



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Meet new chancellor of EICCD campuses



Dr. Donald S. Doucette, chancellor of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (EICCD) since July 1, 2011, will update us on the college as

our featured speaker at the Feb. 8 meeting.

Before taking over at EICCD he served as senior vice president and provost of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, which has 28 campuses.

Before Ivy Tech, Doucette served in a similar position, vice chancellor for education and technology, for the Metropolitan Community Colleges of Kansas City, Mo., a five-college community college district.

Doucette earned his Ph.D. from Arizona State University, and his M.A. and B.A. from Cornell University.

Last meeting:

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2012

Waterman candid about High Court

Tom Waterman, appointed last year to the Iowa Supreme Court, provided an inside look at the High Court as the featured speaker at the Feb. 1 meeting.



Among facts that many outside the legal profession might not know:

- Under the state Supreme Court’s practice of conducting Court on the Road, it is scheduled to be in Davenport in April to hear oral arguments.
- Supreme Court justices are typically together only about eight days per month, for oral arguments and conferences.
- The work of the Supreme Court, like that of virtually all other state government entities, is suffering from tight budgets, “which have not been increased in years,” Waterman said, even though the workload has grown substantially in that time.
- Despite that fact, Iowa’s judicial branch “ranks near the top among the

states,” he said, although that may decline without increased funding.

Waterman was one of the justices named to Iowa’s high court after three justices were turned out of office in the 2010 retention vote following the unanimous Supreme Court ruling in 2009 that legalized same-sex marriage in Iowa.

That experience – and simply the process of reaching a consensus ruling on the complex issues that come before the court – underscores that “you have to be careful with every word” in a written opinion, he said.

Many of the court’s decisions are unanimous, Waterman said, such as the same-sex marriage ruling that eventually resulted in the 2010 vote not to retain Chief Justice Marsha Ternus and Justices David Baker and Michael Streit. A



follow-up case is now working its way through the courts, he added.

During his comments, Waterman took a moment to thank **Jean Dickson** for her work on the Iowa Merit Selection

Commission, which strives to remove the selection of High Court justices from political influence.

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test,” followed by the singing of “America the Beautiful.” After introductions and Moments of Reflection, the singing resumed under direction of **Carter LeBeau** with accompaniment by

pianist **Sheri Fleming**: “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad” and “Happy Birthday.” The February cast for that honor comprises: 1,



Paul Murphy; 3, Tom Kellenberger; 4, **Daniel Marvin**; 10, Susan Praul; 13, Paul Scranton; 14, Brian Kennedy, Donna Freese; 16, Tim Downing; 23, S.K. Nanda; 24, Bob Ryken; 25, Craig Windmiller; 26, Marika

Jones; 27, Josh Carter.

Secretary Chuck introduced:

Visiting Rotarians:

Peter Mitchell, East Moline/Silvis:
Chiropractor

Todd Rubley, Jackson, Ohio:
Chiropractor

Ken Beck, Davenport: Environmental
Consultant

Guests:

Fr. Chris Macos with **Harry Coin**

Ronna Johnson with **Beverly Murray**



President Scott Naumann welcomes visiting Rotarians Todd Rubley and Peter Mitchell.

Announcements...

→ **Special meeting. Decker Ploehn** announced the **Feb. 22** meeting will be a joint meeting with the Iowa Quad-Cities Rotary and Bettendorf Kiwanis at the **Waterfront Convention Center** to hear the “State of the City” address by Mayor Bob Gallagher Jr. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m.; meeting begins at noon. No extra charge for members.



→ **LobsterFest. Beverly Murray** announced three sponsors have already committed to help underwrite the event: BBLD, Iowa-American Water Co. and Weerts Funeral Home. She said sponsorship info packets were available

beside the name tags. “If you were a sponsor last year, we’d love to have you as a sponsor again this year,” **President Scott** said. The February meeting of the event committee was set for 8 a.m. Feb. 2 at the Bettendorf Public Library.

→ **District Conference.** The District 6000 Conference will be April 12-14 at the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, Riverside, Iowa. For more details, logon to <http://www.rotary6000.org/>

→ **PolioPlus success! President Scott** reported that India is now the latest country to become polio-free. The last reported case occurred more than a year ago, in 2011. Only Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria remain on the list.

The News...

Lora Adams reported some of the news you won’t find in some media – and some you aren’t likely to find almost anywhere else: This winter’s mild weather continues, in contrast to last year’s Feb. 2-3 blizzard.... If you miss snow, consider Japan where it’s crippling the western coast.... Fire destroyed a Moline animal shelter.... A Floridian’s car was stolen, so he took the bus to work – from which he spotted the stolen car.... A Wisconsin woman took a friend’s python out of its terrarium – and it bit her face (no comment).... The Polar Bear Plunge into Chesapeake Bay raised a record \$2.5 million (it was warm).... the Riverdale Rams girls basketball team won.... And male orb-web spiders face a daunting sex life (Lora works for PBS – she can’t help educating us); if you want to know *how* daunting it really is:

<https://www.google.com/#q=orb-web+spiders+matting&hl=en&prmd=imvnsu&source=un>



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Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$176 for our foundations. **Ryan Happy \$\$** came from these generous Rotarians: **Carter LeBeau** – Illinois defeated Michigan State + Romney topped opponents in Fla.... **Steve Habenicht** – 10th anniversary for Home Instead... **Beverly Murray** – Community Health Care’s “Jazz It Up” fundraiser Feb. 25 at Radisson Quad City Plaza (info: Sarah Castro, 336-3176)... **Decker Ploehn** (after **Doyle McCully** offered to tell one of his “jokes”): “\$20 if Doyle sits down”... and a lot of static for the “slackers” at the birthday table, who seemed to sit on their wallets....



Missing today...

K. Adams, Boosalis-3, Brown, Cahalan-5, Castro, Daugherty-2, DeBuhr-2, Duda-2, Edwards-4, Eikenberry-3, Ellstrom-5, Freese, Gallagher-2, Gudgel, Harrison-3, Hartsock-2, Hintermeister-3, Hinton-5, Hassel, Limberg, Lokenvitz, Loweth-4, McWilliams-5, L. Miller-4, Mitvalsky, Murphy, Nelson-5, Pelecky-5, Piart, Powers, Praul-5, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Schillig, Sherrick, St. Laurent-2, Willsher-5, Worley-5

Make-ups...

At today’s committee meeting: Phil Kinsley, Todd Larsen, Greg Blaske,

Brian Kennedy, Jonna Schuler, Jean Dickson, Decker Ploehn, Ann Kappeler, Tim Lane, Tony Calabrese, David Deuth

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: **340-5114**, bmfkennedy@att.net
Feb. 8: Donald S. Doucette, chancellor, Eastern Iowa Community College
Feb. 15: Thomas Schwartz, director Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum and Library, West Branch
Feb. 22: Joint meeting with Iowa Quad-Cities Rotary and Bettendorf Kiwanis at the **Waterfront Convention Center** to hear the “State of the City” address by Mayor Bob Gallagher Jr.

News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...
Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...
Photographer: Glen Kass...
Webmeister/Web-site host: Chris Glass

Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club
Monday, noon: Moline – Christ the King Catholic Church
Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Arbor Village Club House, Moline
Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapid City
Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center
Wednesday, noon: **Bettendorf** – Fortune Garden Restaurant
Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi’s Restaurant, Davenport
Thursday, 7 a.m.: Iowa Quad Cities – The Lodge, Bettendorf
Thursday, noon: East Moline – Christ United Methodist Church
Thursday, noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country Club
Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport



Connie Mangler greets Josh Carter as he arrives for the meeting.