



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
July 14, 2010, issue

Next meeting:
Noon Wednesday, July 21, 2010, at
The Fortune Garden Restaurant

**RiverWay Project
improves our river**

River Action was founded in 1985 “to foster the environmental, economic and cultural vitality of the Mississippi River and its riverfront in the Quad City region.” Our speaker at the July 21 meeting, **Kathy Wine**, was one of its founders and has been its executive director since 1995.



On Wednesday she will speak about the RiverWay Project, begun in 1996, which has raised more than \$4.5 million for trail improvements, public art projects on the river, river education, wetland restoration, and storm drain and clean water programs.

During Wine’s tenure, River Action has led the lighting of the Centennial Bridge,

the QC
Waterfront
Master
Plan, the
Mississippi



River Design Principles, the Water Taxi Project and the annual Ride the River, a 16-65-mile riverfront bike ride in nine cities and two states.

For more information on River Action’s many other programs – including “Floatzilla!” Aug. 21; the Upper Mississippi River Conference Aug. 25-27, and Retain the Rain barrels – call 322-2969, or stop by 822 E. River Drive, Davenport, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, July 14, 2010

**Group seeks lower
taxes for Iowans**

Iowans for Tax Relief “lobbies for reduced state government spending and lower taxes for all Iowans,” said **Ed Failor Jr.**, president of the organization, at the July 14 meeting. “Lower state taxes bring better jobs and population growth. More people mean a broader tax base and enough money for government to provide services.” Asserting that the 10 fastest growing states in the U.S. also happen to be the 10 lowest tax states,



Failor said, “Taxing is out of control in Iowa.” The organization lobbies in the Iowa Statehouse every legislative session “to protect the taxpayers' pocketbook... We work to inform legislators and Iowans on how proposed legislation and current law affect all taxpayers.” Failor added, “We are the only organization with our hands held at stop; the others are there with their hands out asking for more of your money.”

For more information: www.taxrelief.org

The meeting opened...

President Jeff Hassel opened the



meeting by leading the club in a recitation of the 4-Way Test and the day's patriotic song, “This Is My Country.” During Moments of Reflection, we learned that **Gene Miller** was to be released from hospital; we

honored our troops and members of the community, Joe Siefert and Warren Schneff.

The singing resumed under our tuneful co-conspirators – Songmeister **Tom Howard** and Pianomeister **Bernie Vogel** – with “The Sunny Side of the Street” (on the hottest day so far!) and “Rotary Ideals” (to the tune of “Auld Lang Syne”).



Secretary Chuck introduced:

The day's guest:

Frank Wegrarz with Joe Douglas

Announcements...

→ **John Deere Classic. President Jeff** thanked all the members – and others they recruited – for their work during the JDC. “We got rave reviews,” he said.

→ **Birthday, anniversary \$\$.** **President Jeff** reminded us to send \$\$ for these milestones to the **FRONT** of the room, while other Ryan \$\$ still go to Chuck.

→ **Rotary Night at the Ballpark.** If you haven't already, mark your calendar – so it can remind you to go to this annual fundraiser for Polio Plus, **Wednesday, Aug. 4** at Modern Woodmen Park.



→ Rotary in Motion Challenge.

Reminding us it's 54 days (fewer when you read this) until Labor Day and the Run With Carl events, **Dick Schillig** updated the RIM competition – ably assisted by **Chelsea Powers**. The finally named “Step Teasers” (wink, wink) led by Capt. **Kevin Kraft** have paced off 698 miles, while the “RotoRockets” under Capt. **Kurt Lokenvitz** officially logged 612 miles (although Kurt shouted that it was actually 640 miles...).

[EDITORIAL COMMENT: Walkers of both teams – ALL of you: your work isn't done until you *report your miles to your captain! Each week, for cryin' out loud.* We return you to your regularly scheduled newsletter.]



Presentation...

George Daugherty awarded **Lee Semenow** the “Rotarian of the Quarter” honor for the 4th Quarter for his work on the clean-water project in Lima, Peru. In accepting, Lee said it couldn't have happened without work done by **Ann Kappeler** and **Brock Earnhart**.

The news...



Lora Adams reported the Good, the Bad & the Ugly news: Eight U.S. troops died in Afghanistan... four New Orleans police officers indicted for killing unarmed people after Hurricane Katrina... WIU gets \$4M

towards the second building on the QC campus... “guardian angel” bus driver in Buffalo, N.Y., saves 10 from a burning building... a dog locked in a hot car in Pennsylvania honked the horn until he was rescued... German soccer fans would like to roast a certain octopus – which “predicted” Germany’s World Cup loss to Spain... Bristol Palin and Levi Johnson say they’re engaged...

Missing Today:

K. Adams, Adamson-2, Ahlstrand-2, Blaske-2, Boeye-2, Bowe-2, Brown-2, Brummel-2, Cameron, Chambers-2, Dobesh-2, Ellstrom-2, Felsing, Freemire, Gallagher, Habenicht, Heinrich-2, Hinton-2, Jones-2, Lofgren, Loweth-2, Mangler, G. Miller-2, Pelecky, Rabine, Richards-2, Saul, Selden-2, St. Laurent, Volbrecht, Worley.

Make-Ups:

Audie Foster @ North Scott
 Jim Legare @ North Scott and Iowa Quad Cities
 Carolyn Leutwyler @ Venice-Nokomis, Fla., twice

At today’s Board and Committee meeting: Linda Miller, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Audie Foster, Todd Larsen, Andrew Gudgel, Steve Pieart, Jim Legare, Ann Kappeler, Joe Douglas, S.K. Nanda, Lee Semenow, Decker Ploehn, Dick Schillig, Tim Lane, Sharon Sarver, Tony Calabrese, John DeDoncker, Kurt Lokenvitz, Rich James, Mark Ross, Jim Spelhaug, Brian Kennedy, David Deuth, Jeff Hassel, Scott Naumann, George Daugherty.

Sergeant at Arms...

President Jeff collected \$218 for our foundations plus \$56 for the scholarship fund from these donors of **Ryan \$\$:**



Carter LeBeau – who *dressed* for the occasion – celebrating his Illini-ness at the 7th hole of the JDC... **Dave Deuth** – a long list, including eating lunch, helping his in-laws and going to Japan... **John DeDoncker** – *he* had a list too, including becoming 46 and doggie drinking fountains on Middle

Road... **Decker Ploehn** – the *Family Circle* Top 10 award and Birdies for Charity (*another list* – did somebody



send out a memo?)... **Jim Slavens** – kudos to Decker for being a “best dad” for helping his son when his house was flooded... **Rich James** – (who also won the day’s unofficial Best Tie honors) – will celebrate Panthers of the Past this weekend... **Harry Coin** – kudos to the Bettendorf Dog Park... **Jim Spelhaug** – kudos to QC first responders for practicing a “what if...” drill at Park View Elementary...

Future meetings:

July 21: Kathy Wine, “River Action”

July 28: Sharon Sarver, “VST”

News Staff...

Editor, reporter Fred Anderson...

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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