



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, April 21, 2010,
at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

Linda Miller reviews Iowa Legislature '10



The media have been filled with interesting news recently, from Blagojevich to tea partiers to the nation's painfully slow economic recovery. Our guest speaker at the April 21 meeting, **Mark Ridolfi**, the

editorial page editor of the *Quad-City Times*, is in the always... interesting position of stating opinions on all these issues, and many more. Come and hear about the process that leads to a newspaper's editorial positions.

Mark has been a Quad-City journalist for 25 years. He taught journalism at Black Hawk College, Western Illinois University, Augustana College and currently at Knox College, Galesburg. Mark, his wife, Sandy, and daughters Angela and Linnea live in Rock Island.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Linda Miller charts 'winners,' 'losers'

Just a few short weeks since the Iowa General Assembly adjourned its 2010 session – after only 78 days instead of the normal 100 – our own State Rep. Linda Miller presented a roundup of the major issues that “won” and “lost.”



With the shortened session, Linda said, many bills came to the floor with little opportunity for debate or public input. Because of that, she added, some laws that were enacted contained errors and will require lawmakers to return to Des Moines to fix them. “Thank you all for your emails,” she said, noting they were especially helpful in helping her hear both sides on many issues during the short session.

Among the winners, she included Race to the Top, veterans' benefits (“Iowa was the first state to pass all 10 veterans' benefit bills,” she said.), gay marriage, a law against texting while driving (teens can be arrested outright, and adults who commit other offenses can see larger fines if they were texting at the time), pay raises for teachers, preschool for all 4-year-olds (which “is going to cost a lot of

money,” Linda commented), and a person under a restraining order in a domestic violence case must give up his/her guns. The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, Davenport, will build a regional center – serving Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota – and will bring jobs to the QC from Sioux City and Des Moines.

“Losers,” Linda said, included some labor union issues, and debtors whose phone records will now be subject to subpoena.

During questioning, she predicted budget problems in the near future because of Medicaid funding requirements and the use of one-time stimulus money – which all stops on Jan. 1, 2011.

The meeting opened...

President Dave opened the meeting by leading **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, “The National Anthem.”

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians...

PDG Bill Cameron, Keokuk: Education
Frank Klipsch, Davenport: YMCA

... and Guests:

John Crow with Jim Legare
Dale Goodmanson with Tom Olson
Penny McGimpsey with Tim Lane

Jonna Schuler with Connie Mangler
Five guests with Frank Klipsch

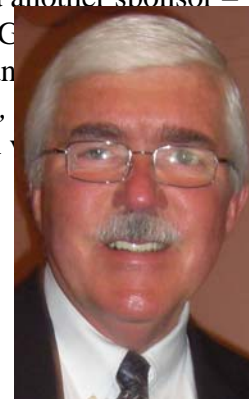
Announcements...

➔ **Frank Klipsch** issued an invitation to an upcoming Y recognition event – at which one

of his guests, **Bill Kasmyer**, “The World’s Strongest Man,” will be the featured speaker. Kasmyer shared some of his inspirational presentation – and demonstrated that he deserves his moniker by rolling an aluminum frying pan into a tight tube... and then unrolling it at the end of the meeting.



➔ **Scott Naumann** reported that the LobsterFest has added another sponsor – **Dave Chambers’ McC** Funeral Home – and an partner, *Family Focus*, promote the event and high definition.



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As **Rick Hartsock** was trying to give an update of **LobsterFest** ticket sales, there arose such a clatter at the door that we all turned to see what was the matter – and **Larry the Lobsterman**, fresh from Bah Hahbah, lurched into the room, urging members to buy tickets while they last. Tickets are \$70 each, or tables of 8 for \$480.



→ **PDG Bill Cameron** recruited volunteers to help with the Quad-City Garden Ministry, an effort by five city church congregations to provide freshly

grown produce to help feed the poor. Volunteers can choose their own level of involvement, from Team A (3 hours per year – one to plant, one to weed, one to harvest) to Team B (2-3 times a month), Team C (weekly weeding, watering or whatever needs doing) or Team D (“that dedicated group...” who makes it all succeed).

To volunteer, or ask questions, contact Bill: 332-4898.

→ **President Dave** underscored three important dates in April and May:

→ **April 28:** The meeting focuses on our foundations

→ **April 29:** The **Quad City Spells** event, beginning at **7 p.m.** at the Bettendorf Public Library, pits the Bettendorf Rotary team – **Kevin Kraft, Decker Ploehn** and **Jeff Hassel** – against all comers in a contest to benefit the Library Foundation.

→ **May 26:** Club Assembly.

The news...

Fred Anderson reported news headlines: earthquakes in Southwestern China...

Mark Becker sentenced to life in prison for killing Iowa high school coach Ed Thomas... Davenport, Bettendorf real estate sales improving... a hero can in Montana... and a Maryland judge injured in a car crash by a drunk driver – who had been in his courtroom on drunk driving charges.

Singing...

Songmeister **Tom Howard** – tunefully accompanied by **Bernie (he's back!) Vogel** on the 88s – led the songs: “All Hail to Rotary” and



“April Showers.”

Sergeant at Arms/Ryan \$\$...

Sgt-at-arms **President Dave** opened the quest for Ryan \$\$ with a \$100 check in honor of Weerts Funeral Home’s centennial – inviting all to the Open House 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 2 – and these added Rotarians found reasons to be happy: **Carter LeBeau** secured a home-stay site for his RAGBRAI ride (No. 38 – and he’s ridden in them all!)... **Lisa Brown** – Scott CC enrollment up 61%!... **Tony Calabrese** – thankful for family and friends... **Kevin Kraft** – his daughter, Lauren, is about to fly the nest for good... **Jim Legare** – “delinquency” is falling... **Rich James** – the QC Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner (other Eagle Scouts in our midst: **Duncan Cameron, Tim Downey, Gene Miller**) – all of which added \$169 for our foundations.

The meeting closed...

With **President Dave** – glancing to his side as Bill Kasmyer unrolled the frying pan, quipping, “To that, I can add absolutely nothing.”

Missing Today:

Adams, Brummel-2, Coley-4, Daugherty, Dobesh-4, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-13, Foster-2, Freese, Haffernan-10, Heninger, Hintermeister, Jones, Kennedy, Kinsley, Lanum-2, Leutwyler, Loweth, McWilliams-3, Nanda, Pelecky-5, Powers, Ricketts-McCool-4, Ross, Saul-2, Selden-4, Spelhaug, Spyrow-14, St. Laurent, Schutte, Volbrecht-11, Worley-4.

Make-ups:

Tony Calabrese @ ?
At today’s committee meeting: Duncan Cameron, Todd Larsen, Fred Anderson, Simon Bowe, Lisa Brown, Tony

Calabrese, Dave Chambers, Jerry Felsing, Steve Habenicht, Denny Heinrich, Becky Hinton, John Rabine, Sharon Sarver, Bernie Vogel, James Richards, Linda Miller.

Future meetings...



... thanks to the efforts of Program Chair **Brian Kennedy**. Use this information to invite potential new members: **April 21:** Mark Ridolfi, editorial page editor of the *Quad-City Times*, provides a look behind the scenes of the

paper’s editorial page.

April 28: Special focus on Rotary Foundations – locally and at the International level.

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