



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
June 10, 2009, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, June 17, 2009,
at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

QC Red Cross chief Betsy Pratt to speak

Betsy Pratt, CEO of the American Red Cross of the Quad Cities Area, will be our guest speaker for the June 17 meeting. With headquarters in Moline, the Quad Cities Area chapter of the Red Cross provides services to Scott, Muscatine and Louisa counties in Iowa and Rock Island, Mercer, Bureau, Whiteside and Henry counties in Illinois.

Betsy has been CEO since 2001.



**American
Red Cross**

For the last three years, the Quad Cities unit has achieved the designation of Highly Performing Chapter; only 38 other chapters have attained that rating, which is based on how high it ranks on 47 specific performance measurements. The Red Cross has 749 chapters.

“The Highly Performing Chapter ranking is a direct result of the hard work and commitment of countless volunteers, financial donors and staff at our chapter

to carry out the mission of the Red Cross,” Pratt said.

The American Red Cross provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. The Quad Cities Area chapter has more than 800 volunteers. Each year these volunteers, plus paid staff, respond to nearly 150 single-family fires; provide emergency communication to more than 500 military families and train some 20,000 persons in CPR, first aid and the use of defibrillators.

Pratt began her Red Cross career in 1985 as the health and safety services director of the Grant Wood Area chapter in Cedar Rapids. She became that chapter’s assistant executive director in 1997.

She is a member of the Davenport Rotary Club. For more information, click on: <http://qcredcross.org/>.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, June 10, 2009 ...

Bettendorf, PV students receive ‘Run with Carl’ scholarships

Since 2005 Bettendorf Rotary has been the title sponsor of the annual “Run with Carl,” one of the city’s premier events. At the June 10 meeting **Dick Schillig**, co-founder of the races, and member of Bettendorf





Rotary, put the event into perspective by announcing the 2009 recipients of the four-year, \$4,000 Carl D. Schillig Memorial Fund scholarships.

This year's awards go to **Lauren Flahive**, a member of the Bettendorf High School class of 2009, and **Matthew S. Rubins**, a 2009 graduate of Pleasant Valley High School. They are the 19th and 20th recipients of Schillig Scholarships.



Lauren has been a member of the National Honor Society and a participant in volleyball, basketball, track and youth ministry for all four years of high school. She will be a freshman at Iowa

State University in the fall.



Matthew will attend Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, this fall. During his high school career, Matt participated in cross-country, swimming, track and field for all four years. For two of those years, he was

co-captain of PV's State Champion cross-country team.

Each year the Schilligs award four-year scholarships to one graduating senior each from Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley high schools.

"Run with Carl" memorializes the life of Dick and Juanita Schillig's son Carl through college scholarships and promotion of the sport of running. Carl was a 15-year-old student at Pleasant Valley when he died in a car-pedestrian accident while participating in the Civil War Reenactment at the Village of East Davenport in 1994.

The 15th anniversary "Run with Carl" is Labor Day, Sept. 7, 2009. To learn more, go to <http://www.runwithcarl.com/pages/main.html>.

**LOBSTERFEST UPDATE:
IT'S A
SELL-
OUT!!!**

→ With just three days to go before the 3rd annual Bettendorf



Rotary LobsterFest, event co-chair **Frank Mitvalsky** announced that all 300 tickets had been sold, the lobsters had been ordered, and – while the best guess for 72 hours away was for sunny skies – contingency plans had been made in case the weather man's dart happened to hit the wrong forecast.

Reminding us of the underlying reason for this gala event – raising funds for many of Bettendorf Rotary's projects throughout the coming year – Frank thanked the generous sponsors of the 2009 LobsterFest:

- The National Bank, presenting sponsor, \$5,000 (John DeDoncker)

- Professional Touch Cleaning, \$2,500 (Diane Ricketts McCool)
- HomeInstead Senior Care, \$1,000 (Steve Habenicht)
- Weerts Funeral Home, \$1,000 (Dave Deuth)
- Iowa American Water Co, \$1,000 (Brock Earnhardt)
- Califf & Harper, P.C., \$500 (Frank Mitvalsky)
- McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home, \$500 (Dave Chambers)
- Sandstrom Products, \$500 (Rick Hartsock)
- Wachovia Securities, \$500 (Rich James)
- Glen Pelecky, \$500
- Wagners Cleaners, \$500 (Ken Vandersnick)
- Schebler Company, \$500 (James Anderson)
- Russell Electric, \$500 (Jeff Lanum)
- Estes Construction, \$500 (Brian Rossmiller)
- Midwest Seafood, \$500 (Jeff Melchert)
- Steve's Mirror & Glass, \$500 (Jerry Felsing)



The in-kind sponsors also received grateful recognition:

- Isle of Capri: appetizers
- HyVee: various food items
- WOC: media sponsor
- *Quad-City Times*: media sponsor
- Rivermont Collegiate: host
- Scott Community College: culinary host

Frank also gave special thanks to several members – Jon Ryan, Bob Ryken and Dick Schillig for their monetary contributions; Mike Freemire for underwriting the printing of programs; and Tim Downing, for developing the “Plan B” weather contingency indoor seating plan.

When Frank finished thanking everybody, he donned his now-famous “cowboy hat” and got down to the nuts-and-bolts business of last-minute details. **Todd Larsen** joined him to ask for volunteers to fill out his roster of greeters, and to help with set-up and tear-down; he got them.



Rick Hartsock did some coordinating of the final seating arrangements at Fest tables.

Proceeds from the event go to Bettendorf Rotary’s Charitable Giving Fund, which last year gave grants to eight not-for-profit recipients. The goal for this third year of LobsterFest was to again raise \$30,000 to assist charities in the Quad Cities and beyond.



Announcements...

➔ President **Nicole McWilliams** presided at the meeting. The meeting opened with the singing of “This Is My Country” with Songmeister **Tom Howard** accompanied on the piano by **Bernie Vogel**. After a Moment of

Reflection, the songfest continued with another rousing session of our very own LobsterFest “anthem,” composed by Bernie and sung to the tune of “Jambalaya” – “... Goodbye, Joe, we gotta go to the Lobster Fest-a...” – followed by “All Hail to Rotary” and the



fight songs of Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley high schools, in honor of our scholarship recipients.

→ **President Nicole** announced that, while Bettendorf Rotary’s goal for Polio-Plus this year was \$1,500, we actually sent in a total of \$1,878.93.

→ **Lisa Brown** announced that more volunteers are still needed to staff the Bettendorf Rotary Hole No. 1 at the John Deere Classic.

Secretary Chuck introduced:

visiting Rotarians...

Tom Fedje, Davenport, Edgerton Women’s Health Center
Mike Trotter, Metro North, Cedar Rapids, Business Consultant and guest of Mark Ross

... and visitors



Fr. Raphael with Jim Slavens: In introducing his guest, Jim noted that Fr. Raphael runs a clinic in India that serves about 35,000 people from 13 villages in the surrounding countryside; he has

received support from Bettendorf Rotary and some other Rotary clubs.

Mark Ross also brought two of his colleagues

Dick Schillig introduced as his guests the parents of the Schillig Scholarship recipients

Ryan Powers with Chelsea Powers

The News...

Fred Anderson

reported the day’s news: Italy’s Fiat has taken over Chrysler... a suicide bomber wrecked a hotel and killed 11 in Pakistan... searchers are still looking for the “black box” from Air France Flight 447... a Florida couple, whose combined ages were 182 years, got married... and an Israeli woman sent searchers to three landfills looking for the mattress in which she said she stashed \$1 million (she didn’t trust banks...).



Sergeant at arms...

→ Pinch-hitting Sergeant-at-arms

President Nicole collected \$104 for our foundations.

CONTINUING OPPORTUNITY: If you enjoy public speaking and helping friends part with some money, there are still **OPENINGS in the sergeant-at-arms schedule. Contact Ben Selden: 449-1070.**

Missing Today:

Adams, Blaske, Bowe-2, Calabrese, Chambers, Coley-2, DeDoncker, Dobesh-2, Douglas, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-4, Gudger, Hassel-3, Heinrich, Heninger, Kappeler, Kempton-23, Koos-8, Legare, Link-23, Mangler-4, L. Miller, Nanda,

Pelecky-7, Richards, Ryan, Spelhaug,
Spyrow-4, Stradt-4, Swan-23, Tyler-13,
Worley-9

Make-ups:

Tony Calabrese at Davenport

At today's committee meetings...

Diane Ricketts-McCool, Brian Kennedy,
Dave Falk, David Deuth, Rick Hartsock,
Phil Kinsley, Jeff Lanum, Mark Ross,
Todd Larsen, Jerry Felsing, Decker
Ploehn, Tom Ahlstrand, Duncan
Cameron, Fred Anderson, Dick Schillig,
Rick St. Laurent.

Upcoming featured programs



*From Brian
Kennedy, program
chair:*

While
introducing the
program for the day,
Brian asked for help
in finding and
securing programs for
upcoming meetings.
While saying, “I

know a lot of people,” Brian admitted he
doesn't know them all, so after a year and
a half in the job, he could use some input
from members. Please spend a few
minutes with your business-card index.
Look for people who could tell us
something interesting in 15-20 minutes –
a business acquaintance, a store you've
visited recently, a service agency, a
charity.... **Then give Brian a call: 340-
5114.**

(And, by the way, **NEXT WEEK'S
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** The May 23
Quad-City Times carried a story
reporting, “The Republican National
Committee has picked a Bettendorf man
[**Brian Kennedy!!**] to be on a panel
studying the party's presidential election

process....” If *that* doesn't deserve a
hefty fine, this humble editor doesn't
know what would. So, Sarge, do your
job, already.)

'Staff' for this issue of *The Bettendorf Rotary Club News:*

Fred Anderson, editor... Carter LeBeau,
photos... Chuck Mooney, reporter...
Ralph Heninger, Webmeister.



Make up at a nearby Rotary Club:

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