



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Aug. 11, 2010, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Find out what Frank, Kurt (+?) do at work



Sharon Sarver has put together a lineup of interesting vocational presentations for the Aug. 18 meeting. So far, **Kurt Lokenvitz**

and **Frank Mitvalsky** have agreed to give us more insight into their day jobs. And, Sharon says, “I am waiting for confirmation on a third person.”

Sharon explains, “I’m trying to work on a presenter theme of hard-to-pronounce-and-spell last names!”

Actually, she says, “Thanks, Kurt and Frank, (and the mystery presenter?) for being so willing to do this!”

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2010

Expect even better ‘911’ service soon

By next spring, 32 jurisdictions and emergency response agencies in Scott County will all be served by one, consolidated “Scott Emergency Communication Center,”



Scott County Administrator **Dee Bruemmer** told members at the Aug. 11 meeting.

The launch of that fully operational center will be the culmination of a process that began in 2003, when officials began to replace the existing hodge-podge of radio communications and response procedures that existed at the time.

Now housed in a state-of-the-art facility that can withstand an F5 tornado, the center will be able to coordinate response to all kinds of emergencies in Scott County – police, fire, medical, disasters. It will be faster, more efficient and just plain better than the system it replaces. To help responders pinpoint the location of an emergency, one feature of the new system assigns GPS coordinates to each address in Scott County – including *each*

apartment number in a complex. It even highlights access driveways, so responders know where to enter a property. The new facility is scheduled to open next March.

The meeting opened...



President Jeff Hassel opened the meeting by leading a recitation of the 4-Way Test and singing of the day's patriotic song, "America the Beautiful." After Moments of Reflection, during which we especially learned of **Chuck Mooney's** absence for cataract surgery (first of two), the singing resumed, with **Bernie Vogel** tickling the ivories as stand-in song leader **Carter LeBeau** selected "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Spring Time in Scott County" to complete the songfest.

Lee Semenow ("international



man of mystery"), standing in for Secretary **Chuck**, introduced: **Visiting Rotarians:** Lorraine Lynch, North Scott;

Greg Gutsell, Davenport; Margo McInnis, North Scott; Tom Bowman, Davenport

Guests:

Carol Earnhardt, guest of Linda Miller
Rich Oswald, guest of Audie Foster

Announcements...

→ **WQPT Challenge.** After revealing that Davenport Rotary couldn't find volunteers to work (how good is *that* for getting *our* trophy back!), **President Jeff** said our team of stalwart volunteers would start calling about **6:15 p.m.**

Wednesday, Aug. 18. So, all who won't be at the TV studio that night, get ready to answer your phone and pledge, **pledge, PLEDGE.**

→ **Rotary in Motion Challenge/Run With Carl.** The countdown continues – 27 days to Labor Day – as the count-up of steps continues.



Standing in for the "Dick-and-Chelsea Show," **Connie Mangler** updated the score: "StepTeasers" 3,500 miles –

"Roto-Rockets" 2,871 miles. Volunteers are still needed – to supply cookies, stuff packets, direct course traffic or staff water stops. **Packet stuffing is scheduled for 10 a.m.-noon, Friday, Sept. 3.**



→ **Membership Committee.** While she had the microphone, Connie announced the new Membership Committee's goal of 20 new members this year. She

introduced committee members: **Tim Lane, Tim Lofgren, Steve Habenicht, Jonna Schuler, Kevin Kraft, Kirsten Adams, Dawn Saul and Chelsea Powers.** New prospective member policy: they attend their first meeting free (after that, just \$8).

→ **Rotary Night at the Ballpark.** **President Jeff** expressed appreciation for all who participated in the event – especially **George Daugherty**, who threw our club’s first pitch...



Presentation
As thanks for helping as servers during this year’s LobsterFest, Boy Scout Troop 24 Scoutmaster **Monty Meyer** received a \$500 check from event Chairman **Scott Naumann.**

Beard update...

It’s now Week 2 post-RAGBRAI, and at least two of BRC’s Brothers of the Brush – **Kevin Kraft** and **Frank Mitvalsky** – continue in their new career aspiration: posing for cough-drop labels. No word this week on that other furry face, **Mayor Mike Freemire...**



The news...

Fred Anderson reported a few of the day’s headlines – 3 feared missing in central Iowa flooding... death toll in China flooding and landslides tops 1,100... GM 2Q numbers expected to be “encouraging”... police nab man with “marinated” cat. And this: “A Wisconsin man just released from jail for stealing a ladder – who had been caught by the guy he stole it from – was arrested again for trying to sell a stolen ladder to the same guy. This started July 28 when the thief was caught with a ladder stolen from a man who saw the thief, recognized his ladder, and turned the thief in to the sheriff’s office. The thief was taken to jail. He was released from jail on Aug. 3. The genius thief called the original victim (apparently not recognizing his voice) and asked him if he was still interested in buying a ladder posted on Craigslist. The victim called the sheriff’s office, and detectives were waiting to arrest the thief the second time. This time the thief remains in jail. Bail was set at \$100,000.



Sergeant at Arms...

President Jeff collected \$271 in **Ryan \$\$** for our foundations, capitalizing on all this happiness: **Jeff Hassle** – daughter’s first day at kindergarten... **Gene Miller** – good news from his heart doc... **Scott Naumann** – found \$7 in his son’s piggy bank... **Harry Coin** – thanks to **Jim Slavens** and a Davenport Rotarian’s intervention, Harry’s son got his needed surgery OK’d by Wellmark... **George Daugherty** – he was determined not to

throw that pitch into the dirt... even if it did go really high and outside... **Frank Mitvalsky** – just got a new client... (wait for it...) Scott Naumann's son... **Jim**



Legare – thanks to the Motion Challenge, he's lost 16 pounds so far (check his plate – mostly veggies)... will pay \$1/lb... **Kevin Kraft** – happy about the “Teasers” and kudos to **Steve Nielsen** for his goal of 1,000,000 steps in July and August... a somewhat

sheepish **Tim Lofgren**, who left out one important detail when introducing his guest... she's his **MOM!**... **Decker Ploehn** – 18th Street is about to reopen near the Library... still 2 more weeks at Lincoln Road... **Rich James** – his daughter's health continues to improve... **Jonna Schuler** – one daughter entering high school, one starting junior high...

Missing Today:

L. Adams-2, Adamson-6, Ahlstrand-2, Atnip, Blaske-2, Boeye, Bowe, Brummel-6, Calabrese-2, Cameron, Chambers-2, Coley-4, DeDoncker, Death, Douglas, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-6, Freemire, Hartsock-4, Heinrich-6, Heninger, Hinton-6, Howard, Jones-2, Kennedy, Koos, Lanum-2, Larsen, Loweth-3, McWilliams-3, Mooney, Olson, Pelecky-5, Powers, Rabine, Ross, Saul, Schillig, Scranton, Senden-6, Sherrick, Slavens, St. Laurent, Volbrecht, Worley

Make-Ups:

Jim Legare @ Mini Meet

At today's committee meeting: Lisa Brown, Tim Lane, Lorie Dobesh, Bob Gallagher, Jerry Felsing, Audie Foster, Frank Mitvalsky, Andrew Gudgel, Ann Kappeler, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Decker Ploehn, Kristin Adams, Penny McGimpsey, Sharon Sarver, Jonna Schuler

Future meetings:

Aug. 18: Sharon Sarver, “Vocational Service Talks”

Aug. 25: Dr. Joseph Rives, vice president, Western Illinois University Quad Cities Planning & Technology, “Progress on WIU QC Riverfront Campus and plans for the future.”

News Staff...

Editor, reporter Fred Anderson...
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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