



The Bettendorf Rotary Club News
Guests Welcome at our next meeting, Wed., April 30, 2008
Noon at the Fortune Garden. Featuring:

Jason Gordon, Safer Foundation

At our April 30 meeting, Jason Gordon (Development Specialist) with the Safer Foundation office in Davenport, will provide us an update on the organization. Since their goal is to assist formerly incarcerated individuals re-enter their communities, it should be very interesting presentation.

Safer has a 30 year history helping reduce recidivism, and assists in finding employment and securing social services for individuals with a criminal record. Foundation President, B. Diane Williams, recently commented..... "Over thirty years ago two people recognized that individuals leaving prison faced a stigma that made finding employment difficult. Yet they desperately needed jobs if they were going to turn their lives around and support their families. And so the Safer Foundation was founded."

The United States leads the world with its incarceration rate, there are approximately one million men and women behind bars. On a positive note, ninety-eight percent of those individuals will return home, and through the efforts of organizations like Safer secure a job and become productive members of the community.

Williams further commented "What has never changed is the Safer Foundation's purpose in terms of who we serve, and what we offer. We have known all along that if you want safer communities, you need organizations like the Safer Foundation. It is gratifying that reentry is now recognized as an important issue that has captured our nation's attention and support."

By Fred Anderson

Rotary News and Announcements



**President
Lisa Brown**

The meeting opened with the singing of
"This Is My Country"
with moments of reflection.



**Scott Naumann
The News**



Chuck Mooney
Introduced the visiting Rotarians and guest

Announcements:



Frank Mitvalsky
LOBSTERFEST UPDATE

AND HE'S STILL SMILING

To date we have sold 249 tickets to Lobsterfest with only 51 remaining for a **SELL OUT**. Good job to everone! Scott Naumann showed us the Lobster Thermeter, and one goal is well with in sight, should be another huge success.



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



**Sergeant-at-Arms
John DeDoncker**
Collected \$106 for our foundations



**John DeDoncker,
The National Bank**

John DeDoncker gave an excellent presentation discussing how involved The NATIONAL Bank is in our community, and touched on the various organizations the bank supports. The Bettendorf based bank was formed in 2001 and has 24 branches to serve its customers John and The NATIONAL Bank have been true to the promise to support Lobsterfest, so let's all support ..

The National Bank

Visiting Rotarians

Terry Westbrook -- Banking -- East Moline
Leanne Shaw -- Moline -- Banking

Guest: Peg Walker with Jon Ryan
Janice Leabo with Mark Ross
Kevin Ketelsen with Dick Schillig

MISSING TODAY:

Adams -2, Ahlstrand, Ball -16, Blaske, Bowe,
Chambers, Clow -3, Coley -3, Daugherty -2,
Deuth, Dobesh -12, Douglas, Eikenberry -3,
Ellstrom -7, Falk, Freemire -2, Heninger, Hyder
-16, Kennedy, Kowhler -2, LeBeau -2, Legare -
2, Loweth -2, Lucas -7, McWilliams, L.Miller -
3, Pelecky, Perisho -16, Rossmiller -2, Selden -2,
Snyder -16, Spyrow -12, St. Laurent -13,
Tunncliff, Voigt -14, Worley -16.

Make Ups:

Duncan Cameron, North Scott, Linda Miller,
North Scott
At today's committee meeting - Tony Calabrese,
Ron Essner, Jon Ryan, Steve Piart, Jerry
Felsing, Duncan Cameron, Rich James, John
DeDoncker, Decker Ploehn, Diane Ricketts-
McCool, Carolly Leutwyler, Todd Larsen, Lisa
Brown, S.K. Nanda, Steve Habenicht, Ann
Kappeler, Jim Spelhaug.



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

**Upcoming Featured
Speakers**

- 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

