



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014, at
→ Bettendorf Public Library

Learn how QCA Cares...

The QCA Cares Exchange Site is a way for people to “pay it forward,” by helping someone – or something – in the Quad Cities in need of help. The recipients could be veterans, the elderly, children, the arts, the environment or the needy.

Here’s generally how it works:

→ A “Needs Request” is posted on the QCA Cares Exchange Facebook page.

→ Persons responding to a “Needs Request” with a donation must do so through a procedure that ensures proper handling of a tax-deductible donation.

Deana Comandatore, the administrator of that Facebook page, and **Dennis VanDerGinst** of VanDerGinst Law Offices in Moline – where QCA Cares is located – are the scheduled speakers at our Nov. 19 meeting.

Volunteers aid Washington, Ill., after tornado.



Last meeting:

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BRC salutes veterans of QC

To kick off Bettendorf Rotary’s salute to veterans, **President Sharon** summoned all the veterans in the room at Ridgecrest Village – BRC members plus our special guests who reside at Ridgecrest – to receive Certificates of Honor.

Presented “In appreciation for your service, sacrifice and tireless efforts to defend and protect our great nation in the Armed Forces of the United States of America,” the certificates said of the recipients, “You exemplify Service Above Self. Thank You!”

After photos of the assembled vets, **Bob Morrison**, director of Hub 26 (the Quad Cities’ official designation) of Honor Flight, provided more information about the program, which flies veterans of U.S. wars since World War II to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials of those wars.



Honor Flight came into existence in 2005, just after the consecration of the World War II Memorial in Washington, when an Ohio man flew some vets from his area to see it. By 2007, Bob Morrison had contacted the



man and when he learned the waiting list for future flights had grown to more than 9,000 vets nationwide, Bob took his advice to “Start your own Hub.” The QC Honor Flight completed its 30th flight at the end of last month.

Even with that many flights completed, Bob said about 500 Korean War veterans and more than 100 Guardians are on the waiting list for future flights. Seats on those flights are filled in priority with WWII vets, Korean vets and vets who are terminally ill but still able to travel. The Oct. 30 flight contained 100 vets, 60 guardians to support them (41 of whom were Vietnam-era veterans) and 3 staff members to coordinate the details.

Each guardian pays \$500 “for the most rewarding day of your life,” Bob said. Before each flight they are trained thoroughly so they are prepared to handle any kind of emergency that might occur with the veterans. The trips are long – typically leaving Quad-City International Airport before dawn, busing to the war memorials and the Tomb of the Unknown and returning late that same night.

Each charter flight of veterans costs about \$90,000, with all of the cost after the guardians’ fees coming from local



fund-raising. At the end of Bob Morrison’s presentation, **Theron Schutte** presented him a check for more than \$1,800 from the teachers of the Bettendorf School District.

To read more about the QC program, please visit www.honorflightqc.org.

Special announcement...

➔**Run with Carl continues: Dick Schillig** that the Bettendorf Community Schools



Foundation and Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation have joined to continue the annual Labor Day Run with Carl events. That cooperative effort will ensure that the Carl Schillig Foundation can continue to award a 4-

year, \$4,000 scholarship to one BHS and one PVHS graduate each spring. Bettendorf Rotary will also continue to provide support to TWC – which, Dick reminded all present, “is 296 days away.” (**Theron Schutte** wore his RWC T-shirt to mark the event.)

Announcements...

➔**Future meeting sites: Next week, Nov. 19, we return to the Bettendorf Public**

Library, where we'll continue meeting for the rest of November. And after that, into early 2015:

November – Bettendorf Public Library

December – Tanglewood Pavilion

January (maybe, if construction is finished)
– the new Hilton Garden Inn

→ **New member project: Ryan Bell**, New Member Advisory Board chair, again asked members to suggest a project that new members can complete in the spring. He explained the project could be at a public place, such as a park or a non-profit organization. He asked members to describe their idea for a project and turn it in to **Secretary Johanna Smith**. After all ballots are in, we'll all vote to select the project to complete.

→ **Thanksgiving baskets: Jonna Schuler** reminded members who will distribute Thanksgiving baskets to contact recipient families to set up the delivery time.

**History with Harry...
(Harry Coin looks through BRC archives to discover what the club was doing in years past...)**



Bettendorf Rotary, Veterans Day.

We heard of frontiersman, trader and U.S. Army Colonel George Davenport, one of the 1840s settlers in the new U.S. Territory called "Iowa," with its capital in Burlington. Thanks to **Tim Downing** and Darlene Paxton, Veterans Day **1977**.

We heard R.I. Arsenal commander Alan Wilson speak of continuous Arsenal manufacturing since 1862, 16 years after Iowa became a state: employing 6,800 people

as of Veterans Day **2006**. Thanks to Carolyn Leutwyler.

We heard from Bettendorf Rotarian and World War II veteran Chuck Munson, who displayed pictures he took during the landings at

Iwo Jima and Okinawa. And that same day Bettendorf Rotarian Ron Essner spoke of

his part in a naval task force of 4 carriers, 8 destroyers and 2 cruisers in the Korean conflict: Veterans Day **1998**.



We heard from Merle Hogue, who during the worst days of the Cold War spoke to us of his experiences finishing a series of connected defense radar stations, the Distant Early Warning line, or DEW Line, aimed to detect nuclear attacks. It started in far western Alaskan islands, stretched in a continuous line across far northern Canada, then to Greenland and Iceland. Thanks to Al Plumb, Veterans Day **1958**.

We heard from former U.S. Army artillery specialist, Bettendorf Rotarian Maurie Marble, then nuclear engineering manager for Iowa Illinois Gas and Electric, 16 years after the nuclear power plant in Cordova came online: calming fears with facts in his program: "Chernobyl, Can it Happen Here?" It was Veterans Day **1986**.

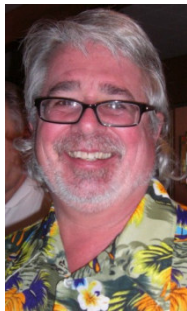
We heard from David Woods, director of veterans affairs for Scott County, serving 15,000 people. Our Scott County VA handles 105 claims per month for ongoing medical care and housing for surviving families. Dave also spoke of the Honor Flights, each then transporting 90 veterans and 70 supporters from here to the war memorials in

Washington, D.C., and back: July 3rd, **last year**.

Last, we heard from our own **Kevin Kraft**, who presented the U.S. Army's Gold Award Certificate to Bettendorf Rotary for our club's promotion of discount purchasing cards for QC veterans. That same day Greg Adamson invited all to the Middle Park Band Shell for the dedication of the new directory of veterans' names on the memorial columns at Bettendorf's Veterans Memorial: Veterans Day **2009**.

Bettendorf Rotary honors our veterans; it always has, from our first year, to today.

And that WAS the news!!



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

President Sharon collected \$154 with notable amounts from: **Jeff "Boomer" Hill** – \$20 because he's happy to be able to continue supporting Run with Carl... **Todd Ashby** – invited members to attend **Dimy Doresca's** Friday presentation on local small businesses going international; for more info, contact Todd: 322-2065... **Theron Schutte** – echoing **Dick Schillig**, he said, "it's a pleasure to work together to sustain the excellence" of Run with Carl... **Kevin Kraft** – thanks to **President Sharon** for today's program honoring veterans + thanks to Harry for including him in today's HWH.

The meeting opened...

President Sharon Sarver called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Bob Morrison, our guest

speaker, gave the Invocation. **Tom Howard** – accompanied by pianist **Ruth Symmons** – led the singing of "The National Anthem."



President Sharon returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Moments of Silence, during which we learned of the passing of **Kevin Kraft's** mother's husband. The Singing Bettendorf Rotary offered a tuneful salute to veterans in the form of "All Hail to Rotary" (to the tune of "Anchors Aweigh"), "The U.S. Air Force Song," "The Marine Hymn" and "The Caissons Go Rolling Along."

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Guests:

Ruth Symmons, pianist
Bob Morrison, Honor Flight and Rotary Club of Davenport: speaker

Jim Kappeler, guest of **Ann Kappeler**

Jean Holloway, guest of **Ann Kappeler**

Con Blevins, guest of **Johanna Smith**

Tyler Weig, Des Moines YMCA, guest of **Tony Calabrese**

Ridgecrest Village Veterans: Hanz Irv, Johnny Adams, Paul Walton, Joe Zerbe, John Lawlor, Jerry Fuller, Ken Fralick, Roger Firstenburg, Don Morrison, Godfrey Darby, John Raap, Ron Javonik, Gerry McKinney, Herman Bredar

In all, 43 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 20 guests at a special Veterans Day Celebration.

And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Jeff “Boomer” Hill** won a Happy to Have a Make-up in the drawing from among all those members who participated in Jon Ryan Happy \$\$.

Upcoming meetings...

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

Nov. 19: Deana Comandatore and Dennis VanderGinst: QCA Cares



Nov. 26: (day before Thanksgiving) tour of the newly remodeled Bettendorf Public Library

Dec. 3: Jason Platt, cartoonist, artist, actor, father

Dec. 10: Pleasant Valley Chorus: Christmas music

Dec. 17: Mark Smith: Hand-to-Hand

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve – no meeting

Missing...

(Number in parentheses: total meetings missed since July 1, 2014):

Arndt (19), Bibik (11), Blaske (7), Boeye (16), Bowe (19), Bush (20), Daugherty (7), DeDoncker (14), Death (5), Dickson (12), Dobesh (6), Doresca (4), Duda (12), Ellstrom (20), Erpelding (15), Falk (8), Featherstone (15), Franks (13), Gallagher, Sr. (12), Gause (12), Gudgel (15), Habenicht (14), Hartsock (10), Hassel (10), Heninger (8), Hinton (17), Hipple (17), Kennedy (20), Larsen (12), Lizak (10), Loweth (5), McWilliams (17), Mannix (19), Miller, L. (8), Naeve (18), Nelson (20), Olson (9), Oswald (8), Powers (5), Rabine (5), Ross (5), Rutherford, Salm (20), Scranton (18), Sorenson (6) Spelhaug, Stone (6), Stopulos (6), Tirone (10), Vollbrecht (15), Werner (20), Wessel (9), Willsher (17), Worley (19), Zachary (11)

Make-ups...

Jeff Hassel (Financial Board Meeting)

Jeff Hill (Happy to Have a Make Up and Clinton Rotary X2)

Board of Directors Meeting: Ryan Bell, Laurie Dobesh, Sharon Sarver, Jonna Schuler, Theron Schutte, Jim Spelhaug

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 – Bettendorf Public Library (during November)

Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi’s Restaurant, Davenport

Thursday, 7 a.m.: Iowa Quad Cities – J-Bar, Elmore Avenue, Davenport

Thursday, noon: East Moline – Christ United Methodist Church

Thursday, noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country Club

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.: Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours – Bierstube, Moline

Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

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