



The Bettendorf Rotary Club News

**Sept. 17th, 2008. Guests Welcome at our next meeting, Wed.,
Sept. 24th, 2008 Noon at the Fortune Garden. Featuring:**

Kelly Myers, New Melleray Abbey, Trappist Caskets

The Chicago woman's 97-year-old mother had said she wanted to be buried in a simple wooden casket. "Where am I going to get one?" the woman asked. This week's speaker at Bettendorf Rotary – 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.

Currently, about 30 monks live, work and pray at the abbey. The monks are Catholics, "professing the Rule of St. Benedict in the spirit of the founders of Citeaux, as handed on in the tradition of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance, within a community wholly orientated to a contemplative life of prayer," the Website says.

Trappist Caskets is a work of the monks and they consider casket-making is an extension of their sacred work. "Each Trappist Casket reflects the values of the men who made it; integrity, simplicity, and reverence for nature," the site says.

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.

New Melleray Abbey was founded in 1849 by the monks of Mt. Melleray Abbey of Ireland during the time of the Great Potato Famine in Ireland.

"Our work at Trappist Caskets provides us with both meaningful work and vital financial support," the monks' site says. "Quite often, Trappist Caskets is mentioned in the news, which led to the story of the woman's request for a casket. The story was published in The Wall Street Journal in 2003:

By Fred Anderson

Rotary News and Announcements



**President Elect
David Dueth**

The meeting opened with the singing of "God Bless America" and was followed by a few moments for reflection.

Dave pointed that we not meet our WQPT challenge and that was very disappointing. We ask that each of you dig deep and contribute a donation to show Rotary supports the cause?



**Fred Anderson
The News**



**Dave Deuth, Rotary
Club Website**

Dave Deuth discussed our website, explained how it operates, and how to best utilize the information and resource.

Please explore and navigate through our web site

www.bettendorfrotary.com

The web site gives you a wide scope of information, such as the directory of members, upcoming events, links to Rotary International, District 6000, Board members. Also, If you have any changes to your profile click on "Website coordinator" to alert Dave of any changes he needs to make.



**Ben Selden
Sergeant-at-arms**

**Collected \$178 for our
foundations.**



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



Additional News



John Rabine & Scott Naumann put on a little skit to bring some Irish excitement to the golf tournament.

Remember that all members that are not signed up to play golf get to eat **free!**

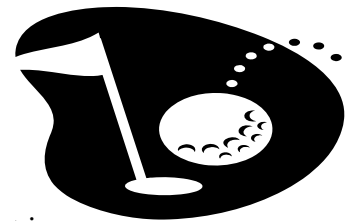


Our Golf Outing/Steak Fry will be at Palmer Hills on Wednesday, October 1, 2008.

Please remember there will be NO meeting that Wednesday NOON.

For members who wish to golf and have dinner it's \$40 a person and non-members it's \$50.

Have a guest join you for dinner and the charge is only \$10 and that is a terrific bargain!



What an excellent way to inspire them to join our club!



S.K. Nanda & Dave Dueth inducted Tim Lofgren & Laurie Jahn into our club.



Tim and Laurie – welcome to the Bettendorf Rotary Club!



Visiting Rotarians & Guest

John Slofer, Rock Island, Attorney
Leanne Shaw, Moline, Banking
Jim Smith, North Scott, Pipe Trades
Instruction

Guest: Tim Doty with Ken Vandersnick
John & Jill Vogel with Bernie Vogel
Jim Richards with Duncan Cameron

MISSING TODAY

Adams-2, Bowe -4, Chambers, Coley -2,
Dobesh, Eikenberry -4, Ellstrom -12, Falk -2,
Hyder -12, Kappeler, Kempton -12 Koos -2,
Kraft, Lanum, Link -2, McWilliams, Pieart -2,
Ploehn, Ricketts-McCool -3, Riportella -4,
Ryan, Sherrick -2, Spyrow, St. Laurent -11,
Tyler, Voelliger -5, Worlely -5

Make Ups

John DeDoncker ?
Carter LeBeau at Red Oak Falls, Minnesota &
Park Rapids, Minnesota

At today's committee meetings .. Linda
Miller, Bob Gallagher, Jim Legare, Karen
Atnip, S.K.Nanda, Lisa Brown, Joe Douglas,
Tony Calabrese, Mike Freemire, David Deuth,
Mark Ross, Ralph Heninger, Duncan
Cameron, Tim Lofgren, Fred Anderson, Frank
Mitvalsky.



*From Mr. Brian Kennedy,
program chairman:*

Upcoming Featured Speakers

- **Oct. 8th:** Jim Peterson,
Rotary International Service
Project in Xicopetec,
Mexico
- **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

