



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2012, at
Fortune Garden Restaurant

**Project of the QC helps
poor HIV, AIDS clients**

The Project of the Quad Cities has been providing services to help persons infected with or affected by HIV, AIDS and related sexually transmitted infections in a 14-county area of Iowa and Illinois. **Stephanie Carmichael** of the organization will be the featured speaker at our Nov. 21 meeting.

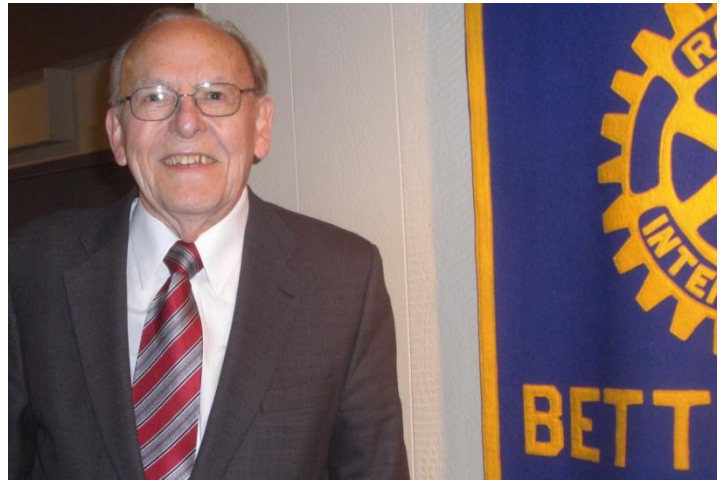


TPQC, a nonprofit, community-based organization, has

been providing prevention, testing, education, counseling and other services for its clients in six Eastern Iowa and eight Western Illinois counties since 1986.

It averages 250-300 client families throughout the year. All of its clients live at least 200% below the poverty level. They cross all demographic lines and range in age from 14-70. In 2011, TPQC diagnosed six new cases of HIV – the most ever in its history for one year.

Last meeting:
Wednesday Nov. 14, 2012



**Author tells story
of the Hennepin**

Accompanied by historical photos, at the Nov. 14 meeting Donald “Bill” Griffin, professor emeritus of geography at Western Illinois University, told some of the story of the Hennepin Canal, which traverses five counties to connect the Illinois River near Hennepin and the Mississippi River near Milan.

Its story began in the 1830s with the desire to link the Atlantic seaboard with a more direct route to the Mississippi River. The project was finally authorized in 1874, but did not open for navigation until 1908. It operated as a federal waterway under the Army Corps of Engineers 1908-1951.

By the time it opened, however, changes in technology had made the Hennepin obsolete for river commerce – it was too narrow, too shallow and its locks too short to accommodate the barges and tows that were being used on most other inland waterways.



Historic Hennepin Canal photo

Even so, construction of the 75-mile-long waterway represented an important milestone. “From a civil engineering standpoint, this was the first time in the United States that concrete was used in building navigation locks and dams.... The methodology used for the Hennepin Canal would lead to the locks built for the Panama Canal,” Griffin explained.

The canal now is being used as a recreation area known as the Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park.

The information and photos that Griffin used in his presentation came from his research for the book he wrote, *Voices of the Hennepin Canal: Promoters, Politicians, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, which was recently published as part of the WIU Monograph Series. For more information about the book or the series, call (309) 298-2717 or email JL-Hancks@wiu.edu.

The meeting opened...

To open the meeting, **President Mark Ross** led the recitation of the 4-Way Test and the singing of “The National Anthem” – to mark Veterans Day, said **Tom Howard**, who also led the singing of “Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth,” accompanied by Zini Prater at the piano.

Secretary Chuck (‘New director of the CIA’) Mooney introduced: Visiting Rotarian:

John Fraser, Iowa City Noon: Business Consultant

Guests:

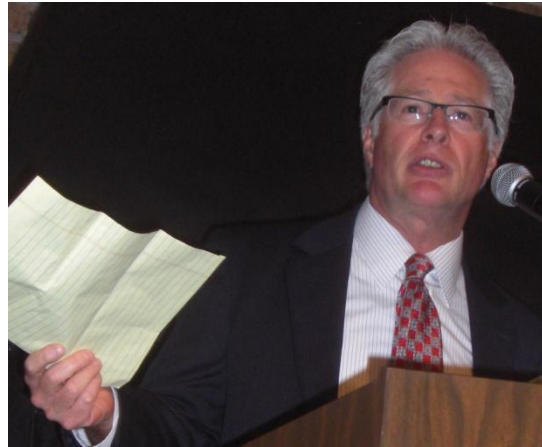
Keith Kramer with **Kevin Kraft**

Mayor Bob Gallagher with **Bob**

Gallagher

Peg Walker with **Mark Ross**

Announcements...



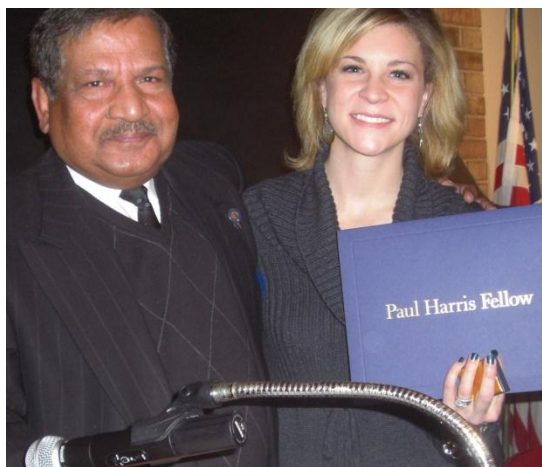
➔ **Thanksgiving baskets.** **Kevin Kraft** said 10 members have volunteered to deliver Thanksgiving food baskets on Saturday, Nov. 17 (after picking up the baskets at HyVee 10 a.m.-4 p.m.). The basket bearers are **Todd Ashby, Carl Loweth, George Coin, Nicole McWilliams, John Rabine, Amber Castro, Lora Adams, Chris Salm, Tom Kellenberger** and **Bill Daley**.

➔ **Red Badge meeting.** **President Mark** said a meeting for all members with red patches on their name badge will be scheduled for January 2013.

➔ **Dictionaries.** **Jim Spelhaug** updated the club on distribution of dictionaries to all 4th graders in the Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley School Districts, and in the city’s private schools.

→“It’s a Wonderful Life”. **Lora Adams** was unable to deliver her usual newscast because she’s preparing for presentations of a stage-play version of this Christmas classic, which will be a fundraiser for WQPT and WVIK, the QC’s public broadcast stations. The show will be performed 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Potter Theatre, Augustana College. Tickets are \$20. The play – set in a radio station in 1946 – will be broadcast on both stations around the Holidays.

Presentation...



→**Paul Harris Fellow pin. Chelsea Powers** received her first Harris Fellow pin – signifying that she has donated \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. **S.K. Nanda**, Foundation chair, presented it.

→**Rotary Foundation.** While he had access to the microphone, S.K. asked, “Why is November a special month for Rotarians?” The correct answer – it’s Rotary Foundation Month – prompted him to part with \$10. S.K. also challenged two more members to join him in the quest to become members of the Paul Harris Society – a commitment to donate \$1,000 per year for 10 years to the Rotary Foundation.

The news...

Fred Anderson provided a sample of the news you won’t find anywhere else: A

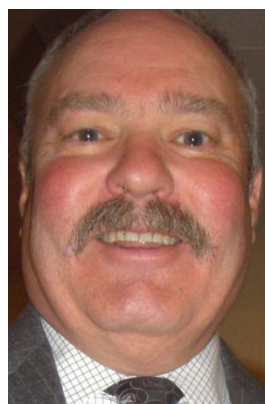


50-year-old Davenport grandmother, Deanna Sue Dipple, was in the Scott County Jail Tuesday on charges related to methamphetamine making – including child endangerment,

because her grandchildren tested positive for the drug.... An Aurora, Ill., man faces animal hoarding charges after authorities found 478 birds in his house; he admitted his bird collecting “got out of control”.... “Wildman Phil” Rakoci’s car was stolen as he shopped in a Colorado store. The thief is in for a surprise – Rakoci, who makes his living giving presentations to schools about creepy, crawly animals, had company in his car: a 50-pound African tortoise, a 13-foot Burmese python, a rattlesnake, five non-poisonous snakes, three scorpions, five lizards, two turtles, one gecko and a tarantula.

Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...

President Mark collected \$218 for our foundations. The cash came rolling in from: **S.K Nanda** – added \$10 to his Paul



Harris \$\$ because **Decker Ploehn** correctly answered the question, “What is the *second* most exciting day in a Rotarian’s life?”... **John DeDoncker** – toured the USS Nimitz – and is recovering from

shoulder surgery... **Dr. Tom Olson** – the eldest of his 3 daughters just gave birth to her 3rd daughter... **Susan Praul** – happy about delivering dictionaries... **Decker Ploehn** – also happy to deliver dictionaries – “I was the tallest person in the room!” he said... **Kevin Kraft** – daughter moved from Arizona to Los Angeles, and is getting relocating help from the president of the Santa Monica Rotary president... **Todd Larsen** – 4th time delivering dictionaries – “and three of the kids were taller than Decker,” he noted... Visiting Rotarian **John Fraser** – as a ‘brother of the sling,’ commiserated with John DeDoncker



Missing today...

L. Adams, Archer, Ashby, Bibik, Blaske, Boeye-4, Bowe-19, Brown-19, Chambers-3, Daugherty, Deuth, Dickson-5, Dobesh-4, Duda-5, Edwards-9, Ellstrom-19, Franks, Gudgel-2, Harrison-16, Hartsock, Hassel-5, Heninger, Hintermeister, Hinton-5, James, Kappeler-4, Kennedy-7, Limberg, Lokenvitz-2, McGimpsey-4, McWilliams, Mangler, L. Miller, Mitvalsky-3, Murphy-19, Murray-19, Nelson-19, Oswald, Rickets-McCool, Sarver, Schuler, Scranton-5, Sherrick-5, Schutte-4, Werner, Windmiller-4, Worley-17

Make-ups...

Charity Board: Jeff Hassel, Ralph Heninger, Sharon Sarver, Kevin Kraft, Ann Kappeler, Rick James.
Delivering Thanksgiving Baskets: Todd Ashby, Carl Loweth, George Coin, Nicole McWilliams, John Rabine, Amber Castro, Lora Adams, Chris Salm, Tom Kellenberger, Bill Daley.



Handing out Dictionaries: Sharon Sarver, Doyle McCully, Scott Naumann, Theron Schutte, Glen Kass, **Fred Anderson, David Chambers, Gary**

Hintermeister, Mark Ross, Decker Ploehn, Susan Praul, Tom Kellenberger, John Rabine, Gene Miller, Ken Vandernick, Kevin Kraft, Steve Sorensen, Harry Coin, Connie Mangler, Mike Limberg, Andrew Gudgel, Lora Adams, John Archer, Chris Salm, Tom Olson, Bill Daley, George Coin, Todd Larsen, Carl Loweth, Tom Bush, Dick Schillig, Dawn Saul



More news: editing your info on Bettendorf Rotary Website



Chris Glass, responding to requests by members to update their information on the website, said all members can now update their own info:

1. Go to www.bettendorffrotary.com
2. Hover over Members> then click Member Center (or just go to <http://bettendorffrotary.com/login>)
3. Enter your email address and password to login. (Note: if you have never logged your password is: member)
4. Once you are logged in, click “member account” on the left side
5. Here you can edit all of your personal information. When finished, scroll to the bottom and click Save.

“The only thing you cannot change is your main email address,” Chris said. To change it, he said, email your new address to him: cglass@terrostar.com.

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

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: **340-5114**, bmfkennedy@att.net
Nov. 21: Stephanie Carmichle, The Project of the Quad Cities
Nov. 28: Barbara Anderson, Forest Grove School preservation project

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