



**THE  
BETTENDORF  
ROTARY  
CLUB NEWS**  
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Oct. 17, 2012, issue

***Next meeting:***  
Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012, at the  
Fortune Garden Restaurant



**He joined Iowa Guard,  
deployed in his 50s**

At age 57 the most harrowing thing for most men is trying to improve his drives or putts. Not so for **Dan Grinstead**, the guest speaker at our Oct. 24 meeting.

About two years ago, the former social worker at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics joined the Iowa National Guard and later deployed to Afghanistan.

Troubled for a long time by news reports of soldiers who had problems readjusting to civilian life, suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder or committed suicide after returning from war-zone deployments, he made that unusual career move so he could better help them.

Come and hear his compelling story.

***Last meeting:***  
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**RI center helps  
abuse victims**

To help us understand what young children who are victims of sexual abuse often face, **Cindy Fisher**, director of the Rock Island County Children's Advocacy Center, opened her Oct. 17 remarks with a hypothetical story.

"Suppose you're driving and you get rear-ended by another vehicle," she began. "The first responder on the scene, a police officer, asks you, 'What happened?'" Cindy continued. You get the same question, she added, from a series of officials – an EMT, a nurse, a

doctor, a police detective, a county attorney....

“Now,” Cindy went on, “imagine you’re a 6-year-old victim of alleged sexual abuse” confronted with the same bewildering interrogation sequence. Before her agency existed, she said, that was often the case – and the process could go on for years, sometimes, as a case wound its way through follow-up investigations and the courts.

In the end, she said, too many cases were thrown out of court because the child’s story varied from one interview to the next. “And little kids don’t want to talk about sex in the first place,” she said.

Now, her organization – a not-for-profit, non-governmental agency (although it gets some local, state and federal funds, plus grants and donations) – brings together officials from all concerned entities, from police to lawyers to state agencies, to observe a conversation between her and the child in a home-like setting. “So the child tells the story just one time,” Cindy said – and is spared the pain of retelling a terrible incident.

Her center has seen “about 250” Rock Island County child sex abuse cases per year for the 11 years she has been director, she said. Scott County – which does not have a child-advocacy center such as hers – “probably has a comparable number of cases,” she said. The Iowa and Illinois agency structures are different, she pointed out. “We cooperate with all agencies” in both counties and states, she said.

Asked, what can we do? Cindy said, “If you see suspicious actions, call the police and ask them to check it out.”

## The meeting opened...



President-elect **Chelsea Powers** opened the meeting by leading recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and singing of the day’s patriotic song, “God Bless America” – with accompaniment provided by **Scott Naumann** and his musical laptop. After Moments of Reflection – during which **Decker Ploehn** provided an update on past president **Carolyn Leutwyler** [see p. 4] – the singing resumed under the direction of visiting **PDG Bill Tubbs** with Scott again pressing all the right buttons on his computer.

## Secretary Chuck Mooney introduced...

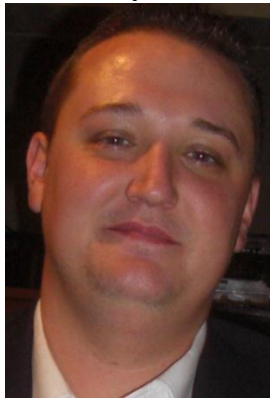
### Visiting Rotarians:

Ed Rivers, Davenport: Public Health Care

PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott: Publisher

## Announcements...

→‘Thirsty Thursday’. While the October social event is now past, at the meeting **VP Chelsea** reminded that the invitation has been extended to all QC Rotary clubs to gather for fellowship on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. **Chris**



**Glass** heads up planning for the event.

→**Rotary Youth Exchange**. More members, including a chair, are still needed to resurrect this international student exchange program; if interested, contact **VP Chelsea** (468.4053 or [cpowers@holmesmurphy.com](mailto:cpowers@holmesmurphy.com)).



→**Oct. 31 meeting**. Regarding our visit to Family Resources, and a briefing on its work, **Sharon Sarver** advised us to come early to get a good parking spot. This visit provides an opportunity to see BRC’s charitable giving in action, she said, since our \$2,500 grant last year helped renovate the gym – site of our

meeting. Also, members of the agency’s Culinary Kids – a program helped by a 2009 BRC grant of \$2,500 – will cater our lunch (guests are welcome, Sharon said; just let her know they’re coming: 320.7180 or [ssarver529@yahoo.com](mailto:ssarver529@yahoo.com)). Lunch will be served upon arrival, beginning at 11:50. [**Directions: p. 4**]

→**Read to Succeed**. Six members signed



up for this literacy mentoring program in the city’s 1<sup>st</sup>-grade classrooms, **Theron Schutte** reported. Seven more are needed, he said, and they don’t have to all be BRC members

– spouses, neighbors, friends... even other Rotarians are most welcome. It will take only about an hour a week, will start as soon as all 13 classrooms are staffed, and volunteers will be subject to a routine background check, Theron said.

## News...

Alas, neither **Lora Adams** nor **Fred Anderson** compiled a news summary...

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

**VP Chelsea** collected \$222 for our foundations from these happy folks: **Tom Ahlstrand** – no sign of colon cancer at latest checkup... **Carter LeBeau** – \$\$ for the Iowa U win – and **Duncan Cameron** was there cheering... **George Daugherty** – spent a week in Texas with grandson... **Brent Wegner** – finishing a “great year,” so here’s \$100... **Sharon Sarver** – both of her fantasy football teams won... **Decker Ploehn** – \$5 to ensure George D. “passes his background check.”



### Missing today...

K. Adams, L. Adams, Archer-3, Bower-15, Brown-15, Castro-5, H. Coin, Deuth, Dickson, Downing, Duda, Edwards-5, Eikenberry-13, Ellstrom-15, Franks, Harrison-12, Hintermeister, Hinton, Kappeler-3, Kennedy-3, Kraft, Lokenvitz, Loweth, McWilliams-3, Marvin-6, L. Miller-2, Murphy-7, Murray-15, Nelson-15, Olson-2, Oswald, Ricketts-McCool-3, Rolf-3, Ross, Salm-8, Schuler, Scranton, Sherrick, Sorensen-4, Volbrecht-5, Windmiller-4, Worley-13

### Make-ups...

Tim Lane @ Davenport  
Brent Werner @ Geneseo, Ill.

### Upcoming meetings...

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

**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...  
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Webmeister/Web-site host: Chris Glass

### Other news of interest to BRC...

➔ **Resignation.** Jen DeBuhr has resigned from our club, according to **Secretary Chuck**.

### ➔ Email from Carolyn Leutwyler.



**Decker Ploehn** received an email from past president Carolyn, who's retired in Florida and has been battling cancer. In it, she thanked all BRC members who had contributed to the

book of memories of her year as president – and said thanks “for the cards that have been sent to me. It is amazing what an ‘upper’ it is to get a card from friends.... I’ve been in the hospital a couple of times and then in rehab each time.... Please give my greetings to my dear friends at Bettendorf Rotary!!! Warmest greetings, Carolyn.”

### ➔ Directions to Family Resources.

**Sharon Sarver** supplied directions to the agency’s campus at 2800 Eastern Ave., Davenport” turn south from Kimberly Road or north from Locust Street... west onto Wittenmyer Lane... “parking is directly to your right, behind the gymnasium.”



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