



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
March 9, 2016, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at
Tanglewood Pavilion

**A visit to ancient Egypt's
favorite... at the 'Tutnam'**

The "largest, most expensive and longest displayed traveling exhibit" in the history of Davenport's Putnam Museum and Science Center opened March 5, and **Kim Findley**, the museum's president and CEO, will tell us all about it at our March 16 meeting.



"The Discovery of King Tut" (which has earned the museum the temporary nickname "Tutnam") "recreates one of the greatest archaeological finds of the 20th century," according to its Website. The exhibit features more than 1,000 expertly crafted reproductions of treasures discovered in 1922 in Tutankhamun's tomb. The 10,000 sq. ft. exhibit uniquely explores the tomb and contents as they were at the moment of their discovery; no other museum, including the Egyptian National Museum in Cairo, which houses the original artifacts, takes this approach. The King Tut exhibit runs through Sept. 5. The Putnam is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. For ticket information visit www.putnam.org

Last meeting:
Wednesday, March 9, 2016



**Economy rosier
than recently**

In presenting his annual economic roundup and forecast at the March 9 meeting, **John DeDoncker**, Triumph Community Bank, described a rosier picture than any in his previous presentations.

While describing growth as continued slow with Gross Domestic Product estimated at 2.4% in 2015, he termed consumer spending – about three-fourths of GDP – as "robust" with the Consumer Price Index feeling "very little inflationary pressure." The CPI inched up 0.2% in January, he said, but when food and gasoline were removed from its calculation it was closer to 2.5%.

Since the Federal Reserve likes an inflation rate below 2%, John said, there

could be another rate adjustment this year. However, he continued, since the Fed hiked the prime rate by 0.25% late in 2015, the stock market has plunged and the rest of the world's economies are not as healthy as the U.S. – which could delay further interest-rate hikes awhile.

The employment picture looks good, John said, with unemployment standing at 5%. Part-time employment and under-employment still are too high, he said, but the addition of more than 800,000 jobs in the last year and a small rise in wages for the first time since 2009 help spur optimism. Iowa unemployment stands at 3.4%, while the comparable rate in Illinois is at 5.9%, he reported.

In general, John said “the economy is going to keep getting better” – with housing starts and consumer confidence showing promising numbers – but manufacturing still contracting. He attributed some of that trend to the slumping world economy, and the relative strength of the dollar – both of which hinder U.S. trade income.

In summary, John predicted:

- GDP up 2%
- CPI at 1.25%
- Prime rate at 3.75%
- 10-year bond rate at 2.3%
- Unemployment still at 5%
- New housing at 1.2 million starts
- Dow-Jones Average about 17250
- ”And the Cubs will win the World Series,” he smiled.

BRC kicks off 10th annual LobsterFest; Triumph, Abbey top sponsors

President Kevin Kraft announced the kick-off of Bettendorf Rotary's 10th annual LobsterFest with the event leaders



– Co-Chairs **Kristine Stone** and **Ann Kappelar** with **Johanna Smith** – and \$23,500 in sponsorships already in place.

Triumph Community Bank, a repeat presenting sponsor, thanks to **John DeDoncker**, and new presenting sponsor **Bill Daley**'s Abbey Carpet Gallery head the list of 31 sponsors already committed on the first day.



During the meeting, **Dr. Tom Olson** Dentistry and Edward Jones Investments (**Tim Lane**) also committed to sponsorship.



The full list of sponsors:
CO-PRESENTING
Triumph Community Bank (**DeDoncker**)
Abbey Carpet Gallery (**Daley**)

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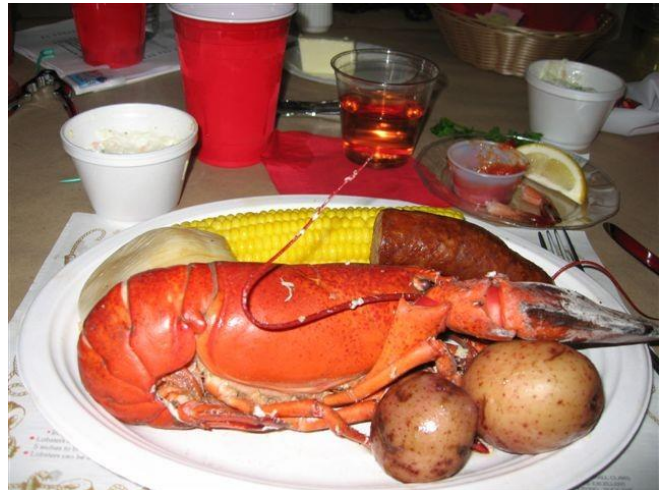
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Dr. Thomas Olson Dentistry
Tri-City Electric
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Results Marketing (**Ashby**)



Apparently to attract more sponsors, Kris Stone announced that President Kevin in a burst of enthusiasm had committed to chairing a weekly meeting in a full lobster suit if sponsorship totals exceed last year's.

Getting down to business, Co-Chairs Kris and Johanna said chairs of individual committees are needed. They also announced a number of tantalizing silent- and live-auction items have already been secured.

The overall steering committee will meet at 11 a.m. next Wednesday. All members who want to volunteer to work in the event are invited.

Announcements...

→ **We're growing:** **Jim Slavens**, just back from vacation and full of enthusiasm, announced that BRC has 107 members now – and a goal of 115 this year. He urged members to search out new-member candidates “with honesty, integrity and reliability,” and call him with their names and recruitment ideas.



Jon Ryan
Happy \$\$...
(Named in honor of the late Bettendorf Rotarian, punster, jokester and all-around good guy)

President Kevin Kraft collected \$283 – with special amounts from:

Brent Werner – second daughter was just born... **Brittney Hopkins** – bought her first house... **Ami Wells** – just back from (tan-producing) Caribbean vacation + daughter, at UNI, headed for NCAA tournament + “Booker Bear” program at Bettendorf Public Library saw participation by 572 Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley first-grade readers... **Glenn Dugan** – \$60 for his birthday of the same number (“no rounded-up numbers”)... **Dave Chambers** – grandson won state the debate championship... **Jennifer Naeve** – 26th



annual plant sale to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters program: she passed out order forms for the sale, or you can order online at www.bbbsmv.org/

[plant](#) – order deadline is Monday, April 18 + Ascentra Credit Union is now the presenting sponsor of Run with Carl

... races on Labor Day... **Craig Windmiller** – took his grandson, 6, out of school to go hunting with grandpa... **Dave Deuth** – wife Linda, a teacher, handed out Booker Bear books.

The meeting opened...



President Kevin called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, unaccompanied, led the singing of “America (“My Country, 'Tis of Thee”).” President Kevin led the

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and presided over the Moment of Silence. Tom then led the singing of “R-O-T-A-R-Y” and “Get Together Song.”

Secretary Johanna Smith reported...

Guests:

None at today's meeting

55 Bettendorf Rotarians attended.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Dave Deuth** won a Happy to Have a Make-up in the drawing from among all those members who participated in *Jon Ryan Happy \$\$*.

Missing today...

Bennett, Blaske, Carroll, Coin, H., Coin, G., Dobesh, Duda, Eikenberry, Falk, Featherstone, Foster, Gallagher Sr., Gause, Habenicht, Hassel, Hurd, James, Kappeler, Kraus, Larsen, Loweth, Mannix, Martinez, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Morrison, Naumann, Nelson, Oswald, Paplinski, Pieart, Ploehn, Powers, Rabine, Rivera, Ross, Saul, Schillig, Schmit, Schneden, Schuler, Schwab, Scranton, Spelhaug, Stopulos, Webster, Willsher, Worner

Make-ups...

Board of Directors Meeting: Kraft, Schuler, Bell, Daley, Lane, Dobesh, Spelhaug, Slavens, Sarver and Smith



Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club
Monday, noon: Moline –Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline
Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Club Room, HyVee, 7th Street & John Deere Road, Moline
Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City
Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center
Wednesday, noon: Bettendorf – Tanglewood Pavilion
Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi’s Restaurant, Davenport
Thursday, 7 a.m.: Iowa Quad Cities – J-Bar, Elmore Avenue, Davenport
Thursday, noon: East Moline – Christ United Methodist Church
Thursday, noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country Club
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.: Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours – Bierstube, Moline
Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:



March 16: Kim Findley, director, Putnam Museum: King Tut Exhibit
March 23: Dr. Mark Dyken, director, Sleep Disorders Clinic,

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
March 30: Mary Schmidt, president, Family Resources

BRC News staff...

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