



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

A chance to learn all about online



learning

The guest speaker at the Feb. 29 meeting will be **Rose Fernandez**, executive director of the National Parent Network for Online Learning.

Fernandez is a longtime parent advocate for virtual education. She was the founding president of the Wisconsin Coalition of Virtual School Families, and currently serves on the Board of the National Coalition for Public School Options and School Choice Wisconsin. She has had children in public charter online schools since 2003.

The mission of NPNOL is “to serve as a resource for parents, students and members of the public who want to better understand the true nature of public online education and online schools,”

according to its Website,
www.NPNOL.org.

Last meeting:

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2012



City Manager Decker Ploehn and Mayor Bob Gallagher Jr. chat before the address.

Gallagher reports state of Bettendorf

Instead of our usual meeting, BRC met Feb. 22 to hear the State of the City report by Mayor **Bob Gallagher Jr.** at the Waterfront Convention Center in joint session with the Iowa Quad-Cities Rotary, Bettendorf Kiwanis and members of the QC Chamber of Commerce.

A crowd estimated at 200 heard the mayor list the city’s accomplishments of 2011, giving credit for them to the work of the city council, city staff and former Mayor Mike Freemire.

Highlights included continued financial stability – including a AA-1 credit rating, street improvements and recreational trail projects, work to help businesses affected by the Interstate 74 bridge replacement project, improvements to the downtown

streetscape and the development of the former Jovan Foods/ShopKo site.



A TV reporter interviewing the mayor

“My goal is to move Bettendorf forward with strong leadership and fiscal responsibility in 2012 and beyond,” Gallagher said.

The mayor pointed to such specific developments as the addition of Faye’s Field to the Learning Campus, the industrial park in the 6400 block of State Street and plans for a new 100-acre park on Forest Grove Road as examples of improvements in both the city’s amenities and employment within its borders.

Bettendorf is a strong city, Gallagher concluded, because of its partnership among city government, the business community, its schools and involved citizens. “We will continue to be truly Premier City,” he said.



Parents of the mayor – Bob Gallagher Sr. and his wife Susan – were front and center at the State

of the City address.

The meeting opened...

President **Scott Naumann** presided and served as master of ceremonies. He welcomed **Doug Peterson**, president of the Iowa Quad Cities Rotary, and **Maria Levetzow**, president of the Bettendorf Kiwanis club, and officials of the Chamber of Commerce, including **Tara Barney**, its chief executive officer.



Pat Elkenberry with Doug Peterson

After the Invocation by Pastor **Richard Pokora** of Redeemer Lutheran Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, **President Scott** thanked the sponsors of this event: Missman Inc, Estes Construction, Alcoa and the Isle Casino and Hotel, which catered the luncheon. He then introduced the mayor, who presented the State of the City address.



Chris Glass with Maria Levetzow



John Riches of Alcoa with Fred Anderson

Secretary Chuck reported:

Visiting Rotarians:

Terry Westbrook, East Moline: Banking
Steven Taets, East Moline: Banking
Marcia Brant, North Scott: Marketing

Guests:

Josh O'Brion & Eric Bauswell with **Bill Daley**
Michael Schnell with **Greg Blaske**
H.T. Markley & John Ortega with **John Archer**
Norm Voelliger with **Decker Ploehn**
Joe Hutter with **Lisa Brown**
John Fraser & Eva Dondanville with **Mark Ross**
Susan Gallagher with **Bob Gallagher Sr.**
Nalini Nanda with **S.K. Nanda**

Missing today...

Boeye, Boosalis-6, Bowe, Cahalan-6,
Chambers-2, DeBuhr-2, Dickson-2,
Dobesh-3, Edwards-2, Ellstrom-8, Falk-
3, Felsing-2, Freese-4, Gabrilson,
Gudgel, Hartsock-5, Hinton-8, James,
Kennedy, Kinsley, Lokenvitz, Loweth-7,
McGimpsey, McWilliams, L. Miller-7,
Murphy, Nelson-8, Oswald, Pelecky-8,
Pieart, Powers, Rolf, Scranton-3,
Sherrick, Spelhaug, Volbrecht-3, Werner-
3, Worley-8

Make-ups...

Tim Downing @ Chelsea, Mich.
Carter LeBeau @ Cayman Islands
At BRC committee meeting Feb. 17:
Penny McGimpsey, Nicole McWilliams,
Ken Vandersnick, Scott Naumann,
Beverly Murray, Amber Castro, Kathy
Duda, Rich James, Carter LeBeau

News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...
Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...
Photographer: Carter LeBeau...
Webmeister/Web-site host: Chris Glass



Brandon Torres and J.D. Walls, Iowa QC Rotary; our John Rabine greets Mayor Gallagher.

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