

# Bettendorf Kiwanis

AUGUST 2, 2010

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## Minutes from the July 27 Meeting

JR Stradt called the meeting to order. We had 20 in attendance, 14 of them members. Eric Engstrom gave the invocation.

JR reminded us that August 19 is the mega-interclub. It's being hosted by Davenport at the Lodge. This is a Thursday lunch mega-interclub. JR passed around a sign-up sheet for those interested; contact JR if you wish to attend.

We wished a happy birthday to Doug Nelson.

We welcomed four members of the Fulton Kiwanis.

JR Stradt and new member Missy Knott ran the Bix. Neither claimed to have posted their best time, but both did well.

Bill Bicknese won \$3 in the raffle, a Fulton club member drew a black marble.

Our program was provided by Ann Tubbs and Joyce Morrison from the Vera French Foundation. 1 of 4 people in the Quad-Cities suffer from mental illness, and 4 out of 5 people are affected by mental

illness. Vera French not only has the center, which saw 10,000 patients last year but also has residences and other offices. They do outreach to the homeless, nursing homes and other facilities. Vera French's children's mental health program, of which Joyce Morrison is the clinical manager, includes a school-based program.



The school program has served over 2,000 children since its inception in 2001. They served over 400 last year. All of these children have serious problems, and are referred through teachers, school administrations, counselors, and physicians. There are counselors onsite in schools in all four Iowa Scott County school districts, trained to the master's level. Since the Center has a high no-show rate with

their child patients, being onsite in the schools eliminates the difficulties that families have with transportation and scheduling, allowing for consistent care. The school program also does outreach to the families of the students and assists school staff as well.

The school program has achieved over 90% reduction rate in symptomatic behaviors. That means that over 90% of the kids improved. Joyce stressed that they're not "cured", but they have improved.

Vera French's Rummage Closet is a resale shop, located at 311 W. 2nd Street, Davenport, that financially supports Vera French. If you have furniture, clothing or household goods to give away, consider donating them to the Rummage Closet. Vera French will bill insurance when available, but has a sliding fee scale for patients who need it. No child is ever turned away because of an inability to pay.

Program Chair for August: Steve Hamilton  
Program Chair for September: Chad Raeside

One lie draws ten  
after it.

Proverb