



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 26, 2012, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013, at
Fortune Garden Restaurant

**A New Year, and a new
program – come and
learn what Brian or
Scott present...**

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[NOTE: This issue was made possible due to the excellent coverage provided by that self-described “humble flipside of the place-mat reporter – and good thing the pen had ink – the Dec. 26 Scribe Du Jour,” **Harry Coin**. A million thanks! (Ed.)]

Last meeting:

Wednesday Dec. 26, 2012

Linda updates on Iowa legislature

Our own Iowa **Rep. Linda Miller**, R-Dist. 94, is chair of the Iowa House’s Health and Human Services Committee. Before going to Des Moines and the 2013 legislative session that will keep her there January-April, she provided a roundup on the issues at the Dec. 26 meeting.



Serious untreated mental illness has been the driving force behind shooting tragedies such as the recent horror in Newtown, Conn., Linda said. Toward addressing that problem, on July 12 Iowa will roll out its new mental health delivery program, in which the 99 counties join into mental health delivery regions to coordinate and balance resources, so that less populous counties don’t have to go without services they otherwise couldn’t afford.

The legislature has set aside \$20 million to accomplish the changeover from 99 separate county mental health systems. Details on implementation dates and services to be provided are on the state DHS website.

Overall, Iowa is in good financial shape, spending less than it collects in taxes, Linda said. The state has a \$350 million “rainy day” fund set aside for relief of catastrophes such as floods and tornado

damage. It has been a challenge to avoid the efforts by some to spend that money on routine expenses. This leaves \$300 million for school support and \$140 million for property taxpayer relief. The governor and the state House of Representatives have produced six bills, but the Iowa Senate none.

Under Iowa's tax code, people deduct their federal income taxes before computing their Iowa tax due. But if federal income taxes go up, Iowa tax income will drop. So the legislature has offered Iowans the ability to stick with the current plan, or to not deduct federal income taxes and pay 4.5%. Similarly, if corporations in Iowa give up the federal tax deduction they'd pay a 6% flat rate.

Healthcare reform: The national healthcare plan is to roll out this year. Iowa has chosen a "hybrid exchange" where the federal government will pay Iowa to administer healthcare exchange options the federal government creates. The 150,000 Iowans without insurance will be getting a program equivalent to Medicaid.

Education initiatives: During the past couple of decades, Iowa has slipped from being ranked number two in the nation to 32nd. The ability of local school districts to cope with new demographic changes has created a very challenging strain. While the need is vast the tax resources are limited. A 5-step, \$43-million plan aims to ensure literacy by all at the end of the third grade.

The meeting opened...

The meeting was called to order by **Mark Ross**, who observed that he was nearing the halfway point of his term as **Our President**, before leading the recitation



of the 4-Way Test and the singing of "This Is My Country." Harry reported that "ensemble choral music critic Mark" thought the singing was "impressive given the light attendance." During Moments of Reflection, **Lee Semenov** remembered the tragedy in Newtown, Conn., our troops; **Carter LeBeau** and **Scott Naumann** remembered the passing of family members, and **Glenn Kass** remembered the firefighters slain in Webster, N.Y. Opening ceremonies concluded with the singing of "R-O-T-A-R-Y" and "Auld Lang Syne" to the accompaniment of **Scott Naumann's** musical laptop.



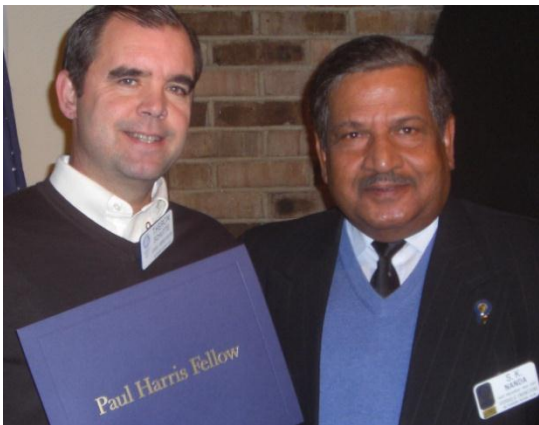
Secretary Chuck ('Father Time Himself') Mooney introduced:

Guests:

Bill Allison with **Craig Windmiller**
Walter DeDoncker with **John DeDoncker** →



Larry Lamb with **John DeDoncker**
 Alexis VanDerforn with **John Rabine**
 Henry Archer with **John Archer**
 Allysa & Jackson Gallagher with **Bob S. Gallagher**
 Tom Paris with **Jerry Felsing**
 Preston & Lauren Ross with **Mark Ross**
 Dillon Straka with **Carl Loweth**



Presentation...

→**Paul Harris Fellow. S.K. Nanda** – who reported the temperature of 85 degrees in India yesterday – had the pleasure of inducting into the community of Paul Harris Fellows **Dr. Theron Schutte**. SK Noted that Paul Harris Fellowships are available in increments of \$1,000 with the money going to support Rotary’s many philanthropies.

Announcements...

→**Help for Newtown. Chris Glass**, moved by the atrocity in Newtown, Conn., announced our club is taking donations to the “Sandy Hook Memorial” on our website.



→**Glenn Kass** said scholarship funds in the names of each child killed in the shooting have been established by the Newtown Rotary Club. Glenn has been in email contact with its president, **Mike Toll**, who requests, “Please consider financial donations at our web link

<http://www.sandyhookrotaryrelief.org/> so that Newtown Rotary can respond most effectively to the diverse needs.... Or please send a check to the Newtown Rotary Sandy Hook School Fund, PO Box 263, Newtown, CT 06470.... We thank you for your kind thoughts and generous actions.”

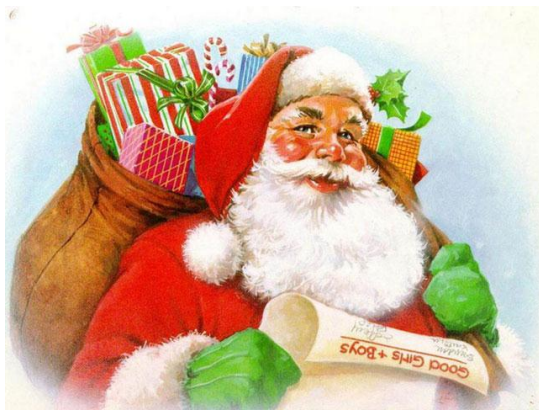


→**Chris** announced that, in conjunction with the Rock Island Rotary, we will be supporting a **vigil at Modern Woodmen Park at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, 2013. Glenn** added, “We have a link to the event at our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/bettendorffrotary) to

join and share. This event is open to all – not just Rotary members.”

→ **Holiday party.** **Chris Glass** also reminded those attending of our Christmas Party Jan. 5, 2013, at Crow Valley Country Club – be sure to fill out the forms online, or call **Lisa Brown (441-4016)** to express your meal preference, and get your checks in!

→ **Red Badge meeting.** If you have a red patch on your name badge, there will be a Red Badge meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15 at Farraday's Restaurant near the Isle of Capri in Bettendorf.



→ **Christmas food baskets.** **President Mark** asked for “Christmas Basket delivery stories,” **Linda Miller** reported she was assigned a family with six kids, ages 12-10-7-6-4 and 2, each with specifications and details making the \$50 per child budget a stretch for Target and Sam’s. She pressed grandson Lars into delivery assistance and it all worked out.

Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...

President Mark collected \$116 for our foundations + \$100 from **Bob Gallagher** for our Scholarship Fund. Harry reports, “**John D** kicked in \$25, **Bob Gallagher** kicked in \$100, for various birthdays, **Carl Loweth** in honor of family home for the holidays and **Glenn Kass** remembering the Newtown victims.”

No news... but...

Harry Coin reported: “At this point, the place-mat notepad was completely full, so we moved to the reverse side of **Linda Miller**’s Iowa State Budget handout. Here we find that as neither **Fred Anderson** nor **Lora Adams** was available, no news transpired last week.

“**Doyle McCully** rose to **President Mark**’s challenge to fill the news void. Doyle offered his survey of drivers he saw on his recent drive to Florida. His survey noted 90% of the drivers he saw were female and driving over 100 mph, making his trip quicker than in past years owing to his policy of keeping up. He also allowed that 90% of those he surveyed were tapping away on cell phones whether texting or web surfing or whatnot. On this basis his results led to the conclusion that women drive more dangerously than men. **President Mark** deemed Doyle’s bias toward female watching at his age of concern.”



Missing today...

We had 62 missing today – too many to list, **Secretary Chuck** reported.

Upcoming meetings...

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

Jan. 16: Gigi’s Playhouse by Michelle Hornbuckle

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



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

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