



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
**July 8, 2009, issue**

## ***Next meeting:***

**Noon Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at  
the Fortune Garden Restaurant**

## **Iowa State Auditor David Vaudt speaks**

Our guest speaker at the July 15 meeting will be Iowa State Auditor **David A. Vaudt**, who began his second four-year term in that office January 2007.



The mission of the Office of Auditor of State, according to its Website, is to benefit all citizens of Iowa by providing audit, review and other technical services to state and local governments to ensure the effective, economical businesslike conduct of public activities in a prudent, accountable manner to achieve the intended purposes.

A constitutional official, elected every four years, the auditor is required to annually make a complete audit of the books, records and accounts of every department of state government. The auditor of state also has responsibility for audits of counties, cities, school districts

and other governmental subdivisions and is required to provide guidelines to CPA firms performing such audits.

Vaudt graduated from Upper Iowa University in 1976, and joined the CPA firm of KPMG in Des Moines. He retired from the firm in 2001 to pursue public office.

Vaudt served as chairman of the Iowa Accountancy Examining Board; was on the board of directors of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, where he was chairman in 2003-04, and was named to *Accounting Today's* "2004 List of 100 Most Influential People in Accounting."

Vaudt is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Iowa Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Des Moines Chapter Association of Government Accountants, the Des Moines Rotary, and serves as Emeritus Member of the Iowa Homeless Youth Centers.

## ***Last meeting:***

**Wednesday, July 8, 2009 ...**

## **Music, music, music...**

Thanks to the River Music Experience, members at the July 8 meeting heard several songs performed by musician, songwriter and bandleader **Ellis Kell** and singer-guitarist **Tom Swanson** – who

also are (respectively) the director of programming and education and the general manager of the RME.



**Kevin Kraft**, who serves on the board of



the RME, introduced the program. Marking its 5th year of operation, the RME offers a diversity of live musical performance – in Mojo’s Coffee House and the Redstone Room – in order to help underwrite its music education program.

Its offerings include educational and music community-building programs like Rock Camp USA, Community Drum Circle, River Currents and Open Mic Night.

The River Music Experience Museum & Exhibition space encompasses a permanent exhibit of six interactive multi-media kiosks that explore the music and lives of musicians as diverse as Bix Beiderbecke, Prince, B.B. King and the Beatles. In those exhibits, ear ports are available so visitors can listen to musical performances at their leisure.

The Karli Rose Kell Music Scholarship Fund at RME accepts contributions to help youth from the community who need financial assistance for music lessons and other fees for the RME’s



**Musicians Ellis Kell (l.) and Tom Swanson**

music education programs. It has raised more than \$13,000 to date.

A new CD – a compilation of works by Quad-City area musicians Andrew Landers, Dave Cox, The Terry Hanson Ensemble, Tony Hoepfner, Jim the Mule, The Whozdads, Kim Wiseman & Mark Johnson, Lojo Russo, Boothill Ridge, ‘Coney Island’ Pete Collins, Dave Sebree and The Ellis Kell Band – is on sale with all proceeds going to the Karli Rose Kell Music Scholarship Fund.

You can hear a sample cut from the CD, “Hunter’s Moon” by Ellis Kell (which he sang at the July 8 performance). To download Mp3 file:

<http://elliskell.com/music/huntersmoon.mp3>

Or listen via Windows Media Player:

<http://elliskell.com/music/huntersmoon.wma>

For more information on the RME, logon to: [www.rivermusicexperience.org](http://www.rivermusicexperience.org).

## The meeting opened...



President **David Deuth** presided and introduced a new opening feature – all members reciting “The 4-way Test.” After singing “This Is My Country,”

under the direction of Tom Howard, expertly accompanied by Bernie Vogel on the 88s, we paused for Reflections.

Since Bettendorf is a Singing Rotary, Tom and Bernie continued the melodies with “Sing Out a Song of Rotary” and – with a nod to the day’s weather – “Singin’ in the Rain” and “When You’re Smiling” from the Bettendorf Rotary Songbook’s Rain Song Collection.

## Announcements...

→ **President Dave** asked for volunteers to staff the phones for the WQPT Challenge on Monday, Aug. 3. Besides himself and **President-elect Jeff Hassel**, he recruited volunteers **Dick Schillig**, **Rich James**, **Gene Miller** and **Bernie Vogel**. He reminded the members that the Challenge’s Traveling Trophy rightfully belongs to Bettendorf Rotary, providing incentive to respond generously.



→ **S.K. Nanda** inducted **Simon Bowe** into the Paul Harris Fellowship. With that presentation, Bettendorf Rotary has expanded its number of Harris Fellows by 14 over the last four meetings.

→ **President Dave** announced that a LobsterFest Committee meeting would follow the main meeting. He said final results of the 2009 LobsterFest are expected at next week’s meeting.

→ Later, **Secretary Chuck Mooney** reported that **Bill Stradt** had resigned from membership – he has Alzheimer’s disease, his wife reports.

## The News...



**Fred Anderson** reported all the news that fits in three minutes: President Obama continues his European meetings with the G-8 in Italy... earlier in Moscow, he

had met with Russia’s leaders... South Korea blames North Korea for cyber attacks on U.S. and South Korean targets... Al Franken was sworn in as a U.S. Senator... some good news from the bad economy: drivers spend slightly less time commuting.

## Sergeant at Arms...



Sgt-at-arms **Harry Coin**, quizzing members on their knowledge – or guessing ability – of the Bettendorf 4th of July fireworks, collected \$130 for our

foundations. (This year’s fireworks display fired off 2,100 shells in 30 minutes, Harry reported.)

**President Dave** added \$25 in honor of his wedding anniversary. And **Tom Howard** dropped in \$10 to mark his children’s 37th, 40th and 42nd birthdays.

## Secretary Chuck introduced:



### visiting Rotarians...

John Stover, Rock Island, Attorney  
Theron Schutte, Boone, Iowa, School Administration – who took over July 1 as the new Bettendorf Superintendent of Schools.

### ... and guests...

Gerry Freudenberg with Audie Foster  
Jamie Schaefer with Kevin Kraft

## Missing Today:

Adams, Atnip, Blaske, Brown, Cameron, Coley-2, Dobesh-2, Douglas, Ellstrom-2, Freemire, Freese, Gallagher, Heninger-2, Kappeler, Kennedy-2, Kinsley, Koos-2, Lanum-2, Legare-2, Larsen, Link-2, L. Miller, Piart, Ploehn, Powers, Rabine, Richards-2, Ross, Ryan, Sarver-2, Selden, Spyrow-2, St. Laurent, Stradt-2, Swan-2, Vandersnick, Worley-2.

## Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron at Daytona Beach, Fla.  
Rich James at Summit County, Colo.

**At today's 'Lobsterfest' meeting...** Tom Ahlstrand, Dick Schillig, Rick Hartsock, Jerry Felsing, Andrew Gudgel, Carl Loweth, Tony Calabrese, John De-Doncker, S.K. Nanda, Diane Ricketts-McCool, David Deuth, Rich James, Frank Mitvalsky, Fred Anderson, Simon Bowe



## Upcoming programs

*From Brian Kennedy, program chair:*

July 15<sup>th</sup> State Auditor David Vaudt  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> Jim Legare, The Network

## By special request...

**We reprint this letter from Susan H. Herrick, District 6000 Governor 2008-2009:**

Dear 2008-2009 D6000 Rotary Presidents:

I don't know about you but it seems that this past year just disappeared! I guess time flies when you are busy and having fun.

We started our year with the theme of Make Dreams Real. I hope that at the end of this year you feel that you have truly done just that. You have made some dreams real in your community, in our District, and in our world. The latest figures that I have seen show that with the District Designated Funds we are going to exceed \$151,000 giving to the Polio Challenge. In addition to that our giving to the Annual Fund of Our Foundation will be \$408,743.19, an average of \$96.54 per capita for District 6000. That places us in second position within our Rotary Zone. You can be very proud of your Club and your Rotarians for making this a great year. Think of the wonderful things that will be accomplished through our giving.

Membership has been a challenge for many of our clubs – a difficult year fiscally for our state and our nation, and I believe that has been reflected in our membership. I have seen the final numbers and we showed a net increase of ten members in District 6000 this

year. In a year when so many districts have shown a decline and when our gain last year was only one member, I think we can safely call this a successful year. If your club was one that gained members, congratulations. If your club struggled with membership this year, don't feel that you failed. Recognize that you have given a great effort and help your next president stay the course.

I echo PRIP DK Lee's words when I say that I am so proud of the work you have done in this Rotary year. And I am, and will always be, so proud and so grateful to have had the chance to lead you. This year you truly helped MAKE DREAMS REAL!

In Rotary Fellowship,

Susan H. Herrick, District Governor 2008-2009

**'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.bettendorffrotary.com/local.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary in community involvement:

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

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

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

Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus... and more:  
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.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