



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Sept. 5, 2012, issue

***Next meeting:***  
Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2012, at the  
Fortune Garden Restaurant

## Library's new boss shares her passion

Our own **Elisa Topper**, director of the Bettendorf Public Library since earlier this year, is the featured speaker at the Sept. 12 meeting.



A passionate advocate for her profession, Elisa brought a wealth of experience from her previous position as director of the library of Dundee, Ill. – where she was also a Rotarian.

In a *Library Journal* article in 2003, Elisa opined, “We should be singing the song of librarianship wherever we go”

Her earlier career included work as a business librarian, and service as director of personnel and training at the Chicago Public Library, director of member services for the Association of College and Research Libraries and director of information services at the Jewish Vocational Center in Chicago.

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## How Gilda's Club works in the QC

Gilda's Club QC had to overcome more than a little skepticism that it could work in this community – “in two states, divided by a river, with two competing hospital systems,” **Claudia Robinson**, its CEO since 1998, said at the Sept. 5 meeting. But last year, the converted mansion at 1234 E. River Drive in Davenport served some 17,000 people affected by cancer – patients and their families and friends. It has a permanent staff of five and connections to “every oncology center in the area,” she said.

“Care for the whole cancer patient” is the philosophy that guides Gilda's Club

services to those with cancer and those who support them. With headquarters in New York and sites throughout the U.S., Gilda's Club has been a leader in setting standards for providing social and emotional support for cancer patients, Claudia said. Gilda's Club developed the tool that all cancer centers use to assess the specific needs of each member/patient, she said. "Our director wrote the (national) curriculum" for supporting children with cancer, she added.

The positive outcomes for patients who receive this type of treatment are measurable, Claudia said, including fewer insurance claims and quicker return to work after treatment.

Gilda's Club is a free nonprofit emotional and social support community for people living with cancer, their families and friends. It is named in memory of Gilda Radner of "Saturday Night Live" fame, who died of ovarian cancer in 1989.

It raises funds through donations from individuals, corporations and foundations. All funds raised in the QC stay here, Claudia emphasized.

The next fundraiser should be a tasty one: 4-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, at Outback Steakhouse, 1235 E. Kimberly Road, Davenport. You'll find a "Give Back with Outback" coupon at: <http://gildasclubqc.org/news/outback-steakhouse-give-back-night/>.

### The meeting opened...

President **Mark Ross** called the meeting to order, and led the recitation of "The 4-Way Test" and Moments of Reflection. With a new piano accompanist, **Zoey**, music director **Tom Howard** led the singing of "America the Beautiful" and later, "Sing Out a Song of Rot'ry," "Smiles" and "Happy Birthday, Dear

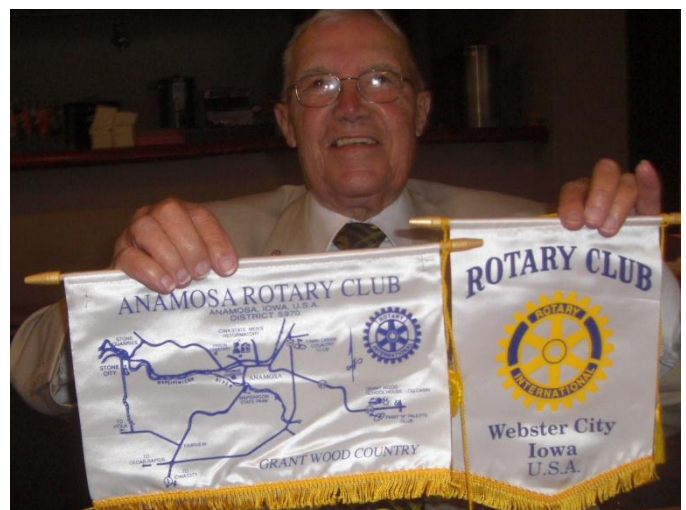


Rotarians" to the members with September birthdays: 9, Harry Coin, Todd Larsen' 12, Kurt Lokenvitz; 19, Pat Eikenberry; 28, Rick (Ozzie) Oswald; 29, Bill Harvey, Rick Hartsock.

### Secretary Chuck ("Starting running back for the Hawkeyes") Mooney introduced...

#### Guests:

Debbie Matlick with **Kevin Kraft**  
Victor Rothbardt with **John DeDoncker**  
Tom Bush with **Mark Ross**



### Presentation...

➔ **Banners.** Carter LeBeau presented two more of the banners he collected while on RAGBRAI, during which he

stayed with a Rotarian family each night. This time, he presented banners from the clubs in Webster City – where he over-nighted with a 60-year Rotarian – and in Anamosa.

## Announcements...



→ **Golf Outing, Sept. 19. John Rabine** announced the always-fun BRC scramble event will be Wednesday, Sept. 19 – just *two weeks away!!* – at Palmer Hills. Tee times begin at 1:30 p.m. – sign

up as a 4-some, or “we’ll put you in a group,” John said. After the links, it’s drinks at 6 and dinner at 6:30, with your choice of steak, chicken or salmon and the customary sides. Cost for the whole day is \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members, and dinner only is \$10 per guest (members are already covered.)

John began with a brief history of the event. “It used to be the primary fundraiser,” he said. But since the annual LobsterFest began, the Golf Outing has become a time for fun and fellowship, he added. The event will include a Silent Auction of “LobsterFest leftovers” plus more. Hole sponsorships are available @ \$100 apiece – contact John ([441.4381](tel:441.4381)/[john.rabine@mssb.com](mailto:john.rabine@mssb.com)) or Ken Vandersnick ([332-5405](tel:332-5405)). Signup sheets were available at this meeting and next week – or contact John or Ken.

→ **Run with Carl. Dick Schillig** rounded up the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Run with Carl, at which 1,169 participants were registered: →140 ran the mile and half- mile

→287 ran the 5-mile race; Ben Lloyd won for men, the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive time, at 26:31; Jen Paul won for women at 29:42. →491 participated in the 5K; Jeff Paul ran it in 17:45 and Ali Oppel in 19:33.

Dick gave special thanks to:

= Rotarians for donating refreshments, cookies, etc  
= Rotarians for volunteering for packet stuffing Friday morning (plus all other volunteers, such as working water stops and handling traffic on Labor Day).  
= **Chris Glass** – coordinating volunteers  
= **Bill Daily** – water stop coordination  
= **Decker Ploehn** – MC and helping coordinate city services  
= **Brent Werner** – placing cones at 5 a.m. on race day  
= **Jerry Felsing** – also at 5 a.m., picking up refreshments & HyVee cookies  
= **Glenn Kass** – work on Rotary website and links to RWC website  
= **Steve Habenicht** – picking up bagels and coffee early on race day  
= **Tom Howard** – filling in at the last minute to sing the National Anthem  
= **Jim Spelhaug & Theron Schutte** – getting support from the schools  
= **Chelsea Powers** – coordinator between RWC and Bettendorf Rotary  
= **Presidents Scott Naumann & Mark Ross** –filling in at MC and help and support throughout this 2012



= And, finally, to **Doyle McCully** – “who finished the 5K about an hour ago,” Dick quipped.

Dick finished with this reminder: “Only 363 days to the 19<sup>th</sup> Run with Carl.”



→ **Rotary in Motion.** While he had the microphone, **Dick Schillig** reported the final mile count for the 8½ weeks of this year’s Rotary in Motion:  
**Jonna Schuler’s** Racy Rotarians: 4,281  
**Chris Salm’s** Strutters: 3,957  
**Kurt Lokenvitz’s** Locos: 3,726  
 So, Dick said, “The bragging rights for 2012 go to Racy Rotarians for total miles.”



Each team captain got a snazzy T-shirt for “outstanding coaching and reporting each week,” Dick said.  
 But the “bragging-rights trophy” went to The Pacer (**John DeDoncker**):  
 The Pacer: 643 total miles – Racy Rotarians: 640 – Strutters: 614 – Locos: 569.

## The News...

After scouring the Internet, **Lora Adams** compiled this newscast; you can’t make this stuff up: A Southern Illinois man is in custody after taking the Williamson County Fire Protection District fire truck on a joy ride and smashing it.... An upstate New York strip club claims its nude lap dances



are really art and deserve tax-exempt status.... A tour bus passenger who was reported missing in remote southern Iceland actually joined her own search party – no one recognized her after she changed clothes.... A Wisconsin couple – Packers fans – is traveling to the season-opener in Green Bay in a green-and-gold horse-drawn buggy.... A Russian man wanted his girlfriend to know what life would be like without him, so he faked his own death and then – surprise! – jumped up and asked her to marry him....

## Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...

**President Mark** collected \$186 for our foundations + \$46 for our Scholarship Fund. **Jon Ryan Happy \$\$** came from these generous members: **John DeDoncker** – “a great Run with Carl”... **Lee Semenov** – son dropped out of football and joined the orchestra... **Jim Slavens** – recently learned that John DeDoncker (a.k.a. The Pacer) had run the 100-mile race up and down mountains in Colorado (“... in 28.5 hours,” John added)... **Jean Dickson** – make a checkmark on her bucket list by skydiving two weeks ago... **Frank Mitvalsky** – RWC was older son’s first road race + daughter

helped her little brother complete a full mile... **Kevin Kraft** – finally stopped issuing IOUs and paid up for his 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary... **Rich James** – issued a warning to Hawkeye fans based on his Panthers’ close loss (26-21) to Wisconsin... **and the entire birthday table got a bit of a scolding for sitting on their wallets.**

### Missing today...

K. Adams, Blaske, Boeye-4, Boosalis-9, Bowe-9, Brown-9, DeBuhr-3, Dobesh-2, Duda-3, Edwards-2, Eikenberry-7, Ellstrom-9, Felsing, Gallagher, Glass, Habenicht-3, Harrison-6, Hassel, Heninger, Hintermeister-2, Kellenberger-2, Kennedy-7, Limberg, Murphy, Murray-9, Nelson-9, Powers, Praul-3, Ricketts-McCool-6, Salm-2, Schutte, Scranton, Sorensen, Stopulos, Vandersnick, Volbrecht, Werner, Worley-7



### Other BRC news...

→ **Nicole McWilliams** is now working for Merrill-Lynch.  
→ **Josh Carter** has resigned from our club.

### Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: 340-5114, [bmfkennedy@att.net](mailto:bmfkennedy@att.net)  
**Sept. 12: Elisa Topper**, director of the Bettendorf Public Library  
**Sept. 19:** BRC’s annual Golf Outing, Palmer Hills Golf Course tee times begin at noon, drinks at 6, dinner at 6:30.

### 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.: IA 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



### For more on BRC – and Rotary – see:

<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/>