



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
July 22, 2009, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at
the Fortune Garden Restaurant

Top 'Big Brother' talks about agency

As featured speaker at the Bettendorf Rotary meeting of Wednesday, July 29, Jay Justin, president and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley, will bring us up to date on his organization.

Founded in 1983 by Scott County social services professionals "to meet a need for mentors for children," according to its Website, BBBS of the Mississippi Valley now works out of four offices and serves a 14-county area (13 of them in Illinois). Other offices are in Macomb, Sterling and Monmouth.

It holds the distinction of being "one of the fastest-growing BBBS affiliate chapters in the nation."

The organization offers one-to-one youth mentoring through three kinds of "delivery models" – a traditional community-based program, in which "bigs" and "littles" meet on their own schedules; a school-based program,



Jay Justin, president and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley, poses in the agency's facility at 130 W. 5th St. in Davenport. BBBS moved into the renovated historic building in 2008.

with pairs eating lunch at the child's school; and a campus-based program in which children are matched with college student volunteers, meeting twice a month for activities. BBBS mentored more than 1,500 children ages 6-15 in its service area in fiscal 2007-2008.

Before joining BBBS, Justin worked for the Junior Achievement program. He was born and reared in the Quad-Cities area.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, July 22, 2009 ...

Jim Legare tells us about The Network

Our own **Jim Legare** is chairman of The Network (short for The Network: Young Professionals of the Quad Cities). On July 22, he informed Bettendorf Rotary members about the organization – underscoring its potential as a place to recruit service-minded potential members in their 20s and 30s. The Network was created in January 2008 through a merger two local young professionals (YP)



organizations – the Young Professionals Network, an initiative of the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce, and Davenport-One’s neXt

Professionals. It has grown to a membership of more than 2,300 young professionals from the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities.

“The Network strives to cultivate social and professional development, provide service leadership opportunities, facilitate the connection of young talent with the hiring needs of employers, and engage in advocacy of YP interests,” according to its Website.

Here are some quick facts about The Network’s members:

- More than 78% are between 25-35 years old
- Nearly 71% are married, engaged or in a long-term relationship
- Better than 90% hold at least a bachelor's degree
- About 55% give time to community service.

The Network provides a number of programs through which YPs can, well, network both socially and professionally. It schedules Network @ Noon and Network @ Night events each month. Interest Clubs provide “an immediate network of individuals that share similar interests,” including: books, culture, cigars, dinner, healthy living, hunting, poker, scrapbooking, skiing, travel, wine – and volleyball leagues.

One program – the i-network – introduces college students who are working as interns in the Quad Cities to the community with the expressed intention of retaining them as future QC residents.

For more information on The Network, click: www.thenetworkqc.com.

The meeting opened...

President **David Deuth** presided and led the members in recitation of The 4-Way Test, which can be applied to all that we do or say:

- Is It The Truth?
- Is It Fair To All Concerned?
- Will It Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
- Will It Be Beneficial To All Concerned?

The meeting opened with the singing of “My Country, ’Tis Of Thee,” under the able direction of The Rev. **Gene Miller** with **Bernie Vogel** at the piano. The



singing continued with a cheery trio of selections from the Bettendorf Rotary Songbook: “Smiles,” “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling” and the Rotary favorite “A Helping Hand” (sung to the tune of “The Happy Wanderer”).

Announcements...

→ **President Dave** reminded volunteers who will staff the phones for the WQPT Challenge that their turn on the phones begins at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3. He will send an email to coordinate details for the volunteers – **Jeff Hassel, Dick Schillig, Rich James, Gene Miller, Bernie Vogel** and **Scott Tunncliff** – who will join him in an all-out effort to reclaim the Challenge’s Traveling Trophy.

→ Remember two events: The evening of **Monday, Aug. 17, is Rotary Night at the Ballpark** (Modern Woodmen Park). It involves all Rotary Clubs from the QC area, and it’s a fundraiser for **Polio Plus**.



We’ll get 200 tickets to sell – at \$7 apiece – and \$3 of each goes toward PP.

→ Our meeting that week, **Wednesday, Aug. 19**, will be presented by

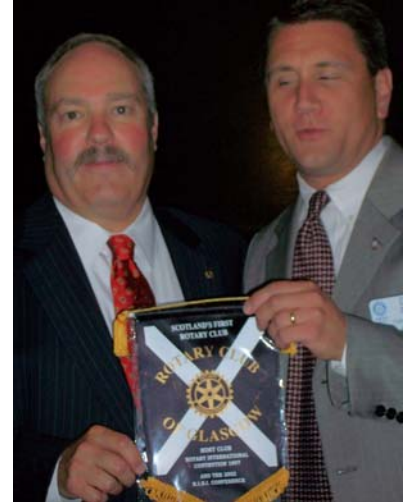
District 6000 Governor Cal Litwiller and his wife **Rachel**, who also will join us at the baseball game.

→ **Dick Schillig** reminded us that it’s only 47 more days until the 15th annual “**Run With Carl**” event on Labor Day. As he pointed out opportunities to volunteer – including baking cookies, working water stations during the races and distributing / picking up yard signs –

sign-up sheets for all opportunities passed among the tables. If you missed this week, they’ll be distributed at each remaining meeting until the event.



→ Emphasizing the opportunity of attending Rotary meetings anywhere, world-wide, **Decker Ploehn** presented the Bettendorf Rotary with a club banner from Glasgow, Scotland. He noted that every meeting of that club opens with a toast – made with each member’s choice of beverage (this is Scotland, remember, the home of excellent single-malt beverages) – to The Queen and closes with another toast to The 4-Way Test.



Sergeant at Arms...

In the absence of a regularly scheduled Sgt-at-arms, **President Dave** asked for members to share their Happy \$\$\$. He raised \$122 for our foundations – with \$41 of the total coming from **Dick Schillig**, who said he had lost that many pounds since the first of the year.



→ Looking into the near future, President Dave reminded us that the **Golf Outing** will be scheduled soon. And, while we celebrate the 17 new members added as a result of this year’s membership campaign, we have lost a number of members through attrition. So, he announced a 2009-2010 membership campaign, under the leadership of **Todd Larsen** and **Greg Blaske**.

Secretary Chuck introduced:

visiting Rotarians...

Serge Pasheev, North Scott, Computers
Paul Scranton, Moline, Brokerage

... and guests...

Todd Ashby with Mike Freemire
Jay Douglas with Joe Douglas

Missing Today:

Adams, Blaske, Bowe-2, Brown-3,
Coley-4, Daugherty, DeDoncker,
Dobesh-2, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-4,
Foster-2, Freese, Gallagher-2, Heinrich,
Heninger, Kappeler, Koos-4, Kraft-2,
Lanum-4, LeBeau, Link-4, Mangler,
Nanda, Nielsen, Pelecky-2, Powers,
Richards, Ryan-2, Sarver-4, Selden-3,
Sherrick-2, Spelhaug-2, Spyrow-4, St.
Laurent-3, Swan-4, Worley-4.

Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron at Rock Island
Decker Ploehn at Glasgow, Scotland

At today's Rotary Night at the

Ballpark meeting: Joe Douglas, Brian Kennedy, Decker Ploehn, Tom Ahlstrand, Andrew Gudgel, Dick Schilling, Jerry Felsing, Jeff Hassel, Mark Ross, Mike Freemire, Dave Falk, Carl Loweth, Tony Calabrese, Duncan Cameron, David Deuth, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Jim Legare, Fred Anderson.

Upcoming programs

From Brian Kennedy, program chair:

Aug. 12 – Maggie Tinsman: human trafficking
Aug. 19 – Governor of Rotary District 6000



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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