



*The Bettendorf Rotary Club News*  
**Oct 3, 2007. Guests Welcome at our next meeting**  
**Weds., Oct. 10, Noon at the Fortune Garden**  
*FEATURING:*

**John Gardner,**  
President and CEO of Quad City  
Development Group



President Gardner will outline our region's opportunities, issues and challenges in regional economic development.

Based on the premise that the Quad Cities as a whole is a more formidable competitor in the economic development arena than the sum of its individual parts, the Quad City Development Group was founded in 1961 as the organization to represent and advocate for the whole Quad Cities for the three-fold purpose of:

- Assisting local businesses to expand and grow.
- Marketing the Quad Cities externally for the purpose of attracting investment and generating jobs.
- Counseling local communities on becoming more attractive to existing and potential employers.

While all new companies are welcome, the Quad City Region is especially well-equipped to meet the needs of advanced manufacturers, and information technology, logistics and food processing companies.

To fulfill its mission, the Quad City Development Group strives to achieve the following strategic objectives:

- Be expanding local businesses' first choice for new development.
- Consistently and significantly add jobs and economic value by aggressively seeking and attracting new business to our region.
- Become a premier mid-sized Midwest location for business development.
- Influence local, state, and federal public policy supportive of Western Illinois / Eastern Iowa regional economic development.
- Effectively manage the resources and strategic relationships to execute the plan.

John headed the QCDG for 10 years until his retirement in 2000. The QCDG board asked him to resume the title of CEO in July, while they recruit a new president. The board's charged John to be an active president, not a caretaker.

Visit the QCDG online at [www.quadcities.org](http://www.quadcities.org) .

## Announcements:



*Jared Johnson, Marketing Director,  
Quad City Symphony Orchestra*

Guest Jared Johnson announced that each of the next five monthly QCSO concerts will feature a guest conductor— and one of them will be orchestra's new music director! **Member Harry Coin announced that he will match as a donation to our club the ticket fee paid to the QCSO by any Bettendorf Rotarian** who has not had season tickets for two years, but who buys QCSO season tickets before Oct 11<sup>th</sup>. Purchase your tickets through Jared at the QCSO, (563) 322-0931 x16. Jared will let Harry know how big a check he needs to write to our club! (Harry has \$10K for the project... but rumor has it help is available if the Rotary really steps up....)

*Decker swung into immediate action, promising to kick Harry's a— in ticket sales. It's a wide target Decker, take your best shot...*

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



### Upcoming Featured Speakers

- 10/17: Rotary District Governor Dianna Reed.
- 10/24: Doyle Monsma, Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease.
- 10/31: Sister Joan Lescinski, CSJ, PhD, incoming President, St. Ambrose University.
- 11/7: State Senator David Hartsuch.
- 11/14: Paul Rumler, Director of Community Economic Development, Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce, on QCA passenger rail service.
- 12/12: Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey.

**Please use this news!**

*Invite prospective new  
members who might  
appreciate our speakers.*



# Meeting Review

Noon, Oct 3, 2007,  
the Fortune Garden. Presiding:  
**President Lisa Brown**



**President Lisa** opened the meeting in a moment of silent reflection in support of our troops overseas, for world peace and fellowship and for the wife of former member Dave Peters who moved to Florida recently. Lee Seminow reported that he had news that it goes poorly indeed for her.



**Bernie Vogel** offered ‘Roll out the Barrel’ and ‘It’s a Long, Long time from May to December’ as a piano instrumental during lunch.

Later, with **Gene Miller** led the Chinese Luncheon Camber Choir in: ‘God Bless America’, ‘She’s a Grand Old Flag’ (Note to Bernie: Not the same tune as ‘Yankee Doodle Dandy’ ...) and later “Happy Birthday Rotarians” in honor of those many with October birthdays seated at the birthday table (*The Rotary Actuary and Actualities squad reports*



*some members seen seated close to the cake indeed were not born in October. Members please will not use dubious monthly ‘Born Again’ events as cause to sit near the birthday cake....)*



**Fred Anderson** presented a most informative summary of the leading news, from international, to national, regional then local. He ended with a trademark news item from the ‘it must be true because nobody could make *that* up’ roster.

Short Notes: Board meeting Tues. Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at City Hall 5:30pm.

Sign up with Jim Spelhaug to distribute Dictionaries at all Bettendorf schools!

**Sergeant-at-Arms Dick Schillig** collected \$104 for our foundations!



Make a special effort to come to the Oct 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to greet our District Governor!



**Guests Welcome at our meeting in two weeks,  
Weds., Oct. 17, Noon at the Fortune Garden**

*FEATURING:*

**Rotary District  
Governor Dianna Reed**

Pictured with husband Rick.



Dianna and Rick will travel District 6000 over the next 6 months to visit all clubs. They look forward to meeting all of the Rotarians of District 6000 and in joining you as we experience together how ROTARY SHARES in 2007-08!

Call 1-866-9ROTARY to check on your Rotary Foundation donations and recognition points, deadlines for grants and applications, contact names for your applications, and more.

**Rotary Basics:**

Rotary is essentially a grassroots organization, with most of its service efforts being carried out at the club level. The district and international structure is designed to support the clubs and help them provide more service in their local communities and abroad.

**Clubs:** Rotarians are members of Rotary clubs, which belong to the global association Rotary International (RI). Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws.

**Districts:** Clubs are grouped into 532 RI districts, each led by a district governor, who is an officer of RI. The district administration, including assistant governors and various committees, guides and supports the clubs.

**RI Board:** The 19-member RI Board of Directors, which includes the RI president and president-elect, meets quarterly to establish policies. Traditionally, the RI president, who is elected annually, develops a theme and emphases for the year.

**The Secretariat:** Rotary International is headquartered in the Chicago suburb of Evanston, Illinois, USA, with seven international offices in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, Japan, Korea, and Switzerland. The office for RI in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI), located in England, serves clubs and districts in that region. The Secretariat's chief operating officer is the RI general secretary, who heads a 650-member staff working to serve Rotarians worldwide.

**Chuck “Meet adversity with hope.” Mooney, Secretary Reports:**



- ❖ **PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.** Check it on your way out at Chuck’s desk by the door.
- ❖ Visiting Rotarians:  
Steve Suiter, North Scott, Banker  
Mike Stemplar, North Scott, Real Estate
- ❖ Guests:  
Rick Hartsock with John Rabine  
Tom Cruise with Decker Ploehn  
Jared Johnson with Harry Coin

**Rotary Meeting Make Ups:** Duncan Cameron @ LaCrosse, WI, Mike Freemire @ Nevada, IA, Steve Pieart @ Peak to Peak, Co. & Estes Valley Sunrise. At today's committee meeting: John DeDoncker, Fred Riportella, Bob Gallagher, John Kempton, S.K. Nanda, Decker Poeh, Norm Voelliger, Scott Tunncliff, Jim Spelhaug.

**Missing today:** Adams -2, Ahlstrand, Ball -2, Blaske, Bowe-2, Cameron, Deuth, Dobesh -2, Douglas -2, Eikenberry -2, Ellstrom -2, Essner, Habenicht -2, Heninger -2, Hyder -13, Ingleby -13, Kappeler, Kennedy -2, Kinsley, Koehler, LeBeau, Legare, Larson, Loweth, McWilliams -2, L.Miller, Mitvalsky, Perisho, Ross -2, Selden, Snyder -2, Spyrow -11, St. Laurent -2, Voigt -2, Worley -2.



***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

This week's featured speaker was introduced by President Lisa Brown:

**Dave Burroughs, President, The Quad City Home Builders Association**

Dave has been part of the QCHBA for 30 years; he recognized by sight some of our club's longest-term members, including William Straight.

The most significant accomplishment Dave announced over the years was that the association was able to make the building codes for all the towns in the Iowa – Illinois QC identical.

That accomplishment improved quality for all as the QCHBA's 430 member companies as they benefit from common educational programs for all the various special skills involved in residential construction and remodeling.

Dave emphasized the upcoming QCHBA Harvest of Homes. The 2007 Fall Harvest of Homes takes place October 6, 7, 10, 13, 14. A \$5 ticket goes a long way, gaining admission to all the homes featuring the best work of the local construction firms. Later it can be used to get a discount at Biaggi's. The homes will be open Saturdays & Sundays 12 noon to 5pm, Wednesdays 5pm-7pm. For further details, visit <http://www.qchba.com/> on the internet.

Dave advised that new taxes and regulations can amount to 37% of the price of a new home, particularly noting the effects of unpredictable appearances by any of the local inspectors, stormwater run-off inspectors, the state department of natural resources and the national EPA.



Dave upheld reference checks as the gold standard to use when searching for contractors to do work. Due to the extensive variation in modern homes interiors, from simple clean lines of polished wood to such high-detail items such as marble bathrooms and granite countertops--dollars per square foot are no longer a reliable guide.

When evaluating construction bids, Dave advised that as nearly all the reputable contractors purchase materials and hire labor from the same local pools, a particularly low bid to do some work should be a reason to be extra careful doing reference checks.

Regarding the adverse national news in mortgage and housing, Dave noted the QCA is not in one of the 'housing bubble' parts of the country, values are holding steady according to recent reports.

