



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, at
the Fortune Garden Restaurant

Helping keep Iowa a wind energy leader



Iowa ranks as one of the top states in the use of wind power to generate electricity. At our Sept. 2 meeting, **Dr. P. Barry Butler**, professor of mechanical and industrial engineering

and dean of the University of Iowa College of Engineering, will bring us up to date on the development and use of this source of energy in the state.

The College of Engineering at Iowa plays a leadership role in the formation of the "Iowa Alliance for Wind Innovation and Novel Development," or IAWIND, which is a virtual partnership among the three Iowa Regents universities, community colleges, industry in the state, and the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

IAWIND is designed to support efforts in Iowa "to continue to attract and nurture

wind energy and related industries, and become the nation's leading state in alternate energy technologies." It serves as "a catalyst for the growth of wind energy, and to support and to facilitate the research and training needs of wind energy companies." Butler, the newest board member of the American Wind Energy Association, will describe how IAWIND is helping Iowa expand its national leadership position in wind energy. In 2008 the AWEA ranked Iowa 4th, behind Texas, California and Minnesota, in the amount of electrical energy generated from wind power.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009 ...

Learning how better to deal with Iowa flooding

The summer of 2008 had begun without a hint of disaster, according to **Larry Weber**, professor

of civil and environmental engineering at the University of Iowa. While winter had produced heavy snowfall, the spring thaw and rains had been fairly normal in March and April in the Iowa and

Cedar River basins, he told the Bettendorf Rotary at its Aug. 26 meeting.



Then in early June heavy rains pelted the northern end of those watersheds. As that runoff neared Cedar Rapids and Iowa City on June 12, huge local rains added

to the volume of water. Result: record flooding that over-topped levees by up to 18 feet, inundating the center of Iowa's



second largest city and a major portion of the University of Iowa campus.

As devastating as that flooding was, it yielded a huge volume of data that Dr. Weber, as director of the Hydrosience & Engineering Research Institute at Iowa, and his colleagues at the Iowa Flood



Center are using to better understand what happened – and then develop better ways to deal with future flooding.

“We can’t stop the water from coming,” he said, but many measures can be taken to reduce the severity of flooding. Those being studies include better forecasting methods – to better predict how deep water will be, not just when it will arrive – more effective water- and land-use policies, higher levees, different water-retention structures, better cooperation among all agencies involved, and more.

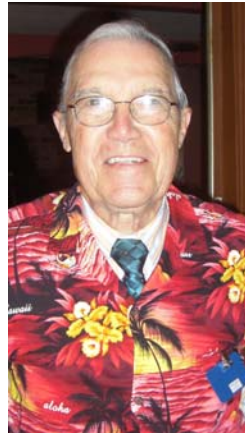
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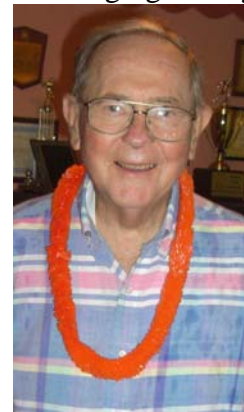
Actually, before the meeting opened, it was obvious from all the members who were wearing Hawaiian shirts that something was... different about this meeting.

President **David Deuth** presided and opened the meeting with 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?

During Moments of Reflection, he announced that former Bettendorf Rotarian **Jim Stewart** had died that morning at the Clarissa Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf.



The opening song, directed by stand-in concertmaster **Carter LeBeau**, was “America the Beautiful.” Since we are a Singing Rotary,



the songs continued – an Irish medley, continuing the tribute to **Jon Ryan**: “Galway Bay” and “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling” – accompanied by **Bernie Vogel** at the piano.

Announcements...

➔ President **Dave** announced that the **GARDEN MINISTRY** of Asbury



Methodist Church, which provides food for 19 meal sites, food pantries and shelters in the Quad Cities, needs help harvesting vegetables.

The **work session**, originally set for Saturday, has been postponed, **Dave Phillips** of the Ministry said in a phone interview – but volunteers will be needed when the fields have dried. **To volunteer**, contact Dave – or **leave your name, phone and email – at: 340-6594 or**



gardenministry@mchsi.com. The garden site is in Rural Scott County: North of I-80 on U.S. 61 to the Mount Joy exit... east to the road with the John Deere dealer on the west and soccer fields on the east... north to the

Garden Ministry sign.

➔ The **WQPT Challenge** continues until next Monday, Aug. 31, President Dave announced. Bettendorf Rotary has raised enough to get the TV set, which



can be auctioned during the Golf Outing and Steak Fry – but still trails Davenport Rotary in the WQPT Challenge among all Quad-City Rotary clubs. Get your pledges in – or, better yet, pledge more.

Contact Lora Adams: 796-5029.

➔ **Chelsea Powers** continued the countdown – only 12 days until the Labor Day “**Run with Carl**” events on Labor Day. She handed out volunteer assignments – and said more are needed to **provide cookies and place orange cones.** Just as she was winding down,



The Coach quietly (for him) insinuated that Bettendorf Rotary needs to step up its training – and sign up to **bring home the Rotary Challenge Cup** as the Quad-City

Rotary with the highest participation.



Presentation...

Frank Mitvalsky presented a check for \$600 to **Rick St. Laurent** of Rivermont Collegiate for hosting the annual LobsterFest – and providing a great deal of extra support, all of which contributes greatly to the success of the event.

Sergeant at Arms...



At last it became apparent what the Hawaiian shirts were all about. Sgt-at-arms **Ralph Heninger** – in an homage to **Jon Ryan** and his love of Hawaiian

shirts – made a motion, which members



unanimously adopted, to forever after to rename “Happy \$\$” as “**Ryan Bucks**” – and always fill the segment with good news. For the next few minutes, to announce family news, work success, sports-

team achievements and other categories of good news, members – including **Jim Slavens, Frank Mitvalsky, Greg**



Blaske, Carter LeBeau, Mike Freemire, Laurie Dobesh, Steve Habenicht, Tom Coley, Jim Legare, Dave Falk, George Coin, Harry Coin, Lee Semenow, Carolyn Leutwyler, Bob Gallagher, Kevin Kraft

and **Dave Deuth** (and probably others, but a guy can take notes only so fast...) – pitched in \$320 for our foundations, plus \$42 from **Rich James** to the Bettendorf Rotary foundation.



For more on Jon Ryan, go to <http://www.funeralplan2.com/mcginnis-chambers/> and click on Obituaries.

Secretary Chuck introduced:

Visiting Rotarians...

Ralph Heninger, Davenport, Attorney
 Terry Westbrook, East Moline, Banking
 Gary Lynch, North Scott, Transmission parts
 PDG Bill Cameron, Keokuk, Education

Guests...

Tom Olson with Ralph Heninger
 Barry Ward and Becky Lee Hinton with President Dave

Missing Today:

Adams, Bowe, Brown-4, Calabrese, Daugherty, DeDoncker-2, Downing, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-9, Felsing, Freese, Haffernan, Hartsock-2, Hassel, Heinrich, Hintermeister, Kappeler, Link-9, Loweth-3, McWilliams, Nanda, Nielsen, Pelecky,

Pieart-3, Sarver, Sherrick, Spelhaug, Spyrow-9, Swan-9, Worley-9.

Make-ups:

At today's committee meeting: Diane Ricketts-McCool, Tom Coley, Audie Foster, Steve Habenicht, Mike Freemire, Linda Miller, Bob Gallagher, Joe Douglas, Jim Legare, Brian Kennedy, Decker Ploehn, Mark Ross, Duncan Cameron, Gary Koos. Rick St. Laurent.

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

Make up at a nearby Rotary Club:

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