



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
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## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at the  
Fortune Garden Restaurant



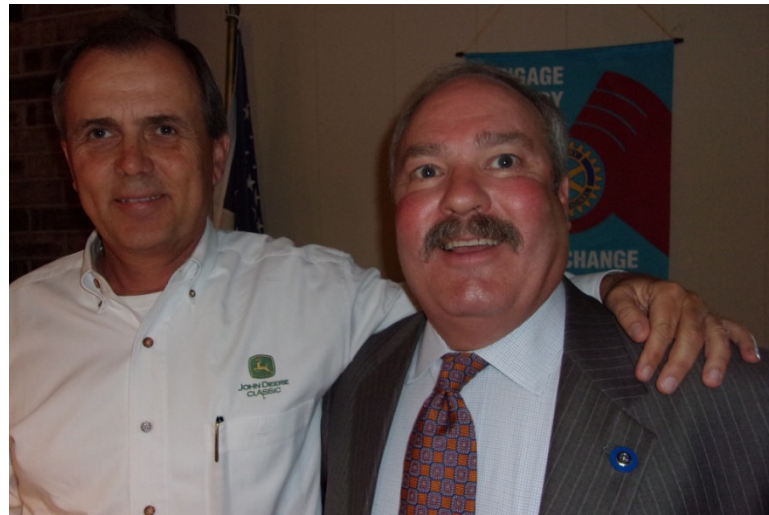
## **We'll hear from Miss. Valley Fair's director**

This year the Mississippi Valley Fair marks its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and **Bob Fox**, its veteran director, is the scheduled speaker for the May 28 meeting. This year's fair runs July 29-Aug. 3.

The fair boasts "six days and nights of action-packed games, rides, concerts and other entertainment," according to its Web site. The fair typically draws 300,000 visitors during its run, making it one of the largest fairs in Iowa. And during the other 51 weeks of the year, the fairgrounds hosts a comparable number of people who attend events ranging from private parties to political rallies, dirt-track races to weddings.

## *Last meeting:*

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## **JDC director talks about '14 tourney**

John Deere thinks so much of the job **Clair Peterson** is doing as director of the John Deere Classic that the company has made that his only assignment, said **Decker Ploehn** while introducing his friend who talked about this year's tournament at the May 21 meeting.

His admiration for the event was obvious as Clair talked about the July 7-13 PGA event at TPC Deere Run in Coal Valley. We'll have "156 of the world's greatest players," Clair said. About 20 of them have won golf tournaments within the last year.

Besides the obvious high quality of the golfers who will play at Deere Run, the QC community has other sources of pride associated with the event, as Clair described them:

→The charity funds raised through Birdies for Charity at the JDC "are among the top 10 total dollars in the

PGA,” he said. “And we’re No. 1 in per capita giving” in all of the 46 PGA tournaments, he added.

→The PGA named the Riverbend Food Bank its Charity of the Year last year, awarding it \$30,000.

Clair talked about highlights from recent years – describing some of the spectacular shots that determined winners – and ended up on the PGA’s “highlight reel” of crowd-pleasing shots that appear often in the golf association’s self-promotions. Shots such as those have prompted the tournament’s theme this year: “Magic Happens Here.”



→**Sign up to marshal at our hole:** As in past years, a signup sheet went around the room during the meeting to secure marshals for BRC’s Hole No. 1. Members, family members and

friends are all welcome to serve as marshals at “the best hole at the John Deere Classic.” To volunteer, contact **Jeff Hassel** ([hassel14@gmail.com](mailto:hassel14@gmail.com) / 332-1982) or **Steve Pieart** (355-3147 / [smharmony@netexpress.net](mailto:smharmony@netexpress.net)) – or sign up at the BRC Web site.

### **New member inductions...**

**S.K. Nanda** inducted two new members into the club, **Andy Erpelding** and **Lee Marbach**.

Andy, with Quad City Bank & Trust, was sponsored by **Dick Schillig**. After living in other communities for a while, Davenport Andy and his wife moved to Bettendorf about 4 years ago when their daughter Charlie experienced health



**Lee Marbach, Andy Erpelding after induction**

problems. She’s “much better now,” Andy said, and he’s grateful for the community’s support while she was ill. “I joined Rotary so I can now give back to this community,” he said.

Lee has worked with Russell Construction for about 4 years. He and his wife are parents of 2 daughters. Active in the community, Lee serves on the boards of the QC design-build organization and Habitat for Humanity, where he met **Ozzie Oswald**, who sponsored his membership.



### **Scholarship students...**

**Jim Spelhaug** introduced the \$1,000 Service above Self Scholarships from Pleasant Valley High School, **Shraddha**

**Kumar and Kelsey Clinginsmith.** Shraddha plans to study neuro-science at UCLA. During high school, she has volunteered at Gilda's Club, at the Genesis West Campus gift shop and as a tutor for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Accepted at the University of St. Louis, Kelsey first voluntarily served on two mission trips with her church; she also volunteered twice a week at Trinity – Unity Point Health System.

### **R.I. reveals new logo...**

Rotary has introduced new branding and logos, and **Glenn Kass** has downloaded all of the new imaging for Rotary. He's also created a new Bettendorf Rotary logo based on the new guidelines from R.I.:



Glenn will start using it on future news releases to QC media, and soon you'll be seeing it in all BRC communications.

### **Announcements...**

➔ **LobsterFest: Sharon Sarver**



continued to recruit volunteers to fill specific jobs at the June 14 LobsterFest. She asked for members to bring large coolers to contain beverages – so many held up their hands that she just said, “Bring ’em!”

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Sharon also said she needed at least 8 spotters during the auctions – again, many volunteered.

Other volunteer jobs still must be filled, so Sharon passed around a signup sheet – and she urged members to sign up for setup on Friday and Saturday and cleanup after the event.

Although Sharon will be absent the next two meetings – she'll be in Sydney, Australia, at the Rotary International Convention, you can still **volunteer** online: Contact **Sharon Sarver** ([ssarver529@yahoo.com](mailto:ssarver529@yahoo.com) / 320-7180), or **President Chelsea** (468-4053 / [cpowers@holmesmurphy.com](mailto:cpowers@holmesmurphy.com))

Some **tickets** are still available – for \$75 each or a table of 8 for \$520. Contact **Penny McGimpsey** ([pmcgimpsey@qctimes.com](mailto:pmcgimpsey@qctimes.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)).



**Silent auction** folks are looking for one home game's tickets to a University of Iowa football game – as part of an auction package. Contact **Tim Lane** ([tim.lane@edwardjones.com](mailto:tim.lane@edwardjones.com) / 359-9660) or **Jonna Schuler** (344-7066 / [jonnaschuler@clearchannel.com](mailto:jonnaschuler@clearchannel.com))

➔ **SPONSORS, AS OF MAY 21:**

A new sponsor has been added this week: **Arthur J. Gallagher-Tate Featherstone.**





**Gold sponsors (\$2,500):** HyVee; OnMedia/Mediacom-John Pauly; *Quad-City Times*-Debbie McAllister, THE National Bank-**John DeDoncker**  
**Silver sponsors (\$1,000):** Ascentra Credit Union-**Jennifer Naeve**; Bowe Machine-**Simon Bowe**; Humana-Tifani Foster; Iowa-American Water-**Richard “Ozzie” Oswald**; McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home-**Dave Chambers**; Professional Touch Cleaning Services-**Diane Ricketts-McCool**; RJS & Associates-**Dick Schillig**; Weerts Funeral Home-**Dave Deuth**; Werner Restoration-**Brent Werner**; WOC Radio 1420-Dan Kennedy

**Bronze sponsors (\$500):** Arthur J. Gallagher-**Tate Featherstone**; Bush Construction-**Tom Bush**; Califf & Harper, Attorneys at Law-**Frank Mitvalsky**; Dimitri Wine and Spirits; Estes Construction-**Jeff Hill**; Gallagher, Millage & Gallagher, PLC-**Bob Gallagher**; **George Coin**; Holmes Murphy & Associates-Jeff Scarpinato; HomeInstead Senior Care-**Steve Habenicht**; Mama Bossos; Mel Foster-**Brad and Andrea Boeye**; Midwest Seafood-Jeff Melchert; Rainbow International-**Mike Lizak**; Results Marketing-**Todd Ashby**; Senior Star-

**Andrea Martinez**; Steve’s Mirror & Glass-**Jerry Felsing**; **Sharon & Brad Sarver**; Swiss Valley Farms-Lauren Van Speybroeck; Wells Fargo Advisors-**Rich James**

→**Polo-style Rotary shirts:** Members can order polo-style shirts – men’s or women’s cut – to show the Rotary colors at BRC events, such as Run with Carl, Rotary Night at the Ballpark and LobsterFest. Available in either butter yellow or French blue, they cost about \$35 apiece. To order, contact **Kevin Kraft** ([kevin.kraft@ubs.com](mailto:kevin.kraft@ubs.com) / 332-9315) with your size.

→**One BRC Board vacancy:** The BRC Board of Directors has a vacancy on the presidential track for the 2014-15 Rotary year. It is the vocational services chair – the first position in a 6-year commitment leading to the club presidency. To be considered for the position, just send an email by May 28 to **President Chelsea** ([cpowers@holmesmurphy.com](mailto:cpowers@holmesmurphy.com)). The Board will vote to fill the vacancy at its June meeting.



→**Opportunity to volunteer:** Family Resources aims to “Fill a Truck” with food items for charity 9 a.m. – noon Saturday, June 21, at the Devils Glen HyVee – and **Sharon Sarver** is looking for 4 volunteers to help. (320-7180 / [ssarver529@yahoo.com](mailto:ssarver529@yahoo.com)).

➔ **Read to Succeed: Theron Schutte**



thanked all the volunteers who worked with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders on improving their reading (and sometimes writing) skills during this school year. In all 26 volunteers worked with

children in the Bettendorf Community School district.

Theron urged all to respond to the email seeking feedback on the program – and volunteer again next school year.

He also asked for volunteers to help young readers during the summer school program during 3 weeks in July at Neil Armstrong Elementary School. Contact Theron: ([tschutte@bettendorf.k12.ia.us](mailto:tschutte@bettendorf.k12.ia.us) 359-3681).



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

**President Chelsea** collected \$278.14 with various Big Bucks from: **Glenn Kass** – enjoyed the Rock Island Rotary-sponsored dedication of the new Children’s Garden at QC Botanical Center + looking forward to Rotary Night at the Ball Park – to benefit Polio Plus... **Tom Howard** – one-year anniversary of his open-heart surgery... **George Daugherty** – recalled Past President **Werner Schafer-Junger** (see “History

with Harry,” below)... **Dick Schillig** announced the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Carl Schillig Memorial Scholarship recipients – Kierstyn Feld, PVHS, and Tyler Henson, BHS – \$1,000 per year for 4 years + “in memory of **Doyle McCully**: 102 days to Run with Carl”... **Frank Mitvalsky** – led past presidents in memories of their trip to R.I. Conventions as presidents-elect – Melbourne, Australia; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Oslo, Norway... and his year... Chicago... **Jonna Schuler** – \$20.14 to mark her daughter’s year of graduation from PVHS and pending departure for Iowa State in the fall... **Craig Windmiller** – new granddaughter – “the first girl grandchild in 43 years” – is on the way... **Johanna Smith** – heading for vacation in Florida... **Mayor Bob Gallagher** – heading to Des Moines for state track meet where his daughter will run... **Dave Deuth** – talked with **Eleanor Mooney** about **Chuck**’s funeral and all the Rotarians who attended... **Sharon Sarver** – no big \$\$ this week: “saving for Sydney”... **Decker Ploehn** – “Here’s \$5 – stay off Utica Ridge Road!”

**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 **Gayle Baldwin**, led the singing of “The National Anthem,” in remembrance of

Memorial Day next Monday. After Moments of Reflection, the singing resumed with rousing renditions of “Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”

## History with Harry...



**Harry Coin**  
“introduced” us  
to past President  
**Werner  
Schafer-Junger**  
(1972-73) who  
was responsible  
for bringing  
AAA Iowa to  
Bettendorf. For  
decades he  
headed travel  
services for

AAA – and often brought a tray of slides to Rotary meetings, prepared to give an impromptu program in case the scheduled speaker cancelled at the last minute. He arranged a group tour to Germany in 1987 to coincide with the Rotary International Convention in Munich that year – and a number of Bettendorf Rotarians joined the tour.

## Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

### Visiting Rotarian:

Jay Taets, Davenport Rotary

### Guests:

Gail Baldwin, pianist

Jarod Powell, Powell Financial, guest of

### Dimy Doresca

Kim Eastburn, Knilan’s Furniture, guest of

### Amber Castro

Shraddha Kumar, Kelsey Clinginsmith,  
Pleasant Valley High School scholarship  
students

Clair Peterson, John Deere Classic, speaker

Total in attendance were 52 Bettendorf  
Rotarians, 1 visiting Rotarian and 5 guests.

## Upcoming meetings...

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

**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...

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

Adams (38), Arndt (31), Bibik (25), Blaske  
(22), Boeye (29), Bowe (42), Brown (44),  
Bush (40), DeDoncker (23), Dickson (30),  
Dobesh (19), Doland, Downing (12), Duda  
(32), Eikenberry (30), Ellstrom (45), Falk  
(10), Featherstone (21), Franks (33),  
Gallagher, Sr. (19), Gause (21), Glass (17),  
Gudgel (28), Hartsock (23), Hassel (22),  
Heninger (19), Hill (9), Hinton (41), Hipple  
(29), Hurd (15), Kappeler (38), Kellenberger  
(23), Kennedy (42), Limberg (27), Lizak  
(27), Love-Sherrick (3), McWilliams (39),  
Mannix (26), Marvin (30), Naeve (18),  
Nelson (44), Olson (20), Oswald (28),  
Rabine (9), Salm (35), Saul (9), Scranton  
(38), Sherrick (26), Slavens (13), Stone (10),  
Stopulos (14), Vollbrecht (36), Werner (37),  
Worley (45), Zachary (16)

## BRC News staff...

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### Correspondent/Web-site host:

Johanna Smith...

## For more on Bettendorf Rotary Club:

<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/>