



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
**April 2, 2014, issue**

## ***Next meeting:***

Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at the  
Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **John DeDoncker presents annual economic forecast**



The economy is always a topic of interest to Bettendorf Rotarians, and our own **John DeDoncker** will present his annual economic forecast at the April 9 meeting.

Judging by forecasts made by many national financial and economic prognosticators, John should have some better news for us than during the recent years of great recession and a slower than expected recovery with even slower growth in jobs and employment. Among those forecasts are predictions for:

- Second quarter GDP of 2.5-3%
- Improving consumer confidence
- Expanding industrial output
- After February's unexpected increase in job growth, hope that consumer spending will pick up



## ***Last meeting:***

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

## **Sports tourism aids QC economy**

“We’re good sports in the Quad Cities,” declared **Joe Taylor**, CEO of the QC Convention and Visitors Bureau, at the April 2 meeting. That’s very good news for the community’s hospitality business. And very good news for all of us, he added, observing, “Any hotel-motel tax paid by a visitor keeps our taxes a little lower.”

From being part of the coast-to-coast American Discovery Trail to hosting the John Deere Classic PGA tournament, from welcoming softball and bowling tournaments to planning for future sports venues, such as the Spencer Creek

complex, “sports tourism is a growth industry,” Joe said. He elaborated on past sports events that have drawn regional, and even national, athletes; for example:

- 45,000 women bowlers who came to the QC in 1998 for a national tournament
- Amateur softball championships that have been played here on alternate years since 2006
- The International Softball Congress tournament here in 2009, 2011, 2013
- A first-round NIT game between Iowa and DePaul in 1995
- The Mid-Continent Conference men’s and women’s tourneys, 1996-99



And Joe described future sports events, and efforts to draw more of them with their spectators and dollars:

- National Fast-pitch Championships to be played in the QC this August
- The QC CVB is bidding to host the Missouri Valley Conference’s women’s basketball tourney for five years beginning in 2016. “We’re easy driving distance, right in the middle of those nine universities,” he commented. “We’re putting together an attractive package that goes well beyond basketball at the i-Wireless Center,” he added. “And we have our eye on a set of NCAA games.”

Remember such perennial favorite events such as the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Ride the River on Father’s Day and the 40<sup>th</sup> Quad-City Times Bix 7 road race, Joe said. The QC CVB promotes tourism to the QC with a budget that tops \$2 million derived from hotel-motel taxes, dues from member businesses and other sources.



### Presentation...

→Paul Harris + 1: S.K. Nanda presented the Paul Harris Fellow + 1 pin to **George Daugherty**, signifying that George had donated \$2,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

### Announcements...

→**LobsterFest: President Chelsea** urged members to enlist sponsors – during the past week, the *Quad-City Times* joined at the Gold level – and to volunteer for one of the many committees that make the event such a success.



→**Committees begin meeting:** Just before the April 2 meeting, **Tim Lane** and **Jonna Schuler** conducted the first planning session for the Silent

Auction; also at that meeting: **Dawn Saul, Ryan Bell, Amber Castro and Kristine Stone.**

→ **Current sponsors:**

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**Mark your calendar...**

→ **Arbor Day dedication:** At the Jan. 29 special meeting at the Waterfront Convention Center, BRC gave a \$1,000 grant to Trees R Us – Bettendorf to provide two shade trees and a bench for the new playground at the Bettendorf Veterans Memorial Park, near the band shell. On Arbor Day morning they will be planted and dedicated, with our own **Mayor Bob Gallagher Jr.** presiding (More details to come).

**The meeting opened...**

**President Chelsea Powers** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Scott Naumann** (subbing for **Tom Howard**) led the



singing of the day's patriotic song, "God Bless America," accompanied by pianist **Ruth Symmons.** After Moments of

Reflection, during which we learned of the death of **Jim Spelhaug's** mother-in-law, the singing resumed with rousing renditions of "R-O-T-A-R-Y" and "Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians." For April, they are: 05, Pat Stopulos; 06, Sue Mannix, Joe Tirone; 13, Chuck Mooney; 14, **Gary Hintermeister**; 16, Chris Salm; 23, Rita Nelson; 26, **John Rabine**; 28, Mike Vollbrecht; 30, George H. Coin



## Secretary Johanna Smith

### introduced:

#### Visiting Rotarians:

Jay Taets, Davenport Rotary

#### Guests:

Ruth Symmons, pianist

Joe Taylor, Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau (speaker)

Rona Loweth, guest of **Carl Loweth**

Will Doland, Doland Jewelers, guest of **George Daugherty**

Total attendance was 50 Bettendorf Rotarians, 4 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 \$220 – especially from these happy Rotarians: **Dave Falk** – \$65 for his birthday of the same number... **Tim Lane** – happy the Silent Auction Committee has begun to plan for LobsterFest... **George Daugherty** – grandsons coming to stay for two weeks... **Frank Mitvalsky** – after the recent ruling affecting athletes in the NCAA, “since I was a swimmer for Northwestern, the university may owe me back pay – anybody know a good lawyer?”... **Jennifer Naeve** – happy Ascentra Credit Union earned 6 Diamond Awards for excellence from CUNA.

### Missing today...

(Number in parentheses: total meetings missed since July 1, 2013):

Adams (31), Arndt (26), Bibik (22), Boeye (25), Bowe (35), Brown (37),

Bush (33), Calabrese (15), Chambers (22), Coin, G. (15), Daley (14), Dickson (25), Dobesh (15), Doresca (2), Downing (10), Duda (28), Ellstrom (38), Featherstone (15), Felsing (15), Franks (28), Gause (16), Gudgel (25), Hassel (18), Heninger (17), Hill (5), Hinton (35), Howard (3), Hurd (11), Kappeler (32), Kellenberger (18), Kennedy (35), Kraft (5), Larsen (18), Limberg (20), Lizak (22), Love-Sherrick (2), McWilliams (32), Mannix (20), Marvin (23), L. Miller (20), Nelson (37), Oswald (24), Ploehn (11), Salm (28), Scranton (32), Sherrick (24), Spelhaug (4), Stopulos (13), Vollbrecht (29), Werner (30), Willsher (19), Worley (38), Zachary (15)

### Make-ups...

Rich James, Rotary Club of Summit County, Colo.

Ryan Bel, LobsterFest Silent Auction Committee Meeting

Amber Castro, LobsterFest Silent Auction Committee Meeting

Tim Lane, LobsterFest Silent Auction Committee Meeting

Jonna Schuler, LobsterFest Silent Auction Committee Meeting

Dawn Saul, LobsterFest Silent Auction Committee Meeting

Kristine Stone, LobsterFest Silent Auction Committee Meeting



### Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club

Monday, noon: Moline – Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline

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 9:** John DeDoncker’s annual economic forecast

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

**April 30:** Daniel Sheridan, artistic director of Davenport Junior Theatre and performing arts supervisor for Davenport Parks and Recreation

**June 11:** Nicole Kelly, Miss Iowa 2013, and the 2014 Miss Iowa contestants: special Bettendorf Rotary luncheon at The Fountains

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The first time you login, enter your email address in the **Email** box and the word

“member” (without quotes) in the **Password** box.

Once logged in, click **Member Account** near the upper left side to get to your information profile. Now you can change anything you wish – including your password and photo.

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