



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
July 8, 2015, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, July 15, 2015,  
at **Crust Stone Oven Pizza,**  
2561 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Bettendorf

## **An answer to mayhem – in whatever form it takes**

Earlier this week Mother Nature dumped more than 4 in. of rain on the Quad Cities. Creeks overflowed their banks. Some basements were flooded, causing various kinds of damage.

Not too many days earlier, straight-line winds and possible tornadoes ripped off some roofs and caused other structural damage to homes, barns and commercial buildings near the Quad Cities.

Mother Nature has many ways of disrupting our lives and leaving damaged property in her trail. And she's not the only source of debris – we humans can find myriad ways all by ourselves.

When mayhem happens, who (as the saying goes) ya gonna call?

Our own **Brent Werner**, of Werner Restoration – experts in restoring, repairing and just plain cleaning up after disasters – offers one answer. He'll fill us in with more details at our July 15 meeting.

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, July 8, 2015



## **DG Loring Miller outlines agenda**

Spinning his remarks off Rotary International (RI) President Ravi Ravindran's theme, "Be a Gift to the World," **Loring Miller**, District 6000 governor for 2015-16, described his goals for the district this year during our July 8 meeting.

Ours was the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 64 club visits Loring and his wife **Phyllis** plan to make during his year as governor. When not traveling, he will be working to complete an ambitious agenda. He outlined several

specific projects the district will pursue this year, including:

→**End Clubfoot Disability:** Saying some 200,000 children worldwide are born with the condition each year, he is urging each R6000 club to hold a fundraising event this year to purchase corrective braces that are used in the Ponseti Method, which was developed at the University of Iowa. Rather than expensive and painful surgery, this method uses a series of casts to redirect the feet over several months, and placing the child's feet in special braces while they sleep to ensure the correction is permanent.



→**Designate the Jefferson Highway an Iowa Heritage Byway:** This year is the centennial of the creation of the Jefferson Highway, the north-south equivalent of the Lincoln Highway, which was the first paved thoroughfare that went coast-to-coast across the U.S. The Jefferson Highway, Loring said, extends from Winnipeg,



Manitoba, to New Orleans, some 2,300 miles, and traversed Iowa from north of Mason City to south of Lamoni. He is working to designate the entire 7-state route a heritage byway with distinctive signage. "It was also the first international highway," he added.

→**Coats for Kids:** In the wake of last year's campaign, which raised funds that purchased more than 9,000 winter coats for needy Iowa children, Loring is promoting a second year. BRC bought more than 200 coats for Scott County children.

Beside these specific projects, Loring described the three groups of District 6000 Rotary goals:

→**Foundation goals:** Urging every Rotarian to donate to the Rotary Foundation every year (Bettendorf Rotarians contribute automatically as a portion of dues), he noted the No. 1 goal of RI – the fight to eradicate polio from the planet – nearly has been realized. Funded through the Foundation, the Polio Plus campaign has cut the number of countries where polio is still endemic to two: Pakistan and Afghanistan – "and last week there were no new cases anywhere in the world," he added.

Loring encouraged all clubs to take advantage of RI's Community Service and Global Grants to help fund projects – and at the same time set a goal of increasing the number of donors in all levels of Foundation giving.



Finally, he underscored the importance of “branding” every project Rotary completes within the community, so the community recognizes the importance of Rotary. “It also helps recruit new members,” he said.

➔ **Membership goals:** In setting a goal of increased membership in the district, Loring put special emphasis on recruiting young professionals, increasing the percentage of women members and emphasizing Rotary themes in regular programming.

➔ **Youth goals:** BRC is already two-thirds of the way to fulfilling Loring’s youth-service goals. For years we have sponsored a Bettendorf high school student at the Iowa RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy), a week-long session in Des Moines. And we are one of the few clubs in the district that sponsors an Interact Club – at Pleasant Valley High School. The third youth-service goal – renewing participation in Rotary student exchanges – prompted active discussion during and after the meeting.

### Announcements...



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➔ **Meeting site:** July meetings will continue at **Crust**. Soon members will be asked to respond to a survey to select our new permanent home.

➔ **JDC:** With some members working today at the John Deere Classic, President Kevin reminded those working on other days of the changes in parking.



➔ **Lobstar Award:** For all of his work and sponsorship during LobsterFest, **Will Doland** received his recognition.

➔ **Recruitment:** With the recent surge in new members (wait until next meeting and you’ll see...), **Jim Slavens** said, “Great job” as he urged members to keep turning in prospective new-member names.



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

**President Kevin Kraft** collected \$231 during an abbreviated session, with happy comments from: **Linda Miller** – granddaughter, age 6, is visiting... **Julie Fopma** – spent 11 days in Europe for her birthday, for which she paid a rounded-up \$50... **Bill Daley** – happy for **Glenn Kass**’s impact on the people in his life... **Dave Deuth** – 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary... **Ann Kappeler** – enjoyed seeing **Brad Morrison** and daughter playing bagpipes in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade... **Todd Ashby** – thanks to **Tim Lane** for hosting the July 4 parade party at his office... **Kevin Kraft** – if you were at the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade party, you earned a make-up... **Curtis Fee** (who hasn’t even been inducted yet, and

he's already pitching in) – wife and 2 kids back in the U.S. after a month in Europe...

**Bill Tubbs** – happy memories of Glenn...

**Harry Coin** – proud of daughter who scored high on the S.A.T.... **Jonna Schuler** – daughter admitted to Iowa State (go Cyclones!)... **Tim Lane** – Glenn is trending on Facebook... **Kevin Kraft** – happy Glenn has found peace after his cancer ordeal.

### The meeting opened...



After introducing District Gov. **Loring Miller** and Assistant DG **Gary Loss**, President **Kevin Kraft** called the meeting to order. The DG led a musical version of

The 4-Way Test that was composed by a Rotary quartet in Grand Junction, Colo. **Tom Howard** led the singing of the day's patriotic song, "America the Beautiful." After leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, President Kevin turned Moments of Silence over to **Dave Deuth**, who announced arrangements for **Glenn Kass**, who died Tuesday evening. Dave said, "Glenn lived his life with a smile and a laugh we'll never forget," setting the tone for the way he said Glenn would want us all to remember him during visitation (3-8 p.m. Thursday, July 9) and his memorial service (2 p.m. Friday, July 10) – both at Weerts Funeral Home, Kimberly and Jersey Ridge roads, Davenport. (Glenn's full obituary: [http://qctimes.com/news/local/obituaries/glenn-kass/article\\_22974736-7d07-5b9c-81ec-013d4b6567f3.html](http://qctimes.com/news/local/obituaries/glenn-kass/article_22974736-7d07-5b9c-81ec-013d4b6567f3.html))

[In keeping with the tone set in Dave's memorial remarks, here's a pictorial memory of Glenn (a selfie at the Miss Iowa lunch in 2013) that brought a smile to his face at the time – and, I hope, will



prompt a smile of your own as you see it and remember Glenn. – *Ed. Fred*]

### Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

#### Visiting Rotarians:

Loring Miller, district governor  
Phyllis Miller, district governor's spouse  
Gary Loss, assistant district governor  
PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott Rotary

#### Guests:

Rick Hoxie, John Deere, guest of **Michael Elledge**  
Gary Mohr, City of Bettendorf alderman, guest of **Bob Gallagher Sr.**  
Chris Carroll, Galaxy One Marketing, guest of **Todd Ashby**

In total, 44 Bettendorf Rotarians, joined by 3 guests and 4 visiting Rotarians, attended.

### Missing today...

Bell, Bibik, Blaske, Bush, Daugherty, DeDoncker, Dickson, Dobesh, Downing, Duda, Dugan, Eikenberry, Ellstrom, Featherstone, Felsing, Foster, Franks, Gallagher Jr., Garlach, Gause, Habenicht, Hassel, Hill, Hinman, Hintermeister, Hinton, Hipple, Hurd, Larsen, Lizak, Love-Sherrick, Loweth, McGimpsey, Mannix, Marbach, Mitvalsky, Nelson, Olson, Oswald, Pieart, Ploehn, Powers, Rabine, Ross, Sarver, Saul,

Schmidt, Schutte, Scranton, Sherrick,  
Spelhaug, Webster, Wells, Willsher,  
Windmiller

### Upcoming meetings...



... Thanks to program  
chair **Scott Naumann**,  
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**July 15: Brent  
Werner, Werner**  
Restoration

**July 22: Laura Kopp**,  
CEO of CASI

**Aug. 5: Brad  
Morrison** (in a kilt)

and his daughter: all about bagpipes

### Make-ups...

Vandersnick, Rock Island Rotary  
**4th of July Celebration:** Ashby, Daley,  
Schuler, Lane, Fee, Nanda, Anderson,  
Morrison, Stone

### 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,  
7<sup>th</sup> 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 – Crust Stone  
Oven Pizza (during July)**  
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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