



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
June 26, 2013, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, July 3, 2013, at
Fortune Garden Restaurant

An update on veterans' matters in Scott County

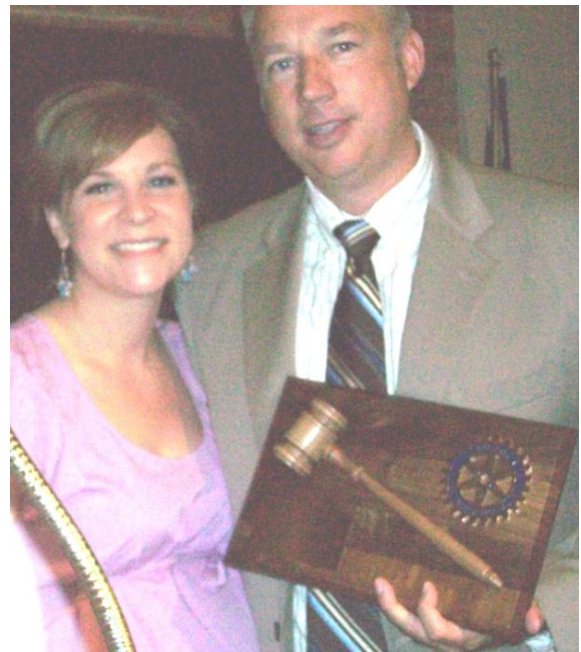


At the July 3 meeting – yes, we'll have one on the eve of Independence Day - **Dave Woods**, director of veterans' affairs for Scott County,

will present an update on several issues pertaining to veterans – including QC Honor Flights and Bettendorf's own Veterans Memorial Park.

In May of this year, Dave, who is also a member of the Honor Flight Board, commented about the QC group's decision to begin including Korean War veterans in the flights that previously had honored only World War II vets: "They're like any other veteran," he said. "They served honorably. They're getting old. A lot can't get out unless they have help. They didn't have the flags and parades when they came back home. This is our country's way of saying thank you to them."

Last meeting:
Wednesday, June 26, 2013



Day of transitions for Bett. Rotary

June 26 was a day of transitions for Bettendorf Rotary, with the presidential gavel passing from **Mark Ross** to **Chelsea Powers**, and the final meeting for **Chuck Mooney** in the offices of club secretary and treasurer – which he has so ably carried out since almost the first meeting of the club in 1957.

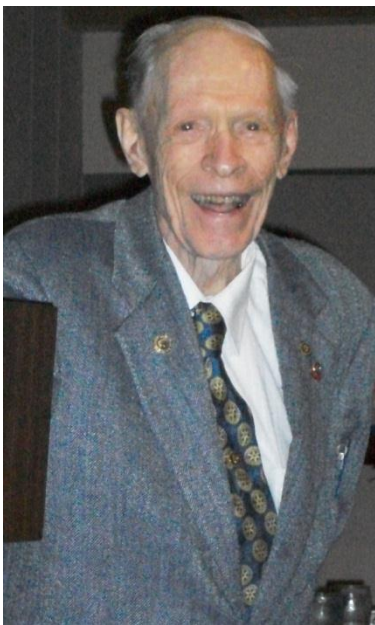
Keeping his remarks very short, outgoing 2012-13 President Mark Ross thanked all who had contributed to "the year's accomplishments," singling out **George Daugherty** and **Scott Naumann** – and then he opened a succession of tributes to retiring Secretary Chuck, which ended in a lengthy standing ovation as Chuck returned to his usual back-of-the-room station to complete taking minutes of the meeting. After President Mark's remarks



Mark's last meal as president – facing Chelsea

virtually every past president present shared some favorite Chuck Mooney Moments:

→**Ralph Heninger Sr. (1990-91):** “... stunned to learn today is Chuck’s last day on the job... always kept us presidents on track...”



→**Tom Howard (1969-70):** “... fixing his computer to run an old-time database ...”
 →**Diane Ricketts-McCool (2001-02):** “... his wonderful

wife Eleanor... at every Rotary International convention and training session...”

→**Tom Ahlstrand (1987-88):** “... Chuck always knew *everything* about the whole club...”

→**S.K. Nanda (1992-93):** “I have tears in my eyes... he’s been at every convention...”

→**Decker Ploehn (2000-01):** “... I’m the only past president who can look Chuck straight in the eye... he’s the most loyal Rotarian ever...”

→**Scott Naumann (2011-12):** “... dignity, honor and respect – he always has represented this club with these traits... that’s authentic Chuck...”

→**Dave Falk (1988-89):** “... we wouldn’t have accomplished anywhere near what we’ve accomplished without Chuck...”

→**Bob Gallagher Sr. (1986-87):** “... I was president of Bettendorf Rotary and the Scott County Bar in the same year – Chuck always had everything ready for each meeting, and kept me sane...”

At the end of all the praise for Chuck, President Mark quipped, “I wonder: Where’s Chuck going to sit next week?”

New President Chelsea made sure Mark had all of the accoutrements of his new status – the gavel plaque, past-president’s pin and past-president’s name badge – and then briefly outlined her priorities for her presidential year.

Taking her cue from the theme chosen by 2013-14 Rotary

International President Ron D. Burton, she urged all to “Engage Rotary... Change Lives.”

“Being a Rotarian means far more than just showing up at meetings,” she said, adding that being involved in the club’s



activities and projects yields the most benefit for both the club and the members.

She elaborated on four specific priorities:

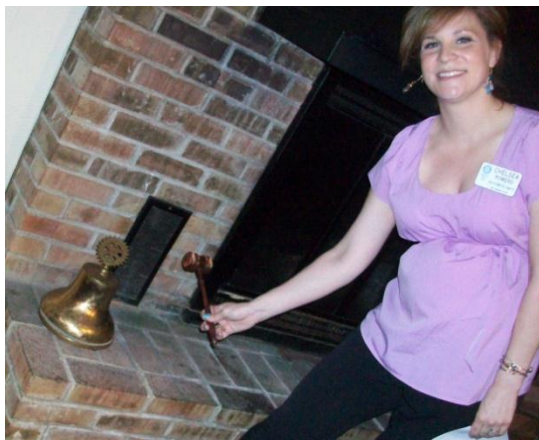
→ Create and clarify policies, so “when there’s a question, we have answers” to many common issues the club encounters

→ Find a place for each member to participate – what she jokingly dubbed “No Rotarian Left Behind”

→ Provide more Rotary education – dovetailing the club’s excellent programming with features of the Rotary International calendar

→ Increase visibility for BRC in the community – the tent at the July 4th parade is the beginning, she added

“I am honored to be your president,” she concluded. “I welcome your ideas.”



Chelsea gaveling the close of her first meeting

Chelsea introduced the members of the 2013-14 BRC Board:

→ President-elect: **Sharon Sarver**

→ Club services: **Kevin Kraft**

→ Community services: **Chris Glass**

→ Vocational services: **Jonna Schuler**

→ International services: **Lee Semenov, Ann Kappeler**

→ Youth services: **Jim Spelhaug,**

Theron Schutte

→ Rotary Foundation: **S.K. Nanda**

→ Past president, new member projects:

Mark Ross

→ Secretary:

President

Chelsea

introduced

Johanna Smith,

who will be assisted during a transition by

Chuck Mooney.

Johanna also

serves

Davenport Rotary as treasurer. A consultant with her own marketing and public relations firm, Johanna and her husband Jason, an engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Rock Island Arsenal, are parents to sons, ages 3 and 4 – with a daughter on the way.

→ Treasurer: **Lori Dobesh** will take the lead, with **Jeff Hassel** assisting

→ A new Board position, district grant chair: **Jim Slavens**



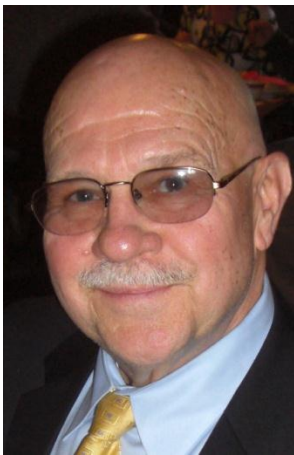
Announcements...



→ **Run with Carl: Dick Schillig** updated the countdown – 75 days – to Labor Day and Run with Carl, and he quipped, “This will be the first time in 19 years that Chuck Mooney won’t be leading the 5-mile race.” He named the captains of the three teams, past presidents **Nicole McWilliams, Dave Falk** and **Jeff Hassel**. Announcing that pedometers and tracking sheets (to record each day’s steps) were available at the rear table, he issued the rules for the “2013 President’s Cup Challenge” Rotary in Motion – with the Coveted Traveling Trophy and “a full year of bragging rights” at stake.

The basic rules:

RIM begins July 1 and ends Labor Day, Sept. 2, at the end of RWC. Team captains will draft team members by “mutually agreed” methods, according to Dick. Each participant records his/her steps each day, and reports them to their team captain weekly – captains will probably email reminders to their team. Captains will report their team’s total steps to Dick each week – and he’ll update us all at Wednesday meetings.



Dick outlined how to add up your steps:
→ Even though it varies for each person, assume 2,100 steps = one mile for all – Dick says it will average out OK.
→ Earn 10 miles (21,000 steps)

when you register and participate (walk, run or volunteer to help) in the RWC.
→ Earn a bonus 10 miles if you run in the 5-mile or 5K event during RWC.
To convert other exercise to RIM steps:
→ 4 biking miles = 1 RWC mile
→ 1 swimming mile = 3 RWC miles
→ 1 running/jogging mile = 2 RWC miles
→ 1 canoeing mile = 1.125 RWC miles

Team assignments – they don’t yet have names – were made Thursday (June 27), and they are:

→ **Nicole McWilliams’ team: Andrew Gudgel, Jay Willsher, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Mark Ross, Chris Glass, Chris Salm, Kurt Lokenvitz, Kevin Kraft, Tony Calabrese, Jeff Hill**

→ **Jeff Hassel’s team: Mike Limberg, Penny McGimpsey, Rick Hartsock,**

Sharon Sarver, Rich Oswald, Dawn Saul, Fred Anderson, George Daugherty, Renee Hipple

→ **Dave Falk’s team: Bill Daley, Bob Gallagher Jr., Rich James, Steve Piart, Scott Naumann, Pat Stopulos, Steve Sorensen, Decker Ploehn, Greg Blaske**

The winning team will be announced at the meeting of Wednesday, Sept 4.

→ **John Deere Classic: Chris Glass** said it’s “the last chance” to become a volunteer marshal. He’ll send out a final email reminder with a link to sign up. Or email **Jeff Hassel** at jhassel@davchc.com or go to <http://bettendorffrotary.com/JDC-Signup>.



→ **Bridge update: Lee Semenov** reported that “our bridge” at the remote village of Jicaro, Nicaragua, has been completed, and it was officially inaugurated last Sunday. This project was “one of the fastest we’ve done,” Lee commented. Now the residents of the village can much more easily get to doctors, schools and markets. To get a better sense of just how important this bridge is to the lives of those villagers,

follow the link below, which **Glenn Kass** supplied. You'll find more photos and more information at:

<http://continentalcrossings.com/mission-accomplished/>

➔ **John Deere Classic shirts: Jeff Hassel** reminded volunteer marshals to pick up their shirts at the John Deere Center in Moline. "We could still use more help on Wednesday," he added.



➔ **Lingering LobsterFest Kudos: Sharon Sarver** thanked **Carl Loweth** – who was absent for the meeting with all of the

post-fest kudos – for all of his work.

➔ **The BRC July 4th tent:** Having assigned the new members the job of staffing our tent at the Bettendorf Old Fashioned July 4th Parade, **President Mark** asked for volunteers to actually do that staffing. **Todd Ashby** offered the front lawn of Results Marketing on Grant Street as the site for the 10-by-10 pop-up tent – and he invited any and all BRC members to watch the parade from there, and to enjoy refreshments, including lunch off the grill.

New member induction...



➔ **Andrew Arndt: S.K. Nanda** inducted our newest member, Andrew Arndt, into membership. Andy is director of operations at the Arndt family chiropractic

practice on Middle Road. A graduate of Drake University and the London School of Economics, he is a member of two QC Optimist clubs, and he lives in Davenport.

Presentations...



➔ **Paul Harris Fellow + 1: S.K. Nanda** presented **Carter LeBeau** his PHF + 1 sapphire pin, signifying the donation of \$2,000 to the Rotary Foundation.



➔ **Interact award. Jim Spelhaug** received an award from Rotary International in recognition of his leadership of the Interact Club at Pleasant Valley High School – which is sponsored by BRC.



Jon Ryan
Happy \$\$...
 (Named to honor
 the late Bettendorf
 Rotarian, master
 punster and all-
 around good guy)

President Mark collected \$352 for our foundations, with gifts from: **Tim Lane** – “\$20 for **Secretary Chuck**’s years of service”... **Chris Glass** – \$20 more for the same reason... **Glenn Kass** – glad **Lora Adams** is back in the club + there’s a tribute to Secretary Chuck on the BRC Facebook page... **George Daugherty** and **Tom Howard** – each \$20 to honor Chuck... **Lee Semenow** – happy about the completion of the bridge in Nicaragua + “If **Decker (Ploehn)** needs some help with the I-74 bridge, I know some guys who are good at building bridges”... **John Rabine, Bob Gallagher Sr. and Diane Ricketts-McCool** all joined the \$20-for-Chuck movement... **Decker** had an extra sawbuck in his pocket, so he doubled down on that trend.

The meeting opened...

President Mark Ross opened his final meeting as president by saying, “Good afternoon.... Am I smiling?” and then leading the recitation of the 4-Way Test.



Tom Howard, accompanied by pianist **Gail Baldwin**, began the day’s patriotic song,

“God Bless America,” by singing the first verse; all joined in the chorus.

After Moments of Reflection, the past presidents’ accolades for **Secretary Chuck**, the induction of **Andy Arndt** and the presentation of **Carter LeBeau**’s

PHF + 1 pin, Tom returned to lead two more songs: “The 4-Way Test” and, with the approach of Independence Day, the 4th verse of “America the Beautiful,” which opens, “O beautiful for patriots’ dreams...”



Secretary Chuck (‘MVP of the Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks’) **Mooney introduced: Visiting Rotarian:**

Ralph Heninger, Davenport: Attorney

Guests:

Connie Mangler with **Mike Limberg**
 Joel Westermarck, Steve VanDyke, Tanya Marx with **Scott Naumann**

Missing today...

Bibik, Blaske, Boeye-6, Bowe-26, Brown-26, Bush-2, Chambers-4, Daley-2, Deuth-2, Dickson-4, Duda-4, Edwards-26, Eikenberry-4, Ellstrom-26, Franks-5, Habenicht-3, Harrison-4, Hartsock, Hintermeister, Hinton-3, James, Kappeler-6, Kellenberger, Kennedy-18, Larsen, Lizak, McWilliams, Marvin, L. Miller-3, Mitvalsky-5, Murphy-6, Nelson-11, Olson-2, Schwab, Scranton-4, Sherrick, Volbrecht-2, Werner-4, Wilshire, Windmiller-9, Worley-12

Make-up...

Todd Ashby

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...

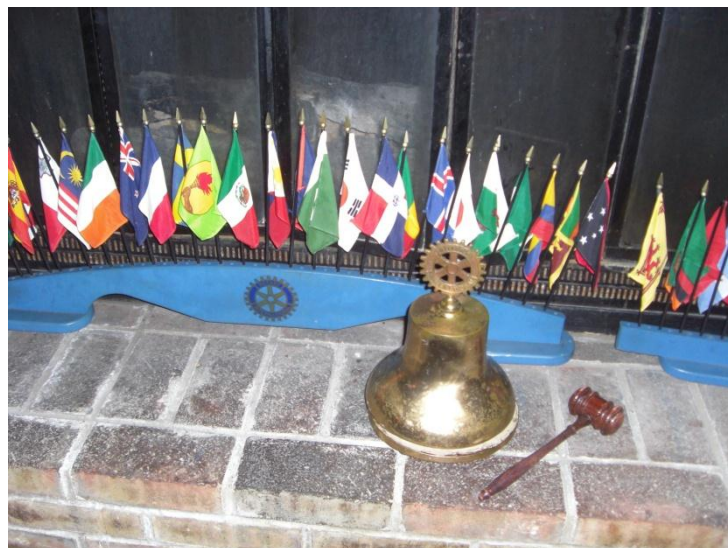
... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260. All ideas for future programs are most gratefully accepted.

July 3: Dave Woods: Veterans' affairs... Honor Flight... Veterans Memorial Park

July 10: Patti McCrae: Quad Cities Animal Welfare, Milan

July 17: Scott Tunnicliff: Harrison Hilltop redevelopment update

July 24: Brian Schmidt: Bettendorf public works director



July 31: Mary Pruess, new general manager, WQPT-TV

August Membership Month:

Aug. 7: Carol Foster, Handicapped Development Center

Aug. 14: Quad City Symphony Director Benjamin Loeb

Aug. 21: Rob Woodall, director of manufacturing, ALCOA

Pending: Iowa Secretary of State Matt Schultz

News staff...

Editor, reporter, photographer: Fred Anderson...

Correspondent: Chuck Mooney...

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