



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Sept. 8 & 15, 2010, issue

Next meeting:
Noon Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

H4H helps families escape poverty

Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities is a nonprofit Christian organization that works to eliminate poverty housing by building simple, decent, affordable



homes, which are sold to low-income families with a down payment and a no-interest mortgage. Its executive director for the last five years, **Kristi Crafton**, is the featured speaker at the Sept. 22 meeting.

Partner families are selected based on their need, ability to pay a mortgage and willingness to partner with Habitat. They attend classes on handling finances and becoming a homeowner, and each adult contributes 250 hours of sweat equity. Partner families build financial literacy, home equity and stability. Owning a home helps break the cycle of generational poverty. Habitat helps neighborhoods by improving the housing stock, motivating neighbors to make home repairs and increasing owner-occupied homes.

Last meetings:
Wednesday, Sept. 8 & 15, 2010

Doling out grant \$; chasing golf balls

[NOTE: Many thanks to **Harry Coin** for reporting on the Sept. 8 meeting – based on notes written with a Run With Carl pen on a Fortune Garden placemat.]

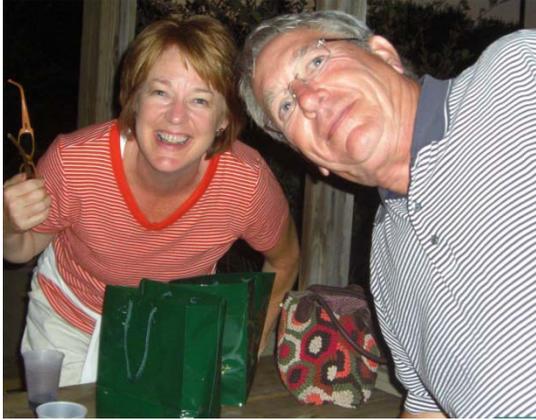
[Sept. 8 meeting:] Our own **Mark Ross**, a member of the Scott County Regional Authority board, explained how that board oversees the awarding of grants derived from a small percentage of the



proceeds from the Isle of Capri casino. His report comes in preparation for the Nov. 2 referendum on gambling in Bettendorf, which occurs every eight years, by law. Mark was aided by **Jim Spelhaug, Decker Ploehn** and others who provided background on the impact of the SCRA grants on the community’s school systems, city government and other non-profits that receive funds.



[Sept. 15:] A good number of members and guests spent a pleasant mid-September afternoon in search of errant golf balls at Palmer Hills.



Many of those balls occupied obvious positions in the short grass... some of them went somewhat astray in the taller grass... and some of them will be found



at some future date by perfect strangers mowing their lawn, wading in Duck Creek or strolling along Middle Road.

More members and guests dined on steak, chicken or salmon al fresco in the Palmer Hills

Pavilion. Diners were entertained by the **Synergy Brass Quintet** – dubbed by some the “rock stars of the brass quintet world,” whose “Flight of the Bumblebee” may set a record and whose performance included both jazz and classical music; they appeared thanks to **Ken Vandersnick**.



The evening culminated in a silent – and not-so-silent – auction conducted with infinite subtlety by **Decker Ploehn**. At press time, details of both the golf prizes and the proceeds from the fundraising were not available – but **Harry and George Coin, Steve Habenicht** and **the Rabines** must have won something....

The meeting opened...

With **President Jeff Hassel** presiding, on Sept. 8 those present recited the 4-Way Test and sang songs – but on Sept. 15, no one recited or sang anything; it was time for food, fun and fellowship.



Presentation

At the Sept. 8 meeting, according to Harry’s notes, **Tom Howard** led the gang in “Sing, Everyone, Sing – in All Kinds of Weather” and “Everything’s Coming Up Roses.” The really important thing was that Tom, and his faithful piano-playing partner in musical mayhem – **Bernie Vogel** – were honored with the Rotarian of the Quarter award, presented by **George Daugherty**. Harry noted that Bernie has been “playing piano 26 years so far” and that together Tom and Bernie have “earned us the title of the best singing Rotary club in the area.”

On Sept. 8, Secretary Chuck (5-time Run With Carl 5K Champion) introduced:

Visiting Rotarian:

Margo McInnis, North Scott: Sales

Guest:

Jim Kersten with Connie Mangler



Announcements...

→ **Rotary in Motion Challenge/Run With Carl.** Dick Schillig presented a full report on the event. Here are some of the highlights:

→ In the 16th annual RWC, this year's races were the first ones “favored with the liquid form of sunshine,” Harry reported. Runners were asked whether they wanted to cancel the race because of lightning in the area, “and the resounding ‘No’ overcame the objections of the safety staff,” Harry reported.

→ **Connie Mangler** and **John DeDoncker** placed first at the RWC in their respective categories.

→ **Jim Spelhaug** recalling the tragic death of **Carl Schillig** – which led his parents, **Dick and Juanita**, to memorialize him with the RWC and the scholarship program named for him – “led to one of the longer standing ovations... in recent memory,” Harry reported.

→ 48 Bettendorf Rotarians participated in the Rotary in Motion Challenge.

→ **Kevin Kraft**'s team won the Challenge with 6,528 miles by 25 Rotarians. **Kurt Lokenvitz**'s team logged 5,111 miles with 23 Rotarians. So, the trophy – and the braggin' rights – go to Kevin, who will probably join **Jeff Hassel** in singing “We Are the Champions” when we least expect it....

→ There are 353 days until the next Run.

Sergeant at Arms...

At the Sept. 8 meeting, **President Jeff** collected \$186 – plus \$69 from **Phil Kinsley** for his birthday and \$13 from **Sharon Sarver**, whose son entered his teen years.... Besides the birthday guys, **Ryan \$\$** included:

Connie Mangler, Mike Freemire, Decker Ploehn, Jim Spelhaug... plus:

Mark Ross announced that the day was special because **Pat Eickenberry** would not be leaving early (he did anyway)....

Pat was happy someone gave him a beer enabling him to finish the RWC....

Laura Adams – who also presented **The News** – mentioned the Sept. 17

performance of “Souvenir” at the New Ground Theater, which she directed....

Lee Seminow was pleased **Chuck**

Mooney was back as secretary....

John DeDonker was happy the lightning strike near him on RWC was *not* any closer...!

Doyle McCully finished RWC in fine form, calling the race



“a wrap” – meaning he left none behind him....

Missing Sept. 8:

Anderson, Atnip-2, Bowe, Brown, Brummel-2, Chambers-2, Coley-8, Death, Dobesh-4, Ellstrom-10, Falk, Felsing, Foster, Heinrich-2, James, Jones-6, Lanum-6, Larsen, Legare, Lofgren, Loweth-2, Lundin, L. Miller-3, Olsen, Pelecky-9, Powers-2, Selden-10, Sherrick, Schutte-3, Worley-5

Make-ups:

Carler LeBeau @ Cloquet & Detroit Lakes, Minn.

At Sept. 8's committee meetings: Mark Ross, Greg Blaske, Joe Douglas, Diane Ricketts-McCol, Ann Kappeler, Sharon Sarver, Duncan Cameron, Bob Gallagher, Kurt Lokenvitz, Phil Kinsley, Brian Kennedy, Dick Schillig, Steve Pieart, Jeff Hassel, Decker Ploehn

News Staff...

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Bettendorf Rotary resources

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

Bettendorf Rotary in the community:
<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

Link to Run with Carl: www.runwithcarl.com

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.: IA 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

