



## *The Bettendorf Rotary Club News*

July 25, 2007

Guests Welcome at our next meeting:  
Weds., **August 1**, Noon at the Fortune Garden

### **FEATURING: Member Faye Clow, Director, Bettendorf Public Library**

Bettendorf honored Faye's service, naming her the Grand Marshall of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. During her nearly 30-year tenure, the library not only doubled its size, but also added many new technology and information services to better serve the community. Faye is retiring at the end of the year.



Trustees, appointed by Rotarian and Bettendorf Mayor Mike Freemire, govern the Bettendorf Public Library. Seven Bettendorf residents (among them Rotarian Duncan Cameron) serve staggered six-year terms with the approval of the City Council.

The future of the Bettendorf Public Library depends on the support of those within this community. Although tax dollars fund the basic operation of the library, help comes from other income sources in order to continue the work of helping people to read, learn, and improve the quality of their lives. The Library Foundation, whose board has 15 members, including Rotarians Tom Coley and Ann Kappeler, ensures the Library's enhanced future. This year's foundation fundraising goal of \$43,000 is to support:



- Children's services and programs that entertain, inform and arouse curiosity.
- Homework Help - free one-on-one online tutoring for all students 4th – 12th grade.
- Library collections - books, DVD, CD, videos, books on tape, magazines, newspapers and other resources.
- Cultural programs designed to develop diversity awareness with education, information and entertainment.

Major donors join the Library Foundation's Malmros Society, current members include an anonymous donor, Robert & Lee Bahrenburg, Duncan Cameron, Cultural Awareness Council, Garrison Keillor, Trinity at Terrace Park, Steve Wilson, Packer & Helen Brown Unitrust, Harry & Georgia Mihm, Bechtel Trust & Foundation, and the Scott County Regional Authority.

Faye started her career as a research librarian for the Federal Reserve in Chicago. Faye is the Co-host of 'About Books' on Augustana's WVIK radio. Faye also supports Quad City Arts, the Genesius Guild, Comm-University, WQPT, and Humanities Iowa.

*From Mr. Brian Kennedy,  
program chairman--*

### **Upcoming Featured Speakers**

- 08/08 Wendy Wintersteen, Dean of College of Agriculture, Iowa State University.
- 08/15 Mark Schwiebert, Mayor of Rock Island (first in a 4 part year series, inviting each Quad City Mayor to share his perspective on regional economic and community development challenges and opportunities).
- 08/29 David Vaudt, CPA, State of Iowa, Auditor of State will present a State Budget update
- 9/19 Club Golf Outing
- 09/26 Mike Freemire, Mayor of Bettendorf (2<sup>nd</sup> in Mayor's series)
- 10/03 Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey.

### **Please use this news!**

*Invite prospective new members who might appreciate our speakers.*

Only \$8 per visitor, payable at the door.

### **Our Club's Annual Golf Outing and Steak Fry: Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. RSVP soon!**

❖ **Pres. Lisa:** The WQPT challenge will be August 2nd. Duncan Cameron and Mike Freemire agreed to volunteer to fill the last two spots for the on-air phone bank fundraising team. Our club is looking to keep the highest fundraising trophy. To sweeten the pot, Lora Adams mentioned the donation amount that includes the prime tickets on the floor at the Mark of the Quad Cities events of either "The Blue Man Group" again or the "Celtic Woman" is about \$150, the same as last year.

❖ **Support the North Scott 'Corn Boil' tomorrow night.** North Scott Rotary really works hard to host an annual event that's good for all ages. The North Scott folk made an effort to turn out at our Lobsterfest, so Carolyn and Past President Lisa encouraged our members to return the favor.

❖ **David Deuth:** Our paperwork for the Nicaragua Latrine Construction project is complete. We will send our local contribution of \$3,400 to the Rotary Foundation today, which is matched and multiplied to \$38,000-- making the construction possible. Consider that favorably when considering your own giving plans!

❖ **President Lisa,** in hopes of avoiding 49 weeks sans luncheon companionship, directed the Fortune Garden staff to clean from the head table all bio-hazards, radioactive materials

*and unmentionable noisemaking cushions lurking there. No sooner did Madam the President announce her lunch demesnes fit did several members, all men, most of them married, including elected officials (!), eagerly jostle to reseat themselves to accompany her. Applying basic axioms of Due and Customary Rotarian Decorum, yours truly humble reporter apologizes as, somehow, smudge marks prevent that list of names from being included in this report. Consequentially, notice was received at the Newsletter Office that the Rotary Accountability Task Force (The RAT squad) has removed me from their 'friends' list. C'est la guerre. You guys owe me.*

# Meeting Review *Noon, July 25th 2007, the Fortune Garden.* Presiding: **President Lisa Brown**

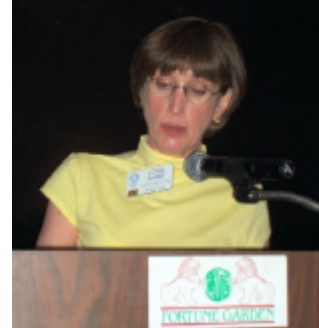


**President Lisa** opened the meeting in a moment of silent reflection in support of our troops overseas and those several people today who the membership noted are suffering, and for world peace and fellowship.

**Cabaret Honky-tonk artist Bernie Vogel** cheered the pre-meeting time playing Broadway show tunes and old Rotary chestnuts.



**Tom Howard**, accompanied by Bernie led the Rotarians in "God Bless America", and an entire concert of further tunes.



Lora Adams presented "The News".



Durango "High Noon" Rotary Club member Bud Poe, a member of our club 15-20 years ago, commended us on our Lobsterfest. Bud noted that their fundraiser, a golf outing, nets about \$13,000, which they split with their co-sponsor, the United Way. Email Bud at [nvrmore@frontier.net](mailto:nvrmore@frontier.net).

***Sargeant-at-Arms and always together***  
***Decker "Cool Threads" Ploehn*** collected \$90 for our foundations by an impressive retrospective memory contest covering the PGA level golf events in the QCA, the first at Crow Valley Country club in 1971.

Decker raised \$17 more by recognizing various members' milestone anniversaries! Dave Dueth - 21 years, Todd Larsen - 17 years. Also Tom Ahlstrand reported his daughter landed a dream job: Attending and Marketing Broadway plays in LA!



**Chuck “Accept Challenges” Mooney, Secretary, Reports:**

❖ Visiting Rotarians:

**Ardo Holmgrain,**

Rock Island, Civil Engineering

**Terry Westbrook,**

East Moline, Banking



**MAKE UPS:** Lora Adams @ Moline,  
Patrick Eikenberry @ Iowa Quad Cities



**MISSING TODAY:** Atnip, Ball -2, Blaske, Bowe -2, Calabrese -3, Callihan -3, Chambers -3, G.Coin, Coley -3, Daugherty -2, DeDoncker -2, Douglas -3, Eikenberry -2, Ellstrom -3, Habenicht, Hassel, Heninger -3, Hyder -3, Ingleby -3, James, Kappeler -2, Kempton, Kennedy -3, LeBeau, Legare -3, Loweth, Lucas -3, McWilliams, G.Miller, L.Miller -2, Mitvalsky, Pelecky -2, Pieart -2, Ross -2, Schillig, Selden -3, Sherrick, Snyder -3, Spyrow, St. Laurent -3, Urbaitis -3, Voigt -3, Worley.

***Make up a meeting at nearby Rotary Clubs:***

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



*4 Sapphire  
Paul Harris Award Presentation*

**Mr. S. K. Nanda**

*Receives Sustained Standing  
Ovation*

On behalf of Rotary District 6000 Foundation Chairman Don Goering, Bettendorf Rotary Club President Lisa Brown read a letter of high praise and acknowledgement of the many contributions of both time and financial support generously offered to Rotary by Bettendorf club member and past President ('92-'93) S. K. Nanda. S.K. then accepted President Lisa's presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow pin with 4 sapphires.

S.K. was prevented from leaving the podium for quite an extended period as the membership rose to their feet in loud and sustained applause. Over the years each Bettendorf Rotary member has been impressed by S.K.'s sincere, sustained and warm-hearted support of the Rotary Foundation in general, his personal encouragement and oversight in furthering the Foundation's programs (which bring meaningful and lasting improvement to the everyday lives of people who struggle in difficult situations overseas), and our club's growth and quality in particular. Rotary International President Bill Boyd himself acknowledged S.K.'s contribution with a special award during our Anniversary Celebration last spring.

The Rotary Annual Programs Fund awards a Paul Harris pin for a contribution of \$1,000, with an additional sapphire for each additional \$1,000.



Programs the Rotary Foundation supports include Polio Plus – a program designed to eradicate Polio from the world. It supports Humanitarian programs, including grants to fund club and district service projects – and matching grants for international projects such as our international chairman Dave Dueth recently concluded in Nicaragua.



This Week's Program: **President Lisa Brown**

### **The 2007 Rotary International Convention.**

President Lisa reported details of her 2.5 days attending the Rotary International worldwide annual convention in Salt Lake City, which ended June 20<sup>th</sup>. The convention was a four-day celebration of the many faces of Rotary service, from peacemaking to grassroots projects to international friendship.

Lisa attended with her daughter, and both gained perspective about the world as a whole because they had a chance to see people from 167 countries. There were 16,000 people in the hall Sunday, where Lisa once again had a chance to hear outgoing RI President William Boyd speak and to take in an international flag ceremony.

Lisa walked through the International Hall of Friendship, where over 3,000 exhibitors had booths.

Lisa relayed one particularly human moment when she and her daughter attended a western Rodeo – but what caught their attention was not the rodeo itself, but the reaction of the Ethiopian delegation whose reaction to such an utterly new event in their experience was at least as engaging as the rodeo itself.

One of the main messages Lisa emphasized was on Rotary leadership and future Rotary leadership planning.

Calling it the “single most important thing you can do to ensure Rotary’s second century,” incoming RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson sent RI convention-goers home on Wednesday with a directive to “found new clubs wherever the soil is fertile.”

“Without new members, nothing else matters,” he said during the closing plenary. “It will only take a few decades for Rotary to disappear.”

Lisa concluded the meeting in a brainstorming session with the members, extending an initiative taken by the board. Of particular interest was exploring new efforts in the area of short-term youth exchange programs. When a local family accepts a foreign Rotary Youth Exchange student, our local families are afforded the opportunity to send one of our young people abroad. President Lisa was given to understand that screening of candidate students from abroad has improved considerably from the years since some members had both good and other experiences with longer term exchange programs.

