

# Bettendorf Kiwanis

JUNE 23, 2010

## BOARD

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- Eric Engstrom,  
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- Sue Nissen, Club  
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- Marnie McDanel,  
Scholarship
- Maria Levetzow,  
Public Relations
- Gary Kamp,  
Programs
- Steve Grimes,  
Dining Books
- Wally Almquist,  
Rose Day
- Tom Dryg, Pork  
Chops at Bix
- Tom Dryg,  
Peanut Day
- Dave Nichols,  
Key Club
- Bev Ricketts,  
Newsletter
- Bill Boom, Circle  
K Club

## Minutes from the June 22 Meeting

JR Stradt called the meeting to order. Eric Engstrom offered the invocation.

We had 3 guests: Darnel from Alcoa, Seth from American Family Insurance, and Bill from US Bank. There were 19 in attendance.

JR reviewed the past year's service projects and the organizations and events the club sponsor's. He also encouraged all our guests to consider joining the club.

Next week JR will be assisting an Honor Flight. Bev will be going to the International Convention in Las Vegas this weekend.

Next Tuesday is an interclub in Muscatine. We will have an interclub group from Clinton attending our meeting.

Steve G. is looking for marshals for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. We need at least 10 volunteers. Guests are welcome to ride in the golf cart with you. A sign-up sheet was passed around. The parade begins at noon so

volunteers need to meet behind city hall by 11:15.

### Happy Thoughts

Steve G announced that his daughter passed her boards and will begin a new job tomorrow.

Dave said his daughter was honorable mention on the All Metro Soccer team.

Jim T. rode the river on Sunday.



Dave introduced our speaker, Mayor Mike Freemire.

Mayor Freemire said this is his 7<sup>th</sup> year as mayor of Bettendorf. He feels most residents are happy with city services. The city is fiscally prudent. Bond rating went to AA2 to AA1. The city will spend 3.5 million dollars on

storm water mitigation. The city also has decreased the general fund levy by \$.75 which is the second lowest by any other sizable city in the state. Mayor Freemire said the council is trying to find the things that people would like to see in the city. The old Eagle's on 18<sup>th</sup> Street will become an outdoor learning campus. It will be a park like setting but won't be a formal park. Bike trails will also be extended. The city continues to work on streetscaping. The new I-74 bridge is supposed to begin construction in 2015 and be completed by 2018. It is a top priority of the Iowa DOT.

Eric won \$3 in the raffle and Sue drew a black marble.

Program Chair for June: Dave Nichols  
Program Chair for July: Tom Dryg  
Program Chair for August: Steve Hamilton

*Believe in the  
power of  
possibilities.  
Believe you can  
accomplish  
anything you  
put your  
mind to.*

*S Richards, R.N.*