



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Jan. 9, 2013, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013, at  
Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **Playhouse helps those with Down syndrome**

At the Jan. 16 meeting we'll learn more about Gigi's Playhouse of the Quad Cities, the organization with the vision "to see a world where individuals and Down syndrome are accepted and embraced in their families, schools and communities." **Michelle Hornbuckle** is the site coordinator of the facility at 3906 38<sup>th</sup> Ave., Moline, which offers support and some 20 programs, most of which are educational. Each of those programs has "a purpose with specific goals in the areas of social skill development, speech and language, or academic achievement," according to its Website.

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday Jan. 9, 2013

## **Remembering Newtown victims**

From his perspective as a funeral director who has witnessed many funerals involving the death of a child, **Dave**



**Death** shared some thoughts and observations during the Jan. 9 meeting.

**The Quad-City vigil for the victims of the Newtown, Conn., shooting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at Modern Woodmen Park.** Bettendorf Rotary, especially **Glenn Kass** and **Chris Glass**, have taken a lead role in organizing the event, with the involvement of all QC Rotary clubs.

"As humans we are hard-wired with the need to grieve," Dave observed. "We reconcile our loss in two ways. The first is grief, which is an internal process – each individual experiences and expresses grief differently."

The second way we reconcile the loss of life, Dave continued, is mourning – "a shared social response." The Monday night vigil, he added, "is a good thing for Rotary to do. "We don't know the people (slain) in Connecticut, but we can honor their lives" and show support for their families.

The free-admission vigil will include prayers and reflections by Quad-City clergy, musical performances and comments from officials of both District 6000 (Iowa) and District 6420 (Illinois).

The Newtown Rotary Club has established a special fund to assist the short- and long-term needs of those in that community. Donations will be accepted Monday evening.

### The meeting opened...



The meeting was called to order by **President Mark Ross**, who led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. The duo of **Tom Howard** (tenor) and **Scott Naumann** (musical laptop) led the singing of “This Is My

Country,” and, after introductions, resumed the songfest with “Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry” and “Grandfather’s Clock” – complete with clinking glasses to accompany the “tick-tock” lines.

### Secretary Chuck (‘the leading rusher for Notre Dame Monday night’)

#### Mooney introduced:

#### Guest:

Paul Jones with **Tom Olson**  
Larry Axtell with **Doyle McCully**

### Announcements...

→ **Red Badge meeting.** **President Mark** said the Red Badge Meeting will be 5 p.m. next Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Farraday’s Restaurant with the January Board meeting – and an opportunity for any member to earn a make-up – a at 4:30

→ **Vigil for Newtown, Conn.** **Chris Glass** reminded all members the vigil to memorialize the victims of the Newtown, Conn., shooting will begin at **6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at Modern Woodmen Park.** A link is on our Facebook page, ([www.facebook.com/bettendorfrotary](http://www.facebook.com/bettendorfrotary)).

### → LobsterFest. Sharon Sarver



recognized THE National Bank, and **John DeDoncker**, as this year’s presenting sponsor (\$5,000). **Chelsea Powers** is co-

chair with Sharon. **Amber Castro** announced Knilans’ Furniture is a bronze-level sponsor (\$500). Sharon invited members to sign the sheet, circulated in the meeting, to volunteer to work for the ’Fest.

→ **Visiting Rotarian.** **President Mark** read a thank-you note from **Duncan Cameron** in appreciation for the BRC awarding him its “Visiting Rotarian of the Year” recognition.

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



**President Mark** collected \$230 for our Foundations + \$48 from **Mark Ross** for his birthday. Members who were especially happy: **Todd Larsen**, who

plugged THE National Bank’s “Happy Hour” benefit at Pints, 5-8 p.m., Jan. 17 to benefit Junior Achievement of the Heartland... **George Daugherty** – \$10



for parking in *the* place... **Kevin Kraft** – special thanks to all members who delivered Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets... **John DeDoncker** – now with two unobstructed wings – moved into a new condo... **Pat Eikenberry** – son has graduated from U of I... **Scott Naumann** – plugged “Fairway to Murder” 6:30 p.m. Friday at



Skellington Manor... **Connie Mangler** – sorry to see “Abe” go, but **Frank**

**Mitvalsky’s** return... **Mark Ross** – enjoyed Holiday Party last Saturday

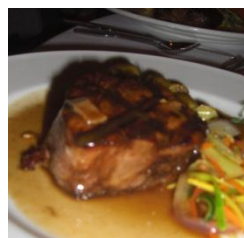


evening, attended by about 65... **Doyle McCully** – shared a bottle at the Holiday Party with **President Mark** and took a cab home... “But I don’t know what I’m going to do with the cab now” (big audience groan)... **Dave Deuth** – “my team at least made it into the (NFL) playoffs.”



**Missing today...**

K. Adams-2, L. Adams-2, Archer-2, Ashby-2, Bibik-2, Blaske, Bowe-2, Brown-2, Bush, Calabrese, Daley, Dickson-2, Duda, Edwards-2, Ellstrom-2, Felsing-2, Habenicht-2, Harrison-2, Hartsock-2, Hassel-2, Heninger-2, Hinton-2, Kappeler-2, Kellenberger-2, Kennedy-2, Limberg, Marvin-2, L. Miller, Murphy-2, Oswald-2, Pieart, Ploehn, Powers, Praul -2, Ricketts-McCool-2, Salm-2, Schuler-2, Scranton, Topper-2, Windmiller, Worley-2







### **Make-ups...**

Rich James @Summit County, Colo.,  
twice  
Penny McGimpsey @ Rock Island  
Ken Vandersnick @ North Scott

### **Upcoming meetings...**

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

**Jan. 30:** Margaret Kuehl, director of the Family Museum

### **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

### **News staff...**

Editor: Fred Anderson...  
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**With special thanks** to roving photographers **Carter LeBeau**, at the Holiday Party, and **Chris Glass**, at last week's meeting, who captured:

- Joe and Cathy Duda**
- Mike and Pat Limberg**
- Harry and Susan Coin**
- Steve and Marilyn Pieart**
- Some of the delicious holiday fare
- And – drum-roll, please – **President Mark's** execution of the yoga position known as “downward-facing dog”:



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