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BETTENDORF  
ROTARY  
CLUB NEWS**  
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
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*Last meeting:*  
Tuesday, June 6, 2012

**We got to meet  
Miss Iowa hopefuls**



Thanks to **Becky Lee Hinton**, Bettendorf Rotary Club hosted the contestants in the 2012 Miss Iowa Pageant – at The Fountains – for a luncheon the day before their competition begins.

Becky introduced the director of the Miss Iowa Pageant, Diane Anderson, and **Miss Iowa 2011, Jessica Pray**, who related some of her experiences as an “ambassador” traveling thousands of miles to meet with Iowans in every walk of life. She underscored her platform – the life-saving benefits of blood donation. She noted that the Miss America series of pageants provides scholarships for contestants, adding that she had received \$16,000 in scholarships for the three in which she had competed – Miss Muscatine, Miss Iowa and Miss America. An ethics and public policy major, with a

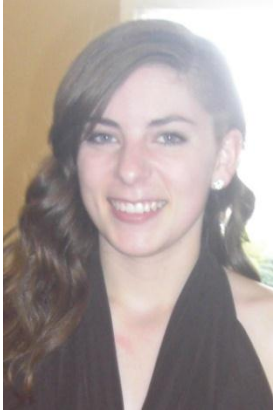


vocal music minor, she will return to her studies at the University of Iowa.

After her comments, Jessica brought the 2012 contestants to the microphone, and each one introduced herself. To provide a preview of their talents, five of the pageant participants performed – capped by Miss Iowa singing “And This Is My Beloved” from the Broadway musical Kismet. The performances were:



→ Taylor Wiebers, **Miss Scott County** (from Clinton County) – sang “Don’t Rain on My Parade.” She once shaved her head in a show of support for kids with cancer.



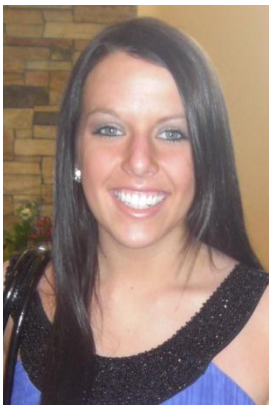
→ Sara Puffer, **Miss Greater Des Moines** (from Marion) – sang the Spanish ballad “A, Moreno.” An aspiring human rights attorney, her platform is suicide awareness and prevention.



→ Anna Derdzinski, **Miss Northeast Iowa** (from Green, Iowa) – sang “This Is My Now.” This Luther College student intends to become an elementary school teacher.



→ Heidi Nyhus, **Miss Greenbelt** (from Forest City, Iowa) – played a piano solo, “Sonata in C” by Mozart. The Iowa State University grad hopes to do media relations for a non-profit organization.



→ Abby Curtis, **Miss Great River** – sang and yodeled the Western song “Cowboy Sweetheart.” The Muscatine native hopes to own an interior design business.

The other contestants present were:  
**Miss Clinton County:** Alexandria Necker - Dewitt, Iowa  
**Miss Kossuth-Winnebago:** Brooke Preston - Bancroft, Iowa  
**Miss Davenport:** Jessica Baker - Coralville, Iowa  
**Miss Muscatine:** Mariah Cary - Burlington, Iowa  
**Miss Eastern Iowa:** Amanda Manning - Burlington, Iowa  
**Miss Prairie Rose:** Erika Olson - Des Moines, Iowa  
**Miss Johnson County:** Stacy Phipps - Eldridge, Iowa

### **The meeting opened...**

With **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of the 4-way test – which is “on the wall at the Fortune Garden,” he noted – and **Becky Hinton** singing “The Star Spangled Banner.” After Moments of Reflection, since “the songbooks are also at the Fortune Garden,” Scott dispensed with that activity and moved straight to announcements.

### **Secretary Chuck introduced:**

#### **Visiting Rotarians:**

Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla.:

Beverages

Charlie Jones, North Scott: Municipal water

Margo McInnis, North Scott: Tourism

Scott Warren, Maquoketa: YMCA  
Deni McCarter, Moline: Health care

**Guests:**

Mike Goben with **Alexei Bibik**  
Sue Kraft with **Kevin Kraft**  
Marilyn Pieart with **Steve Pieart**  
Paula Pratt with **Kathy Duda**  
Kaye LeBeau with **Carter LeBeau**

**Announcements...**

→ **John Deere Classic.** **Chris Glass** said more volunteers are needed, **especially for Wednesday (June 11)**, plus Thursday and Sunday. It's easy to sign up, **Chris** said – just click on this link and fill out the form:

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



→ **LobsterFest.** With just a few days until our largest fundraiser, here's the latest update:

→ **Penny McGimpsey** asked members to turn in ticket stubs and give her the names of people at your table. A few tickets remain unsold, she added.

→ **Sharon Sarver** passed around a signup sheet for setup and cleanup volunteers.

→ **Jonna Schuler** said the deadline for all Silent Auction items – and bottles being donated for the Wine Pull – is next week's meeting.

→ **Kathy Duda** said all sponsor banners must be turned in at Rivermont Collegiate – or to her – by Monday, June 11.

**The news...**

**Lora Adams** couldn't make the meeting, and **Fred Anderson** came totally unprepared... so here's one item you missed: In this tough economy, with job applicants far outnumbering the available openings, many hiring managers have taken to asking bizarre questions to test interviewees' creativity – or just as a way to weed them out. The jobs Website Glassdoor.com, where people post their job-hunting experiences, compiled this list of Top 10 oddball questions:

- “Tell me the restaurant where you dined last night?”
- “Do you feel you had a normal childhood?”
- “If you can grow anything on a tree, what would it be?”
- “If you were in the movie 'The Wizard of Oz,' which character do you most relate with and why?”
- “Would you rather be ranked No. 1 in the office and hated by everyone or No. 15 in the office but well-liked?”
- “If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three things would you want to have with you?”
- “Jeff Bezos walks into your office and says you can have a million dollars to launch your best entrepreneurial idea. What is it?”
- “My clock is nine minutes slow every hour. At noon, it tells the correct time. After how many hours will it again tell the correct time?”

- “If you had five red balls that contained four red balls and those red balls contained the original five red balls, then how many sets of sets of balls would I take to have a double set of red balls of varying sizes inside each next largest red ball?”

### Sergeant at arms...

**President Scott** collected \$130 for our foundations. The generous members who donated **John Ryan Happy \$\$** were: **Becky Hinton** – “happy you all are here”... **Glenn Kass** – gets to wear the lobster suit... **Decker Ploehn** – wanted to hear **Kevin Kraft** explain his comment about “my Miss Iowa” when he introduced his wife... **Kirsten Adams** – daughter turned 14 and got a Cindy Lou Who... **Scott Naumann** – 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary... **Chris Glass** – paid his \$10 IOU from last week.

### In other BRC news...

➔ **Marketing, Events Committees to merge.** Gathering before today’s meeting, the Marketing Committee proposed joining with the Events Committee, forming a “super committee” to accomplish the goals of both. Marketing Committee Chair **Chelsea Powers** said, “We hope to work with the Events Committee to identify action items that we want to accomplish under **Mark Ross**’s presidency.” Events Committee Chair **Chris Glass** added, “The plan is to talk with the board next week and work with them to determine what goals they have for this super committee. The merged group would include all current members of both committees. It will hold its first meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 27, at the Fortune Garden.

### Missing today...

L. Adams, Archer-3, Ashby, Blaske, Boeye-3, Boosalis-9, Bowe-13, Brown-15, Boling-4, Carter-11, Castro-6, Chambers, Daugherty, DeBuhr-2, DeDoncker, Dickson-3, Dobesh, Downing-3, Edwards-5, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-23, Falk, Gallagher-2, Gudgel, Hassel-3, Heninger, Hintermeister, Kappeler, Kennedy-7, Larsen-5, Limberg-4, McWilliams, L. Miller-2, Mitvalsky, Murray-3, Murphy-2, Nelson-23, Olson-4, Pelecky-23, Praul-4, Rabine, Ricketts-McCool, Rolf, Ross, Schillig-5, Schutte-2, Sherrick-2, Spelhaug-2, St. Laurent-2, Stopulos, Salm, Volbrecht-18, Werner, Willsher-14, Worley-23



### Make-ups...

**Marketing Committee:** Chris Glass, Jonna Schuler, Chelsea Powers, Kirsten Adams, Fred Anderson.

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

### Upcoming meetings...

Have program ideas? Contact **Brian Kennedy: 340-5114**, [bmfkennedy@att.net](mailto:bmfkennedy@att.net)

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