



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
June 12, 2013, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at
Fortune Garden Restaurant

**Focus will be on the
city's public works**

The featured speaker at the June 19 meeting will be **Brian Schmidt**, Bettendorf public works director since March 2012.

Before directing Bettendorf's overall public works department, Brian worked for the Davenport Public Works Department for nine years. His last position was that of senior engineer and storm-water engineer. He succeeded Wally Mook, who retired at the end of December 2011.

Brian is a 1995 graduate of the University of Illinois. Before working for Davenport, he worked for McClure Engineering Associates in East Moline.



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**Project NOW fills
gaps in lives**

Each county in the country has one community action agency, said **Maureen "Mo" Hart**, executive director of Project NOW, Inc., in Rock Island County, "and Project NOW addresses issues of poverty" in the three counties of the Illinois Quad Cities.

The Project's services range across all human needs, she explained, including Head Start to prepare 3-5-year-olds for kindergarten, home-delivered meals for shut-ins and several senior services.



Mo described many of her agency's clients as "desperate people in a crisis."

Often, they have been evicted, lost a job,

suffered severe illness without health insurance, can't pay the rent or simply are hungry, she said. "We only reach about 50% of the people who qualify," she added, "so a lot of people are making do with what they've got."

Project NOW (Neighborhood Outreach Work, Inc.) manages many low-income properties, "but it's tough to keep them up," because of severe cutbacks in federal housing programs, Mo said. She thanked MidAmerican Energy for being a "partner" with Project NOW and providing additional funds for weatherizing and repairing properties.

As a single agency, Project NOW in Rock Island, Henry and Mercer counties



provides comparable services to those furnished by the Community Action Agency, CASI, Riverbend Transit and some others

in Scott County, she explained.

During questioning, Mo, a CPA, said, "I wouldn't work at Project NOW if I didn't see the need" and see it making a difference in clients' lives. She singled out Head Start as a program that truly makes a difference. "We work with the parents as well as the children," she said, to break what is often a generational cycle of poverty. For example, she said, her agency has helped parents obtain a GED to qualify for a better job and begin to lift a family out of poverty. "They have to show they're working with us" to keep receiving assistance, she added.

Announcements...



➔**Run with Carl: Dick Schillig** updated everyone's calendar – "82 days to Labor Day" and kicked off the annual RWC warm-up, "Rotary in Motion," by passing out signup sheets. Let the official walking begin July 1, he said.



➔**Carter's Banners: President Mark** thanked **Carter LeBeau** for the generous gift of his collection of 842 banners from his visits to Rotary clubs around the world. He announced that the BRC Board has voted to accept the gift. Still to be determined: where to display them; that issue is being researched.

➔ **Thanks for Scholarships:** Kevin Kraft said he had received thank-you letters from **Stephanie Bramer** and **Dionne Riley**, the two PVHS recipients of this year's Bettendorf Rotary Scholarships.

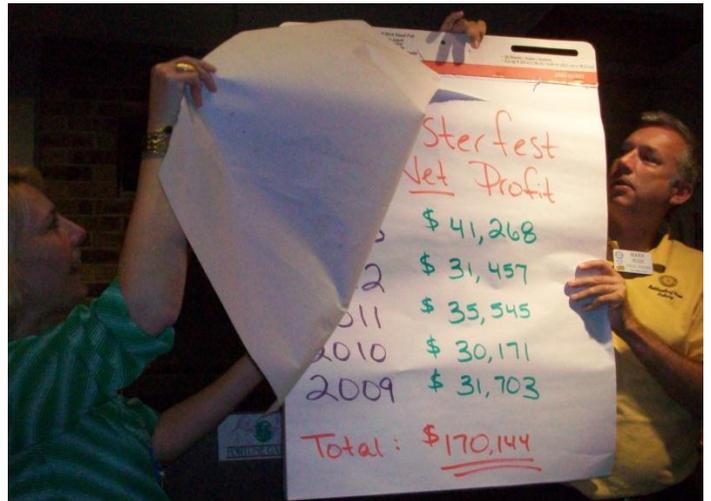


➔ **Davenport Rotary WingFest:** Cheryl Goodwin, president of the DRC, announced the club's inaugural WingFest fundraiser, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes two wings per vendor, she said; VIP tickets at \$50 include free beer, VIP parking and access to the VIP area. Attractions include live bands and a radio DJ. For tickets or more information, call **Cheryl: 309-738-0442** or buy them at any Walgreen's store.

➔ **LobsterFest results:** Sharon Sarver and **Chelsea Powers** provided a roundup of preliminary results of the event: Net proceeds were \$41,252 – exceeding any previous LobsterFest.

They thanked **John DeDoncker** and THE National Bank as presenting sponsor, plus all other sponsors, for their generosity. They thanked all Rotarians

who had taken on the responsibilities of fulfilling specific jobs – and handed out “Lobstar Awards” to **Rich James, Amber Castro, Penny McGimpsey, Chris Glass, Glenn Kass, Jonna Schuler, Kurt Lokenvitz, Tim Lane, Scott Naumann, Decker Ploehn** (“What a cute lobster...”), **Ken Vandersnick, Frank Schwab** (“Never sell that pickup...”) **Carl Loweth, Carter and Kaye LeBeau**. [The editor apologizes if he missed any names.]



The LobsterFest Committee created a new award – the “**Carter and Kaye LeBeau Spirit of Service Award**” – for their support of the event throughout all of its years. The first recipient was (who else?) that team of Carter and Kaye.



Sharon and Chelsea also had special praise for the stalwarts who worked so hard behind the scenes: **Brad Scott** and **Diane Staley** of Scott Community College; **Charlie Rodriguez** of Rivermont Collegiate, and **Michelle Calabrese**.



When all of the praise and recognition had died down, one LobsterFest duty remained: dispensing of the leftover cabernet, pinot grigio, Bud Lite Lime and other potent potables. **Decker Ploehn** assumed the role of auctioneer and began to cajole and coerce the crowd. **President Mark** delivered the goods to successful bidders. When the dust had settled, the effort had raised \$269 of additional funds for BRC philanthropies and scholarships.



➔ **John Deere Classic**. Although neither **Jeff Hassel** nor **Chris Glass** was at the meeting, someone announced that we still need more volunteers to serve as marshals for BRC's Hole No. 1 at the JDC.

On Friday, Chris sent a follow-up email, which said, "We are still in need of people for the following days": Thursday (July 11), 3 people; Saturday (12th) and Sunday (13th), 2 each day. To volunteer, email Jeff at jhassel@davchc.com or go to <http://bettendorfrotary.com/JDC-Signup>.



Jon Ryan
Happy \$\$...
 (Named to honor the late Bettendorf Rotarian, master punster and Sven & Oley jokester)

President Mark collected \$126 for our foundations + \$100 from **Rick James** + \$87 from **Carter LeBeau** for our Scholarship Fund. Happy \$\$ flowed from: **Chelsea Powers** – glad LobsterFest is over + “thanks to all who worked”... **Rich James** – \$1 for each of his 36 years as a financial adviser + 10% of the \$500 he won in the LobsterFest Raffle + \$14 for good measure... **Carter LeBeau** – birthday + a Rotarian for 43 years... **Sharon Sarver** – only \$5 left after bidding on the Big Green Egg at LobsterFest + “thanks to the best co-chair for LobsterFest”... **Scott Naumann** – glad to no longer be chair of LobsterFest... **Decker Ploehn** – daughter opened exercise business, “Bar 563.”

The meeting opened...

President Mark Ross began the meeting by leading the recitation of the 4-Way

Test. **Scott Naumann** tuned up his laptop to accompany the singing of “God Bless America.” During Moments of Reflection we learned that **Doyle McCully** is having some post-op problems, but **Tom Howard** is doing well, although he needs a little supplemental oxygen. (We forgot, until the very end of the meeting, to sing “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians” – which we did *a cappella* – to the June birthday celebrants: 11, Doyle McCully; 14, Jim Slavens; 17, **Carter LeBeau**, Ann Kappeler; 22, Tim Lane; 24, Bill Daley; 26, Steve Habenicht; 28, Lisa Brown.)



**Secretary Chuck introduced:
Visiting Rotarian:**

Cheryl Goodwin, Davenport: Non-Profit

Guests:

Christine Lalely with **Amber Castro**



Missing...

K. Adams-2, Ashby-2, Bibik-4, Boeye-4, Bowe-14, Brown-24, Chambers-2, G. Coin-2, Daugherty, Dickson-2, Dobesh-2, Downing, Duda-2, Edwards-24, Eikenberry-2, Ellstrom-24, Felsing-2, Franks-3, Gallagher Jr.-2, Glass, Habenicht, Harrison-2, Hassel-2, Hintermeister-3 Hinton, Hipple-2, Kappeler-2, Kellenberger, Kennedy-16, Lane-2, Larsen-5, Loweth, G. Miller, L. Miller, Mitvalsky-3, Murphy-24, Nelson-9, Oswald, Rabine-3, Salm, Schutte, Scranton-2, Sherrick-3, Werner-3, Windmiller-7, Worley-10



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



Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260. All ideas for future programs are most gratefully accepted.

June 19: Brian Schmidt, Bettendorf public works director

July 3: David Woods, Scott County Veterans Affairs: Honor Flight and Bettendorf Veterans Memorial updates

July 10: Patti McRae, executive director, Quad City Animal Welfare Center, Milan

Pending: appearances by Iowa Secretary of State Matt Schultz and State Auditor Mary Mosiman

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