



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
March 26, 2014, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at the  
Fortune Garden Restaurant



## **Impact of sports tourism on the QC economy...**

It's been some time since we've heard from **Joe Taylor**, the CEO of the QC Convention and Visitors Bureau. We'll get his perspective on what's happening to bring sports tourists to the QC at the April 2 meeting when he'll tell us, "We're good *Sports* in the Quad Cities."

In recent weeks, there have been several proposals affecting tourism – including Bettendorf's proposal to create a multi-use development (including some sports attractions) at the I-80 – Middle Road interchange. In addition, the Mallards have just inked a 3-year contract to continue playing hockey at the i-Wireless Center, and the River Bandits are adding attractions at Modern Woodmen Park.

## *Last meeting:*

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## **How Rotary trains future leaders...**

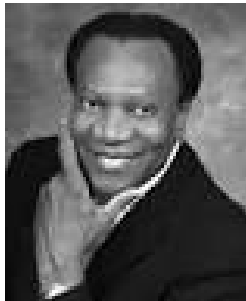
Past District Governor **Gary Welch**, chair of the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy for District 6000, and his wife **Colleen** updated us at the March 26 meeting on what Iowa Rotarians (Districts 6000 and 5970 combined) are doing to develop youth leadership – and change some lives for the better.

RYLA is Rotary's 6-day leadership conference for high school sophomores and juniors from throughout Iowa who show leadership potential. This year's session runs Sunday, July 13-Friday, July 18, on the Grinnell College campus. "About 95% of clubs in District 6000 have committed to send students," Gary said. Youths who attend range from class presidents and sports team captains to kids who have had minor scrapes with

the law and some who have been abused, he said.

RYLA uses a variety of activities – “about 90% are experiential,” such as team efforts to build a “tower” with marshmallows and toothpicks – to develop teamwork and leadership abilities and skills.

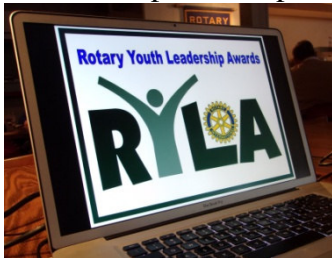
Attendees are divided into teams of about a dozen, including one Rotary volunteer and one counselor – who is a recent



RYLA graduate. In addition, a few special guests tell their stories of life successes – such as operatic bass-baritone **Simon Estes**, who told how he overcame the

prejudices of his childhood to achieve international fame. Whatever status each individual brings to RYLA quickly falls away, Gary said; “We’re all equal.”

The core curriculum of RYLA focuses on the fundamentals of leadership, the ethics of leaderships, the importance of



communication skills, how to manage conflicts, building self-confidence,

the elements of citizenship – and “What is Rotary?”

Although BRC customarily sends one student (alternating between BHS and PVHS) to RYLA each year, Gary urged the club to send two each year. “They often return home to become leaders in their school, start Interact Clubs and take a role in their community,” he said.



### Presentations...

→ **Rotarian of the Quarter: S.K. Nanda** presented the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2013 BRC Rotarian of the Quarter award (posthumously) to **Sharon Semenow** in recognition of the years of service by **Lee Semenow** as International Service co-chair. His most recently completed project was a foot bridge, built by Continental Crossings, which links an isolated village in Nicaragua basic services such as markets, education and healthcare.

### New member induction...



→ **Kelly Love-Sherrick** was inducted into BRC membership by **S.K. Nanda**. Recruited by **John Sherrick**, **Kelly** is a mortgage officer at IH

Mississippi Valley Credit Union. She and her husband are parents to 3 children, ages 2, 4 and 6.



**Announcements...**

→ **LobsterFest Photos Needed.** Glenn Kass asked members to email photos they've taken at LobsterFest in previous years to him so he and **Scott Naumann** have a variety to choose from to create a new



promotional spot to be used on Mediacom. Email your photos to: **catch.driver@gmail.com**

Glenn also asked anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the marketing of LobsterFest to contact him (above email or 309-269-3634).

→ **Speaking of LobsterFest....** The list of sponsors grew last week with the addition of **OnMedia/ Mediacom** at the Gold level and **Midwest Seafood** at the Bronze level. There are still plenty of opportunities for more sponsors. The full list now is:

**Gold sponsors (\$2,500):** OnMedia/ Mediacom; The National Bank

**Silver sponsors (\$1,000):** Ascentra Credit Union; Bowe Machine; Humana; 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; HomeInstead Senior Care; Midwest Seafood; Results Marketing; Steve's Mirror & Glass; Sharon & Brad Sarver; Swiss Valley Farms; Wells Fargo Advisors-Rich James

→ **And still speaking of LobsterFest....** **Tim Lane** and **Jonna Schuler** are beginning to plan for the Silent Auction; first meeting is 11:30 a.m. next Wednesday (April 2) at the table right over there in the meeting room at Fortune Garden. "We need more volunteers," Tim said, "especially new members."



→ **Children's Therapy volunteer opportunity:** **W.K. Juncker** of the QC Children's Therapy Center announced that the center's annual telethon – its No.

1 fundraiser – will be on Sunday, April 13, on WQAD, Ch. 8. This independent organization last year served 563 QC-area children with physical, occupational or speech therapy services, he said. He needs one BRC volunteer – for just 1 hour during the telethon. Contact him at [resourcedevelopment@ctcqc.org](mailto:resourcedevelopment@ctcqc.org) / 309-762-9552 x103.



### The meeting opened...

**President Chelsea Powers** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Ruth Symmons**, led the

singing of the day's patriotic song, "This Is My Country." After Moments of Reflection, during which we learned of the passing of **George Daugherty's** mother, Tom led some more songs: "God Bless Our Rotary," "Side by Side" and what was announced as "Smiles," "number 101." Turned out to be the wrong song (at least it did have the word *smiles* in it...), and vocalists murmured "la-la-la" to the remaining notes in the tune. For the second week in a row, **Scott Naumann** tried to "explain" our performance with some lame comment about fluoride in the water.

### Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

#### Visiting Rotarians:

Gary Welch, RYLA (Speaker)  
 Colleen Welch, RYLA (Speaker)  
 Doug Peterson, Assistant DG, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary  
 Brock Earnhardt, Davenport Rotary  
 Ralph Heninger, Davenport Rotary

### Guests:

Ruth Symmons, pianist  
 Ron Crist, Duck Creek Tire (Guest of **Simon Bowe**)  
 Rhonda Halterman, LiveWell Seniors (Guest of **Ryan Bell**)  
 Allysa Gallagher, Guest of **Bob Gallagher Jr.**  
 W.K. Junker, Children's Therapy Center of the Quad Cities (Guest of **Chelsea Powers**)  
 Sharon Semenow

Total attendance was 47 Bettendorf Rotarians, 6 guests and 5 visiting Rotarians.



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

**President Chelsea** collected \$153 – especially from **Todd Ashby** – promoting Leadercast, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Friday, May 9, at the i-Wireless Center, Moline – \$99 with the Rotarian discount; call Les at Results Marketing, 322-2065... **Fred**

**Anderson** – "Two words: Sweet 16"... **Bob Ryken** – "I'll second that"... **Kristine Stone** – another Cyclone fan... **Mark Ross** – kudos to BHS basketball boys for their showing at State... **Bob Gallagher Sr.**, then **Bob Jr.** – happy Bob Jr. brought daughter Allysa



as his guest... **Tom Howard** – “It was page 76 – which is my age”... **Dave Deuth** – *not* particularly happy with a cold... and a need for cheaters, but, “with a little help from my friends,” privileged to sit in “Lee’s chair”

### Missing today...

(Number in parentheses: total meetings missed since July 1, 2013):  
Arndt (25), Blaske (19), Boeye (24), Brown (36), Bush (32), Castro (11), Chambers (21), Coin, G. (14), Daley (13), Daugherty (12), DeDoncker (20), Dickson (24), Dobesh (14), Duda (27), Eikenberry (25), Ellstrom (37), Featherstone (14), Franks (27), Glass (12), Gudgel (24), Habenicht (21), Hassel (17), Heninger (16), Hill (4), Hintermeister (21), Hinton (34), Hipple (23), Hurd (10), James (8), Kappeler (31), Kellenberger (17), Kennedy (34), Kraft (4), Limberg (19), McWilliams (31), Mannix (19), Martinez, Marvin (22), Miller, L. (19), Naeve (13), Nelson (36), Pieart (6), Ploehn (10), Salm (27), Sarver (5), Saul (6), Schutte (14), Scranton (31), Slavens (13), Spelhaug (3), Stopulos (12), Tirone (3), Vollbrecht (28), Werner (29), Wessel (10), Willsher (18), Windmiller (13), Worley (37)

### Make-ups...

None to report

### 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](mailto:scottn@midlandcom.com), 445-4260:

**April 2:** Joe Taylor, CEO, Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau: “We’re good *Sports* in the Quad Cities”

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

### Officers, Board, 2013-14...

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