



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
**Nov. 2, 2011, issue**

## ***Next meeting:***

Noon Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011,  
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant



## **Come and meet DG Don Patterson & Becky**

Our very special guest at the Nov. 9 meeting will be **Dist. 6000 Gov. Don Patterson** and his wife **Becky**. Don is the chief executive officer at the Washington County Hospital in Washington, Iowa, where he is a member of the Rotary Club of Washington. Becky is a registered nurse working at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City.

Don joined Rotary in 1972. His work in hospital administration has led him to live in seven states, direct nine hospitals, and join five Rotary clubs. Since joining the Washington Club, Don has been active in board, foundation, grant, and

international youth activities at the club level. He was president of the club in 2003-04, and named Rotarian of the year in 2006. He served as an assistant district governor in 2006-08, and in 2009 became a member of the District PolioPlus Challenge Committee.

Becky became an “official” Rotarian in 2006, and the Rotary Club of Washington named her Rotarian of the Year in 2011.

## ***Last meeting:***

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2010

## **Mayoral candidates outlined priorities**

The three candidates for mayor of Bettendorf in the Nov. 8 election – attorney **Bob Gallagher Jr.**, retired nurse and former Alderwoman **Patricia Malinee** and teacher **Dave Thede** – outlined their “top three priorities” during remarks at the Nov. 2 meeting. All three addressed the city’s long-term debt – each from a different angle. That debt totals about \$111 million, which is about 75% of the legal limit for a city of Bettendorf’s size.



**Thede** described his top priority as responsiveness to the needs and wants of the city’s people. His campaign materials include his personal phone number and

email address, and he promised to respond as soon as possible to any citizen call. As for the city’s debt and budget,

Thede said he favored prioritizing all city services so they could be maintained without borrowing. He cited his experience as a consensus-builder as a prime qualification to bring the City Council together and attract employers with a “pay it forward” policy, in which companies would receive tax rebates after proving their commitment to Bettendorf, rather than increased use of Tax Increment Financing, or TIF.



**Malinee** cited the city’s debt, which she said “will be with us for 20 years or more,” as her top priority, vowing to reduce it to 40-60% as soon as possible. She

outlined plans to use disinterested citizens and experts to help create the framework for rolling back debt and setting spending priorities. She sees economic development as a second priority – keeping TIF financing as “one tool in our kit” but to be used only to catch “the big fish.” She considers maintenance of the city’s amenities as important – but she would treat them as a whole when making decisions about the levels of subsidy, “so we can have many attractions,” she said.

**Gallagher** listed job creation and the expansion of employers as his top priority. “We are an attractive place to build,” he said. Citing the ease with which city and school systems work together, he described family friendliness and environmental concerns as his second priority. He noted that it is

important to work with all the Quad Cities, while developing and expanding Bettendorf facilities. The city’s services and amenities received



Gallagher’s third priority emphasis – maintaining and expanding both quality-of-life aspects while continually applying efficiencies. Underlying all those priorities, he said, is the principal of financial responsibility. “We need to invest in the city’s infrastructure,” mindful of all aspects of its finances, not just the debt.



### The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “America the Beautiful.” After Moments of Reflection, song leader **Tom Howard** – aided by **Sheri Fleming** on the piano – led the

tune-fest: “Sing Out a Song of Rotary,” “Shine on Harvest Moon” and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.” November birthdays are: 4, Fred Anderson; 6,



**Nicole McWilliams**; 7, Scott Tunnicliff; 8, Bob Lundin; 9, Becky Hinton; 13, John Sherrick; 14, Scott Naumann; 18, Rev. Gene Miller, John Riepe; 21, Brent Werner, Jean Dickson; 27, Cathy Duda, and 30, Ken Vandersnick.

No visiting Rotarians or

guests attended the meeting.

### Announcements...

→ **QCSO concert.** Tom Howard announced the Quad-City Symphony Orchestra concert this Saturday and Sunday would feature Brahms pieces.

→ **Dictionaries for 4<sup>th</sup> graders.** Jim Spelhaug said the distribution of a brand-new dictionary to each 4<sup>th</sup> grader in the city went “wonderfully well” and we can expect to see coverage in the newspaper.



→ **Holiday Hat Bash.** Ellen Harrison invited all to the “party with a purpose” – providing gifts and holiday cheer for seniors (especially those without family nearby), 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 at CASI, 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport. For information, and to register, go to HatBash.com or call 563-265-1HAT (1428). Ellen also promoted

“Be a Santa to a Senior,” Nov. 5-Dec. 10: “Go to a Walgreen’s, get a senior’s name and return a gift to that store,” Ellen said.

→ **Davenport Rotary Centennial.** Jeff Hassel (via text to **President Scott**) let it be known that 4 seats are still available at the BRC tables for the Nov. 11 centennial celebration of the founding of the Davenport Rotary Club. Contact Jeff for details: **336-3008**, [jhassel@davchc.com](mailto:jhassel@davchc.com).

→ **Thanksgiving Baskets.** Kevin Kraft said volunteers who signed up to deliver baskets to 10 Bettendorf families on the Saturday before Thanksgiving will get an email with detailed instructions.



### The news...

**Fred Anderson** took over for the injured **Lora Adams** with this news: Four right-wing militia men in their 60s and 70s were arrested, accused of plotting to attack federal buildings in Atlanta.... Denver got 6 more inches of snow overnight — and that front is moving east.... Stock prices rallied on Wall Street Wednesday... The U.S. House on Tuesday passed a resolution reaffirming “In God We Trust” as the national motto. One lawmaker called it “a distraction from the nation's real problems ... nobody is threatening (it).”... When a South Carolina woman joked to trick-or-treaters that she’d take away their candy, one 10-year-old boy pointed a 9mm handgun at her. Both he and his brother had guns, which they had taken without permission from their grandfather. Police recovered both weapons. Next year – if they can trick-or-treat – maybe they’ll go as “normal” monsters, like vampires or zombies....



### Thanks to BRC...

**President Scott** passed along thanks from Rivermont Collegiate for the \$500 check BRC sent the school for its support of the annual LobsterFest.

Scott also announced a Rotary Club in New Port Richey, Fla., had donated \$200 to the Rotary Foundation in memorial to **Bernie Vogel**.

### Sergeant at arms...

**President Scott** collected \$202 for our foundations + \$35 in birthday money from **Nicole McWilliams**. Inexplicably, she got razed by **Kevin Kraft** for the check amount / number of candles on her cake; later, he tossed in a bill and admitted his comment had not been “fair to all concerned.” Other **Ryan Happy** \$\$ donors: **Fred Anderson** – 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his 39<sup>th</sup> birthday... **A Happy Cardinals Fan** (didn’t see who) – happy for the World Series outcome... **President Scott** – noticed **Glenn Kass**’s haircut (a week late)... **Tim Lane** – \$20 to hear **Carter LeBeau** sing “Bear

Down, Chicago Bears” – so he obliged, *a cappella*... **Dave Deuth** (a Vikings fan ) – “But the Bears had a bye week”... **John Rabine** – “Carter’s the best sport” around... **Lisa Brown** – “Vote for me for at-large alderman next Tuesday.”

### Missing today

L. Adams, Archer-3, Atnip-2, Boeye, Cameron, Chambers-3, H. Coin, Cahalan-3, DeBuhr-2, Dobesh-2, Duda-3, Edwards-5, Eikenberry-4, Ellstrom-18, Falk, Freemire-8, Gallagher, Hassel, Hinton-18, Kappeler-3, Kennedy-2, Kinsley, Lanum-18, Legare-14, Limberg, Lundin, Mangler, Mitvalsky, Nelson-7, Pelecky-18, Pieart-3, Ploehn-2, Praul, Ross, Sarver-10, Schillig-2, Sherrick-3, St. Laurent, Werner-2, Worley-3



### Make-ups:

At today’s committee meetings: Tony Calabrese, John DeDoncker, Paul Scranton, Simon Bowe, Lisa Brown, Greg Blaske, Carl Loweth, Dawn Saul, Brian Rolf, Jerry Felsing, Mike Volbrecht, Ozzie Oswald, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Andrew Gudgel, Todd Larson, David Deuth, Ellen Harrison, Jonna Schuler, Jean Dickson, Kevin Kraft, Steve Sorensen, Nicole McWilliams, Tim Lane, Rich James, Jim Spelhaug, Beverly Murray, Kirsten Adams, Kurt Lokenvitz, Steve Habenicht, Chelsea Powers



### **Upcoming meetings...**

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: 340-5114, [bmfkennedy@att.net](mailto:bmfkennedy@att.net)  
**Nov. 9:** Rotary district governor Don Patterson and his wife Becky.

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

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...  
Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...  
Photographer: Carter LeBeau...  
Webmeister/Web-site 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.: Iowa 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.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)

