



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Nov. 20, 2013, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013, at the
Fortune Garden Restaurant

Focus will be on the city's public works

The featured speaker at the Nov. 27 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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How you can help Santa aid seniors

With the approach of the Advent season leading to Christmas, two members of the staff of Home Instead Senior Care, **Carla Popp** (right above) and **Debbie Elliott**, told us at the Nov. 27 meeting how to Be a Santa to a Senior ("BASTAS").

The Holidays often are a lonely time for elderly persons who live alone or in a retirement facility, the speakers said, because they may have no loved ones who can visit them – or bring them gifts.

BASTAS seeks to brighten the lives of persons in that situation by providing gifts of personal-care items, which they otherwise might not be able to afford. Here's how it works:

→ Agencies and individuals who work with deserving seniors fill out BASTAS tags, containing the recipient's first name and gift ideas, which are placed on a

Christmas tree at participating Walgreens stores;

→ Anyone from the community who wishes to participate can select a tag, buy and wrap the gift.

→ Volunteers collect the gifts from the donors and deliver them to each participating senior.



About 2,000 Quad-City seniors received gifts through the program last year, they said. Anyone with questions can call Debbie at 359-0027, they said. **Lora Adams** described how she provided a gift for “Rosie,” who is 94.

The speakers gave special recognition to two Bettendorf Rotarians, **John DeDoncker** and **Todd Larsen**, for their past involvement in “BASTAS.”

Announcements...

→ **Rotary Family Month: President Chelsea** noted that, since December is Family Month in Rotary, and because many family members come home for the holidays, it would be a good time to bring them to Rotary as guests (see introductions, below).

Presentation...

Ken Vandersnick presented an exchange banner from the Rotary Club of Littleton, Colo., where he made up while on



vacation. He commented, “75 percent of their members are age 70 or older.”

2 (or 5) minutes with S.K....

(To mark November, Rotary Foundation Month): In the conclusion of his month-long series of informational chats, **S.K. Nanda** revealed the details of how Rotary International earns and spends its funds.

Based on the 2012 budget, S.K. said Rotary International had \$183 million in income and spent \$204 million, with the difference coming from such sources as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation’s support for PolioPlus.



In 2012, S.K. reported that Rotary spent: → \$105 million on PolioPlus, → \$55 million on humanitarian projects around the world (with half that amount returned to the district of origin; 3 kinds of grants are given: global grants, district

grants, and package grants, which go to projects involving multiple clubs in multiple districts);
→\$22 million for educational programs, including the 6 Peace Universities Rotary operates around the globe and educational exchange programs.

In 2012, S.K. continued, \$100 million of Rotary's income came from member dues, with the remainder derived from the Paul Harris Fellowship program. Members become PH Fellows after contributing \$1,000; with each additional \$1,000 given, they receive PHF pins with up to 5 sapphires, then up to 3 rubies, culminating at one diamond. "You don't have to be a Rotarian to become a Paul Harris Fellow," S.K. said, "so your family members and friends can also become Fellows."

Most spending comes from RI's Annual Fund, S.K. said, with additional spending from interest on the Permanent Fund. Donors to that fund can earn advanced status:

- \$1,000 = Benefactor status (either by donation or in your will)
- \$1,000 per year for 10 years = Paul Harris Society member
- \$10,000 = Bequest Society member (either by direct donation or by pledging to leave it in your will; S.K. and **Dave Deuth** have both made that pledge)
- \$250,000 = Arch C. Klumpf Society

"When you're asked to 'pass in \$2' during the Happy \$\$," S.K. said, "half goes to the Scholarship Funds, and half to the Rotary Foundation."

In conclusion, S.K. urged members to make additional donations to Rotary, or to revise their will to include Rotary as a beneficiary. If you have questions, contact S.K. (s.nanda@mchsi.com / 355-6872).



The meeting opened...

President Chelsea Powers called the meeting to order, led the recitation of The 4-Way Test and began the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Since **Tom Howard** and all forms of accompaniment were absent, she called on **Fred Anderson**, who led the singing of the day's patriotic song, "America the Beautiful."

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Guests:

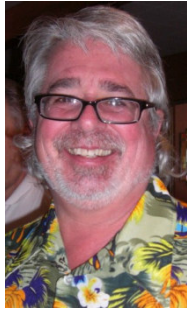
- Carla Popp - Home Instead Care (Speaker)
- Debbie Elliott - Home Instead Care (Speaker)



Walter DeDoncker with **John DeDoncker**

David Pieart with **Steve Pieart**

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



President Chelsea
 collected \$238.00 from the pre-holiday
 thinned assembly. In a thankful mood
 (appropriately), extra Happy \$\$ came
 from:

Chelsea Powers – “happy I’m your
 president this year” + daughter gets up
 just twice a night (down from 4 times) +
 “my family’s good health” + “I get to
 spend Wednesdays with you”... **Steve
 Piart** – **Jerry Felsing** is getting married
 tomorrow... **Rich James** – last week the
 fundraising society names wife Dee its



**Linda Miller and Jeff “Boomer” Hill chat before
 the meeting.**

outstanding fundraiser... **Linda Miller** –
 launching 5th “and final,” she said, re-
 election campaign... “I’m pretty sure,”
 she added... **Tate Featherson** – 9th
 anniversary... **Glenn Kass** – since
 tonight is the first night of Hanukkah,
 Happy “*Thanksgivukkah*” (“The next
 time the two holidays will coincide,”
 Glenn said, “is the year 79000-
 something”)... **Ken Vandersnick** –
 sending a birthday check... **Tom Olson** –

a “traditional” Thanksgiving verse, he
 said, that ended in (what else?) floss...
Rene Hipple – happy **Chad Pregracke**
 won CNN Hero of the Year recognition
 for his river-clean-up work (she serves on
 his Board) + invited all to watch the CNN
 program 7 p.m. Sunday at Waterfront
 Convention Center... **George Coin** – his
 – and his wife’s – birthdays... **Lee
 Semenow** – violinist grandson has been
 invited to audition for the Hanford, Md.,
 symphony... **Lora Adams** – happy to be
 back... has been in 3 Circa ’21 shows +
 one more coming in spring 2014... **Dave
 Deuth** – reached an accord with **Kevin
 Kraft** over Vikings-Packers rivalry, so
 their tie was “appropriate” (although
 Kevin’s not so sure...) + son’s 23rd
 birthday + Rotary Foundation status (see
 “2 minutes with S.K.” above), thanks to
 legal help with his will from **Ralph
 Heninger**.

Missing today...

Arndt (16); Ashby (5); Bell; Bibik (13);
 Blaske (11); Boeye (13); Bowe (22); Brown
 (22); Bush (17); Castro (6); Chambers (11);
 Daley (8); Dickson (13); Downing (2); Duda
 (17); Edwards (22); Eikenberry (14);
 Ellstrom (22); Felsing (9); Franks (18);
 Gallagher Jr. (6); Glass (8); Habenicht (10);
 Hartsock (10); Hassel (10); Heninger (9);
 Hintermeister (12); Hinton (19); Howard;
 Hurd; Kappeler (18); Kellenberger (11);
 Kennedy (19); Lane (2); Larsen (10);
 Limberg (10); Lizak (13); Lokenvitz (14);
 Loweth (9); McGimpsey (4); McWilliams
 (17); Mannix (8); Marvin (12); Miller, G. (3);
 Mitvalsky (5); Naeve (3); Naumann (2);
 Nelson (22); Oswald (12); Ploehn (7);
 Ricketts-McCool (11); Ross (9); Salm (17);
 Saul (5); Sherrick (12); Schillig (4); Schuler
 (2); Schutte (7); Scranton (18); Slavens (7);
 Sorenson (11); Spelhaug (3); Stone (7);
 Thompson (4); Vollbrecht (15); Werner (17);
 Wessel (4); Willsher (9); Windmiller (8);
 Worley (22); Zachary (8)

Make-ups...

Adams, Lora (Moline Rotary)
Vandersnick (Littleton, Colo., Rotary and Davenport Rotary)



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.

Dec. 4: Brian Schmidt, Bettendorf Public Works director

Dec. 11: Bettendorf High School Choir vocal program

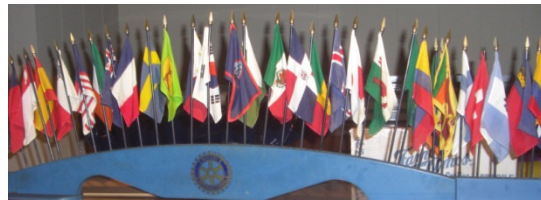
Dec. 18: Nicole Cline, Dale Carnegie training consultant: family time during holidays

Dec. 25: Christmas Day (*no meeting*)

Jan. 1, 2014: New Year's Day (*no meeting*)

Jan. 22: Natalie Johansen Murray: HAVlife (Hunter Aaron Vondran Memorial Foundation) – preventing lost youth potential

Jan. 29: LobsterFest grant presentations at the Waterfront Convention Center



For more on Bettendorf Rotary Club:

<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/>