



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

BRC's annual grants given to QC charities

We begin the New Year with an event that underscores what Rotary is all about – the Bettendorf Rotary Charities Board's presentation of grants. This year nine Quad-City community organizations will receive a total of \$15,000. Representatives of each of the groups have been invited to receive their checks and comment on their work.



Charity Board members are **Jeff Hassel**, Ralph Heninger, Rich James, Ann Kappeler, Kevin Kraft and Sharon Sarver.

Grants go to:
= **Family Resources**, \$2,500, vocational

catering program;
= **Handicapped Development Center**, \$1,000, outdoor pavilion furniture;
= **Honor Flight of the Quad Cities**, \$2,500, send World War II veterans to Washington, D.C.;

= **Humility of Mary Housing**, \$2,500, support for homeless single-parent families;
= **Rick's House of Hope**, \$2,500, help for children and their caregivers after a loss;
= **River Music Experience**, \$1,000, upgrade audio/visual equipment;
= **Scott County Family Y**, \$1,000, support military families;
= **Street Team: Homeless Outreach**, \$1,000, basic needs to the homeless;
= **Thomas Merton House (Café on Vine)**, \$1,000, dining room chairs.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009



QC nuclear plant part of largest US producer

Nuclear-generated electrical energy is safe, efficient and cost-effective, according to **Bill Stoermer**, senior communications manager for the Exelon Nuclear Generating Station, Quad Cities, guest speaker at the Dec. 30 meeting.

Stoermer provided a wealth of information on nuclear energy in general and the Quad Cities plant specifically. Worldwide, there are 439 active nuclear

power plants; 104 of them are in the U.S., clustered mostly on the East Coast. Exelon, the nation's largest operator of nuclear power plants, operates 17 reactors at 10 sites in Illinois, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The U.S. generates 21% of its electricity at nuclear-powered plants (56% from coal plants). Illinois gets 48% of its electricity from nuclear plants, while Iowa, gets 10% of its electricity from its one plant. The Cordova plant generates enough electricity for 1.3 million homes.

After explaining how a nuclear power plant works – emphasizing that cooling water and the reactor-heated steam that runs electricity-generating turbines are distinct systems that never mix – Stoermer described the QC plant's elaborate safety measures that protect workers and the public from radiation, while extensive security precautions make access to the plant extremely difficult for any potential intruder.

The meeting opened...

President Dave Deuth opened the meeting by leading a recitation of **The 4-Way Test**: "Is It The Truth? Is It Fair to All Concerned? Will It Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will It Be Beneficial to All Concerned?" The singing began with a rousing rendition of "This Is My Country."



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accompaniment from keyboardmeister **Bernie Vogel**: "We Three Kings of Orient Are," "Deck the Hall," "Jingle Bells" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Secretary Chuck introduced: Guests...

Lauren Kraft with Kevin Kraft
Jim Kappeler with Ann Kappeler
Steve Anderson with Duncan Cameron

Announcements...

→ Holiday party. President

Dave reminded everyone of the **annual Winter Party**, Saturday evening, Jan. 9, 2010, at the Outing Club in Davenport.

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The News...

Fred Anderson ... hadn't prepared a news report, so he advised those present "to read the *Quad-City Times* for local news and check CNN for the latest news from elsewhere..."

Sergeant at Arms...

Sgt-at-arms **Greg Blaske** took the microphone and presided as members shared their good news (and **Ryan \$\$** good news as



well): **Tim Downing** – his son-in-law in Antarctica (?)... **Decker Ploehn** – city snow removal kudos... **Linda Miller** – heading for Hawaii on vacation... **Tom Olson** – going to be a grampa again... **Dave Deuth** – sympathy for his Vikings losing to the Bears (does *anybody else* feel like sharing that sentiment?) (anybody?)...

The big Sgt-at-arms winners: **Greg Blaske** – \$44 for accumulating that many years in age... **Frank Schwab** – \$52 for that many years of wedded bliss...



In the middle of all that, **Kevin Kraft** – who expected to be Sgt-at-arms and had actually prepared an informative discourse – announced he’s going to be a granddaddy for the 5th time, and shared the “Top 5 Oddball Tax Deductions,” including writing off trips to Bermuda, Barbados and other destinations with palm trees – as well as breast implants, body oils and more (if you want details, you have to come to the meetings)...

Missing Today:

Adams-2, Ahlstrand-3, Brown-4, Boeye, Calabrese-3, Chambers, H. Coin, Coley-6, DeDoncker-2, Dobesh-10, Eikenberry, Ellstrom, Foster-2, Freemire-4, Gudgel, Haffernan-5, Heinrich, Heninger-2, Hintermeister-2, Hinton-7, James-2, Kennedy, Kinsley-2, Koos-12, Lane, Legare-6, Larsen, Loweth, Lundin-2, McWilliams-3, Mangler, Mitvalsky, Nanda, Nielsen-2, Pelecky-4, Piart, Rabine, Richards-4, Ricketts-McCool-2, Ross-3, Schillig, Selden-3, Sherrick, Spelhaug-2, Spyrow-25, St. Laurent-6, Volbrecht-3, Worley-3

Make-ups:

Chelsea Powers @ eClub of District 7890

Today’s committee meeting: Linda Miller, Decker Ploehn, Duncan Cameron, Sharon Sarver, Karen Atnip, Greg

Adamson, Greg Blaske, Tim Downing, Kevin Kraft, Gene Miller.

The meeting ended...

... with **President Dave** quoting Ralph Waldo Emerson: “What you do speaks so loudly that I can’t hear what you say.” As Rotarians, Dave continued, what we do has an important impact on the community.

Upcoming meetings...

Jan. 6: Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Giving grants... **Jan. 13:** Update on the Bettendorf Rotary LobsterFest, from Scott Naumann.

News Staff...

Editor Fred Anderson...
Reporter Chuck Mooney...
Photographer Carter LeBeau...
Webmeister Ralph Heninger

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