



The Bettendorf Rotary Club News

July 18, 2007

**Guests Welcome at our next meeting:
Weds., July 25, Noon at the Fortune Garden**

FEATURING: Club President Lisa Brown on

The 2007 Rotary International Convention.

The RI convention in Salt Lake City drew to a close 20 June, capping off a four-day celebration of the many faces of Rotary service, from peacemaking to grassroots projects to international friendship.

Calling it the “single most important thing you can do to ensure Rotary’s second century,” incoming RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson sent RI convention-goers home on Wednesday with a directive to “found new clubs wherever the soil is fertile.”

“Without new members, nothing else matters,” he said during the closing plenary. “It will only take a few decades for Rotary to disappear.”

The largest convention ever to be held in Salt Lake City, the event drew more than 16,500 Rotarians from 147 nations, some from as far away as Katmandu, Nepal.

The first RI convention in Utah since 1919 was also the site of several other Rotary firsts: the Rotary Foundation’s first-ever 100% Major Donor Club and the first Rotary World Peace Symposium, held just before the convention.

Rotary Foundation alumni who now work as diplomats played a prominent role at the event. Former White House Deputy Chief of Staff Philip Lader was awarded the Foundation’s highest alumni honor, the Global Service to Humanity Award. And Francis Moloji, a South African ambassador to India, who also spoke during a convention plenary session, credited his Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship with opening his eyes to a new world of possibilities.

Trustee Chair Luis V. Giay joined RI President William B. Boyd to present the Polio Eradication Champion Award to William Gates Sr., the keynote speaker at the third plenary. Gates co-chairs the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which has been a major ally in fighting polio alongside Rotary and its partners, contributing US\$150 million to the polio eradication effort.

(Excerpted from the RI Convention Press Release)



Incoming RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson, and his wife Joan.

*From Mr. Brian Kennedy,
program chairman--*

Upcoming Featured Speakers

- 08/01 Faye Clow, Director, Bettendorf Public Library, on a community-wide reading event coming up Jan-Apr 2008.
- 08/08 Wendy Wintersteen, Dean of College of Agriculture, Iowa State University.
- 08/15 Mark Schwiebert, Mayor of Rock Island (first in a 4 part year series, inviting each Quad City Mayor to share his perspective on regional economic and community development challenges and opportunities).
- 08/29 David Vaudt, CPA, State of Iowa, Auditor of State will present a State Budget update
- 9/19 Club Golf Outing
- 09/26 Mike Freemire, Mayor of Bettendorf (2nd in Mayor's series)
- 10/03 Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey.

Please use this news!

*Invite those who might
appreciate our speakers.*

Only \$8 per visitor, payable at the door.

Bettendorf Rotary's Annual Golf Outing and Steak Fry, Wednesday, September 19th.

❖ **Golf Outing Meeting Thursday, July 26th at 5:30pm at Palmer Hills.** You can sign up for your Golf Outing tee times this week.

❖ **President Lisa** thanked everyone who volunteered to be Marshalls at this year's John Deere Classic. **Decker Ploehn** conveyed the thanks of the JDC board for our club's volunteer Marshall's excellent job. The



QCA is 1 of 48 stops on the PGA tour, cities much larger than ours, including St. Louis and San Francisco, don't have any PGA events. The JDC board was so pleased with the comparative performance of Rotarians as Marshalls they've asked our clubs to consider expanding our efforts next year.

❖ **Nicole McWilliams announced only 46 more days until this year's Run With Carl, on Sept 3, Labor Day. Volunteer Workers please contact Nicole ASAP.** Presently, she needs folk to help post modest yard signs. To sign up for the race itself, get a form from Dick or sign up online at www.runwithcarl.com.

❖ **Steve Habenicht: Today is the 3rd Annual Quad-City Elder Care Senior Seminar.** Dr. John Golden, M.D., board certified in Geriatric & Family practice and

director of the Genesis Integrative Wellness Center will be the featured speaker. If you have an interest in challenges facing the aging and their families, contact the Quad-City Elder Care Network at 563-359-0093.

Meeting Review *Noon, July 18th 2007, the Fortune Garden.* Presiding: **President Lisa Brown**



President Lisa opened the meeting in a moment of silent reflection in support of our troops overseas and those the membership noted who suffer and for world peace and fellowship.

Piano man Bernie Vogel warmed the room before the meeting began with many songs including "For the Beauty of the Earth". **Tom Howard**, accompanied by Bernie led the Rotarians in our opening theme, "America The Beautiful", and later a few 'Rainy Day' songs including 'Let A Smile Be Your Umbrella'.

Lisa also was our Sergeant-at-arms today; she featured sports trivia (*noting especially the Davenport City Council's favorite passtime: Boxing*).

Lisa collected \$ 72 for our foundations.



Fred Anderson presented "The News". Fred announced that our Lobsterfest effort and related 'Thank You to the Community' note would be featured in the "Bettendorf News".

Todd "G.Q." Larsen
Presented **Decker Plohen** with
**"The City Manager's
Outstanding Accomplishment
in Fashion Leadership Award"**

(You can admire Decker's avant-garde workday threads yourself, see page 2....)



Chuck “Maintain Hope” Mooney, Secretary, Reports:

- ❖ Guests:
Dr. Ron Caskey with Dick Schillig

MAKE UPS: *Lora Adams @ Kewanee, George Coin @ Rock Island, Harry Coin @ Rock Island, Carolyn Leultwyler @ Davenport*



MISSING TODAY: Ahlstrand -2, Ball -2, Bowe, Calabrese -2, Callihan -2, Cameron -2, Chambers -2, G. Coin, Coley -2, Daugherty, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dobesh -2, Eikenberry -2, Ellstrom -2, Essner, Freemire, Gallaher -2, Heninger -2, Hyder -2, Ingleby -2, Kapeler, Kennedy -2, Koos -2, Legare -2, Lucas -2, L.Miller, Nanda, Pelecky, Perisho, Pieart -2, Riportella -2, Ross, Rossmiller -2, Selden -2, Snyder -2, Spelhaug, St.Laurent -2, Tunnicliff -2, Urbaitis -2, Voigt -2.

Make up a meeting at nearby Rotary Clubs:

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

LobsterFest Organizers Thrilled with Event

The LobsterFest Committee of Bettendorf Rotary wishes to thank all the sponsors, volunteers, guests and members who made the first LobsterFest ever held in the Quad Cities such a huge success.

On the evening of June 16, about 300 Quad-Citians enjoyed a lobster dinner under a giant tent on the grounds of Rivermont Collegiate. After dinner and dessert, they participated in a lively silent auction.

After all expenses, the event cleared more than \$20,000 to benefit charitable causes supported by Bettendorf Rotary, including the Christian Care Domestic Abuse Shelter in Rock Island.

To achieve this level of success for a first-time event required a tremendous effort on the part of many people and institutions. We wish to thank them all for their hard work:



LobsterFest was presented by The National Bank. Other sponsors were Home Instead Senior Care, Iowa American Water Co., A.G. Edwards & Sons, Bowe Machine Co., Califf & Harper P.C., The Employment Source, Hi Ho Mongolian Grill, McGinnis-Chambers Funeral & Cremation Services, Carter and Kay LeBeau, Glenn and Debbie Pelecky, RJS & Associates, The Schebler Company, Steve's Mirror & Glass, Wagner's Cleaners and Weerts Funeral Home. Media sponsors: Quad-City Times, QC Magazine, KWQC TV-6 and WOC TalkRadio 1420. Print sponsor: Pension Inc.

Volunteers: Dr. Elaine Winter, director, and a crew of volunteers from the Christian Care Shelter; Chef Brad Scott and the students from the Scott Community College Culinary Arts department; volunteer servers from the Iowa Quad-City Police Alumni Association and two Steamwheelers Deckmates.

Thank you all very much.

Planning for the 2008 LobsterFest has already begun.

The Bettendorf Rotary LobsterFest Committee

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This Week's Program was introduced by President Lisa Brown

LORA ADAMS, WQPT TV

Our own Lora Adams gave us a history of PBS in general and WQPT in particular. Lora appreciates our club's support during their annual fundraiser, noting that Bettendorf Rotary holds the Rotary / PBS fundraising trophy now-- and to keep it be sure to help again this year during the first week of August.

Her news was that public television in the Quad-Cities is charting a new course. Until now, the public TV broadcaster relied heartily on the financial support from viewers. Now Black Hawk College board of trustees under the leadership of college President Keith Miller decided WQPT's best value to the college is the cash that might be generated from selling the license and equipment.

Notably, it's a license the college never paid for. It was granted by the federal government. Almost all of the equipment was purchased through State of Illinois grants sought by the WQPT, not the college. Lora noted that this makes it easier for the license to be purchased by those who plan to continue to use the license in its current way, as if any other use might require the purchaser to pay for new equipment.

The college for years has been a very, very generous, No. 2 supporter of Quad-City public broadcasting. The No. 1 financial supporters have always been the public that responds to the fundraising drives.

A task force convened to chart the future is looking for ideas to change the programming to emphasize a more local focus. Right now, most public television fans look to WQPT for the trademark public television news, documentary, kids' programming and those British comedies and dramas. Much of that same programming is available elsewhere through cable and the Web.

WQPT already has a long tradition of unique, though limited, local programming. Susan McPeters has presented "Perspectives" for more than 15 years. She also created Life and Times, an award-winning feature series with a rich archive of local stories.

It was WQPT that produced and publicly aired the Iowa 1st District Congressional debate organized by the QC Times last year. Commercial broadcasters didn't do it.

Contact WQPT with your ideas via mail at WQPT, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL 61265-5899, Phone: (309)796-2424 or toll free at (800)747-2430., E-mail: wqpt@bhc.edu,

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