



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
April 24, 2013, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at
Fortune Garden Restaurant

NASCAR racing at Iowa Speedway in Newton



The guest speaker at our May 1 meeting is scheduled to be **Doug Fritz**, CEO of Iowa Speedway. Iowa Speedway is a state-of-the-art, seven-eighths-mile asphalt paved tri-oval race track and motorsports facility located in Newton, Iowa, 30 miles east of Des Moines.

The track is owned and operated by U.S. Motorsport Corp. and was designed by former NASCAR champion Rusty Wallace, now an anchor and analyst for ABC-TV/ESPN.

It was designed as the first track in the world to protect fans and drivers through the use of SAFER barrier technology surrounding the entire perimeter of the track.

Iowa Speedway is designed for year-round use, according to its Website. Its grandstand seats 30,000.

Last meeting:
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Mayor outlines taxes, building

In a comprehensive presentation at the April 24 meeting, **Mayor Robert S. Gallagher** presented a “state of the city” report focusing especially on Bettendorf’s finances and building plans.

Bettendorf’s financial health compares very well with other Iowa cities of 20,000 or more population, the mayor said. Moody’s Investors Service rated the city Aa1, one step below AAA, which “reflects the city’s sound financial operations,” Moody’s said. As a result, he said, the City Council will keep the

property tax levy next year at \$7.55 per \$1,000 of the property's taxable value; the overall tax levy will stay at \$12.55, which includes other fees. Bettendorf's taxes are the third lowest among Iowa's larger cities, Mayor Bob said.

Highlights of this summer's street construction will include projects on 18th Street near Bettendorf High School, Tanglefoot Lane, Forest Grove Road and downtown, he reported.

The mayor described the major development due to begin soon at the intersection of Middle Road and Interstate 80, with the Spencer Creek Technology Park at the northeast corner and Forest Grove Park at the southeast.

He also outlined steps to come on the project to build the new Interstate 74 bridge across the Mississippi River: remaining downtown property readied this year; utilities rerouted in 2014; State and Grant streets rerouted in 2015, and actual bridge construction in 2018-19.



Presentation...

S.K. Nanda presented the Paul Harris Fellow + 1 pin to **Ken Vandersnick**, signifying that he's donated \$1,000 beyond the basic PHF pin. "We should all give beyond that amount," S.K. said,

noting Rotary International needs \$700 million more to completely eradicate polio from the Earth. To underscore the challenge, **Tom Howard** called attention to the cover story in the current issue of *The Rotarian*, which tells of the personal peril to those in northern Nigeria who administer the polio vaccine.



Announcements...

→ **LobsterFest**: Silent Auction co-chairs **Jonna Schuler** and **Tim Lane** walked to the microphone. Jonna asked members to donate items for the auction, and "also talk to businesses and people you know" to donate interesting auction packages. Tim added, "Yup."

Ticket boss **Penny McGimpsey** reported that 14 of the 38 tables have been spoken for, "and some are paid for already." She added, "If you are a sponsor, but will be unable to attend LobsterFest, let me know so our ticket-sales teams can sell your tickets." Team captains are: "Lobster Kings," **S.K. Nanda**, and "Tom's Ticket Terrors," **Tom Howard**.

No new sponsors were added this week, so the list remains:

= Presenting (\$5,000): THE National Bank (**John DeDoncker**)

→ Gold (\$2,500): still available ←

= Silver (\$1,000): Bowe Machine (**Simon Bowe**), Bush Construction (**Tom Bush**), Iowa-American Water Co. (**Richard “Ozzy” Oswald**), Professional Touch Cleaning Services (**Diane Ricketts-McCool**), RJS & Associates (**Dick Schillig**), Weerts Funeral Home (**Dave Death**), Werner Restorations (**Brent Werner**)

= Bronze (\$500): **George Coin**,



Community Health Care (**Jeff Hassel**), Estes Construction (**Jeff “Boomer” Hill**),

Gallagher Millage Gallagher (**Bob Gallagher Sr.**), Holmes Murphy & Associates (**Chelsea Powers**), Home Instead (**Steve Habenicht**), Knilans’ Furniture & Interiors (**Amber Castro**), **Carter and Kaye LeBeau**, Lindquist Ford, Mel Foster Co. (**Brad Boeye**), Midwest Seafood, Steve’s Mirror & Glass (**Jerry Felsing**), **Sharon and Brad Sarver**, **Paul and Emily Scranton**, Swiss Valley Farms, Wagner’s Cleaners (**Ken Vandersnick**), Wells Fargo Advisors (**Rich James**)

The meeting opened...

Sharon Sarver (“Your president in 14 months”) opened the meeting by leading the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Then song leader **Tom Howard** announced the patriotic song, “God Bless America,” but Sharon immediately said, with a perfectly straight face, “Excuse me, Tom, but I haven’t called on you yet.” And just as quickly, she smiled impishly and asked, “Now what’s our opening song?” He repeated himself and, accompanied by **Penny McGimpsey** on piano, led the singing. After Moments of Reflection,



during which we learned **Scott Naumann**’s Dad was undergoing glaucoma surgery, the Tom-n-Penny show continued with renditions of “That Rotary Wheel” and “Side by Side... by side... by side...” It just sort of trailed off.

Secretary Chuck (‘the man who will bring the Bulls victory’) **Mooney introduced:**

Visiting Rotarians:

Roger Killion, Davenport:

Communication

Rick Bes, Davenport: Public TV

Guest:

Lauran Haldeman with **Decker Ploehn**

Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...

(Named for the late Bettendorf Rotarian **Jon Ryan**, who was a veritable repository of “Sven and Oley” jokes)

Vice-president-elect Sharon collected \$168 for our foundations. Generosity emanated from: **John DeDoncker** – THE

National Bank is getting a new corporate parent, Triumph Bancorp of Dallas, “and we’ll still be a local bank serving the community”... **Carter LeBeau** – the Bulls won their playoff game + grandson qualified for the Drake Relays... **Dave Deuth** – enjoyed a play at the new BHS auditorium – “Downing Architects did a beautiful job,” he commented + his daughter’s 20th birthday... **Tim Lane** – went fishing and decided to give \$20 per fish he caught; “Unfortunately, I don’t own anything,” but he chipped in some \$\$ anyhow... **Tim Downing** – grateful for Dave’s compliment, he added \$20...



Jim Slavens – just back from a visit to Israel, where he learned 45% of citizens are Muslim, “and they all seem to get along OK”... **Mayor Bob** – happy for **Lauran Haldeman** “who put today’s program together...”

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**, bmfkennedy@att.net, 340-5114, and to **Scott Naumann**, 445-4260, scottn@midlandcom.com. Have a program idea? Give ’em a call.

May 1: Doug Fritz, CEO of Iowa Speedway, Newton, Iowa

May 8: Our own **Jay Wilshire**, Trinity Medical Center, Bettendorf

May 22: Joel Lorenzen, CEO of robotic arc welding systems manufacturer Genesis Systems Group

Missing...

K. Adams-3, Archer-17, Ashby, Bibik-2, Boeye, Bowe-17, Brown-17, Dickson,



Dobesh-15, Edwards-17, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-

17, Falk, Franks, Habenicht, Harrison-12, Heninge-3, Hintermeister-2, Hinton-17, Kappeler-7, Kellenberger, Kennedy-9, Kraft-2, Limberg-4, Loweth, Lizak, McWilliams-6, L. Miller-16, Mitvalsky, Murphy-17, Nelson-2, Olson, Oswald-4, Pieart, Powers, Ricketts-McCool-2, Ross, Salm-10, Saul, Schillig, Scranton, Semenow, Sorensen, Spelhaug-2, Voigts-12, Volbrecht-9, Werner-2, Willsher, Worley-3

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.: Iowa 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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