



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Feb. 10, 2010, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Noon Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

## Tibbetts analyzes governor contest



Our featured speaker at the Feb. 17 meeting, *Quad-City Times* political reporter **Ed Tibbetts**, was originally scheduled to speak a month ago – but foul weather forced cancellation of the

meeting. In that time the Iowa gubernatorial race has become more interesting, with former Gov. Terry Branstad making his candidacy official.

Tibbetts has covered eastern Iowa since 1984, and has been at the *Times* since 1989. Most of that time has been spent as the newspaper’s political reporter. He has covered political figures ranging from aldermen to presidents, the latter mostly by writing about Iowa’s first-in-the-nation presidential caucuses, and has covered every caucus since 1996. Tibbetts also writes about demographic trends in Iowa and the Quad-Cities.

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010



Jeff Boeh and Mike Garner, of the QC Polo Club

## What it’s like to play polo in the QC

Two members of the Quad Cities Polo Club – **Jeff Boeh** and **Mike Garner** – raised the collective knowledge of the sport among Bettendorf Rotarians by a quantum amount with their presentation at the Feb. 10 meeting. Some tidbits: Modern polo is based on an ancient game played in central Asia, brought to Europe from India by the British in the 19th century. The sport, which also has roots in mounted cavalry training, came to the U.S. in 1876.

A polo match consists of six 7½-minute periods, called chukkers, played by teams of four players. Human players wear protective helmets (masks optional), knee pads and high boots, and wield long-handled mallets. Equine players get their ankles wrapped. The object of the game is to propel a ball – “which is round when new,” Jeff said – through the goal, while



everyone on the field is galloping more or less at each other, swinging the aforementioned mallets at the ball. Sometimes players get hurt (explaining polo's popularity among orthopedists and dentists), but it's the ball that gets the worst punishment. If a ball breaks during a chucker, Jeff said, "play continues with the largest piece...." The danger level for players, he said, is about on a par with Nascar drivers....

The Quad Cities Polo Club's season is June-August, "and we hope to continue our tradition of charity support," Mike said. For more on polo in the QC, click: <http://www.quadcitiespoloclub.com/index.html>

### The meeting opened...

**President Dave** opened the meeting by leading members in **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, "America the Beautiful."



After Moments of Reflection, the singing continued with backup song leader **Carter Lebeau**, accompanied by **Bernie Vogel** on the 88s, and a medley comprising "The UNI Fight Song"

(hence the caps), "My Old Kentucky Home" (The KY Derby song – as close as we could get to a polo melody) and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" (Valentine's Day is Sunday).



### Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarian...

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### ... And guests

Samantha Burmeister with Mike Freemire  
Scott Montgomery with Brad Boeye

### Announcements...

➔ **Haiti relief.** **President Dave** issued a challenge: If the Club could raise \$250, right now, he would add \$100. By the \$50s and \$100s, members – including **Ken Vandersnick, Tom Howard, Decker Ploehn, Carolyn Leutwyler, Steve Habenicht** and **Ann Kappeler** – soon pledged more than \$250, and Dave took out his checkbook.

### ➔ Impromptu Rotary quiz. S.K.

**Nanda** conducted an off-the-cuff quiz of some Rotary

International knowledge – including the themes for 2009-2010 and next year, the current president and president-elect... (To learn more, see "Links" at the end of the each issue of *BRCN*.)



## The News...



**Fred Anderson** reported the news: Northern Illinois earthquake... Iran's nuclear boast... Pakistani Taliban chief maybe killed... snow in the East... drunk shoplifter hides in Wyoming police station.

## Sergeant at Arms...



Sgt-at-arms **Tom Howard** collected \$120 for our foundations with a gridiron query: Who was the first Purdue grad (Tom's *alma mater*) to quarterback the winning Super Bowl

team? He thought it was Drew Brees, but someone said it was Len Dawson...?

During **Ryan \$\$**, **Lee Semenow** tossed in \$64, for his birthday, **Rich James** added

\$100 to the Scholarship Fund, because of the centennial of the Boy Scouts – and the good basketball fortunes of *his alma mater*, UNI (yet another cap).



Others were happy because: **Greg Blaske** – snowstorms closed

the federal government... **Ken**

**Vandersnick** – the Illini cagers are doing well... **Lisa Brown** – Talbot's is having a sale... **Chelsea Powers** – is due to be a New Mom in August... **Dave Deuth** – has lost 25 pounds.

## Missing Today:

Adams-2, Calabrese, Cameron, Chambers-2, Coley, Dobesh, Downing-2,

Ellstrom-4, Felsing-2, Freese, Gallagher, Gudel, Haffernan, Hartsock-2, Hintermeister, Hinton-5, Koos-5, Legare-3, Lokenvitz, Loweth-4, McWilliams, L. Miller-4, Nielsen-4, Olson, Pelecky-2, Pieart-2, Rabine, Richards-4, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver-2, Selden-5, Spyrow-5, St. Laurent-5, Schutte-4, Volbrecht, Worley-5.

## Make-ups:

Tim Lane @ Davenport

At today's committee meeting: Lisa Brown, Frank Mitvalsky, Ann Kappeler, Brian Kennedy, Tom Ahlstrand, Chelsea Powers.

## The meeting ended...

... with **President Dave** quoting a guy names Francois from the 17th century> "A true friend is the greatest of all blessings..." To which Dave added we, as Rotarians, have some 1.2 million friends around the world.

## Future meetings...

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

Feb. 17: Ed Tibbetts, *Quad-City Times* political reporter, on the 2010 Iowa gubernatorial race.

Feb. 24: **Scott Tunncliff** talks about what he's been up to lately with Davenport's Hilltop Campus Village.

## In other BRC news...

After the meeting, **President Dave** forwarded this message from **Lisa Brown** to the membership:

"Some of you will recall that we funded the PV Sparkles a couple of years ago with a Bettendorf Rotary Charities Fund grant. They have gone on to become

wonderful ambassadors for Pleasant Valley and all of the Quad Cities, appearing on “Oprah” and receiving mention on a national television network evening newscast.

“Now we have an opportunity to assist The Sparkles once again by merely placing a vote in their favor to rank them in the top 10 of a promotion being sponsored by Pepsi. The top 10 online vote-getters are eligible for additional funding. **Jim Spelhaug** has confirmed the legitimacy of this promotion...”

**Here’s how to help The Sparkles:** Go online to the Pepsi site, <http://www.refresheverything.com/sparkleeffect>, get a password and vote every day for “The Sparkle Effect,” which is a new program that will help other schools develop special needs cheerleading programs. The program must end in the top 10 out of 150 programs to receive funding; it is currently number 39.

### **News Staff...**

Editor Fred Anderson...  
Reporter Chuck Mooney...  
Photographer Carter LeBeau...  
Webmeister Ralph Heninger

### **Officers and Board Members...**

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**Rotary Foundation director** S.K. Nanda, 794-5310  
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### **Committees & chairs...**

**Membership/Rotary University chair:** Connie Mangler

**News chair:** Lora Adams

**Programs chair:** Brian Kennedy

**Public relations chair:** Fred Anderson

**Sergeant-at-arms chair:** Ben Selden

**Fellowship co-chairs:**

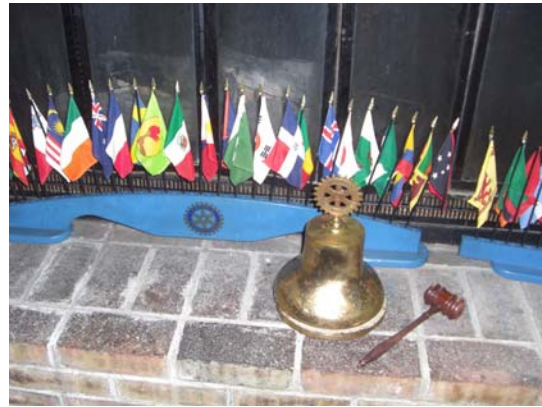
**Golf Outing/Steak Fry:** John Rabine

**John Deere Classic/TPC:** Jeff Hassel & Lisa Brown

**Winter Party chair:** 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.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](http://www.rotary6000.org)