



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
June 3 2015, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, June 10, 2015,
at **The Fountains**

Getting to know the Miss Iowa contestants

About this time last year – when we were guests at The Fountains – we met the contestants for Miss Iowa 2014, including **Aly Olson**, who now holds that

title. Our June 10 meeting gives us the opportunity to meet her successor.

Aly’s parents used to find her singing in her crib as a child. Now a senior at the University of Iowa, she is majoring in vocal performance and performing arts entrepreneurship, preparing to perform and lead an arts organization

that works with youth. On campus, Aly is involved in UI opera productions, Walk It Out: Multicultural Fashion Show, and the University of Iowa Foundation Student Philanthropy Group. Through her platform, “Do One Thing: Diversity Every Day,” Aly encourages all to pursue simple actionable tasks every day that will lead to significant change for diversity and inclusion.



Last meeting:
Wednesday, June 3, 2015



Santee exiates on Spelling Bee

Santee Jo Luster has been coordinating the Quad-City Regional Spelling Bee – which covers Scott, Rock Island, Henry and Mercer counties – for 44 years. It’s one of thousands of first steps in the Scripps National Spelling Bee – for the best spellers in 8th grade and younger – from across the U.S., its territories, Defense Department schools in Europe; also, the Bahamas, Canada, China, Ghana, Jamaica, Japan and South Korea.

At the June 3 meeting she related some stories from her years as the area coordinator and chaperone for the winner of the QC contest, who competes at the national bee in a suburb of Washington, D.C. From the 20-plus million who begin the process, 285 kids reach the final. In preliminary rounds of the 3-day national

championship, that number is whittled down through a series of spoken and written spelling and vocabulary quizzes.

Sandee introduced **Uma Kasichainula**, the local 2015 champion, a 6th grader at Hopewell Elementary School in Pleasant Valley.

As Sandee randomly selected words for the members present to define or spell, she relied on Uma to provide both the correct spelling and the proper pronunciation. To test whether you're as smart as an 8th grade spelling bee contestant, here are examples from the 1st and 4th round vocabulary tests:

- 'expiate'
- 'abstemious'
- 'viridigenous'
- 'epithalamium'
- 'toploftical'

(Answers found elsewhere in this newsletter. Have fun hunting....)



New banner presentation...

→ **Gary Loss**, assistant district governor (and a member of Davenport Rotary) presented the banner of the 2015-16 Rotary International president to **President-elect Kevin Kraft**.



New member induction...

→ **Michael Elledge: S.K. Nanda** inducted Michael, who is head of the Wal-Mart on Elmore Avenue in Davenport. Michael is new to the QC; he and his wife, an orchestra teacher, are parents of Lily, age 2½.

Announcements...

→ **Glenn Kass benefit:** A special benefit to help Glenn Kass and his family will be held 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at Barrel House, 1321 5th Ave., Moline. It will include a silent auction – and a percentage of all restaurant and bar proceeds will benefit Glenn.

In a recent email, Glenn said, “The (Bettendorf Rotary) club has already been more than generous... just hope to see some folks that day.”

In the two-plus decades he's been a Quad Citian, Glenn has contributed in many ways beyond what we in BRC know; for a bit more insight, click here:

http://www.qconline.com/opinion/columnists/john_marx/q-c-man-with-inoperable-cancer-wants-to-give-back/article_b9f2f903-e648-5be1-ad1e-6df90e9e1c0a.html

(You can also send donations to Friends of Glenn Kass, P.O. Box 1511, Moline, Ill. 61265-1511.)

[When people expiate, they speak at length.]

→ **John Deere Classic marshals:** We still need five more volunteers for each day of the John Deere Classic – where BRC marshals Hole No. 1, says **Jeff Hassel**. To sign up, go to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0A4BA9A823A2FE3-hole/27659244

Once you've signed up – or if you're already a volunteer – these are **the only times** to pick up your marshal's uniform:

Tuesday, June 23: 4-8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24: 4-8 p.m.

Thursday, June 25: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Questions? Contact Jeff: 332-1982 / hassel14@gmail.com

→ **LobsterFest:** Less than two weeks to go and we are **SOLD OUT** – that's the official count. There's still a lot to do:



urged all who have purchased tickets – especially sponsors – to coordinate their

→ **Penny McGimpsey**

seating needs with her ASAP (**333-2649 / pmcgimpsey@qctimes.com**).

[An abstemious person eats sparingly.]



→ Chocolate boxes are still available for purchase at the meetings – and of course at LobsterFest, Saturday, June 13. The delicious chocolates are \$40 per box and each box contains a gift certificate from Doland Jewelers for \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100. The winner of the grand prize – a diamond pendant from Doland valued at \$2,800 – will be drawn at LobsterFest (need not be present to win).

→ Live auction items can still be donated. **President Sharon** detailed some of the packages, including: a Cubs Getaway... Childhood Fantasies... Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend... a Sunset Cruise... a Private Trail Ride... and LobsterFest Host 2016 – each package loaded with extras.

→ If you're a sponsor, and haven't yet dropped off your banner at Rivermont, take it on Monday, June 8, and absolutely no later than 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 10.

→ **Secretary Johanna** lined up more volunteers, to bring coolers, sell chocolates, clean up on Sunday and stow items in the Rivermont carriage house

beginning about 10 a.m. Monday, June 15. More opportunities to volunteer are still available; email Johanna (bettendorffrotary@gmail.com) to learn more.

→ **Upcoming meetings:** Wednesdays,
→ **June 10:** The Fountains for our annual luncheon with Miss Iowa contestants
→ **June 17 and 24:** Crust, near the corner of 53rd Avenue and 18th Street.



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

With this week's **Glenn Kass** choice of background music – "Fight for Your Right to Party" by the Beastie Boys" in the background – **President Sharon** collected **\$189** with special amounts from: **George Daugherty** – 6 days with his 4 grandkids... [Something described as viridigenous produces greenness] **Sharon Sarver** – "Fred Hoiberg broke my heart" by becoming the Bulls head coach... **George Coin** – 100 more biking miles... **Decker Ploehn** – 'I haven't seen **S.K.** move so fast (to induct **Michael Ellidge**) since somebody said, 'free Chivas'"... **Kevin Kraft** – happy for **George Coin** – "I'm not up to 100 miles for the year yet"... **Brad Morrison** – kudos to the PVHS girls golf team – 6th best in Iowa... **Chuck Geisewite** – granddaughter (an anthropology major) to visit for a week before departing for Belize... **Ken Vandersnick** – \$5 because Fred Hoiberg is going to the Bulls – "Maybe he can get us over the hump"... **Mayor Bob Gallagher** – kudos to son for his Greco-Roman wrestling success...

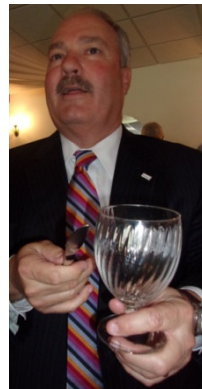
Carl Loweth – happy to introduce his daughter to the club – and have her update wife Rona's health progress...

Harry Coin – dad **George** won gold at the Senior Olympics... [An epithalamium is a celebratory song for a bride] **Ann Kappeler** – spent 4 days with grandson, age 3½... **Larry Thein** – son recognized for "best effort" at wrestling camp.

The meeting opened...

After the bell had sounded, **President Sharon Sarver** called the meeting to order, led the recitation of The 4-Way Test, asked **Tom Howard** (abetted by accompanist **Gail Baldwin**) to lead the singing of the day's patriotic song, "God Bless America."

After Moments of Silence and introductions, we heard a number of announcements (which you've probably already read) before Tom and Gail came back to lead the singing of "All Hail to Rotary, "Grandfather's Clock" – with the clinking of glasses, as demonstrated by



Decker Ploehn – and "Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians." Those who mark the anniversary of their birth in June are: 14, Jim Slavens; 17, Ann Kappeler; 22, Tim Lane; 24, Bill Daley; 26, Steve Habenicht; 28, Tate Featherstone.

[Someone who is toploftical has a superior attitude.]

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarian:

Gary Loss, Davenport Rotary/assistant district governor

Guests:

Gail Baldwin, accompanist

Sandra Luster, National Spelling Bee / *The Dispatch/Rock Island Argus*
 Uma Kasichainula, Quad Cities Spelling Bee
 Champion/Hopewell Elementary student
 Gary Felton, Salvation Army, guest of **Bob Gallagher Jr.**
 Lisa Loweth, guest of **Carl Loweth**
 Dick Paplinski, guest of **Johanna Smith**
 Ben McKnight, guest of **Dick Schillig**
 Curtis Fee, Rivermont Collegiate, guest of **Todd Ashby**

All totaled, 53 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 8 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.



And at the end...
 ... of the meeting, **Ann Kappeler** 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:

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):

Bell, Bibik (31), Boeye (36), Bowe (47), Bush (48), Dickson (33), Dobesh (30), Downing (13), Duda (29), Eikenberry (37), Ellstrom (48), Featherstone (39), Fopma (8), Gudgel (38), Hartsock (25), Hassel (29), Hinman (42), Hintermeister (10), Hinton (45), Hipple (42), Hurd (38), Larsen (28),

Lizak (27), Lokenvitz (18), Mannix (34), Marbach (9), Martinez (21), Miller, L. (35), Naeve (40), Nelson (38), Olson (20), Oswald (27), Ploehn (10), Powers (17), Rabine (8), Ricketts-McCool (34), Rutherford (12), Sarver, Schutte (14), Ricketts-McCool (35), Schutte (15), Scranton (41), Sorenson (15), Spelhaug (7), Stone (12), Stopulos (19), Webster (2), Werner (48)

Make-ups...

Harry Coin, Iowa Quad Cities

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

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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