



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
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## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012, at Fortune Garden Restaurant

**Several exciting prospects were competing at press-time. Watch your email to see which one won...**

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday Nov. 28, 2012

# Restoring PV's 1-room school



The effort to restore and preserve the Forest Grove Schoolhouse, one of the earliest structures in the Pleasant Valley school district, was related at the Nov. 28 meeting by **Barbara Andersen**, whose

family has owned and farmed the land



around the school for generations. She and her brothers form the core of that restoration effort.

Beginning in the 1870s, Pleasant Valley had five one-room schools – located so students had to walk no more than two miles to reach them. With more than 12,000 such schools at the time, Iowa had more than any other state. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, communities began to consolidate schools, and the Forest Grove School is one of the comparative few remaining. The goal of the restoration effort, Barbara said, is “to show what it was like in a one-room school.”



With the help of many volunteers and fundraising events, the restoration work has already begun – the building was raised and a new foundation has been poured. One unexpected benefit of the

efforts, she said, was “all of the stories of the school” as told by its alumni.

When finished, the restored building will look as it did in the 1940s, near the end of its life as a school, she said. Besides being an opportunity for today’s children to visit and learn about education in a one-room schoolhouse, Barbara said it will be available for community events, such as group meetings and weddings.

The restoration will cost about \$250,000, and about 10% of that has been raised so far, she said. For more information, visit the group’s Website:  
<http://forestgroveschool.com/>.

### The meeting opened...



**President Mark Ross** opened the meeting with the recitation of the 4-Way Test and the singing of “This Is My Country.” After Moments of Reflection, song-master **Tom Howard**

– accompanied by **Scott Naumann**’s musical laptop – led the singing of “The 4-Way Test” and “When You’re Smiling.”

**Secretary Chuck** (‘The projected winner of tonight’s \$500,000 lottery’) **Mooney introduced:**

**Visiting Rotarian:**

Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla.: Beverage Consultant

**Guests:**

Kay LeBeau with **Carter LeBeau**



### News of interest...

➔**Super Committee.** Meeting before the weekly BRC meeting, the Super Committee’s discussions focused on the Club’s new canopy – you did happen to notice it pitched in the parking lot, didn’t you? – and 2013 community events at which it will be used as the focal point where BRC members can promote membership, the club’s community-support projects and its events, such as LobsterFest and the fundraising raffle.

### Announcements...



➔**Holiday party.** **President Mark** reminded us the Holiday Party will be Jan. 5, 2013, at Crow Valley Country Club – and said more details would be coming from **Lisa Brown**.

→ **Bring your son/daughter.** The meeting of Dec. 26 will be an opportunity to bring your son or daughter (or both, if you have them) as your guest.

→ **Red Badge meeting.** All members who have red patches on their name badge will learn much more about being a Rotarian – especially a Bettendorf Rotarian – during a Red Badge Meeting the evening of Jan. 15, 2013. More information later...

→ **Charitable Grant presentations.** **Jeff**



**Hassel** announced the Jan. 23 meeting will be the annual event to announce the organizations that will receive BRC Charitable Grants. Lunch and program will be at the Waterfront Convention Center; lunch service will

begin at 11:45 a.m. to allow the full noon-1 p.m. hour for presentations and descriptions of the funded projects.



**Presentation...**

**PHF + 2.** **George Coin** received his Paul Harris Fellow + 2 pin – signifying he has donated \$3,000 to the Rotary Foundation. In making the presentation, **S.K. Nanda**

noted that Bettendorf Rotary is among the top 5 clubs in District 6000 in our support of the Foundation.

**The news...**

**Lora Adams**

delivered a summary of the news you just won't find anywhere else.

The online version

of China's *People's Daily*

hailed a story naming North

Korean dictator Kim Jong Un as "the sexiest man alive" ... reported in *The Onion*, the satirical publication (that should have been a clue)...

A pregnant Arizona woman drove over her husband because she was angry he hadn't voted....

An Ohio woman broke into a stranger's home, did some superficial cleaning...

and left a bill for \$75; a judge sentenced her to 20 hours of community service....

A retiring Minnesota grocery store owner is giving ownership of three of his stores to his 400 employees – just in time for a merry Christmas.



**Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...**

**President Mark** collected \$226 for our foundations + for our Scholarship fund: checks from **Ken Vandersnick** for \$100,

**Cathy Duda** for \$75, **Diane Ricketts-McCool** for \$50 plus \$58 in cash. The \$\$

came from: **Diane Ricketts-McCool** – first grandson... **Cathy Duda** – "I've

been MIA lately" + birthday... **Carter LeBeau** – \$5 for the Bears' latest win...

**Kevin Kraft** – for Carter's letter in *The Rotarian* + the cover story on Sal Khan and free online education...

**Steve Habenicht** – thanx to **Jim Slavens** for his excellent, free-to-a-fellow-Rotarian

advice... **Ken Vandersnick** – his check “mostly for my birthday” + for the years of his success with Wagner’s Cleaners...

**Kurt Lokenvitz** – son’s 7<sup>th</sup> birthday...

**Decker Ploehn** – in memory of his mother-in-law, who died Tuesday, and for his 39-year-old niece’s 3<sup>rd</sup> bout of chemotherapy...



**Jean Dickson** – 45<sup>th</sup> birthday... **Dick**

**Schillig** – just back from a week of R&R at Lake of the Ozarks + “no orange cones on Devils Glen”...

**Jim Slavens** – \$\$ as

congrats to **Tom Bush**’s efforts in feeding the poor... **Glenn Kass** – congrats to **Sharon Sarver** and her post as development director at Family Services... **Tony Calabrese** – congrats to **Tom Bush** the Turkey Trot... **Tom Bush** – cheers for the Fighting Irish @ No. 1... **President Mark** – son made the basketball team... **Scott Naumann** – “Just to be fair and balanced, my son



plays videogames on his iPad”... **Jim Slavens** – congrats to BHS, where all freshman and sophomore students receive iPads. (At the start of her program, guest speaker

**Barbara Anderson**

added \$20 “for your warm welcome.”)

### Missing today...

Archer-2, Bowe, Brown, H. Coin-2, Daley, Dobesh-6, Downing-2, Edwards-11, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-21, Gudgel-3, Harrison-18, Hartsock-3, Heninger-2, Hinton-7, Kappeler, Kennedy-9, Limberg-2, McGimpsey, McWilliams-3, L. Miller-3, Mitvalsky-5, Murray-21, Nelson-21,

Olson-2, Oswald, Praul-2, Rabine, Salm, Praul, Scranton-7, Sherrick-7, Voigts, Volbrecht-2, Werner, Worley-19

### Make-ups...

**At Pints last Thursday:** Kevin Kraft, Jean Dickson, Theron Schutte, Mark Ross

**At the Super Committee meeting today:** Chelsea Powers, Paul Murphy, Glenn Kass, Lora Adams, Chris Glass, Daniel Marvin, Fred Anderson

### 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](mailto:bmfkennedy@att.net)

**Jan. 23:** Special meeting to present 2013 Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Grants, at the Riverfront Convention Center

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

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