



**THE  
BETTENDORF  
ROTARY  
CLUB NEWS**  
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
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***Next meeting:***  
Noon Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012,  
at Waterfront Convention Center



On election night, Nov. 8, 2011, then-candidate Bob Gallagher checked updated returns with his treasurer/advisor, Kim Guy.

**Joint meeting to  
hear ‘State of City’  
report**

Next week will be a special joint meeting with the Iowa Quad-Cities Rotary and Bettendorf Kiwanis at the **Waterfront Convention Center** to hear the State of the City report by Mayor **Bob Gallagher Jr.**

Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and the meeting will begin at noon.

“There’s no extra charge for your meal,” **President Scott** said at the Feb. 15

meeting. “And there’s no need to RSVP for the meal.”

***Last meeting:***  
Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2012

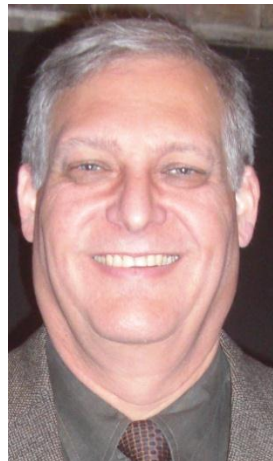
**Challenges facing  
Hoover Museum**

This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum and Library, West Branch, Iowa (“Just 2



minutes from I-80”), and its director, **Thomas Schwartz**, the speaker at our Feb. 15 meeting, faces several challenges as he works to make the 31<sup>st</sup> President “more human,” he said.

Those challenges range across a broad spectrum, Schwartz said – even though



Hoover was “an admirable person” who achieved success in many ways. Orphaned at age 9, Hoover was in the first class admitted to Stanford University (1891)... earned an engineering degree... was an eminently successful and internationally recognized mining engineer... became a multi-millionaire... headed the effort to feed starving Belgians after WWI... and was named in 1947 as chairman of the Commission on

Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government.



**Herbert Hoover photographed in 1941 with some flour sacks sent by grateful Belgians.**

About those challenges, as Schwartz described them:

→ It's hard to make all this interesting to kids so they'll learn about him...

→ It was a bit of a challenge to find a photo of a smiling Hoover...

→ The museum's technology – is still at the same level as its 1962 founding – needs to be updated...

→ Hoover "has no defenders," Schwartz said. "He was too progressive for today's Republicans and too conservative to suit Democrats." President when the Stock Market crash of 1929 triggered the Great Depression, Hoover undertook some public spending to stimulate economic recovery, including the building of the Hoover Dam, which demonstrated the value of a public-private partnership for such projects, Schwartz explained.

→ Hoover lacks a concise, definitive biography, Schwartz added. He noted Hoover was "bigger than life" in his accomplishments – making it difficult to contain in even a multi-volume biography. Still, he recommended the work by David Bruner (*Herbert Hoover: A Public Life*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1978). The Hoover Library offers an extensive, annotated reference list:

[http://hoover.archives.gov/education/read  
inglist.html](http://hoover.archives.gov/education/readinglist.html).

In introducing the speaker, **Brian Kennedy** offered a little presidential trivia: February contains Presidents' Day – which, Brian noted, is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday and always falls between, but never on the birthday of either Lincoln (Feb. 12) or Washington (Feb. 22).



### **The meeting opened...**

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of "The 4-Way Test," followed by the singing of "God Bless America." After introductions and Moments of Reflection, song leader **Tom Howard** (aided by **Sheri Fleming** at the piano) presided over the *singing* of "The 4-Way Test," "When the Saints Go Marching In" (with a second verse, "When we meet at Rotary...") and the "Get Together Song."

### **Secretary Chuck introduced:**

#### **Visiting Rotarian:**

Peter Mitchell, East Moline/Silvis:  
Chiropractor

### Guests:

David Farmer with **George Daugherty**  
Joshua O'Brian with **Bill Daley**

### Announcements...

➔ **Visitor's banner.** **President Scott** received a package – which he opened at the meeting – from Todd Rubley, a Rotarian from Jackson, Ohio, who sent Scott his club flag. Todd had visited BRC last month.



➔ **LobsterFest.** **President Scott** read a letter from Larry T. (The) Lobsterman, who looks forward to shipping 300+ lobstahs from Bah Hahbah to Bettendorf in June. Scott asked **Carter LeBeau** how many days to the event, and the answer was... “121 days.”

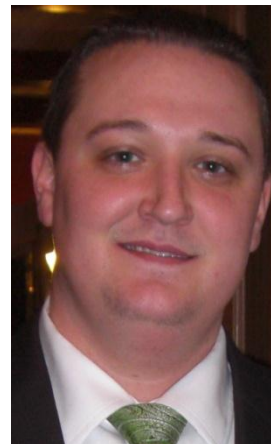
Scott also reported on the LobsterFest meeting on Friday, Feb. 10, which focused on sponsorship and Silent Auction strategies. Referring to either type of support, he said, “We are asking members to take a look at individuals and companies that are close to them often, and offer them an opportunity to partner with us in our philanthropic and scholarship efforts.”

These BRC members attended that meeting (and probably will get a makeup

for it): **Penny McGimpsey, Nicole McWilliams, Ken Vandersnick, Scott Naumann, Beverly Murray, Amber Castro, Kathy Duda, Carter LeBeau** and **Rich James**.

➔ **Special meeting.** **President Scott** reminded all that next week's meeting will be at the Waterfront Convention Center, not The Fortune Garden.

➔ **Website update.** **Chris Glass** reported that the Marketing Committee has Okayed the new design for the BRC Website, and that programming will be finished in a few weeks. When that's done, “You'll have the ability to change your own information” after entering your personal password, Chris said.



➔ **Events Committee.** As chair of the newly formed Events Committee, **Chris Glass** announced its first meeting – 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29 – and issued an open invitation to all who would like to help plan occasional events where BRC members can get together informally.

### The News...

**Fred Anderson** didn't get the email that **Lora Adams** would miss the meeting, so no news at the meeting... *but* he offers these cautionary tales about health:

Fire officials in Pensacola, Fla., say an electric cigarette exploded in a man's mouth, severely burning his face and knocking out some of his front teeth. Officials said it appears the cigarette's battery exploded while the man was

smoking – he had been using electric cigarettes to help him quit smoking....

“It was no joke,” said Las Vegas restaurateur Jon Basso, who promotes himself as “Doctor Jon” and customers as “patients” at his Heart Attack Grill. As they enter, eaters pass a sign proclaiming: “Caution! This establishment is bad for your health.” Inside, they’re issued surgical gowns as they choose from a calorically extravagant menu offering “Bypass” burgers, “Flat-liner” fries and free meals to folks over 350 pounds. Basso said he could tell the man in his 40s eating a Triple Bypass burger was in trouble – he was sweating, shaking and could barely talk. Paramedics were called, and they rushed him to a hospital.

### **Sergeant at arms...**

**President Scott** collected \$198 for our foundations + \$80 from **Tom Kellenberger** for our Scholarship Fund.

**Ryan Happy** \$\$ came from the pockets and purses of **Todd Larson** – the hockey team he coaches won the Iowa championship in an overtime shootout



against Des Moines... **Paul Murphy** – promoting the Swim America program of swimming lessons for kids (“A thousand kids drowned last year,” Paul said.) at the PVHS and

Life Fitness Center pools... **Andy Gudgel** – he’s a new papa!... **Tom Kellenberger** – 36<sup>th</sup> birthday... **Tom Howard** – 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary, which the Howards spend in the Yucatan... **Glenn Kass** – QC Home Show attendance was

up by a third, thanks in part to the publicity he provided... **President Scott** – the upcoming murder mystery at Skellington Manor “looks like a sell-out”... **Ann Kappeler** – plans to live by the words in her fortune cookie: “Be tactful – save someone some heartache”... **Dave Deuth** – \$20 based on *his* fortune (as he ‘interpreted’ it): “Where there’s a will, there’s a relative”... **Dick Schillig** – 200 days to Run With Carl – also RWC scholarship applications are now on the RWC Website... **Penny McGimpsey** – kudos to **Frank Mitvalsky** for his R-6000 integrity award (she missed last week).

### **Missing today...**

L. Adams-2, Ashby, Boosalis-5, Brown, Cahalan-7, Chambers, H. Coin, DeBuhr, DeDoncker-2, Dickson, Dobesh-2, Downing, Duda, Edwards, Eikenberry-5, Ellstrom-7, Falk-2, Felsing, Freese-3, Habenicht, Harrison-5, Hartsock-4, Hassel-2, Hinton-7, Kraft, Loweth-6, McWilliams, L. Miller-6, Murray-2, Nelson-7, Olson, Pelecky-7, Ploehn, Ricketts-McCool-3, Ross-3, Schutte-2, Scranton-2, Volbrecht-2, Werner-2, Willsher-7, Worley-7

### **Make-ups...**

Bob Gallagher @ North Scott  
Carter Lebeau @ Cozumel, Mexico  
**At today’s committee meetings:** Phil Kinsley, Bill Daley, Bob Gallagher, Rich Oswald, Tim Lane, Frank Mitvalsky, Rich James, Brian Kennedy, Jonna Schuller, Mike Limberg, David Deuth, Lee Semenow, Simon Bowe, Tom Kellenberger.

### **News staff...**

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