



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Aug. 17, 2011, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Glass heads Iowa's Dept. of Education



Our speaker at the Aug. 24 meeting will be Dr. **Jason Glass**, director of the Iowa Department of Education, which he has pledged “will focus on... demonstrating... leadership,

promoting innovation in education and acting as a servant to schools and communities in Iowa” as the department works “... to restore Iowa’s tradition as a national leader in education....”

Jason taught at the high school and university levels in Kentucky before moving to Colorado where he advocated for students with disabilities and “helped develop an early-childhood education quality-rating system....” He was director of human resources for Eagle County schools in Colorado. In 2010 as a consultant he helped schools in Tennessee and Ohio implement the Race to the Top program.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2010

Grassley sees cuts in 3 major areas



Sen. Grassley and our State Rep. Linda Miller

U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, the guest speaker at our Aug. 17 meeting, said that significant debt reduction cannot be achieved without cuts in defense, Social Security and Medicare. At the same time, he said he was committed to preserving those programs – but with changes. He said he hopes the so-called “super-committee” of 12 legislators, drawn equally from both parties in the House and Senate, can find common ground to begin those changes.

As for defense, the senator said the same policy has guided the forces since World War II, but it “needs to be flexible,” and able to respond to “the wars of the future.”

However the debt issues are resolved, he said, it must be the result of a bipartisan effort. Although he showed charts that he said showed that raising the highest

marginal tax rate has not increased federal revenue in the past, he disagreed with many in his party by saying, “We should close most or all tax loopholes” – with the possible exception of those affecting charitable giving and home mortgages. He advocated shrinking federal spending to 19% of Gross Domestic Product – it has risen to 24% in recent years.

On his way to the rostrum, the senator exchanged comments with guest **Ed Brown**, who earlier had thanked BRC for awarding him a scholarship. As he closed his remarks, Ed had quipped, “I’d better sit down – I think you’d rather hear the senator talk.” In his remarks, Sen. Grassley quipped, “Maybe you would prefer to hear Mr. Brown talk – after all Congress’ popularity only stands at 15%.”

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and singing of the patriotic song, “My Country, ’Tis of Thee.” After Moments of Reflection, song-leader **Tom Howard** conducted us in an *a cappella* rendition of “R-O-T-A-R-Y.”

Secretary Chuck introduced:

Visiting Rotarians:

Merle Anderson, North Scott: Ag Marketing
Ralph Heninger, Davenport: Attorney

Guests:

Judy Davidson with **Duncan Cameron**
Kara Mitvalsky with **Frank Mitvalsky**
Dan Keuter with **Paul Scranton**
John Ortega with **John Archer**
Steve Marten (*Quad-City Times*) & John Marx (*The Dispatch* and *Rock Island Argus*) with **Glenn Kass**



Guest Judy Davidson with Duncan Cameron

Ed Wright (Scott Community College student who received a BRC scholarship to support his studies to become a nurse) with **Lisa Brown**

Announcements...

➔ **BRC Social Hour.** The next social hour will be on **Thursday, Aug. 18, at Governor’s**, Bettendorf, beginning at 5:30 p.m



➔ **Rotary-in-Motion Challenge.** After 8 weeks, **Dick Schillig** announced the teams’ performances: **Kevin Kraft’s** (“Mile High Club”) racked up 517 miles for a total north of 3,000. **Jonna Schuler** and her “Racy Rotarians” added 448 miles to their total – 2,791. And **Kurt Lokenvitz** and his “Gears in Motion” teammates walked 259 miles, closing in on 2,000. Strider awards this week go to **Diane Ricketts-McCool, Penny McGimpsey** and **Connie Mangler**. “You earn bonus miles for either volunteering

or participating in the Run With Carl,” Dick said – as a segue to the next announcement.

➔ **Run With Carl.** With 19 days left,



Chelsea Powers called for more help providing cookies / muffins (“You can buy ’em – you don’t

have to bake ’em,” he said.), controlling traffic and working water stops. “We also need a source for water bottles,” Dick added.

➔ **Help for polo event.** **President Scott** called for 5 volunteers – “I’ll give you 2 make-ups” – to work at the polo-match fundraiser to benefit the Genesis Cancer Care Institute. Work time: about 2:30-6 p.m. Saturday. Event site: 4150 Forest Grove Road.

The news...



Lora Adams reported news you don’t get anywhere else: Deere & Co. reported net income of \$712 - \$1.69 per share.... A

Japanese female student fell over a safety rail into Niagara Falls; searchers found a male body.... A shark killed a honeymooning man in the Seychelles.... Tobacco companies sued to block graphic health warnings, saying they’ll make customers “afraid” of their product.... Aussie driver arrested for driving his scooter (a motorized beer cooler) after

sampling its contents.... Latest weapon in men’s battle of the bulge: Manx (like female Spanx)...



Glenn Kass and Kirsten Adams, members of the Communication Committee, which met before the BRC meeting.

Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$208 for our foundations. These happy folks tossed in Ryan \$\$: **Decker Ploehn** – in the WQPT Challenge, we pledged \$3,695 “and kicked East Moline’s butt” – still need to beat Davenport... **Frank Mitvalsky** – 3-day, 2-night family canoe trip... **John Sherrick** – daughter earned master’s of nursing, passed nursing boards and became engaged... **Harry Coin** – his youngest now in high school, eldest in grad school... **Lora Adams** – 30th anniversary... **Dawn Saul** – birthday... **Rich James** – **John DeDoncker** is running in the Leadville 100 (-mile race)... **Todd Ashby** – please support Rivermont’s fundraiser golf event Sept. 19... **Jim Spelhaug** – Hopewell Elementary is open + PVHS students ranked No. 1 in Iowa with a 25.2 average ... **Lora Adams** plugged *Nana’s Naughty Knickers* at Circa ’21, Aug. 19-Sept. 24 (in which she has a role).



Missing today:

Atnip-2, Boeye, Bowe, Carte -2, Cahalan, Daley, DeBuhr, DeDoncker, Dobesh-4, Eikenberry , Ellstrom-7, Felsing, Freemire-3, Freese-2, Gudgel, Harrison-7, Hartsock-2, Hassel, Hinton-7, Kappeler, Kraft, Lane, Lanum-7, Larsen-4, Legare-3, Loweth, Lundin-2, McGimpsey, McWilliams-2, Manas-7, Murray, Nielsen, Nelson-3, Olson-2, Pelecky-7, Praul, Ricketts-McCool, Sarver, St. Laurent, Volbrecht-7, Windmiller-7, Worley-7

Make-up:

Patrick Eikenberry @ Iowa Quad Cities



Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: 340-5114, bmfkennedy@att.net

Aug. 24: Jason Glass, director, Iowa Department of Education

Aug. 31: **Brian Kennedy**, federal health care reform

Sept. 14: Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds

News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...

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Photographer: Carter LeBeau...

Webmeister/Website 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.: 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

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