



**THE  
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***Next meeting:***

Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at the  
Fortune Garden Restaurant



**Learn how Vera French  
Center meets mental  
health needs of the QC**

The Vera French Center is actually a consortium of three non-profit organizations: the Vera French Community Mental Health Center, Vera French Housing and the Vera French Foundation. At the May 14 meeting we'll have an opportunity to learn more about how it helps members of the QC community who experience mental illness – which affects 1 in 10 children and 1 in 4 adults in the United States.

Studies show that mental illness is treatable, allowing people to recover and move forward with their lives, according to the Vera French Web site. For those who are impacted by serious and persistent mental illness, treatment offers opportunities to manage symptoms and maintain quality of life.

Scott County Mental Health Center was founded in 1949 and renamed in 1982.

***Last meeting:***

Wednesday, May 7, 2014



**Sheridan revives  
Dav. Jr. Theatre**

Six years ago, the Davenport Junior Theatre was stagnating with only about 30 students enrolled, and city officials were thinking of ending it.

Instead, they hired **Daniel Sheridan** as artistic director, and as performing arts supervisor for Davenport Parks and Recreation. Now the second oldest junior theater program in the United States (founded in 1951) is flourishing, with total enrollment in performing arts programs in the low thousands of teens and younger children from throughout the QC, according to Daniel.



As Daniel described it at the May 7 meeting, the performing arts program offers summer theatre courses – “theatre for kids, by kids” – in acting, improvisation, song, dance and musical theatre for actors ages 3-13+. “Spectrum Theatre” began as a

program for youth with conditions in the autism spectrum, but has expanded to teach key skills that are useful in theatre – or anywhere else in life – to kids with many special needs.

Week-long junior theatre camps flourish during the summer months. “The Show Must Go On” looks behind the scenes to teach youth all about how the theatre works. In “On the Road,” they learn how performers through the centuries often had to travel to their next play. “Where Stories Began” explores the historical origins of live performance. The “Teen Intensive Camp” lets more advanced youth thespians “push themselves to the next level.” Special performing arts camps during spring break and the summer give students the opportunity to “collaborate on the creation of their very own script” – and then perform it.

All of the theatre programs aim to help the youths who participate to improve their confidence, poise and theatre-related skills, such as movement and voice-

projection – and even acting exercises wearing masks. All camps and courses conclude with a performance that gives the participants an opportunity to apply what they have learned.

Although the Davenport Junior Theatre moved among some 30 performance venues during its early years, it now calls the Nighswander Theatre on the Annie Wittenmyer Complex its home. For more information, call 563-326-7862 or go to [DavenportJuniorTheatre.com](http://DavenportJuniorTheatre.com).



### Presentation...

#### ➔New-member recruitment:

**President Chelsea Powers** congratulated the members who had brought new members into the club in recent months. Rotary International aided in the



recognition by providing pins surrounded by a circle of blue ribbon. **Jeff Hassel** received a bronze-rimmed pin for bringing in two new members,

and these members received pins with the blue enhancement for recruiting one new member each: **Chelsea Powers, Decker Ploehn, Jim Slavens, Jay Willsher, Bill Daley, Frank Mitvalsky, Glenn Kass, Todd Ashby and Penny McGimpsey.**

### Announcements...

➔**LobsterFest: Sharon Sarver** got serious about recruiting volunteers to fill specific jobs. She passed around signup



lists for all jobs – and really focused on the key jobs of bar setup (10 a.m.-2 p.m. on LobsterFest Saturday), bartenders and lobster shell-crackers during the fest. “We’ll fill more jobs with volunteers next week,” Sharon said, “and for the next several weeks.”

Next week, on **May 14**, all **LobsterFest committees** – plus other members who want to help – will meet beginning at 11 a.m. in the Fortune Garden dining room.

Some tickets are still available, according to **Penny McGimpsey**.

To order or reserve tickets, contact **Penny** ([pmcgimpsev@gctimes.com](mailto:pmcgimpsev@gctimes.com) / 333-2649), **President Chelsea Powers** ([cpowers@holmesmurphy.com](mailto:cpowers@holmesmurphy.com) / 468-4053) or **Secretary Johanna Smith**, ([Johanna\\_M\\_Smith@hotmail.com](mailto:Johanna_M_Smith@hotmail.com)).

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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**, accompanied by pianist **Ruth Symmons**, led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “God Bless America.” After Moments of Reflection, the singing resumed with hearty renditions of “All Hail to Rotary” (to the tune of “Anchors Aweigh”) and “Grandfather’s Clock” (2 verses – with lots of glass clinking by **Steve Habenicht** and others). As always at the first







meeting of the month, we wished these members – 01, Decker Ploehn; 13, George Worley; 19, Laurie Dobesh, **Todd Ashby**; 27, Annette Martinez; 29, **Sharon Sarver**; 31, Carl Loweth – a tuneful “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.”

**Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:**

**Guests:**  
Pianist Ruth Symmons, accompanist Julie Johnson, Palmer College of Chiropractic, guest of **Scott Naumann**

Total attendance was 50 Bettendorf Rotarians plus 2 guests.



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

**President Chelsea** collected \$224 with special amounts from: **Mayor Bob Gallagher** – son is a state freestyle wrestling champ and Greco-Roman

runner-up... **Gary Hintermeister** – son inducted into National Honor Society... **John DeDoncker** – son home from ISU made dean’s-list in mechanical engineering + John ran 81-mile race... **State Rep. Linda Miller** – glad to be back from the spring legislative session... **Sharon Sarver** – \$20 for birthday (X 2)... **Harry Coin** – for the first time in 7 years, son well enough to mow the lawn... **Chris Glass** – son, Garrison Michael, was born last week.

**Upcoming meetings...**



... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, [scottn@midlandco.m.com](mailto:scottn@midlandco.m.com), 445-4260:  
**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](http://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...**

Adams, 36; Arndt, 29; Bell, Boeye, 28; Bose, 40; Brown, 42; Bush, 38; G. Coin, 20; Daugherty, 14; Dickson, 28; Doresca, 5; Downing, 11,; Duda, 31; Ellstrom, 43;

Featherstone, 19; Felsing, 18; Franks, 31; Gudgel, 27; Heninger, 18; Hinton, 40; Hurd, 13; Kappeler, 36; Kellenberger, 22; Kennedy, 40; Larsen, 22; Limberg, 25; Lizak, 25; Loweth, 21; McWilliams, 37; Mannix, 24; Martinez, 3; Marvin, 28; Mitvalsky, 18; Morrison, Naeve, 18; Nelson, 42; Olson, 19; Oswald, 26; Ricketts-McCool, 24; Ross, 15; Salm, 33; Saul, 7; Schutte, 17; Scranton, 36; Stone, 10; Tirone, 6; Vollbrecht, 34; Werner, 35; Willsher, 21; Windmiller, 16; Worley, 43; Zachary, 17

### Make-ups...

Scott Naumann, Read to Succeed – 2



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

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club  
Monday, noon: Moline – Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline

Monday, 6 p.m.: Quad Cities 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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### From The Rotarian...



## Howard Buffett Wants To End Hunger By 2046

**Howard Buffett** is on deadline. In 2006, his father, U.S. investor and philanthropist Warren Buffett, challenged him to do something great in the world – and gave him \$1 billion to do it. So he gave himself 40 years to spend every penny in a bold attempt to end global hunger. After a second stock gift in 2012 and favorable returns, he has about \$3 billion now. An Illinois farmer, Buffett spends part of the year in the cab of his tractor and the rest of his time leading the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. He's barreled headfirst into his task, visiting more than 100 countries to research the scope of the issue. So far, his work has funded research into drought-tolerant crops, supported the mapping of food insecurity in America, and will pull nearly 50,000 Central American farmers out of poverty. **[Read the full interview from The Rotarian:**

<https://www.rotary.org/en/howard-buffett-wants-end-hunger-2046>]