



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 16, 2009, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009,
at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

Sports editor makes bowl predictions

As the now nearly three-week-long football bowl “mini-season” begins, at the Dec. 23 meeting longtime *Quad-City Times* Sports Editor **Don Doxsie** shares his “Bowl Preview and Predictions.” Interest is especially high this year with both the Iowa Hawkeyes and Iowa State Cyclones in post-season games.

Doxsie has been employed by the *Times* for more than a quarter century, serving two stints as sports editor. In between, he was a daily columnist and University of Iowa beat writer. During his years at the *Times*, he has covered the World Series, Super Bowl, Final Four, winter and summer Olympics and 14 college football bowl games.



He has won numerous state and national awards, including first place in enterprise reporting in the APSE national contest in 2000. He also is the author of *Iron Man McGinnity*, a biography of a Hall of Fame baseball pitcher. Doxsie, a

Chicago-area native, graduated from Northern Illinois University and worked for newspapers in Wheaton, Ill.; Mattoon, Ill.; Woodstock, Ill.; and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, before coming to the *Times* in January of 1984.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009



BHS choral group sings songs of Christmas

One of the special treats of the Christmas season is the opportunity to hear musicians from Bettendorf’s school systems perform. This year it was a double quartet of choral singers from Bettendorf High School, under the direction of fist-year vocal music director **Jim Berry**. Principal **Jimmy Casas** made the introductions.



The meeting opened...

President Dave Death opened the meeting by leading a recitation of **The 4-Way Test**:

“Is It The Truth? Is It Fair to All Concerned? Will It Build Goodwill and Better Friend-ships? Will It Be Beneficial to All Concerned?”

The singing of a patriotic song, “This Is My Country,” preceded Moments of Reflection, during which we learned that **The Rev. Gene Miller** had undergone surgery. Under the direction of songmeister **Tom Howard**, tunefully accompanied by pianist **Bernie Vogel**, the singing continued with a Juletide medley: “Winter Wonderland,” “Silver Bells” and “I’ll Be Home for Christmas.”

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians...

Tracey Kuehl, North Scott – Museum Director
Richard Pokora, Iowa Quad Cities – Pastor

... And guests...

Sarah Trokey with Chelsea Powers
Dan Hebeisen with Tom Howard

Announcements...

→ Holiday party. President

Dave reminded everyone of the **annual Winter Party**, Saturday evening, Jan. 9, 2010, at the Outing Club in Davenport. **Contact Lisa Brown** at **441.4016** or lbrown@eicc.edu.



→ Sapphire pin. As the club’s RI Foundation chair, **S.K. Nanda** made a special presentation to **George Coin** – his first Paul Harris sapphire pin, signifying his second \$1,000 in contributions to the Foundation.

S.K. explained that for each additional \$1,000 in contributions, Harris Fellows receive additional jeweled pins – 1-5 sapphires, followed by 1-3 rubies and a diamond pin. He urged members to consider remembering the RI Foundation in their will, adding that two members who are attorneys, **Ralph Heninger** and **Frank Mitvalsky**, have agreed to add such a codicil to a member’s will for free.

After the presentation, **President Dave** announced that his parents had made a donation to become Paul Harris Fellows.

→ Library book tagging. Bettendorf Library Director **Steve Nielsen** provided an update on the project: Bettendorf Rotarians trail the Kiwanis club by about a thousand tagged books – so a third work night will be scheduled in January. To volunteer, or for more information, call Steve at 344-4175.

The News...

Lora Adams reported on all the news that fit in three minutes: Iran tested a long-range missile... LeClaire decided not to sell its water company... Tiger Woods named athlete of the decade...



commercial test-preparation firms now offer to help New York City kids get into prestigious kindergartens (for a thousand bucks!)... dad suspends son’s cell phone privileges after \$21,000 bill...

Sergeant at Arms...

With no sergeant in sight, **President Dave** went straight to **Ryan \$\$**:

Lora Adams got a good cancer report... **Harry Coin** shared photos of early



Bettendorf... **Rich James** “crowned” the UNI Panthers as mythical hoops champs of Iowa after they defeated the Hawks and the 'Clones (wait until next year!)... **Decker Ploehn** pitched in a couple bucks from **Joe Douglas**, who had already retreated to his winter lair in Florida... **President Dave** added \$22 – \$1 for each pound he’s lost since becoming president. In all, we collected \$154 for our foundations.

Missing Today:

Ahlstrand, Atnip, Bowe-3, Brown-2, Calabrese-2, Coley-4, Dobesh-8, Eikenberry-3, Ellstrom-24, Felsing-3, Freemire-2, Gallagher, Godgel, Heninger, Hintermeister, Hinton-5, Koos-10, Kraft, Lanum-3, Legare-4, Larsen-4, Lokenvitz, McWilliams, G. Miller, Mitvalsky, Pelecky-2, Richards-7, Ross, Selden, Sherrick-2, Spyrow-24, St. Laurent-4, Schutte, Volbrecht, Worley.

Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @ Iowa Quad Cities
 Carter LeBeau @ Davenport
 Linda Miller @ Davenport
 Decker Ploehn @ Iowa Quad Cilties

The meeting ended...

... with this wisdom (paraphrased): An economist is an expert who knows tomorrow the things he predicted yesterday didn't come true today.

Bettendorf Rotarians busy in the community...

Lest you think that Bettendorf Rotarians simply come to our lunch meeting each

Wednesday and then go quietly home or to their offices and toil sedately until the next meeting, just take a look at these:



They were shot, by not-particularly-hidden cameras, at the Dec. 3 Holiday Hat Bash at CASI, which some \$8,000 in raised funds to benefit holiday gift and food-basket programs for seniors. All guests had to do



was drink some wine or beer and eat some appetizers... Among the Bettendorf Rotarians who were unsuccessful at eluding the camera were **Donna Freese, Connie Mangler, Scott Naumann, Decker**



Ploehn, Steve Habenicht and Kaye and Carter LeBeau.



And did you notice...

Our brand-new 4-Way Test Banner...



News Staff...

Editor Fred Anderson...
Reporter Chuck Mooney...
Photographer Carter LeBeau...
Webmeister Ralph Heninger

Bettendorf Rotary resources

Hot links where you can find answers to many questions about Rotary.

The history of Bettendorf Rotary, and more:
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/local.htm>

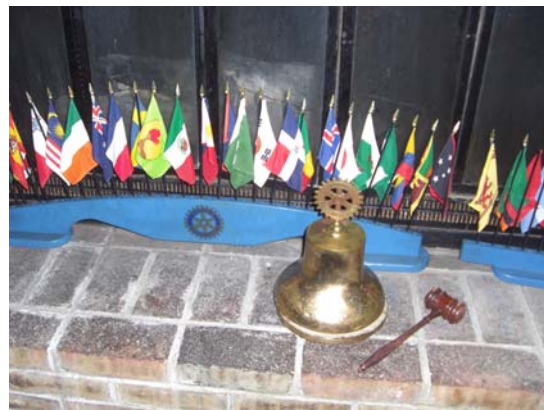
Bettendorf Rotary in the community:
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/community.htm>

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



Make up 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