



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
**Feb. 11, 2015, issue**

***Next meeting:***  
**Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015**, at the  
**Davenport Country Club**



## **Sport puts Bettendorf's fire chief on ice**

Bettendorf Fire Chief **Gerry Voelliger** carries on a family tradition, following his father and grandfather as head of the BFD. But when he visits Bettendorf Rotary on Feb. 18 he'll share his passion

for a totally opposite activity – ice climbing.

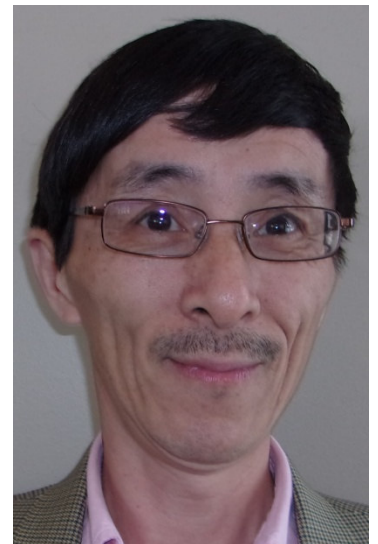
BFD chief since 1990, Gerry in his time off follows the call of the outdoors. An avid rock free-climber, he has added ice climbing. His conquests include waterfalls in Wisconsin, Illinois and Colorado. He'll talk about how much the Midwest offers for that sport.

His rock-climbing has taken him to many of Colorado's 14 highest peaks, Mt. Rainier and "the hardest adventure race in history," he says: the 10-day, 500-mile 2006 Primal Quest in Utah in July. He finished in 32<sup>nd</sup> place, "the highest position of all non professional teams."

***Last meeting:***  
**Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015**

## **Dancers revive Chinese culture**

Shen Yun, a touring troupe of dancers and musicians, celebrates 5,000 years of the culture of the Chinese civilization. The 2½-hour show is scheduled to perform Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 17-18, at Davenport's Adler Theater. **Hao Feng**, associate professor of food and bioprocess engineering at the University of Illinois, spoke about Shen Yun at the Feb. 11 meeting. Tickets for the performances are available at [shenyun.com](http://shenyun.com).





Although the current Chinese regime, which took over the country in 1949, systematically destroyed many historic and cultural sites, Hao Feng said Shen Yun is reviving aspects of pre-communist China through its music and traditional ballet. Feng spoke about many of the distinctive characteristics of Chinese ballet, including:

- The similarities of bodily movement used by both Chinese ballet and martial arts
- The acrobatic nature of Chinese dance
- The bearing of dancers, “so expressive, revealing their inner beauty,” Feng said
- The telling of stories that illustrate virtues of Chinese culture and tradition using dance – Feng mentioned the story of Mu-lan, adapted into a Disney feature-length cartoon, which emphasized the virtues of loyalty to country and respect for parents

→Dances illustrating the diversity within China, with some 50 major ethnic groups, each with its own music, traditional costumes and dance style



Feng’s wife, **Ying-qi Chen** of Shen Yun, accompanied her

husband. Shen Yun was formed in the U.S. in 2006 by artists and musicians who left China and wanted to preserve ancient cultural forms, Feng explained.

In addition to the colorful costumes and traditional dances, Shen Yun uses elaborate digital backdrops to accent performances. Traditional Chinese instruments are added to the Shen Yun orchestra of Western instruments.

### Announcements...



→**LobsterFest:** The 2015 LobsterFest Presenting Sponsor will be Doland Jewelers, thanks to **Will Doland**. Locals Love Us – with appreciation to **Ryan Bell** – will be a Gold Sponsor.

This coming, 9<sup>th</sup> annual LobsterFest now has commitments of \$17,000 in sponsorships, toward a goal of at least \$25,000 (which also happens to be the total of grants we again intend to give next year).

With the decision to put somewhat less emphasis on Silent Auction – in favor of the Live Auction, **President Sharon** asked members to imagine attractive items – vacation packages, outdoor living ensembles, etc. – that could draw lively bidding.



➔ **Membership meeting sites:** Next week's meeting again will be at the Davenport Country Club. On **Feb. 25** we'll convene at the Waterfront Convention Center so we can host **Mayor Bob Gallagher's** annual State of the City speech.

For **March meetings** we'll return to **Tanglewood Pavilion** – because the anticipated opening of Hilton Garden Inn is again delayed, but we apparently still want to give it a try... in the future....



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

To the accompaniment of Paul Simon's "Cecilia" – "I couldn't get the tune out of my head after a certain grandpa said the name of his new granddaughter last week," **President Sharon** said, as she collected **\$399** from those eager to share such news as:

**Ann Rutherford** – 40<sup>th</sup> birthday (40<sup>th</sup>, really? Must be a misprint)... **Frank Mitvalsky** – "our" Cub Pack 52's Blue & Gold Banquet (when Cubs join Boy Scouts) is coming up + son Noah just could be on his way to a swimming medal... **George Daugherty** – new grandchild is on the way... **John DeDoncker** – tending bar at the

upcoming JA fundraiser ("Tip generously," he urged)... **Dr. Tom Olson** – thanked **Jim Slavens** for the box of "Jamaican-Cuban" cigars, which he said might be found just off the premises of the LobsterFest (presumably, downwind)... **Kris Stone** – was in Ames to watch Cyclones make their 20<sup>th</sup> home win... **Dave Deuth** – \$100 for his and Linda's birthdays (some rounding in that number... **Steve Pieart** – 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary... **Rich James** – happy to be at his home club + after a lengthy sports report, really happy about the UNI Panthers' 22-2 record and No. 12 national ranking... **Kevin Kraft** – saw **Brad Morrison** and daughter playing bagpipes on TV... **Brad Morrison** – proud of daughter and her talent... **Bill Daley** – "Here's \$15 to see Brad in a skirt (NOTE: if it's plaid, it's maybe a kilt?)... **Kurt Lokenvitz** – presented a banner from his make-up in Bermuda last week...



## The meeting opened...

President Sharon Sarver called the meeting to order, led the recitation of The 4-Way Test and presided over Moments of Silence. Scott Naumann's versatile laptop provided the accompaniment for the singing of "God Bless America." In the absence of Tom Howard, after Moments of Silence, Tim Lane selected "Smile: Sing a Song" for all to sing.

## Guests & visiting Rotarians...

### Visiting Rotarians:

Jean Knepper, Iowa City AM Rotary & University of Iowa Community Credit Union →

Brian Williams, North Scott Rotary  
Anita Zemba-Schadt, Rock Island Rotary & Family Resources

### Guests:

Eadie Weaver, University of Iowa Community Credit Union, guest of Scott Naumann

Ying-qi Chen, Shen Yu speaker

Hao Feng, Shen Yu speaker

Peggy Schneden, Legat Architects, guest of Brad Morrison

Jenny Hager, Maher Brothers, guest of Brad Morrison

Geri Doyle, Mel Foster, guest of Craig Windmiller

Parker Hill, guest of Boomer Hill

Gary Hintermeister

In all, 50 Bettendorf Rotarians attended joined by 9 guests and 3 visiting Rotarians.



## And at the end...

... of the meeting, John DeDoncker 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](mailto:scottn@midlandcom.com), 445-4260:

Feb. 18: Bettendorf Fire Chief Gerry Voelliger – ice climbing

Feb. 25: Mayor Bob Gallagher's State of the City address at

the Waterfront Convention Center



## Missing...

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

Arndt (31), Bibik (20), Bowe (31), Bush (32), Chambers (16), Coin, G. (5), Dickson (19), Dobesh (16), Doresca (6), Downing (4), Eikenberry (24), Ellstrom (32), Erpelding (27), Featherstone (25), Fopma (4), Franks (20), Gallagher, Jr. (12), Garlach, Gause (19), Geisewite, Gudgel (24), Habenicht (24), Hartsock (18), Hassel (17), Heninger (14), Hinton (29), Hipple, (28), Howard, Hurd (20), Kennedy (32), Larsen (18), Limberg (19), Lizak (17), Loweth (9), McGimpsey (12), McWilliams (29), Mannix (28), Martinez (14), Miller, L. (19), Naeve (29), Nanda, Ozwald (17), Ploehn (6), Powers (9), Salm (32), Saul (19), Schillig (3), Sorenson (11), Werner (32), Willsher (27), Worley (31), Zachary (19)

## Make-ups...

Rich James, Rotary Club of Summit County, Colo. (4)

Chuck Geisewite, Rotary Club of Davenport  
**Board of Directors Meeting:** Sharon Sarver, Kevin Kraft, Jonna Schuler, Tim Lane, Bill Daley, Theron Schutte, Jim Slavens and Ryan Bell

**Red Badge Meeting:** Sharon Sarver, Kevin Kraft, Jonna Schuler, Tim Lane, Bill Daley, Theron Schutte, Ryan Bell, Rita Nelson, Kelly Love-Sherrick, Will Doland, Lee Marbach, Chuck Geisewite, Jenny Garlach, Ann Rutherford, Julie Fopma, Carol Foster, Laurie Hutcheson and Glenn Dugan



## 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 – Davenport Country Club (During February)**

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  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.: Twin Rivers

Rotary After Hours – Bierstube, Moline

Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

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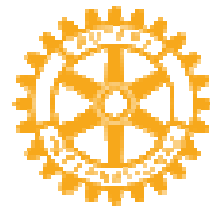
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