



The Bettendorf Rotary Club News
April 9, 2008. Guests Welcome at our next meeting, Wed.,
April 16, 2008 Noon at the Fortune Garden. Featuring:

Don Welvaert, Mayor of Moline



Moline Mayor Don Welvaert will be our scheduled speaker at the April 16 meeting so please plan to attend.

Mayor Welvaert is participating in the Bettendorf Rotary's series of programs designed to expose our members to the Mayors of the Quad Cities.

The former Moline Alderman campaigned for Mayor on a platform of balanced progress, and creating and retaining jobs in the QC. Earlier this month the Mayor remarked at the Quad-City Chamber of Commerce Federation's Leadership Academy, that his two highest priorities are bringing passenger rail service to the Quad Cities, and construction of the Quad-City campus of Western Illinois University. Mayor Welvaert was part of a delegation to Springfield, Illinois to lobby for funding for that campus project.

A strong proponent of development in Moline, the Mayor also is an advocate for cooperation among all governmental entities in the Quad Cities. He is on record as supporting organizations like the Quad-City Development Group, and is a supporter of business and civic successes in the entire region.

By Fred Anderson

Rotary News and Announcements

Announcements:



Larry, the LOBSTER MAN

The Lobster Man made a surprise visit reminding us of our June 14th Lobsterfest, Larry is urging the sale of tickets to the event. So far 90 tickets are sold and you can purchase your tickets now for only \$60.

**Four tickets are "lost".
Please check for tickets
#29, 84, 85 and 86 and
report to Nicole.**



It's a duet with a Milwaukee Brewer Fan (Duncan Cameron) and a huge Cub fan (Carter Lebeau). However – they both sang the "Beer Barrel Polka"



Sergeant-at-Arms Jon Ryan

collected \$ 128 for our
foundations
**Somebody smashed his
windshield and left him
Four Cub tickets!**



Is this the look of a happy man? Frank was thrilled to learn we signed out over 90 Lobersterfest tickets during the April 9th meeting.

Connie Mangler Rotary Editor

*It's a pleasure to be your
editor for our
Bettendorf Rotary*

*Please email me with
suggestions and/or special news*

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Rick Best, general manager of WQPT



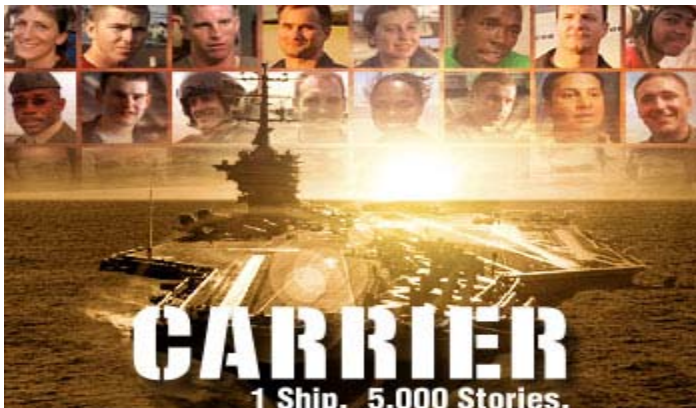
Our speaker on April 9th was Rick Best, General Manager for WQPT-TV and a member of the Davenport Rotary. Rick made a point to remind us about an upcoming TV program called "Carrier", set to aire the end of April. The program is a 10-hour series shown over five nights. A film crew was embedded on the USS Nimitz Carrier ship for 17 months and documented the lives of 16 sailors. (See details below)



Rick gave an interesting talk on the switch to Digital TV on February 17, 2009. Bottom line is be smart and be prepared for the switch from analog.

If you have cable or satellite TV, then you are prepared for the change to digital. If you have rabbit ears then you need to join the 20th Century. The change over on your TV may require a converter box priced between \$40-70. It is up to us to help educate people, especially the elderly, on the process before February 2009. You may recall that Lora mentioned registering for over \$40 worth of coupons. Contact Lora for details.

Speaking of Lora, since Rick is her boss, she felt it was the greatest speech ever given at Rotary.



Coming this month, **CARRIER**, a 10-part series filmed aboard the USS Nimitz, is a character-driven immersion in the high-stakes world of a nuclear aircraft carrier. The programs follow a core group of film participants, from the admiral of the strike group to the fighter pilots to the youngest sailors, as they navigate personal conflicts around their jobs, families, faith, patriotism, love, the rites of passage and the war on terror. [Learn more](#) or get a first look at CARRIER with behind-the-scenes footage and commentary.

Thanks for tuning into WQPT—your local PBS station.

A handwritten signature of Rick Best in black ink on a light gray background.

Rick Best
General Manager

Visiting Rotarians

Frank Klipsch, Davenport, YMCA
Bud Hagen, Davenport, Communications
Fred Hulton, Rock Island, Public Education

Guest: Peg Walker with Jon Ryan
James Haffarnan with John Rabine
Christy Filby with Tony Calabrese
Virginia Houlton with Fred Houlton

MISSING TODAY:

Ball -14, Blaske, Bowe, Brown, Chambers, Clow, H. Coin, Coley, DeDoncker -2, Dobesh -10, Eikenberry, Ellstrom -5, Falk, Felsing, Gallagher, Habenicht -2, Hyder -14, Kennedy -4, Lucas -5, G. Miller, L.Miller -11, Perisho -14, Ross -2, Schillig, Snyder -14, Spyrow -10, St. Laurent -11, Voigt -12, Worley -14.

Make Ups:

Jim Legare, Jim Spelhaug, Decker Ploehn, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Tony Calabrese, Tom Ahlstrand, Todd Larsen, S.K. Nanda, Carl Loweth, Joe Douglas, Steve Pieart, Phil Kinsley, Scott Tunnicliff, Mike Freemire, Duncan Cameron, Lora Adams, Ann Kappeler, Kevin Kehler, Lee Semenow, Bernie Vogel, Ron Essner, Chuck Mooney, Nicole McWilliams.



***From Mr. Brian Kennedy,
program chairman:***

**Upcoming Featured
Speakers**

- o 4/23: John DeDoncker, The National Bank (LobsterFest Update)
- o 4/30: Jason Gordon, Safer Foundation
- o 5/07: Tom Coley, Scott Community College
- o 6/04: Ken Hopper, Director of the Quad City Air Show
- o 6/11: Decker Ploehn, Clair Petersen, John Deere Classic

Please use this news!

*Invite prospective new members
who might appreciate our speakers.*

Lunch and program only \$8 per
visitor, payable at the door.

Make up a meeting at nearby Rotary Clubs:

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

