



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
April 13, 2011, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Noon Wednesday, April 20, 2011,  
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **Earnhardt to report on project safari**



**Brock Earnhardt**, who retired in 2009 as President of Iowa American Water Co., participated in a Rotary project safari in Nigeria last November. For three weeks, he was part of a team of

Midwestern Rotarians who traveled the country seeking potential humanitarian service projects and partners to advance them. As our speaker at the April 20 meeting, he will talk about that safari, which included meetings with Nigerian Rotarians, educating them on The Rotary Foundation grant application process.

Nigeria is one of the four remaining countries where polio is endemic, and the project safari also aimed to foster the conditions so polio immunizations will continue there.

Since retiring from his 42-year career in the public water utility business, Brock now focuses on Rotary and other non-profit activities. He is a member and past



president of the Rotary Club of Davenport and a past assistant governor of District 6000. He presently serves the district as chair of its Grants Subcommittee and as a board member of its Humanitarian and Education Foundation and FAMSCO, which provides fire engines and other emergency equipment to poor communities in developing countries.

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, April 13, 2010

## **Freedom Rides – 50 years later**

“The Freedom Riders,” a documentary about brave young Americans, black and white, who rode buses into the heart of the segregated South in 1961 to register African-Americans to vote, will air at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, on WQPT. At our



April 13 meeting **Lora Adams**, director of marketing and local content at the

station, provided some background on the program and outlined the educational outreach in the QC that will go along with this extraordinary film.



The students, who called themselves the Freedom Riders, challenged

racial segregation despite facing almost certain violence, hatred and possible death at the hands of segregationists. Two of those original Freedom Riders will be in the QC as part of the outreach events. “It was a shining moment,” Lora quoted one of them as saying. Before boarding one of the buses in 1961, she said, “We’ve decided we don’t want to live in a segregated world.” She signed her will and climbed on.

The outreach events accompanying the broadcast include special showings of the film for students and a walking tour of historic civil rights landmarks in the QC. A hundred copies of the film and a teaching guide to accompany it have been secured for future school uses.

### **The meeting opened...**

... with **President Jeff Hassel** leading recitation of “The 4-Way Test” **Tom Howard** led the singing of “My Country, ’Tis of Thee” – a cappella (**Bernie Vogel** is still recovering at home). Moments of Reflection followed. Without an accompanist, we sang no more songs.

### **Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians:**

Larry Patten, Davenport: Leadership Development

James Patten, North Scott: Leadership Development  
PDG Bill Cameron, Keokuk: Education

### **Guests:**

Ron Edwards with **John Archer**  
Brian Rolf with **Connie Mangler**  
Brandon Darling with **Scott Naumann**

### **Announcements...**



➔ **Painting the meeting room.** Painting will start at 10 a.m. Sunday. Fortune Garden staff will remove decorations – including the huge Chinese pictures – from the walls on Saturday. Coffee, water, doughnuts, soda and pizza will be available.



It’s never too late to volunteer. **Connie Mangler** sent out an email appeal on Thursday for materials as well as volunteers; if you have any of these items, please bring them: brushes, rollers, paint pans and

trim containers to hold paint, floor coverings, step ladder, 6-ft. ladder, painter’s tape, rags. As of Thursday these members have volunteered to work Sunday morning: **Dick Schillig, Bob Gabrilson, Daniel Marvin, Lora**

**Adams, Michael Adams, Doyle McCully, David Deuth, Sharon Sarver, Amber Castro, Connie Mangler, Jeff Hassel, Decker Ploehn, Ann Kappeler, Jerry Felsing, Kirsten Adams, John Rabine, Steve Piart, Kevin Kraft and Andrew Gudgel.**  
 “Thank you all again for volunteering,” Connie said.



**Being social at a previous BRC Social Hour**

➔ **BRC Social Hour.** President Jeff reminded us the next Social Hour starts when the first Bettendorf Rotarian arrives at Granite City on Monday, April 18.

➔ **Red Badge Meeting.** New members can't remove the red patch from their name badge until after they've attended the Red Badge Meeting, at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Farraday's. The meeting's full of good information about Rotary in general and BRC specifically – and the hors d'oeuvres are spectacular.

➔ **'Murder' takes a holiday.** Because of competition from too many other events, “Murder in the Double Wide” to benefit Polio Plus has been postponed until later in the year.

➔ **Club Assembly.** The meeting of Wednesday, May 4, will be a Club Assembly, during which we'll be updated on all that BRC has accomplished this year.

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**If you're not getting the newsletter...**  
 ...you couldn't possibly read this note. But some members don't get the *BRCNews* – and you can help them get it. When any member receives an email from **Yahoo Groups** – that's the service that manages our email addresses – it's an invitation to join the (Bettendorf Rotary Club) group and receive the newsletter. Some members (not you, of course, because you're reading this) might have seen such a message and, thinking it was spam, deleted it... or it might have gone straight to their trash bin. But tell them *not* to delete it – respond to it. And they'll start receiving the BRC newsletter.  
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➔ **Rotary on the radio.** Guest **James Patten** announced that QC Rotary would be highlighted on a program 7:30-8 a.m. Saturday, April 16, on WOC-AM.

➔ **LobsterFest.** With time before this most important event on the BRC calendar dwindling rapidly – and with so much left to do – event chairman **Scott Naumann** set aside all of his entertaining personae and issued appeals directly to the full membership. He opened by saying, “Please repeat after me:



‘I (say your name) will help with LobsterFest’.” He – and the roomful of members – repeated it. And then he recruited volunteers to fill many of the event's key positions:  
 Marketing – **Dawn Saul**  
 Tickets – **Penny McGimpsey**



Logistics –  
**Fannk  
Mitvalsky**  
Volunteers  
– **Sharon  
Sarver**  
Program –  
**Kurt  
Lokenvitz**  
(with help  
from

### **Nicole McWilliams)**

Silent Auction – **Amber Castro**

Each of these chairs will need lots of help with these vital jobs – so many, many volunteers are still needed.

As for sponsorships – which topped \$20,000 last week – Scott issued a challenge: \$30,000, “so we have more money to give away” to deserving charities in the community.

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### **The news...**

**Lora Adams** compiled a news summary, but time ran short, so here’s the *Cliff’s Notes* version: Egypt’s prosecutor general orders the detention of Hosni Mubarak.... A woman drove herself and three of her children into the Hudson River.... The Chicago Bulls pulled even with San Antonio for NBA’s best record.... A camera caught Czech President Klaus slipping a ceremonial pen into his pocket; the video went viral.

### **Sergeant at Arms...**

**President Jeff** collected \$268 for our Foundations + Birthday checks for our Scholarship Fund from **Chuck Mooney** (\$89) and **Dave Falk** (\$62). Besides

these, **Ryan \$\$** came from: **Glenn Kass** – been in New Jersey + saw the East Regional Final game... **Carter LeBeau** – \$27 because of his 27 years of perfect attendance, which he said he earned “the



Paul Harris way” – making up every absence at another Rotary club... **Tom Howard** – daughter got a “major promotion” ... **Dick**

**Schillig** – 145 days to that event... **Tim Lane** – somebody finally turned off that annoying beeping sound... **Doyle McCully** – **President Jeff**: “Are you happy, Doyle? You got \$20?” **Doyle**: “(If I gave it to you) I’d be sad then”... **Bob Gallagher** – “I’ll give \$20 for Doyle”... **Dave Deuth** – daughter turned 18... **Steve Piart** – “give my ‘Murder’ money to Polio Plus”... **George Coin** – money for last birthday... **Kevin Kraft** – “glad to be a painter, not a ‘hoe-er’ or a ‘bender’ [referring to **Bill Cameron**’s earlier plea for ‘hoe-ers’ and ‘benders’ to plant onions]... **Mark Ross** – who was here again...

### **Upcoming programs:**

**April 20:** Brock Earnhardt, Davenport Rotary – Project Safari Nigeria 2010

**April 27:** **Chelesa Powers** – Updating BRC Marketing Committee’s recent work: Club Website & Facebook page

**May 4:** Club Assembly

**May 11:** **Rep. Linda Miller**’s annual legislative update

### Missing today:

Ahlstrand, Atnip, Ashby, Boeye, Bowe-2, Brown-2, Chambers-8, H. Coin, Coley-10, DeBuhr-2, DeDoncker, Dobesh-13, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-14, Felsing, Freemire, Freese, Habenick, Heinrich-13, Kappeler-4, Kennedy-4, Larsen-2, Legare-2, Lofgren, Lundin, McWilliams-3, Manas-4, L. Miller-13, Mitvalsky, Marvin, Nielsen, Pelecky, Powers, Praul, Scranton-2, Sorensen, St. Laurent, Volbrech-4, Wilsher

### Make-ups:

At today's committee meetings: Mark Ross, Kristen Adams, John Archer, Bob Gallagher, Amber Castro, Dawn Saul, Joanna Schuler, Becky Hinton, Kurt Lokenvitz, Sharon Sarver, George Worley, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Glenn Kass, Dave Falk, Carl Loweth, Tim Lane, Duncan Cameron, Jeff Hassel, Decker Ploehn



### In other news...

**Daniel and Heather Marvin** became parents of twins Avery Claire and Landon James (above) just after 1 a.m. on April 6. Congratulations!

### News Staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...  
Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...  
Photographer: Carter LeBeau...  
Webmeister: Ralph Heninger...  
Website host: Harry Coin

### Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club  
Monday, noon: Moline – Christ the King Catholic Church  
Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Arbor Village Club House, Moline  
Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapid City  
Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center  
**Wednesday, noon: Bettendorf – Fortune Garden Restaurant**  
Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi's Restaurant, Davenport  
Thursday, 7 a.m.: 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



### Bettendorf Rotary resources

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

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

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

Bettendorf Rotary's current officers:  
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/current.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's committees and their chairs:  
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/committ.htm>

Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus... and more:  
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/links.htm>

Link to District 6000's Website:  
[www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org)