

# Denny Skinner, District Governor, 2003-2004



## Loose Change... August 2003



### August is MEMBERSHIP Month

"Rotary changed my life. It has given me lasting friendships in far-flung places. It has given me perspective on global issues. But most of all, it has given me the opportunity to serve others in a spectacularly effective way: as part of a world-wide fellowship of professional men and women dedicated to Service Above Self. I am forever indebted to the person who sponsored me and offered me a new world of friendship and service." This is a testimony of a 5-year member of a Rotary Club.

An important distinction between Rotary and other organizations is that membership in Rotary is by invitation. Rotary clubs invite individuals to join and become members.

Membership is vital to a Rotary club's operations and community service activities. A primary goal of the club is to continually expand the club with committed members who have the interest and ability to get involved in service and humanitarian projects.

Often a person being considered for membership is invited by a member/sponsor to attend one or more club meetings to learn more about Rotary. At the time of discussion with a potential member the concept of service and humanitarian projects need to be shared.

Rotary is-

1. **SERVICE TO OTHERS**
2. **INTEGRITY AND EXCELLENCE IN OUR VOCATIONS**
3. **FRIENDSHIP AND GOODWILL AMONG ALL PEOPLES**
4. **BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY AND BETTER WORLD**

Rotary club membership carries with it certain responsibilities.

- Members are expected to attend weekly programs of the club. Opportunities to make up attendance include attending the regular meeting of another Rotary club, attending various other Rotary

meetings, or participating in a club service project authorized by the club board of directors.

- Members are required to pay annual dues to their clubs, their districts, and to Rotary International.
- Members are expected to participate in local or international activities or projects of the Rotary club.
- Clubs encourage members to aspire to leadership or committee roles within their clubs.

#### FOUR STEPS FOR MEMBERSHIP –

1. **KICK-OFF: OUTSIDE ROTARY SPEAKER**
2. **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SHARES GOALS ON MEMBERSHIP**
3. **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION TO GET POTENTIAL MEMBERS**
4. **INVITE POTENTIAL MEMBERS WITH IMPRESSIVE SPEAKER AS INCENTIVE**

The Membership Committee should review the following annually:

1. **Involvement and retention of new members**
  - a. **Increase interaction among members**
  - b. **Mentoring program**
  - c. **Communication to Rotary members**
  - d. **Email important info to save time at meetings**
2. **Classification Review**
  - a. **Rules on classifications**
  - b. **Examine present classifications**
  - c. **Expand list with changing society**
3. **Meal payment for traveling Rotarians and dues structure of club.**

Ideas for increasing membership can be obtained from the District Membership Coordinator at [libertypark@Lcom.net](mailto:libertypark@Lcom.net).

At this time in history, each one of us can make a difference. You can change a life, you can help improve the conditions of a poverty, & illiterate world. Each of us has the opportunity to provide another person the chance to join an organization that IS GOING TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

Past Rotary President Cliff Docterman stated "Rotary is not a religion, but Rotary gives us an opportunity to practice what our religion has taught us."

## District 6000 News...

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### CLUB EXTENSION Month

A goal that Governor Denny Skinner has for his year as Governor of District 6000 is to increase the membership by three percent. The membership in District 6000 was 4476 on June 30, 2003. An increase of three percent is 134 new members.

In addition, Governor Skinner is asking to form two new clubs, two new Rotaract clubs and two new Interact clubs. What is the status to date? The District Governor is evaluating chartering "Iowa City Downtown" as a new club.

New provisional clubs are being considered in other locations in District 6000.

What is really exciting is the fact that many clubs in District 6000 are considering the

starting of new Rotaract and Interact clubs. At the writing of this newsletter, Governor Denny has only visited 15 clubs, and the report to date is the consideration of three Rotaract and six Interact club. This is something to celebrate!

District committees are following through with club officers to provide assistance and support. Through this District newsletter we will keep the District membership informed. Future Rotarians are going to arise from Interact and Rotaract clubs.

If your club is interested in sponsoring a new club, please contact Bill Koellner at [libertypark@Lcom.net](mailto:libertypark@Lcom.net).

Bill Koellner, Club Extension Chair



The objective of the District 6000 Nominating Committee continues to be the selection of Rotarians who are strong leaders in our district. The role of the District Governor is a vital part of developing strong clubs and programs for Rotary International. About three years of training and planning is needed to assure a District Governor is well prepared to be a strong leader. In 2002 we were behind schedule on the selection process, and the committee selected three Governor-Nominees. At any given time, we want to have a Governor-Elect and two Governor-Nominees waiting to succeed the current District Governor. To maintain the criteria, the next Governor-Nominee selection process will occur in mid 2004.

The Rotary Clubs in our district are an important part of the selection process. At the time the selection begins, the Nominating Committee will ask the clubs to nominate candidates for consideration by the committee. Interviews are held and a Nominee or Nominees are selected; subject to a waiting period for potential objections by Rotarians.

Finally the Nominee must be approved at the District 6000 Conference. Candidates must have been a Past President of their club, and have completed seven years as a Rotarian at the time of taking office. Assistant Governor experience is also an asset.

Future leaders of District 6000, following District Governor 03-04 Dennis Skinner, are:

[Bill Tubbs, North Scott](#)  
Governor-Elect 2004-2005

[Corliss Klaassen, Chariton](#)  
Governor-Nominee 2005-2006

[Del Bluhm, Ames](#)  
Governor-Nominee 2006-2007

We thank these people for stepping forward to lead District 6000.

[Dale D. Belknap](#)  
Governor 2000-2001  
Nominating Committee Chair

## District 6000 News....



To be committed to Rotary means more than just spending one hour per week attending a meeting. To be a Rotarian is to commit oneself to service of community, locally and internationally. In the past this has often meant that the sacrifice of time must come from the family as well as from the Rotarian. Therefore we are encouraging the Family of Rotary to expand beyond individual participation and become a source for family bonding. There are many ways to involve our families in the family of Rotary and we are here to help provide suggestions, support and receive your feedback on ideas how to increase the participation of our fellow Rotarians and their families. I know when my husband joined Rotary, I knew Rotary was a service organization, but really didn't know the extent of their commitment to service. I didn't know that the organization was an international organization serving the needs of many beyond the borders of our small town, as well as this country.

I think it is essential for our families to understand what Rotary is and why they should support such an organization, so I believe the first step to getting families involved is through education. How is this done? In our club we have a fireside chat for the new Rotarians and their spouses. It provides an intimate time for the new Rotarian and his/her spouse to

meet in a small group setting to learn about Rotary.

Last year my husband and I hosted this event in our home. We gathered the new members and their spouses along with a couple of veteran Rotarians who had experienced the fullness of Rotary and were able to share their stories. I must admit I was quite impressed with what these Rotarians had to say about their involvement in the club. At that point I felt compelled to not just be the spouse of a Rotarian but to join the organization myself. I believe that if given the chance to know more about what it means to be a Rotarian many other spouses would also consider lending their hand to the organization either as a member or by supporting their spouse as a member. If you think about it, what better way is there to work on retention of your current members, but by encouraging their family members to be fellow Rotarians?

If you would like more information on the fireside chat or if you have any other questions or suggestions on how to promote the family of Rotary, please email me at [21rehab@midiowa.net](mailto:21rehab@midiowa.net).

Respectfully,  
Michelle Cassabaum, Family of Rotary, Co-Chair



## North Scott Rotary



## Corn Boil Picnic July 24, 2003



## District 6000 News...

**A BIG Thanks!!**

*If you didn't get to the Iowa State Fair, you missed a first in District 6000 history. We had a booth in the "air-conditioned" Varied Industries Building. IT WAS GREAT! A special thanks to the committee that put this together under very short notice from me. It was two great minds, DGE Bill Tubbs and PDG Don Goering, thinking independently of the same idea.*

*I asked John Lewis, Des Moines Club, to chair the committee and he put together a great team. During our club visits, many Rotarians have told us the display tells the story of Rotary and its many programs. My thanks to Mark Snell, Maggie Grosvenor, DGE Bill, PDG Don and Doris, and John Lewis. I applaud you on this accomplishment.*

*Denny Skinner DG 2003-2004*



*John Lewis,  
Iowa State Fair Committee Chair*



*Roger Burt, Linda Tubbs,  
Bill Tubbs and Jeff Ashcraft*

### District Simplified Grant

Applications have been mailed out to all Presidents. Application deadline is March 31, 2004. Contact Corliss Klaassen, DSG Committee Chair at [Klaassen@iowatelecom.net](mailto:Klaassen@iowatelecom.net) for more information. The District is looking forward to helping the clubs fund community service projects.

## District 6000 News....

# Clubs in District 6000...

Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

Fort Madison is off to an exciting year of what we call "Rebuilding". Our goals are to enhance local Rotarians knowledge of fellow Fort Madison Rotarians and of the broad scope of Rotary beyond Fort Madison. Our leadership team is committed to developing all FM Rotarians' level of service both within Fort Madison and within the larger scope of Rotary International! Our Club Assemblies are featuring a balance of presentations by club members about themselves and their work experiences and guest speakers from outside our club to discuss the numerous programs sponsored by District 6000 and Rotary International. We believe these increased knowledge levels will lead our Rotarians to greater levels of involvement and service beyond our local community. With Bill Koellner's, Assistant District Governor, assistance we have already recruited several District "Experts" to present Rotary programs to increase our knowledge levels and project involvement. Also we anticipate a great club visit from one of the Directors of Rotary Foundation in October 2003. Who better to tell the story and excite FM Rotarians to invest in the International efforts!

We are planning a day trip to Rotary International Headquarters for interested Club members and their families. Our plans include a train ride to Chicago, a visit to the Headquarters, attending the Evanston Club meeting and returning home that evening. Should be a memorable and enlightening day for all involved!

FM Rotary will be co-sponsoring the River Cleanup Project with our local newspaper, the Daily Democrat, which will provide a great service opportunity and publicity for our members and families. Additionally the Club will be sponsoring a Blood Drive in November for the Southeast Iowa Blood Center to provide needed blood supplies. Members will have the opportunity to contact donors, be a donor and work to facilitate the process. Another *Service Above Self* opportunity!

Our club has developed and distributed a Membership Survey. The survey has many purposes; to gather more detailed information on our membership, their life experiences, why they joined Rotary, offices they have held, what has been most rewarding, and what they believe will enhance our Club. Additionally the survey data will be assembled into a 2003-2004 Membership Directory to facilitate member interaction and knowledge. It will also provide an excellent source of interesting facts for our Club Newsletter. I personally have enjoyed reading the completed documents and learned things about individuals I have know for years.

With my installation on July 1, the opportunity presents itself to develop the Rotary Club of Fort Madison into the Service Club of choice in Fort Madison began. A highlight of the first quarter was the District Governor's visit to Fort Madison. The visit of Denny and Kathy served to motivate the Board and the Club during the Club Assembly. Thank you Kathy and Denny for the leadership and sharing with us!

In Rotary,  
Martin L. Graber  
Rotary Club of Fort Madison, Iowa  
President 2003-2004

Fort Madison



## District 6000 News...

### GI Juke Box

Past president Gregg Andrews wanted to get Keokuk Rotary involved in more group activities outside the traditional weekly meetings and projects. Early last spring Keokuk Rotarian and past president Larry Daggs was in Memphis, MO on business and decided to do a makeup at the Memphis Rotary Club, something he does quite often. Arriving a little early, Larry sat down for a cup of coffee with Memphis Rotarian Dr. Harlo Donaldson.

From family ties and attending many Memphis Rotary meetings Larry knew of the renown throughout northeast MO of the musical theater productions that a group of "local" volunteers puts on each summer to help support the Memphis community theater it helped build. Thinking that he might be able to persuade them to do a production in Keokuk for the entertainment of Keokuk Rotary Larry asked Dr. Donaldson how much their group would want to put on a production in Keokuk. Dr. Donaldson said that if they were permitted to put on the production in Keokuk's Grand Theater, they would do it for free as a joint production of the Keokuk and Memphis Rotary Clubs. The Grand is a beautifully-restored stage theater that first opened in 1926. It is widely renowned for its large stage and fine acoustics.

At the next Keokuk Rotary meeting, Larry asked PE (now president) Ed Kiedaisch what he thought of the idea. He immediately appointed Larry chair of a committee to work with Memphis Rotary to make it happen. A group of five veterans of the summer productions came to Keokuk in May to visit the Grand Theater and discuss the details. The Memphis club is in charge of the production. The Keokuk club is in charge of publicity. The proceeds, besides benefiting both clubs, will also benefit the City of Keokuk, the owner of the Grand Theater.

The Memphis performers come from all over northeast MO and southeast IA. They have done several tours of contests and performances throughout western Europe. They have just returned from a widely-acclaimed trip to Ireland. They will be bringing 24 voices to Keokuk on October 11, 2003, for a production they have written that is a recreation of a canteen show from WWII. There will be a lot of "GI's" and "girls back home" recreating the music of the forties. The Keokuk Club is considering using the event to recognize some of its own WWII veterans..

The Grand Theater seats 750. Everyone is invited. Help us fill it!



### **Get Ready to Auction!!**

The second annual Perry Rotary Club auction is scheduled for Saturday November 1, 2003. More details about the evening will be available as the date approaches. It is not too early, however, to be gathering items for the auction. Juda Saemisch and Richard Peel can answer questions about donations and help arrange for collecting the items.

Let's make the Second Annual Auction even more successful than the first!

### **Highway Cleanup!!**

The Club has adopted a portion of Highway 141 just east of Perry for highway cleanup. Special thanks to those members who assisted with the clean up in April. Contact Kathy Powell if you are interested in helping with this project the next time around.

### **Student Scholarships**

A record number of student scholarships were awarded by the Perry Rotary Club at an assembly held on May 23 at Perry High School. Because of the very successful fall auction, seven \$500.00 scholarships were awarded to the following students:

Kiera Haaland	Emily Carris
Esperanza Cerna	Nick McKnight
Tony Mendez	Tony McCaulley
Jessica Peel	

## District 6000 News...

# Centerville

### Service Above Self:

Centerville Rotary Contributes  
Major Gift to Project Pride

Project Pride can add the Centerville Rotary Club to its list of major contributors. The volunteer service organization pledged this week to commit \$25,000 to the community campaign to restore the Drake Public Library, renovate the courthouse plaza and bandstand, and develop the Ritz Regional Performing Arts Center.

The pledge, one of the largest in Centerville Rotary history, challenges Rotary membership to match club funds of \$12,500 for a total gift of \$25,000. Appanoose County Coalition for the Arts (ACCA), the non-profit organization steering Project Pride, has launched a fundraising campaign for \$900,000 in local dollars to leverage \$4 million in improvements.

Outgoing Rotary President, Ed Shirley, explained that the club's major gift is in response to widespread public support for Project Pride activities all relating to literacy and cultural appreciation.

"Centerville Rotary volunteers are committed to serving our community while advancing educational and cultural opportunities. It is the hope of the club that other service organizations will also step up to the plate to contribute to the Project Pride campaign," noted Shirley.

Fred Jenkins, President of ACCA, responded to the gift contribution by saying, "Project Pride has met one-third of its campaign goal. With the commitment of individuals, businesses, and service organizations, like Rotary, Centerville will secure its rightful recognition in the state as a vibrant hub for families and businesses."

Shirley relayed that the Centerville Rotary Club is active with local and global public service projects ranging from polio eradication, to international youth exchange, to scholarship programs. Rotary members are professional men and women who work as volunteers to improve the quality of life in their home and world community. Club membership represents a cross-section of local business and professional leaders. The world's Rotary Clubs meet weekly and are non-political.

The main objective of Rotary, the world's first service club, is service-in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotary volunteers build goodwill and peace, provide humanitarian service, and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations.

*Rotary has a new toll free number...*

*Governor Denny Skinner  
can be reached at the new toll free number  
**877-976-8279** or **(877-9-ROTARY)**  
after August 20, 2003*



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Name of Club	No. of Members	No. of Meetings	Attendance %	Rank for July
Adel	*			
Albia	*			
Ames	263	4	62.13%	20
Ames Morning	*			
Ankeny	59	5	71.00%	11
Atlantic	*			
Bettendorf	89	5	81.71%	4
Bloomfield	13	4	71.00%	11
Boone	69	5	58.20%	24
Burlington	110	4	79.60%	7
Carroll	61	5	61.45%	21
Centerville	*			
Chariton	*			
Clinton	125	4	67.94%	13
Coon Rapids	*			
Coralville No Corridor	*			
Corning	57	4	66.38%	16
Corydon	*			
Creston	*		66.00%	17
Dallas Center	28	5	60.00%	23
Davenport	*			
Decatur County	*			
Des Moines	*			
Des Moines AM	146	3	71.00%	11
East Polk County	*			
Fairfield	76	3	58.00%	25
Fort Madison	*			
Grinnell	*			
Indianola	49	3	66.67%	15
Iowa City AM	55	5	58.00%	28
Iowa City	279	5	54.00%	25
Iowa Quad Cities	42	5	67.14%	14
Jefferson	*			
Johnston	*			
Kalona	38	5	68.95%	12
Keokuk	*			
Keosauqua	33	5	60.80%	22
Knoxville	67	5	62.84%	19
Lenox	35	4	72.00%	10
Manning	28	5	75.00%	9
Marengo	*			
Marshalltown	*			
Mount Pleasant	*			
Mount Pleasant PM	32	3	63.00%	18
Muscatine	138	4	50.00%	30
Nevada	65	5	84.66%	3
Newton	*			
North Scott	*			
Northwest Des Moines	*			
Odessey	18	1	50.00%	30
Osceola	39	5	57.84%	26
Oskaloosa	55	5	76.00%	8
Ottumwa	119	4	53.60%	29
Pella	44	5	89.40%	2
Perry	*			
Tipton	31	5	81.20%	5
Washington	56	5	60.00%	23
Waukee	39	5	80.18%	6
Wellman	*			
West Des Moines	84	5	60.00%	23
West Liberty	120	5	56.00%	27
Winterset	35	5	90.85%	1

\* Not reported



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