



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club

News of the April 8, 2009, meeting

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, April 15, 2009,
at the Fortune Garden...

'Stimulus spending and your taxes'

Bill Onions, CPA

Our next meeting occurs on Tax Day, April 15, so Program Chair Brian Kennedy has invited Bill Onions, CPA, to tell us about "Stimulus Spending and your Taxes."

A senior tax manager, Onions has more than 11 years' experience in public accounting, specializing in "providing federal and state tax services to high net-worth individuals and large and mid-sized businesses in a variety of industries including manufacturing, engineering, construction and real estate development," according to Brian.

Onions received his B.S. in accounting at Rutgers University. He is affiliated with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Institute of Management Accountants, Illowa Chapter, where he is a past board member.

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the Fortune Garden...

100,000 hours of community service

In 2003, Pleasant Valley High School became the first high school in Iowa to

require each student to complete 70 hours of community service before they could graduate.



Earlier this year, the students of PVHS topped 100,000 hours of service. Our own **Jim Spelhaug**, superintendent of PV schools, educated us about this program – with the assistance of Principal **Debbie Menke**, Adviser Lindy Voss, student Sarah Herr and two student-produced videos.



Students usually complete 30 hours of service during their first two years at PVHS, donating a few hours to many projects and causes, Menke explained. During their junior and senior years, she

said, they most often concentrate on one special project to fulfill the remaining 40 hours of service.



Students lend their time and talents to such diverse worthy causes as the Angel Tree program, Habitat for Humanity, the Quad-City Botanical Center and hospice care, “without a grade or payment” as incentive, **Lindy Voss** said.



According to **Sarah Herr**, a PV Spartans cheerleader, a special unit of the squad, the Sparkles, won the gold medal in competition at the midwinter Iowa

Special Olympics. A grant from Bettendorf Rotary enabled the Sparkles to travel to Des Moines for the competition.

Announcements:



President Nicole McWilliams presided. The meeting opened with the singing of “God Bless America” and moments of reflection.

➔ RED BADGE MEETING 6-7:30

p.m. April 23 in the St. Croix Room at the Isle of Capri. All new members

with a red “new member” sticker on your nametag **must attend** this meeting to have the sticker removed. President Nicole said an email invitation was to be sent to new members with details. **RSVP to Nicole – no later than April 15: 332-3071.**

➔ Remember: the April 22 meeting will NOT be held at Fortune Garden. Decker Ploehn has arranged for us to meet in the Iowa Room at the new Waterfront Convention Center. He and Nancy Donovan from the Isle of Capri will be the program, and we’ll tour the facility as well.



Whacked at Da Wedding

➔ Last week we advised you to reserve FRIDAY, MAY 1 on your calendar, because it’s a special event to help Bettendorf Rotary raise funds for Polio Plus. This is that event...

It’s A Mystery is presenting the comedy whodunit, **“Whacked at Da Wedding” at 6 p.m. May 1 at The Fountains Clubhouse in Bettendorf.**

Everyone is invited to Gina and Rico’s mobster wedding party. Everything begins with a laughable cocktail hour introduction to the suspects and continues through a special gourmet dinner. No ordinary nuptials, this is **the Manicotti-Gelatto wedding... guaranteed to kill**

you with comedy. The party will be full of suspects: the bride's father, **Tony "the Hair" Gelatto...** his daughter, **Gina...** our groom, **Rico...** then there's **Mama Mia... Nicco**, the best man... **Marissa the Mouth...** and our sleuth, **Big Juli** who tries to get to the bottom of it all... Or, will you solve the murder first?

Mystery package, including dinner and entertainment, is \$30. There'll be a cash bar with a large portion of the proceeds going to our cause!

RSVP to Chuck Mooney by the April 29 Rotary meeting.



Kevin Kraft and Kerry Skinner, Davenport Rotarian)

→ **The New Member Committee** project this year involved several parts, Kevin Kraft reported. The committee partnered with the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) to sponsor discount retail cards for all military personnel – active, retired and veterans. A total of 15,000 cards have been printed and all carry the Bettendorf and Davenport Rotary names. More than 50 merchants honor the card.

The committee also hosted a poster contest for the Moline location, Boys and Girls Clubs of the Mississippi River Valley. The winning poster is being used as the backdrop on the discount card. The

card is available for free by contacting the local AUSA chapter: 309-782-0392 or <http://www.ausaria.org/>.

Lastly, the Bettendorf Rotary new members are helping to market Military Appreciation Day at Modern Woodmen Park May 9.

“This has been a wonderful project to work on,” Kevin said. “Kerry Skinner, a member of Davenport Rotary and of AUSA, has been instrumental in driving the process, as have Chelsea Powers and Vicki Tyler from the Bettendorf club.

For more information or a sponsor form: Kevin A Kraft: 359-4554.

→ Frank Mitvalsky urged members to sell all of their **Lobsterfest** tickets, and the money turned in. Scott Naumann reinforced the message with a handsome visual aid.

Frank also said committee meetings will be stepped up to two times a month, on the first and third Thursday mornings. The next meeting will be April 16 at the Bettendorf Library.



'We are a singing Rotary...'



It started innocently enough. Song leader Carter LeBeau – aided by Bernie Vogel on the 88s – channeled the late **Harry Caray** in a rendition of “Take Me Out to the Ballgame.” Then we sang “Sentimental Journey.” After that, we launched into a rendition of “Easter Parade.” Getting into the spirit of the moment, one member donned a frilly Easter bonnet and sat in another member’s lap. Alas, just as a visiting photographer snapped the shot, apparently the room was struck by a moderate earthquake....



The news

The best news: Lora Adams is back after a none-too-pleasant few weeks of medical treatment. Welcome back, Lora – and much good health!!



Sergeant at arms

Sgt-at-arms Todd Larsen collected \$130 for our foundations. A score of members left the meeting on a sugar high after receiving a flying confection – Peeps™ were popular – for each correct answer to Todd’s quiz consisting of obscure questions about Easter candy. Thanks for the chocolate egg, Todd.



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Secretary Chuck Mooney introduced visiting Rotarians...

Terry Westbrook, East Moline, Banking (and last-moment photographer); John Slover, Rock Island, Attorney; Kerry Skinner, Davenport, Investments

... and Guests

Todd Ashby with Mike Freemire

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Carter LeBeau, photos... Chuck Mooney, reporter... Ralph Heninger, Webmeister... Fred Anderson, editor – with LOTS of support from Harry Coin and Connie Mangler.

Upcoming featured speakers

From Brian Kennedy, program chairman:

- ➔ April 15: Bill Onions, CPA, “Stimulus Spending and your Taxes”
- ➔ April 22: “Field Trip” to Waterfront Convention Center
- ➔ April 29: State Rep. Linda Miller, “State Legislative Session Recap”
- ➔ May 6: Joyce Gibson, Director of Lydia House
- ➔ May 13: Club dinner to recognize winners of membership drive
- ➔ May 27: Dick Schillig, Run with Carl Scholarship presentation

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Please use this news!

Invite prospective new members who might appreciate our speakers.

Lunch and program only \$8 per visitor, payable at the door.

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MISSING TODAY:

Ahlstrand, Atnip, Bowe-2, Cameron, Cass, Chambers, Coley, Dobesh-14, Douglas, Ellsstrom-14, Felsing, Freese, Haffernan-2, Heinrichs-2, Heninger, Kempton-14, Koos, Legare-6, Link-14, L.Miller-9, Nanda, Pelecky, Ploehn, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Ryan-2, Selden-3, Spyrow-14, St. Laurent-8, Swan-14, Tyler-4, Volbrecht

MAKE UPS:

Duncan Cameron at Naples Bay, Fl.

At today's committee meeting:

Jim Spelhaug, Todd Larsen, Bob Gallagher, Scott Naumann, John DeDoncker, Greg Blaske, Tony Calabrese, Mike Freemire, Rick Hartsock, Carl Loweth, David Death, Fred Anderson, Lora Adams, Lisa Brown, Brian Kennedy, Kevin Kraft, Jeff Lanum, Kurt Lokenvitz, Connie Mangler, John Rabine, Brian Rossmiller, Dick Schillig.

Resignations:

The resignations of these members were announced:

- Past President Ron Essner for health reasons
- Tim Lofgren because of the press of business

Make up a meeting 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