



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010, at
The Fortune Garden Restaurant

**With vote looming,
here's info on SCRA**

With an upcoming referendum affecting the Scott County Regional Authority, our own **Mark Ross** (a member of the SCRA Board) will provide background and perspective on that organization at the Sept. 8 meeting. SCRA, a non-profit corporation, awards grants twice each year to “educational institutions,



government/civic and not-for profit organizations” serving the needs of Scott County, according to its Website. The funds come from gaming receipts from the Isle of Capri Casino in

Bettendorf. Organizations that receive funds provide services to the arts, city and county government, education, conservation, disabilities, fire and rescue, historic preservation, housing, law enforcement, libraries, medical, museums, park and recreation, seniors, social services, veterans and youth. It has awarded nearly \$58 million in grants since its formation in 1991.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010

**Virtual Soldier and
much more at U of I**

It's truly amazing what you can learn at a Bettendorf Rotary meeting. Take the Sept. 1 meeting for example.

Dr. Karim Abdel-Malek, professor of biomedical engineering and director of the Center for Computer-Aided Design,



University of Iowa, built his presentation around the Virtual Soldier Research (VSR) program – which enables the designers of a new tank, for example, to test how human soldiers will interact with it – all in a virtual world. So the Army doesn't have to build a prototype until most of the bugs are worked out. And it saves 10 years and about \$2 billion compared to “real world” R&D for a tank.

But that's not all CCAD does with this virtual technology (which keeps evolving – just like things in the real world). In the U of I's own words, VSR combines

expertise from the fields of “computer science, computer graphics, psychology, engineering, biomechanics, robotics and optimization” – which all adds up to what’s called digital human modeling.

Because the virtual soldier (his name is Santos, by the way) virtually experiences gravity, muscle fatigue, clothing restrictions and more, he can work for additional clients, such as Caterpillar and the auto industry to design safer vehicles, as well as other Defense agencies to design better battlefield armor, etc.

Future developments, Abdel-Malik said, include a virtual child, grandpa, clinical patient and more. To learn more, click: www.ccad.uiowa.edu/vsr/.

The meeting opened...

With **President Jeff Hassel** presiding, we all recited the 4-Way Test and sang the opening patriotic song, “God Bless America.” After Moments of Reflection, **Gene Miller**, the day’s song leader, accompanied by **Bernie Vogel** on the 88s, led the songfest with “I’ve Been working on the Railroad,” in honor of



Labor Day, “Sunny Side of the Street” and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians” who are:

September birthdays...

8, Phil Kinsley; 9, Harry Coin, Todd Larsen; 12, Kurt Lokenvitz; 19, Pat Eikenberry; 20, Glenn Pelecky; 29, Bill Harvey, **Rick**

Hartsock (the only “birthday boy” who actually sat at the birthday table – but he shared the cake... for a price...) (**Harry** was busy – you’re looking at his photos.)



Secretary Chuck (“2 new eyes”)

Mooney introduced:

Visiting Rotarian:

Rod Ossowski, Rock Island: Not-for-profit organization.

Announcements...

→ **WQPT Challenge.** Pledges from BRC now total about \$3,800, **President Jeff** said. It’s still possible to pledge – our goal is to top \$4,000.

→ **Rotary in Motion Challenge/Run With Carl.** With the Challenge winding down – *but keep counting steps through Labor Day* – **Dick Schillig** noted that with 5 days until RWC “less than 500 miles separate the two teams.” The final outcome will hinge on how much walking we all do – and how many



participate as either run/walkers or volunteers. Dick asked for two things: a patched hole in “his race-course” along

Devils Glen, and help stuffing registration packets beginning at 10 a.m. Friday in the parking lot across Middle Road from the Fitness Center.

It's still possible to **sign up at:**
<http://runwithcarl.com>.

➔ **Red Badge Meeting.** If you're a new member – and we know who you are by the red patch on your badge – this is *your* meeting with members of the Board: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Farraday's. It's a rite of passage – and an opportunity to learn a whole lot more about Rotary in general and Bettendorf Rotary specifically – all the good we do in the QC plus what we support internationally. And the appetizers are spectacular!

➔ **Seniors scam.** Dawn Saul delivered a warning about the so-called “Grandparent Scam,” which has bilked thousands from some unsuspecting elders in the QC.

➔ **Golf Outing.** John Rabine provided more details about the Golf Outing/Steak



Fry on Sept. 15 at Palmer Hills. Tee times run 11:30-1:20. Dinner starts at 5:45. Live entertainment

– the Synergy Brass Quintet (a “display of outstanding musical ability combined with superb showmanship”), thanks to **Ken Vandersnick** – begins at 6:30. The silent auction follows. Cost is \$40 for members, \$50 for guests, which includes golf and steak (or chicken or fish – ordered in advance). Dinner-only is *free for members*, \$10 per guest – so bring your spouse and prospective members. **(NO NOON meeting that day.)**



New member...

Doing his best to fill in for the absent **S.K. Nanda**, **Mike Freemire** inducted our newest member, **Susan Praul**, who has helped provide the benefits of AFLAC to employers and individuals in the area for some 15 years.

Sergeant at Arms...

President Jeff collected \$212 for our foundations. **Ryan \$\$** came from these happy folks:

Doyle McCully – for “surviving” an encounter on Spruce Hills Drive with a driver who had a cell phone in one hand and a poodle in her other... **Dick Schillig** – \$16 for the 16th RWC... **Ann Kappeler** – happy to help Morrison, Ill., school officials give recognition to those who saved the life of the boy who was struck by lightning; he's expected to recover fully... **Rich James** – where are all the birthday folks? “Not at the birthday table”... **Harry Coin** – \$20 because “Mom's still 50” (Is Harry math-impaired? I'm just asking...)... **John DeDoncker** – \$5 because **President Jeff (“I'm a champion”)** Hassel broke his trophy trying to fill it with beer... **Chuck Mooney** – for his “new eyes”... **Dave Deuth** – in memory of his late father-in-law... **Jeff (“I'm a champion”)** Hassel – so, apparently, he actually won that trophy... **Paul Scranton** – \$1 for the

number of times **Jeff** told him he's a champ... since the meeting began (\$5)... and **Karim Abdel-Malek** – best line of the day: “When I was introduced to Jeff, the first thing he said was, “**I’m a champion.**”

Missing Today:

K. Adams, L. Adams, Ahlstrand-5, Atnip, Brummel, Calabrese, Chambers, G. Coin-3, Coley-7, Dobesh-3, DeBuhr, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-9, Foster, Freese-3, Habenicht, Heinrich, Hinton-9, Jones-5, Kinsley, Kraft, Lanum-5, LeBeau, Lokenvitz, Loweth, Mangler, L. Miller-2, Nanda, Pelecky-8, Powers-2, Richards-3, Sarver, Selden-9, Schutte-2, Volbrecht-4, Worley-4

Make-ups:

Tony Calbarena @ Davenport
Carter LeBeau @ Caledonia, Minn.
Chelsea Powers @ Inten

At today's committee meetings: Mark Ross, Greg Blaske, Bob Gallagher, Diane Rlicketts-McCool, Ann Kappeler, Jonna Schuler, Mike Freemire, Penny McGimpsey, John DeDoncker, Joe Douglas, Fred Anderson, Jerry Felsing, Andrew Gudgel, Rich James, Tim Lane, David Deuth, Scott Naumann, Frank Mitvalsky, Duncan Cameron, George Daugherty, Jeff Hassel, Chuck Mooney, Lee Semenov

Future meetings:

Sept. 8: Mark Ross, “SCRA: The upcoming referendum on gambling”
Sept. 15: Golf Outing

News Staff...

Editor, reporter Fred Anderson...
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Webmeister Ralph Heninger...
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Bettendorf Rotary resources

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

Link to Run with Carl: www.runwithcarl.com

Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon..... Moline – Christ the King Catholic Church
Monday, 6 pm..... QC Illinois – Arbor Village Club House, Moline
Tuesday, 7:15 am..... River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapid City
Tuesday, noon....Rock Island – QC Botanical Center
Wednesday, noon....Bettendorf – Fortune Garden Restaurant
Wednesday, 5 pm.....Mini Meet – Lunardi's Restaurant, Davenport
Thursday, 7 am.....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