



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009,
at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

Flood forecasting: lessons from '08



Just more than a year ago, record floods inundated many Iowa communities, including Cedar Rapids, the state's second largest city. In the wake of those

disasters, Larry Weber of the University of Iowa College of Engineering will speak to us about "Making Lemonade Out of Lemons: Learning from the Floods of 2008 to Solve Future Global Water Challenges" at our Aug. 26 meeting.

Dr. Weber, professor of civil and environmental engineering and director of the Hydrosience & Engineering Research Institute at Iowa, discusses the hydrologic reasons those floods occurred, and research that has evolved to better predict and more effectively respond to future massive flooding – including a new Iowa Flood Center. The institute is a

center for interdisciplinary research in water and air resources, environmental hydraulics and fluid dynamics. Founded at the University in 1928, it has more than 800 alumni in 55 countries around the world.

Dr. Weber also is a member of Iowa Gov. Chet Culver's Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation Task Force. Earlier this year, the Iowa Legislature approved \$1.3 million in funding for an Iowa Flood Center at the university.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009 ...

Litwillers challenge us: Do good as Rotarians

District 6000 Governor Cal Litwiller and his wife **Rachel** challenged a meeting packed with Bettendorf Rotary members and guests at the Aug. 19 meeting with a burning question: "Why Are You a Rotarian?"



Referring to the organization's founding idea – people can do more working together than alone – Cal observed that Rotarians are known for their good works, ethical behavior and TEAM-work ("Together Each Accomplishes More").

Based on three important emphases – membership, public relations and the Rotary Foundation – the clubs in District



6000 last year raised \$670,000 to use in service projects, from the local communities to Polio Plus and other international efforts.

Cal ended with this challenge: "What will you and I do today,

and this Rotary year, to change the world?"

Earlier, **Rachel** issued a personal invitation to attend the District 6000 Conference April 23-25, 2010, in Burlington. The conference will honor women in Rotary.

The Litwillers came to the Quad Cities early in the week, and had fun at the Rotary Night at the Ballpark (see below).

The meeting opened...

The meeting opened with a moment of silence to honor Bettendorf Rotarian Jon Ryan who died on Aug. 17.



President **David Deuth** presided and led members in recitation of The 4-Way Test: Is It The Truth? Is It Fair to All Concerned? Will It Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Is It

Fair to All Concerned?

The opening song was "This Is My Country."

→ **Dave Chambers** announced details of Jon Ryan's funeral: 2 p.m. Saturday,



Aug. 22, at Asbury United Methodist Church, 18th Street at Mississippi Blvd., with visitation at the church from 11 a.m. until the service begins. He urged members to leave a note of encouragement

for Jon's family at www.mcginnis-chambers.com. Dave also noted that Bettendorf Rotary is one of the memorials specified for contributions in Jon's memory with gifts going specifically for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food basket project.

Later, **Ralph Heninger** asked that everyone at next Wednesday's meeting wear a Hawaiian shirt. He said, "The purpose will be made evident..."

After the announcement concerning Jon's funeral, President Dave introduced **District Governor Cal and Rachel Litwiller**, from Boone, Iowa. **Tom Howard** led a rousing chorus of "For Cal's a Jolly Good Fellow." The songfest continued, accompanied by **Bernie Vogel** at the piano, with the throng intoning "A Helping Hand" and "Zip-A-Dee Doo-Dah."

Presentation...

George Daugherty presented a Paul Harris pin with two sapphires and a crystal star award to **Nicole McWilliams** and **Frank Mitvalsky** in recognition of their three years of leadership of the





Bettendorf Rotary Lobsterfest. While they have retired from being chairs of the event, Frank and Nicole will continue to serve on the committee – which will be chaired by **Scott Naumann**. In its first three years, Lobsterfest has grossed some \$130,000 – with more than \$70,000 going to club projects and other not-for-profit causes.



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Announcements...



→ Visitor **Dave Phillips** talked about the GARDEN MINISTRY, begun in 2002 by Asbury Methodist Church, to help feed the hungry in the Quad Cities. The 2008 harvest – of 22,954 pounds of food

– was distributed to 19 meal sites, food pantries and shelters on both sides of the Mississippi. We'll hear more about this in the future, President Dave said.

→ President Dave announced that Bettendorf Rotary was just \$122 short of



making the club's \$1,000 goal for proceeds from the **Rotary Night at the Ballpark** event on Monday night.



The money earned - \$1,000 from each of the 12 Rotaries

in the Quad Cities – is all to go to Rotary International's PolioPlus campaign to rid the planet of polio.

When they learned how close we were to the goal, members – including **Dick**



Schillig, Ann Kappeler and Brian Kennedy – reached into their pockets and quickly made up the \$120 deficit.

→ **Dick Schillig** reminded members that it's only 19 days until the Labor Day "Run with Carl" events. To help Dick, suddenly The Coach appeared and, with great subtlety, suggested that members should get involved to ensure that Bettendorf Rotary brings home the Rotary Challenge Cup for the Quad-City Rotary that has the highest participation.

→ New member **Theron Schutte**, the new superintendent of Bettendorf Schools, was sworn in by District Governor Cal.

Sergeant at Arms...

Sgt-at-arms **Carter LeBeau** collected \$126 toward our Scholarship Fund by recounting the history of charitable giving, which evolved, he said, from “Catholic pew rental” to collections for the starving children of Europe, to bingo and the “Protestant tithe.” After Carter asked for Happy \$\$, members’ donations included... **Carter: \$26** for that many years of perfect attendance... **Todd Larsen: \$6** because the Cubs are that many games behind... **Kevin Kraft: \$10** for his third grandson... **Jerry Felsing: \$39** for his birthday... **Simon Bowe: \$20** for a very good cause (alas, lost to posterity because of ... someone’s poor penmanship)... **Audie Foster: \$5** because River Drive is open again.

Secretary Chuck introduced:

Visiting Rotarians...

Dale Haake, Rock Island, Law & Poetry
 Gary Lynch, North Scott, Transmission Parts
 Paul Scranton, Moline, Financial Advisor
 Jon Christiansen, Moline, Industrial Supplies
 Becky Eiting, Davenport, City Assessor
 Past District Governor Bill Cameron, Keokuk, Education

guests...

Dave Phillips, guest of Bill Cameron
 Tim Lane, guest of Tony Calabrese

Missing Today:

Ahlstrand, Brown-3, Coley-3,
 DeDoncker, Ellstrom-8, Freemire,
 Habenicht, Hartsock, Lanum-3, Legare-2,
 Link-8, Loweth-2, Pieart-2, Ploehn,
 Powers, Richards, Ricketts-McCool-2,
 Ross, Sherrick, Spyrow-8, St. Laurent-7,
 Swan-8, Volbrecht-2, Worley-8.

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



Make up at a nearby Rotary Club:

Monday, noon.....Davenport - The Outing Club
 Monday, noon.....Moline - Calvary Church of the Quad Cities
 Monday, 6 pm.....QC Illinois - Moline Club
 Tuesday, 7:15 am..... River Cities - Brothers Rest. Rapid City
 Tuesday, noon....Rock Island - QC Botanical Ctr.
 Wednesday, noon....Bettendorf - Fortune Garden
 Wednesday, 5 pm.....Mini Meet - Lunardi’s
 Thursday, 7 am.....IA Quad Cities - The Lodge
 Thursday, noon....East Moline - Christ United Methodist Church
 Thursday, noon.....Milan - Milan Community Center

Friday, noon.....North Scott - Steeplegate Inn

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