



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
**March 14, 2011, issue**

## ***Next meeting:***

Noon Wednesday, March 21, 2012,  
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant



## **Learn more about Deere Foundation**

Click on "Philanthropy" at the John Deere Website, and you'll see some clues about the work of our March 21 guest speaker, **Mara Sovey**, president of the John Deere Foundation.

In education, the Deere Foundation "supports scholarships, key programs, and faculty development at more than 40 colleges and universities in the United States," according to the Website. Deere focuses on science, technology, engineering, mathematics and business with educational support programs in many parts of the world.

Sovey is an accountant who graduated from Bettendorf High School and St.

Ambrose University. During her decade with Deere, she has directed the company's international public affairs activities, including international trade and regulatory policy, export finance and business development issues, and served as Deere's manager for state public affairs in Des Moines.

## ***Last meeting:***

Tuesday, March 14, 2012

## **Augie preps grads for critical thinking**

"The role of a liberal arts college in this economy is to prepare students for their first... and last job,"

**Steven Bahls**, the 8<sup>th</sup> president of Augustana College, told BRC at its March 14 meeting. Employers want graduates who are ready to



meet change with critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, he added.

With those educational objectives in mind, Bahls elaborated on some ways the Rock Island college prepares its students – more than half of whom pursue advanced degrees within a decade after graduation. To prepare them for work that might take them to any part of the world, Augustana emphasizes diversity, Bahls said – in the makeup of its student

body, in its course offerings and in learning opportunities outside the classroom. “57% of our students study abroad,” he said. Augie also stresses development of effective communication skills, he said, “so they can express themselves in complete thoughts and know the difference between an opinion and an *informed* opinion.”



Bahls said Augie has added two new sports – hockey and lacrosse – and is renovating several key buildings:  
→ The remodeling and modernization of Old Main, the campus’s first building, is nearing completion.  
→ The 22-year-old library, “considered ‘obsolete’ by library experts,” Bahls said, will take on the role of social and academic center of the campus, with electronic learning access, a large Starbucks’s, group-study places replacing old study carrels and expanded dining facilities.

### The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test,” and the singing of “God Bless America.” After Moments of Reflection and introductions, song leader **Tom Howard** led an Irish-themed songfest,

accompanied by **Gail Baldwin** at the piano: “That Rotary Wheel” (to the tune of “Peggy O’Neal”), When



Irish Eyes Are Smiling” and “I’ll Take You Home Again, Kathleen.”

### Secretary Chuck introduced:

#### Visiting Rotarian:

Ken Beck, Davenport: Environmental Consultant

### Presentations...



→ **New member induction: S.K. Nanda** inducted our newest member, **Joshua Obriant**, a mechanical engineer who works at Oystar, the Davenport packaging technologies manufacturer.

The Bettendorf native returns home after racing robot cars across the Los Angeles-Las Vegas desert and working at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency in Washington, D.C.



→ **Make-up banners:** Carter LeBeau presented the club with banners from two of his make-up visits during his recent cruise: Montego Bay, Jamaica, and Grand Cayman Island. He also made up at Cozumel, Mexico.

### Announcements...



→ **LobsterFest.** President Scott asked Carter LeBeau how many days to LobsterFest? “93,” he replied – just three months – so

“we’re working for more sponsorships,” Scott said.

→ **District Conference.** The District 6000 Conference will be April 12-14 at the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, Riverside, Iowa. “We’d like to have a strong presence,” **President Scott** said. The funds that had been budgeted to pay for **President-elect Mark Ross** to attend the International conference in Thailand now is available to help members offset the cost of registering for the District Conference, Scott said. March 14 was the deadline for early-bird registration,

but you can still register online at <http://www.rotary6000.org/> To receive the special Rotary room rate of \$99.95 (plus tax) at the hotel – by the March 22 deadline – call 877-677-3456.

→ **Social night.** Kurt Lokenvitz made a reminder announcement for the after-work socials return at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15 at The Clubhouse “indoor country club,” 2501 53rd Ave., Bettendorf.

### The News...

**Lora Adams** delivered a roundup of the news you’re not likely to find anywhere else:

Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich heads for prison.... Rick Santorum wins GOP primaries in Alabama and Mississippi.... A 6.8-magnitude earthquake shakes Japan.... Bus crash in Switzerland kills 28.... U.S. dairy cows mourn the passing of Jocko, the bull, who may have sired 400,000 offspring (did he die of exhaustion?)... Four Amish youth in upstate New York are arrested for drunken drag racing – in their buggies.... The losing coach in a Springfield, Mass., 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball game bites off part of the ear of the other coach.... Florida

police nab a woman for illegally injecting glop, including tire sealant and glue,



into women’s buttocks (Lora asked, “Would you let this person do *any* medical procedure on you?”).

## Sergeant at arms...

**President Scott** collected \$146 for our foundations + \$44 from **Glenn Kass** and \$65 from **Rich James** for our Scholarship Fund.



Two members used their **Ryan Happy \$\$** to promote special events: **Nicole McWilliams (332-3071 ext. 209)** announced that Saturday, March 17, as part of the CASI 5k and St. Patrick's Day

festivities, Live Uncommon will host a fund-raising breakfast 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the Figge Museum plaza. Cost is just \$5. "Tell them Nicole McWilliams sent you, and your \$5 will be earmarked to my personal fundraising efforts," she said. As a member of Live Uncommon, Nicole has a goal of raising \$700 to be divided



among several local charities... **Todd Ashby** issued an invitation to the "Leadercast," 7 a.m.-4 p.m. May 4 at Harvest Bible Chapel, 3800 E. 53<sup>rd</sup> St., Davenport, featuring 10 speakers, such as Soledad O'Brien

and Tim Tebow, hosted locally by Results Marketing; to register: [www.qcleaderecast.com](http://www.qcleaderecast.com) or 563-322-2065...

Other generous **Ryan \$\$** donors: **Glenn Kass** – birthday... **Dick Schillig** – 173 days to Run With Carl + he has office space to rent... **Rich James** – "2 days to Medicare"... **President Scott** – just back

from D.C. and an inspiring visit to the National Archives... **Dave Death** – loved the U.S. Navy singing group concert Tuesday night... **Sharon Sarver** – kudos to

**Frank Mitvalsky** for creating a step-by-step binder to guide her work as LobsterFest logistics chair + thanks to **Brian Rolf** for "teaming up with me."



## Missing today...

K. Adams, Archer, Blaske, Boeye-2, Boosalis-9, Bowe, Brown-3, Boling, Cahalan-6, Carter, Chambers-5, DeBuhr-5, DeDoncker-2, Dickson, Dobesh-6, Edwards, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-11, Freese-11, Gallagher-2, Glass, Habenicht, Heninger-3, Hintermeister, Hinton-11, Kellenberger, Kennedy-2, Kinsley, Kraft, Larsen-2, McGimpsey, L. Miller-10, Mitvalsky-2, Murray, Nelson-11, Olson-2, Oswald, Pelecky-11, Ploehn, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Schuller-2, Scranton, Spelhaug-2, St. Laurent, Volbrecht-6, Willsher-2, Worley-11

## Make-ups...

Theron Schutte @ Tarpon Springs, Fla.

## Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: **340-5114**, [bmfkennedy@att.net](mailto:bmfkennedy@att.net)  
**March 21:** Mara Sovey, John Deere Foundation  
**March 28:** Jeff Weld, Iowa Governor's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Advisory Council



### **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.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](http://www.rotary6000.org)

