



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Nov. 2, 2016, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016, at
Tanglewood Pavilion



Col. Jeffrey Zust leads First Army chaplains

Meet the top chaplain in the First Army

A recent news story reported on development training of the First Army Unit Ministry Teams. In the October training, hosted by First Army Chaplain **Col. Jeffrey Zust** – our speaker at the Nov. 9 meeting – those team members “brainstormed to create a more streamlined training process that integrates active-duty, National Guard and Reserve soldiers,” the report said.

The First Army uses those twice-yearly sessions to shape how they deliver spiritual support to soldiers and their families – while meeting the differing needs of regular active-duty, Reserve and Guard forces blended together.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016



German heritage abounds in QC

At the Nov. 2 meeting, **Kelly Lao**, executive director of the German-American Heritage Center in Davenport, provided insights into the contributions of Germans to every aspect of life in the Quad Cities.

To illustrate, she outlined the history of the GAHC building: Opened as a 3-story hotel in 1861 by Johann Friedrich Mueller (later changed to John Frederick Miller), the building contained 15 guest rooms and a ground-level store. To accommodate growing numbers of emigrating Germans, it later doubled in size and added a fourth story in 1878, she said. In the pre-World War I years, it served as a center of German culture and social life. The building gradually fell into disrepair and sat vacant for a time

until, in 1995, groups that wanted a place to display the city's German heritage bought it, renovated it and opened the center in 2009.

Many of the German émigrés who settled in Davenport and other QC towns beginning in mid-19th century came from Schleswig-Holstein (near the Danish border) because of civil strife there, she said. They brought with them many uniquely German institutions and businesses – zither bands, Turner (social) clubs, breweries and German-language newspapers. They also supported and participated in the arts – singing and



theatre groups; the forerunner of the Quad-City Symphony Orchestra began with an all-German board of directors (and played its first concert of all German composers, added **Harry Coin** during the Q&A session after Kelly's presentation). Modern landmarks – the Kol Ballroom, Schuetzen Park and Washington Square Park – all began as part of the German influence on Davenport culture, Kelly said. Much of the city's remaining 19th century architecture – downtown business and office buildings and the stately Gold Coast homes along the western bluffs – all have German origins.

World War I and Prohibition severely curtailed German influences, she said.

Anti-German war sentiment closed the German-language newspapers, ended the teaching of the language in the schools and broke up many of the social and cultural structures. Prohibition closed the breweries and shuttered the beer-halls. Iowa passed a law forbidding anyone to speak German in public.

Even in the face of all of those developments, Kelly point out that more Americans have German ancestry than any other nationality. The German-American Heritage Center still puts a German accent on such celebrations as upcoming Advent and Christmas displays made by children. "You can get lots of classic German stuff in our gift shop," Kelly added. For more info, go to <http://www.gahc.org/>.

At the end of the presentation, **Ann Kappeler** won a year's membership in GAHC.

Announcements...

➔**Bring a guest:** Since this was the first meeting of November – by custom, the monthly "birthday meeting" – **President Jonna Schuler** said each member's birthday month is an excellent time to invite a prospective member to attend as a guest.

➔**Support veterans meeting:** **Past President Kevin Kraft** announced that next week's meeting (two days before Veterans Day) will feature a special speaker, First Army Chaplain Col. Jeffrey Zust [see p. 1].

➔**Watch for member-interest survey:** **Tim Lane** will send an email to all of us soon, reminding us of all the BRC projects and recurring events that we can become involved in – and volunteer to help make happen. "Check all that you're interested in," Tim said. "That doesn't

mean you're automatically volunteering for anything – but when it comes time to recruit volunteers, it helps to know who already has an interest in something.”

➔**Thanksgiving baskets: Carol Foster** announced that BRC will give



Thanksgiving baskets to 15 families that have special needs at this holiday time. As she sent around signup sheets, she said the basket-donation day is Saturday, Nov. 19. On that day, volunteers can pick up baskets at the Devils Glen Hy-Vee

store 10 a.m.-noon and deliver them. Before that date, Carol will email names, addresses and phone numbers of recipient families to volunteers, so they can coordinate delivery.

➔**LobsterFest sponsorships: Secretary Johanna Smith** asked members, as they are preparing the 2017 budgets for their businesses, to factor in sponsorship and other support for the LobsterFest next June. “We already have some commitments,” she commented.



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

President Jonna Schuler collected \$175 with extra bits of happiness from: **Sue Mannix** – the Bettendorf Public Library will reopen after 5 ½ months of work to repair damage from a water accident; a 10 a.m. Monday ribbon-cutting will make

if official + going to watch World Series Game 7 tonight with grandma, age 93, a lifelong Cubs fan... **Dick Schillig** – plans to watch the game with mom, 96, a lifelong Indians fan + 305 days to Run with Carl... **Laurie Hutcheson** – didn't watch the previous three World Series games that the Cubs won, so “I promise not to watch tonight”... **George Coin** – alma mater Northwestern almost beat Ohio State... visitor Dr. Kris Murthy (a cricket fan who's recently also become a fan of baseball) – glad the Cubs are doing well... **John Rabine** – Cubs in the World Series reminds him of the late **Carter LeBeau** leading the singing of “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”... **Tim Lane** – North Scott High School cross country takes MAC title + Ally Gallagher first to congratulate them...



Bob Gallagher Sr. – granddaughter Ally No. 15 in state in cross country... **Dr. Tom Olson** – passed out bags of



S.K. Nanda and Kris Murthy got some peanuts

ballpark-type peanuts, which reminded him of “Kiwanis peanuts – it's cheaper to be a Rotarian”... **Ken Vandernick** – guest Trista Foster “found our Website and it brought her to the meeting”... **Decker Ploehn** – Spruce Hills and 18th Street project is done – “visit all those

businesses there”... **Secretary Johanna** – got a new job with QC Arts, and is looking for 1,100 volunteers to get involved in Festival of Trees – sign up on the event Website.

The meeting opened...

The bell sounded, and **President Jonna Schuler** welcomed all and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Gail Baldwin**, led the singing of “The National Anthem.” President Jonna led the Pledge of Allegiance. During the Moment of Silence we asked for healing for **Dave Deuth**, and we learned that **Christy Gause** is recovering after skin-cancer surgery on her leg. After introductions, Tom and Gail returned to lead the singing of “A Helping Hand,” “Take Me Out to the Ballgame: (Game 7 of the World Series tonight!) and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.”



Rotarians with November birthdays are: 04, Fred Anderson; 05, Jennifer Naeve; 11, Jim Partridge; 13, John Sherrick; 14, Scott Naumann; 16, Kelly Love-Sherrick; 21, Brent Werner; 25, Christy Gause; 30, Jenny Hager and Ken Vandersnick.

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Guests

Gail Baldwin, pianist
Dr. Kris Murthy, guest of **S.K. Nanda**

Trista Foster, American Bank & Trust
J.R. Pourin, Rotary Exchange Student from France, guest of **Harry Coin**
Kelly Lao, German American Heritage Center, speaker
Jeff Ryder, City of Bettendorf, guest of **Decker Ploehn**

In all, 58 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 6 guests.



Harry Coin introduced J.R. Pourin, a Rotary Exchange student at Pleasant Valley High School, who is from France.

And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Sue Mannix** won a Happy to Have a Make-up in the drawing from among all those members who participated in *Jon Ryan Happy \$\$*.



Missing today...

Ashby, Boeye, Calabrese, Carroll, Chambers, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dobesh, Elledge, Featherstone, Fopma, Gallagher, Jr., Gause, Habenicht, Hager, Hassel, Hill, Hurd, James, Kellenberger, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, Loweth, McGimpsey, Martinez, Mitvalsky, Nelson, Powell, Powers, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schmit, Scranton, Shea,

Spelhaug, Stone, Stopulos, Webster, Werner,
Windmiller and Worner

Make-ups...

Harry Coin, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary

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 Room,
HyVee, 7th 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 –
Tanglewood Pavilion**

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

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.: Twin Rivers
Rotary After Hours – Bierstube, Moline

Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn,
Davenport

Upcoming meetings... and more



... Meeting programs
thanks to program
chair **Scott Naumann**,
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Nov. 9: First Army
Chaplain Col.

Jeffrey Zust, Rock
Island Arsenal

Nov. 19: distribute

Thanksgiving baskets to 15 deserving
Bettendorf families

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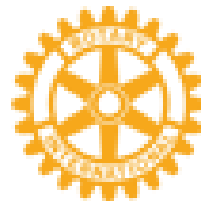
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