



The Bettendorf Rotary Club News
**Feb 13, 2008. Guests Welcome at our next meeting,
Weds., Feb 20, 2008 Noon at the Fortune Garden.**

Featuring:

Gunda S. Davis, *author of "Pumpkin Soup and
Shrapnel, Growing Up under the Third Reich"*

A memoir published in 2005, the book offers a view of life in Germany during World War II and the post-war Soviet occupation of East Germany from the perspective of the child of influential members of the Nazi party.

The book occupied the Quad-City Times best-seller list after its 2005 publication. Printed in paperback, it contains a wealth of photos.

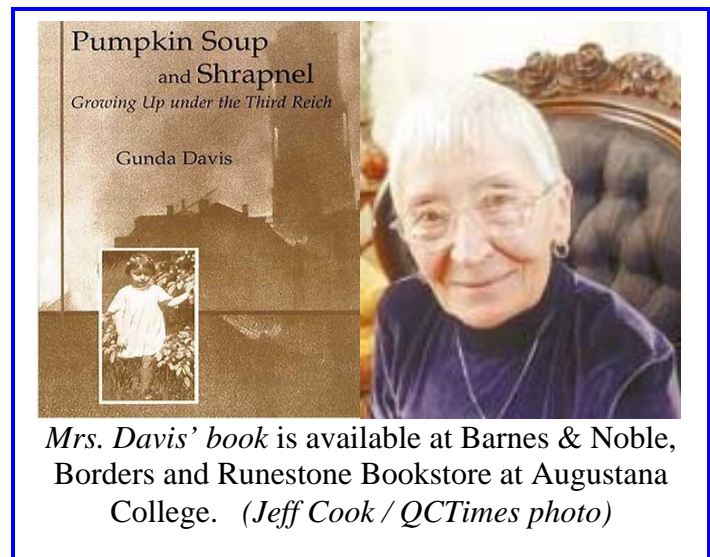
In an interview with Times reporter John Willard, Davis said her writing was not intended as history, but rather "a personal story of one child's experience of growing up and coming of age in a time and place that intersected some of the most wrenching and momentous events of the twentieth century." She said she abhors the politics that dominated Germany at the time.

Davis, 72, grew up in Berlin. One grandfather was a painter who illustrated the operas of Richard Wagner. His work became a symbol of Nazism's Aryan ideals. Her father studied engineering, but drove a taxi during the economic depression in Germany after World War I. Like millions of others, he saw Hitler's National Socialist German Workers (Nazi) Party as the way out of that depression, and both he and Davis' mother joined the party. Her two older sisters were active members of a Nazi youth organization.

Davis writes about the conditions that gave rise to Hitler, and vividly describes the suffering he ultimately caused. Her narrative takes readers from the comfortable, cultured world of her childhood through the wartime hell marked by bombings, starvation and frequent moves to escape the chaos.

Davis does not ignore the anti-Semitism of Germany under Hitler. "How easy it is to teach a child to hate," she wrote. "The Jews are dirty and inferior, the Poles are bad, and the Czechs and Slovacs must be moved to give Germany *Lebensraum*, room for its expansion." After the war, Davis and her mother made their way into West Berlin, where she graduated from high school in 1955. While attending the University of Heidelberg, she met James Davis, an American soldier. They were married in 1960 in his hometown of Marlinton, W. VA.

– By Fred Anderson



Mrs. Davis' book is available at Barnes & Noble, Borders and Runestone Bookstore at Augustana College. (Jeff Cook / QCTimes photo)

Announcements:

- **Pres-elect Nicole McWilliams:**
Announced the nominated officers for the coming year 2008-2009....
President: Nicole McWilliams, **President elect:** David Deuth, **Secretary/Treasurer:** Chuck Mooney, **Club Service:** Jeff Hassel
Community Service: Scott Naumann
Vocational Service: George Daugherty
International Service: Ann Kappeler, **Rotary Foundation:** S.K. Nanda, **Youth Service:** Jim Spelhaug, **Past President:** Lisa Brown. **All were elected unanimously.**
- Received the Naples, Florida club banner from George Coin via Harry Coin.
- **Scott Tunncliff:** Donated \$20 for the noble cause – because he passed his license exam to be a registered financial consultant. **Hurray Scott! Congratulation!!**
- **Dick Schillig:** Announced 200 days to the “Run with Carl”
- **Bill Tubbs:** DON'T MISS THE DesMoines District Conference April 26th. The main speaker will be a survivor from the World Trade Center debacle.
- **Visiting Rotarian “Terry Westbrook”** announced he tied the knot with Annette Synder the last part of January. **Congratulations to you both!**



From Mr. Brian Kennedy,



program chairman:

Upcoming Featured Speakers

- 2/27: Pleasant Valley School District Superintendent Jim Spelhaug and Bettendorf School District Superintendent Marty Lucas on Renewal of School Infrastructure Local Option tax.
- 3/5: QC Arts, David Sanchez, Jazz Saxophone
- 3/12: Iowa Right to Work
- 3/19: Alina Severs, Iowa Right to Work Committee
- 4/30: Gregory Geoffroy, President of Iowa State University

Please use this news!

Invite prospective new members who might appreciate our speakers.

Lunch and program only \$8 per visitor, payable at the door.



Meeting Review

Noon, Feb 13, 2007, the Fortune Garden. Presiding:
Pres-elect Nicole McWilliams

Nicole opened the meeting with the membership accompanied by **Bernie Vogel** on the piano in 'America The Beautiful', then paused for a moment of reflection for world peace and fellowship and for those the group noted with particular burdens. Ron Essner remembered our troops overseas.



Warming the air before the meeting was Bernie's piano voluntary including "When You Are Smiling", "I Want to Be Happy" and "It Had to Be You" among many others, led off, as usual with: 'R-O-T-A-R-Y'!

Carter LeBeau with piano artist Bernie chorus in: "Winter Wonderland" and "Heart Of My Heart".



Fred Anderson Presented "The News", offering headline services for those Rotarians allergic to traditional news outlets and an art history update... Police in Central England are hunting for a badly scorched would be copper power cable thief after finding a hack saw in-bedded in a 11,000 vault power cable. The thieves targeting power lines in electricity sub-stations have all ready lead to two fatalities and many serious injuries while leaving thousands without power. The thief – who also left a lit blow torch at the scene is expected to be badly charred, spiky haired and not the brightest bulb in the socket.

NOMINATED OFFICERS



Chuck "Imagine Great Things" Mooney, Club Secretary, Reports:

Visiting Rotarians: Bill Tubbs from North Scott/Publisher & PDG Dudley Hanson of Davenport/Engineer and Terry Westbrook of East Moline/Banking

Guests: Larry Makoben with Jon Ryan
Kevin Ketelsen with Harry Coin



Sergeant-at-Arms



Jim Legare
collected \$ 151 for our foundations.

Jim, as he stated himself is a **“lover and not a fighter”**, he raised money through a “Singing Bee” format in honor of **Valentines Day**. You could keep a buck if you could finish the lyrics of several love lines from many love songs.



Nicely Done Jim

Rotary Meeting Make Ups:

George Coin at Naples, Florida, Carter LeBeau at Davenport, Bob Ryken at Fort Walton Beach, Florida. At today's committee meeting: Joe Douglas, Tom Ahlstrand, Dick Schillig, Scott Naumann, Bob Gallagher, Tim Downing, S.K. Nanda, Faye Clow, Steve Habenicht, John Rabine, Rick Hartsock.

Missing Today: Atnip, Ball -6, Bowe, Brown, Calabrese-2, Cameron, Chambers, Coley, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dobesh -2, Eikenberry -4, Ellstrom -6, Essner, Falk, Hassel, Hyder -6, James, Kennedy -5, Koehler -4, Larsen -2, L.Miller -3, Pelecky, Perisho -6, Ploehn, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Selden -3, Snyder -6, Spyrow, St. Laurent, Voigt -4, Worley -6.

Make up a meeting at nearby Rotary Clubs:

- Monday, noon.....Davenport The Outing Club
- Monday, noon.....Moline-Calvary Church of the Quad Cities
- Monday, 6 pm.....QC Illinois-Moline Club
- Tuesday, 7:15 am..... River Cities-Brothers Rest. Rapid City
- Tuesday, noon.....Rock Island - QC Botanical Ctr.
- Wednesday, noon.....Bettendorf-Fortune Garden
- Wednesday, 5 pm.....Mini Meet-Lunardi's
- Thursday, 7 am.....IA Quad Cities-The Lodge
- Thursday, noon...East Moline-Christ United Methodist Church
- Thursday, noon.....Milan-Milan Community Center
- Friday, noon.....North Scott-Steeplegate Inn

Carolyn Shared A Message From Rotary International President “Bill Boyd”



“I had sent the door magnets to him, along with a picture of him standing beside the car with the door magnets, and a Christmas Card.” ---Carolyn

Dear Carolyn, It was a delight to receive your card and the photo. Bettendorf will always be one of our happy memories. The pressure of your letter

writing campaign made me smile every time that a new one arrived, the special people we met who are the heart and soul of America, the weather [which was impressive for New Zealanders], and the attendance at the meetings despite the snow and ice, all left an impression on us. To us, this was what being President was all about. We will not forget you and our visit, I promise. Our warmest regards to you and our best wishes for a successful and happy 2008. Bill and Lorna



President Boyd,

The door magnets did arrive, and I will have good fun with them at a club outing. We have a very lively club, and the opportunity will arrive. I hope one day we will have the opportunity to visit your club, as an "ordinary" Rotarian. We would enjoy that very much. Take care midst the snow and ice! Our regards, Bill



Rotary Razzle Dazzle: Five Reasons to Join Bettendorf Rotary.



Five musical videos produced by Harry Coin introduced mini speeches by our club leadership. The presentation lead off with a review of our programs from the past year and a telephone interview with Program Chair, Brian Kennedy.



The next video, “camaraderie in service” introduced International Service chair, Ann Kappeler. Video “Light hearted meetings” introduced Foundation Chair, S.K. Nanda. “Your fellow members” introduced membership chair, Greg Blaske. The video concluded with awards and fundraiser highlights introducing President Elect Nicole McWilliams who invited all prospective members to take the initiative to contact Board Members to explore our clubs possibilities. Please contact Past President Carolyn Leutwyler for copies of the heart warming program with speeches included.

Harry’s last newsletter was January 30, 2008 after a year on the job.



--Harry, the entire Bettendorf Rotary Club can’t thank you enough for all the time and efforts you have put into our newsletter this past year and for such a wonderful presentation you gave us.



I guess the Baton is handed to me now, I know I can not fill your shoes but I will certainly try. **“Thank You From Your Fellow ROTARIANS”**

