



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Aug. 25, 2010, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010, at
The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Virtual soldier helps make real weapons



If your kid is addicted to video games, don't let him see this: The featured speaker at the Sept. 1 meeting is **Dr. Karim Abdel-Malek**, professor of biomedical engineering and director of the Center for

Computer-Aided Design, University of Iowa, who will tell us about the Virtual Soldier Research program. Funded with more than \$20 million from the Department of Defense and Midwest corporations, VSR creates human-like life on the computer – virtual soldiers that can walk, behave and talk like people, but in the virtual world. Rather than building a prototype of a vehicle, a tank or a weapon system, the VSR allows the virtual soldier to experience the product in the virtual world, providing feedback to guide further development. In addition to working with the Defense Department, VSR does research for Caterpillar Corporation, USCAR and Harley-Davidson. To learn more, click: www.ccad.uiowa.edu/vsr/.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010

Here's an update on the WIU-QC campus



Since the Quad-City campus of Western Illinois University has been in the news hundreds of times in the last year, **Dr. Joseph Rives**, vice president of WIU-Quad Cities, took questions from the members and guests at the Aug. 25

meeting. Some of his answers:

The first building on the campus is scheduled to open spring 2012, ahead of schedule. WIU-QC will offer about 20 graduate, 25 undergraduate majors; "The curriculum is pegged to the needs of the Quad-City economy," Rives said. Engineering majors are electrical and industrial. Iowa students pay Illinois tuition at WIU. WIU's in the top 20% of universities serving low-income students. *U.S. News* rates WIU No. 11 in the Midwest. Rives meets monthly with the presidents of Augustana and St. Ambrose. The Leathernecks (Yes, there is a tie to the Marines [HOO-rah].) will play hockey at i-wireless and some football somewhere in QC. When finished, the campus will host 3-5,000 students, have an economic impact of \$55M on the QC. He's very happy that WIU now is home to WQPT-TV.

The meeting opened...

As has become our custom for opening meetings, **President Jeff Hassel** led the group recitation of the 4-Way Test and led the singing of The National Anthem. After Moments of Reflection, the singing resumed with “Sing Out a Song of Rotary” and “Run with Carl” under the direction of **Tom Howard** with the keyboard legerdemain of **Bernie Vogel**.

Lee Semenow, channeling Secretary Chuck, introduced:



Visiting Rotarians:

Otto Holmegrain,
Rock Island
Larry Minard,
Davenport
Mardy Morrow,
North Scott

Guests:

Ellen Morrison with
Kristen Adams
Tracy Naab with
Phil Kinsley
Peggy Hartwes with
Audie Foster

(After the meeting, **Chuck** sent an email: “My cataract operation went well.... See you next Wednesday. Chuck”)

Announcements...



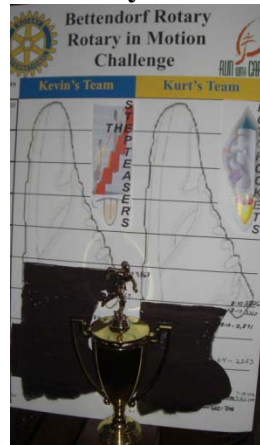
→ WQPT Challenge.

Announcing that last week’s telethon had raised only \$1,700, because so few phones went unanswered (Where was everybody? Really?), **President Jeff** turned **Decker Ploehn** loose on the

assembled crowd. Raising the specter of

the East Moline club winning the trophy again this year, Decker passed out pledge forms and urged participation. By the end of the meeting \$1,100 more had been pledged – but we need \$3,000 to get the TV for the Golf Outing auction. *So, keep digging!*

→ Rotary in Motion Challenge/Run With Carl.



Entering the last week of this grueling competition, **Dick Schillig** updated the results. While three members of **Kurt Lokenvitz** – **Connie Mangler**, **Greg Blaske** and **John DeDoncker**

– have all topped 1 million steps, the StepTeasers with **Kevin Kraft** at the helm still lead the race. Dick asked for a volunteer with a pickup to set out cones at 5 a.m. on race day – and **Tim Lofgren** quickly raised his hand. Still more volunteers are needed, Dick said, reminding everyone, “Each 5-mile or 5K participant – and every volunteer worker – gets an additional 10 miles.” **Sign up at:** <http://runwithcarl.com>.

→ **Red Badge Meeting.** The event when new members learn all there is to know about Rotary and BRC – including “the secret handshake” – has been scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Farraday’s.

The news...

The day’s headlines from **Lora Adams** included some news... and some other stuff. Bad guys in Iraq kill at least 50 ... the Gulf of Mexico disaster leads to



discovery of an oil-eating bacterium... golf pro Jim Furyk overslept, so FedEx Cup playoff event booted him... a German man was shot in the head – and it took 5 years for him to realize it... a Florida man

shot his 72-year-old wife as they staged a “robbery drill” to prepare in case of an intruder; she’s recovering after surgery... the winner of a contest is going to spend a month living in Chicago’s Museum of Science and Industry.



Other BRC news...

➔ **Greeters.** In case you failed to notice last week, now we have photographic evidence: **Dawn Saul**, a member of the Membership Committee, greeted each arriving Rotarian and visitor as they arrived. It’s going to keep happening.... “Welcome!”

Sergeant at Arms...

So many people were happy, and they tossed in so any **Ryan \$\$**, that the counting was still going on at press-time (I guess). Happy people:

Harry Coin – introduced the day’s “mystery guest” (sorry – couldn’t get the

name)... **Kevin Kraft** – “remorseful” for all the Rotary Challenge trash talk, he gave kudos to all walkers... **Mike Freemire** – son’s in college, so he gave his “last \$2”... **Tom Howard** – proud his employer made the front page of Sunday’s Business Section... **Rich James** – proud his *alma mater* received its biggest single donation ever, \$11M, and his 43rd anniversary... **Lora Adams** – 29th anniversary... **Audie Foster** – blood drive at work in memory of a stricken co-worker... **Steve Piart** – son’s volleyball team #12 in Iowa...

Decker Ploehn – flood damage now repaired in son’s home...

Jen DeBuhr – 2nd

anniversary...

John Rabine (notice the seersucker suit)

– **Golf Outing**, Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Palmer Hills – with steak fry, live music, silent auction.



Missing Today:

Adams, Ahlstrand-4, Blaske, Boeye-3, Bowe, Browh-2, G. Coin-2, Coley-6, Daugherty, DeDoncker, Dobesh-2, Douglas-3, Ellstrom-8, Felsing-2, Freese-2, Gabrilson, Gallagher, Gudgel, Heninger, Hinton-8, Jones-4, Kapapeler-2, Koos, Lane, Lanum-4, Legare-2, McCully, McGimpsey, McWilliams-5, G. Miller, L. Miller, Mitvalsky, Mooney, Pelecky-7, Powers-2, Richards-2, Sarver, Schuler, Selden-8, Sherrick-3, St. Laurent, Schutte, Volbrecht-3, Worley-3

Future meetings:

Sept. 1: Dr. Karim Abdel-Malek, University of Iowa, “Virtual Soldier Research” program

Sept. 8: Mark Ross, “SCRA: The upcoming referendum on gambling”

Sept. 15: Golf Outing

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Website host Harry Coin



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Fellowship co-chairs:

Golf Outing/Steak Fry: John Rabine

John Deere Classic/TPC: Jeff Hassel & Lisa Brown

Run with Carl: Dick Schillig & Chelsea Powers

Winter Party: Lisa Brown

Sunshine chair: Lora Adams

Music co-chairs: Tom Howard & Bernie Vogel

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

Link to Run with Carl: www.runwithcarl.com

Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon..... Moline – Christ the King Catholic Church

Monday, 6 pm..... QC Illinois – Arbor Village Club House, Moline

Tuesday, 7:15 am..... River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapid City

Tuesday, noon....Rock Island – QC Botanical Center

Wednesday, noon....Bettendorf – Fortune Garden Restaurant

Wednesday, 5 pm.....Mini Meet – Lunardi's Restaurant, Davenport

Thursday, 7 am.....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