



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
May 23, 2011, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, May 30, 2012,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Get AMPed-up over youth-help program

AMP is a youth-driven, statewide group that seeks to unleash the full potential for personal growth among foster and adoptive children in Iowa. It offers leadership opportunities, service learning projects, speaking opportunities, and educational/vocational assistance. And it provides the life skills youth need to become self-sufficient, independent adults. At the May 30 meeting, **Kim Arnold** of Family Resources will introduce three foster-care youth to share their experiences with AMP. **Sharon Sarver**, the communications officer of Family Resources, made the arrangements for this meeting.

Last meeting:

Tuesday, May 23, 2012

Miller shares her view of Legislature

After completing her 6th year as a member of the Republican delegation to the Iowa House of Representatives, our own **Linda Miller**, House District 82,



offered her perspectives on how the recently completed session went during the May 23 meeting.

Although there were some efforts late in the session to find common ground on both commercial and homeowner tax reform, she said, "There was no consensus, so there were no changes." She blamed the impasse on rancor between the Republican-controlled House and Democratic-led Senate.

Despite agreement on tax changes, Linda said it was "the most ambitious session" in which she has served, because it sought to reform the delivery of mental health services in Iowa and redesign and reform many aspects of education in the state, as well as revamp the tax structure. Legislators did succeed in changing the mental-health delivery system, on a bipartisan basis – that bill was slated to be signed this week, she added.

On education, while many revisions did not pass, state funding for every level – the universities, community colleges and k-12 – was increased, Linda said.

“And we saw a fundamental shift in how Iowa government works,” she said, with changes in budgeting practices compared with the previous administration. The results, she said, include a \$300 million budget surplus, an increased “rainy day” fund and some taxpayer relief. She added the future would be “more predictable for school districts” and the business tax situation would be “more stable.”

Asked why Gov. Terry Branstad now favors a hike in the state’s gasoline tax, she said the commission he appointed concluded the income from recently increased vehicle license fees would not provide enough funds to meet the needs for road and bridge maintenance. But, “I will not support a hike until I’m convinced we really need it,” she added.

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test.” Instead of the usual patriotic song, **Tom Howard** – accompanied by pianist

Gail Baldwin – sang a solo, “Say a Prayer for the Troops Over There,” a WWII-era song in honor of Memorial Day. After introductions, the assembled throng joined in singing “Vive le Rotary” and “I’m Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover.”



Secretary Chuck introduced:

Visiting Rotarian:

Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla.:

Beverages

Guests:

Tiffany Lensch with **Jen DeBuhr**

Angela Bagby with **Sharon Sarver**
 Kelly Stabin with **Linda Miller**

Presentations...



→ **New member induction.** **Lee Semenow** inducted **Alexei Bibik**, a commercial lending banker with U.S. Bank, who emigrated from Russia in 1991 to study at colleges in Muscatine and Davenport, pursued a banking career in Chicago and has returned to the QC.

→ **Scholarships.** **Jim Spelhaug** introduced the 2012 Pleasant Valley High School recipients of BRC scholarships:

Morgan Kennedy plans to study health and physical sciences at the University of Iowa, with a physical therapy career in mind. As her PVHS service project, she worked at the Pine Ridge, S.D., Oglala Lakota reservation.

Robbie de Camp will use his scholarship to study biology at the University of Northern Iowa. His project – which also



Robble de Camp and Morgan Kennedy

helped him become an Eagle Scout with Troop 24 – helped improve turtle habitat at Nahant Marsh.

→ **Rotarian of the Quarter.** **Kevin Kraft** awarded the 3rd quarter honor to **Chris Glass**, for his hard work redesigning and launching the new BRC Website [take a look: www.bettendorfrotary.com].



Announcements...

→ **New Website.** **Chris Glass** logged into the newly redesigned BRC Website – www.bettendorfrotary.com – and

showed navigation to some of the most used locations. Among new features:
→ Forms – such as grant applications, event registrations and volunteering for events – now automatically go directly to their intended destination.
→ The site now shows a number of videos, as well as still photos.
→ After June 1, members can opt to pay dues, and more, by credit card – via a *secure* link to THE National Bank.

→ **LobsterFest.** **Sharon Sarver** asked anyone who did *not* want to wear the lobster suit to pass in \$1 – collecting \$126 in the process – and then she and Secretary Chuck “volunteered”



Glenn Kass (who wasn’t present) for the job. [In reality, she admitted, he had volunteered before the meeting.]

Sharon signed up other volunteers:
→ 2 to work with **Duncan Cameron** at the bar
→ 2 to act as spotters during the Silent Auction
→ 2 to collect \$\$ at the lobster-cracking table

In two weeks, Sharon will ask for more volunteers to set up the event site.

Still 8 tables’ worth of tickets to go!

→ **John Deere Classic.** **Jeff Hassel** still needs more volunteers! “We barely have anyone signed up,” so, golf fans, here’s your opportunity to see your favorite pros in action at the Bettendorf Rotary Hole No. 1! To volunteer, click on this link and fill out the form:

<http://bettendorfrotary.com/JDC-Signup>.

Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$160 for our foundations + \$70 for our birthday fund from **Carl Loweth**. **John Ryan Happy \$\$** also came from: **John DeDoncker** – completed a 50-mile run. Why? “After 49 miles, it just seemed like the thing to do.”

Sharon Sarver – \$50: \$38 for her birthday + thanks for the LobsterFest volunteers... **Kevin Kraft** – his Mom-in-law turns 90... **Ken Vandersnick** – for the games the Bulls did win... **Carter LeBeau** – grandson won a race at the Drake Relays... **Frank Mitvalsky** – planned his brother-in-law’s bachelor party – a canoe trip in Wisconsin, “less than 50 miles – and 3 days to do it”...

Tim Lane – daughter graduated from high school with honors... **Penny McGimpsey** – enjoyed the St. Ambrose University wine-tasting (“The *second*-best fundraiser in the QC!”)

Missing today...

K. Adams, L. Adams, Archer, Blaske, Boeye, Boosalis-7, Bowe-11, Brown-13, Boling-2, Calabrese-2, Carter-9, Castro-4, Daley, Death, Dickson, Downing, Duda, Edwards-2, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-20, Gudgel-3, Habenicht-2, Hassel, Heninger-4, Hintermeister-2, Hinton-20, James, Kappeler-5, Kass, Kennedy-5, Kinsley, Larsen-3, Limberg-2, Lokenvitz, McWilliams-2, Mangler, Marvin-2, Murray, Nanda, Nelson-20, Olson-2, Pelecky-20, Ploehn, Powers, Praul-2, Scranton-2, Stopulos, Volbrecht-16, Werner-2, Willsher-12, Worley-20

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: 340-5114, bmfkennedy@att.net

May 30: Kim Arnold, youth AMP

June 6: Meet the Miss Iowa contestants at The Fountains.



At the May 17 Thirsty Thursday social, Kevin Kraft, Kurt Lokenvitz, Chris Glass and Scott Naumann joined other BRC members on the deck at Governor’s who took the title of the event quite seriously.

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