



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

Hear what's new at the Figge Art Museum



Tim Schiffer, executive director of the Figge Museum since August 2012, will be our guest speaker at the March 12 meeting.

In an interview last fall, he said, "A lot of times, art museums are a place

where people only go to when they have friends visit from out-of-town. I'd like to see it be a place where people would feel like it's a resource that they can just go to, and pop into...."

Come and find out what he's doing to draw more visitors to the Figge.



Last meeting:

Wednesday, March 5, 2014



Mayor Bob Gallagher Jr. was interviewed by Ch. 8 before his "State of the State" address – part of the news media coverage of the event.

Mayor outlines 'State of City'

Mayor Bob Gallagher Jr. delivered the annual "State of the City" address on March 5, as the Bettendorf Rotary Club hosted members of the Iowa Quad Cities Rotary, Bettendorf Kiwanis, Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce and the Bettendorf Business Network at the Waterfront Convention Center.

Our own Mayor Bob outlined areas of progress that his administration has pursued over the past years, and will continue into the future to make Bettendorf "a more livable city."

The city, Bob said, has earned a Moody's Aa1 bond rating because of its "sound financial operations, healthy reserve and significant revenue flexibility...." With a



budget of about \$90 million for 2014-15, Bettendorf anticipates growth (see below) while keeping its status as the least expensive city in the QC, and the 3rd cheapest city in Iowa, in terms of fees for city services, he said.

To spur orderly growth and “open corridors to development,” Bob enumerated a number of street and other infrastructure projects that will be completed this year. They include improvements to Forest Grove, Hopewell and Utica Ridge, 18th Street and Middle Road to the I-80 interchange. Storm and sanitary sewers will be upgraded in



conjunction with related work in Davenport, he added.

The effort to grow current business and attract more new businesses saw 168 building permits issued last year, Bob

said. “We anticipate more this year,” he said. He cited improvements in many parts of the city last year – the Duck

Creek Mall area, the Family Museum and Cumberland Square area. He added in such recent developments and announcements as the replacement of Home Ridge Suites by a Hilton hotel, conversion of The Lodge to a Double Tree Hotel and the prospect of major projects, including a sports complex, business complex, residential subdivision, school and park, where Middle Road intersects I-80.

The riverfront and downtown, disrupted in the next few years by the I-74 bridge project, are targeted as “a destination for entertainment and living,” Bob said. The utility infrastructure is being upgraded as bridge-related projects permit, street-scaping is being improved and amenities, such as a new park across from the Waterfront Convention Center, are being added, he said.

All of these areas of development, Bob concluded, make Bettendorf “the premier place to live in the Quad Cities.... We’re working hard to achieve our goals.” [For more details of the address, see:

http://qctimes.com/news/local/government-and-politics/bettendorf-mayor-highlights-services-in-state-of-city-address/article_a8f14a20-dccc-5818-946c-345baf9c7c7e.html]

The meeting opened...

This special meeting at the Waterfront Convention Center was called to order by BRC **President Chelsea Powers**. After she led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Rev. Richard Pokora, Redeemer Lutheran Church, delivered the invocation. Our own **Scott Naumann**, 2nd Ward alderman, introduced **Mayor Bob**.

All the elements of a regular meeting of BRC were omitted.

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Visiting Rotarians:

Lisa Arndt, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary
Dave Borcharding, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary

Jake Jacks, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary
Doug Peterson, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary
Rex Ridenour, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary
Phil Schumacher, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary

Leigh Svacina, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary

Guests:

Nalini Nanda, Guest of **S.K. Nanda**

Of the approximately 150 persons in attendance at the “State of the City” address, 52 were Bettendorf Rotarians; 1 guest and 7 visiting Rotarians from the Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Club attended.

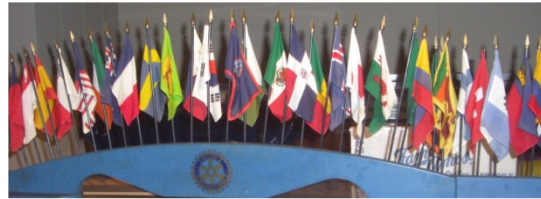
Missing today...



(Number in parentheses: total meetings missed since July 1, 2013) Adams (28), Arndt (24), Boeye (23), Bowe (32), Bush (29), Castro (9), Chambers (18), Coin, G. (11), DeDoncker (19), Deuth (16), Dickson (22), Dobesh (11), Downing

(8), Duda (24), Ellstrom (34), Featherstone (12), Glass (11), Gudgel (22), Habenicht (18), Hartsock (18), Hassel (15), Hinton (31), Hurd (7), Kappeler (28), Kellenberger (15), Kennedy (31), Lokenvitz (21), Loweth (17), McWilliams (28), Marvin (20), Miller, G. (7), Miller, L. (16), Morrison (1), Naeve (10), Nelson (33), Oswald (21), Rabine (7), Ricketts-McCool (18), Sarver (4), Saul (5), Schutte (12), Scranton (28), Sherrick (22), Spelhaug

(2), Tirone, Vollbrecht (26), Werner (26), Wessel (9), Willsher (16), Worley (34), Zachary (14)



Make-ups...

Sharon Sarver (P.E.T.S. Training)

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, Rapids 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:

March 12: Tim Schiffer, executive director of the Figge Museum

March 19: Chuck Long, former University of Iowa quarterback

March 26: Past District Governor Gary Welch, chair of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards: RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) presentation

For more on Bettendorf Rotary Club:

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