



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Noon Wednesday, March 14, 2012,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

**Bahls to deliver
Augustana update**

At the March 14 meeting, featured speaker **Steven Bahls**, president of Augustana College, Rock Island, will bring us up to date on what's new at the college. A glance at Augie News for March 9 on the college's Website offers possible clues:



- Quad Cities sports writers are preparing the community for a new spectator sport not seen here before — collegiate lacrosse at Augie.
- Augustana student Eric Palmer is the new “governor” of Illinois, elected as such by delegates to the annual Model Illinois Government convention held recently in Springfield.
- Augustana will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with a concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, in Wallenberg Hall.

Last meeting:
Tuesday, March 7, 2012

Speaker injured...

It was billed as a meeting for vocational talks, but due to a series of mishaps – and one calamity (scheduled speaker **Bill Daley** broke his leg; ouch!) – the plans didn’t materialize, and **President Scott** invited some members who had pledged sponsorship for the 2012 LobsterFest to speak....



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Jeff Hassel, whose wife’s business, Nelson Chiropractic, is a returning sponsor, said, “It’s important to sponsor LobsterFest because we make a huge difference in the community with both grants to

non-profits and scholarships to students” from BRC.



bidders at the auctions” – so we raise a lot of money.

Carter LeBeau said he and his wife Kaye always buy “at least one table” at LobsterFest and then fill it with guests “who are sure to be good



John Deere.

John Archer promoted his candidacy for the Republican nomination for 2nd District Representative in Congress. He quipped, “I need a job,” since taking a leave of absence from

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test,” and the singing of “America the Beautiful.” After Moments of Reflection – and no opportunity for **Secretary Chuck** to introduce visiting Rotarians or guests, since there were none present at the meeting – **Carter LeBeau**, accompanied by **Sheri Fleming** at the piano, led more singing: “Give My Regards to Broadway,” “Shine on, Harvest Moon” and “Happy Birthday” to these Rotarians:

March birthdays...

7, James Spelhaug; 13, Andrew Gudgel, **Glenn Kass**; 14, Ralph Heninger; 16,



Rich James; 18, Lora Adams; 21, Chelsea Powers; 31, Dave Falk, Kevin Kraft

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests at the meeting.

Announcements...



➔ **President-elect training.** Incoming President **Mark Ross** reported on his training last week – along with about 350 other

presidents-elect – in Rotary lore and traditions. Some highlights:

→ The Youth Service program is being renamed New Generations to emphasize its role in recruiting new young members....

→ About one in four of the clubs in our Region 6000 are growing in membership, with BRC one of the leaders; the region has lost about 10% of members in recent years....

→ The district has 42 committees – but only two BRC members, **Doyle McCully** and **S.K. Nanda** – now serve on any of them; to get involved, Doyle said, “just tell the governor-elect, and they’ll find a place for you.”

Mark urged more BRC members to become involved at the district level.

→ **District Conference.** The District 6000 Conference will be April 12-14 at the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, Riverside, Iowa. For more details, logon to <http://www.rotary6000.org/>



→ **LobsterFest.** Showing off the new sponsorship chart, **President Scott** said sponsorship commitments had topped \$15,000 – he thanked all those who have signed on, and he urged members to help recruit sponsors from outside BRC.

→ **Social night.** Remember the after-work socials return at 5:30 p.m. March

15 at The Clubhouse “indoor country club,” 2501 53rd Ave., Bettendorf.

→ **Vocational Services.** **Kevin Kraft** – who encountered numerous obstacles trying to recruit vocational speakers for this meeting – passed around a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer for future programs when they can educate all about their work. He recalled that Paul Harris founded Rotary as a place where business people could network.



The News...

Lora Adams presented a pot pourri of poignant pieces: Bettendorf City Council OKs \$51.8 million budget.... The death of an Illinois Wesleyan student results in charges for 5....



The Riverdance performance at the Adler was delayed by a broken electrical cable.... California police arrested a man for murder – after he shot his wife with a homemade cannon.... An 81-year-old woman won Powerball jackpot – \$336.4 million.... Parents in Maryland didn’t know they’d left their 3-year-old daughter at Chuck E. Cheese until they saw her on the evening TV news.... A Nebraska woman sold a Chicken McNugget – that resembled George Washington – on eBay for \$8,100.

Sergeant at arms...



President Scott collected \$214 from the assembled throng and these BRC members who shared news with **Ryan Happy \$\$: Tim Lane** – \$20 in recognition for **Mike Limberg's** son's honor from the Marine Corps... **Carter LeBeau** – \$\$

because the Bulls are winning, he added another Rotarian home-stay for RAGBRAI and Romney won... **Diane Ricketts-McCool** – grand-daughter about to turn 1... **Penny McGimpsey** – “good to see you all – and I enjoy the food”... **Steve Piart** – lunched with son at Wisconsin Dells – and son picked up the tab... **Kevin Kraft** – birthday \$\$... and “1½ years until my IRA pays my rotary dues”... **Mark Ross** – 16-year-old son has a job – and can buy his own gas... **Decker Ploehn** – city's budget passes.

Missing today...

Ashby, Boeye, Boosalis-8, Brown-2, Cahalan-10, Chambers-4, H. Coin, Daley, DeBuhr-4, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dobesh-5, Duda-2, Elstrom-10, Felsing, Freese-10, Gallagher, Hartsock-7, Heninger-2, Hinton-10, Kappeler, Kennedy, Larson, Lokenvitz, McWilliams-3, Mitvalsky, Nelson-10, Olson, Pelecky-10, Powers, Praul, Schuler, Schutte, Sherrick, Sorenson, Spelhaug, St. Laurent, Stopulos, Volbrecht-5, Willsher, Worley-10

Make-ups...

At the LobsterFest committee meeting: Mike Limberg, Penny McGimpsey, Carter LeBeau, Brian Rolf, Beverly Murray, Cathy Duda Scott Naumann,

Doyle McCully. **At today's committee meeting:** John Archer, Kevin Kraft, Jeff Hassel, Tony Calabrese, Tim Lane, Phil Kinsley, Jean Dickson, Mark Ross, Tom Kellenberger, Decker Ploehn, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Carl Loweth, Rich Oswald, Dawn Saul, Dave Falk, Sharon Sarver

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: **340-5114**, bmfkennedy@att.net
March 14: Steven Bahls, president of Augustana College
March 21: Mara Sovey, John Deere Foundation

Resignation...

Secretary Chuck reports that Bob Gabrilson has resigned from our club.

News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...
Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...
Photographer: Carter LeBeau...
Webmeister/Web-site host: Chris Glass

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.: Iowa 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