 or visit www.qcrail.com !