

*The Bettendorf Rotary Club News*  
**Oct 31, 2007. Guests Welcome at  
our next meeting, Weds., Nov. 7,  
Noon at the Fortune Garden**

Iowa State Senator  
**David Hartsuch, M.D.**



Before his election to the Iowa state Senate last year, Dr. Hartsuch worked for eight years as an emergency room physician. He earned his medical degree from the University of Minnesota, having previously earned a master's degree in computer science and a bachelor's in accounting from Northern Illinois University. Prior to his career in the senate and as a doctor, he worked for four years in public accounting.

In the Iowa senate, David is assigned to the Judiciary, Local Government and Veterans Affairs committees, and to the Administration and Regulation Appropriation subcommittee. He either sponsored or co-sponsored bills requiring voter identification at the polls, voter approval of tax increases, recurring support for state fairs, and tourism marketing; he supported a small business health care tax credit, a repeal of the inheritance tax, and special car license plates for veterans. He supports the death penalty for first-degree murder, kidnapping, repeatedly abusing a minor. He sponsored resolutions to honor Iowa naval aviator Eugene Ely, U.S. Attorney Matthew Whitaker, Iowa Auditor David Vaudt and 2007 Golf Masters' tournament winner Zach Johnson.

David is married to Christine, they have three children. Contact Senator Hartsuch at 563-823-8442, Email: [david.hartsuch@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:david.hartsuch@legis.state.ia.us) .

Senator Hartsuch participated in a June '07 Scott county conference on aging. There, Dr. Hartsuch noted that some days more than half the patients he sees are people with fall-related injuries. The most common fall injury among seniors are hip fractures, while other injuries may include cuts and bruises, tears, spinal cord injuries, brain injuries and severe dehydration, he said.

Dr. Hartsuch said there are several reasons why people fall, including loss of balance, loss of muscle control, lack of attention, passing out, and walking on slick spots or wet surfaces. "Are these preventable? I think they are postponable, at least," he said. "If we can postpone them two, three, six years, we have done a great thing." He said many people don't really like to talk about falling. They don't want to admit to growing older. "This is one time we really have to admit it, we have to talk about it," Dr. Hartsuch said.

## *Announcements:*

George Daugherty (right) presented the award:

### **“ROTARIAN OF THE QUARTER”**



### *To PROGRAM CHAIRMAN* **BRIAN KENNEDY**

The award committee, through George, especially appreciated Brian’s inspiration of the “Mayoral Series”, where nearby mayors presented their thoughts to the club. The membership gave Brian a well-earned and sustained round of applause for the excellent speakers Brian has arranged this past year. Well Done!

*Brian capitalized on his cresting popularity to fill in as Sergeant-at-arms, charming \$112 from the cheering mob without making a promise or presenting a program beyond a winning smile. That boy will go far in politics.*

- Nicole McWilliams announced the commencement of *Lobsterfest* Committee meetings, the first Thursday of the month at 8 am at the Bettendorf library.

*From Mr. Brian Kennedy,  
program chairman--*



### **Upcoming Featured Speakers**

- 11/14: Paul Rumler, Director of Community Economic Development, Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce, on QCA passenger rail service.
- 11/21: Holiday Music presented by the Bettendorf Schools I.
- 11/28: Aaron Roof, “The Voice of the Flames”, Director of Broadcasting and Media Relations, QC Flames
- 12/12: Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey.
- 12/19: Holiday Music presented by the Bettendorf Schools II.
- 12/26: No Meeting

**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, Oct 24, 2007,  
*the Fortune Garden.* Presiding:  
**President Lisa Brown**



**President Lisa opened the meeting** with ‘America the Beautiful’ accompanied by Bernie Vogel, who vaulted lunchroom atmosphere from the mundane clink of lunch cutlery well into the high realms of a cheery meeting of friends through his piano interpretations of ‘Autumn Leaves’, ‘Me and My Gal’ and other seasonal favorites.

President Lisa then asked for a moment of silent reflection for world peace and fellowship and for those the members noted including our troops overseas.



**Maestro Tom ‘Call Me Luciano’ Howard** led the Rotary Honor Chorus in ‘Shine on, Harvest Moon’, ‘Rotary Ideals’ and ‘My Old Kentucky Home’.

**Fred Anderson** was called front and center to present ‘The News’. Fred announced our Lora Adams was unexpectedly ‘called into a meeting’. *Not to be confused with our weekly Rotary meetings, evidently. File Under: ‘We like Fred, Fred likes us, but the camera likes Lora, and that’s a fact!’.*





From Nicole McWilliams:

## **Time is Running Out-Join us for Pottery Project Quad Cities!**

See your fellow Rotarians' creations on display! Local celebrities like Faye Clow and Marty Lucas have created one-of-a-kind pottery creations for this event. Business owners like Jim Russell and Larry Whitty have also jumped on board. Media personalities like Sharon DeRycke, Anthony Peoples, Bill Wundrum, and Matt Hammill have created pieces.

Are you a fan of Ralph Iaccarino's work? This is your chance to buy his one-of-a-kind creation. Oprah herself has also donated tickets for one of her shows, and a piece has been created in her name by a local artist.

You are cordially invited to join us for a truly unique event-Pottery Project Quad Cities! Over 100 local artists, celebrities and business owners have joined together to fight domestic violence in our community, and you can help in this fight! On Saturday November 10th, over 100 pottery projects, created just for this event at The Mad Potter, will be auctioned off, with all proceeds to benefit the Christian Care Domestic Violence Shelter. Your \$25 ticket includes appetizers, wine, beer, soft drinks, desserts, and a lot of fun! The silent auction begins at 4:00, and the live auction begins at 6:00. Situated in the lot between Biaggi's and The Mad Potter under a large heated tent, you are sure to enjoy an evening to remember!

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Nicole McWililams at (563) 650-0670, or by email to [nmcwilliams@pensioninc.com](mailto:nmcwilliams@pensioninc.com). Seating is limited, so get your tickets as soon as possible!

**Thanks for your consideration!**



**Chuck “Education offers freedom”  
Mooney, Secretary Reports:**

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Terry Westbrook, East Moline, Banking  
George McDoniel, Illinois Quad Cities,  
Disabled Children

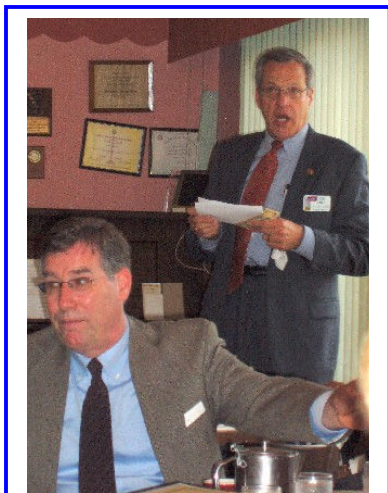
**Guests:**

Greg Gackle, Bettendorf Mayoral  
Candidate, guest of the club

**Rotary Meeting Make Ups:**

At today's committee meeting: Ralph Heninger, Tom Colely, Steve Habenicht, John DeDoncker, Decker Ploehn, Jim Spelhaug, Bob Gallagher, Joe Douglas, Duncan Cameron, Tom Ahlstrand, Faye Clow, Carolyn Leutwyler, Nicole McWilliams, Brian Kennedy, Ron Essner, David Death.

**Missing today:** Adams, Ball -11, Blaske -3, Bowe -10, Calabrese -3, Dobesh -2, Eikenberry, Ellstrom -3, Freemire, Hassel -3, Hyder -17, Ingleby -17, Kinsley, Koehler, LeBeau, Larsen, Loweth, Lucas, L.Miller, S.K. Nanda, Perisho -2, Ross, Rossmiller, Ryan -2, Schillig, Selden, Semenow, Sherrick -3, Snyder -3, Spyrow -15, St. Laurent, Tunnicliff, Voigt -7, Worley.



Rich James (right) enriched the club by \$10 to cheer the University of Northern Iowa’s football success! Undefeated and Ranked #1 UNI is the #1 playoff seed in the Gateway Conference.

Club Guest and mayoral candidate Greg Gackle (left) shares his reaction.

***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



Program Chairman Brian Kennedy introduced this week's speaker:

## Sister Joan Lescinski, CSJ, PhD, incoming President, St. Ambrose University.

Sister Joan Lescinski, CSJ, PhD, riding in the car toward her first days on the job as President of St. Ambrose, asked retiring President Ed Rogalski (who had driven to greet and accompany her to her new job) his shoe size. "14.5" he replied. Later, during her speech accepting the challenges of the Presidency of St. Ambrose Dr. Lescinski observed that not only was she not able to fill the shoes of her predecessor, but at 6.5" her shoes were not even half!

Dr. Lescinski graciously noted that even though the news came shortly after she took over that St.

Ambrose received the highest possible rating from the regional college accrediting committee, a 10 year unqualified accreditation, the intensive year-long preparatory groundwork to achieve such a result was entirely due to the St. Ambrose faculty and staff effort led during President Rogalski's tenure.

Sister Joan was selected as the 13th President of St. Ambrose University on Dec. 19, 2006. A native of Albany, New York, she is the first woman to lead the university in its 125-year history. Lescinski, who is also a noted scholar in English literature, took office in the summer of 2007, succeeding Dr. Edward Rogalski, who retired after 20 years as the university's president.

A recurring theme throughout the accounting she gave our Rotary club of her career in academic administration was that she successfully maintained her precondition for accepting administrative job opportunities – that she be allowed to teach at least a little bit notwithstanding the time demands of administrative leadership.

Sister Lescinski is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Council of Independent Colleges Presidents' Association, the Midwest Modern Language Association, and the Association for Religion and Intellectual Life. She has presented and published numerous papers and articles; has been an invited participant at the Oxford Roundtable and engaged in several consultations sponsored by the PEW Charitable Trusts; and currently serves on the board of trustees of the College of Saint Rose.

Among her personal pursuits Sister Lescinski enjoys gardening, painting and skydiving. Sr. Joan relayed that when told of her first skydive, her father, a paratrooper, was 'shocked and dismayed' that his otherwise apparently intelligent daughter didn't have the sense to remain within a perfectly unmolested and properly operating airplane!