



The Bettendorf Rotary Club News
**Sept. 24th, 2008. Guests Welcome at our next meeting, Wed.,
Oct. 8th, 2008 Noon at the Fortune Garden. Featuring:**

Jim Peterson, Rotary International Service Project in Xicopetec, Mexico

At our meeting Oct. 8, Jim Peterson, a member of the Iowa City A.M. Club, will provide an update on the six-year-old Rotary International Service Project in the central Mexican village of Xicotepec. Jim was the leader of the Discovery Grant team that first visited there in 2002.

Here's some background, from the Region 6000 Website: The project started in late 2001 with a Rotary Foundation Discovery Grant drafted by Ray Muston (Gov. 99-00) with help from Iowa State University officials Jerry Miller (College of Agriculture) and David Hansen (then director of a consortium of Big 12 universities involved in agricultural research and extension).

In February 2002 the Discovery Grant team went to Xicotepec to meet Rotarians there and learn more about their projects and the needs in the Xicotepec area.

The Discovery Grant team report submitted in the spring of 2002 served as the foundation for choosing projects undertaken by teams made up of Xicotepec Rotarians along with visiting youth and Rotarians. The wide range of projects that teams have undertaken has helped to transform not only the community of Xicotepec but also the team members themselves.

The joint efforts of D6000 and Xicotepec Rotarians have created bonds of friendship that transcend social, economic, religious, racial, age and cultural barriers and which embody Rotary's values and ideals. The intergenerational Xicotepec Project, still going and still growing, has touched the lives of many *norteamericanos* as well as *Xicotepenses* as it has involved Rotary and Rotary Foundation groups and programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange and TRF Matching Grants as well as students from Iowa's colleges and universities.

By Fred Anderson

Rotary News and Announcements



**President
Nicole McWilliams**

Nicole McWilliams reports that our club is beginning to receive requests for charitable funding. Most of the requests are a result of our success with Lobsterfest.

Please be reminded that we have contributed \$1630 to WQPT and need an additional \$1370 to achieve our promised goal. Dig deep and let's deliver on our promise?



**Fred Anderson
The News**



**Kelly Myers, New
Melleray Abbey,
Trappist Caskets**

Our speaker on the 24th was Kelly Myers of New Melleray Abbey, which is in the countryside south of Dubuque – has the answer: Trappist Caskets, believed to be the only wooden caskets made in the United States.

New Melleray – as you'll learn if you visit www.newmelleray.org – is a Cistercian (or Trappist) monastery, which supports itself by farming and making wooden caskets. The caskets and cremation urns are made of such woods as walnut, oak, maple and pine, and

“are understated in design, showing a preference for vintage, old-world joinery.” Some of the woods are grown on the monks' land around the monastery” said Kelly Myers.



**Jon Ryan
Sergeant-at-arms**

**Collected \$162 for our
foundations.**



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



Additional News

Our new member drive is going very well, and with the additions of Jeff Lanum, Jim Richards and Dennis Heinrich last week by Frank Mitvalsky.

Welcome to the Bettendorf Rotary Club!



*Frank also presented a check for \$500
to Rick St. Laurent for
hosting our 2008 Lobsterfest
at Rivermont Collegiate*

Rick we appreciate all you do!!



John Rabine wanted to remind all members that there is NO MEETING
October 1st, 2008.

Join us at Palmer Golf course for our Golf Outing/Steak
Fry/Auction.



Visiting Rotarians & Guest

Secretary Chuck Mooney introduced the visiting **Rotarians...**

John Slover, Rock Island, Attorney
Kerry Skinner, Davenport, Wealth Management, Richard Gibbs, Tulsa, OK. Pump Sales. **Guest....**

Peg Walker with Jon Ryan, Laura Gibson with Jon Ryan, Steve Goebel with Scott Tunnicliff, Rhonda Prellberg with Duncan Cameron and Donna Freese with Nicole McWilliams

MISSING TODAY

Atnip, Blaske, Brown, Cass, Calabrese, G. Coin, Coley -3, Deuth, Eikenberry -5, Ellstrom -13, Essner, Falk -3, Felsing, Gallagher, Habenicht, Haffernam, Hyder -13, Jahn, Kappeler -2, Kempton -13, Koos -3, Lagare, Loweth, Link -3, Nanda, Pelecky, Ploehn, Ricketts-McCool -4, Rossmiller, Selden, Sherrick -3, Voelliger -6, Worley -6.

Make Ups

Nicole McWilliams ?

At committee meetings today: Linda Miller, Rick Hartsock, Ralph Heninger, Laurie Dobesh, Jon Ryan, Joe Douglas, Frank Mitvalsky, Simon Bowe, Brian Kennedy, Steve Pieart, Lora Adams, John DeDoncker, Duncan Cameron, Flo Spyrow, Jim Spelhaug, Kevin Kraft Jeff Lanum Vivki Tvler



From Mr. Brian Kennedy, program chairman:

Upcoming Featured Speakers

- **Oct. 15th:** U.S. Senator Charles Grassley
- **Oct. 22nd:** Doug Goering, Rotary Foundation
- **Nov. 5th** Merle Anderson, Rotary Volunteers

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

