



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Iowa Supreme Court Justice Waterman



Justice **Tom Waterman**, appointed last year to the Iowa Supreme Court, will be the featured speaker at the Feb. 1 meeting.

Waterman was one of three new 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. In that election, voters opted not to retain Chief Justice Marsha Ternus and Justices David Baker and Michael Streit.

Waterman was appointed along with Judges Edward Mansfield of Des Moines and Bruce Zager of Waterloo. The three new justices will face a retention vote of their own this November. If retained, they will serve another eight years before facing another vote.

The removal of the three justices marked the first time an Iowa Supreme Court justice has not been retained since 1962, when the merit selection and retention system for judges was adopted.

A resident of Pleasant Valley, Waterman earned his BA from Dartmouth College in 1981 and was graduated Order of the Coif from University of Iowa College of Law in 1984; he served as associate editor of the law review. He was in private law practice at Lane & Waterman, Davenport, 1984-2011.

Last meeting:

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2012

QC-blood center serves wide area

At the Jan. 25 meeting, **Kirby Winn**, director of public relations for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center

(MVRBC) in Davenport, described the work of the facility, which has grown since 1974 from serving hospitals in the Quad Cities to being the exclusive provider of

blood products for 80 hospitals in parts of Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin.



From its Davenport headquarters, the MVRBC does all the testing, processing and primary distribution of some 250,000

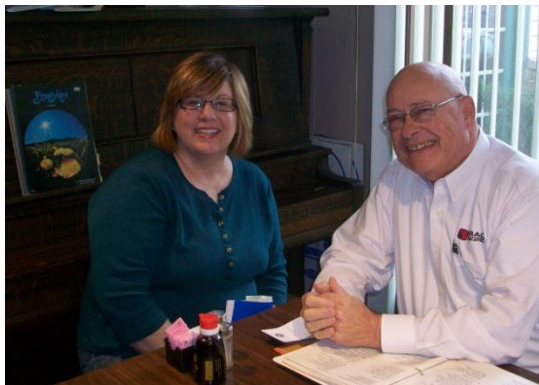
units of blood products per year. About 500 employees work in the center's headquarters, 4 regional offices, 15 donor centers and at more than 4,000 mobile blood-collection drives each year. Blood donors in the 4-state area give more than 180,000 donations each year. The blood from one donation may be divided into as many as four products: red cells, white cells, plasma and platelets.

Only about 5% of the population actually donates blood – although Rotarians are the best at donating, Winn quipped. Cancer treatments, such as chemotherapy and radiation, consume the largest percentage of blood products, followed by several types of surgery and a number of other medical uses.

For information on donating blood, or to volunteer in many other ways, call 800-747-5401 or go to www.bloodcenter.org.

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of "The 4-Way



Test," followed by the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee." After introductions and Moments of Reflection, The singing resumed under direction of **Tom Howard** (aided and abetted by pianist **Sheri Fleming**): "Vive le Rotary" (2 verses) and "Sunny Side of the Street."

Secretary Chuck introduced:

Visiting Rotarian:

Peter Mitchell,
East Moline:
Chiropractor

Guests:

Alisa Topper (→),
the new director
of the Bettendorf
Public Library,
with **Decker**

Ploehn

Chris Boling with
Jeff Hassel



Announcements...

→ **LobsterFest. "Louie da Lobster,"**
a.k.a. **President Scott**, promoted early



sign-ups as sponsors – with the goal of achieving a jump to netting \$50,000 to support BRC's charitable grants to community organizations.

Louie recruited the unsuspecting **Beverly Murray** to join him in his mayhem as they outlined the sponsorship levels: \$5,000 Presenting;



\$2,000 Gold; \$1,000 Silver, and \$500 Bronze. Tickets remain \$70 per person or \$60 per person for a table of 8. Brandishing his “hands,” Louie reminded us, “Hey, it’s all for a good ‘claws’.”

Presentation...

S.K. Nanda made two presentations after announcing that Rotary International has exceeded its second \$100 million challenge match to money donated by Bill Gates for the Polio Plus campaign. S.K. also reported that no new cases of the disease have been reported in India for a year.



For his generous donations to the Rotary Foundation, **Dave Falk** was presented the Paul Harris + 1 pin.

Induction...

Also, S.K. inducted the newest member of BRC, **Paul Murphy**. Previously a Rotarian in Kentucky and Illinois, Paul takes pride in “applying Rotary’s values to life.” A professional swim coach, he is the head coach of the Bettendorf-Pleasant Valley Aquatics. Paul is the father of 4 children, an adult son in New York, a daughter who’s a graduate of the Tuskegee Institute and 14- and 13-year-olds at home.



The News...

Lora Adams reported that elite U.S. Special Operations Forces freed an American woman and her Danish aid-worker colleague from Somali outlaws.....Bettendorf’s Traveler Motel has been demolished to make way for the I-74 bridge project.... And among other “news”: Florida police nabbed a man who crashed into five other vehicles in separate accidents on the same day.... A British *Star Trek* fan is sad – he has to bring his flat, which he had made to look like the Starship Enterprise interior, back to Earth.... Another Brit can’t own a pet dog for three years after his Lab puppy was found drunk.... A survey finds 57% of respondents are looking forward to dining at a restaurant on Valentine’s Day.

Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$180 for our foundations + \$90 worth of birthday money + a check for \$100 from **Lee Semenow** for our Scholarship Fund. **Ryan Happy \$\$** appeared from the pockets and purses of **Jean Dickson – John Archer’s** 40th birthday, and a campaign fundraiser on Saturday... **Dave Death** – 46th birthday, but TNB’s ATM didn’t give \$1 bills, so \$50... **Lee Semenow** – birthday (he doesn’t look 100) + grandson invited to join an orchestra in Maryland, where he lives... **Tom Howard** – heading for Florida and Cancun to celebrate 52nd anniversary... **John DeDoncker** – selling house, thanks to **Brad Boeye**, and moving into a condo... **Decker Ploehn** - \$20 worth of thanks for the demolition of the Traveler... **Ken Vandersnick** – something about a wine-tasting photo of **Kevin Kraft** at the River Music Experience... **John Archer** – welcoming **Paul Murphy** to the club + 40th birthday.

Missing today

Blaske-2, Boosalis-2, Bowe-4, Brown-2, Cahalan-4, Carter, H. Coin, Daugherty, DeBuhr, Dobesh-4, Duda, Edwards-3, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-4, Felsing, Gallagher, Habenicht, Harrison-2, Hartsock, Hintermeister-2, Hinton-4, Kappeler, Kennedy, LeBeau, Loweth-3, McWilliams-4, Mangler, Marvin, L. Miller-3, Nelson-4, Olson, Pelecky-4, Praul-4, Ricketts-McCool, Rolf, Sarver, Scranton-2, Spelhaug, St. Laurent, Volbrecht, Werner-2, Willsher-4, Worley-4

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: 340-5114, bmfkennedy@att.net
Feb. 1: Justice Tom Waterman, Iowa Supreme Court
Feb. 8: Donald S. Doucette, chancellor, Eastern Iowa Community College
Feb. 15: Thomas Schwartz, director Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum and Library, West Branch

In other BRC news...

With the project to update BRC's Website nearing its launch, the Marketing Committee – including **Jonna Schuler, Kirsten Adams, Chelsea Powers, Chris Glass** and **Lora Adams**, who met with **Secretary Chuck** before the Jan. 25 meeting – is turning to plans for its next project.



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

Bettendorf Rotary resources Hot links where you can find answers to many questions about Rotary.

The history of Bettendorf Rotary, and more:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/local.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary in the community:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/community.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's current officers:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/current.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's committees and their chairs:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/committ.htm>

Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus... and more:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/links.htm>

Link to District 6000's Website:
www.rotary6000.org

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