



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, May 27, 2009,
at the Fortune Garden Restaurant



What Lee, Donna, Scott do at work...

After a week away for steaks and burgers at Palmer Hills Golf Course's Pavilion (see page 2), we return to the Fortune Garden restaurant this week for a program of Vocational Service presentations by Lee Seminow, Donna Freese and Scott Naumann.

Lee Seminow, whose classification is Engineering Staffing, is Vice President, Engineering with Triumph Consulting of



Bettendorf. Lee says, "Triumph Consulting brings innovative solutions to our clients' human resource challenges... by focusing on understanding key issues and solving them on a cost-effective basis."

Lee's career has taken him around the world. He started his career in the United States with National Can Corp. He later joined the military aviation industry with Controlex Corp. of America, a manufacturer of flight control systems. At Container Corp. of America, he served as Senior Staff Engineer responsible for the International Division, with 25 plants in six countries in Europe and South America. He subsequently spent 12 years in Europe with National Starch and Chemical.

Lee holds degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and in executive finance from ITC London, England. He is fluent in several languages and was twice honored by the Spanish Packaging Association, AFCO, for contributions to the Spanish industry.



In his leisure time, Lee enjoys sailing and skeet shooting. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Rapids City, Ill.

Donna Freese, who recently removed the Red Tag from her name badge, represents the Casualty Insurance classification. Her employer is Freese Benefits, Inc., of

Davenport. She is the district sales coordinator for Aflac.

Donna describes her work this way: “Aflac is a supplement program that fills in the gaps from health insurance to help employees with their family expenses during a serious illness or injury. If an employee has to be off work due to an illness or injury, their living expenses continue and that’s where Aflac can help employees. Aflac products are voluntary, affordable and employee-paid. There’s no coordination of benefits, which means Aflac will pay benefits regardless of any other insurance in place.”

Donna has experience in human resources, compensation and benefits, payroll and sales. She has earned the professional designation PHR, Professional in Human Resources.

In her spare time she enjoys camping, skiing, crafts, decorating and painting. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Davenport with their three children, Cory, Ashley and Sean.



Scott Naumann, whose classification is Telecommunications – and whose life touches many realities, as he has ably demonstrated – will enlighten us about his work as a consultant for Midland Communications, Davenport.

Scott is a graduate of Davenport Central High School and St. Ambrose University. He has a background in financial services with New York Life. His other areas of expertise are in graphic design and

communication, as well as working with Kimberly BMW.

He enjoys – no surprises here – theatre, acting and golf. Scott is the Bettendorf Rotary Director of Community Service. He and his wife, Shelley, and their children, Nicholas and Natalie, live in Bettendorf.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, May 13, 2009 ...



What was at steak: 17 new members...

To celebrate the completion of the 2009 New Member Contest, the club convened for dinner of steak (for the winning teams) and hamburgers – which were delicious, too – (for the other two teams). Most of the formalities of a regular meeting were suspended. Especially the tradition of being a Singing Rotary... no one volunteered to drag a piano all the way to the Palmer Hills Golf Club’s Pavilion.

As chairman of the membership drive, Todd Larsen welcomed everyone – and



Nicole and Todd ready to season burgers...

invited everyone to get right to the evening's main event, steaks and burgers.



After the meal, President Nicole thanked Todd for all his work putting both the membership drive and the evening's event together. He was ably aided and abetted by Decker Ploehn, who had slipped away before the photographer got his camera out.

The 2009 Membership Drive resulted in 17 new members. Unfortunately, the club lost 11 members during the past year. So we had a **net gain of six**. The winning teams were the Green Machine and the Blues Brothers and Sisters; each brought in 5 new members.



Scott Naumann bought drinks from Leah George, operator of the Palmer Hills drink cart, which returned often so diners could replenish their beverages.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: LOBSTERFEST NEEDS ALL OUR HELP...

→ The LobsterFest Committee is working hard to make a success of our major fundraising event of the year. But



with just three weeks left until the event, we all have to pitch in – or Bettendorf Rotary will fall short of its goal, for the third year of LobsterFest, to raise \$30,000 to assist charities in the Quad Cities and beyond.



Duncan Cameron enjoying a delicious lobster.

Only 120 tickets have been sold. Another 80-plus tickets are checked out to members for sales. But almost 100 tickets have not yet been picked up!

Unlike previous years, Quad-City media are not signed on as co-sponsors, so the general public is not as aware of the event. That really puts the pressure on members of the club to sell tickets, secure sponsorships and support the event.



Thursday, May 21, the LobsterFest Committee held a hard-working meeting, to regain momentum. Committee members are: **Frank Mitvalsky, Nicole**



McWilliams, Donna Freese, Ken Vandernick, Duncan Cameron, Rich James, Carter LeBeau, Kaye LeBeau, Rick Hartsock, Carolyn Leutwyler, Frank



Schwab, Todd Larson and Ann Kappeler. The event chef, Brad Scott, and his assistant Diane, also attended Thursday's meeting.



Here are some facts to keep in mind as you work to make LobsterFest 2009 a success:

LobsterFest is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, on the grounds of Rivermont Collegiate in Bettendorf.

Live lobsters will be flown to the Quad Cities from New England the day before and prepared fresh for the event, scheduled for 5:30-10 p.m.

LobsterFest features the menu of a coastal Maine picnic – lobster, sausage,

steamed vegetables, boiled potatoes, appetizers and homemade desserts.

The goal of the event is to raise funds for Bettendorf Rotary philanthropies. The second annual LobsterFest, in June 2008, cleared \$30,000.

As a result, in addition to its own charitable giving, the Bettendorf Rotary's Charitable Giving Fund last year gave awards to eight area recipients, such as Alternatives for the Older Adult, Moline; the American Red Cross of the Quad Cities; Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley, and the Child Abuse Council of the Quad Cities. The "Spartan Sparkles," a squad of the Pleasant Valley High School Cheerleaders made up of children with special needs, received a grant that funded its travel to compete at the Iowa Special Olympics – where it won a gold medal.

LobsterFest tickets are \$60 per person – the same as in 2008. To order tickets, or to help in any other way, contact **Frank at 764-8361.**

➔ Fred Anderson donated \$20 to our scholarship fund because he became a grandfather today.

Secretary Chuck Mooney listed those attending May 20th...

Fred Anderson, Tony Calabrese and spouse, Duncan Cameron, George Coin,



George Daugherty, Rick Hartsock and spouse, Ralph Heninger, Rich James and spouse, Phil Kinsley and daughter and granddaughter, Barter LeBeau and spouse, Todd Larsen and spouse, Carolyn Leutwyler, Doyle McCully and spouse, Nicole McWilliams and spouse, Rev. Gene Miller, Chuck Mooney, Scott Naumann and spouse, Decker Ploehn, Chelsea Powers and spouse, John Rabine, Frank Schwab and spouse, Lee Semenow, Jon Sherrick and spouse, Ken Vandersnick.

Upcoming featured programs

From Brian Kennedy, program chairman:



→ **June 10:** Dick Schillig, Run with Carl Scholarship presentation

→ **June 17:** Betsy Pratt of the Red Cross

Got an idea for a future program speaker? Please contact Brian.

MAKE UPS:

Duncan Cameron at a Rotary Club that does not put its name on the card.

June birthdays...

Celebrating the completion of another year... 07, Bill Stradt, 11, Doyle McCully. 14, Jim Slavens. 17, Carter LeBeau, Ann Kappeler. 25, Connie Mangler. 26, Steve Habenicht. 28, Lisa Brown

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

Fred Anderson, editor, photos...
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, District 6000, Polio Plus... and more: <http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/links.htm>



Make up a meeting 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