

Bettendorf Kiwanis

NOVEMBER 10, 2010

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Minutes from the November 9 Meeting

Jim led the meeting. Wally offered the prayer. There were 20 members in attendance with two guests, Dave O'Connell from St. Ambrose and Barbara Jordon from Bettendorf Schools. Our Lt. Governor, Jim Connell, was also at the meeting plus our speaker, Jim Spelhaug, Superintendent of PV Schools.

The Lt. Governor, Jim Connell, brought a message from the SAU Circle K club. They would like to meet on a regular basis with our Key Club. They would also like to partner with the Key Club for this year's bowl-a-thon. The bowl-a-thon will be held in February. Circle K would like a \$100 donation to cover the expense of purchasing auction items or they would like our club to donate auction items.

JR announced that Bev has a birthday on Nov 11 and that Ron has an anniversary on Nov 11. Jim Connell announced that he also has a birthday on Nov 11. It will be a very busy day for celebrations!

Maria told the club that she, Rosa, Mike, Bev and spouses/significant others enjoyed playing Trivia on Saturday night with the East Moline/Silvis club. The Bettendorf table came in 3rd place!



An inter club signup sheet was passed around. This month's inter club will be on Nov, 24 at Clinton at noon. The Davenport Tom & Jerry party will be on Dec. 16. The cost is \$15 which includes the meal and one Tom & Jerry. Additional drinks will be available for purchase.

Next year's program sheet was passed around.

JR announced that the Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 9, at The

Grape Life, from 5:45-8:00 pm. Spouses/guests are invited. There will **not** be a gift exchange this year. The cost is \$10 per person. Jim and Rosa volunteered to bring appetizers. We need a couple more people to volunteer to bring appetizers.

Steve G asked if you have dining club books that you do not think you will sell, to please return them to him.

Our speaker was Jim Spelhaug. Jim is the Superintendent of Pleasant Valley Schools. He mentioned some concerns he had. The first was regarding the superintendent search in Davenport. The city and chamber are involved in the search which Jim thought was good. But what concerns him was the comparison these groups are making with the movie "Waiting for Superman". The movie compares the public school system to charter schools making the public schools the villains and charter schools the hero. Jim feels that the multitude of educational opportunities the Quad Cities offers is very good and that charter schools are not the answer.

Speaker: Nov 16, Decker Ploehn, Bettendorf City Administrator
Program Chair for November: Steve Grimes
Program Chair for December: Dale Farland

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There never was a good war or a bad peace.

Benjamin Franklin

Jim went onto say that public schools are doing a better job than they have done in the past. He compared the education his father received to that of his children. In his father's time only 20% of the student body went on to college. In today's environment, 80% of students need to have college skills to compete in the workplace.

Hopewell Elementary had to postpone opening due to the state budget cuts. Jim explained that the 1% sales tax for education is only to be used for buildings and grounds. These funds cannot be used to staff the buildings. So schools have enough funding to build and remodel, but not enough funding for staff.