



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

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

Noon Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010, at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

## Tibbetts: One more time for Gov. Terry?

Even though Jan. 20 marks only one year since the inauguration of President Barack Obama, 2010 is – believe it or not – an election year. Our featured speaker, *Quad-City Times* political reporter **Ed**



**Tibbetts**, takes a look at this year’s Iowa gubernatorial contest, which he calls “Back to the Future, Maybe(?)” since former Gov. Terry Branstad has entered the race.

Tibbetts has covered eastern Iowa since 1984, and has been at the *Times* since 1989. Most of that time has been spent as the newspaper’s political reporter. He has covered political figures ranging from aldermen to presidents, the latter mostly by writing about Iowa’s first-in-the-nation presidential caucuses, and has covered every caucus since 1996.

Tibbetts also writes about demographic trends in Iowa and the Quad-Cities.

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010

## Club setting sails for LobsterFest IV

The Jan. 6 meeting celebrated Bettendorf Rotary’s commitment to service as \$15,000 in grants



were passed out to nine community charities. Last week, we saw the beginning of the next cycle, with a preview of the 2010 LobsterFest, BRC’s primary fundraising event.

To begin the program with a focus on sharing, **President Dave Deuth** borrowed a quote from the American Red Cross: “A candle loses none of its light by lighting another candle.” He turned to **President-elect Jeff Hassel**, who introduced this year’s



LobsterFest chairman, **Scott Naumann** with the “State of the LobsterFest Address” – a lively photo fest of cracked



crustaceans, Larry the Lobsterman and friends in feeding frenzy at the first three years of the event.

**Frank Mitvalsky**, co-chair (with **Nicole McWilliams**) of the first three Fests,

reviewed the event's history: "No one else around here had done a lobster boil," although they're common in the East, and a Peoria hospital had held a successful one for years – "from which we shamelessly stole ideas," he said.



**George Daugherty**

summarized the financial impact of three years of LobsterFest. It has grossed \$135,000, minus \$45,000 in expenses, leaving \$90,000 to be used in the community: \$53,000 in grants, \$10,000 to expand our scholarship programs, \$27,000 to other club projects, including international.



**Jeff**, as chair of the Charities Board – which was formed after the first Fest, noted that \$30,000 has been granted to 17 organizations in the last two years.

Looking ahead, **Rick Hartsock** said the ticketing program has been improved to



eliminate the logjam during registration, ticket sales will begin later and run for about 90 days, and the club Website will contain more information on LobsterFest.

**Scott and Rich James** noted that many sponsors will derive more value from their support for the Fest, including hot links from the BRC Website and increased media visibility. Meanwhile, **Connie Mangler** and **Donna Freese** are working to enhance the silent auction program.



**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?" Our intrepid songfest duo – **Carter LeBeau** on vocals, **Bernie Vogel** on the ivories – began the singing with "America the Beautiful."

After Moments of Reflection, the singing continued with "The Whippenpoof Song" (the signature tune of the Yale Whiffenpoofs, the oldest collegiate a cappella singing group in the U.S., founded 1909) and – to set the mood for the day's program, "LobsterFest Song," **Bernie's** opus maximus, which topped the BRC charts leading up to the 2008 crustacean caper.

**Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians...**

PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott: Publishing  
Leanne Shaw, Moline: Banking

**Guests...**

Jeff Hartman and Tim Lofgren with Dick Schillig. Tim, a former member, will be reinstated.  
Sigrid Ulve with Frank Mitvalsky

Grace Saucedo with Kevin Kraft  
Brian Bowan and Chuck Collett with  
Mark Ross

### The News...

**Lora Adams** reported the top of the news: Earthquake devastates Haiti... murder trial in Muscatine... Google may leave China over its interference... *The Beaver*, Canada's second-oldest magazine, broadens its editorial appeal and changes its name to *Canada's History*.

### Sergeant at Arms...

Sgt-at-arms **Dennis Heinrich** peeked into the files of some government supervisors' performance reviews: "He's hit rock bottom and continues to dig"... "The wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead." Dennis collected \$126 for our foundation plus \$50 in birthday money [Since **Dave Death** tossed in \$44 for his birth anniversary... which member turned 6 years old???

**Ryan \$\$: Mark Ross, Chip Lundin and Frank Mitvalsky** celebrated a report card with all 'A's, the Bettendorf Chamber of Commerce's first **Jon Ryan Development Award** and wins at the Cub Scouts' Pinewood Derby.

### Winter Party review...

Last weekend saw the club's annual Winter Party at the Outing Club. *BRC News* photog **Carter LeBeau** shared these notes:

"While it was cold outside, the Outing Club ballroom was toasty warm.... **Lisa Brown** had engaged excellent music... Everyone was dressed in holiday attire and most all were drinking wine and liquor... The dinner was classic ... Outing Club salad, salmon or filet entrée



Among revelers at the Winter Party, Chuck & Connie Mangler (above), Kevin & Susan Kraft (below right) and Brian & Beth Kennedy.

and cheese-cake for dessert. Well presented and enjoyed by all. After dinner, dance music was featured,



but quiet enough that table-hopping and conversation continued.... 'Rotary Newsletter Out-takes,' photos ... that did not make the Newsletter (filled) 5 display boards...."

### Missing Today:

Adamson, Atnip, Boeye, Bowe, Brown, Cameron, Chambers, DeDoncker, Dobesh-2, Ellstrom, Foster, Gallagher-2,

Habenicht, Haffernan, Hintermeister, Hinton-2, Koos-2, Larson-2, Lokenvitz, Loweth, McWillilams-2, L. Miller, Nielsen, Olson, Ploehn, Powers, Richards, Ricketts-McCool, Sarver, Scranton, Selden-2, Sherrick-2, Spelhaug, Spyrow-2, St. Laurent-2, Schutte, Worley-2.

### **Make-ups:**

Duncan Cameron @ Naples & Naples Bay, Fla.

At today's 'Lobsterfest' meeting: Ken Vandersnick, Tim Lane, Brian Kennedy, S.K. Nanda, Jeff Hassel, Andrew Gudgel, Rick Hartsock, Steve Pieart, Lora Adams, Tom Ahltsrand, Mike Freemire, Tony Calabrese, Mark Ross, Scott Naumann, Greg Blaske, Tom Coley, Donna Freese, Bob Gabrilson, Dennis Heinrich, Ralph Heninger, Rich James, Dick Schillig.

### **The meeting ended...**

... with a fine, inspirational quotation from Paul Harris about good works.

**President Dave** also told a **Jon Ryan** joke, the moral of which was 'know what you're doing':

The company's new CEO was visiting the plant for the first time, and he wanted to make a strong impression. Seeing a young man standing idly and just 'holding up a wall,' he told him, "There's no place in this company for people like you," and – giving him \$1,000 severance pay – sent him on his way.

Afterward, feeling confident he had made quite an impression on the plant's workers, he asked the manager, "Who was that guy, anyhow?"

"Oh," the manager replied, "he was the pizza delivery boy, waiting for his tip."

### **Upcoming meetings...**

Thanks to the good work of Program Chairman **Brian Kennedy**, here's what's coming up. Use this information to invite prospective members.

**Jan. 20:** Ed Tibbetts, *Quad-City Times* political reporter, updates the "Iowa Gubernatorial Race 2010; Back to the Future, Maybe(?)"

**Jan. 27:** Randy Moore, president of Iowa American Water Co.

**Feb. 3:** John DeDoncker, THE National Bank, presents "The Economic Outlook 2010" – which includes an overview of the banking industry now that economists are signaling the end of recession.

### **News Staff...**

Editor Fred Anderson...

Reporters Chuck Mooney, Carter LeBeau...

Photographer Carter LeBeau...

Webmeister Ralph Heninger

### **Bettendorf Rotary resources**

**Hot links where you can find answers to many questions about Rotary.**

The history of Bettendorf Rotary, and more:  
<http://www.bettendorfrotrary.com/local.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary in the community:  
<http://www.bettendorfrotrary.com/community.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's current officers:  
<http://www.bettendorfrotrary.com/current.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's committees and their chairs:  
<http://www.bettendorfrotrary.com/committ.htm>

Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus... and more:  
<http://www.bettendorfrotrary.com/links.htm>

Link to District 6000's Website:  
[www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org)