



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 12, 2012, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012, at Fortune Garden Restaurant

We go Bowling with QCT's Don Doxsie



The Dec. 19 meeting will be the next in what has become a Bettendorf Rotary tradition around this time of year. *Quad City Times Sports Editor Don Doxsie* will gaze into his crystal

ball and make his annual bowl game forecasts – which, this year, includes Iowa State vs. Tulsa in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl in Memphis on Dec. 31. You can watch it on ESPN.



Last meeting:

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A tuneful start to Christmas...

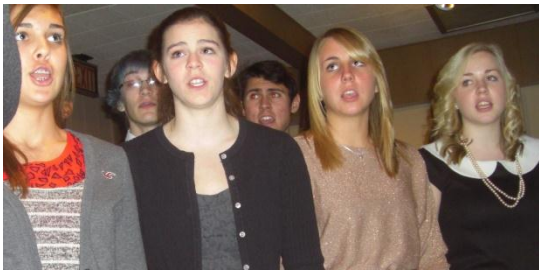


Singers from the Pleasant Valley High School Chamber Choir, under the direction of **Meg Byrne**, director of choirs, provided an official beginning to the Christmas season with a medley of Yule songs. They opened with “Joy to the World” – directed by senior **Lora Lynn Berkeley**, who intends to pursue a degree in





music. The choir continued their serenade with “Still, Still, Still,” “Carol of the Bells,” a rousing 7/8-time arrangement of “Deck the Halls” and “White Christmas.” For an intermission, Maestra Byrne asked the seniors to introduce themselves. The concert concluded with “Jingle Bells” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas (and a Happy New Year).”



The meeting opened...



President Mark Ross opened the meeting with the recitation of the 4-Way Test and the singing of “America.”

After Moments of Reflection song leader **Tom Howard** directed the singing of “Silver Bells” and

“Deck the Halls” with **Zini Pinter** at the piano.

Secretary Chuck (‘lead male vocalist for the Pleasant Valley choir’) **Mooney** introduced:

Visiting Rotarian:

Kathy Kraft, Davenport: Finance

Guest:

Rona Loweth with **Carl Loweth**

Announcements...

➔**LobsterFest.** **Chelsea Powers** and **Sharon Sarver** have already secured the lead sponsor for LobsterFest 2013: THE National Bank. **John DeDoncker** – with his wing still tightly secured to his side – quipped, “They twisted my arm.”

➔Holiday Tip for Ming. Decker Ploehn

conducted the first round of the collection to thank Ming, who takes such good care of us during lunch time each week. He’ll collect more next week.



➔**Board meeting.** **President Mark** announced the proposed Board of Directors for the year beginning July 1, 2013. Under the “dual board” system, five members are on the presidential track: President **Chelsea Powers**, President-elect **Sharon Sarver**; **Kevin Kraft**, club service; **Chris Glass**, community service, and **Jonna Schuler**, vocational service. Continuing Board members are Secretary **Chuck Mooney**; **Lee Semenow** and **Ann Kappeler**, international service; **S.K. Nanda**, Rotary Foundation; **Jim Spelhaug** and **Theron Schutte**, new generations. At-large members will be **George Daugherty** transitioning to **Jeff Hassel**, finances; and **Jim Slavens**, local grants.

Immediate past president **Mark Ross** rounds out the Board.

→**RYLA.** BRC will sponsor one high school student from Bettendorf to attend the one-week Rotary Youth Leadership Academy in Des Moines. The Iowa QC club will also sponsor one student, President Mark said.



→**Christmas food baskets.** **Kevin Kraft** announced that 10 volunteers had signed up to deliver food baskets on Saturday, Dec. 22, to the 10 families – including 27 kids, each of whom will receive a gift. Details will come by email, Kevin said. At the end of his announcement, **Kevin Kraft** made a rather uncharitable comment about Bears fans, promised \$5 a point on the score spread if they beat the Pack – and then turned to wish Bears fans a “White Christmas,” Packer-style.

→**Reading program.** The reading program – providing a reading Rotarian (or other volunteer) for each 1st grade class in Bettendorf – still needs four more

readers. Contact **Theron Schutte** (359-3681 / tschutte@bettendorf.k12.ia.us) or **Scott Naumann** (445-4260 / scottn@midlandcom.com).

→**International project.** The Board agreed to support a district 6000 project to build a bridge in Nicaragua. The BRC commitment is \$1,400, which will grow to \$14,000 through the magic of RI.

Date reminders...

→**Charitable grants special meeting, Jan. 23, beginning 11:45 a.m. at the Waterfront Convention Center.** Grants will be presented to 17 organizations – of the 41 that submitted requests to the BRC Charities Board.

→**Holiday party. Jan. 5, 2013,** at Crow Valley Country Club – more details – and registration – on the BRC Website.

→**Bring your son/daughter to the Dec. 26 meeting.**

→**Red Badge meeting, 5 p.m. Jan. 15 at Farraday's.** All members with red patches on their badge are special guests – to learn more about BRC and Rotary International. Other members may attend a makeup at 5:15, President Mark said.

The news...

President Mark waived the news report in favor of the Christmas Concert, but **Lora Adams** had compiled one – which included these gems:

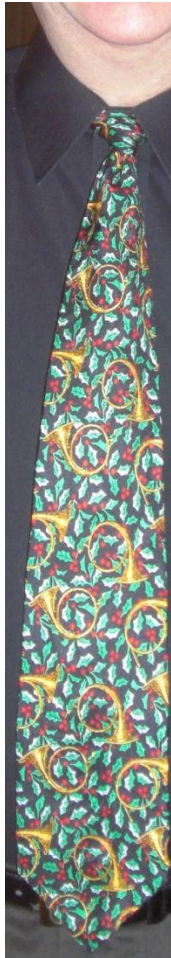
→An Arizona woman didn't even try to compete with her neighbor's elaborate Christmas light display. Instead, she used red and green lights to spell out the word “ditto” and made an arrow pointing toward her neighbor's home.

→Got a cold? Have a cold one.

A new study suggests a chemical compound in beer can help the human

body fight the virus that causes colds. The catches? The study was conducted by Sapporo Breweries of Japan... and someone has to drink about 30 cans to get enough anti-viral properties. Still...

Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...



President Mark collected \$164 for our foundations. This week's happy folks: **Fred Anderson** with a musical invitation to hear Christmas carols at The Lodge... **Rich James** – the arrival of a 2nd grandson + granddaughter's 2nd birthday + “all those PV seniors going to UNI... **Scott Naumann** – giving \$5 “for the 5 PV seniors who are going to Scott to further their education... **Ralph Heninger** – enjoyed doing business with Rotarians, including **Tim Downey** for expert testimony and **Amber Castro** for a new sofa... **Dr. Tom Olson** – arrival of a 3rd granddaughter... and giving his son-in-law the keys to his boat...

Dave Deuth – high praise for he PV Choir; “I started as a music major,” he commented... to which some wag added, “And now your career's at a dead end.”

Missing today...

K. Adams-2, L. Adams-2, Archer, Ashby, Bibik-2, Bowe-3, Brown-3, Chambers-2, Dickson-2, Dobesh-8, Eikenberry-4, Ellstrom-23, Felsing-2, Gallagher Sr., Harrison-20, Hartsock-5, Hintermeister, Hinton-9, Kappeler, Kellenberger, Kennedy-11, Larsen,

McGimpsey-3, Mitvalsky, Murphy-2, Murray-23, Nanda-2, Nelson-23, Pieart, Powers, Praul-4, Schutte, Scranton-9, Sherrick-9, Vandersnick, Werner, Worley-21

Make-ups...

Greg Blaske at Salina, Kan.
Linda Miller at Iowa Quad Cities
Richard Oswald at North Scott



Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: **340-5114**, bmfkennedy@att.net
Dec. 12: Pleasant Valley High School students presenting holiday music
Dec. 19: *Quad City Times* Sports Editor Don Doxsie presents his annual bowl game forecasts and all things football
Dec. 26: Yet to be nailed down, but Brian promises, “We will find a good one” for bring-your-kids day
Jan. 16: Gigi's Playhouse by Michelle Hornbuckle
Jan. 23: Special meeting to present 2013 Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Grants, at the Riverfront Convention Center

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