



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

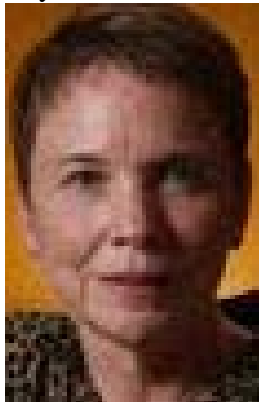
**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
Nov. 17, 2010, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Noon Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010,  
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **Vera French’s work to help mentally ill**

The Vera French Foundation envisions a day when we talk about mental health the way we talk about cancer, heart disease



and other disabilities. Our speaker the day before Thanksgiving, **Ann Criswell-Tubbs**, CFRE, the executive director of the Vera French Foundation (VFF),

seeks to counter the stigma by talking about the work of Vera French Community Mental Health Center.

To focus on the Vera French school-based program, Kevin Hatfield, principal of Neil Armstrong School in Bettendorf, will share his views on the impact the program has had in his school.

VFF raises funds and awareness to support the missions of the Vera French Community Mental Health Center and Vera French Housing Corporation. With

those funds, it helps mentally ill clients in many ways, including: paying rent, meeting other emergency needs, providing summer camp scholarships, buying vehicles, establishing a music therapy program, helping pay for staff education and making capital improvements to its facilities.

Since 2001, VFF has been the primary source of private support for the School-Based Mental Health Therapy Program.

Ann is active in a variety of civic and cultural organizations – she is member of the Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010

## **Scott farm 1<sup>st</sup> in U.S. to use digester**

In spite of a memorable introduction by Linda Miller, Scott County farmer (and former state politician) **Brian Sievers** stayed to tell us about his plans to convert 4,888 head of



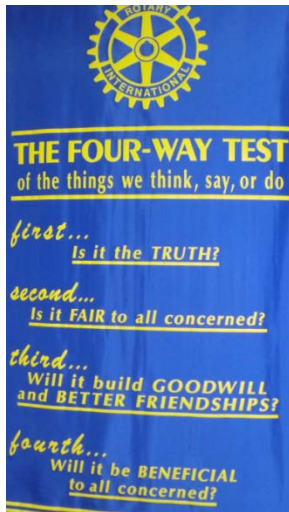
beef cattle and 5-6,000 acres of crops and crop residue into 1.4 megawatts of electricity, fertilizer for next year’s crops – and a huge number of steaks.

Partnering with a German manufacturer, Brian is developing the first on-farm application of anaerobic digester technology in the United States. The

technology combines the cattle manure and corn cobs, husks and leaves to make methane, which powers an electric generator. The electricity supplies all the farm's needs with power left over to sell to the grid. Presumably (although nobody asked this question), he sells the beef too.

The Sievers family farm is near New Liberty in northwest Scott County.

### The meeting opened...



... with **President Jeff Hassel** leading all present in recitation of The 4-way Test and singing of "God Bless America." After several Moments of Reflection, the singing resumed with **Tom Howard's** dulcet

tones and the piano virtuosity of **Bernie Vogel** setting the tuneful pace for "All Hail to Rotary" and – in anticipation of Thanksgiving – "Harvest Home."

### Secretary Chuck ("the strategic planner for winning *next year's* Iowa-Northwestern game") introduced:

#### Visiting Rotarians...

Tom Torrey, Rock Island: Outdoor Advertising  
Dick Lamb, Moline: Banking

#### ... and guest...

Chris Loiz with Dawn Saul

### Announcements...

→ **Thanksgiving baskets.** **Chelsea Powers** reminded those who will deliver

baskets to pick them up 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the Devils Glen HyVee.

→ **Reading opportunity.** **President Jeff** said a teacher needs help with reading to an 8<sup>th</sup>-grade student; see him for details.



→ **All-QC Rotary meeting.** **Frank Mitvalsky** extended an invitation from the Moline and Rock Island Rotary clubs to a meeting for all Quad-City Rotarians to hear Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, chair of the Rotary Foundation and 2005-6 president of Rotary International, at noon Monday, Dec. 13, at the i wireless Center. The event also includes a performance by an ensemble of the Augustana College Choir. Lunch will be provided. Augustana President Steve Bahls will serve as emcee. **RSVP to Club Secretary Chuck by Dec. 2: 388-3544 or [bettendorfrotary@aol.com](mailto:bettendorfrotary@aol.com)**

→ **Paul Harris Fellowship Day.** Since November is Rotary Foundation Month, Rotary Foundation Chair **S.K. Nanda** asked all Paul Harris fellows to wear their PHF pin, or medallion, to next week's meeting.



### New member induction:

**S.K. Nanda** inducted **John Archer** into membership. John is a corporate attorney with John Deere, married to Audra, a member of the nursing

faculty at St. Ambrose University, and father of two young children. He serves on the Pleasant Valley School Board.

### The news...



**Fred Anderson** reported some of the day's top news... and some not so top... GM ups its IPO by 31%... Prince Wills is finally going to make an honest woman (does anybody say that anymore?) of Kate... you're as

likely to get cancer from exposure to radiation from full-body airport scanners as you are to be hit by lightning next year... Fla. Gov. Charlie Crist may pardon Jim Morrison (r.i.p. 1971) for his profanity and indecent exposure conviction. And the day's master criminal: Bonnie Usher, who held up a pharmacy in Manchester, N.H., and made her get-away in a car with the license "B-USHER." Police nabbed her... where else?... at her home.

### Sergeant at Arms...

**President Jeff** collected \$106 for our foundations plus \$238 in birthday money for our Scholarship Fund. The **Ryan \$\$** came from these happy members:

**Frank Mitvalsky and George Coin** –



collected a \$50 check (to the foundations) from **President Jeff** because some football players did something or other to some other players...

**Glenn Kass** – his son's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday, fond memories of his grandfather, who died 6 years ago on the same date, and \$25 for PolioPlus... **Ken Vandersnick** – birthday + 21 (for the years he owned Wagner's Cleaners)...

**Decker Ploehn** – welcome to **John Archer**, kudos to **Glenn Kass's** generosity and a plug for the Festival of Trees "Celebrity

Luncheon" next Wednesday... **Rich James** – for the one state university that won last Saturday... **Scott Naumann** – his 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday and a shameless plug for The National Bank... which prompted **John DeDoncker** to shell out one measly bill...



### Missing today:

K. Adams, L. Adams, Ahlstrand-2, Blaske, Boeye-3, Bowe-2, Brummel-12, Calabrese-5, Daugherty, Deuth, Dobesh, Douglas-2, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-20, Falk, Heninger, Hinton, Jones-16, Kennedy-2, Kinsley, Kraft, Lane, Lanum-7, Larsen, Legare-3, Lofgren-2, Lokenvitz-2, McWilliams, Mangler-2, Olsen, Pelecky, Richards-2, Ricketts-McCool, Sarver, Sherrick-5, St. Laurent-

4, Schutte-2, Sorensen, Volbrecht-2,  
Worley-4

### Make-ups:

Duncan Cameron @ Naples, Fla.  
Jen Debuhr delivering dictionaries  
Linda Miller @ ?  
@ Lobsterfest meeting 11/15: Scott  
Naumann, Ken Vandersnick, George  
Daugherty, Frank Mitvalsky  
@ today's committee meetings: Mark  
Ross, John DeDoncker, Bob Gallagher,  
Tom Coley, Harry Coin, Duncan  
Cameron, Jonna Schuler, Jan DeBuhr,  
Mike Freemire, Donna Freese, Carl  
Loweth, Linda Miller, Steve Pieart,  
Audie Foster, Paul Scranton, Frank  
Mitvalsky, Glenn Kass, S.K. Nanda,  
Decker Ploehn

### Upcoming meetings...



**Nov. 24:** Ann  
Crisswell-Tubbs,  
Vera French  
Community  
Mental Health  
Center

**Dec. 1:** Chuck  
Swanson,  
executive  
director,  
Hancher  
Auditorium

**Dec. 8:** Doug Cropper, CEO, Genesis  
Healthcare reform

**Dec. 15:** Holiday Musical Program –  
students from Pleasant Valley H.S.

**Dec. 29:** Vocational Services Talks –  
Sharon Sarver

### News Staff...

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### Bettendorf Rotary resources Hot links where you can find answers to many questions about Rotary.

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

Bettendorf Rotary in the community:  
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/community.htm>  
Bettendorf Rotary's current officers:  
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/current.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's committees and their chairs:  
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/committ.htm>  
Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation,  
Polio Plus... and more:  
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/links.htm>

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



### 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.: IA 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