



The Bettendorf Rotary Club News
***April 2, 2008. Guests Welcome at our next meeting, Wed.,
April 9, 2008 Noon at the Fortune Garden. Featuring:***

Rick Best, general manager of WQPT-TV

Our speaker on Wednesday, April 9, will be Rick Best, general manager of WQPT-TV, the Quad-Cities' Public Broadcasting station.

The station signed on the air Nov. 2, 1983, licensed to Black Hawk College, Moline. For more than 24 years it has provided national and locally produced educational, informative and public affairs programming to the Quad Cities. The station serves an audience of more than half a million viewers.

Operated by a staff of 18, WQPT is governed by the college's Board of Trustees, with guidance and oversight from a citizens' advisory board, the Greater Quad Cities Telecommunications Corp. Bettendorf Rotary member Duncan Cameron is a member of that board.



Over the past year and a half, Black Hawk College, facing its own financial problems, has removed its financial support from WQPT and put the future of the station in the Quad Cities in the hands of the WQPT Board.

Last September, after extensive work with a telecommunications industry consultant, the WQPT Board reported to the Black Hawk Board of Trustees that, while it was confident it could raise operating funds to sustain quality programming, it could not immediately raise the funds to buy WQPT's license and equipment from the college.

The college board has voted to put the station's equipment and license up for sale. But the WQPT Board has requested that the license and equipment not be sold to any entity that would not want to operate a locally based public broadcasting station.

The WQPT Board presented a strategic plan to the Black Hawk Trustees in December, but the college's board has not responded publicly to the proposal.

By Fred Anderson

Rotary News and Announcements



President Lisa Brown

The meeting opened with the singing of "This Is My Country" with a moment for silent reflection



**Lora Adams
The News**



Songs led by **Tom Howard & Bernie Vogel** at the piano.

Announcements:



Past President Frank Mitvasky...

presented S.K. Nanda with a beautiful Ruby Paul Harris pin.

Congratulations to S.K. Nanda for this outstanding accomplishment!



Faye Clow

Faye received a "Rotarian of the Quarter" plaque for her dedication and hard work for the Bettendorf Rotary.

The award was presented by George Daugherty



Sergeant-at-Arms Dick Schillig

Dick announced only 154 days to "Run with Carl" and he collected \$158 dollars for the foundation



Dr. Mitch Mally

Speakers last week were Dr. Mitch Mally & Joe Dunning of Tri-Med Health & Wellness. Their excellent presentation highlighted the importance of nutrition in achieving and maintaining wellness, You will be excited to learn that free consultations are offered to Bettendorf Rotary members.

Visiting Rotarians

Sergey Pasheyev, North Scott, Computers
Mark Zimmerman, Davenport, Auto Dealer
Kellie Esters, North Scott, Fund Raising

Guest: Kevin Ketelsen with Dick Schillig
Denise Jack-Gooder & Shilan Johnson with
Pat Eikenberry

MISSING TODAY:

Ball -13, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dobesh -9,
Douglas, Ellstrom -4, Freemire, Habenicht,
Hyder -13, Kappeler, Kennedy -3, Koehler,
Legare, Larsen, Loweth -2, Lucas -4,
McWilliams, L. Miller -10, Perisho -13,
Pieart, Ploehn, Ross, Rossmiller -2, Snyder -
13, Spyrow -9, St. Laurent -10, Voigt -11,
Worley -13.

Make Ups:

Tom Ahlstrand @Rock Island
Duncan Cameron @Rock Island

At today's committee meeting .. Tom Ahlstrand,
Jerry Felsing, S.K. Nanda, Ron Essner, Lisa Brown,
Simon Bowe, Duncan Cameron, Tony Calabrese,
Dave Falk, Greg Blaske, Bob Gallagher, Diane
Ricketts-McCool, Phil Kinsley, Lora Adams, Karen
Atnip, Faye Clow, Tom Coley, Pat Eikenberry, Rick
Hartsock, Jeff Hassel, Ralph Heninger, Gene Miller,
Chuck Mooney.



*From Mr. Brian Kennedy,
program chairman:*

**Upcoming Featured
Speakers**

- o 4/16: Don Welvaert, Mayor of Moline
- o 4/30: Gregory Geoffroy, President of Iowa State University
- o 5/07: Tom Coley, Scott Community College
- o 6/04: Ken Hopper, Director of the Quad City Air Show

Please use this news!

*Invite prospective new
members who might*

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

