



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
May 30, 2011, issue

Next meeting:
Noon Wednesday, June 6, 2012,
at →The Fountains

**Meet the
contestants for Miss
Iowa 2012**



With the 2012 Miss Iowa Scholarship Program pageant scheduled for June 7-9 at Davenport’s Adler Theatre, Bettendorf Rotary Club will have the opportunity to meet the contestants at noon June 6 – at The Fountains [NOTE the change!].

In June 2011, **Jessica Pray** of Johnston, Iowa, was named the 63rd statewide titleholder. She reached the Top 10 of the Miss America® 2012 pageant last January in Las Vegas.

To obtain pageant tickets, contact the Adler Box Office, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport (phone 326-8555), at www.ticketmaster.com or through Ticket-Master outlets.

Last meeting:
Tuesday, May 23, 2012

**Giving life skills to
kids in foster care**



Kim Arnold directs the AMP (Achieving Maximum Potential) program at Family Resources, on the Annie Wittenmyer campus in Davenport. For the May 30



meeting, she and her associate in the program, **Margie Mitchell**, introduced three youths, who are in foster care or other out-of-home placement program, who have benefitted

from their experiences with AMP.

AMP, according to the Family Resources Website, is “a youth-driven, statewide group that seeks to unleash the full

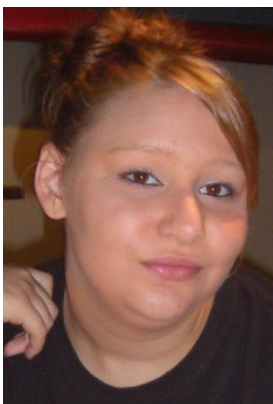
potential for personal growth among foster and adoptive children in Iowa.” It



offers “leadership opportunities, service learning projects, speaking opportunities, and educational/vocational assistance” and “provides the life skills youth need to become self-sufficient, independent adults.”



All of that was just so many lifeless words until we met **Miranda**, 16, **Scotty**, also 16, and **Heather**, 18 on June 1. All are veterans of the foster system – and all three articulate, confident youth are also veterans of AMP.



Among them in their young lives they have endured parents who are drug or alcohol

abusers... the deaths of parents or grandparents (who had been the sole source of stability in their life)... being in the foster system virtually all their life... multiple family members in prison.

Thanks to AMP, they have been successful in high school and aspire to careers, such as counseling at a facility

like Wittenmyer, or an anesthesiologist... “and a surgeon, so I can do it all myself.”

To learn more about AMP click on: www.ampiowa.org/ or contact Family Resources, 2800 Eastern Ave., Davenport, phone 326-6431.

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and the singing of our patriotic song, “God Bless America.” After Moments of Reflection and introductions, song leader **Tom Howard**, with the – accompaniment of pianist **Gail Baldwin**, conducted the singing of the Rotary song, “Be a Friend,” and a sentimental favorite, “Smile – Sing a Song!”

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarians:

Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla.:

Beverages

Tom Torrey, Rock Island: Outdoor Advertising

Guest:

Regina Haddock with **Lee Semenov**

Announcements...

→ **John Deere Classic. Chris Glass** – channeling **Jeff Hassel** – urged more volunteers to sign up to be marshals at OUR Hole – No. 1. “We’re really short of people!” he said. It’s easy to sign up, Chris said – just click on this link and fill out the form:

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

Non-Rotarians are most welcome to work – and everyone who works one day gets free admission to the rest of the event.

→ **Book for Carolyn.** The book of memories that **Harry Coin** created as a gift for past president **Carolyn Leutwyler** to help her through her post-cancer surgery in Florida arrived, as

promised, at the May 30 meeting. As the meeting progressed, the book –



consisting mostly of the newsletters from her time as president – passed around the room for all present to sign. As you read this, **Decker Ploehn** has expressed it to her. He called for a hearty round of applause for Harry’s excellent efforts.

→ **LobsterFest.** Updating info on our largest fundraiser:
→ Saying “It’s crunch-time” on tickets,



Penny McGimpsey asked for the names of people at your table – and please return ticket stubs, which help in

charting where everyone will sit. About 3 tables’ worth of tickets remain, she said.

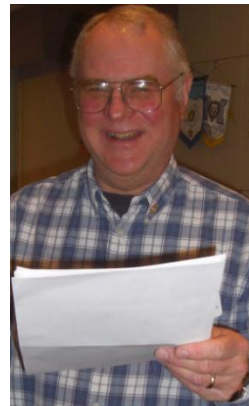
→ **Jonna Schuler** and **Tim Lane** urged donation of still more Silent Auction items, noting this aspect of the event usually brings in about \$15,000. If you have an idea for a Silent Auction item, but are shy about asking a business to donate, “We’ll make the ask for you,” Tim emphasized.

→ A “wine pull” is being planned as a feature of the ’Fest, and bottles of wine are needed. To donate a bottle, or for more info, call **Jonna, 344-7066; Penny, 333-2649, or Tim, 359-9660.**

→ **Next Week’s meeting.** President **Scott** underscored the pertinent info: “Next week, Wednesday, June 6, we will meet at The Fountains for a Miss Iowa presentation. Do not go to the Fortune Garden.”

The news...

Lora Adams had prepared a summary, but had to leave, so **Fred Anderson** subbed – after assuring everyone he would *not* try to impersonate Lora. Here’s the news:



Motorcycle driver **Vanzie Jackson**, of Bettendorf, was killed early Tuesday when a pickup driven by **Adam Sotomayor** crossed the median on E. 53rd Street and ran head-on into him. Sotomayer, also of Bettendorf, faces multiple charges, including homicide by vehicle.... **Sophie Bergman**, 12, of Bettendorf, is competing in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.... Former Liberian President **Charles Taylor** is sentenced to 50 years in

prison for aiding rebels in Sierra Leone.... Serena Williams lost in the first round of the French Open.... In Ohio a man who was short one 99-cent taco returned to the restaurant and, after getting his missing taco, rammed his truck into the front of the store; police followed a trail of fluids leaking from his vehicle to arrest him on felony vandalism charges.... In Houston, a waiter's car was destroyed in a flood – but a couple whom he had waited on for years gave him an envelope full of cash and said, “Go buy yourself a car.”

Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$158 for our foundations from these generous members who passed in **John Ryan Happy \$\$**: Brewers fan **Duncan Cameron** – shares a “race to the bottom” of the NL Central with Cubs fan **Carter LeBeau**... **Chris Glass** – 3rd anniversary + enjoying working with **Diane Ricketts-McCool** on her new Website... [No, **John DeDoncker** says, he is *not* an ATM – except to his kids]... **George Coin** (a veteran grandpa) gets to claim the title once again... **Mark Ross** – just 6 more days to the primary (“Remember to vote!”)... **President Scott** – “Thanks to **Greg Blaske**, my knee’s better than ever”... **Decker Ploehn** – \$10 and more thanks for **Harry Coin** and the book he created for **Carolyn Leutwyler**... **John Rabine** – a joy working with a fellow Rotarian and buying carpeting from **Bill Daley**’s store... **George Daugherty** – actually saw an Illini fan on TV...

Missing today...

Archer, Boeye-2, Boosalis-8, Bowe-12, Brown-14, Boling-3, Bibik, Carter-10, Castro-5, Daley-2, DeBuhr, Dickson-2, Downing-2, Duda, Edwards-4, Ellstrom-22, Gallagher, Habenicht-5, Hassel-2,

Hinton-22, Kellenberger, Kennedy-6, Larsen-4, Limberg-3, L. Miller, Murray-2, Murphy, Nelson-22, Olson-3, Oswald, Obriant, Pelecky-22, Powers-2, Praul-3, Sarver, Schillig, Schutte, Sherrick, Spelhaug, St. Laurent, Volbrecht, Willsher-13, Worley-22

Make-ups...

Social Committee: Daniel Marvin, Brent Werner, Chris Glass, Kurt Lokenvitz



LobsterFest Committee: Penny McGimpsey, Ken Vandersnick, **Jonna Schuler**, **Tim Lane**, Carrie Voigts, Scott Naumann.

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: **340-5114**, bmfkennedy@att.net
June 6: Meet the Miss Iowa contestants at The Fountains.

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