



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at
Fortune Garden Restaurant

Learn about QC's only no-kill animal shelter



The guest speaker for the July 10 meeting is set to be Patti

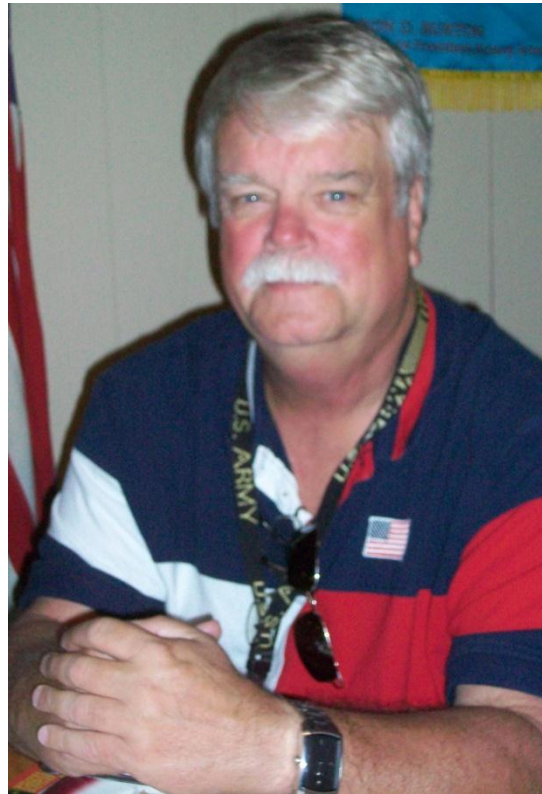
McCrae of the Quad City Animal Welfare Center in Milan, which supplements the work of tax-supported animal-control shelters and operates as the only no-kill shelter in the QC.

The facility's mission, as stated in its Web site, is to "operate a shelter for homeless animals, to offer a spay-and-neuter program, and provide humane education. We are the only full-service, no-kill shelter (in) the Quad-Cities area."

The QCAWC Web site explains further, "While animal control shelters are funded with tax dollars, they are required to control the pet population, and unfortunately that often involves euthanasia...." The QCAWC gets about half of its animals from area animal-control shelters.

Last meeting:

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VA Dept. serves Scott County vets

At the July 3 meeting, **David L. Woods**, director of the Veteran Affairs Department of Scott County, presented background information on ways his office serves the approximately 15,000 veterans in the county.

Either directly, or in cooperation with such other agencies at the Humility of Mary Shelter or Veterans for Veterans Housing (now a part of the Ecumenical Housing Development Group), the VA Department works with vets and their families to secure benefits and help with such matters as medical care and housing. The office often involves the office of



National WW II Memorial, Washington, D.C.

U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack (D-Iowa 2nd). At a veteran's funeral, the VA Department often sees to it that a military color guard is present, Dave said.

Each of Iowa's 99 counties has a certified veterans service officer, Dave said, and Scott County has the fourth largest case load among them.

He described the example of the widow of one Vietnam vet to illustrate the range of help his office offers. The family had nine children, and when the vet died, the family's income fell dramatically. Medical expenses were increasing. In seeking help from him, Dave said the widow mentioned that in 1991 her husband had submitted a claim that he had been exposed to Agent Orange while in Vietnam. Dave intervened, and about nine months later the VA provided \$1,000 for the husband's burial expenses, and began paying \$1,215 per month because of his service-related disability.

"Then I told her, 'I also have some *really* good news.' It was a check for about \$200,000 in back pay. She had been afraid she'd lose her house – but she doesn't have to worry about that anymore," he said.

Agent Orange claims – to date, 18 conditions or diseases have been linked

to its use in Vietnam – are responsible for a significant portion of the huge backlog in processing veterans' claims with the VA, Dave explained. But the largest reason for delays in helping veterans is the VA's antiquated records system. Most records are still in paper form, although they are slowly being converted to electronic form, he said.

The situation is further complicated, he added, by ballooning claims from vets, including National Guard members, returning to civilian life and submitting sometimes up to 20 claims apiece, Dave said. The Scott county VA Department serves an average of 105 vets a month.



Dave is also a member of the QC Honor Flight Board. He said each flight carries 162 persons – usually about 90 of them are vets – to Washington, D.C., to visit war memorials. Having served nearly all of the area's World War II vets who are able to travel, he said, "That's winding down, and now we're focusing more on Korean War vets."

To contact Dave Woods, call 326-8723; or david.woods@scottcountyia.com; the Veterans Affairs Department is at 600 W. 4th St., Davenport.

Announcements...



→ **The BRC July 4th tent:** Mark Ross said the BRC pop-up tent will be set up on the front yard at Results Marketing on Grant Street – providing excellent



visibility for the club during the July 4th Parade. Mark asked new members to stop by and staff it, as a new member project. The tent will be up about 9 a.m.; the parade runs 10 a.m.-noon.

→ **Run with Carl:** Dick Schillig called on Glenn Kass to update the countdown – 61 days – to Labor Day and Run with Carl. “We’re three days into July,” Dick said, and everyone participating in the 2013 President’s Cup Challenge should now be updating their walking logs daily – and calling / emailing their weekly totals to team captains – **Nicole McWilliams, Dave Falk** and **Jeff Hassel** – on Sunday nights. Weekly totals will be reported at every meeting.

→ **John Deere Classic:** All volunteer marshals should have picked up their shirt last week, it was announced.

→ **The parking spot: President Chelsea** – who won a year’s right to the premium parking spot during LobsterFest – said it will cost anyone else who parks there \$10. Fair warning...

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



President Chelsea collected \$0,000 for our foundations....

Especially happy members were: **Decker Ploehn** – “\$10 for the 10 hours you’ll take to find your way around town” with streets closed for repair and Spruce Hills Drive blocked for July 4th festivities...

Lee Semenow – \$\$ from **Tom Olson**, who’s spending the holiday week at Lake Geneva... **Steve Pieart** – \$72 for his birthday...

Mark Ross – “happy to be here” – semi-relaxing in the crowd – although he did acknowledge he was honored to have been president...



Catherine Duda – happy to be back after some absence...

The meeting opened...

President Chelsea Powers hit the bell to open her first meeting as president and then led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, with his faithful piano

accompanist **Gail Baldwin**, continued the patriotic theme from last week's meeting with the singing of "The National Anthem." After Moments of Reflection and introductions, the singing resumed with "That Rotary Wheel," "one verse of "The Battle Hymn of the republic" and, this being the first meeting of July, "Happy Birthday, Dear



Rotarians." In July that means: 7, **Frank Mitvalsky**; 12, Kirsten Adams; 14, **John DeDoncker**; 15, Mike Limberg; 21, **Dave Chambers, Frank Schwab**; 23, Tom Bush; 27, Simon Bowe, Robert S. Gallagher; 28, Steve Pieart; 29, Alexei Bibik



Secretary Johanna Smith

introduced:

Visiting

Rotarian:

Bill Tubbs, North Scott, Past District Governor

Guests:

David Woods, Scott County Veterans Affairs (speaker)

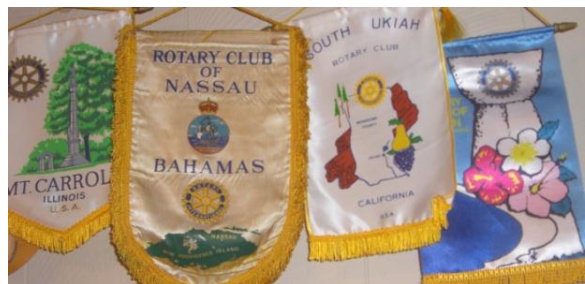
Bill Decker, guest of **Theron Schutte**

Abby Nagle-Kuch, Guest of **Rene Hipple**



Missing today...

Adams, Kirsten; Adams, Lora; Bibik, Alexei; Blaske, Greg; Boeye, Brad; Bowe, Simon; Brown, Lisa; Calabrese, Tony; Castro, Amber; Daley, Bill; Daugherty, George; Death, David; Dickson, Jean; Edwards, Ron; Eikenberry, Pat; Ellstrom, Jon; Gallagher, Bob Jr.; Gudgel, Andrew; Harrison, Ellen; Hartsock, Rick; Harvey, Bill; Hassel, Jeff; Hill, Boomer; Hinton, Becky; James, Rich; Kappeler, Ann; Kennedy, Brian; Kraft, Kevin; Larsen, Todd; Limberg, Mike; Lokenvitz, Kurt; Loweth, Carl; McWilliams, Nicole; Murphy, Paul; Naumann, Scott; Nelson, Rita; Olson, Dr. Tom; Oswald, Ozzie; Rabine, John; Ricketts-McCool, Diane; Salm, Chris; Sarver, Sharon; Stopulos, Pat; Volbrecht, Mike; Werner, Brent; Willsher, Jay; Worley, George





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 10: Patti McCrae: Quad City Animal Welfare Center, 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

Aug. 28: Our own **Harry Coin:** “Human nature meets ‘Big Data’,” or what managers need to know about technology security directions



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