



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

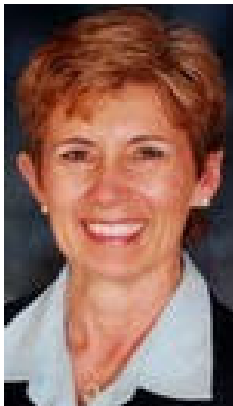
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club

March 17, 2010, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, March 24, 2010,
at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

Learn what's new at the Iowa QC C-of-C



A lot has happened over the last year in the Quad Cities' chamber of commerce scene, and **Tara Barney**, President/CEO of the Iowa Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, will bring us up to date at the March 24 meeting.

That 1,200-member organization, formerly DavenportOne, is the chamber of commerce for Davenport and Scott County, plus the economic development and downtown redevelopment agency for Davenport.

The organization was named 2008 Chamber of the Year by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Barney also is co-CEO of Quad Cities First, the regional economic development sales and marketing organization, and is on the Board of Trustees of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives.



Brooke Lofgren looks over alpaca items.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

All about raising alpacas in Iowa

Agribusiness in Iowa means a lot more than corn, beans, hogs and cattle, according to our featured speaker at the March 17 meeting, **Julie Delaney**, whose family raises alpacas on its Irish Meadows Alpaca Farm about 45 miles north of the Quad Cities in Jackson County.



The Delaneys have been raising the wool-bearing animals, which are native to Peru, Bolivia and Chile, since 2005.

All 23 naturally occurring colors of wool are represented in their herd of 55 Huscaya type alpacas. Good alpaca wool is softer than cashmere, hypoallergenic and about 6 times warmer than wool. They're shorn once a year, in spring.

The Delaneys also breed the animals to sell, and they've sold about 70 so far, frequently at shows where their alpacas have often been judged to be champions. There are about 175,000 alpacas in the U.S., and Julie estimates the collective "herd" must grow to 1-2 million before it will be able to produce enough wool to make alpaca a viable commercial fiber market. In the meantime, one way to buy alpaca items is through Julie's online yarn store, www.etsy.com/IrishMeadows.



If you'd like to visit Irish Meadows Alpaca farm – the last weekend in September, or other times by appointment – drive north on US 61 to Mile 171, turn east and go about 3 miles to 23477 Bellevue-Cascade Road. Call ahead, please: 563-773-8198.

The meeting opened...



President Dave opened the meeting by leading a recitation of **The 4-Way Test** – “Is It The Truth? Is It Fair to All Concerned? Will It Build Goodwill

and Better Friendships? Will It Be Beneficial to All Concerned?” – and the singing of the day's patriotic song, “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

On this St. Patrick's Day, he read a card from **Beth Ryan** (containing \$200 for our scholarship fund) in which she said, “Jon's ‘pot of gold’” always included his friends and Bettendorf Rotary, followed by the singing of the day's patriotic song, “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

During Moments of Reflection, we learned that PDG **Doyle McCully** has joined **Gladys** at Bettendorf Health Care to continue his convalescence.

The singing, directed by songmeister **Tom O'Howard** (wearing the green, he was), aided and abetted by **Bernie Vogel** on the piano (stay tuned for more about Bernie...), in renditions of “That Rotary Wheel” (to the tune of “Peggy O'Neal”). “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling” and “It's a Great Day for the Irish.”



Secretary Chuck introduced:

Guests:

Brooke Lofgren with Tim Lofgren
Emma Legare with Jim Legare

Announcements...

➔ **Rotary shirts.** If you still have an order form or a check for a new shirt, contact **Chuck Mooney: 388-3544** or bettendorfrotary@aol.com.

➔ **Quad City Spells.** Bettendorf Rotary has a *team* and what a team it is: **Kevin**

Kraft, Decker Ploehn and Jeff Hassel. Since we needed \$350 to enter, **President Dave** asked for contributions. Immediately, hands went up – among them, **George Daugherty, Jeff Lanum, Rick Hartsock, George Worley, Rich James, Tom Olson and Dave Falk** – and we collected \$357. This annual ‘spelling bee’ benefits the Bettendorf Public Library Foundation. See our team members cast their spells the evening of **April 29.**

➔ **Meeting at the Figge.** Our **March 31** meeting will be at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport (more details below).



➔ **Member recruitment.** During the meeting, **Steve Habenicht** quietly continued to distribute “summonses” to members, asking them to provide names of new

member candidates. If you haven’t received a summons yet, but know of a good candidate, contact Steve: **359-0027** s.habenicht@homeinstead.com.

Presentations...



S.K. Nanda summoned **Diane Ricketts-McCool** to the rostrum, where **President**

Dave presented her a Rotary Foundation Benefactors Pin, for her generous support of the foundation’s permanent endowment.

Never one to leave the rostrum until he’s finished, **S.K.** also inducted the newest member of Bettendorf Rotary – **Dawn Saul**, who is an account manager in the Quad-City office of the Henry Russell Bruce advertising agency.



Sergeant at Arms/Ryan \$\$...

Acting as Sgt-at-arms, **President Dave** asked everyone to pass back \$2 and invited members to share their good news with **Ryan \$\$**, which included:

John Rabine, for his Dad, who’s 97 years old... **Jeff Hassel**, whose second daughter was just born... **Ralph Heninger**, marking the 51st anniversary of his birth... **Jim Slavens**, for St. Pat’s Day (Jim recalled when, some years ago, he and **Bernie Vogel** were in Tipperary, Ireland, on St. Pat’s Day; in a pub, Bernie started playing piano – and the whole town came in and sang along until the pub closed)...



Andrew Gudgel, who’s marking a birthday – and becoming a papa before long... **Dawn Saul**, who celebrates her Irish heritage... **Chelsea Powers**, for her

birthday... **Lee Semenow**, who's just happy to be here... **S.K. O'Nanda**, for his 34th year as an Irishman... **Jim Legare**, marking his wedding anniversary... **Lora Adams**, for her birthday – and because her husband was named coach of the year... **Tim Lofgren**, who brought his daughter to Rotary as his guest... **Dave Deuth**, for all those who name their children after his daughter. All that happiness added up to \$296 for our foundations and \$333 for our Scholarship fund.

The News...



Lora Adams reported the day's news headlines plus a "cautionary tale" about Russians succumbing during an amorous encounter in a Volkswagen, inside a boxlike

garage, because they left the engine running to ward off the cold of the Russian winter.

Missing Today:

Adamson, Ahlstrand, Blaske, Bowe, Brown-2, Calabrese, Cameron-3, H. Coin, DeDoncker, Dobesh-6, Ellstrom-9, Felsing, Freemire, Freese-2, Haffernan-6, Heindricks-3, Hintermeister-2, Hinton, Jones, Kappeler, Kennedy, Kinsley, Koos-10, Kraft, LeBeau-2, McWilliams, Mangler, L. Miller-9, Mitvalsky-2, Nielsen-4, Pelecky, Ploehn, Richards, Ross, Sarver, Scranton, Selden-2, Spelhaug, Spyrow-10, St. Lauren-10, Schutte-2, Volbrecht-6.

Make-ups:

Kurt Lokenvitz @ Geneso, IL

At today's committee meeting: Lora Adams, Jim Legare, Bob Gallagher, Audie Foster, Andrew Gudgel, Rick Hartsock, S.K. Nanda, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Fred Anderson, Karen Atnip, Dave Chambers, Pat Eikenberry, Dave Falk, Jeff Lanum, Kurt Lokenvitz, Carl Loweth, Bob Lundin, John Rabine, Dick Schillig, Lee Semenow, George Worley.

Future meetings...

... thanks to the efforts of Program Chair **Brian Kennedy**. Use this information to invite potential new members:

March 24: Tara Barney of the Iowa Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce



March 31: Lunch and program at the Figge Art Museum with Sean O'Harrow, executive director. The address is 225 W. 2nd St., Davenport. Parking available: On 2nd Street and Harrison Street – free for up to 2 hours.

Parking ramps – NW corner of 2nd and Harrison (621 spaces, including 64 10-hour meters, at 75 cents per hour), Main St. and River Drive (454 spaces at 75 cents per hour).

April 7: Jim Spelhaug on school district budget cuts

April 14: Iowa State Rep. Linda Miller gives her annual legislative update

News Staff...

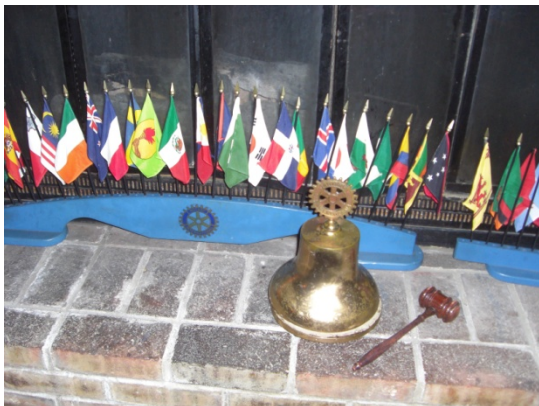
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Run with Carl: Dick Schillig & Chelsea Powers
Winter Party: Lisa Brown
Sunshine chair: Lora Adams
Music co-chairs: Tom Howard & Bernie Vogel



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

Link to Run with Carl: www.runwithcarl.com