



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at the
Fortune Garden Restaurant



**It'll be a conversation
with Chuck Long**

Iowa Hawkeye quarterback... Detroit Lion... L.A. Ram... San Diego State head coach... Kansas U. offensive coordinator... Big Ten Network analyst...: **Chuck Long**, however you might know him, will be the featured speaker at our March 19 meeting. When **President Chelsea** asked him, he told her he “plans to discuss a little football, some humor, stories, trivia and his new role in business development at Holmes Murphy.” It’ll be a mixed bag....



Last meeting:
Wednesday, March 5, 2014

**Recalling rich
history of Figge**

Tim Schiffer, executive director of the Figge Museum of Art since August 2012, said the museum is looking forward to celebrating its 10th anniversary in its current home – designed by British architect David Chipperfield and built in 2005 – and he summarized the museum’s history as our guest speaker at the March 12 meeting.



The museum came into being in 1925 thanks to the dedication to art of Charles Ficke, a German immigrant who became a leading Davenport businessman, mayor and patron of the arts, Tim said. Inspired by the Philadelphia Exposition of 1876, and art museums and collections in the East, Ficke began collecting art and led the effort to develop a facility to exhibit it. He bequeathed that collection, which he had acquired during extensive foreign travel, to the Davenport Municipal Gallery. It was first located in the downtown business district.

Thanks to the efforts of Phil Adler, publisher of the forerunner of the *Quad-City Times*, the art museum moved in the 1950s to the top of Division Street Hill, next-door to the Putnam Museum of Natural History.



Along the way, the Davenport museum has acquired several distinctive donor

collections, including “one of the best collections of Spanish Colonial art in the world... and one of the most extensive collections of Haitian primitive art,” Tim said. It acquired the Grant Wood Archive in 1964.

The Figge carries on the museum’s tradition of focusing on art education, Tim said, by hosting groups of school children – about 17,000 of them this year. In addition, it partners in various ways with Quad-City colleges to enhance their art education programs.



New member induction...

S.K. Nanda inducted new member **Annette Martinez**, community relations consultant with Senior Star. A Quad-City native, Annette is an Iowa State graduate who worked in Peoria before returning to the QC. She and her husband are parents to twins.



Presentations...

S.K. Nanda presented Paul Harris Fellow pins to **Dr. Tom Olson** and **Mike Volbrecht**, who have donated their first \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

S.K. also recognized **Greg Blaske, Bob Ryken, John DeDoncker** and **Jim Slavens** with their Paul Harris +1 pins, signifying that they have donated \$2,000 to the foundation.



Announcements...

➔ **International Service Committee:** **President Chelsea** again circulated signup sheets for members who would like to learn more about serving on the BRC International Service Committee. If you missed the meeting but would like to

sign up or learn more, contact **Chelsea** (cpowers@holmesmurphy.com / 563.370.4695).



➔ **A knock at the door...** revealed **Larry the Lobsterman**, who had just flown in from Bar Harbor, Maine, leaving his lobster pots long enough to officially kick off LobsterFest season in the QC. Event co-chair **Sharon Sarver** joined Larry to say it will be held on Saturday, June 14 (the day before Father’s Day – “What a special gift for Dad!” Larry emphasized) at Rivermont Collegiate. Tickets are \$75 apiece with a table for 8 going at \$520.

The club has already received more than \$16,000 in sponsorships, Sharon said. The overall goal is to raise enough to beat last year’s performance – \$23,000 in grants to community non-profits.



Sharon and Larry held up a poster showing the already-signed sponsors:

Gold sponsor (\$2,500): The National Bank

Silver sponsors (\$1,000): Ascentra Credit Union; Bowe Machine; Humana Insurance Plans; Iowa-American Water; McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home;

Professional Touch Cleaning Services; RJS & Associates; Weerts Funeral Home; Werner Restoration

Bronze sponsors (\$500): Califf & Harper, Attorneys at Law; Estes Construction; Gallagher, Millage & Gallagher, PLC; George Coin; Holmes Murphy & Associates; Home Instead Senior Care; Results Marketing; Steve’s Mirror & Glass; Sharon & Brad Sarver; Swiss Valley Farms; Wells Fargo Advisors-Rich James

➔ **New-member project:** Traditionally each group of new members (less than a year) adopts a project as its own. With that in mind, **President Chelsea** said the Board suggested current new members could learn more about BRC committee work by joining a LobsterFest committee, such as Marketing (**Glenn Kass** is chair), Silent Auction (**Tim Lane** or **Amber Castro**), Ticket Sales (**Penny McGimpsey**), The Bar (**Carl Loweth** or **Greg “The Bartender” Blaske**) or Logistics and Cleanup (**Secretary Johanna Smith**).

➔ **Run with Carl. Dick Schillig** announced that this will be the 20th year for Run with Carl. During the 173 days to Labor Day, Dick encouraged members to form a team of 20 for the run.

The meeting opened...

The meeting opened with **President Chelsea Powers** calling the meeting to order and leading the 4-Way Test and Moments of Reflection, during which we remembered the passing of several notable community members. **Tom Howard** – abetted by piano accompanist **Ruth Symons** – led the singing of “America the Beautiful,” and, after the silent moment, a medley to put us in a “St. Patrick’s Day mood: “That Rotary Wheel” (to the tune of “Peggy O’Neil”),



“My Wild Irish Rose” and “Toora-Loora-Loora” (“An Irish Lullaby”).

To top off the music, we wished a tuneful “Happy Birthday” to those celebrating a March birthday: 7, Jim

Spelhaug; 9, Rene Hipple; 13, Andrew Gudgel and **Glenn Kass**; 14, Ralph Heninger; 16, Rich James; 21, Chelsea Powers; 25, Andrew Arndt; 31, Dave Falk and Kevin Kraft.

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Visiting Rotarians:

Jay Taets, Davenport Rotary

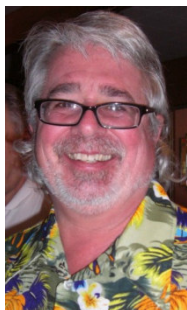
Guests:

Ruth Symons, pianist

Tim Schiffer, speaker, Figge Art Museum

Lark Randall, guest of **Amber Castro**

In attendance were 52 Bettendorf Rotarians, 3 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.



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

President Chelsea collected \$356, especially from these happy members: **Glenn Kass** – birthday “tomorrow”... **Ralph Heninger** – birthday “Friday”...

Jim Spelhaug – birthday + “in a few weeks we’ll give 6 \$1,000 scholarships – which have been funded by birthday checks and other Happy \$\$”... **Jeff “Boomer” Hill** – kudos to **Preston Ross, Mark’s** son, for his athletic prowess... **Kevin Kraft** – birthday cake for sale + kudos to **Rev. Gene Miller** who sang all of the day’s songs – perfectly without a songbook... **Todd Ashby** – the next Leader-Cast event will be May 9, and Rotarians get a special discount... **President Chelsea** – 31st birthday



Missing today...

➔ Remember to check your name on the list at the head of the buffet line. If you don’t, you could end up absent without really meaning to be...

(Number in parentheses: total meetings missed since July 1, 2013): Adams (29), Bowe (33), Brown (34), Bush (30), Chambers (19), Coin, G. (12), Daugherty (10), Dobesh (12), Doresca, Downing (9), Duda (25), Eikenberry (23), Ellstrom (35), Falk (7), Featherstone (13), Franks (25), Gallagher, Jr. (10), Gause (14), Habenicht (19), Hartsock (19), Hintermeister (19), Hinton (32), Hurd (8), Kappeler (29), Kellenberger (16), Kennedy (32), Lizak (20), Loweth (18), McGimpsey (8), McWilliams (29), Mannix (17), Miller, L. (17), Naeve (11), Nelson (34), Oswald (22), Ploehn (8), Ricketts-McCool (19), Ross (10), Salm (25), Schuler, Schutte (13), Scranton (29), Sherrick (23), Sorenson (17), Vandernick, Werner (27), Willsher (17), Windmiller (11), Worley (35)

Make-ups...

Mark Ross (Board of Directors Meeting)
Jonna Schuler (Board of Directors Meeting)
Jim Slavens (Board of Directors Meeting)
Jim Spelhaug (Board of Directors Meeting)
Todd Zachary (Moline 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, 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 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

April 16: Ami Jenkins and Dave Searl, Quad City Botanical Center

For more on Bettendorf Rotary Club:

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