



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Dec. 28, 2011, issue

## Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012,  
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

**It'll be a surprise – but well worth attending...**



Program chair **Brian Kennedy** was busy chauffeuring GOP presidential wannabes around Iowa ahead of the Jan. 3 caucuses, but he promised a spectacular program the day afterward. Meanwhile, he's

always looking for good program ideas – share them with him any time: 340-5114, [bmfkennedy@att.net](mailto:bmfkennedy@att.net)

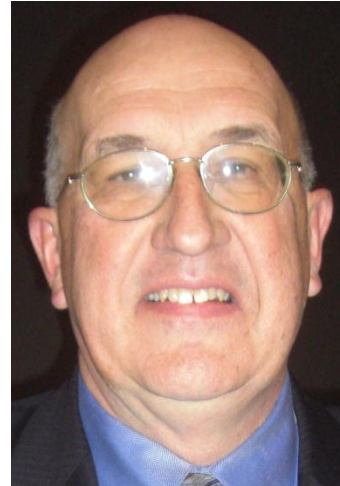
## Last meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2010

## Tourism adds big \$\$ to QC economy

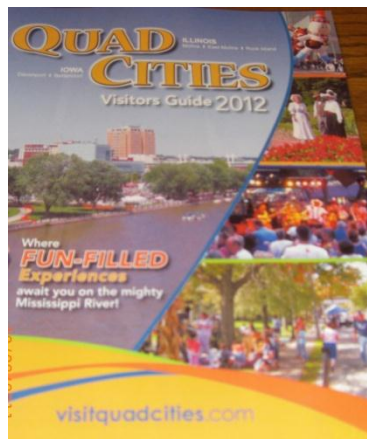
To close the year 2011, we heard a roundup of Quad-City activities and events for the coming year from **Joe Taylor**, president of the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau – also known as this communities “biggest

cheerleader.” (BRC, by the way, was the first group to see the 2012 *QC Visitors Guide*.) The QCCVB has existed since 1990 when three city-based tourism groups



merged, Joe said. Tourism has a nearly \$¾ billion impact on the QC economy. Here are some of the highlights of 2011 – and some of what we have to look forward to in 2012:

- ➔ After the July 2011 successes of the Bix-7, Beiderbeck Memorial Jazz Festival and the end of RAGBRAI nearly all together, Joe said Davenport has bid for the event's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022.
- ➔ Be a Tourist at Home will span two weekends – last of January and first of February – in 2012
- ➔ National softball championships return to the QC in July-August 2012
- ➔ Walleye championships come back in October



- ➔ The QC Air Show moves to Labor Day weekend
- ➔ Two attractions will be closed for a while in 2012 – the Deere

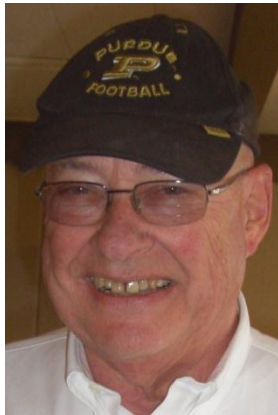
Pavilion until February due to renovation, and the Putnam Giant Screen later converting from IMAX film to digital.

The Welcome Center at LeClaire closes Dec. 30, but its function will be replaced by signage and mobile communication, he said.

For more information on QC tourism, go to: <http://www.visitquadcities.com/>

### The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way



Test,” followed by the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “My Country ’Tis of Thee.” After Moments of Reflection, the singing resumed under the direction of song-leader **Tom**

**Howard** – who, in full Purdue partisanship, claimed his team’s 37-32 victory over Western Michigan in the Little Caesar’s Pizza Bowl on Dec. 27 would be the only one for the Big Ten. He was accompanied on the piano – for the first time – and expertly – by New



Member **Melanie Boosalis**. Oh yeah, the songs were “Rotary Ideals” (to the tune of Auld Lang Syne, a warm-up for next week), “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” and “Winter Wonderland.”

### Secretary Chuck introduced:

#### Visiting Rotarian:

PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott: Publisher

#### Guests:

Jaclyn McKenzie with **Brent Werner**

Mark McLaughlin with **Todd Ashby**

### Announcements...

→ **Holiday Party. Decker Ploehn** gave an update on the BRC Holiday Celebration, beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012, with dinner



at 6:30 followed by music, mingling and merriment – all at TPC at Deere Run. A signup sheet made the rounds. Dinner

entre selections are ribeye, chicken en croute and baked tilapia – each with a delightfully mouth-watering description and cheesecake for dessert. Please RSVP, with payment (check for \$35 per person to BRC) by Jan. 8 – mail to Lisa at 5355 Kilt Court, Bettendorf, or call 320-3849.

→ **Christmas baskets.** Members who delivered Christmas baskets to families last week shared stories: **Tom Howard:** grandparents caring for their grandchildren, but he lost his job and their house is in foreclosure... **Tim Lane:** the little girl asked, “Are you

Santa?"... **Dick Schillig**: great job putting the baskets together.

→ **LobsterFest. Carter LeBeau**



continued the countdown – 168 days (June 16, 2012).

**President Scott** said the next meeting had been moved

to 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12 – and there's plenty of work – so you don't have to attend the planning meetings to work: just volunteer.

**The news...**

**Fred Anderson** reported some of the news you won't find elsewhere: The Quad-City Salvation Army's Red Kettle program remains \$65,000 away from its 2011 fundraising goal of \$700,000 – and the deadline now is next Tuesday.... Cheetah, the chimpanzee sidekick of Tarzan in early 1930s movies, died at age 80.... Police in Florida investigating a home burglary found one thief in the yard, hit in the head with a ball bat and shot by one of his pals – who was aiming at the homeowner.... A Pittsburgh man is in jail for robbing a market – after he posted photos of his accomplices, with the loot, on You Tube.... PETA named Janet Jackson its "Grinch of the Year" because of her line of fur fashions.... A Boston transit worker wired a message board to say, and display, the words to "Deck the Halls"... fa-la-la-la-la.... TSA confiscated a woman's cupcake because its frosting "looked like it violated rules" – yeah, sure, but where was the evidence when it came time to really check it out? Hmmm?

**Sergeant at arms...**

**President Scott** collected \$172 for our foundations + \$100 from **Steve Habenicht** for a birthday + anniversary. Other **Ryan Happy \$\$** came from **John DeDoncker** – son was in car accident but "walked away"... **Mike Limberg** – although kids are scattered, son back from Afghanistan and his family surprised them at Christmas... **Carter**



**LeBeau** – Illini won their first Big Ten basketball game (prompting **President Scott** to plop a Cheese-head "hat" on him – he'll do anything to Back the Pack – and **Bill Daley** quipped, "What a cheesy smile")... **Steve Pieart** – took son to Iowa City for surgery, but he's back already and OK... **Kevin Kraft** – laptop was sick but – thanks to BRC connection – got a new one ASAP from **Mike Limberg**... **Decker Ploehn** – thankful for no snow yet: roads are clear, and "We've got plenty of salt!"... **Susan Praul** – water-heater disaster but – that



BRC again – “Werner Restoration did a great job” with cleanup

### Missing today

K. Adams, L. Adams, Archer, Atnip-10, Blaske, Boeye, Bowe, Brown, Calabrese, Carter, Castro, Chambers-3, H. Coin-2, Cahalan-6, Deuth, Dickson, Dobesh, Edwards-2, Eikenberry-4, Ellstrom-26, Felsing, Gallagher-4, Gudgel-4, Harrison-4, Hassel, Hintermeister-3, Hinton-26, James, Kappeler, Kass, Kennedy, Kinsley, Larsen, Lokenvitz, Loweth, Lundin-3, Marvin-3, G. Miller, L. Miller, Mitvalsky, Murray, Nelson-15, Olson, Pelecky-3, Powers, Rabine, Ricketts-McCool, Rolf, Ross, Sarver, Schuler, Scranton-8, Spelhaug, St. Laurent-3, Volbrecht-3, Worley-3

### Make-ups:

At today’s committee meeting: Tim Lane, Rich Oswald, Decker Ploehn

### Departing members...

These members have resigned or been taken off the roster, according to

#### Secretary Chuck:

- ➔ James Legare
- ➔ Mike Freemire
- ➔ Jeff Lanum

### 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



**Greeter Bill Daley welcomes Steve Habenicht.**

### Bettendorf Rotary resources

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

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

Bettendorf Rotary in the community:  
<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)