



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Nov. 9, 2016, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016, at
Tanglewood Pavilion



J.R. was the top PVHS cross country j-v runner.

Meet Rotary Exchange student J.R. Pourin and sample French pastries

The Nov. 16 meeting provides a dual opportunity to learn about the Rotary Youth Exchange program and to help a youth who is a part of it. Our speaker, **J. R. (Jean-Romain) Pourin**, 16, is from France’s southwestern wine region of Bordeaux. This year, he’s a student at Pleasant Valley High School and is

living, through Thanksgiving, with **Harry and Susan Coin**. At next week’s meeting, J.R. will present “an engaging audio/video talk about the entire youth exchange experience,” Harry said. After his presentation, he’ll answer as many members’ questions as possible, Harry added.

In addition, Harry informs us, “J.R. will make some desserts, a bakery confection known best in his home region called ‘caneles’ [also known as French rum and vanilla cakes]. They’re fresh out of the oven. He’s asking for our donations to support his Rotary bus trip around the country next spring.”
(There’s more – please go to page 5.)



Last meeting:
Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016

‘Teamability’ in chaplain’s life

Col. Jeffrey L. Zust, command chaplain of First Army at the Rock Island Arsenal, has been an Army chaplain for 22 years – seeing service and sharing his ministry in various command offices, in the midst of combat and as a student at the National Defense University for top officers of all services.





At the Nov. 9 **Veterans Day special meeting**, he shared some experiences, insights and the definition of a new word for nearly everyone else in the room: “teamability.” “It’s a Special Forces term,” he explained. “It means the ability to lead... and to follow. More than that, it’s the ability every service member must have, ‘to die on command,’ that is, go where he or she is needed anywhere in the world.”

For Jeffrey, that “anywhere” has included Airborne Jump School – when he was 40 years old. “As the highest ranking member of the class,” he said, “I was automatically the unit commander – and that meant I would be first out the door when we did our first airborne jump.”

He suspended his story at that point – standing at the open door with the jump master at his shoulder – as he further elaborated on his theme. (Being a chaplain, he wove a reference to the leadership of King David of ancient Israel, as recorded by the prophet Samuel, into his narrative. Emphasizing the responsibility of leadership, he said, “My whims as a leader are the life’s blood of my people.”)

Jeffrey went on to say, “Abraham Lincoln gave perhaps the greatest

Veterans Day speech (although the holiday didn’t exist yet), when he spoke at Gettysburg of the sacrifices of those who died there.”

In continuing the “teamability” theme, he spoke of the commitment of service members from the past, present and future. And he did return his audience to earth at the end of his first parachute jump from a plane – falling at 17 feet-per-second when he hit the ground.

To conclude his Veterans Day remarks, Jeffrey again quoted Lincoln – this time, from his Second Inaugural address: “...With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan...”



New-member induction...

➔**Michael Raso: S.K. Nanda** inducted Michael, who has just been named superintendent of the Bettendorf Community School System. He and Diane, his wife of 24 years, are parents of a daughter, 21, who is continuing her higher education, and two sons, a BHS senior and a 6th grader. **President Jonna** pinned his Rotary pin on his lapel.

Announcements...

➔ **No meeting in Thanksgiving week:** **President Jonna Schuler** announced there will be no Wednesday noon meeting on Nov. 23, the day before the holiday, because many members will be traveling that day.

➔ **Watch Augie basketball – free:** **Mayor Bob Gallagher** passed along an invitation from Augustana College that Wednesday, Dec. 7, is Rotary Night at the Vikings' home game against the Wheaton College Thunder. Game time is 7 p.m. "All Quad City area Rotary members and their families are honored guests" of Augie – just say you're a Rotarian, and admission is free, Bob said. Moline Rotary will host a halftime reception in a 2nd floor classroom for all Rotarians.

➔ **Member-interest survey:** As he promised last week, **Tim Lane** sent an email, with the subject line "Bettendorf Rotarians.....We Want Your Opinion," to all of our inboxes. It asks us about our interests in BRC projects and events. If you didn't receive the email, contact Tim (tim.lane@edwardjones.com) or **Richard "Ozzie" Oswald** (richard.oswald@amwater.com).



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

President Jonna Schuler collected \$234 from Rotarians who were happy... **Harry Coin** – happy because his Dad, **George**, is also a veteran... **Bill Daley** – happy to have all the veterans at today's

meeting... **Tim Lane** – happy elections are over + wife got a flag that flew in Afghanistan... **John Sherrick** – also happy the election is behind us... **Chris Carroll** – got to go to World Series Game 6 – where he met celebrities including Bill Murray and John Cusack... **Ken Vandersnick** – \$100 check: \$75 for birthday and \$25 in thanks to Bettendorfers and their support for his business... **Ann Kappeler** – \$5 for privilege of helping with Scott County Regional Authority grants + \$5 for the day's patriotic program... **Mayor Bob Gallagher** – daughter and son's athletic successes + congratulations to **Gary Mohr** on his election to the Iowa House.

The meeting opened...

After the bell sounded, **President Jonna Schuler** welcomed all and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Deanna Severs** on piano, led the singing of "America the Beautiful." President Jonna led the Pledge of Allegiance. During the Moment of Silence we asked for healing for **Dave Deuth** in his cancer fight, for **Frank Mitvalsky's** Mom, who has been diagnosed with lymphoma; **Brad Morrison** asked for healing of divisions in the community in the wake of national elections; and we remembered the four Green Berets killed in Afghanistan. After introductions, Tom and Deanna returned to lead the singing of "Vive le Rotary" and "This Land Is Your Land."

Before introducing our featured speaker, **President Jonna** asked all veterans – members and guests – to stand and report their branch of service, years served and places where they saw duty.



Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarians

Dougal Nelson, Junior Achievement &
Moline Rotary
PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott Rotary

Guests

Deana Severs, piano player
Con Blevins, guest of **Johanna Smith**
Richard Oswald, guest of **“Ozzie” Oswald**
Bill Pipe, guest of **Tom Howard**
Jon Flower, guest of **Tom Howard**
Tom Ahlstrand, guest of **S.K. Nanda**
Crystal Doland, Doland Jewelers, guest of
Will Doland
Col. Jeffrey Zust, First Army chaplain,
speaker
Staff Sgt. Ian Kummer, public affairs, First
Army
John Nelson, guest of **Bill Daley**

In all, 53 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and
were joined by 10 guests and 2 visiting
Rotarians.



And at the end...

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

Missing today...

Bennett, Bibik, Chambers, Death, Dobesh,
Dugan, Elledge, Featherstone, Foster, Franks,
Garlach, Gause, Habenicht, Hassell, Hill,
Hopkins, Hurd, Hutcheson, James,
Kellenberger, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence,
Lokenvitz, Loweth, McGimpsey, Mannix,
Marbach, Martinez, Mohr, Nelson, Pacha,
Ploehn, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross,
Sarver, Saul, Schillig, Schmit, Scranton,
Sorenson, Stopulos, Thein, Tombergs,
Webster, Wells, Werner, Windmiller and
Worner

Make-up...

Rich James, Summit County, Colo., 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
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Nov. 16: J.R. Pourin:
Rotary Youth
Exchange ... and fresh
French pastry

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Smith



J.R. Pourin and Harry Coin at Nov. 2 meeting

R.Y.E and French pastries...

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The money raised that way will actually be a donation to J.R.'s host club, the Iowa Quad Cities Rotary, Harry explained. They will use it to defray J.R.'s bus-trip costs.

If you need any more incentive to attend and purchase what Harry describes as “fancy French pastries,” J.R. will use authentic French “ingredients sent from home” to prepare them. They’ll be available to be part of the lunch part of the meeting.

In addition to his sponsorship by the Iowa QC Rotary, J.R. is being supported by Rotary District 6000 Youth Exchange Leader Doug Petersen of that club. After Thanksgiving, J.R. will move from the Coins to the Petersens’ home. He’ll finish his time here with the Dollenbachers, another Iowa QC Rotary family, Harry said.

As part of the preparation for next week’s meeting, Harry provided some answers to the question, what is a Rotary Youth Exchange?

Youth Exchange is a study-abroad opportunity for young people who spend anywhere from a few weeks to a full year as an international student hosted by local Rotary clubs.

It is the opportunity of a lifetime for the more than 8,000 students, ages 15-19, who participate each year. By sharing their own culture and embracing a new one, youth help foster global understanding — and learn a great deal about themselves and their home country in the process.

Exchanges are for students who:

- Have demonstrated leadership in their school and community
- Are flexible and willing to try new things
- Are open to cultural differences
- Can serve as an ambassador for their own country

Come to the meeting and bring your appetites for French pastries and cultural exchange.

For more on Bettendorf Rotary:

<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/>



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