

THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
April 4, 2018, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, April 11, 2018
At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

John DeDoncker dusts off his financial crystal ball



For observers of the national scene – especially the economy and the impact of national politics on it – the past year has been

anything but stable. In his annual financial review and forecast, **John DeDoncker** will look into his crystal ball for the coming year in the context of such factors as:

- Rollercoaster stock market performance
- Threats of tariffs and counter-tariffs that could devastate the Iowa economy
- Huge tax cuts without offsetting income or spending cuts
- And much more.

Last meeting:

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Royal Neighbors aid communities

Drawing a parallel between Rotary and her organization, **Amy Jones**, director of philanthropy at Royal Neighbors of America, said “We’re able to make an impact in the community through the money we donate.” As the guest speaker at the April 4 meeting, she outlined the philanthropy programs of the 123-year-old Rock Island-based fraternal benefit society.

Founded by seven women specifically because only men could insure their lives at the time, Royal Neighbors in its early years served – and employed – only women. Over the years it has evolved to “about a 60-40-percent” ratio of women to men, Amy said. It now reaches out to the community through some 200 local chapters that performed \$14.3 million in “social good” last year through scholarships and relief programs to

members and their communities.

Programs include:

- Donations by Royal Neighbors headquarters to clubs to meet needs such as backpacks of food to see poor schoolchildren through the weekend and sewing lessons for community kids
- A “Difference-Maker” fund that gives up to \$200 starter money to individual members to help meet a local community need
- “Empowerment Grants” totaling \$100,000 divided among 10 recipients to start or grow women-owned businesses that meet need of women or girls in their local area
- \$172,500 in scholarships to 27 women in 12 states
- \$84,600 in relief to RN members – such as 423 members in Southern states hit hard by hurricanes last year
- Many member-benefit programs, through which members receive discounts on medical, dental and event funeral services.

Announcements...

→ **LobsterFest updates:** Letters were delivered to each table outlining ways to



sponsor or otherwise contribute to LobsterFest – including auction and raffle donations. The letter announced:

“With your help, our goal to raise \$100,000 will be reached through cash donations, silent auction bids, raffle, wine and grab-bag pulls.” A donation form was attached.

→ **BBBS plant sale:** **Beth Clark** asked all gardeners to consider buying their plants through the Big Brothers Big Sisters fundraiser sale, now going on. She

had order forms and promotional posters for the workplace.

→ **Tiramisu and ferri di cavallo for dessert:** Rotary Exchange student **Alessandro loMaestro** baked generous portions of two Italian desserts – everybody’s favorite, tiramisu (which soon-to-be-member **Brent Goodman** was about to enjoy), and chocolate-dipped “horseshoe” cookies – delivering on his promise to find delicious ways to raise funds for his round-the-USA bus trip with other exchange students.



→ **Serve the Bettendorf community:** **plant trees:** **Carol Foster** said the Bettendorf Parks Department plans to plant trees on the final Saturday in April. She’ll have more information and signup sheets between now and then.



Presentation...

→ **Guardian of Integrity award:** After a dramatic buildup, **President Tim Lane** announced that this year’s winner of the District 6000 Paul Hellweg Guardian of Integrity award is **Ann Kappeler**. She

was selected to receive the award because of her exemplary sense of ethics and integrity, consistent with the high standards set by the past district governor for whom it was named.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Tim Lane collected \$391 – all of which went toward Alessandro’s summer trip – especially from these happy Rotarians: **Dr. Tom Olson** – \$\$ for Alessandro with thanks for the desserts – and he urged all to let them linger in their mouth (“My daughter is getting married, and I need the business”)... **Bill Daley** – more \$\$ for Alessandro... **Jeff “Boomer” Hill** – going to see the finish of the Master’s at



Augusta... **Ada Christopher** – her family loved the chicken carbonara that **Alessandro** prepared at their home... **Kelly Love-Sherrick** – husband “having the time of his life” at the Master’s now... **Dick Schillig** – 152 days to Run with Carl on Labor Day + congratulations to Ann Kappeler

The meeting opened...

Welcoming all to the “last quarter” of his presidential term, **President Tim Lane** called the meeting order and he led the recitation of The 4-Way Test.

Song leader **Tom Howard**, with piano accompanist **Gail Baldwin**, led the singing of “America the Beautiful.”

President Tim led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we learned **Tony Calabrese**’s son had an appendectomy and we remembered our troops and friends of Rotarians in need of support.

After introductions, Tom led the singing of “The Rotary Bell,” “My Grandfather’s Clock” (with clinking glasses at certain words) and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.” Those with April birthdays are: 06, **Sue Mannix**; 07, **Carol Foster**; 15, **Phil Dunbridge**; 22, **Drew Lawrence**; 23, **Rita Nelson**; 26, **John Rabine**; 27, **Jennifer Bennett**; 29, **Peggy Schneden**; 30, **George Coin**. All present thoroughly enjoyed Alessandro’s dessert treats – they went fast, and not much was left at the end of the meeting.



Secretary Johanna Smith reported...

Visiting Rotarians:

Mark Carlson, Moline Rotary, Blaze Restoration
Trina Trill, Chagrin Highlands, Ohio, Rotary

Guests:

Gail Baldwin, pianist
Alessandro loMaestro, Rotary Exchange student and dessert chef
Betsy Pratt, American Red Cross, **Ann Kappeler** guest
Jim Kappeler, **Ann Kappeler** guest
Chuck Collins, **Ann Kappeler** guest

Shawn Langan, Ruhl Commercial, **Ron Crist** guest

Amy Jones, Royal Neighbors, speaker

In all, 48 Bettendorf Rotarians, 2 visiting Rotarians and 7 guests attended.

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, Hy-Vee, 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 Hills 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



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Boomer Hill** won the “Happy to Have a Make-up” in the drawing from among all those members who shared their happiness in this week’s *BRC* Happy \$\$.

Upcoming meetings... and more

Meeting programs thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:



April 11:

John DeDoncker presents his annual financial forecast

June 9:

LobsterFest XII, Tanglewood Hills Pavilion and Grounds

June 13:

We host a luncheon for the 22 2018 Miss Iowa

contestants and their personal assistants

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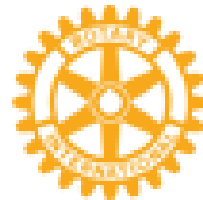
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