



The Bettendorf Rotary Club News
**Oct. 22th, 2008. Guests Welcome at our next meeting, Wed.,
Oct. 29th, 2008 Noon at the Fortune Garden. Featuring:**

Mike Hammes, QC Community Healthcare

Our speaker this week will address the subject of healthcare in the Quad-Cities. Our speaker is uniquely qualified to speak to this important subject, as he is G. Michael Hammes, Chief Operating Officer of Quad-City Community Healthcare.

According to its Website, Mr. Hammes has been president of the John Deere Health Plans for the past eight years. With a total of more than 30 years' experience in health maintenance organizations (HMO's), Mr. Hammes has built a highly regarded career in HMO management and development, and will certainly be able to provide us with quality information on this critical subject..

Mr. Hammes is credited with leading the Deere Health Plan through a period of record growth and profit. In addition, his resume also includes management and strategic direction for Wisconsin based Family Health Systems. Mr. Hammes guided that organization through a successful sale of affiliated healthcare plans and assets. His background also includes leadership positions in several state and national organizations targeting healthcare.

Quad-City Community Healthcare's mission statement shows it specializes in meeting the needs of individuals and small employers with up to 50 employees. Locally owned and operated, it is well suited to serve the needs of individuals and companies through competitive pricing for top quality healthcare plans, and prides itself on personal attention from a locally staffed customer service group.

By Connie Mangler

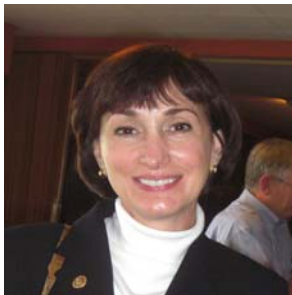
Rotary News and Announcements



**President Elect
David Dueth**

As is our usual habit, our meeting opened with the singing of "Star Spangled Banner", followed by several moments of silence for personal reflection. Please remember that "make-up meetings" are easily accomplished with 11 other Rotary Clubs in our area. Also please pause to remember Prominent RI Rotarians Walter Bingamon and William Mosenfelder who both passed away this month. If possible a note to their families would be greatly appreciated.

**Lora Adams
The News**



**Don Goering, Rotary
Foundation**

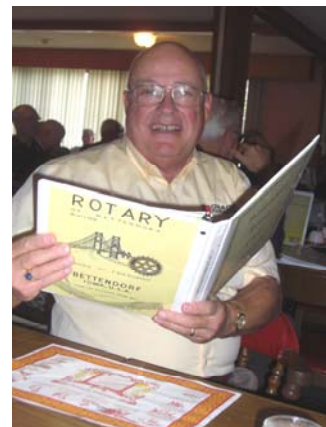
Last meeting our District 6000 Governor Don Goering was our guest speaker. Don is from Ames, Iowa and updated our club on the Rotary Foundation and its stated mission toward world peace. If you have the opportunity, take a look at the Rotary International Website for full details and exciting information about our worldwide efforts.

Don Goering also reminded the club that the Gates Foundation has offered to match all funds raised by Rotary for Polio Plus up to \$100,000.00 With an incentive like that we should all consider giving what we can to this outstanding Rotary program.



**Frank Mitvallysky
Sergeant-at-arms**

**Collected \$104 for our
foundations.**



Tom Howard
Leading Rotary songs
with Bernie Vogel
at the piano.



Additional News

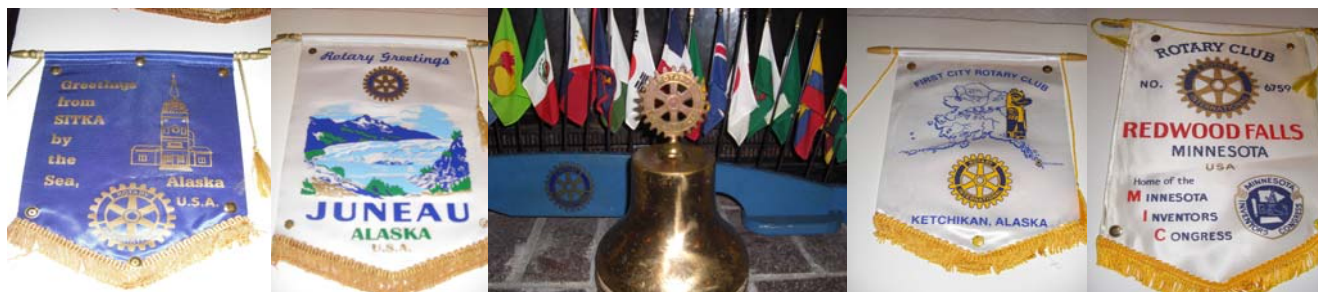
Carter LeBeau made a presentation of Rotary banners to our club.



President David provided a very nice introduction and pointed out that the banner exchange is a long standing tradition within Rotary. The banner exchange allows all Rotarians to visit any club anywhere in the world. Being welcomed as a visitor in any city or country you visit is a very pleasant experience and certainly the highlight of any trip or vacation.

Carter had the banners displayed on a presentation board for our members to view. Carter provided a brief "tid bit" for each banner. It just so happened that Carter was in Juneau, Alaska on the very day Sara Palin was selected as the GOP VP choice by John McCain. Other banners included Sitka, where the Club President is a banker, and Ketchikan. Three banners come from Minnesota, and in Redwood Falls Carter was the speaker for the meeting. Carter's lovely wife Kaye took a photo of each banner exchange. Carter remarked that Redwood Falls had the most beautiful military memorial he had seen outside of Washington D.C.. The last banner came from Park Rapids, which meets in a historic B&B building that Carter and Kaye just loved...."I would visit again just to see that building'

Thank you Carter for taking time from your travels to represent our club, and for the wonderful banners.



Visiting Rotarians & Guest

Tom Bylund, North Scott, City Administration Retired

MISSING TODAY

Atnip, Calabrese, G.Coin, Daugherty, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Downing, Eikenberry, Ellstrom -17, Essner, Felsing, Jahn -2, Kempton -17, Kennedy, Koos -7, Larsen, Link, Mangler, Nanda -2, Pelecky -5, Pieart, Ploehn, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Rossmiler -5, Richards, Selden, Sherrick -2, Spelhaug, St. Laurent -4, Swan -4, Tunnicliff, Worley -10.

Make Ups

Lora Adams at East Moline/Silvis
At today's 'Lobsterfest' meeting ..
Duncan Cameron, Linda Miller, Flo Spyrow, Rick Hartsock, Carl Loweth, David Deuth, Ann Kappeler, Nicole McWilliams, Donna Freese, Scott Naumann, Ken Vandernmick, Lora Adams, Simon Bowe, Bob Gallagher, Carolyn Leutwyler.



From Mr. Brian Kennedy, program chairman:

Upcoming Featured Speakers

- **Nov. 5th** Merle Anderson, Rotary Volunteers
- **Nov. 12th:** Tim Coffey, Iowa Public Radio
- **Nov. 19th** John DeDoncker, The National Bank

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

