



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
April 16, 2014, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at the Fortune Garden Restaurant

We'll see 2 radio guys...

Scott Naumann arranged with Dan Kennedy of Clear Channel Radio to send us two voices you've probably heard on your radio – actually, two voices and the guys, Dan and Steve, who own them – for the April 23 meeting. They're radio... and comedy... veterans.

Dan Deibert is a Quad City native who has hosted radio talk shows in Chicago, St. Louis, Milwaukee, and can often be heard hosting the nationally syndicated



“Overnight America” show. You can also find Dan on many of the stand-up comedy stages throughout the Midwest. Dan was a runner up in the national Jay Leno Comedy Challenge and is a trained improvisational performer.

Steve Ketelaar is an ADDY award winning voice actor who can be heard in

national and regional ads for KFC, Meguiars, Croplan and many more. Steve has hosted talk radio drive time in Minneapolis and Miami and music radio morning shows in Dallas, Minneapolis and South Florida. Steve also performs stand-up comedy opening for Jeff Foxworthy and Louie Anderson. Ketelaar began his radio career in Iowa.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, April 16, 2014



Ami and Dave preparing their PowerPoint

QCBC garden for kids to open soon

Ami Jenkins has worked for the Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island, since it opened in 1998 – and its executive director for four years. **Dave Searl** is the Center's head gardener. Together, at the April 16 meeting they described the Center's Children's Garden, which is scheduled to open May 14.

About 10,000 school children visit the Center each year to learn about plants. “Plants are really important to all of us – without them there’s be no life on Earth,”



QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

Ami commented. Existing exhibits include the tropical rain forest and special collections of irises, conifers and daylilies, Dave said.

The Center also hosts wedding receptions, other special events and meetings of many kinds, including the Rock Island Rotary’s weekly noon Tuesday get-togethers. Because of that relationship, Rock Island Rotarians have been key to development of the 2.5-acre, \$1.4 million Phase I of the Children’s Garden. When finished, the site will have cost about \$10 million and will include an education center, a working G-scale railroad, a Sauk Indian village, an eagle observation area, a Lake Itasca Mississippi River headwaters exhibit, a tadpole pond and many other features.

As visitors enter the new garden, they’ll see several symbols of Rotary, such as the Rotary Wheel and plantings of flowers that are associated with key words in The 4-Way Test (truth, fairness, friendship).

The garden itself surrounds a meandering stream that illustrates both fun and serious aspects of the Mississippi River. Bridges inspired by QC landmarks span the stream. Children (and the adults with them) can see how locks work, and learn the names of each plant species in the garden. But they’ll have to keep their eyes open for Bella the Alligator, an as-yet unnamed giant frog and other



Plan drawing of QCBC Children’s Garden

creatures that like to spray visitors with their hidden fountains.

Individuals, couples, families and businesses can all become members and participate in “bringing people and plants together,” Ami and Dave said; contact Marilyn, 309-794-0991, ext. 202.

Announcements...



➔**LobsterFest:** “We have tickets now,” **President Chelsea** announced. To buy your personal tickets (\$75 each), a full table (\$520) or to get tickets to sell, she advised, “Call **Penny McGimpsey (333-2649 / pmcgimpsey@qctimes.com)** or

Secretary Johanna Smith,
[\(Johanna M Smith@hotmail.com\)](mailto:Johanna.M.Smith@hotmail.com).

She also announced that Bush Construction had joined as a Bronze level sponsor. In addition, Mel Foster and Senior Star have become Bronze sponsors. And during Happy \$\$, it was announced that HyVee again will supply food at the Gold level.

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The meeting opened...

President Chelsea Powers called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard** led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “God Bless America,” accompanied by pianist **Gail Baldwin**.

After Moments of Reflection, the songfest resumed with rousing renditions of “Sing Everyone Sing” and “The Happy Wanderer.”



Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Visiting Rotarians:

(None this week)

Guests:

Dave Searl, Quad City Botanical Center (speaker)

Ami Jenkins, Quad City Botanical Center (speaker)

Andrew Erpelding, Quad City Bank & Trust (guest of **Dick Schillig**)

Mark Graham, Wild Birds Unlimited (guest of **Tom Howard**)

Lee Marbace, Russell Construction (guest of **Ozzie Oswald**)

56 Bettendorf Rotarians attended, joined by 5 guests.



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

President Chelsea collected **\$188** – with extra \$\$ from: **Harry Coin** – Dad, **George**, is now up to *900 miles* biking so far this year... **Dr. Tom Olson** – welcomed granddaughter No. 4 + Dad, at age 90, has painted her portrait... **Todd Ashby** reiterated invitation to Leadercast Friday, May 9, at the i-Wireless Center, Moline – \$99 with the Rotarian discount... **Scott Naumann** – the next-to-last “It’s a Mystery” is Friday at Skellington Manor: “Walloped at the Wake,” \$35... **Decker Ploehn** – City Council OK’d construction project for this summer, and apparently complaints aren’t welcome... **Rich James** – HyVee food sponsorship at LobsterFest

Upcoming meetings...



... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:

April 23: Radio comedy veterans Dan Deibert and Steve Ketelaar

April 30: Our own **Brad Morrison**, Riverbend Signworks: Branding
May 7: Daniel Sheridan, artistic director of Davenport Junior Theatre and performing arts supervisor for Davenport Parks and Recreation

May 14: Vera French Mental Health Center

May 21: Clair Peterson, director, John Deere Classic

May 28: Bob Fox, director, Mississippi Valley Fair

June 4: Mark Heinzman, Niabi Zoo

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

June 18: LobsterFest roundup and recognition

June 25: Rusty Boruff,

www.the180zone.org

July 30: Jodie Kavensky, Norma-Leah Ovarian Cancer Foundation

Aug. 27: Dr. Dennis Marchiori, chancellor of Palmer College of Chiropractic



Missing today...

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

Adams (33), Bibik (23), Bowe (37), Brown (39), Bush (35), Chambers (23), Coin, G. (17), DeDoncker (21), Deuth (18), Dickson (26), Dobesh (17), Doresca (3), Eikenberry (27), Ellstrom (40), Falk (9), Featherstone (17), Gause (18), Glass (14), Hartsock (21), Hill (6), Hinton (37), Hipple (25), Kappeler (34), Kass (6), Kellenberger (19), Kennedy (37), Limberg (22), Lokenvitz (23), Love-Sherrick (3), McGimpsey (10), McWilliams (34), Marvin (25), Miller, L. (22), Mitvalsky (17), Naeve (15), Nelson (39), Ricketts-McCool (22), Salm (30), Sarver (5), Schutte (15), Scranton (34), Sherrick (25), Sorenson (18), Spelhaug (5), Tirone (5), Vollbrecht (31), Werner (32), Windmiller (14), Worley (40)

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

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