



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Oct. 6, 2010, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010, at
The Fortune Garden Restaurant

We get update from Living Lands, Waters

For the last 12 years, Living Lands & Waters has been cleaning up many of the major rivers of the United States –



beginning with our own Mississippi. Our guest speaker on Oct. 13 is **Michael Coyne-Logan** (a.k.a. Nozzy), who joined the LL&W crew three years ago and has been volunteering in its work since 2005.

LL&W, a not-for-profit environmental organization, was established in 1998 by Chad Pregracke of East Moline, where the organization still has its headquarters.

The activities of Pregracke and LL&W have earned numerous awards and recognition. In August, Pregracke collected the most votes in a national contest, earning him the title Mitchum's "Hardest Working Person in America." Just days later, the City of Rock Island

named him its Honorary Citizen of the Year.

LL&W conducts several environmental-improvement programs: Community River Cleanups, Big River Educational Workshops, MillionTrees Project, Riverbottom Forest Restoration and Adopt-a-River Mile. For more information visit

www.livinglandsandwaters.org

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010

Background on Iowa judge-selection

Since 1962 Iowa has selected its judges based on merit – their professional

competence, integrity and experience, among other factors – rather than by politics. That has caused Iowa's system to be recognized as one of the most impartial – and therefore, fair – in



the nation, our Oct. 6 speaker, Davenport attorney **Bob Gallagher Jr.** said.

As part of its process, Iowa judges periodically face a retention election. This year the names of three Iowa Supreme Court justices are on the ballot.

Because of one unanimous decision by the Iowa Supreme Court, with which some people disagreed, a campaign was launched to oust those justices. Before making such a vote in any retention

election, Gallagher cautioned, citizens should carefully weigh a judge's entire record. A judge's ruling in one unpopular case often doesn't resemble that judge's position in the majority of cases he or she considers during an entire career.

To research the judges whose names appear on the Nov. 2 election, click on the Iowa Voters Judicial Directory at www.iowacourts.gov. To see how they stack up with their peers in the legal profession, visit www.iowabar.org.



Frank Miltvalsky, George Coin... Wildcats...

The meeting opened...

... with **President Jeff Hassel** leading the recitation of The 4-Way Test and our patriotic song, "America the Beautiful."



After Moments of Reflection, stand-in Songmeister **Carter LeBeau** – ably accompanied on the piano by

Wilma Nichol – led us in "Heart of My Heart," "Bye, Bye, Birdie" – "Go U Northwestern" (his *alma mater* – along with some other members...) – and



"Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians" – the latter directed specifically at:

October birthdays...

- 2, Jeff Lanum;
- 3, Dick Schillig;
- 4, Rick St. Laurent,
- Joanna Schuler;
- 6, Tom Howard;
- 10, Tim Lofgren;
- 16, **Dr. Tom**

Olson; 17, Karen Atnip, 23, Annette Snyder

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarian...:

PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott: Publisher

... and Guests:

- Steve Sorensen with Bob Ryken
- Amber Castro with Brian Kennedy
- Lance Leslie with Mark Ross
- Shuva Rahim with Connie Mangler

Presentations...

➔ **New member. S.K. Nanda** inducted a camera-shy **Glenn Kass** (look for his photo in a future issue). A New York native, and ex-QC Mallards staffer, he now does public relations (the "wooden nickel" promotion for the Hotel Blackhawk).

Announcements (repeated)...

➔ **Doodles.** Remember the Bettendorf Library Foundation's Doodle Day fundraising event 6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 14,

with doodles from more than 100 celebrities.

➔ **Charity deadline extended.** The deadline to apply for grants from the Bettendorf Rotary Charities Fund has been extended to Nov. 1. If you know of any nonprofit group that could use up to \$2,500, tell them to mail a typewritten application, postmarked by Nov. 1, to Bettendorf Rotary Club, P.O. Box 133, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. For a blank application form, visit our Website – www.bettendorfrotary.com – or mail a request to the same address.

The news...

Lora Adams (it was a day for camera-shy people...) reported some news: Alcoa got a big contract from a ship-builder... Supreme Court to consider a case of conflicting 1st Amendment rights... UFOs plague China... Filipinos better sing their national anthem better... oops! Racy wrong phone number for charity...

Sergeant at Arms...

When **President Jeff** asked for **Ryan \$\$** Members responded to the tune of \$204 plus \$50 from **John Sherrick** – for the 50th state in which he's taught continuing education classes. Other happy folks:

Tom Olson – his daughter made Wundram's column for riding in a 1938 Lincoln limo... **Bill Tubbs** – thanks to BRC for remembering his Dad... **Jim Slavens** – chipped in some \$ and another memory of Bill's Dad... **Mike Freemire** – kudos to the PVHS golf team... **Gary Hintermeister** – kudos to USI (go, Cyclones!) on the Texas Tech win... **Decker Ploehn** – do you suppose **Glenn Kass** could wear the lobster suit?... **Rich James** – pushing Doodle Day tickets...

Tom Coley – “SCC is on a roll!”... **Tim Downing** – SCC's Culinary Arts facility and the BHS expansion are his designs...

Missing today:

Atnip-2, Boeye-3, Bowe, Brown, Brumme -6, Calabrese, Daugherty, Dobesh-3, Eikenberry-4, Ellstrom-14, Heinrich, Heninger, Hinton-4, Jochmann, Jones-10, Kappeler, Lane, Lanum, Legare-2, Lokenvitz, Lundin-2, McWilliams-3, L. Miller-2, Naumann, Nielsen, Powers-3, Praul, Richards-4, Ricketts-McCool, Sarver, Schuler, St. Laurent, Vogel-3, Volbrecht-4, Worley-9

Make-ups:

Steve Pieart @ (someplace on Earth)
At today's committee meetings: Tom Coley, Lora Adams, Mike Freemire, Tom Ahlstrand, Bob Gallagher, Jen DeBuhr, Duncan Cameron, Audie Foster, Rick Hartsock, Donna Freese, Phil Kinsley, John Rabine, Dick Schillig, Carl Loweth, Mark Ross, David Deuth, Frank Mitvalsky, Jerry Felsing, Joe Douglas, Brian Kennedy Fred Adnerson.

In other news...

Ben Selden has resigned his membership.

News Staff...



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

Yet another Wildcat?

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