



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Feb. 9, 2011, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011, at
The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Where is economy headed in 2011?

The U.S. economy seems to be emerging from the worst recession in its history, but many indicators are still far from



optimum. Many large corporations are reporting record earnings; “big business” is sitting on a reported \$2 trillion in reserves; unemployment recently dropped to 9%, yet millions have been without work for more than a year. Home foreclosures continue at a frightening pace. In the midst of all this economic turmoil, our own **John DeDoncker**, president of THE National Bank, will provide his insights and present an economic forecast for the year ahead.

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Last meeting:

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New exhibits on way to Family Museum

After the QC’s second-deepest snow storm on record forced cancellation of the Feb. 2 meeting, we returned to the Fortune Garden on the Feb. 9 to hear **Tracey Kuehl**, director of the Bettendorf



Family Museum, update two important aspects of the Learning Campus – upgrades and improvements to the museum’s exhibits and development of the campus’s green space.

Aimed at young learners in the first 8 years of life, the Children’s Museum will undergo \$1.3 million in improvements to its exhibits from now until fall 2013. Integrating all aspects of QC life, the exhibits will explain how “everything” – from a young child’s perspective – works, and works together. The museum brings together the Mississippi River, food production, business concepts, the financial system, how a house works.... It’s a child’s-eye view of the adult.

The \$380,000 Green Space project will convert the former Eagle property into space for learning programs and demonstrations of such innovations as a rain garden and permeable pavement. More info: <http://www.familymuseum.org/>.

The meeting opened...

President Jeff Hassel led members in the recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “This Is My Country.” After Moments of Reflection, the singing resumed – under the direction of **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Bernie Vogel** at the piano – with renditions of “Rotary, My Rotary” (to the tune of “O Tannenbaum”), “Edelweis” and “Happy



Birthday, Dear Rotarians,” specifically:

February birthdays...

10, **Susan Praul**;
13, Paul Scranton;
14, Brian Kennedy, Donna Freese; 16, Tim Downing; 23, S.K. Nanda; 24, Bob Ryken; 26, Marika Jones

Secretary Chuck introduced:

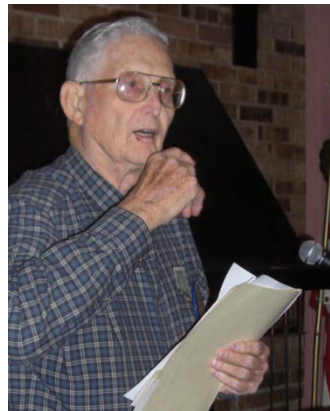


Visiting Rotarians...:
Bill Cameron, PDG, Keokuk: Education
Bill Tubbs, PDG, North Scott: Publishing
Tracey Kuehl, North Scott: Museum Director

... and guests:

Bike Limberg with Connie Mangler
Todd Ashby with Mike Freemire
Ann Meyer with Kirsten Adams
Ellen Harrison with Kirsten Adams
Jay Willsher with Dick Schillig
Frank Manas with Phil Kinsley

Announcements...



→ **Garden Ministry.** **Bill Cameron** asked for volunteers to sign up to work during the coming growing season. You can work

from once a month to twice a week; pick your favorite time of day, and select the day of the week you prefer.

→ **RI newspaper ad.** **Chelsea Powers** announced that a full-page ad promoting Rotary

International will run in the Wednesday, Feb. 23, issue of the *Quad-City Times*. Information about Bettendorf Rotary – and the other Scott County clubs – will appear. You can

also buy a listing for \$25, \$5 of which goes to Polio Plus; the ad will consist of your name, address, phone, email and Rotary club affiliation. The deadline is Friday, Feb. 18; contact the *Times* ad department: 383-2483.

→ **BRC Social hour.** The next Social Hour is scheduled for **5:30 p.m.**

Monday, Feb. 21, at the newly renovated **Hotel Blackhawk**.

→ **LobsterFest Committee.** The LobsterFest Committee continues to meet the first Thursday of each month at the Bettendorf Public Library.





Presentation...

Scott Naumann – channeling every Green Bay Packer fan you could imagine (except, *thank you VERY MUCH*, those guys who paint their bare chests in team colors) – led the assembled throng in a reprise of his hymn to the Super Bowl XLV champion Packers, “Oh, Please... Give Me Some Cheese” (© pending). Scott’s favorite gridiron foil – **Carter LeBeau**, who’s such a Bears fan he’d bleed black-and-blue (with orange highlights) – even sat rapt, and wrapped in gold-and-green, as the lyrics wafted throughout the Fortune Garden: “O, please, give me some cheese... cheer for the Mighty Packers!...”

News...

Lora Adams would rather go to her hubby’s basketball team’s game... and **Fred Anderson** didn’t check his email... so he just advised everyone to “watch CNN.” If he’d bother to check his email he would have seen Lora’s report:

An average of two children per day were killed in Afghanistan last year, according to Afghanistan Rights Monitor.... The doctor for Rep. Gabrielle Giffords said he hopes she can her husband’s space launch in April.... Military talks between the rival Koreas have “collapsed”.... The Iowa House passed zero percent education funding for 2012 and 2013....

Fifty years ago – on Feb. 9, 1961 – The Beatles made their debut at The Cavern Club in Liverpool, England. They had difficulty getting a booking – the mother of then-drummer Pete Best begged until they got a lunchtime gig.

Sergeant at Arms...

President Jeff collected \$204 in **Ryan \$\$** for our foundations + birthday checks from **Susan Praul** and **Paul Scranton**.

Other happy folks: **Connie Mangler** – heard **Mike Freemire** on the radio imitating a car’s horn, “The sound of a loaner BMW if mine doesn’t start,” Mike said... **Glenn Kass** – his daughter’s first basketball win... **Ann Kappeler** – city streets were all clear last Wednesday, despite the blizzard... **Decker Ploehn** - \$20 in honor of the snowplow drivers, and “sorry about any mailboxes...” **Steve Pieart** – happy to be back in sunny Bettendorf after 2+ weeks in the snowy



Southwest... **Paul Scranton** - \$40 for birthday – and no change back... **Doyle McCully** – his *alma mater* Ol’ Miss beat two Top 25 teams in basketball... **Jeff Hassel** – the Super Bowl is over... and no more fight songs

for a while... **Susan Praul** – birthday + “**Decker**’s wife ran over my mailbox,” she said; suddenly, everybody had a **Jane Ploehn** driving story to tell – including **Jim Legare** and **Decker**, who recalled, “I was showing the governor a Mississippi flood site when a car drove toward us. I remember saying, ‘What kind of idiot would drive to a flood,’ when the car stopped and out got Jane – and our kids!”

Missing today:

L. Adams, Atnip, Brown, Cameron, Chambers, Coley, DeBuhr, DeDoncker, Death-2, Dobesh-4, Downing, Eikenberry, Ellsrom-5, Foster, Freese, Gallagher, Gudgel-3, Hartsock-3, Heinrich-4, Hintermeister, Hinton-5, James, Kennedy, Lanum-5, Larsen, Lokenvitz, Loweth, Lundin, McWilliams-2, L. Miller-4, Pelecky-5, Ricketts-McCool-4, Ross, Saul, Schuler, Sorensen, Spellhaug-2, St. Lauren -5, Schutte, Worley-5

Make-up:

Duncan Cameron @ Naples Bay, Fla. & @ Naples, Fla.

Steve Piart @ Visalia County Center
Chelsea Powers @ Rotary eClub of District 7890

At today's committee meeting: Mike Freemire, Jerry Felsing, Greg Blaske, S.K. Nanda, Tom Ahlstrand, Kevin Kraft, Tony Calabrese, Glenn Kass, Bob Gabrilson, Decker Ploehn, Penny McGimpsey, Jim Legare, Dick Schillig

Upcoming meetings...

Feb. 16: John DeDoncker: Economic



Forecast
Feb. 23:
Roger Kean, Scott County Conservation Board: Scott County Parks, re-scheduled

from Feb 2

March 2: Garrett Burchett, Mississippi River Distilling Co., Le Claire

News Staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...
Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...
Photographer: Carter LeBeau...
Webmeister: Ralph Heninger...
Website host: Harry Coin

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.

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