



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
March 31, 2010, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, April 7, 2010,
at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

What budget cuts mean to schools

It's been in the news a lot lately: The lingering effects of the recession have meant declining tax revenue – with inevitable budget cuts, a major issue for the Iowa Legislature during its recent session.



At our April 7 meeting, we'll get some insight into the impact of those state-wide budget cuts on one of Bettendorf's school districts – from our own **Jim Spelhaug**, superintendent of the Pleasant Valley school system.

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Bettendorf Rotarians view Alexander Calder mobile.

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Artful experience – a visit to the Figge

Sean O'Harrow, director of the Figge Art Museum for the past 2½ years, provided a brief history of the museum formerly known as the Davenport Museum of Art, which dates from “before 1876, when the Davenport Art Association staged its first exhibition,” he said.



Since moving to its landmark downtown Davenport premises, the Figge has taken on a major new role, O'Harrow said – a role that may serve as an example to other art museums. With seven colleges and universities in the immediate area (from Western Illinois University to the



University of Iowa, including the four institutions within the Quad Cities), the Figge has

taken on a major role in arts education, he said. Classes are taught in the museum, some professors hold museum staff positions, and the U of I art collection is now housed in the Figge.



After his remarks, O'Harrow led members on a walking tour of part of the Figge's – including



such works as an Alexander Calder mobile, Jackson Pollack's first commissioned abstract painting, Frank Lloyd Wright stained-class windows and a

whimsical installation of blown-glass "corncocks." A total of 47 Bettendorf Rotarians and 5 guests attended the luncheon and program.

The meeting opened...

President Dave opened the meeting by leading **The 4-Way Test** – "Is It The Truth? Is It Fair to All Concerned? Will It Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will It Be Beneficial to All Concerned?" – and the singing of the day's patriotic song, "My country, 'Tis of Thee..." (a capella). During Moments of Reflection, we welcomed **Doyle McCulley** upon his return after his illness.



Secretary Chuck introduced:

Guests:

Sue Johnson and Ward Olson with Tom Olson
Nalini Nanda, Dudley and Barbara Hanson with S.K. Nanda

Announcements...

➔ **Rick Hartsock** showed off the first **LobsterFest tickets**, fresh from the printer. Priced at \$70 each, or books of 8 for \$480, the tickets will be available at every meeting – while they last...



➔ Remember the **Quad City Spells** event, **7 p.m. Thursday, April 29**, at the Bettendorf Public Library, when the Bettendorf Rotary team – **Kevin Kraft, Decker Ploehn** and **Jeff Hassel** – aptly named "Put a Spell on You" – will display its spelling prowess in a contest to raise funds for the library.



→ **President Dave** extended the club's congratulations to **S.K. Nanda** for being named the Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Iowa's College of Engineering for 2010; S.K. will be honored at an event on campus in June.

Sergeant at Arms/Ryan \$\$...

Sgt-at-arms **President Dave** raked in a total of \$543 for our foundations, as members passed in \$2 apiece, and shared their good news with **Ryan \$\$** –

LobsterFest chairman **Scott Naumann**

announced that Boeye Machine Co. and RJS & Associates (with **Dick Schillig** handing in a \$1,000 check) had become the most recent sponsors of the Quad-Cities' favorite crustacean



feast (joining 2010 Presenting Sponsor Califf & Harper P.C., THE National Bank, Isle of Capri Casino & Hotel, *Quad-City Times*, WOC 1420, Weerts Funeral Home, Professional Touch Cleaning Services, HyVee, Results Integrated Marketing, Rivermont Collegiate, Steve's Mirror & Glass, Gallagher & Gallagher, Wagner's Cleaners, Wells Fargo Advisors, Russell

Electric, Midwest Seafood, and Carter & Kaye LeBeau.)

Other happy folks: **Tom Howard** – Grace Engineering's best month ever... **Kevin Kraft** – birthday and more... **Dave Falk** – also the date of his birth... **Mark Ross** – welcome back, **Doyle!**... **Ann Kappeler** – she and Jim will be escorts on the next Honor Flight... **S.K. Nanda** – 42 years with the Corps of Engineers... **Doyle McCulley** – “glad you can see me”... **Harry Coin** – his Little Brother has improved his grades, a lot... **Steve Habenicht** – for Friday's “Spring Holiday”... **Sharon Sarver** – successes of Wittenmyer kids...

The meeting closed...

... with a tour of some of The Figge's galleries...

Missing Today:

Adams-2, Adamson-3, Atinip-2, Brown-4, Calabrese-3, Cameron, Chambers, Coley-2, DeDoncker, Dobesh-2, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-11, Felsing-3, Foster, Freemire-3, Gallagher, Gudgel, Haffernan-8, Heinrich, Heninger-2, James, Kennedy, Lane, Lanum-2, Legare, Loweth-2, Lundin, McWilliams, L. Miller-11, Mitvalsky, Nielsen, Pelecky-3, Pieart, Ploehn-2, Powers, Richards, Ricketts-McCool-2, Scranton, Selden-2, Sherrick-2, Spyrow-12, Schutte, Volbrecht-8, Worley-2.

Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @ Naples-North, Fla.

In other news...

Twice in recent years, Quad-City Rotarians, led by North Scott Rotary, have hosted visiting Russian doctors. With news of last week's subway bombings in Moscow, **Harry Coin** sent

an email to Dr. Inna Sherbina. Here are excerpts from her reply:

“Dear Harry,
“Thank you for your sympathy – we are all OK. But not happy – 39 innocent people were killed, you know....

“Dr. Vladimir Golubev just returned from ... biggest orthopedic meeting in New Orleans. He traveled in California and very exciting – your country gives him energy he is saying.

“Say Hello to Rotary people – we all remember them.

“Best regards,
“Inna”

Future meetings...

... thanks to the efforts of Program Chair **Brian Kennedy**. Use this information to invite potential new members:

April 7: Jim Spelhaug on school district budget cuts

April 14: Iowa State Rep. Linda Miller gives her annual legislative update

April 21: Mark Ridolfi, editorial page editor of the *Quad-City Times*, provides a look behind the scenes of the paper’s editorial page.

April 28: Special focus on Rotary Foundations – locally and at the International level.

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Committees & chairs...

Membership/Rotary University chair: Connie Mangler

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Fellowship co-chairs:

Golf Outing/Steak Fry: John Rabine

John Deere Classic/TPC: Jeff Hassel & Lisa Brown

Run with Carl: Dick Schillig & Chelsea Powers

Winter Party: Lisa Brown

Sunshine chair: Lora Adams

Music co-chairs: Tom Howard & Bernie Vogel

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

Link to Run with Carl: www.runwithcarl.com