



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at the
Fortune Garden restaurant

**Learn to cut clutter,
age in place...**

The July 25 meeting will offer the opportunity to learn two helpful life skills from Dr. **Jill M. Bjerke**, an expert in de-cluttering who is also a certified aging-in-place specialist.

The founder of Aging in Place with Grace, Dr. Bjerke is a health care physician with knowledge in many areas that surround aging, downsizing, hoarding and the process of clutter elimination. At work, de-cluttering can apply to a messy office, cluttered hallways or workrooms. Having a neat workplace aids productivity and helps eliminate workplace accidents.

Dr. Bjerke also helps seniors who face downsizing their living arrangements. She says, "With the largest generation the world has known reaching their retirement years and beyond, many are asking, 'Can I continue to live in my home throughout the remainder of my life?' At Aging in Place with Grace we want to help you answer that question by providing you all the information, tools and guidance necessary to make the right choice for you."

Last meeting:
Tuesday, July 18, 2012



**Sunderbruch lifts
Supervisors veil**

Not long ago, **Tom Sunderbruch**, chair of the Scott County Board of Supervisors, asked some school children to name the four levels of government. They quickly rattled off "federal, state, city and ..." They couldn't think of *county* government, he said at the July 18 meeting, although it touches the lives of everyone in the county in many ways.

The Board of Supervisors serves as the administrative and policy-making body

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for the county, he explained. Among many other tasks, it:
→Levies taxes

(property tax rates will be lower in 2013, Sunderbruch said),

→Adopts an annual budget (\$83 million for 2013, he reported – “a 1.9% increase,” he added),

→Manages all county buildings and grounds – plus 556 miles of roads and 121 bridges,

→Appoints boards and commissions,

→Provides support services for veterans, needy citizens and those who can't care for themselves, and

→Oversees all county elections.

Scott County, the chairman said, “has the most cost-efficient and cost-effective county government in Iowa.” The county routinely earns awards for excellence in financial reporting and budgeting. It ranks 91st among Iowa's 99 counties in the property tax amount per resident.

Even with all that efficiency, Sunderbruch said, the Supervisors search for more ways to provide better service at lower cost, by doing such things as joining with Iowa's other most urbanized counties to work together on addressing many of the issues they all face.

For more pertinent facts about county government, and information about events, go to the county's Website: <http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/> .

The meeting opened...

...with **President Mark Ross** leading the recitation of the 4-Way Test and the singing of the patriotic song, “God Bless



America.” After Moments of Reflection and introductions, the singing resumed under the (metaphorical) baton of **Tom Howard**, with pianist **Gail Baldwin**: “Sing Out a Song of Rot'ry” and “In the Good Old Summertime.”

Introductions...

Visiting Rotarians:

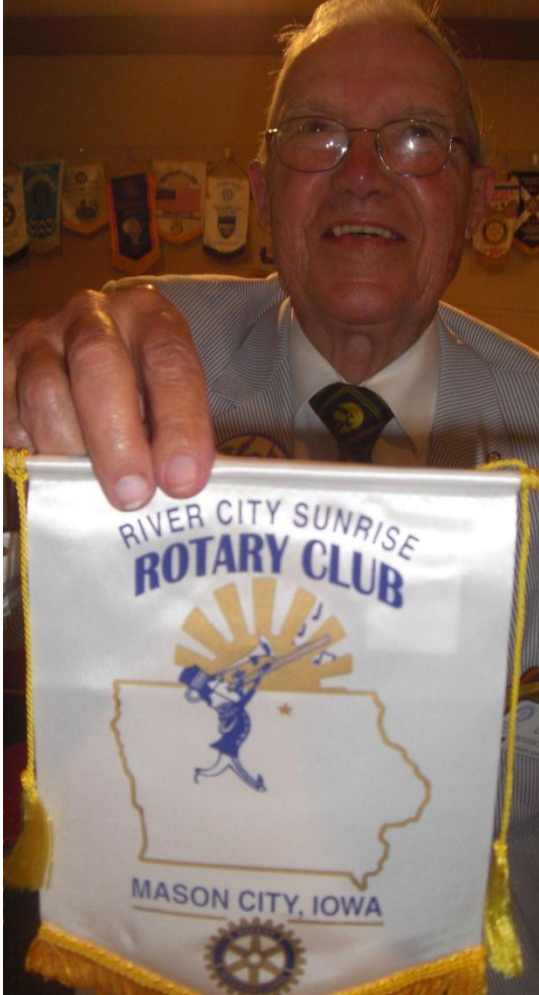
Leanne Shaw, Moline: Banking
Margo McInnis, North Scott: Tourism
Nathan Kessler, North Scott: Banking
Paul Holsworth, North Scott: Teacher

Guests:

Cindy Concannan with **Laurie Dobesh**
Paige Schuler with **Jonna Schuler**
Aaron Tennet, guest of **John Archer**

Presentation...

Carter LeBeau presented a Club Banner from the Mason City, Iowa, breakfast



club – where, he said, all 29 members are Paul Harris Fellows. (If you visit, Carter advised, stay to see Mason City’s Meredith Wilson Museum and the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed hotel.)

Announcements...

➔ **John Deere Classic.** Jeff Hassel



thanked all the volunteers who worked as marshals at Hole No. 1 (our hole) at the John Deere Classic. Jeff noted that three BRC members – **Pat Eikenberry, Paul Scranton and Decker Ploehn** –

serve on the JDC Board. Jeff also singled out the JDC marshaling work of **Steve Piart**, who worked three of the four days of the event, and **Doyle McCully**, who gave special attention to the women present.

➔ **New membership chair.** Jeff also announced that he is the new Membership Chairman. After thanking **Connie Mangler** for her hard work and successes, he said the committee will shift its focus to the retention and greater involvement of current members, plus recruitment of new members in classifications not now represented.

➔ **Run with Carl / Rotary in Motion.** **Dick Schillig** reported the team results after two weeks of “Rotary in Motion.” Team total miles are:

Chris Salm’s Strutters: 619
Kurt Lokenvitz’s Locos: 584
Jonna Schuler’s Racy Rotarians: 770
 Comparing those teams with The Pacer (**John DeDoncker**), Dick applied the “handicap,” multiplying team averages by 2, to get these scores:

Strutters: 72
Locos: 68
Racy Rotarians: 90
The Pacer: 91



“It’s a tight race. Only one mile separates The Pacer from the Racy Rotarians,”

Dick said after the meeting. Then he added an ominous note: “The Pacer indicated in last week’s report that he took off Saturday and Sunday of week 2. Look out next week!”

If you’re still not on a team, but would like to be, contact Dick (332-2200 or rjsandassoc@att.net) or **Chelsea Powers** (cpowers@holmesmurphy.com or 468-4053).

→ **Thirsty Thursday.** **Chris Glass** reminded all of the social hour at 5:30 Thursday, July 19, at Harrington’s in Bettendorf.

The news...



With her usual verve, **Lora Adams** delivered a summary of the news; here’s the *Reader’s Digest* version:

Amid neighbors’ comments, the Scott County Planning and Zoning Commission voted 6-1 to deny a rezoning request for a proposed fertilizer plant.... Housing starts increased at the best pace in more than three years.... The inspector general for the effort to rebuild Iraq says \$6-\$8 billion has been lost to waste, fraud or abuse.... A Cleveland woman is trying to raise money for breast-implant surgery by posing on a motorcycle in a bikini – saying the surgery will “help her self-esteem”.... A Minnesota man is upset after the weed killer he applied to his lawn also killed the grass – even though the not-so-fine print warned it would do exactly that... At first, TSA agents thought Jonah Falcon was trying to smuggle something in his pants – but it

turned out the New Yorker has, according to a TV documentary, the “world’s largest... uh... family jewel...”



Sergeant at arms...

President Mark collected \$164 for our foundations + \$146 from **Doyle McCully** (for his 60th high school reunion and other travel) for our Scholarship Fund. Other members who shelled out **John Ryan Happy \$\$** were: **Bill Daley** – happy to work at the JDC + thanks for all **Jeff Hassel**’s work... **Steve Pieart** – wife’s birthday... **Jim Slavens** – on such a hot day, thankful to be among the fraction of Earth’s population with air conditioning – 5 billion of the population of 6.78 billion don’t, he commented... **Ken Vandernick** – the White Sox are above .500... **Rich James** – this is the 110th anniversary of the invention of air conditioning + going to be a grandpa again... **Lora Adams** – tests are back and she has “zero cancer markers.”

Missing today...

K. Adams, Archer, Bibik, Blaske, Boling, Boosalis-2, Bowe-2, Brown-2, Calabrese, Carter-2, Chambers, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dixon, Duda, Edwards, Ellstrom-2, Gudgel-2, Harrison, Hartsock, Hintermeister, Hinton-2, Kraft, Larsen, Marvin, L. Miller, Mitvalsky, Murphy-2, Murray, Nelson-2, Olson-2, Oswald, Pelecky-2, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Salm, Sarver, Schutte-2, Scranton, Sherrick, Spelhaug, St. Laurent-2, Topper, Willsher-2

Make-ups...

Todd Ashby @ North Scott twice
@ **the JDC**: Greg Blaske, Chris Boling, Jerry Felsing (2), Jeff Hassel (5), Carl Loweth, Doyle McCully (2), Steve Pieart (3), Mark Ross, Paul Scranton, Decker Ploehn, Jean Dickson, Gary Hintermeister, Connie Mangler, Ken Vandersnick, Bill Daley (2), Daniel Marvin, Brent Werner, Todd Ashby, David Chambers, Carl Loweth, Pat Stopulos

Upcoming meetings...

July 25: Dr. Jill M. Bjerke, de-cluttering expert and certified aging-in-place specialist
Have program ideas? Contact **Brian Kennedy: 340-5114**, bmfkennedy@att.net

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

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