



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club

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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

Vocational talks: interesting stories...



When the program originally planned for Nov. 4 had to reschedule, Vocational Chairman **George Daugherty**

confidently moved member vocational presentations up to fill the vacancy – and then he began to twist the arms of members to tell everybody about their day jobs. As of “press-time,” he had one definite, one interested but traveling and several others in various stages of being recruited. Come to the meeting and find out what some of your fellow members really do away from Rotary....

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009 ...

Flu update: H1N1 here; seasonal is on the way

The H1N1 influenza is hitting the Quad Cities now, and the seasonal flu is expected to strike December-March – but

Flu-Free QC is reducing the impact, according to two Genesis Health System officials, **Melinda “Missy” Gowey**, executive director of the Genesis Health Services Foundation and the Genesis Illini Foundation, and **Pat Retzl**, director of business services for Genesis at Home, who spoke at the Oct. 21 meeting.



Seasonal flu afflicts about 20 percent of the public each year with respiratory symptoms, such as coughing, congestion, fever, headaches and muscle aches,

Gowey said. Since it spreads (like all flu) by personal contact – coughing, touching, even just talking in close quarters – the precautions to take include washing hands often, coughing into your elbow, *staying home when actually ill* and getting vaccinated.



Genesis’ Flu-Free QC campaign aims to reduce the overall flu impact on the community by vaccinating school children – the population segment most likely to get and

spread flu, **Retzl** said. The program, in its third year, has achieved 38% vaccination in targeted schools. One study showed that vaccination of 20% of school children results in an 18% reduction in adult flu.

The presenters answered questions from members, and accepted a number of

donations to the Genesis Health Services Foundation for the cost of a single dose of flu vaccine (at \$12).

The meeting opened...

President Dave Deuth 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 Friendships? Will It Be Beneficial to All Concerned?”

Since all musicians were absent (or AWOL...?), **Dave** dispensed with singing and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Moments of Reflection, with special thoughts for **Lora Adams**, who had the best possible medical excuse (keep her in your prayers and thoughts).



Announcements...



→ **Scott Naumann** promoted the Bettendorf Rotary Thanksgiving Food Basket program and distributed

sign-up sheets for members to volunteer to deliver baskets on the Saturday before the holiday; within minutes nine volunteers and one alternate had signed.

→ Songmeister **Tom Toward** arrived (after taking his wife to an appointment) and led the gathered throng in a rousing

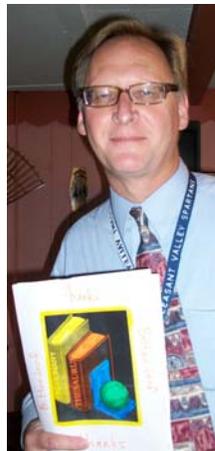
“R-O-T-A-R-Y, that spells Rotary,” sung a capella (or Acapulco – you decide).

→ **President Dave** read a proclamation from Bettendorf Mayor Mike Freemire (who was present – he could have recited it himself) naming Oct. 24 as World Polio Day, in honor of Rotary International’s PolioPlus campaign. He urged all Bettendorfers to become aware of Rotary’s effort to stamp out polio.

→ **Connie Mangler** instigated a greeting program for Bettendorf Rotary. Beginning at this meeting, with **The Rev. Gene Miller** as inaugural greeter, one designated member will greet each member, visitor and guest upon arrival.



Later in the meeting – after discussion of the flu-preventative practice of *not* shaking hands or hugging each arriving member – Gene demonstrated how each person could “**shake your own hand**” instead.



→ **Jim Spelhaug** passed around sheaves of thank-you notes from students in the 4th grade classes at Hoover and Armstrong Schools for the dictionaries they received from Bettendorf Rotary.

The News...

Fred Anderson reported all the news that fit in 3 minutes: Deadly car bomb in Pakistan... attack on UN guest house in Afghanistan... revocation of the licenses of those wayward Northwest Airlines pilots... closure of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge... falling new home sales... Pennsylvania man shoots cannon ball into neighbor's house... and a sobering collection of drunks charged with driving a La-Z-Boy chair, a bar stool, a Zamboni, a John Deere lawn mower... and a horse.



Sergeant at Arms...

Sgt-at-arms **Scott Naumann** collected \$118 for our foundations by showing off the "Useless Facts" application in his cell phone (example: Atlantic salmon can jump 4.5 meters high – who knew?).

Ryan \$\$: Tom Howard – Kennedy Space Center bought his electrical safety device; **Frank Mitvalsky** – Northwestern beat Indiana; **Ralph Heninger** – the Hawkeyes went 8-0 for the first time ever; **Dave Deuth** – thankful for a safe flight home; **Kevin Kraft** – Brett Favre was intercepted last Sunday (and something impolite about his return to Green Bay next Sunday in a purple uniform...).

News Staff...

Editor Fred Anderson...
Reporter Chuck Mooney...
Photographer Harry Coin...
Webmeister Ralph Heninger

Secretary Chuck introduced:



Visiting Rotarian...
Surendra K. Gupta, Ph.D., Lawrence, Kan. – retired professor
... And guest...
Sandi Clark with Donna Freese

Missing Today:

Adams, Ahlstrand, Blaske-2, Bowe-3, Brown-3, Calabrese, Cameron-2, Chambers-2, Coley, Daugherty, DeDoncker-3, Dobesh-2, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-18, Gallagher, Hartsock, Hintermeister, Hinton, James, Kennedy, Koos-4, Lane, LeBeau, Legare, Lokenvitz, Loweth, Lundin, McWilliams-2, Nielsen-3, Olson, Rabine, Richards, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Schillig-2, Selden-3, Sherrick-3, Spyrow-18, St. Laurent-2, Schutte-6, Vogel, Worley-3.

Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @ LaCrosse, WI
Chelsea Powers @ eClub of District 7890

Those that donated \$12 to the Genesis Health Service Foundation: **Joe Douglas, Linda Miller, S.K. Nanda, Decker Ploehn, Ann Kappeler.**

Upcoming meetings...

Thanks to Program Chairman **Brian Kennedy**, we can look forward to these fine future meetings. Invite guests – and prospective members – to enjoy them with us.
Nov. 4 – Vocational service talks
Nov. 18 – Trinity cardiac care
Nov. 25 – Xinoteca latrines - Bill Burress/ Jim Peterson

Bettendorf Rotary resources

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

The history of Bettendorf Rotary, and more:

<http://www.bettendorfrotrary.com/local.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary in the community:

<http://www.bettendorfrotrary.com/community.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's current officers:

<http://www.bettendorfrotrary.com/current.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's committees and their chairs:

<http://www.bettendorfrotrary.com/committ.htm>

Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus... and more:

<http://www.bettendorfrotrary.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