



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Last meeting:

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Cut your clutter – boost productivity

The July 25 speaker, **Dr. Jill M. Bjerke**, owns two businesses – Cut the Clutter and Aging in Place with Grace – and often she combines the two to help clients downsize their living space and adapt it for continued safe living into old age.

An expert in de-cluttering both working and living spaces, Bjerke offered several bits of advice for those who need to reduce clutter, or increase organization, or both:

- It's easy to get organized, but hard to stay that way.
- The way you get organized has to be yours – one method of organization doesn't fit everybody, just like one method of learning doesn't suit all.
- One fault we all need to improve on: put things back in their place when you're done using them.
- Mail can be a culprit creating clutter – so create a “mail station” where the first thing you do after getting the mail is to sort it into bins (or piles): bills to be paid, papers to recycle, papers to shred, etc. – then dispose of each pile regularly.



→When sorting, put like things together – you'll discover you have far too many screwdrivers or reading glasses; donate the excess to a charity, school or church.

“We all waste so much time by being disorganized... being better organized actually boosts our productivity,” she said.

For more on either of Bjerke's enterprises check <http://www.cuttheclutterco.com/> or <http://aginginplacewithgrace.com/>.

The meeting opened...

...with **President Mark Ross** leading the recitation of the 4-Way Test and the singing of the patriotic song, “This Is My Country.” After Moments of Reflection and introductions, song leader **Tom Howard**, with accompanist **Gail Baldwin**, took charge of resumed singing

– “April Showers” (in recognition of what we all wish for with this prolonged drought) and “Vive le Rotary.”

Secretary Chuck introduced...

Visiting Rotarians:

Tom Fedje, Davenport: Edgerton Women’s Health Center
Ron Froeshle, Chambersburg, Pa.: Trust Officer



Guests:

Mark McLaughen & Taliscio Macias with Todd Ashby
Eleni Matos with Harry Coin

Announcements...



➔ **Run with Carl / Rotary in Motion.** Dick Schillig reported the team results after the third week of “Rotary in

Motion” – the BRC warm-up for RWC on Labor Day. Team total miles are:

Chris Salm’s Strutters: 1,644

Kurt Lokenvitz’s Locos: 999

Jonna Schuler’s Racy Rotarians: 1,295

Comparing those teams with The Pacer (**John DeDoncker**), Dick applied the “handicap” to derive these team-average scores:

Strutters: 144

Locos: 56

Racy Rotarians: 70

The Pacer: With a total of 64 miles this week, he’s now covered 155 miles in three weeks.

It’s 38 days to Labor Day and the Run with Carl events.

The news...

Lora Adams couldn’t make the meeting, so **Fred Anderson** pulled these heart-warming tales from the day’s news:

A Fort Wayne, Ind., man has pleaded guilty to four charges after he used tow straps to secure four children — three of his own – to the hood of his car.

When officers stopped him as he was driving with the kids on the hood, he said he “thought they would like it.” His blood-alcohol level was more than double the legal limit.... A man in a Wal-Mart in Grovetown, Ga., asked an 18-year-old woman if her toenails were painted and whether she had watch the TV show, America’s Funniest Home Videos. Then he asked if he could kiss her foot. Without waiting, he started sucking her big toe. She screamed, called police, and the man with odd taste ran away, saying, “It tasted so good...”



Sergeant at arms...

President Mark collected \$272 for our foundations + a birthday check for \$71 from **Steve Piart** for our Scholarship Fund. **John Ryan Happy \$\$** came from:



John DeDoncker – (can't read my notes, but I know he had a good reason)... **George Coin** – covered 1,600 miles on his bike... **Decker Ploehn** – thanks for all who helped at the JDC + \$\$ for **Tom Howard**

making us sing... **Joshua O'Briant** – he's moving to San Diego in the fall...

Dave Deuth – 26th anniversary + son Evan is engaged + some \$\$ from **Dr. Tom Olson**, who's with his in-laws but told Dave he'd rather be at Rotary (How's life on the edge, Tom?)...

George Daugherty – a plug for the North Scott Rotary's annual corn boil tomorrow evening at the Scott County Fairgrounds... **Dick Schillig** – bought corn at a roadside pickup from



“Grumpy's Garden” and the codger inside was indeed grumpy... **Harry Coin** – a Rotary scholarship awarded to a singer in upstate New York led to the operatic career for **Eleni Matos** his guest today.

Missing today...

K. Adams-2, L. Adams, Archer-3, Blaske-2, Boeye, Boling-2, Boosalis-3, Bowe-3, Brown-3, Calabrese, Carter-2, Castro, DeBuhr, Dickson-2, Duda-2,

Edwards-2, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-3, Falk, Felsing, Gallagher, Glass, Gudgel-3, Heninger, Hinton-2, Kappeler, Kass, Kellenberger, Kennedy, Kraft-2, Larsen-2, LeBeau, Lokenvitz, Loweth, McWilliams, Marvin, L. Miller-2, Mitvalsky-2, Murphy-3, Murray-3, Nelson-3, Olson-3, Pelecky-3, Praul, Rolf, Salm-2, Sarver, Schutte-3, Spelhaug-2, St. Laurent-3, Werner, Willsher-3, Worley

Make-ups...

George Daugherty @ North Scott

Upcoming meetings...

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

News staff...

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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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