



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Oct. 10, 2012, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012, at the
Fortune Garden Restaurant

**RI Center helps
children victims**

The Rock Island County Children’s Advocacy Center is a safe and child-focused, non-profit agency where children who are alleged victims of sexual and/or physical abuse come to share what happened to them. Its executive director, Cindy Fisher, is our featured speaker at the Oct. 17 meeting.

According to Fisher, law enforcement, attorneys representing the state and child welfare professionals all are at the center when the children are present, so an endangered child has to relate what happened only one time, reducing the adverse effect of retelling the facts several times.

Fisher has been with the center for more than 11 years and a social worker for 25-plus years.



**For more on BRC – and
Rotary – see:**
<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/>

Last meeting:
Wednesday Oct. 10, 2012



**Schillig explains
new health law**

For **Dick Schillig** to answer the question, “What does the Supreme Court ruling on health care reform mean to me?” at the Oct. 10 meeting was no simple task – because of the law’s complexity and its *very* long phase-in (the last of some 90 provisions goes into effect in 2018, if the law survives the political process).

Despite the complexity, Dick provided an excellent current status report on the Affordable Care Act. Overall, he said, the law seems to succeed at decreasing the number of Americans without health insurance but fail at lowering the cost of

that insurance. One cause of that, he said, is that the fines for failure to purchase coverage are less than the projected average cost of that coverage.

Still, he continued, there are “some good things” in the law; for example:

- Coverage cannot be denied because of “pre-existing” conditions
- The “donut hole” for Medicare prescription coverage is being filled in
- The lifetime cap on coverage is gone
- Children can stay on their parents’ insurance plan up to age 26

How the healthcare reform act affects a given person, Dick said, depends on when his or her plan took effect. Some provisions were “grandfathered” in for plans in effect before March 23, 2010, but plans since then must comply fully.

Dick also enumerated provisions that will take effect by Jan. 1, 2014, including:

- Almost all Americans must carry health insurance, or face a penalty
- Each state must set up health insurance exchanges that help people and small businesses buy coverage.

For more complete information, Dick recommended the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Website www.WeKnowReform.com.

The meeting opened...



President **Mark Ross** opened the meeting leading the recitation of The 4-Way Test and the singing of “God Bless America” under the direction of **Becky Lee Hinton** (with **Scott Naumann** playing recorded

accompaniment – and showing how much he has learned since the “Gilligan’s Island” incident). After Moments of Reflection [See p. 4], the singing resumed: “R-O-T-A-R-Y” and “Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry.”

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Visiting Rotarians:

Ed Rivers, Davenport: Public Health Care

Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla.,
Beverages

Guest:

Kevin Kettelsen with **Dick Schillig**

Announcements...



→Rotary Youth Exchange.

Chelsea Powers reported on the Rotary program – in which U.S. students study abroad and vice versa – and asked BRC members who are interested in forming a committee to sponsor a foreign-exchange student to contact her (468-

4053 / cpowers@holmesmurphy.com) or President Mark (529-0322 / mross@expensereduction.com).

→**Read to Succeed.** **Scott Naumann** reported that the Ames Rotary Club conducts a child literacy program in which members read to children and mentor them in the city’s schools.

Theron Schutte said a sign-up sheet was at each table, on which members could show their interest in reading to pupils in



one of the 13 1st-grade rooms in the Bettendorf or Pleasant Valley schools. The idea is still being developed, he said, but would take a commitment

of about 1 hour per week.

→**Dictionaries.** Jim Spelhaug reported that the dictionaries – which BRC volunteers will give to every 4th grader in the city – have been ordered, and schedules will be coordinated after they arrive.



→**President Mark’s goals.** After one quarter as president, **Mark Ross** reviewed the goals he had suggested for each member to pursue during the year of his presidency – including:
 →Each member bring 3 guests
 →Increase member attendance at all BRC events, including “Thirsty Thursday”

→Make up at another QC club at least twice during the year
 →Volunteer to work at at least one BRC event.

→**Expand ‘Thirsty Thursday’.** The BRC Board decided to open the invitation to attend the “Thirsty Thursday” event to all QC Rotarians – and to move it to sites throughout the community.

The next **TH-TH, Chris Glass** announced, will be next week, **Thursday, Oct. 18, at Pints**, 5268 Utica Ridge Road next to Genghis Grill, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

News...

Lora Adams summarized local news... and a bit more: Davenport-based Lee Enterprises is ahead of



schedule repaying its debt, but still owes \$930-million-plus.... The mother of a Halloween reveler who died in the Haunted Junkyard at QCCA Expo Center last year filed suit.... Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn found \$47 million to fund widening of John Deere Road in Moline.... Alex Karras, U of Iowa lineman, NFL standout and star of 1980s sitcom “Webster,” has died at age 77.... A Florida man died after eating dozens of roaches and worms in a contest to win a python.... A German mother is pressing theft charges against her 14-year-old son, who stole her jewelry and pawned it to pay for two trips to a brothel.

Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...

President Mark collected \$208 for our foundations. Funds poured from the personal treasuries of: **President Mark** - \$8 - \$1 for each meeting **Jeff Hassel** has missed since July, he said... **John Sherrick** - also \$8... all that's left after paying for his daughter's wedding... **Jeff Hassel** - "the Hawkeye trophy cabinet is no longer empty" after they beat the Gophers + "Alex Karras was a Hawkeye"... **Jim Spelhaug** - hot on the heels of PVHS' appearance on the NBC Nightly News (for the "Sparkles" phenomenon going national), PV grad and ex-Marine Jake Wood made People Magazine for formation of Team Rubicon, veteran-volunteers who quickly deploy to help with natural disaster relief in the U.S. or abroad... **Carter LeBeau** -



\$5 for the Bears' win - which promoted **Tim Lane** to offer up \$20 if he would sing "Bear Down, Chicago Bears"; Carter overcame his shyness and complied...

Glenn Kass - son and daughter qualified for district choir at school... **Lora Adams** - upcoming on WQPT: a 3-hour election special on Sunday, Oct. 14 + a local production of "Dracula" just in time for Halloween and "It's a Wonderful Life" closer to Christmas... **Kevin Kraft** - mumbled the name of his favorite green-and-yellow-clad NFL team from a Wisconsin town as he inauspiciously slipped a measly \$1 bill to the Happy \$\$ collection...

Missing today...

Archer-6, Bibik, Blaske-4, Boeye-2, Bowe-14, Brown-14, Castro-2, Daugherty, DeBuhr-2, Dobesh-7, Edwards-4, Eikenberry-12, Ellstrom-14, Falk, Felsing, Gallagher-3, Gudgel, Harrison-11, Heninger-2, James, Kappeler-2, Kennedy-2, McWilliams-2, Marvin, L. Miller, Murphy-6, Murray-14, Nelson-14, Olson, Ploehn, Ricketts-McCool-2, Rolf-2, Salm-7, Sarver, Saul, Sorensen-3, Topper, Volbrecht-4, Werner-2, Windmiller, Worley-12

Upcoming meetings...

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

Oct. 17: Cindy Fisher, RI County Children's Advocacy Center

Oct. 24: Dan Grinstead, University of Iowa Hospitals & clinics social worker, who joined the Iowa National Guard at age 57 and deployed to Afghanistan.

Oct. 31: Field trip to Family Resources, 2800 Eastern Ave., Davenport

News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...

Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...

Photographer: Carter LeBeau...

Webmeister/Web-site host: Chris Glass

Other news of interest to BRC...

→ **Brian Barquist Benefit**. During Moments of Reflection, we learned former BHS teacher and football assistant coach Brian Barquist, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, has been chosen for a cell-transplant study at Northwestern University, which has a 75% chance of success - but is not covered by insurance. A benefit event - 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at Pebble Creek, Black Watch Room, LeClaire - will help defray the \$125,000 cost of this treatment.