



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
April 29, 2009, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, May 6, 2009,
the Fortune Garden restaurant...

Lydia Home serves QC children, families

Earlier this year, the people who live in the Hilltop neighborhood of central Davenport heard that a developer wants to build a campus-to-campus complex between St. Ambrose University and Palmer College of Chiropractic – right where they live.

They had lots of questions – nearly half of them rent, but the developer had communicated only with their landlords who own the properties where they live.

To help find answers to their questions, Joyce Gibson, Director of Lydia Home, 1431 Ripley St., Davenport, spoke up.

“Most people don’t know what is going on,” Gibson said in a *Quad-City Times* news story. “Renters want to know ‘what about us?’ and have concern about where that leaves them.”

As the director of “a national, Christ-honoring organization whose mission is to strengthen families to care for children



– and care for children when families cannot,” Gibson will be the featured speaker at the Bettendorf Rotary meeting at noon Wednesday, May 6, at the Fortune Garden restaurant.

A multi-service agency with headquarters in Chicago and branches in a handful of other cities, for more than 90 years Lydia has served its vision – wanting “every child to be loved and cared for.” It is affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, April 29, 2009 ...

Linda Miller’s view of the 2009 session of the Iowa Legislature



When our own **Linda Miller**, Republican State Representative from the 82nd District, gave her assessment of the just-completed 2009 session of the Iowa Legislature, she knew she was before a friendly audience, and

she didn't pull too many punches. The session had ended at 5:15 a.m. Sunday, April 26 – more than 100 days after it had begun on Jan. 12, “and about a hundred days longer than it needed to be,” she quipped.

“We actually did very little until the last 60 hours or so,” she added.

Characterizing the term as “the most anti-business session in memory,” she said that as a Republican she was “happy about all the things we didn't do” – bills that did not become law.

Linda described a public hearing on the proposal to de-link the deductibility of federal taxes from state tax reporting: a long, slow flow of citizen-witnesses appeared before House and Senate members in the House Chamber and the gallery packed to overflowing with more citizens. Someone quipped there were “more people in the Legislature than in many small Iowa towns,” she said. It became so rowdy that the Speaker finally ordered the ushers – uniformed Iowa State Patrol officers – to “clear the House.”

While answering many questions from members, Linda noted the passage of one notable bill: after July 1, if you can't finish the bottle of wine you order at a restaurant, you'll be able to cork it up and take it home with you.

In summing up the legislative session, Linda said, “I am so glad to be home.”

If you would like to receive Linda's legislative newsletter or contact her about legislative matters, you can email her at linda.miller@legis.state.ia.us.

Announcements:

President Nicole McWilliams presided. The meeting opened with the club reciting “The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag” and moments of reflection. And, for the second week in a row, the

Bettendorf *SINGING* Rotary was tunefully silent – pianist Bernie Vogel, still away, was missed. For those with short memories, we present...



Bernie in his natural habitat...

➔ President Nicole announced that many photos of members – “out-takes” not used in previous issues of *The Bettendorf Rotary Club News* – were on display and available for members to take, thanks to photographer Carter LeBeau.

➔ **LOBSTERFEST:** Carolyn Leutwyler reminded members to **sign up to provide homemade desserts**

for the event. And Todd Larsen said

more Rotary volunteers are still needed. Contact

Carolyn at 359-5914 and Todd at 743-7824.



➔ President Nicole reported that 12 of the 16 eligible new members attended the **Red Badge Meeting** on April 23.

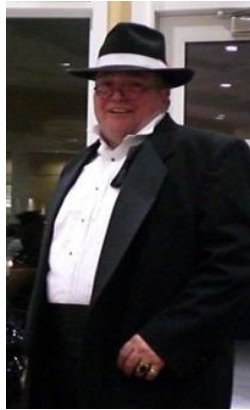
➔ WHACKED AT DA WEDDING...

It was a house full of mobsters, mayhem and mostaciolli as Rico and Gina tried to tie the knot the evening of Friday, May 1, at the Clubhouse of The Fountains – with all proceeds going to **Polio Plus**. We don't know about Rico and Gina, but we hear the priest didn't fare so well, and... well... see for yourself:



Barb Engstrom as Marissa "The Mouth" Marinara befriends Vinnie "the Dome" Vaspuchi, a.k.a. Mike "Hizzonnah" Freemire.

Right, The Fountains' Chef Sal Cracco designed the menu for the event.



Below, Miss Marinara and "Santini," a.k.a. Decker "Dis here is MY town, see" Phoenh.



Tony "the Hair" Gelatto, a.k.a. Scott "da Actor" Naumann, with Lori Freemire and her guest.

Even before the antipasti and Mob-inspired antagonism started, several donations to **Polio Plus** had arrived, Scott Naumann reported. Report of the final tally will be coming ... soon.

➔ RUN WITH CARL. Dick Schillig continued the countdown to the 15th annual Run With Carl event to raise scholarship funds for Pleasant Valley and Bettendorf High School graduates. Sign-up sheets for volunteers were passed around. **Contact Dick at 332-2200.**

➔ 60 AND COUNTING. **Chuck Mooney** donated a check for \$60 to mark the 60th anniversary of his wedding to Eleanor. He invited all Rotarians to their **Open House 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, in the Koenig Center, Ridgecrest Village, Davenport.**

➔ 63 AND COUNTING. To mark the 63rd anniversary of his birth, **Lee Semonow** donated a check for \$63 (he was actually pretty happy to do it... honest!)



The news...

Lora Adams reported the news: The N1H1 2009 Influenza A (the flu formerly known as “swine,” renamed in deference to the Iowa pork industry)... the first 100 days of the Obama Administration (a tradition dating, not just to FDR, but to Napoleon)... and the heartwarming tale of **Tinker Bell**:

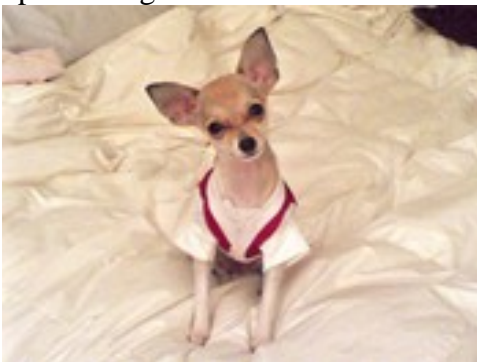


“Tinker Bell has been reunited with her owners after a 70-mph gust of wind picked up the six-pound Chihuahua and tossed her out of sight.

“Dorothy and Lavern Utley credit a pet psychic for guiding them on Monday to a wooded area nearly a mile from where 8-month-old Tinker Bell had been last seen. The brown long-haired dog was dirty and hungry but otherwise OK.

“The Utleys of Rochester, Mich., had set up an outdoor display Saturday at a flea market in Waterford Township, 25 miles northwest of Detroit. Tinker Bell was standing on their platform trailer when she was swept away.

“Dorothy Utley tells *The Detroit News* that her cherished pet ‘just went wild’ upon seeing her.”



Tinker Bell

Sergeant at arms...

Sergeant-at-Arms Jeff Hassle introduced Ken Stotmeister, who is the head of marshals for the **John Deere Classic**. Bettendorf Rotary, Jeff reminded us, is in charge of **Hole No. 1** at the event



– and lots of volunteers are needed. There will be a signup sheet beginning next week **Contact Jeff at 336-3008**.

Jeff collected \$118 for our foundations.



Ken tested our knowledge of JDC trivia. Forget the questions... here are some of the answers: This is the 39th JDC... \$4.79 million was raised for charity at the 2008 JDC... \$3.9 million through ‘Birdies for Charity’... last year there were \$1,921 birdies during the JDC.

Secretary Chuck Mooney introduced visiting Rotarians...

Leanne Shaw, Moline, Banking
Teresa Paper, North Scott, Administration
Tom Torrey, Rock Island, Outdoor Advertising
Mike Stemlar, North Scott, Real Estate
Jim Stein, Muscatine, Vet
Margo McInnis, North Scott, Sales
Becky Eiting, Davenport, City Assessor

May birthdays...

1, Decker Ploehn. 11, John Kempton. 12, Jim Legare. 13, George Worley, Steve Nielsen. 16, Tom Coley. 19, Laurie Dobesh. 29, Sharon Sarver. 31, Carl Loweth.

Upcoming featured programs

From Brian Kennedy, program chairman:

→ **May 20:** Club dinner to recognize winners of membership drive: **Steak Dinner** to be served to the two teams with the highest points – BY the teams with the lowest points – is scheduled for **6 p.m. at the Palmer Hills Pavilion.** There will be no regular noon meeting that day.

→ **May 27:** Dick Schillig, Run with Carl Scholarship presentation

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Please use this news!

Invite prospective new members who might appreciate our speakers.

Lunch and program only \$8 per visitor, payable at the door.

MISSING TODAY:

Ahlstrand, Blaske, Bowe-5, Calabrese, Cass, H. Coin, Coley, Eikenberry, Ellstrom-17, Felsing, Freemire, Foster, Hartsock, Heninger-2, Kempton-17, Kennedy-3, Koos-2, Legare, Link-17, Mitvalsky, Nielsen, Pelecky, Powers, Rabine, Richards, Ricketts-McCool, Ross-4, Rossmiller-3, Ryan-2, Selden-6, Spelhalug, Spyrow-17, Swan-17, Tyler-7, Vogel-2, Worley-3.

MAKE UPS:

At today's committee meeting:

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'Staff' for this issue of *The Bettendorf Rotary Club News*:

Fred Anderson, editor... Carter LeBeau, Connie Mangler, Scott Naumann, photos... Chuck Mooney, reporter... Ralph Heninger, Webmeister.

Bettendorf Rotary resources Hot links where you can find answers to many questions about Rotary.

What is Rotary? How did it get started? The object of Rotary. Avenues of Service, the Four-Way Test, the history of Bettendorf Rotary: <http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/local.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary in community involvement: <http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/community.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's current officers: <http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/current.htm>

Bettendorf Rotary's committees and their chairs: <http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/committ.htm>

Links to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, District 6000, Polio Plus... and more: <http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/links.htm>

Make up a meeting at a nearby Rotary Club:

Monday, noon.....Davenport - The Outing Club
Monday, noon.....Moline - Calvary Church of the Quad Cities
Monday, 6 pm.....QC Illinois - Moline Club
Tuesday, 7:15 am..... River Cities - Brothers Rest. Rapid City
Tuesday, noon....Rock Island - QC Botanical Ctr.
Wednesday, noon....Bettendorf - Fortune Garden
Wednesday, 5 pm.....Mini Meet - Lunardi's
Thursday, 7 am.....IA Quad Cities - The Lodge
Thursday, noon....East Moline - Christ United Methodist Church
Thursday, noon.....Milan - Milan Community Center
Friday, noon.....North Scott - Steeplegate Inn

