



The Bettendorf Rotary Club News
Guests Welcome at our next meeting, Wed., April 23, 2008
Noon at the Fortune Garden. Featuring:

John DeDoncker, The National Bank

Our own John DeDoncker will be the featured speaker on April 23. John and THE National Bank are 2nd year sponsors for the Bettendorf Rotary LobsterFest. Thanks to John, LobsterFest is our premier annual fundraising event.



John is no stranger to fund raising, and was among 2,100 participants in the Ford Ironman Triathlon in Tempe, Arizona. John raised money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, as part of the Janus Charity Challenge. This year DeDoncker was motivated by the knowledge that his close friend, Wally Hilgenberg (formerly with the Minnesota Vikings) has recently been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. The terminal illness is among 48 disorders supported by the MDA.

Wally Hilgenberg, a native of Wilton, Iowa, played football for the [University of Iowa Hawkeyes](#) before joining the Vikings of the National Football League. Hilgenberg played defense for 12 years during the 1960s and 1970s. He was a left-side linebacker who played behind the famed line known

as the "Purple People Eaters" and part of Vikings teams that competed in four Super Bowls. "This is a nasty, terrible disease," Hilgenberg remarked by telephone from his suburban Minneapolis home. "They have no idea of the cause or treatment. Hilgenberg relies on a wheelchair to get around. "In my situation, we just trust in the Lord and believe he's got a perfect plan for us. You have to make every day a good day, by faith and not by sight. "When he decided to do this event", Hilgenberg commented regarding John DeDoncker, "I felt really blessed, John is a good friend and a great guy".

DeDoncker worked out about 12 hours a week for months utilizing a customized triathlon training program. He spent hours on the bike, swam regularly at the YMCA in Bettendorf, and ran with his dog to prepare for the triathlon. The swim of 2.4 miles took one hour twenty minutes, the 112 mile bike segment took 6 hours 12 minutes, and the run of 26.2 miles took four hours 27 minutes. John says he will be avoiding all stairs as his quads hurt.

Wally Hilgenberg was thrilled to learn John raised over \$13,000 with donations still pouring in to THE National Bank. If you would like to help John DeDoncker, Wally Hilgenberg and MDA, please donate to this excellent cause. Checks should be made payable to the MDA and mailed to THE National Bank, attention John DeDoncker, P.O. Box 1030, Bettendorf, IA, 52722.

By Fred Anderson & Connie Mangler

Rotary News and Announcements



**President
Lisa Brown**

The meeting opened with the singing of
"God Bless America"
Lisa announced the resignation of Joe Urbantis. We are going to miss him.



**Scott Naumann
The News**



**Happy 86th Birthday
Chuck Mooney!**

Announcements:



**Frank Mitvalsky
LOBSTERFEST UPDATE**

Frank Mitvalsky is still smiling. Frank & Nicole presented great news! 'Lobsterfest' tickets sold to date are at 235. That is fantastic! We only have 65 more to sell and we still have two months left. This will be another **SOLD OUT EVENT!**

Need to know who has tickets #29 and tickets 84-86. Please turn in your payment for your tickets to Frank or Nicole at each Rotary meeting.



Gene Miller
Leading Rotary songs with Bernie Vogel at the piano.



**Sergeant-at-Arms
Jim Slavens**

Collected \$106 for our foundations plus \$86 from Chuck Mooney as a birthday contribution to Bettendorf Rotary foundation.



**Don Welvaert,
Mayor of Moline**

Thanks again to Mayor Don Welvaert of the City of Moline for his informative talk to our club. The Mayor made several very exciting points about on going building projects on the Illinois side of the river, and referenced the difference in property taxes between Iowa and Illinois. The Mayor took pride in commenting that Moline was becoming a quality place to live, and showed us examples of projects like the Chicago rail line, and plans for the Rock Island Arsenal.

Visiting Rotarians

Merle Anderson, North Scott, Ag. Marketing

Guest: Steve Nielsen with Duncan Cameron. **Steve is the new Bettendorf Library Director. Congratulations Steve!**

MISSING TODAY:

Adams, Atnip, Ball -15, Calabrese, Clow -2, Coley -2, Daugherty, Dobesh -12, Eikenberry -2, Ellstrom -6, Freemire, Hyder -15, James, Kappeler, Kinsley, Koehler, LeBeau, Legare, Loweth, Lucas -6, L. Miller -12, Perisho -15, Pieart, Rossmiller, Ryan, Selden, Sherrick, Snyder -15, Spelhaug, Spyrow -11, St. Laurent -12, Tunnicliff, Voigt -13, Worley -15.

Make Ups:

At today's committee meeting: Diane Ricketts-McCool, Lisa Brown, Greg Blaske, Harry Coin, Simon Bowe, Tom Ahlstrand, John DeDoncker, Joe Douglas, Dick Schillig, Gene Miller, Ron Essner, Mark Ross, Bob Gallagher, Brian Kennedy, Steve Habenick, Duncan Cameron, S. K. Nanda. Todd Larsen.



From Mr. Brian Kennedy, program chairman:

Upcoming Featured Speakers

- o 4/30: Jason Gordon, Safer Foundation
- o 5/07: Tom Coley, Scott Community College
- o 6/04: Ken Hopper, Director of the Quad City Air Show
- o 6/11: Decker Ploehn, Clair Petersen, John Deere Classic
- o 6/25 New Club President Induction

Please use this news!

Invite prospective new members who might appreciate our speakers.

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

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

