



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
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## *Next meeting:*

Noon Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011,  
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

## Why don't we have any more bowl games?

The Gildan New Mexico Bowl, Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, R & L Carriers New Orleans Bowl and the Beef 'O' Brady's St. Petersburg Bowl will already be in the record books. With the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl set to kick off just hours later, **Don Doxsie**, sports editor of the *Quad-City Times*,



at the Dec. 21 meeting will predict the college bowl games that *really* count: the New Era Pinstripe Bowl (Iowa State against Rutgers) and the Insight Bowl (Iowa Hawkeyes vs. Oklahoma), both on Dec. 30. He might have a thing or two to say about that little dust-up, the Allstate BCS National Championship Game (LSU vs. Alabama) on Dec. 9. And – who knows? – he might even venture an opinion about the relative scarcity of bowl games this year – only 35 contests crammed into just 3 weeks and 2 days.

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2010



## They wished us a Merry Christmas

Kicking off the Christmas season in grand choral style, nine members of the Bettendorf High School chorus serenaded us at the Dec. 7 meeting with “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” as a warm-up and Handel’s grand “Hallelujah Chorus” for the finale. Since their director of choral music, **Jim Berry**,



knew our own **Tom Howard** for years has sung the full oratorio with the mass choir of Augustana College students and

singers from throughout the QC community, he invited Tom to join his student singers. In the tradition dating back to the first presentation of this great work, we all stood during the performance – and one could see other members lip-sync, or maybe actually quietly sing along. BHS Principal **Jimmy Casas** introduced the singers and their mentor.



**President Scott congratulates Melanie.**

### **New member...**

**S.K. Nanda** inducted our newest member, **Melanie Boosalis**, who has embarked on a new career, sales of ADT Services to small-business clients. The mother of two daughters, ages 7 and 3, Melanie is also a piano player.

### **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, song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Sheri Fleming**, continued the songfest with “Sing Everyone Sing,” “Silver Bells” and “I’ll Be Home for Christmas.”

### **Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians:**

Terry Westbrook. East Moline: Banking  
Steve Taves, East Moline: Banking

### **Guests:**

Michael Murphy with **Phil Kinsley**  
Don Sparks with **Tom Howard**  
Kaleb Evans with **Steve Habenicht**  
Joyce Wilming with **Connie Mangler**

### **Presentation...**



Based on his annual trek among the back (and likely also front) roads of

Minnesota, **Carter LeBeau** presented three banners – from clubs in Albert Lea, Walker and New Prague (pronounced PRAYG) in the Land of 10,000 Lakes plus our neighbor, Milan, Ill. They were his 834<sup>th</sup>-837<sup>th</sup> club make-ups.

## Announcements...

→ **Holiday party: President Scott** confirmed the annual post-Christmas event is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 at TPC at Deere Run. Cost: \$35 each.

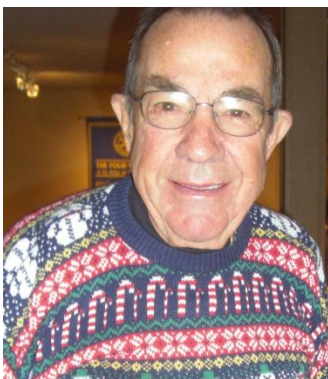
→ **LobsterFest.** The countdown continues: 174 days until the 2012 event.

→ **Board nominations. President Scott** asked for nominations to serve on the 2012-13, which would begin a 5-6-year commitment, culminating with the presidency of the club, and staying on the board an additional year as past president.



→ **Christmas baskets. Sharon Sarver** said an email containing detailed instructions – including hints for buying gifts worth \$50 for each child in the 10 families to

receive BRC baskets – would be sent soon.



→ **Visit a nursing home during the Holidays. Doyle McCully** said the most welcome gift during the season could very well be a

visit to a nursing home, where often the residents have no family members nearby. “It costs nothing,” he said, “but it’s worth millions to them.”

## The news...



**Fred Anderson** read a brief news report: A woman in Michigan randomly paid off all but \$10 of the layaway bills at the local Kmart for three strangers.... Thieves in Cedar Falls, Iowa, slipped away with a semi-trailer full of margarine.... The Australian communications minister dropped an “f-bomb” on the air, just before a popular children’s show – by the way, he’s in charge of the country’s broadcast standards.

## Sergeant at arms...

**President Scott** collected \$257 for our foundations. Members who coughed up **Ryan Happy \$\$** were **Ralph Heninger** – happily serving on Friends of the Parks Foundation board... **Carter LeBeau** – Illini begin the basketball season with 10 wins... **Terry Westbrook** – happy about 2 roundball wins (men and women) by Cyclones over the Hawkeyes... **Bill Daley** – after 6 months as a member, “I’m happy for this group,” and all its camaraderie... **Chris Glass** – going to write his first book within the next



year... **President Scott** – soon will read his first book... **Decker Ploehn** – added

\$10 to the collection for Ming's annual tip; another opportunity to give at the Dec. 21 meeting... **Tom Howard** – “Where does this money go?... **S.K. Nanda** – “half to Rotary International Foundation (\$100 million a year to help people), half to BRC's Scholarship Foundation (6 \$1,000 scholarships per year)... **Penny McGimpsey** – seeing many **John Archer** campaign signs + many BRC members and daughters pictured at the Sugar Plumb Ball.



### Missing today

L. Adams, Atnip-8, Blaske, Boeye, Bowe-6, Brown-2, Calabrese, Chambers-4, Cahalan-4, Daugherty, DeBuhr-2, DeDoncker-3, Dobesh-2, Downing, Duda, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-24, Falk, Freemire-13, Freese, Gallagher-2, Gudgel-2, Harrison-2, Hartsock, Hintermeister, Hinton-24, Kappeler, Kennedy-8, Lane, Lanum-24, Legare-20, Loweth, Lundin, McWilliams-6, Marvin, L. Miller, Nelson-13, Pelecky, Powers, Praul-2, Rabine, Ricketts-McCool, Schillig, Scranton-6, Sherrick-5, Sorensen, St. Laurent, Schutte, Volbrecht, Werner, Willsher-5, Worley

### Make-ups:

At today's Communication Committee meeting: Chris Glass, Glenn Kass, Fred Anderson; and other committee meetings: Todd Larsen, Josh Carter, Sharon Sarver, Todd Ashby, Chris Glass, Duncan Cameron, Rich James, Mike Limberg, Kevin Kraft, David Deuth

### 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



**Mike Limberg and Connie Mangler frame the Bettendorf Rotary Club's banner.**