



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
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## *Next meeting:*

Noon Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

## Enjoy the music of our own Big Muddy

We have a musical treat on Wednesday, July 8, thanks to the River Music Experience. Well-known Quad Cities musician, songwriter and bandleader **Ellis Kell** and singer-guitarist **Tom Swanson** will perform selections that reflect the Mississippi River musical heritage embraced by the RME.



Director of programming and education at the RME, Kell has performed in the area for more than 30 years,

opening for many national acts such as B.B. King, Robert Cray, Delbert McClinton, Tower of Power, Jimmy Rogers, Little Feat, Johnny and Edgar Winter and Willie Nelson. He has also



performed as a backing musician for rock 'n' roll icon Bo Diddley and blues harp master Charlie Musselwhite.

Kell has been involved with RME since its inception. He is also director of Rock Camp USA for the Quad Cities. Ellis writes a music column called "True Blue," which is published in *The Dispatch* and *The Rock Island Argus* and featured on the Web via Quad-Cities Online and WQAD.com. He also hosts the music segment "Currents at the Crossroads" on WQPT-TV.



Swanson has lived in the Quad Cities since 2000 when he finished his bachelor of fine arts degree with a concentration in oil painting and a bachelor's degree in philosophy at

St. Ambrose University. Swanson was hired as operations manager at the RME in early 2006, taking over as general manager in 2008. As general manager, he is involved in all aspects of the organization, including day-to-day operations, finance and fund development, human resources, PR and marketing, and strategic planning.

An active musician, Swanson is a singer and guitarist with the regional favorite rock 'n' roll band, Jim the Mule. A consummate music enthusiast, he spends most of his free time performing and attending live music performances.

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## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, July 1, 2009 ...

## **Nicole steps down... Dave picks up gavel**

It was the annual changing of leadership, the culmination of **Nicole McWilliams'** year as president and the beginning of **David Deuth's** presidency of Bettendorf Rotary.



**Members of the 2008-09 Board of directors included:**

**above, Lisa Brown, Dave Deuth, George Daugherty, Ann Kappeler; and, right, Scott Naumann, Jeff Hassel and Chuck Mooney.**



After thanking the Board of Directors who led the club with her, Nicole charted the club's accomplishments during her term; among the highlights:

= Exceeding by \$400 the challenge to raise \$1,500 as our portion of this year's funding of Polio Plus – and having a lot of fun (plus “solving” a “major crime”) in the bargain.

= Doubling our annual scholarship commitment to the community – to **four** \$1,000 scholarships, one each to a



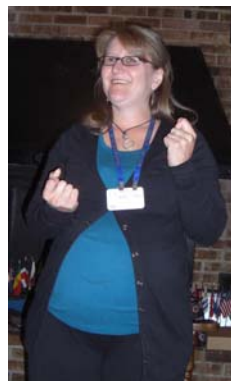
**Dave presents Nicole with the past president's gavel.**

graduate of Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley high schools, Rivermont Collegiate and Scott Community College.

= A successful golf outing and steak fry.  
= Once again providing marshaling service to Hole No. 1 at the John Deere Classic.

= Attracting 17 new members to join the club during the membership drive – and celebrating that by grilling more beef, steak for some, hamburgers for others...  
= Creating the Charity Fund to evaluate grant requests and disburse funds earned during the LobsterFest to deserving charities – eight of which received funding in 2009.

= The third annual LobsterFest itself – the most successful to date, with preliminary after-expenses proceeds of “at least \$33,000.”



It was, in short, a very successful year. After presenting Nicole her gavel-plaque and her past president's pin (He'll get his president's pin at a future meeting), Dave began his inaugural address:



“This past week I met complete strangers I have known for a long time. I renewed friendships with people I have never known. I understood languages I have never heard. And I learned things for the very first time that I had always known.

“This past week I attended the 100<sup>th</sup> annual Rotary International Convention.

“Here I found that fellowship – rooted in truth, nourished with fairness and cultivated with goodwill and better friendship – conquers barriers of race, gender, language, religion and creed....”



**2009-10 Board members present: Above, Nicole McWilliams, Lee Semenow, Ann Kappeler, George Daugherty; and right: Chuck Mooney, Mark Ross, Jeff Hassel.**



Observing that, “The power plant behind our own Rotary wheel is our Board of Directors,” Dave introduced Bettendorf

Rotary’s board for 2009-10: President-Elect **Jeff Hassel**, Secretary/Treasurer **Chuck Mooney**, Club Service **Scott Naumann**, Community Service **Mark Ross**, Vocational Service **George Daugherty**, International Service **Ann Kappeler** and **Lee Semenow**, Youth Service **Jim Spelhaug**, Foundation **SK Nanda** and Immediate Past President **Nicole McWilliams**. Each will receive a copy of the book, *A Century of Service*, chronicling Rotary’s first 100 years.

Although Dave has been a Rotarian since 1990, he said, it was when “I became an active member of this club – and got involved at the board level – that I began to truly appreciate the local momentum required to deliver Humanity in Motion...around the block, and around the world.”

Concluding his remarks, he said, “Let’s continue to cultivate and encourage new members. Let’s continue to find ways to make a difference. Let’s continue to do good – and have a good time doing it. We can’t go wrong when we do the right thing. Let’s be proud to be Rotarians. Let’s make a difference as **BETTENDORF ROTARIANS.**”

### Announcements...

➔ President **Nicole McWilliams** presided for the opening portion of her last meeting in office. During Moments of Reflection, Secretary **Chuck Mooney** reported that **Bruce Dougan** has resigned because he is experiencing poor health.

➔ The meeting opened with the singing of the 4th verse of “America the Beautiful,” under the direction of Songmeister **Tom Howard** with tuneful accompaniment by **Bernie Vogel** on the piano. The singing continued with



**Bernie and Tom rehearsing their surprise...**

“Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians,” and a surprise for Nicole and Dave – “Song for the Passing of the Gavel.” Bernie had composed an ode in two parts: “You’ve been an inspiration to us, Nicole...” (to the tune of “Mame”) and “Welcome Dave Death, our man of grace and truth...” (to the tune of “The Volga Boatmen’s Song”).



**New Paul Harris Fellows Rich Hartsock, Dick Schillig, Ben Selden and Steve Havenicht**

➔ Continuing an unprecedented run of inductions of new Paul Harris Fellows (13 over the past three weeks), Past District Governor Bill Tubbs, who was visiting from the North Scott Rotary, inducted Dick Schillig, Ben Selden, Rich Hartsock and Steve Habenicht.

**The News...**

**Lora Adams** delivered all the news we really needed to get through the remainder of the day: One young girl

survived the crash of the Yemenia Airlines jet in the Indian Ocean... in a move that seemed to beg the question, “What could possibly go wrong?” the Arizona State Senate OKd the carrying of guns in bars... now more than two-thirds of U.S. adults have achieved obesity status.... And – get your tickets NOW – the featured butter sculpture at this year’s Iowa State Fair will be a likeness of ... who could have seen this coming? ... Michael Jackson.



**Sergeant at Arms...**

With a quiz about the flag and other questions inspired by the July 4th holiday, Sergeant-at-Arms **Fred Anderson** collected \$146 for our foundations. Someone called attention to an article in Sunday’s *Quad-City Times* about **Lora Adams** directing the play “The Boys Next-Door” at the Village Theatre, so she chipped in \$20 for a shameless plug: **Performances are 7:30 p.m. July 10-11 and 17-18, 2 p.m. July 13 and 19; Call her for tickets: 309-738-2540.**



**Secretary Chuck introduced: visiting Rotarians...**

Bill Tubbs, North Scott, Publisher – PDG Dave Peters, West Palm Beach, Fla., Engineering Management (former member of our club) **... and guest...** Jason Smith with Scott Naumann

## Members' July birthdays:

7: Frank Mitvalsky; 10: Gary Koos; 14: John DeDoncker; 21: Dave Chambers, Frank Schwab, Mire Freemire; 25: Simon Bowe; 28: Steve Pieart

## Missing Today:

Bowe, Cameron, Coley, Dobesh, Douglas, Ellstrom, Felsing, Foster, Freese, Gallagher, Haffernan, Heinrich, Heninger, James, Kennedy, Koos, Lanum, Legare, Link, G. Miller, Pelecky, Richards, Ryan, Sarver, Spelhaug, Spyrow, St. Laurent, Stradt, Swan, Worley.

## Make-ups:

Carter LeBeau at Manhattan, Montana

**At today's committee meeting:** Nicole McWilliams, Linda Miller, Mark Ross, Tony Calabrese, Steve Habenicht, David Deuth, Lora Adams, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Mike Freemire, Rick Hartsock, Jeff Hassel, Carl Loweth, S.K. Nanda, David Falk, Decker Ploehn, Fred Anderson, Karen Atnip, Pat Eikenberry, Todd Larsen, Connie Mangler and Frank Mitvalsky.

## Upcoming featured programs

*From Brian Kennedy, program chair:*

July 8<sup>th</sup> Troubadour Ellis Kell with Tom Swanson

July 15<sup>th</sup> State Auditor David Vaudt

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Jim Legare, The Network

**Program ideas? Call Brian, 340-5114.**

## 'Staff' for this issue of *The Bettendorf Rotary Club News*:

Fred Anderson, editor... Carter LeBeau, photos... Chuck Mooney, reporter... Ralph Heninger, Webmeister.

## Bettendorf Rotary resources

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

What is Rotary? How did it get started? The object of Rotary. Avenues of Service, the Four-Way Test, the history of Bettendorf Rotary:

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

Bettendorf Rotary in community involvement:

<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)

### 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