



Bettendorf Rotary Club Media Release

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"LOBSTERFEST" NETS BIG CATCH FOR CHARITIES & STUDENTS

Bettendorf Rotary sets October 1st deadline for grant requests from community

Bettendorf, IA - Thanks to funds raised during its 5th Annual Lobsterfest in June, the Bettendorf Rotary Club will be able to offer grants up to a total of \$20,000 for area charities and \$6,000 in scholarships to graduates pursuing higher education.

The club will award individual grants of as much as \$2,500 to any qualified non-profit organization in the Quad Cities. The application deadline is October 1st. Applications are available to download at www.bettendorffrotary.com. Completed requests must then be postmarked by October 1st and sent to: Bettendorf Rotary Club, PO Box 133, Bettendorf, IA, 52722. Applications can also be obtained by mailing a request to the same address.

Grants are not awarded to groups for annual fundraising, organizational endowment funds, deficit financing, grants to individuals, scholarship funds, political groups or activities, Rotarians and their families or for sectarian purposes. Organizations that received funds last year are not eligible for the 2011 funding cycle.

Applications are reviewed and awarded by the Bettendorf Rotary's Charitable Giving Board with funds located at the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend. Scholarships are administered through a different fund. Those are provided to deserving students at Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley high schools, Rivermont Collegiate and Scott Community College. Recipients are chosen by the educational institutions.

"Lobsterfest is a tremendous undertaking for our club, but the results speak for themselves," said BRC President Scott Naumann. "By bringing together fellow Rotarians, friends, family and business associates, exposing them to the Rotary message as well as assisting area charities and students, clearly that makes all of our efforts worthwhile."

The Bettendorf Rotary Club (www.bettendorffrotary.com), chartered on May 22, 1957, has more than 100 members fulfilling the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" in a variety of local, regional and national community volunteer projects. The club meets each Wednesday at Noon at Fortune Garden Restaurant, 2211 Kimberly Road, Bettendorf. In addition to the website, you can find the club on Facebook (www.facebook.com/bettendorffrotary).

Bettendorf Rotary Club is part of Rotary International (www.rotary.org), founded in 1905 by Paul Harris, a Chicago businessman and University of Iowa alumnus. The international organization, now based in Evanston, IL, has more than one million members participating with 32,000 clubs located in more than 200 countries.