



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Oct. 16, 2013, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013, at
Ridgecrest Village, Davenport

Looking inside Alcoa \$300M expansion

Alcoa's \$300 million investment in its Davenport Works was recognized in 2012 by *Trade & Industry Development* magazine with a Corporate Investment and Community Impact Award.

At the time the award was announced, **Rob Woodall**, the Davenport Works director of manufacturing – and the featured speaker at our Oct. 23 meeting, said, "The use of aluminum by car makers is going to nearly double in the next 10 years and this is a strategic investment to capture that growth."

Alcoa was a winner in the corporate investment division of the magazine's awards for its Davenport Works expansion project, which will result in 150 new jobs, the retention of 200 existing jobs and 150 temporary construction jobs.

The expansion will house a new state-of-the-art heat treatment line and a patented chemical treatment process that Alcoa has developed to improve adhesive bonding for vehicle assemblies.

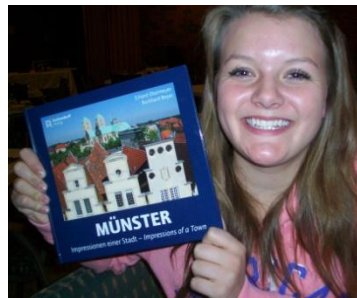
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Honoring Chuck; learning about PAX

Bettendorf Rotary took a "field trip" Oct. 16 to Ridgecrest Village in Davenport to honor **Chuck Mooney**, the club secretary 1957-2013 – and to hear about the experiences of **Anna Mohring**, an



exchange student from Münster, Germany, who is a sophomore at Sherrard High

School. The program was introduced by **Amber Castro**, who serves as the Quad-City community coordinator of the Program of Academic Exchange (PAX),



Anna Mohring and her U.S. 'Mom,' Kim Dorsey of Sherrard, Ill.

which brings about 1,100 students, ages 15-18, from some 70 countries to the U.S. to attend high school and live with a host family for a year.

“It’s been a great experience,” Anna said, to practice her English (which she has studied for seven years) and to learn more about American culture. As a result, since arriving in the U.S. this summer and traveling from New York City to Sherrard, where she lives with her host family – **Kim Dorsey**, her husband and daughter – she has become “more confident” in both the language and culture, she said.

After recounting the process of applying for the PAX program, and traveling from Germany to the U.S., Anna described some of the differences between life and school in the two countries:

In German high school, she said, “There are no extra-curricular activities – just studies.” To learn how to play a musical instrument (she plays violin) or to participate in sports, or other pastimes, she enrolls in programs offered by her city of about 300,000 in northwest Germany.

“I like school spirit,” from games played between schools, such as volleyball on Thursday evenings and football on Fridays, she commented. “I wish we had that in Germany.”

To learn more about PAX – and perhaps hosting a future exchange student – contact Amber (563-210-3988 / amber@knilansfurniture.com) or visit www.pax.org.

Presentations...

→ **Special recognition to Chuck: President Chelsea**, saying, “A mere thank you is not adequate,” praised **Chuck Mooney** for his 56 years of Service above Self as Club Secretary – “the backbone of the club” – and presented him with a Founding Member Award.



→ **Exchange banner: Ken Vandersnick**, just back from his fall leaf-peeper tour of New England, presented a banner from the Rotary Club of East Hartford, Conn.

Announcement...

➔ Thanks for today's meeting:

President **Chelsea** gave special thanks to **Scott Naumann** for coordinating all the details for today's special "take the meeting to Chuck" at Ridgcrest Village.



The meeting opened...

President **Chelsea Powers** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard** led the singing of the day's patriotic song, "God Bless America," with piano accompaniment by Ridgcrest resident **Wilma Nichol** – who greeted members



as they arrived with a medley of grand old songs. During Moments of Reflection, we learned that **George Daugherty's** Mom, 91, underwent surgery; **John Rabine's** daughter is improving after kidney-transplant surgery, and **Bill Daley's** brother has entered leukemia treatment at University

of Iowa Hospitals. After introductions, Tom & Wilma teamed for a sing-along: "R-O-T-A-R-Y," "Smile – Sing a Song" and "Rotary Town."

With Secretary Johanna Smith still on maternity leave, Lee Semenow introduced:

Visiting Rotarian:

Arno Holmgrain, Civil Engineer: Rock Island

Guest:

Lauren Kraft, Los Angeles, with her father, **Kevin Kraft**

Jon Ryan

Happy \$\$...

(Named in honor of the late Bettendorf Rotarian, punster, jokester and all-around good guy)



President Chelsea

collected \$231 from the assembled throng, especially: **John Rabine** – "this is a wonderful thing (bringing the meeting to **Chuck Mooney**)" ... **Glenn Kass** – distributed dictionaries to a 4th-grade class today... **Kristine Stone** – "My 6-month probation (as city attorney) is over" ... **George Daugherty** – 6 days with the grand-kids... **Ken Vandersnick** – just back from a wonderful New England trip, including a search in Bah



Harboh for Larry the Lobsterman... **Dr. Tom Olson** – a "check for \$39 (wink, wink) for his birthday" + the honor of caring for **Chuck and Eleanor's** teeth for 30 years... **Kevin Kraft** – happy his daughter is home + happy to honor Chuck... **Dave Deuth** – joining in

honoring Chuck + thanks for all of Chuck's help during his presidency... **Scott Naumann** – thanks to Eleanor, too... **Tom Howard** – thanks to Chuck from the oldest president.

Other BRC news...



During the past week, members of BRC fanned out to all of the 4th-grade classrooms in the Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley Community School Systems, and each of the private schools, to present a personal dictionary to each student. The BRC Phantom Photographer caught up with **Chris Glass** as he handed out books to the students at Mark Twain School.



Surprise guests at the Oct. 16 meeting: **Johanna** and little **Julianna Smith**:

Make-ups...

Dick Schillig (Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., Daybreak Club)
 Ken Vandersnick (Rotary Club of East Hartford, Conn.).
 Chris Glass (Rotary Training Seminar in West Liberty)

Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club
 Monday, noon: Moline – Christ the King Catholic Church
 Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Arbor Village Club House, Moline
 Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapid City
 Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center
Wednesday, noon: Bettendorf – Fortune Garden Restaurant
 Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi's Restaurant, Davenport
 Thursday, 7 a.m.: Iowa Quad Cities – The Lodge, Bettendorf
 Thursday, noon: East Moline – Christ United Methodist Church
 Thursday, noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country Club
 Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260.
Oct. 23: Rob Woodall, ALCOA director of manufacturing
Oct. 30: Our own **Tony Calabrese** and new CEO of the YMCA
Nov. 6: **Mariannette Miller-Meeks**, director, Iowa Department of Public Health: Affordable Health Care and the status of public health

News staff...

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