



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
July 31, 2013, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013, at  
Fortune Garden Restaurant



## **Learn more about Handicapped Center**

The scheduled speaker at the Aug. 7 meeting is **Carol Foster** of the Handicapped Development Center (HDC) in Davenport. HDC, a non-profit organization, plans, establishes and operates programs that provide opportunities and help to persons with disabilities in and around Scott County, according to its mission statement.

In operation since 1969, the HDC states, "We believe all individuals are endowed with the same fundamental rights and needs, are entitled to opportunities promoting the fulfillment of those rights and needs, continue to develop throughout their lives, and should have the opportunity to become contributing members of their community."

HDC will conduct an informational luncheon beginning at noon on Thursday, Aug. 8, at 3402 Hickory Grove Road. For more information or to register, contact Foster at 391-4834 / [cmf@hdcmail.org](mailto:cmf@hdcmail.org).

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, July 31, 2013



## **'QPT's new GM updates us...**

Saying her appearance at the July 31 meeting was "one stop on her 'listening tour' of her new community," **Mary Pruess**, general manager since April of WQPT-TV, QC's public television station, noted that the station is marking its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

WQPT is especially good at telling stories through video, Mary commented, as she showed a short video containing clips of documentaries of Quad Citians from artists to WWII concentration camp survivors.

WQPT is the first public TV station in the U.S. that operates in a public-private partnership, Mary pointed out. Western Illinois University owns its broadcast license, and it uses Gateway Media's studio space.

Besides broadcasting many favorite nationally originated PBS programs, WQPT is heavily involved in service to the QC community, she said. An outreach program, "Ready to Learn," yearly helps some 2,000 children, and their parents, prepare for kindergarten by combining broadcast and other learning content. Older youth volunteers serve as PBS Ambassadors at community events, she added.



As a community-based public station, Mary said, WQPT receives more than half of the funding for its \$1 million-plus annual budget from local QC business and private donors. Federal funding through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting amounts to "about \$1.35 per viewer," she added.

She ended her remarks by showing a series of promotional TV ads what parody "reality shows" on commercial stations that used to purport to offer educational and cultural content – but now fill their schedules with series on sun-tanners and wildlife wrestlers. Those spots underscore the continuing commitment of public TV to actually covering culture, good drama and education.

## Announcements...



➔ **Run with Carl:** After four completed weeks of the President's Cup Challenge warm-up to the Run with Carl events on Labor Day, **Dick Schillig** revealed a shakeup in the team rankings:

**Nicole McWilliams' Cosmic**

**Cannonballs:** Largely on the strength of Nicole's biking miles in RAGBRAI, the team surged from 3<sup>rd</sup> place into the lead with 443 miles for the week and 1,277 total miles.

**Dave Falk's Old Glory:** 322 miles this week and a contest total of 1,235 miles

**Jeff Hassel's Hustlers:** 288 miles this week, for a 4-week total of 1,232 miles

BRC members can earn bonus miles – 10 of them – when signing up to either run in a Run with Carl race or to volunteer in support. Just 32 days to RWC, Dick reminded.



➔ **August Membership Month:** During the membership contest that will go on throughout August (Rotary Membership Month), **Kevin Kraft** said BRC members will

receive 100 Paul Harris Fellow points for each new member they bring in. At the end of August, the member who has added the most new members will receive 500 additional points. Kevin explained, "Each month \$25 of your dues goes to the Rotary Foundation, and you

receive 25 points toward your designation as a Paul Harris Fellow – which you achieve when your total reaches 1,000.”

➔ **Upcoming ‘field trip’:** Jeff Hassel announced that the Oct. 2 meeting will be at the Bettendorf Public Library, “where we’ll see what’s happening with our grant,” plus other funds – extensive renovations to two sections within the library.

### New member induction...



**S.K. Nanda** inducted new member **Heather Wessel**. Heather is in business development with Northwest Bank & Trust, where she also provides trust and retirement

services. Heather and her husband are parents of a daughter, 10, and a son, 7.

### Banner exchange...

Visiting Rotarian **Sam Fowler** from Muskogee, Okla., exchanged club banners with **President Chelsea**. His club, the second largest in Oklahoma, after the downtown club in Oklahoma City, works on a number of service projects, including bringing small portable water purifiers to 3<sup>rd</sup> world villages. “How well do they work?” someone asked. The company rep took one of the devices to the parking lot of the club’s meeting place, Sam said. “He



dipped up some muddy water from a puddle, and in a few minutes he had clear water – which he drank.”

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



**President Chelsea** collected \$204 from these happy members:

**Glenn Kass** – working with the Jewish Federation of the QC to bring Uriel Lynn, president of the Federation of Israel Chambers of Commerce, to the QC for a networking event on export opportunities for area companies to Israel, 9 a.m.-noon Thursday, Aug. 22, at the Waterfront Convention Center (793-1300 for more info / reservations)... **Kathy Duda** – thanks to **Decker Ploehn** for his personal involvement in getting quick response to a middle-of-the-night water main break near her house... **Jim Slavens** – “it’s

obvious that we should call Decker with any city-services problem”... **Decker** – his side of the story: “it wasn’t really a ‘sewer geyser’ – it just looked like one at 4 a.m.”... **Dr. Tom Olson** – Dad’s sewer backed up and damaged some of his paintings, but the phone company was at fault, with two results: “an end to crappy phone calls” and the city’s “off the hook” for the damage... **Harry Coin** – expressing \$5 worth of appreciation for each of the Marilyn Monroe impersonators he saw in the Bix-7 race... **Scott Naumann** – thanks to **Carter LeBeau** for his postcard while on the road with RAGBRAI-41... **Lora Adams** – sister’s in labor – Lora’s about to be an auntie... **Dave Deuth** – adding thanks to Decker: “to capture a city, first capture the hearts of the people...”... **President Chelsea** – last meeting until September – a new little Powers enters the world on Aug. 1.”

### Banner presentation...



Home from his 41<sup>st</sup> RAGBRAI, **Carter LeBeau** presented the banner – his 843<sup>rd</sup> – from the Rotary Club of Knoxville, Iowa, with about 75 members in a community of some 7,000. While there,

he and Kaye stayed overnight in the home of a 40-year Rotarian who is a retired judge.

### The meeting opened...

**President Chelsea Powers** led the recitation of The 4-Way Test, and **Tom Howard** – with accompaniment from **Scott Naumann**’s musical laptop – led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “America the Beautiful.” After introductions and Moments of Reflection (during which we learned that **Jean Dickson**’s father is still in the ICU at a Minnesota hospital), the singing resumed: “Sing, Rotarians” and “Wait Till the Sun Shines, Nellie.”

### Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

#### Guests:

Mary Preuss, WQPT general manager (speaker)



Patrick Hanrahan, guest of **Dick Schillig** (prospective member)  
Christy Gause, guest of **Jay Wilshire** (prospective member)  
Sue Mannix, new head librarian, Bettendorf Public Library, guest of **Decker Ploehn Gary Brown** (←), guest of visiting

Rotarian Sam Fowler – both were in town for the 35<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the (Ford) Crown Victoria Association  
**Visiting Rotarian:**

Sam Fowler, Muskogee, Okla.

## Missing today...

Adams, K. (5); Bibik (2); Blaske (3);  
Bowe (5); Brown (5); Bush (2);  
Calabrese (3); Castro; Chambers;  
Dobesh; Edwards (4); Eikenberry (4);  
Franks (3); Gallagher, Sr. (2); Gallagher,  
Jr. (2); Glass; Gudgel (3); Hinton (2);  
Hipple (4); Kappeler (4); Kennedy (5);  
Larsen (2); Limberg (2); Lizak (2);  
Loweth; McGimpsey; McWilliams (4);  
Marvin (2); Miller, G.; Nelson (5);  
Oswald (4); Ross; Sarver; Saul; Schuler;  
Scranton (4); Stopulos (2); Werner (3);  
Worley (5)

## Make-ups...

Downing



## 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

## Resignations...

Tom Ahlstrand; Ellen Harrison; Paul Murphy

## Upcoming meetings...

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

### 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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