



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

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

Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at the  
Fortune Garden Restaurant

## **You think we might get to pet an iguana or a hawk?**

**June 4:** Mark Heinzman of the Niabi Zoo in Coal Valley will bring us an update on this Quad-City attraction that exists to “conserve, educate, preserve.”



Niabi Zoo occupies more than 40 acres, and is home to more than 330 animals representing more than 140 species from around the world. It places emphasis on educating children and adults about the importance of conservation. Its next event – “**Breakfast with the Animals,**” 8:30-9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 14 – offers “a warm breakfast buffet and then experience Niabi animals as our special guests.”

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, May 28, 2014



## **Bob Fox takes us all to the fair**

In a wide-ranging conversation at the May 28 meeting, **Bob Fox**, in his 19<sup>th</sup> year as director of the Mississippi Valley Fair, touched on many aspects of the fair and the community’s use of the fairgrounds:

→ The fair built a 30,000-square-foot multipurpose building about a year ago, which is the site of events ranging from the Shrine Circus, playing there now, to sheep and hogs during the fair, to a concert right after the fair. Four 100-year-old barns were demolished to make space for the new building.

→ The fair grounds are “a very integral part of the community,” Bob said, noting that about 600,000 people a year attend many kinds of events there – from private parties to political rallies, dirt-track races to weddings.



→ During fair week – this year it runs July 29-Aug. 3 – the grounds “becomes a small city” of 260,000-280,000 people who need all the emergency services of a community. “We’ve had several births over the years,” he commented.

→ Hiring six nights of headliner entertainment acts presents many challenges, he noted. “Contracts now include clauses on terrorism,” he said. He hires the Country Music Association president to help him secure acts – which are a mixture of established and rising stars. His budget for those acts has grown from \$190,000 19 years ago to \$900,000.

→ The fair costs \$1.1 million to put on, he said, “so weather is *very* important. We have to pay the acts even if it rains.”

→ Mississippi Valley Fair marks its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.



In answer to a question from a member, Bob said his favorite citizen phone call came late in the evening after the rock band Def

Leppard performed in the grandstand. The elderly caller thanked him “for hiring handicapped wildlife,” he smiled.

## Scholarship students...

Continuing the introductions of students who have received this year’s Bettendorf Rotary scholarships of \$1,000, **Theron Schutte** introduced the recipients from Bettendorf High School, **Lauren Hoover** and **Ashley Beausoleil**.

A member of the rowing team and 2-year president of Best Builders, which helps people with disabilities, Lauren has volunteered regularly at King’s Harvest and Gilda’s Club. The Rotary scholarship will join a rowing scholarship to support her studies at the University of Wisconsin.

Ashley has run cross-country and played soccer; played in the orchestra and chamber orchestra; helped at cross-country water stops and taught Sunday school at her church. Next year she plans to study pre-medicine at Gonzaga University.



**Lauren Hoover, Ashley Beausoleil**

## Announcements...

→ **Polo-style Rotary shirts:** Compelling a “volunteer from the audience” to model a butter-yellow Rotary polo-style shirt, **Kevin Kraft** urged members to order a new one – also available in French blue,



in men's or women's cut – “made of genuine Peruvian Pima cotton” and costing about \$35 apiece, depending on quantity. To order, contact **Kevin Kraft (332-9315 / [kevin.kraft@ubs.com](mailto:kevin.kraft@ubs.com))** with your size.



➔**Marshal at our hole at JDC: Jeff Hassel** urged members to sign up to marshal at the BRC Hole No. 1. “You’ll finish early on Saturday and Sunday – and can watch the rest of the day *for free*,” he emphasized. “**We need 15-20 marshals per day**,” he said – “but only have about 5 per day so far.” **The deadline to sign up is June 15**, he added. Members, family members and friends are all welcome to serve as marshals. The Classic runs July 9-13. To sign up, go to the BRC Web site ([bettendorffrotary.com](http://bettendorffrotary.com)) or contact **Jeff ([hassel14@gmail.com](mailto:hassel14@gmail.com) / 332-1982)** or **Steve Piart (355-3147 / [smharmony@netexpress.net](mailto:smharmony@netexpress.net))**.



**Jordan Spieth, 2013 JDC winner**

➔**Miss Iowa June 11: President Chelsea** reminded all to mark calendars for the June 11 meeting – at The Fountains – where we’ll dine with this year’s Miss Iowa contestants and get to preview some of their talent before the pageant.

➔**LobsterFest:** For the Saturday, June 14, event, “We still need volunteers for setup on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning – and tear-down afterward,” **President Chelsea** reminded. To **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 ([pmcgimpsev@qctimes.com](mailto:pmcgimpsev@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))**.

**Sponsors** must have their banners at Rivermont Collegiate by 3 p.m. on **Thursday, June 11**, Chelsea said. “And remind your guests: Rivermont is a smoke-free campus.”

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**History with Harry... (Gleanings from Harry Coin’s ongoing searches for fun stuff in the archives of Bettendorf Rotary Club)**

Noting that **George Daugherty** had been among the missing at two previous meetings that occurred on a May 28 –

“But he’s here today!” **Harry Coin** provided some glimpses into past meetings that also occurred on this date. They were replete with familiar member names – **Dick Schillig, Laurie Dobesh...** And the late **Doyle McCully** commented on a then-current news item about a 19-year-old West German pilot who had flown a small plane to Red Square in Moscow to show the weakness of Russia’s air defenses: “Growing up in Mississippi, I knew all about speeding along at 30 mph in a 25-mph zone.”



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

[There’ll be a tally of how much this week’s Happy \$\$ raised when Secretary Johanna returns. Meanwhile...] These folks shared their happiness: **Amber Castro** – moving to Texas – husband’s new job... **Steve Sorenson** – 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary + 30-year Bettendorf resident... **Todd Larsen** – new job, at QC Bank... **Scott Naumann** – (responding to **Jeff Hassel**’s quip after President Chelsea restored a momentary lapse in order:) “Sure, Jeff never lost control – except when **Carter LeBeau** was leading the singing”... **Decker Ploehn** - \$20 for everybody to stay away from 18<sup>th</sup> Street between Spruce Hills Drive and 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue during the 4-5 p.m. race... **Tim Lane** – daughter at state track meet last week... **Jonna Schuler** – PV girls golf team unbeaten and going to state tournament... **Steve Piart** – wife went through Citizens’ Academy and loved it... **Dave Deuth** – defended Decker’s job of keeping streets cleaned

and repaired: “I grew up in Minnesota, where we had two seasons: winter and road construction.”

### **The meeting opened...**

With the ringing of the bell, **President Chelsea Powers** called the meeting to order. She led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Ruth Symmons** at the piano, led the singing of the 4<sup>th</sup> verse of “America the Beautiful” since Monday was Memorial Day. After Moments of Reflection and introductions, the singing returned: “God Bless Our Rotary” and “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

### **Upcoming meetings...**

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

**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...**

[We’ll get the details on this and Make-ups when Secretary Johanna returns from vacation. Ed. Fred]



**The Gallaghers: Alyssa, Mayor Bob, Jackson and Bob Sr.**

**Jonna Schuler (subbing for the vacationing Secretary Johanna) introduced:**

#### **Guests:**

Mark Maleski, transferring Rotarian from Pike County

Duncan Cameron, Florida

Jackson and Alyssa Gallagher, guests of **Mayor Bob Gallagher**

Jessica Imm, guest of **Kevin Kraft**

Emily Blaylock, guest of **Jeff Hill**

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