



**THE
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CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, April 15, 2015,
at the **Tanglewood Pavilion**

**Learn about Isabel Bloom
and her concrete art...**

[From the **Isabel Bloom** Website:]
“Isabel Rose Scherer was born in Galveston, Texas, on Feb. 20, 1908, and raised in Davenport, Iowa. Her artistic life began early.

“As a young girl, Isabel fashioned small animals from clay dug along the banks of the Mississippi River and baked in the family hearth. Later, she received daily art lessons at Davenport’s Immaculate Conception Academy, followed by further training at the Vogue School of Fashion and Design... (and) the Chicago Art Institute.



In the early 1930s Isabel attended Grant Wood’s Stone City Art Colony in central Iowa... You can see Wood’s regionalist

influence in the artwork of both Isabel and her protégé, **Donna Young,**” designer at the Isabel Bloom studio in the Village of East Davenport, the speaker at our April 22 meeting.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, April 8, 2015



In praise of bio-fuel production

Judd Hulting, commodities manager at Patriot Renewable Fuels, Annawan, Ill., provided a broad background in renewable fuel production as he spoke at the April 15 meeting.

Consuming a semi-trailer load of corn every 10 minutes, the Patriot plant uses about 1 million pounds of corn a week, he said. One bushel of corn yields 2.8 gallons of 200-proof ethanol and 17 pounds of livestock feed – the original corn minus its starch content. Patriot exports all of the 125 million gallons of ethanol it produces yearly to Asian,

European and Latin American markets, Judd said.

The plant is about 60 days from having the capacity to produce a third product, bio-diesel, he said. Initial production will be about two semi-loads a day, he said.

The 10-year-old Patriot plant employs about 60 workers, buys its corn from Whiteside County, Ill., farmers and “should save about 10 cents per gallon at the pump (as an additive to gasoline), but (gasoline companies) don’t always pass that saving along,” Judd commented.

In answer to a question about the use of corn to produce fuel, Judd said the world uses about 3% of total corn production for bio-fuel – and the ground-up corn is still used as livestock feed. Contrasting the environmental impact of bio-fuel production with petroleum production, he added that bio-fuel plants have a “positive energy balance and a positive greenhouse gas impact” on the environment.

Announcements...

➔ **Meetings continue at Tanglewood:** We’ll continue to meet at Tanglewood Pavilion through April. Will there be a trek elsewhere? Stay tuned....

➔ **New member project:** Ryan Bell said he’d send an email with details to all members who have joined in the last 18 months. If you’re in that category, sign up to work, as part of the downtown Bettendorf “Bettendorf in Bloom” campaign. Members will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Waterfront Convention Center and beautify a designated stretch of State Street.

➔ **LobsterFest:** After some hectic weeks of recruiting sponsors, **President-elect Kevin Kraft** reported no new



sponsorships this week. He did urge members to ask QC businesses for more gift items to be collected into baskets and raffled during the event.

Ticket boss **Penny McGimpsey** asked sponsors to coordinate the tickets for their tables, adding “27½ of the 40 tables have been sold already.”

Sponsorships remain:

\$47,000 in committed sponsorships
(\$28,000 in cash – \$19,000 in-kind)

Presenting:

- Doland Jewelers (**Doland**)
- Triumph Community Bank (**DeDoncker**)

Gold Sponsors: (\$2500 cash, \$12,500 in-kind)

- Locals Love Us (**Bell**)
- OnMedia (Secured by **Kass**)
- WOC (Secured by **Kass**)
- QC Times (Secured by **Kass**)
- Hy-Vee (Secured by **James**)
- Humana

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- Abbey Carpet Gallery (**Daley**)

- Iowa American Water (**Oswald**)
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- Ascentra Credit Union (**Naeve**)
- Home Instead Senior Care (**Habenicht**)
- RJS and Associates (**Schillig**)
- Werner Restoration (**Werner**)
- Steve's Mirror and Glass (**Felsing**)

Bronze Sponsors:

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- **George and Harry Coin**
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- UBS (**Kraft**)
- McCarthy-Bush (**Bush**)
- **Sharon and Brad Sarver**
- Dr. Tom Olson Family Dentistry (**Olson**)
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- Shive-Hattery (**Hintermeister**)
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- Woodberry & Assoc. (**Kennedy**)
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- **Rich and Dee James**
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- Windmiller Designs (**Windmiller**)

- Sandstrom Products Co. (**Hartsock**)
- Nelson Family Dentistry (**Nelson**)
- IHMVCU (**Love-Sherrick**)
- Hertz Farm Management (**Lokenvitz**)
- Franks & Roeder PC (**Franks**)

➔**Reach out: President-elect Kevin** urged members to reach out to fellow members who haven't attended a meeting for a while and invite them to come back. (**President-elect Kevin** commented a club in Minnesota has "a Dead Presidents Club" – for ex-chief execs who stop attending meetings).



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

President-elect Kevin collected \$208 with special amounts from: **Harry Coin** – Dad **George Coin** has now bicycled 930 miles so far this year... **Jenny Garlach** – all are invited to the Boys and Girls Club Trivia Night fundraiser Saturday (for more information, logon: <http://www.bgcmv.org/>)... **Jerry Felsing** – going fishing in Kentucky... **Steve Pieart** – vacationing to France... **Dave Deuth** – glad he's *not* in the "dead presidents" club + son is buying a house... **John DeDoncker** – now able to walk down stairs... after running a 50-mile trail run last weekend... **Brad Morrison** – youngest daughter enjoys golf achievements + he and she are playing bagpipes at the River Bandits game Saturday... **Dimy Doresca** – Haiti project has achieved enough \$\$ pledges to now submit to Rotary International for

approval; thanks to Dimy's efforts and leadership, BRC's \$2,000 was augmented by pledges from Rotary clubs in Les Cayes, Haiti; Tipton and Davenport, Iowa; Chicago, Bensenville and Aurora, Ill.; a group of Caribbean clubs, and some individual donors... **Jonna Schuler** – dotter doing well on the PVHS golf team... **Ken Vandersnick** – kudos to **John DeDoncker's** Triumph Community Bank's new branch, now under construction... **Harry Coin** again – QCSO (last week's program) finished its 100th performance season with Beethoven's 9th Symphony – and Yo-Yo Ma coming soon... **Paul Scranton** – golfers ecstatic about John Deere Classic with Masters reigning champ Jordan Spieth coming... **Kevin Kraft** – "Happy Tax Day + Tax Freedom Day, April 21."



The meeting opened...

With a ring of the bell, **President-elect Kevin Kraft** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Ruth** on keyboard, led the singing of "This Is My Country." Kevin led the Pledge of

Allegiance to the Flag and called for dedications for Moments of Silence; **S.K. Nanda** (just back from a Caribbean cruise) said, "Remember our troops."

After introductions, **Tom** and **Ruth** led two more songs: "That Rotary Wheel" and – with hopes for the topic of the tune – "Singin' in the Rain."

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Guests:

Ruth Symmons, pianist
Michael Elledge, Wal-Mart (guest of **Smith**)
Judd Hulting (Speaker)

In total, 45 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and they were joined by 3 guests.

And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Jerry Felsing** 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:

April 22: Donna Young, designer:
Isabel Bloom

April 29: Kent Pilcher/**Rene Hipple:**
Quad City regional vision

May 6: Done-in-a-Day landscaping project at Handicapped Development Center

May 13: Brad Scott, Scott Community College Culinary Arts Program

May 20: Ken Asta: Rock Valley Physical Therapy workplace wellness program

May 27: Christine Schmidt, Only Love Coalition: "It's all love,"

June 3: Kelly Thompson, Community Foundation: Teens for Tomorrow



June 10: Miss Iowa contestants ON LOCATION at The Fountains

June 17: LobsterFest post-event meeting

July 1: Gavel Exchange



Missing...

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

Ashby, Bibik (26), Blaske (12), Boeye (29), Bowe (40), Bush (41), Coin, G. (14), Dickson (27), Dobesh (25), Downing (8), Ellstrom (41), Erpelding (36), Falk (13), Featherstone (33), Franks (27), Gallagher, Sr. (23), Gallagher, Jr. (17), Gause (23), Habenicht (29), Hassel (24), Heninger (21), Hill (27), Hinton (38), Hipple (36), Hurd (29), Kappeler (12), Kennedy (41), Lane, Larsen (22), Limberg (28), Lizak (22), Lokenvitz (16), McWilliams (38), Mannix (32), Martinez (17), Miller, L. (28), Mitvalsky (18), Naeve (36), Nelson (31), Olson (17), Oswald (23), Ploehn (8), Powers (13), Ricketts-McCool (30), Sarver, Schillig (3), Schutte (10), Slavens (17), Spelhaug (5), Stone (10), Stopulos (15), Tirone (20), Werner (41), Willsher (35), Worley (40), Zachary (26)

Make-ups...

Tim Lane, North Scott Rotary and Read to Succeed Program

S.K. Nanda, Coral Princess Cruise Line Rotary

Chuck Geisewite, Rotary Club of Davenport
Rich James, Summit County Colorado Rotary (2)

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 – Club Rm., HyVee, 7th Street & John Deere Road, Moline

Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City

Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center

Wednesday, noon: Bettendorf – Tanglewood Pavilion (during April)

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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