



**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**  
**District 6000**



**Loring Miller**  
**District Governor 2015-16**

**MINUTES**

District 6000 Board of Directors  
Tuesday, October 13, 2015  
District 6000 Office, Pella, Iowa

**PRESENT:** DG Loring Miller (chair); John Ockenfels, Gov. 14-15; Jacque Andrew, Gov. 13-14 (secretary); Terry Geiger, Gov. 12-13; Don Patterson, Gov. 11-12; Gary Welch, Gov. 10-11; Chris Knapp, Gov. 16-17; Mike Ruby, Gov. 17-18 and Bill Tubbs, Gov. 04-05 (ex-officio); and Carolyn Scharff, Administrator (ex-officio.) Matt Corwin (District CPA) was also present for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chair DG Loring at 4:20 pm. A quorum was present.

**AGENDA:** The agenda was presented by Miller and on vote of a motion from Geiger and second by Andrew it was approved.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Knapp and second from Ruby to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, May 26, 2015 meeting. Passed.

**BUDGET and  
FINANCE:**

As chair of the Budget and Finance committee, PDG Geiger brought the report of the B and F committee. Actions of the committee at the B and F meeting held immediately prior (attended by all) were accepted and approved. The annual review of District CPA Matt Corwin was presented. It was moved by Geiger and seconded by Patterson that the annual review be accepted.

DGE Knapp presented his preliminary budget for 2016-2017. The budget was discussed but no action was taken and it will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting in December.

Discussion was held regarding unrestricted net assets. District unrestricted net assets may be available to HEF for possible building use. DGE Knapp will draft by-laws changes to allow use of unrestricted net assets and present to the board.

**IPDG REPORT:** IPDG Ockenfels reported on the awards District 6000. District 6000 received third in Annual Fund Giving at \$407,966; one of the Polio Champions awards for 20% of DDF to PolioPlus; and the only Peace Builder District Award in the Zone 28-29 pair utilizing \$50,000 in DDF in 2013-2014 to meet the two year (25,000 each year) commitment for support of the Peace scholar program.

**DGN REPORT:** DGN Mike Ruby reported early as he had to leave the meeting early. He presented preliminary ideas for the 2018 District Conference for consideration and feedback from the board. He will be seeking input from others in the district also.

**DG REPORT:** 55 club visits completed as of today.  
DRFC Geiger noted that \$110,106.55 has been authorized for Community Service Grants for 19 grants plus the district "coats" grant (10 clubs are participating in that.) Under Global Grants, Geiger also noted that \$33,647.01 was received in SHARE earnings. This is the second year for global scholar Dylan Clark.

Public Image Chair Andrew reported that there is a new section on the District website about PI. RIP Ravi requested media reports from districts about PI. These reports are being collected from clubs.

DG Loring presented a possible plan for the use of Rotary Foundation recognition points to achieve various goals during the 2015-16 year. The following plan was approved by the board following a motion by Geiger and a second by Ockenfels:

The recognition points could be given as follows:

1. 500 points for a member becoming a new TRF benefactor
2. 500 points for a new Paul Harris Society Member
3. 500 to the club for sending a President Elect to an International Convention
4. 500 points for becoming a new 100% EREY club member contributor to the Annual Fund
5. 1000 points for becoming a 100% Sustaining Member club (at least \$100/mbr to AF)

DG Loring reported that there were 148 total attendees at the One Rotary Summits held in West Des Moines and West Liberty.

Geiger reported on the Foundation Banquet coming up on Nov. 7 at the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines. As a special Polio fundraiser, balloons are being sold for \$20.18 (the expected year of the end of polio) to release from Johnny's Italian Steak House. Chairman of The Rotary Foundation board of trustees Ray Klinginsmith will be the featured speaker. PDG Jon Stillman, member of the International PolioPlus committee, will also bring an update. Amanda Runge, RI staff, will also attend.

DG Loring reported on the planning of the 2016 District Conference to be held March 31, April 1 and 2 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. Included in the speakers are keynotes by Ann Lee Hussey, polio survivor, Rotarian leader of many NIDs and Dr. Tory Paino, president of Truman State University who will speak about the millennial generation and making Rotary appealing to that age group.

Geiger reported on the Rotary Leadership Institute. Session 1 scheduled for Oct. 24 in West Des Moines is filled. Facilitators training to be held on Oct. 23 in West Des Moines. Sessions 1 and 2 will be held Feb. 27 at the Coralville Library. Several couples from the District are taking the RLI cruise in December.

Under project reports, IPDG Ockenfels reported that there were more than 9,000 coats being distributed this fall thanks to District 6000 Rotary clubs. The most recent coats report is attached.

DG Loring reported the Ponseti clubfoot brace account now has \$2,155. All donations should be directed to the D6000 HEF account, sent to Chet Redman in Leon. The funds will be made available for the University of Iowa Ponseti training physicians to distribute where needed.

DG Loring is meeting with the Mayor of Des Moines about the city's participation in the Jefferson Highway project.

Ockenfels presented a thorough Iowa MOST report prepared by Deb Dunkhase, project co-chair. It is attached to these minutes. The Xicotepec fall trip is underway soon to determine projects for next spring's mission.

DGE Knapp reported that more than 40 clubs have reported presidents-elect to Carolyn. The registration link will go live on the NCPETS website soon.

District administrator Carolyn Scharff reminded the board of the need to address the repair of the PDG plaque listing all PDGs of D6000. PDG Bill Tubbs will take the plaque and investigate its repair. The plaque has reached its capacity with Ockenfels 2014-15 year and needs to be expanded to

accommodate the names of future governors.

**NEXT MEETING:**

A change had to be made in the District schedule and the next meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will be Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015 at 1 p.m.; and future meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 9 and Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 2 pm unless changes are needed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Geiger and second by Knapp, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacquie Andrew", is written in blue ink on a light-colored rectangular background.

Jacquie Andrew, Gov. 13-14

## OPERATION WARM UPDATE OCTOBER 13, 2015

District notes for 2015

**Approximately 8,875** coats were ordered for Delivery this week to Iowa City and Des Moines for local distributions.

Waterloo club from Dist 5970 has been involved in the past and joined us this year to help reduce the cost of their coats through our discounts. They ordered 936 Coats which they will pick up in Iowa City.

**District 6000 ordered 7939** coats at an approximate average cost of \$14.50 each (Variable due to price blending)

- 10 District Community Service Grants were applied for -- totaling \$35,610

18 clubs partnered on the grants in order to take advantage of the Rotary Foundation matching process (included in the total Grant request)

Last year's District grant was for \$27,122.00 with 18 clubs participating in it.

The total # of coats committed for the district was over 9,200

- 44 District 6000 clubs overall participated in the Operation Warm project.
- The Ockenfels Family foundation worked with the Bettendorf Rotary Club this year because we have 2 family members living in the Davenport area.

We will distribute Coats from the Summit Products warehouse in Altoona on Friday evening and SATURDAY the 17 (this weekend). Deb will lead the crew in Altoona

We will also distribute at the same time from the FAMSCO warehouse in Coralville. Kristin will lead the Crew in Coralville.

(I will be at the RLI Training program in Omaha)

If anyone can assist with the distribution and loading of cars and trucks at either location please call Deb at 319 321 4601

## **Iowa MOST (Miles Of Smiles Team) update**

### **From Deb Dunkhase – Co-Chair 2015-2016**

**Iowa MOST dramatically changes the lives of Guatemalan children born with cleft deformities that cause them serious health problems and keep them ostracized by their communities, often not even allowed to attend school.**

**The surgeries performed by Iowa MOST make it possible for children to eat and drink, speak articulately, and lead a happy healthy life as every child should.**

**Due to the extreme poverty rate in Guatemala, families cannot afford these surgeries without Rotary's help.**

#### **Iowa MOST update:**

- **After 10 years of exemplary project leadership, Gary Pacha has stepped down from his role as Project Leader.** As a tribute to his years of service, a children's library (75 books) has been established at the Guatemalan hospital where surgeries are performed. Iowa City AM Rotarian, Deb Dunkhase, has become the Project Leader.
- **Gary & Nancy Pacha and Deb Dunkhase traveled to Guatemala in August 2015** to spend five days with the Huehuetenango Rotary Club with the intent to continue building relationships with the Guatemalan Rotarians to strengthen Iowa MOST and the service that we do in Guatemala.
- **Results of that reconnaissance trip include:**
  - 1) The transition in project leadership is going very smoothly
  - 2) Guatemalan Rotarians are deeply committed to Iowa MOST and have identified ways they can support the 2016 Mission
    - a) Increased recruitment of cleft patients
    - b) Assistance with transportation of cleft patients and their families to Huehuetenango from the very poor highland communities
    - c) Providing food and shelter for cleft patients during the screening and hospitalization
    - d) General support for Iowa MOST team
  - 3) A fundraising benefit concert will be held in Huehuetenango during the Iowa MOST mission to raise funds to help the Huehue Rotary club pay the expenses associated with our mission. The concert will be performed in a historical performance hall by well-known Guatemalan marimba players and a cellist who is a Colorado Rotarian and Iowa MOST volunteer. The music for the concert is being composed by a former cleft patient's grandfather.
  - 4) The Huehue Rotary club has asked Iowa MOST to add cataract surgery to our medical mission as cataracts are a very serious problem in Guatemala. Gary Pacha and Dr. John Canady

are diligently working to find a surgeon who would commit to the 2016 mission. Dr. Carlos with the Huehue Rotary Club performs these surgeries in Guatemala and cannot keep up with the need. He's arranged for a Canadian medical group to be in Huehue in January 2016 to do all the cataract screenings and simple eye exams and fittings for eye glasses. Our mission would follow these screenings with the cataract surgeries in Feb, IF we can find a surgeon to join Iowa MOST.

5) The Huehue Rotarians work with several remote highland mountain communities of people living in extreme poverty to help build schools, provide clean water and sanitation, and provide simple health care. Iowa MOST will be involved with those projects by visiting these communities in our 2016 mission providing:

- a) dental education, fluoride treatments and simple dental exams working with Huehue Rotarian and dentist Rita Morales
- b) simple health checks
- c) supporting schools with school supplies and books
- d) building relationships with the community residents by spending time reading to children, playing games, and sharing a simple meal

- **The 2016 Mission is set for February 4-14 and is composed of 41 people** (20% of whom are Rotarians including 2017 District Governor Chris Knapp and his wife Vernetta)

Team Includes: **31 medical professionals, 10 non-medical volunteers** (4 from Johnson & Johnson)

- **Each mission screens approximately 55 to 100 children.** Many of the children are not healthy enough to receive the surgery due to malnutrition. Others have had surgeries performed by other missions where the surgeries haven't been successful and left the child with serious problems that can't be repaired by our surgical team.

- **Each mission performs surgeries on 40 to 80 children.** The surgery is a 1.5 hour procedure that requires a 2-3 day hospital stay.

- **The cost of each mission is approximately \$46,500** which covers the cost of supplies and materials and travel for all medical professionals. All non-medical volunteers pay their own expenses. Project expenses remain the same no matter how many surgeries are performed. The funding model used by Iowa MOST is to keep a balance of \$50,000 in our Iowa MOST account at all times which gives us the security of knowing that we have next year's mission funded at all times.

- **The Iowa MOST budget is earned in the following ways:**

- a) Iowa MOST fundraiser facilitated by Iowa City high school students each spring and matched by a Rotarian
- b) Donations from individuals
- c) Donations from District 6000 Rotary Clubs

d) Grant awards from Johnson & Johnson (In 2015, Iowa MOST purchased a Sterilizer for the Huehuetenango hospital that was purchased with J&J funds)

**How can District 6000 help support Iowa MOST?**

**Please encourage District 6000 clubs to include Iowa MOST in their annual budgets at a rate of \$5 to \$10 per member.**

**Include a presentation of Iowa MOST at annual district conference.**

**Encourage clubs to request a presentation about the project at their club meetings (Deb and Gary are both willing to do this😊)**

Deb Dunkhase, Executive Director

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