



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009,
at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

Update from Iowa's security agency boss

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD)



coordinates activities before, during and after emergencies, and its administrator, **David Miller**, will give an overview of the agency's structure, mission, programs and accomplishments at

the Sept. 23 meeting of Bettendorf Rotary.

Iowa HSEMD works through partnerships with local, state, federal and private agencies, resulting in "a state better prepared to prevent, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters," according to its promotional materials.

In 2007, Gov. Chet Culver reappointed David Miller as the administrator of Iowa

HSEMD – he was originally appointed to the position in 2004.

Miller has worked for the agency since 1989. He began his service as the state's Enhanced 911 coordinator, serving in that capacity for 10 years. For the next five years he served as the HSEMD chief of staff. During his career at the agency, Miller has acted as special projects coordinator, legislative liaison and its spokesperson. His responsibilities have included the development and publication of HSEMD's administrative rules and the coordination of the division's strategic planning efforts.

He has served in major leadership roles in 17 presidentially declared Iowa disasters since 1990, including a major ice storm in 1992, the floods of 1993 and the tornadoes and flooding in 2008.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 ...



Guest speaker Kyle Otte, Chelsea Powers and guest Beverly Murray enjoyed lunch.

Toastmasters develops public speaking skills

Every week Toastmasters helps 100,000 people gain confidence and achieve goals by improving their public speaking skills, asserted **Kyle Otte**, president of the Quad

Cities Executive Toastmasters Club and Area 94 governor for Toastmasters District 19. The guest speaker at the Sept. 16 meeting, Kyle provided several examples from his own life of instances when well developed skills in public speaking either helped him – or would have helped him if he had joined Toastmasters earlier.

In meetings of one hour per week, Kyle said, members of Toastmasters learn the art of public speaking by developing or improving such skills as thinking analytically, listening carefully and using visual aids.

Since joining Toastmasters last year, Kyle was elected to the two leadership positions he holds. He also credits Toastmasters with helping give him the confidence to excel in his sales position at Olympic Steel.

For more information, click:
<http://www.toastmasters.org/>

The meeting opened...

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?”

After the opening song, “America, the Beautiful,” President Dave announced



details of **Jim Stewart**'s funeral during Moments of Reflection. More singing –

“All Hail to Rotary,” “Down in the Valley” and “It’s a Grand Old Flag – followed under the capable substitute leadership of **Harry Coin** with the stalwart fingers of **Bernie Vogel** providing the tuneful piano accompaniment.

Announcements...

→ **President Dave** showed a printout of a page in the current issue of **People** magazine featuring the **Pleasant Valley Sparkles** cheer squad – check it out as the week’s “Heroes Among Us” feature, on page 144 of the Sept. 21 issue (which wasn’t online yet, probably because it was still on newsstands??).



→ **Jim Spelhaug** passed among the members with a sign-up sheet for members to **hand out dictionaries** to all the 4th graders in Bettendorf – in the Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley school systems, plus Rivermont and Morning Star schools.

→ **John Rabine** urged members to sign up – and form foursomes, including guests – for our annual **Golf Outing & Steak Fry.**



It's scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct. 7**, at Palmer Hills Golf Course and Pavilion. The Steak Fry begins at 5:45 p.m. with entertainment – performers from the Visiting Artists Series – beginning at 6:30. There will be no noon meeting that day.

To sign up, or if you have questions, call **John: 441-3909.**

→ President Dave announced an “**Club Assembly**” meeting for **Sept. 30**. Please attend – and bring your ideas, opinions, and other input.

→ **President Dave and Secretary Chuck** ask that you please **check your information** on the Bettendorf Rotary Website: **www.bettendorfr Rotary.com**. If it's current, whoope!



But change sneaks up on you – new job... new kids... new address or phone number... retirement... Nobel Prize...

So, if anything – ANYTHING – needs updating, contact either one of them:

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Linda Miller and new member Becky Lee Hinton sing “America, the Beautiful.”

New members...

S.K. Nanda inducted 3 new members:

Paul Scranton, a financial adviser with Morgan Stanley / Smith Barney...

Becky Lee Hinton, the director of marketing at The Fountains retirement community... and Dr.

Tom Olson, a Bettendorf dentist who looks like the fun kind of guy who gives advice like, “Ignore your teeth... and they’ll go away.”



The News...

Lora Adams reported all the significant news of the day: A ‘person of interest’ in the Yale grad student murder... an execution date for the ‘DC Sniper’... QC man jumps off the I-74 bridge and, incredibly, hid from police underwater (yeah – the Big Muddy)... a dim-witted Shreveport, La., man impersonated a police officer – and tried to arrest the city’s mayor...

Sergeant at Arms...

Sgt-at-arms **Dick Schillig** collected \$144 for our foundations, along the way suggesting what seemed like something

of a draconian healthcare “solution” for folks entering retirement. It involved firearms and politicians – never a good combination. On the other hand, the codgers who tried it would be guaranteed free healthcare – plus three squares, a roof... and maybe a roommate named Guido. Ask Dick for details...

Ryan \$\$ included **John Sherrick** – granddaughter... **Linda Brown** – son off to college and SCC enrollment 'way up... **Carolyn Leutwyler** – looking for an introduction to the “someone who is interested in” her, as revealed by her fortune cookie... **Lora Adams** – the Brew Ha-Ha event to benefit WQPT.

President Dave told a *funeral joke*: This guy sees a funeral procession. A man walking a dog is following the hearse. And there's another hearse with a ... (What? Oh. Sorry – I've just been told this newsletter is running long. You'll have to ask Dave to tell you.)

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians...

Mary Ellen Chamberlain, North Scott, Gambling Foundation.
Ardo Holbrain, Rock Island, Civil Engineer

Guest...

Beverly Murray with Chelsea Powers

Missing Today:

Atnip-2, Bowe-4, Calabrese-2,
Chambers-2, Douglas, Elstrom-12,
Foster, Freemire-2, Haffernan, Heninger,
Kennedy, Kraft, Lanum, LeBeau-2,
Legare, Larson, Link-12, Lukenwitz-3,
Loweth-6, McWilliams-3, G. Miller,
Mitvalsky-2, Pelecky-4, Ploehn,
Richards-2, Ricketts-McCool-2, Schwab,
Selden-3, Spyrow-12, St. Laurent,
Volbrecht, Worley-12.

Make-ups:

At today's committee meeting: Linda Miller, Duncan Cameron, Bob Gallagher, Jim Spelhaug, Lora Adams, Donna Freese, David Falk, Laurie Dobesh, Jerry Felsing, Ann Kappeler.

News Staff...

Editor Fred Anderson...
Photographer Harry Coin...
Webmeister Ralph Heninger

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 Restaurant, 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