



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, June 27, 2012,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

The gavel passes from Scott to Mark

Wednesday, June 27, will be **Scott Naumann**'s last official opportunity to swing the gavel. After his valedictory



remarks, presumably he'll hand that symbol of leadership of the Bettendorf Rotary Club to the incoming president for 2012-13, **Mark Ross**, who will have two weeks to practice wielding it before calling his first

meeting to order. (The first meeting of his reign is July 4th, and we all have a parade to go to; see below.) The June 27 meeting will be an opportunity to chart the club's progress and achievements during the 2011-2012 year – and preview the year to come.

Last meeting:

Tuesday, June 20, 2012



Rotary rids India of polio; Tubbs reports

Past District Gov. **Bill Tubbs**, North Scott Rotarian and assistant governor of Dist. 6000, at the June 20 meeting described his recent experiences with the PolioPlus program – “the greatest service project in the world, to eradicate polio from the planet” he said.

By an extraordinary coincidence, Bill and a group of Rotary volunteers from the U.S. and Canada were in India in February 2012 to participate in a massive polio inoculation, when India was declared polio-free – leaving just three countries where the disease is considered endemic.

The Rotary Foundation became involved in PolioPlus in 1985, along with the World Health Organization and UNICEF.

In that year, Bill reported, polio was endemic in most of the world outside North America and Western Europe – and an estimated 350,000 new cases were diagnosed yearly.

Now, with the removal of India from the list of polio-endemic countries, only Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan remain as countries where new cases of the disease continue to occur.

Even though polio has been stopped in India, the work of treating its victims will continue for another generation, Bill said officials told him. He and the other Rotarians toured St. Stephens Hospital, which performs corrective surgeries for polio victims, before helping with the inoculations on Feb. 19-21.

On those three days, some 2.3 million volunteers – many of them Rotarians – administered polio vaccine to 172 million Indian children.

Rotary International, through its foundation, continues the work to rid the planet of polio, Bill said.

The meeting opened...



...with **President Scott Naumann** leading the recitation of the 4-way test and songster **Tom Howard** – along with pianist **Gail Baldwin** – leading a rousing chorus of “This Is My Country.” After

Moments of Reflection and introductions, the singing resumed with the Rotary song “Be a Friend,” a chorus of “You Are My Sunshine” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”

Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarian:

Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla.:
Beverages

Guests:

Shaun Hudson and Paul Keppy with
John Archer
Joe Douglas with **Steve Piart**
Jay Vanfossen with **Chris Glass**

Announcements...



→ **LobsterFest.** In the wake of Saturday’s 6th annual LobsterFest, **President Scott** led a praise-fest for all whose voluntary efforts contributed to its success. “We have what it takes,” he said, adding, “Volunteers appeared whenever they were needed.” He singled out THE National Bank as Presenting Sponsor – and for its support in voluntary ways, such as with technology and logistics. In response, **John DeDoncker** added his thanks “for all the volunteers” who



made the event work, despite the torrential rain that struck as the tent was full of diners. “But the tent handled it,” John added.

President Scott recognized **Kathy Duda** for securing local musician Danika



Holmes to perform during the event, **Carter LeBeau** for his help in many ways, and **Amber Castro** for

setting the Silent Auction efforts in the right direction – even while becoming a new mother in May (did meet sweet little **Lila** with the pink bow on her headband?). Scott singled out **Rich James** (“the only person who knows where Larry the Lobsterman really lives”) for coordinating the food with HyVee, **Chris Glass** and **Glenn Kass** for their publicity and media-relations efforts, **Kurt Lokenvitz** for producing the programs, and **Todd Ashby** for coordinating sponsors’ banners.



Scott then presented “Lob-Star” awards to the members who made all of the behind-the-scenes functions work so well, from coordinating volunteers to acquiring silent auction items, from



providing the public-address system to ensuring timely deliveries, and so much more: **Sharon Sarver, Penny McGimpsey, Tim Lane, Jonna Schuler, Ken Vandersnick, Ann Kappeler and Dave Deuth.**

While she was at the front of the room, **Sharon Sarver** grabbed the microphone to thank **Frank Mitvalsky** for his “logistics manifesto,” **Frank Schwab** and **Ken Vandersnick** for picking up the food and beverages, **Brian Rolf** and **Carl Loweth** for many kinds of help, and **Decker Ploehn** for his emcee performance and for liaison with the Isle of Capri.



For securing beverages, **Duncan Cameron** received much thanks as he and Decker disposed of the leftover liquids with an impromptu auction – which added \$110 for the cause.

Along the way, thanks rang out for the young volunteers from the Boy Scouts, Scott Community College and Family Services who helped prepare and serve the meals – and for Rivermont Collegiate for opening its facilities for the event.

President Scott promised that remaining Silent Auction items would be sorted out



and coordinated by email. During and after the meeting, sales of leftover candy added \$149, and decorative flower sales brought in \$15.

The news...

To provide time for the program, the news was waived, but **Lora Adams** had compiled this summary: The multiple winners of Iowa's largest lottery drawing – \$241 million – were revealed at a Wednesday news conference.... Three U.S. service members and 18 Afghans were killed by a suicide bomber.... Deposed Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is near death.... About 40 pro golfers who competed in last week's U.S. Open will tee off at the John Deere Classic in July.... [To conclude, Lora asked, editorially, "Have you ever noticed that not one man in a beer commercial has a beer belly?"]

Sergeant at arms...

Even though **John Ryan Happy \$\$** were postponed to save time, volunteers still chipped in \$66 for our foundations.

Missing today...

K. Adams, Blaske-3, Boeye-5, Boosalis-11, Bowe-15, Brown, Bubik-2, Carter-10, Chambers-3, Daugherty, DeBuhr-4, Dickson, Dobesh-3, Eikenberry-3, Edwards-7, Ellstrom-25, Gudgel-3, Hassel, Hinton-2, Kraft, Kennedy-9, Limberg, Mangler-2, L. Miller, Murray, Murphy, Nelson-25, Olson, Pelecky-25, Rolf-3, Saul, Schillig, Schutte, Sherrick-4, Spelhaug, St. Laurent-4, Topper-2, Werner-3, Worley

Upcoming meetings...

June 27: Passing of the gavel from **Scott Naumann** to **Mark Ross**

July 4: No *official* meeting – but **Todd Ashby** invited all BRC members to watch Bettendorf's Old Fashioned July 4th Parade from Results Marketing on Grant Street and stay for a picnic (but please let him know you're coming: 322-2065 or todd@resultsimc.com); **Mark Ross** said it'll count as a make-up) Have program ideas? Contact **Brian Kennedy: 340-5114**, bmfkennedy@att.net

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