



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant



Kennedy to update health reform status

The Affordable Health Care Act ended a number of practices that adversely affected millions of Americans.

These reforms helped more children get health coverage; ended lifetime and many annual limits on care, and allowed adults under age 26 to stay on their parents' health insurance. They also gave patients access to preventive services without cost; cut drug costs in half for seniors in the Medicare "donut hole," and gave tax credits to small businesses that provided health insurance for employees. More benefits will be phased in through 2014.

Our own **Brian Kennedy** will provide a full status report at the Aug. 31 meeting.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2010

Glass outlines IA education's future

One feature of the Iowa Pioneer Village on the Iowa State Fair Grounds Program is a little white schoolhouse,

said Dr. **James Glass**, director of the Iowa Department of Education, our guest speaker at the Aug. 24 meeting. That schoolhouse symbolizes Iowa's

tradition of educational excellence, Glass said, "And we need to recapture the spirit of those pioneers who built a school in every town" in Iowa.

While "Iowa schools are really good," Glass continued, there is some evidence that they are being passed by some other states – and some countries as well. To regain Iowa's leadership position in education, he outlined three broad areas of improvement:

The first objective is a renewed focus on highest quality instruction, he said. "What are they (in other states and countries) doing that we are not?" he asked. Educators must set high expectations and then teach so students can reach them, he said.

Second, we must "hyper-focus" on the quality of educators, he said. That means being much better at selecting future teachers, training them, supporting them



and compensating them on a new basis that's relevant to student achievement – not the current basis of degrees earned and tenure accrued. It also means pulling ineffective teachers out of the classroom, when necessary, he added.

Third, Glass said we must adopt a culture of innovation in learning. Iowa already is doing good things, he emphasized, such as virtual learning and consolidation of districts that are too small to provide adequate services to students.

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading recitation of “The 4-Way Test.” The day's song-leader, **Carter LeBeau**, led the singing of the patriotic song, “America the Beautiful,” *a cappella*. After Moments of Reflection, the singing resumed – on a sports theme – with



“Take Me Out to the Ballgame” (Carter suggesting we root for **Duncan Cameron**'s favorite team, the Milwaukee Brewers, since other area teams are doing... less than well...) and “In Heaven There Is No Beer.”

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarian:

Jeff Schwiebert, North Scott: Education

Guests:

Ken Kline with **Glenn Kass**

Nicole Martin with **Scott Naumann**

Tom Kellenberg with **Mark Ross**

Jimmy Casas, Bettendorf High School

principal; Matt Degner, BHS associate

principal, and Kim Hofmann, director of

student services for the Bettendorf

Community School District – all with

Theron Schutte

Announcements...

→ **BRC Social Hour.** **President Scott** said the August social “went well,” and the September date and place will be announced later.

→ **LobsterFest review.** It's scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at, maybe, Governor's.

→ **Golf Outing & Steak Fry.** It was agreed (unless event chair **John Rabine**, who wasn't there to defend himself, disagrees) that it will be Wednesday, Oct. 6 at Palmer Hills – tee times beginning at 10:30 a.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Sign up beginning next week.

→ **One-and-Done community service project.** **Sharon Sarver**

asked for volunteers to drive for the Senior Golf Cart Tour, twice on Monday, Sept. 12, from Palmer Hills to Devils Glen Park. Up to 5 drivers are needed for each tour; a signup sheet made the rounds.





→ **Rotary Scholarship recipients.** **Theron Schute** introduced **Jimmy Casas**, who presented the 2 Bettendorf High School recipients: **Kayla Antle (I.)** and **Kelsey Rose**. Both girls served on the BHS Student Council and were active in multiple sports, including softball. Kayla will attend North-Central College, Naperville, Ill., to study biology and play softball. Kelsey will be a student at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, where she will study accounting – and play softball.

→ **Rotary-in-Motion Challenge.** With just 12 days before The Big Event, **Dick Schillig** acted as MC for the team captains. They handed out Strider of the Week awards: **Kevin Kraft** (“Mile High Club”) – **John DeDoncker**, who completed the 2011 Leadville (Colo.) Trail 100 Run in 28 hours, 25 minutes;



Jonna Schuler (“Racy Rotarians”) – **Brian Rolf**; and **Kurt Lokenvitz**

(“Gears in Motion”) – **Frank Schwab**. Leading into the next announcement, Dick reminded us that “You earn 10 bonus miles for either volunteering or participating in the Run With Carl.”

→ **Run With Carl.** **Chelsea Powers** is still accepting volunteers – especially on Friday, Sept. 2, to unload bottled water. Contact her: **468-4053** or cpowers@holmesmurphy.com



The news...

Lora Adams reported the news you just won’t get anywhere else. Google fined for running ads for selling Canadian medicines in the U.S.... Durable goods orders jumped 4% in July.... Fighting still going on in Libya as rebels search for Moammar Gadhafi.... The Alaska woman who punished her adopted son by squirting hot sauce in his mouth was trying to get on the “Dr. Phil” TV show; a jury convicted her of child abuse.... Two men in Tennessee slept in a funeral home’s caskets – 1 got away, 1 was charged.... 2 Floridians were charged with being under the influence for “falling asleep in their food and sticking forks in their cheeks” at a Chuck E Cheese....

Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$250 for our foundations. **Ryan \$\$** came from: **Duncan Cameron** – just “happened” to be wearing his Brewers shirt... **Bob Gallagher** – thanks for signing his Scott Community College board petition; please sign son’s Bettendorf mayor petition... **Kevin Kraft** – freeloaded at a dinner meeting with **Jim Spelhaug**, **Chelsea Powers** and **Jeff Hassel** at Governor’s (pitchers were poured...)... **Brent Werner** – missing a 5-ft.-long green cooler after LobsterFest...

Missing today:

K. Adams, Archer, Ashby, Atnip-3, Blaske, Boeye-2, Brown, Cahalan-2, Daugherty, Death, Dickson, Dobesh-5, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-8, Felsing, Freemire-3, Freese-3, Habenicht, Harrison-8, Hartsock-8, Hintermeister, Hinton-8, Kappeler-2, Kinsley, Lanum-8, Larsen-5, Legare-4, Loweth-2, Lundin-3, McGimpsey-2, McWilliams-3, Manas-8, Mitvasly, Olson-3, Pelecky-8, Rabine, Ricketts-McCool-2, Scranton, Sherrick, St. Laurent-4, Volbrecht-8, Windmiller-8, Worley-8

Make-ups:

Carter LeBeau @ Iowa City Noon

At today's committee meetings: Duncan Cameron, Mike Limberg, Chris Glass, Linda Miller, Sharon Sarver, Tony Calabrese, Mark Ross, Josh Carter, Jonna Schuller, Bob Gallagher, Kevin Kraft, John DeDoncker, Jen DeBuhr, Jim Spelhaug, Brian Kennedy, Tim Lane

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: 340-5114, bmfkennedy@att.net

Aug. 31: Brian Kennedy, federal health care reform status report

Sept. 7: LaWanda Roudebush, Davenport Public Library, state patent and trademark library

Sept. 14: Iowa Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds

Sept. 28: Brig General Kendell Penn, deputy commander for general operations, 1st Army

News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...

Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...

Photographer: Carter LeBeau...

Webmeister/Website host: Chris Glass



Greeter Amber Castro welcomes Daniel Marvin

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.: IA 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.

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>