



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Aug. 1, 2012, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2012, at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **Archer to speak Aug. 8**

**John Archer**, Republican candidate for Congress from Iowa's 2<sup>nd</sup> District and member of the Bettendorf Rotary Club, is the schedule speaker at the Aug. 8 meeting.



John was born and reared in Springfield, Ill. He received his B.A. in political science and business administration from Illinois Wesleyan University cum laude and his law degree, also

cum laude, from Southern Illinois University School of Law.

After graduation, John served as law clerk for the Hon. Benjamin K. Miller of the Illinois Supreme Court.

John has spent the last 11 years as senior counsel at Deere & Company. He resides in Bettendorf with his wife Andrea and their two children, Henry, 6, and Beatrice, 3.

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday Aug. 1, 2012



## **'Bettendorf 101' – how city works**

At the Aug. 1 meeting we learned the best way to find out what Bettendorf is all about from **Lauran Haldeman**, the city's public information officer. It's quite a journey. "Bettendorf 101: City Citizens Academy" is a 7-week program that provides an inside look at how the city of Bettendorf works.

Begun in the fall of 2008, "B-101" offers citizens of Bettendorf twice-yearly opportunities to take a detailed look at the city's services. The free program meets 6-9 p.m. on consecutive Thursdays, plus two bus trips. Haldeman outlined the contents of each session:



→The City Hall session gives an overview of City Council responsibilities and tours the Police Department and State Street Fire Station.

→At the Learning Campus, attendees tour the Family Museum (including playing with the exhibits) and the Public Library.

→A detailed Police Department session lets citizens learn about the equipment and procedures used by the Emergency Response Unit and the K-9 Unit.

→The Public Works visit acquaints participants with such mechanized services as the one-man pavement patcher, and recycling and trash-collection trucks.

→The Community Development Department visit provides insight into city planning, flood-plain usage and the operation of traffic lights.

→Visitors put their hands on fire-fighting gear when they tour the Surrey Heights Fire Station.

→The Saturday bus tour focuses on Economic Development, with a factory tour, and Parks & Recreation with stops at the dog park, a bike trail, Palmer Hills Golf Course and the Life Fitness Center.

→The Friday evening bus tour takes the class to the waste-water treatment plant, Scott County landfill and recycling center, the composting facility and the Scott Emergency Communication Center.

“Graduates” of the course receive a certificate and a gift during a dinner ceremony. For more information, or to sign up, contact Haldeman at 344-4033 or [lhaldeman@bettendorf.org](mailto:lhaldeman@bettendorf.org). the next available session begins April 4, 2013. Class size is limited to 30.

### The meeting opened...

... with **President**

**Mark Ross**

leading the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom**

**Howard** led the singing of “The National Anthem,” in honor of the Olympics. After



Moments of Reflection and introductions, the singing resumes with Tom accompanied by pianist **Gail Baldwin**: “Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry,” “I’m Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover” and the monthly popular “Happy Birthday,



Rotarians.” August cake eaters are: 2, Elisa Topper; 4, Steve Sorenson; 5, **Amber Castro**; 7, Ron Edwards; 9, Penny McGimpsey; 12, Jerry

Felsing; 14, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Jay Willsher; 22, Dawn Saul; 27, Linda Miller, Joshua Obriant; 28, Tom Ahlstrand

## Secretary Chuck introduced...

### Visiting Rotarian:

Ed Goering, Greater Albany, Ore.: Safety

### Guests:

Lois Goering guest of Ed Goering

Mike Mc Keown guest of **Chris Boling**



## Presentation...

→ **Paul Harris Fellowships.** S.K. Nanda presented Paul Harris Fellowship pins and certificates to **Kevin Kraft** and **Paul Scranton**, signifying they have each donated \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

## Announcements...

→ **Rotary in Motion.** With 33 days left



until Run with Carl on Labor Day, **Dick Schillig** reported the Week 4 results:  
**Chris Salm's**  
Strutters: 487 miles  
**Kurt Lokenvitz's**  
Locos: 377  
**Jonna Schuler's** Racy Rotarians: 555  
In the Challenge,

comparing those teams' averages with The Pacer's (**John DeDoncker**) total miles and applying the "handicap," it came down to:

Locos 54 miles,

Strutters 68 miles,

Racy Rotarians 74 miles... and

The Pacer a total of 54 miles....

Dick also passed around signup sheets for help with the event – refreshments on Race Day and Friday morning, Aug. 31; water delivery – truck needed; stuffing race packets 10 a.m. Friday and handing them out Friday p.m. and Saturday a.m. Volunteering and running/walking in the RWC adds 10 miles apiece to your team's RiM total, Dick said.

## → WQPT Rotary Challenge. Decker



**Ploehn** said BRC will staff the on-air fundraiser for the QC's Public TV station beginning at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Aug.

13. In previous years we have topped all other QC Rotary clubs – it's time we did that again. On-air volunteers are still needed – and ALL members need to answer the phone and pledge that evening. With \$3,000 in pledges, we get a TV set that we can auction at the Golf Outing this fall.

## The news...

**Lora Adams** couldn't make it, so **Fred Anderson** reported: Syrian jets fired on rebel positions in Aleppo on Wednesday, and the U.N. confirmed that the rebels now have heavy weapons.... Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn on Tuesday proposed a state ban on assault weapons.... Author,



playwright, politician and commentator Gore Vidal died Tuesday at age 86 at his Los Angeles home.... Michael Phelps became the most

successful Olympian of all time by winning career medals 18 and 19.... Butler County, Ohio, Jail officers woke Tiffany Hurd, 36, as she slept outside their fence. She refused to leave, saying, "I want to be arrested." So they obliged, charging her with disorderly conduct and criminal trespassing.

### Sergeant at arms...

**President Mark** collected \$210 for our foundations + \$31 for our scholarship fund. The BRC members who coughed up **John Ryan Happy \$\$** were: **Bill Daley** – long lines at Chick Fil-A... **Brent Werner** – getting married next week... **Lee Semenow** – **Dawn Saul** says she's happy Davenport schools start soon... **Kevin Kraft** – youngest daughter is coming home + happy to be a Paul Harris Fellow... **Paul Scranton** – thanks to all the John Deere Classic volunteers + happy he went to Des Moines to hear Medal of Honor recipient Bob Patterson + "Decker, show us those green JDC shoes!"... **Decker Ploehn** – I heard him say he'd wear them next week, didn't you?

### Missing today...

K. Adams-3, L. Adams-2, Archer-4, Bibik, Boeye-2, Boosalis-4, Bowe-4, Brown-4, Carter-4, Chambers, H. Coin,

DeBuhr-2, Deuth, Dickson-3, Dobesh, Edwards-3, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-4, Felsing, Gallagher-2, Gudgel-2, Harrison, Hassel, Hintermeister, Hinton-3, James, Kappeler-2, Kennedy-2, Lokenvitz-2, McGimpsey, McWilliams-2, Marvin-2, Mitvalsky-3, Murphy-4, Murray-4, Nelson-4, Obriant, Olson-4, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Salm-4, Sarver-2, Schuller, Schutte-4, Sherrick, Sorensen, Spelhaug-3, St. Laurent-4, Topper, Volbrecht, Willsher-4, Worley-2



### Upcoming meetings...

**Aug. 8:** John Archer, candidate for Congress from Iowa's 2<sup>nd</sup> District.  
**Aug. 15:** Jennifer Garrity from Metrolink – passenger rail and other transportation changes coming to the QC  
**Aug. 22:** Diane Nelson, CEO of Girl Scouts Quad Cities – their move to Bettendorf, and Girl Scout programs  
**Aug. 29:** Bill Martin, QC Chamber of Commerce – economic development and attracting new commerce to our region  
 Have program ideas? Contact **Brian Kennedy: 340-5114,** [bmfkennedy@att.net](mailto:bmfkennedy@att.net)

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