



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Nov. 16, 2016, issue

Next meeting – note date:
Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016, at
Tanglewood Pavilion



Enjoy your Thanksgiving...
Remember, next Wednesday, Nov. 23, there will be no meeting because of the holiday. So, have a Happy Thanksgiving.

... Then learn about some of your fellow members

Rotary was founded to give members with different businesses and professions the opportunities to learn more about each other’s professional lives – and do business with each other when possible. In that tradition, at the Nov. 30 meeting, Vocational Services Chair **Rich “Ozzie” Oswald** is putting together a program in which several members will enlighten us about just what it is they do during their day jobs.

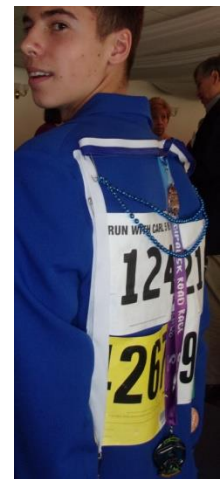


Last meeting:
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016

J.R. shares his RYE highlights

At the Nov. 16 meeting the spotlight was on the Rotary Youth Exchange program as **J. R. (Jean-Romain) Pourin**, 16, a student at Pleasant Valley High School, provided video trips through his year so far in Iowa and his home in the southwestern French wine region of Bordeaux.

After donning his “fancy jacket” festooned with souvenirs of his RYE year in Iowa – a cross country medal, the ribbon from a 5-K race in Des Moines, a silhouette of France – J.R. introduced us to his home, his family and his local Rotary club. St. Andre de Cubzac Hauts de Garonne, a club of fewer than 20 members, is one of 72 in Rotary District 1690. It has sent 54 students to exchanges over the years. Last year it purchased a suitcase-sized, solar-powered water purifier to



help remote third-world villages get potable water.

J.R. is the middle of three sons, all of whom, along with his father, have names beginning with Jean. Born in the year 2000, before coming to the U.S., he studied for two months in Ontario near Toronto. The family's house was built in the 1700s, and many other examples of the architecture of that era have been maintained. His home district, with scenic vistas of the sea, farms and mountains, is famous for gastronomy – wines truffles and pastries, such as the caneles J.R. baked for our dessert.

Harry Coin reported after the meeting that “J.R.’s caneles fundraiser netted Iowa QC Rotary \$200 to hold for his Rotary bus trip at the end of the school year. He was very satisfied with the whole arrangement, and hopes to do similarly at the other three larger Quad Cities clubs.”

Earlier, J.R. took us through his life here with quick video cuts: 7:20, darkness and awakening sounds... showering, shot from directly under the falling water... eating breakfast... riding to school, with a dog leaning out the rear car window... the school hallway... riding in a car with a classmate... flipping a bottle into a basketball hoop... bouncing on a trampoline... the lunchtime buffet line... running cross country and track... weight training... the team cheering... riding on the team bus... cross country on race day... “Go Spartans!!” at a football game ...attending a North Carolina vs. Illinois football game... and “Thanks for Watching”

Doug Peterson of the Iowa QC club, which is sponsoring J.R., said he is one of 10 RYE students this year – matched



J.R., Harry Coin and Doug Peterson

by 10 students from District 6000 who are abroad. **Jim Spelhaug**, BRC's youth services chair, added, “We’re looking for students interested in learning more about becoming outbound” through RYE.

Announcements...



➔ **A special treat: French pastries:** J.R. Pourin, the Rotary Youth Exchange student who presents today's program, is offering bakery confections, caneles [also known as French rum and vanilla cakes] for dessert. He baked them at the home of

Harry and Susan Coin, with whom he is staying until after Thanksgiving. A gratuity would be appreciated to help support his Rotary bus trip around the country next spring. The trip will include 48 students from many countries. The Iowa QC Rotary, who sponsors J.R., will hold the donations until then.

➔ **No meeting in Thanksgiving week:** The Wednesday noon meeting next week, Nov. 23, has been cancelled because of the holiday.



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

President Jonna Schuler collected \$255 from Rotarians who were happy because...

Sharon Sarver – “I’m a Cubs fan, and they made my world rock, so here’s \$20”... **Dick Schillig** – “My Mom, age 96, is a lifelong Cleveland fan,” and she enjoyed *almost* the whole World Series...

Christy Gause – issued an invitation to the Thursday event on Trinity’s expansion... **Scott Naumann** – a \$49 check to commemorate his birthday this month... **Kelly Love-Sherrick** (with noticeably less enthusiasm) – “I have birthday bucks+... **George Coin** – Northwestern beat Rutgers last Saturday ... **Mayor Bob Gallagher** – kudos to **Ron Crist**, who completed a half-marathon in Las Vegas... **Joe Champion** (about to be inducted) – now can tell his buddy in the Greeley, Colo., chapter that he’s a proud (Bettendorf) Rotarian...

Ron Crist – “happy I survived that half-marathon”... **Decker Ploehn** –

blacktopping of the other half of Middle Road is due to finish Saturday; in the meantime: “Stay off!”

The meeting opened...

The bell sounded, **President Jonna Schuler** called the meeting to order, welcomed all and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Deanna Severs** on piano, led the singing of “This Is My Country.” President Jonna led the Pledge of Allegiance. During the Moment of Silence we asked for healing for **Dave Deuth** in his cancer fight and remembered our troops.



Tom Howard thought this photo of himself with **Dick Hanzelka** and **Harry Coin** would be fun... and it is, when you think of it...

After introductions, Tom and Deanna returned to lead the singing of “All Hail to Rotary” and, since Thanksgiving is next week, one verse of “Harvest Home.”

Stand-in Secretary Bill Daley introduced...

Visiting Rotarians

Doug Peterson, Iowa QC Rotary
 Dave Borcharding, Iowa QC Rotary
 Janette Fiedler, Cedar Rapids West Rotary

Guests

Susan Coin, guest of **Harry Coin**
 J.R. Pourin, Rotary Youth Exchange student (speaker)
 Tracy Naab, guest of **Decker Ploehn**

Megan Enright, guest of **Jeff Hill**
Deanna Severs, piano player

In all, 49 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 5 guests and 3 visiting Rotarians.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Ron Crist** 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, Bennett, Bibik, Boeye, Calabrese, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dugan, Eikenberry, Elledge, Falk, Featherstone, Foster, Franks, Garlach, Hager, Hassel, Hurd, Hutcheson, James, Kellenberger, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Loweth, McGimpsey, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Morrison, Naeve, Nelson, Pacha, Partridge, Pieart, Powell, Powers, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Saul, Schmit, Schneden, Scranton, Sherrick, Slavens, Smith, Sorenson, Stopulos, Thompson, Tombergs, Webster, Wells, and Werner.

Make-up...

Dick Schillig, Rotary Online

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**, scott@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:

Nov. 23: No meeting – have a Happy Thanksgiving

Nov. 30: Vocational Services program being organized by

Rich “Ozzie” Oswald

Dec. 14: Our traditional Christmas serenade – this year by a choral ensemble from Pleasant Valley High School with accompaniment by a string sextet

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