



**THE  
BETTENDORF  
ROTARY  
CLUB NEWS**  
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Dec. 2, 2009, issue

*Next meeting:*  
Noon Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at  
the Fortune Garden Restaurant

**The state of nuclear  
energy in the QC**



**Bill Stoermer**, senior communications manager for the Exelon Nuclear Generating Station, Quad Cities, will report on the status of nuclear energy in this community and the U.S. in

general at the Dec. 9 meeting.

Exelon Nuclear, a subsidiary of Exelon Corp., is the largest operator of nuclear power plants in the United States, currently operating 17 reactors at 10 sites in Illinois, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Besides the Quad Cities nuclear plant, in Illinois, Exelon operates plants at Byron, Clinton, LaSalle, Dresden and Braidwood.

Stoermer is responsible for internal and external communications and public affairs for the Quad Cities station in Cordova, Ill. He has more than 28 years

of nuclear plant experience. Within Exelon Nuclear, he has held leadership positions in maintenance, human resources, government affairs and communications.

*Last meeting:*  
Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009 ...

**Improving legal service  
amid tightening budget**

The guest speaker at the Dec. 2 meeting, Davenport attorney **Bob Waterman**, outlined recommendations by the Iowa State Bar Association to “get more service for less money”



during the current budget crisis in Iowa. Overseen by the state’s Supreme Court, the judiciary in Iowa reaches the people through courthouses in all 99 counties, which are divided into eight district courts; Scott County and several surrounding counties comprise the 7th District.

The Bar Association’s proposals call for changes in many of the judiciary’s structures, including better coordination of the services of county clerks of court. One innovation would bring about electronic filing of all court documents, statewide, within 18 months. Iowa would be the first state in the nation to enact a measure to post all filings online. Other recommendations:

- Greater use of electronic communication;
- Digital audio transcription technology to streamline part of the job of court reporters;

- Uniform rules for all eight of Iowa's court districts;

- Increasing court fees for services to bring Iowa more in line with surrounding states (and increase revenue), and

- Improvements in juvenile court services with the aim of keeping kids out of the court system if at all possible.

After his presentation, Waterman answered numerous questions from the members.

### The meeting opened...



**President Dave Deuth** opened the meeting by leading a recitation of **The 4-Way Test**:  
“Is It The Truth? Is It Fair to All Concerned? Will It Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will It Be Beneficial to All Concerned?”

The singing opened with “America the Beautiful” under the direction of deputy song-leader **Carter LeBeau** with **Bernie Vogel** on the piano. After Moments of Reflection, the singing continued with “Side by Side,” “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” “Let’s Remember Pearl Harbor” (Next Monday is Dec. 7) and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.”



**December birthdays...**  
3, Theron Schutte;

10, **Carolyn Leutwyler**; 15, Brad Boeye; 22, Bernie Vogel; 26, Bob Gallagher, Greg Blaske.

### Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians...

Larry Minard, Davenport: Public School Foundation

Jason Gordon, Davenport: Fund Raising ... **And guests...**

Christina Henzen with Lee Semenow  
Alex Kyries with Connie Mangler

### Announcements...

→ **4-Way Test banner. President David** stated the obvious: “We need a new 4-Way Test banner.” After taking a voice-vote from members present, Dave asked **Secretary Chuck** to order the **BLUE** version of the banner.

→ **Fortune Garden parking.** Because of the construction project next-door to the restaurant, parking on the south side of the building is severely limited – but there’s plenty of room on the north side.

→ **Pajama Party.** The Pajama Party to benefit the Family Resources Domestic Violence Shelter is **Thursday – Dec. 3 – 6-8**



**p.m.** at Gilda’s Club in Davenport. **Nicole McWilliams** urged women members to attend, donating new, unopened ladies’ or kids’ pajamas. Male members can donate PJs, too, Nicole said, and pajamas will still be accepted after the party. For more info, contact Nicole – 332-3071 or [nmcwilliams@pensioninc.com](mailto:nmcwilliams@pensioninc.com) .

➔ **Library book tagging.** Bettendorf Rotarians have stepped up in a big way to help tag books at the Bettendorf Public Library the past two Monday nights. More than 4,500 books have been tagged,

**Steve Nielsen** reported. (Steve “fined” himself \$50 for the successful book tagging and for his anniversary.) One more Monday night will be scheduled “to put the Kiwanians to permanent shame,”



President Dave said. To volunteer, or for more information, call Steve at 344-4175.

➔ **Holiday party.** Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, Jan. 9, for our annual Winter Party at Davenport Country Club. Always an enjoyable evening... **Contact Lisa Brown at 441.4016 or [lbrown@eicc.edu](mailto:lbrown@eicc.edu).**



➔ **Christmas baskets.** **Mark Ross** circulated the sign-up sheet for volunteers to deliver Christmas Baskets – to 10 Bettendorf families. Mark also noted that **Beth Ryan** had donated \$500 to Bettendorf

Rotary to help pay for Holiday Food Baskets.

### **The News...**

**Fred Anderson** reported the news: President Barack Obama ordered an additional 30,000 U.S. troops into the long war in Afghanistan... couple who crashed the White House event over the weekend have sponsored questionable charity events... Tiger Woods says he

has let his family down and regrets “transgressions”... a would-be bank robber thwarted himself by arriving at the bank after it had already closed...

### **Sergeant at Arms...**

Sgt-at-arms **Ben Selden** collected \$140 for our foundations by issuing a Yuletide caution: “Seventeen percent of Americans will embarrass themselves at a Christmas party – don’t be one of them.”



**Ryan \$\$:** More bucks from **Steve Habenicht** – his



picture in the *QC Times* promoting the Holiday Hat Bash fundraiser

to buy holiday gifts and food for seniors, **5:30-8 p.m. Thursday at CASI, 1035 W. Kimberly Road;**

**Ken Vandersnick** - \$100, the number of years he’s been at Wagner’s Cleaners + a Rotarian + his age; **Decker Ploehn** – his anniversary + John Deere renewing sponsorship of JDC;



**Nicole McWilliams** – her birthday.

### **Missing Today:**

Adams, Bowe, Brown-2, Calabrese, Cameron, Coley-3, Dobesh-7, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-23, Felsing-2, Freemire, Freese-2, Haffernan-3, Hartsock-6, Hinton-4, Kinsley-2, Koos-9, Lane, Lanum-2, Legare-3, Larsen-3, Loweth-2, Lundin-3, L. Miller-3, Mitvalsky, Olson, Pelecky, Richards-6, Ricketts-McCool, Sarver-3, Sherrick, Spyrow-23, St. Laurent-2.

### **Make-ups:**

Tagging books at the Bettendorf Library on Nov. 30: Dave Falk, Decker Ploehn, Tim Downing, Rich James, Brian Kennedy, Kurt Lokenvitz, Steve Habenicht, Michael Vollbrecht, Bob Gallagher, Jeff Hassel.

### **The meeting ended...**

... with some American Indian wisdom, courtesy of Bernie Vogel: “We can get over being poor; it takes longer to get over being ignorant.” And wisdom from poet Robert Frost: “The world is full of willing people... a few are willing to work, and the rest are willing to let them.”

### **News Staff...**

Editor Fred Anderson...  
Reporter Chuck Mooney...  
Photographer Carter LeBeau...  
Webmeister Ralph Heninger

### **Bettendorf Rotary resources**

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

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:

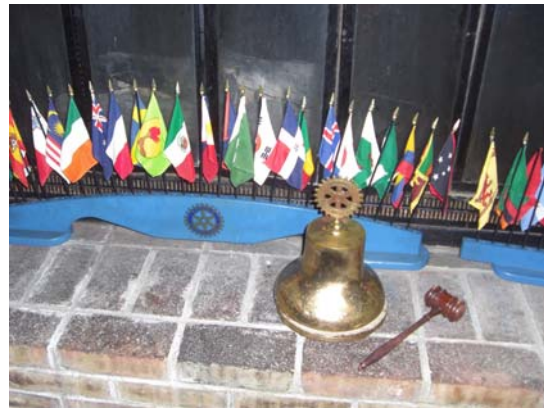
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/committ.htm>

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](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