



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Aug. 14, 2013, issue

**Next meeting:**  
Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013, at Fortune Garden Restaurant

## Schutte to discuss vote on school infrastructure tax

Theron Schutte, in his role as superintendent of the Bettendorf School System, is the featured speaker at the Aug. 21 meeting, when he will discuss



the School Infrastructure Local Option tax, or SILO.

SILO is a one-cent sales tax that raises funds that can be used only for infrastructure improvements to school system

facilities. Since the previous vote, in 2008, several major facilities have been improved, including the multi-million-dollar performing arts addition to Bettendorf High School.

Theron will discuss the use of this local-option tax to the physical plants of the city's schools – and the importance of voting yes on its reauthorization in the election that is scheduled for later this year.

**Last meeting:**  
Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013



## New QCSO exec loves his job

“I’m surprised to be here,” began **Ben Loeb**, who has been the executive director of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra since last November. Due to a miscommunication, he did not learn that he was the scheduled speaker for the Aug. 14 meeting until about a half hour before he took the microphone. (Did anybody check whether Ben got lunch? If not, we owe him one.)

“I’m more and more impressed by the Quad-City community,” he commented, “and the way it cares.”

Before joining the QCSO, Ben was both the executive director of the Greater Bridgeport, Ct., Symphony Orchestra,

and the founder, executive director and music director of El Paso Symphony Youth Orchestras in Texas.

After meeting the challenges of those two positions, he said he was wondering what he would do next, when a series of connections – including Rotary – led him to the QCSO. He arrives as the orchestra is about to celebrate its centennial – a fairly rare occurrence at a time when financial woes are forcing the orchestra in a number of larger communities to cut back or even close their doors. In contrast, he said, the QCSO “is a very healthy organization.”

“A symphony is a metaphor for the way a community accomplishes things,” Ben said. “It’s made up of many different instruments, but they all come together, play their different parts and achieve something great.” He went on to say attending a BRC meeting gave him an opportunity to see our community’s shared values in action.

Concerning the orchestra’s 100<sup>th</sup> year, he announced that each of its master-works concerts during the October-April season will include the premiere of one new piece of music. For example, the March concert will feature “the three B’s – only instead of being the usual Bach, Beethoven and Brahms,” he said, “we’ll premiere a new work by Jacob Banks, music professor at Augustana College, to replace one of the ‘old white guys’.”

He also promoted the two special QCSO events – the Riverfront Pops concert Sept. 9 in Davenport’s LeClaire Park, featuring the music of Michael Jackson, and the Holiday Pops at the i-wireless Center, starring Debbie Boone and Rosemary Clooney... “on video,” he hastened to add.

“We are all elevated by the experience of orchestral music,” he said in closing. For more information on the QCSO go to:

[www.qcsymphony.com/](http://www.qcsymphony.com/).

## Announcements...

→ **Grant applications:** The Bettendorf Rotary Charities Board will have a record \$22,000 available for grants to nonprofit organizations this year, **Jeff Hassel** announced – thanks to the success of this year’s



LobsterFest. The maximum for any grant is still \$2,500, he added. Applications can be made on the BRC Web site, or the form can be downloaded and mailed; just follow the instructions at <http://www.bettendorfr Rotary.com/rotarygrants>.



→ **QC100 Club:** **Tim Lane** issued an invitation to attend a meeting to form a group of 100 people willing to pledge to donate \$100 per quarter to a QC charity or nonprofit organization to

be chosen each quarter by group members. If you’re interested but couldn’t attend the initial meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 14, Tim says you can still make a \$100 tax-deductible contribution payable to “Hand In Hand.”

He adds, “We are hoping to present all the checks to the organization next week.” To join QC100 or get more information on it, contact Tim: 563-320-9161 / [timlane7@gmail.com](mailto:timlane7@gmail.com) or Jonna Schuler at 563-579-3000.

→**Golf Outing:** **John Rabine** reiterated that the annual Bettendorf Rotary Golf Outing & Steal Fry will be Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Palmer Hills. **Chris Glass** added that you can register – and pay, for golf, dinner or both,



plus select steak, chicken or salmon for yourself and guest(s) – all at the BRC Web site, [www.bettendorffrotary.com](http://www.bettendorffrotary.com).

→**Run with Carl:** After 6 weeks of blistering competition, **Dick Schillig** told us what’s afoot in the President’s Cup Challenge walk-up to the Run with Carl events on Labor Day:

**Dave Falk’s Old Glory:** kept the lead for a second week with 402 miles this week and a total of 2,047 for the contest  
**Jeff Hassel’s Hustlers:** surged back into 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 372 miles for the 7 days and a 6-week total of 1,958  
**Nicole McWilliams’ Cosmic Cannonballs:** slowed to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the race by covering 343 miles in the week for an overall total of 1,939

Reliving a bit of history, Dick said the all-time mileage record is held by **Kevin Kraft**’s 2011 team – 4,704 miles.

Volunteer coordinator **Mike Vollbrecht** again passed around signup sheets – this time for workers along the race courses who will direct traffic or dispense water

to runners. To volunteer, contact Mike: [mvollbrecht@shive-hattery.com](mailto:mvollbrecht@shive-hattery.com) / (W) (309)277-1978 / (H) (563) 343-9490

It’s 19 days to Labor Day and the Run with Carl events.

### **The meeting opened...**

**Stand-in President Dave Falk** (1988-89) – “this week’s winner of the **Chelsea Powers** for a day” sweepstakes – opened the meeting with a moment of silence for two of our own who died this week, **Past President Carolyn Leutwyler** (2006-7), who had retired to Florida, and **Carter LeBeau**, whose funeral was held earlier



in the day. In an email, **President Chelsea Powers** provided a link to “share photos and personal stories and memories of Carolyn”:  
<http://www.forevermissed.com/carolyn-haney-leutwyler/#about>

The week’s patriotic song, “The National Anthem,” was led by song-master **Tom Howard** – with piano accompaniment by **Gail Baldwin**. After announcements, they returned to lead the throng in the day’s Rotary song, “R-O-T-A-R-Y” (2 verses) and – with a bow to Carter’s love



for sports fight songs – “Take Me Out to the Ballgame.”

Tom honored longtime accompanist Gail by donating a book in her name to the Bettendorf Public Library.

**President Chelsea Powers** continues on maternity leave; upcoming gavel-wielding past presidents are scheduled:  
Aug. 21: **Jeff Hassel** (2011-12)  
Aug. 28: **Tom Howard** (1969-70)

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



Acting President **Dave** brought back the tradition of a member serving as Sergeant-at-Arms to collect Happy \$\$.



He introduced “a shy young man I sponsored as a new Rotarian years ago,” **Decker Ploehn** – who conducted the session with all of the subtlety of his role

as LobsterFest auctioneer, raising \$258 from members around the room.

Decker started by saying, “We used to open with the latest market report, so, **Rich James**, what is it?” Rich didn’t have an immediate answer, but **Todd Larson** checked his i-Phone, said the Dow Industrial Average was “down 95” – and Decker “fined” them both. And so it went:

**Tom Olsen** – “(bow-) tied one on for Carter’s funeral” + thanks that 18<sup>th</sup> Street is now open... **Theron Schutte** – joined the 18<sup>th</sup> Street thanks + reminded that school visitors now need a photo ID... **Boomer Hill** – invitation to the Jamie Hill golf tourney on Aug. 24... **Steve Pieart** – said he’d won “\$2” at euchre at Governor’s last night... then admitted it was \$96, earning a fine of undisclosed amount... **Jerry Felsing** – \$43 for birthday... **Tim Downing** – also happy about 18<sup>th</sup> Street + said he “couldn’t wait” for farther north to close for repairs... **Chris Glass** – saying he had to borrow \$\$ from **Ralph Heninger**, announced he and **Mike Limberg** are forming “a men’s club – no women allowed” to “play golf, or do something” once a week... **Mike** said, “I’ll just pay”... **Glenn Kass** – “\$\$ for missing last week” + promise of \$1 for each win this season by the Bears and the Illini, **Carter LeBeau**’s favorite teams + “I’ll give \$20 for Chris”... **Ralph Heninger** – his son, in 4<sup>th</sup> year of med school, ranked “in the high 90s percentile” in exams... **Sharon Sarver** – back from vacation: “Do I get miles for paragliding?” + \$\$ for the Sept. 14 Family Resources fundraiser: pay \$20 for a 5-minute “test ride” in one of 11 2014-model cars from Dahl Ford, toward an event goal of \$6,000... **Dick Schillig** – \$19 for the 19 days to RWC... **John Rabine** – granddaughter is on the

University of Iowa dance team... **Kevin Kraft** – nice turnout at Carter’s visitation... **George Daugherty** – \$20 in honor of Carter... **Jonna Schuler** – Modern Woodmen Park voted the best minor-league baseball park in the country... **Linda Miller** – recalled being an early member of Davenport Rotary, and Carter not being especially happy that women were joining... **Carl Loweth** – happy to be back from a 2-week mission to Zimbabwe... **Kristine Stone** – daughter went to school for kindergarten orientation, so \$12 “for the 12 letters in kindergarten.”

**Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:**

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Past District Gov. Bill Tubbs. North Scott

**Guests:**

Ben Loeb, Quad City Symphony Orchestra executive director (Speaker)  
 Tate Featherstone with **Jeff Hassel**  
 Dan Thompson with **Jeff Hassel**  
 Angie Dylan with **Jerry Felsing**



**Missing today...**

Adams, K. (7); Adams, L. (4); Arndt (4); Ashby; Bibik (4); Blaske (4); Bowe (7); Brown (7); Castro (2); DeDoncker (3); Deuth (2); Dickson (3); Dobesh (2); Edwards (7); Eikenberry (5); Ellstrom (7); Gallagher, Sr. (3); Gudgel (5); Hartsock (3); Hintermeister (2); Hinton (4); Kappeler ((5); Kellenberger (4); Kennedy (7); Lokenvitz (5); McGimpsey

(2); McWilliams (5); Marvin; Mooney; Nanda; Naumann (2); Nelson (7); Oswald (6); Powers (2); Ricketts-McCool (2); Riepe (5); Ross (3); Salm (4); Scranton (6); Sorensen (3); Spelhaug (3); Stopulos (4); Vandersnick  
 Werner (5); Willsher (3); Worley (7)

**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](mailto:scottn@midlandcom.com), 445-4260. All ideas for future programs are most gratefully accepted.

**August Membership Month:**

**Aug. 21:** Our own **Theron Schutte:** School Infrastructure Local Option tax  
**Aug. 28:** Our own **Harry Coin:** “Human nature meets ‘Big Data’,” or what managers need to know about technology security directions

**Sept. 4:** Gary Asay, Osco, Ill., farmer and director, National Pork Producers Council

**Sept. 11:** Scott Tunnicliff: Harrison Hilltop Redevelopment Update

**Sept. 18:** Bettendorf Rotary Annual Golf Outing & Steak Fry (chicken & salmon, too)

**Sept. 25:** Club Assembly

**Oct. 2:** Lunch and tour of renovated sections of the Bettendorf Public Library, thanks to **Jeff Hassel**.

**Oct. 9:** District 6000 Gov. Jacques Andrew

**Oct. 16:** Exchange student from Germany, thanks to host **Amber Castro**

**Oct. 23:** Rob Woodhall, ALCOA

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