

*Denny Skinner, District Governor, 2003-2004*



Lend a Hand

*Loose Change...*

*February 2004*

*World Understanding Month*



*Important upcoming events...*

*March 5 & 6, 2004...Assistant Governor Training*

*March 26, 2004...PETS (President Elect Training Seminar)*

*March 27, 2004...District Assembly Meeting*

*(Please visit [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org) for detailed information)*



*April 29-May 1, 2004...District 6000 Conference*

*The Hotel at Gateway Center, Ames, Iowa*



"The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service." We all know that quote as part of the Object of Rotary. During February, World Understanding Month, let's remember the many opportunities available to Lend A Hand throughout our world.

Our district is fortunate that we are one of the leaders in Zones 27-28 in giving to the annual programs fund of The Rotary Foundation. That is important because it is those resources that are used to foster hope, understanding, goodwill, and peace. If not for the generosity of District 6000 Rotarians, we could not participate in the Group Study Exchange program. This program helps facilitate the building of a people- to-people relationship. It provides a better understanding of how professionals in a foreign country perform their duties that are similar to ours.

If not for the generosity of District 6000 Rotarians, we could not award 3 or 4 scholarships to students to study at a foreign university, so that they might have a better understanding of a different culture and people. They are student ambassadors that extend our goodwill and understanding.

We couldn't participate in the Matching Grant program that has helped people that are without the basic needs of life: food, shelter, and water. I think if we counted the number of people our District has given hope to over the past 15 years, it would be in the hundreds of thousands.

Kathy and I just returned from Xicotepec, Mexico where I, for the first time, was able to see the good we (District 6000 Rotarians and friends) are doing to help those who live in despair. Not surprisingly, they want what we do; health care for their families, education for their children, economic security, and safety.

I remember a quote from Jonathan Majiyagbe, President of Rotary International. "The rhetoric of war says that there is not enough to go around, so we must fight for our share. The rhetoric of war says that love is dead, so we must hate to survive. The rhetoric of war says human lives are worth so little that squandering lives is of no consequence." We must refute these arguments every month, but especially this month, World Understanding Month.

Continue to Lend A Hand.  
Denny Skinner

## District 6000 News...

# District Training

It is that time of year where we once again begin our planning for the next Rotary Year. This year is especially interesting in that Rotary will celebrate 100 years of service to the world. The actual anniversary is February 23, 2005, however, Rotarians from all countries will gather in Chicago in 2005 to celebrate in unity at the Rotary International Convention!

We will begin by training leaders in early March at the Newton DMACC conference center. Assistant District Governors will receive training on March 6 and will communicate with all President-Elects before the PETS training.

On Friday, March 26, all new President-Elects and some President-Elect-Elects will be trained as Rotary Club presidents for 2005 – 2006. Serving as a Rotary Club President displays the “Service Above Self” ideal that Rotarians have followed since 1905.

The Friday training provides opportunities to not only hear from District Leaders, but also to interact with other Rotarians in 62 clubs in District 6000. Sharing of ideas, meeting new people, having fun, celebrating will be part of the Training session.

Saturday, March 27, District 6000 will have a District Assembly beginning at 8:30 AM. The morning is filled with many opportunities for all Rotarians to learn about what Rotary Clubs are doing in District 6000. You will also find what the District is doing in Iowa, and Internationally.

There will be workshops for every Rotarian in District 6000. District 6000 is a very active and busy District, so come and see what we are doing, and join us in celebrating our service to Rotary!

**Bill Koellner**  
**District Training Chair**

# WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICES/GRANTS

The World Community Service committee has continued to meet on a regular basis during this rotary year. We have been evaluating possible projects, projects that have been submitted, and those that are ongoing from previous years. There have been setbacks because of heightened security in recipient countries, but the committee is optimistic that we will be able continue our efforts in the different parts of the world where we have dependable contacts.

The responsibilities for grant application and development have been divided into three geographic areas. We have done this so one person does not become overwhelmed with the job at hand. Dan Foley is working with grants in India and S.E. Asia, Jim Peterson is working with Central America, Mexico and South America, and Denny Skinner is working with Africa and China. Each geographic region has been allocated matching money to work with on grants for the 03-04 Rotary Year.

At this time we are continuing to look for projects that can be submitted in each region. An example of a project that can be funded, is assisting with the Xicotepec Mexico effort to supply materials for the

renovation of their Elementary and Middle Schools, whether it be desks, library books, computers or the many other things that go into furnishing a school. If that is not what your club is interested in doing, other possibilities, would be drilling a well to provide safe water to a village in India, or providing teaching materials to teachers in Uganda, or helping orphan and homeless children in Columbia.

If your club is already involved with a project, congratulations on a job well done. If your club is not currently working on a project, contact one of our area representatives to see what is available and encourage your club to sponsor a project this year. It is not too late. Sponsoring a project will expand your involvement in Rotary and develop contacts with other Rotary Clubs around the world.

Rotary is all about developing relationships around the world and “Lending a Helping Hand”.

**Cal Litwiller**  
**WCS Chair**

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**ROTAPLAST**

**Rotaplast Becomes Iowa MOST (Iowa Miles of Smiles Team)**

In April and May of 2003, several District 6000 Rotarians and medical volunteers journeyed to El Salvador to work with a Rotaplast team to perform cleft lip and cleft palate surgery for children of families with little means. District 6000 not only comprised the majority of the team members, it also funded the mission with donations from clubs and individual Iowa Rotarians.

Convinced that there is expertise and enthusiasm to repeat the 2003 experience with District 6000 personnel and volunteers, the D6000 Rotaplast Committee began to consider such a mission entirely organized, staffed and funded by our district. To that end, the committee has developed a strategic plan with the objective of making three cleft lip and cleft palate surgical missions in the next five years to the same location in a Central American country. The plan will employ four strategies. They are:

1. Identify and develop a relationship with Rotary Club(s) in a Central American country.
2. Identify and develop a relationship with medical counterparts in the host country.
3. Identify equipment and medical supplies needs. Find sources for the equipment and medical supplies and means to transport to host country.
4. Develop fund raising plans to meet needs for three visits in the next five years.

To accomplish their goal, committee members have a large task, but they are committed to providing this desperately needed humanitarian service to people who would have to live a life of pain without the help we can offer. Thus, Iowa MOST (Iowa Miles of Smiles Team) identifies our new entity, our new humanitarian venture, another component of our generous and vigorous Rotary district.

If your club would like to know more about Iowa MOST, program presenters are eager to share their experiences and the district vision. Contact Arleigh Clemens at <[ansc@avalon.net](mailto:ansc@avalon.net)>.

**Arleigh Clemens**

## The Rotary Foundation at Work...

If you've ever wondered what your annual gift of \$100 to the Foundation can do, here are just a few examples:

- Four wells for rural villages in Zimbabwe
- Cataract operations to restore the sight of three people in India
- Mosquito nets to help protect 35 families in Bangladesh
- Textbooks for an elementary school in Zambia
- Six desks for a school in Mexico

If every Rotarian contributed at least \$100 to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund each year, the Foundation could raise \$125 million—doubling its capacity to meet humanitarian needs around the world.

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# Rotary Volunteers

### BECOME A ROTARY VOLUNTEER--TOUCH THE LIVES OF OTHERS

Would you like to tutor young students in the Philippines, work with elderly people in New Zealand, help with health care in Chile or India; practice your profession in Korea? There are hundreds of opportunities to be of service through the Rotary Volunteer Program.

The Rotary Volunteers are a group of people just like you who volunteer their time and talent somewhere in the world to make a difference. The main focus of written material from Rotary international is on international volunteering, but the need for and value of service in one's own community are equally vital. Goals of the Rotary Volunteers program are to: 1) foster understanding, fellowship and goodwill; 2) raise living standards and reduce economic disparities worldwide through education, health care, agricultural productivity, appropriate technology, sanitation, provision of potable water, and expansion of commerce.

How can you become a Rotary Volunteer?

1. **Register** with Rotary International on a specified form available on the internet or from our District 6000 Administrator in Knoxville. Registration is open to Rotarians, Rotaractors, spouses who accompany Rotarians, and even non-Rotarians. Once you are registered your names and skills are published in a Rotary Volunteers listing for a period of two years.
2. **Find a Site.** Study the Rotary Volunteers International Site List (from the website) which publicizes club-sponsored projects where volunteers are needed. You then make a direct contact to

investigate possible linkages. 3. **Secure funding.** Rotary Volunteers is not a funding program. Some volunteers find funded through their club or from assistance from the Rotary Foundation. There are some grants available for those who can do longer service. 4. **Make and Finalize Arrangements.** Plan 4-6 months before the trip; do your homework on the culture, and get ready for the experience of a lifetime.

People of all ages go on these volunteer programs. Many newly retired persons find time to offer their skills. And many people find the experience so rewarding they repeat it again and again.

Last fall I had the opportunity to join a medical team to Ethiopia for 1 ½ weeks. This was a group of eye surgeons, and other eye professionals, and some people like me who are not in that field but can provide support and logistic work for the team and for the locals. Only two of us were from Iowa-the other was Mark Warchol from Davenport; others were from Rotary clubs in Pennsylvania, Denmark and Florida. The entire trip was organized by two dedicated professionals who knew they could make a difference. Over 600 Ethiopians had vision screening and over 100 had cataract surgery. Talk about life changing events! The volunteers contribute their greatest resource, their time and skills. In return they receive the immeasurable happiness of improving the lives of others. Consider it as an enriching possibility.

**Kathy Mace Skinner**

## West Liberty Rotary

### Lends A Hand To Those In Need...

The West Liberty Rotary Club has donated more than \$2500.00 the past six months to various local, national and international projects to carry out this year's Rotary theme "Lend A Hand". Some of the local recipients of these donations are the West Liberty Public Library, West Liberty High School Scholarships and new and refurbished trashcans in downtown West Liberty. Last week, at the Father-Son

Cub Scout Cake auction, Rotarians donated over \$750.00 through their cake purchases to Cub Scout Pack #141. West Liberty Rotary is the sponsoring organization for Cub Scouts in West Liberty and has been for many years.

Some of the International projects include donations to FAMSCO, and schoolbooks and desks to Mexico. FAMSCO provides fire and medical supplies,

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emergency vehicles and equipment to developing countries in Latin American and elsewhere. West Liberty has been a large contributor of funds to help Rotary working with other agencies to eradicate Polio throughout the world.

At present time, the West Liberty Rotary Club is helping an orphanage in Manzinillo, Mexico acquire a school bus to transport students. Tom Brooke, a member of the West Liberty club learned of this need while he and his wife were vacationing in the area last year. Working with the local Rotary Club in Manzinillo, several items were identified as needs for the orphanage.

Through FAMSCO, West Liberty Rotary and District 6000, we were able to purchase a used school bus to

send to Manzinillo. Rotary was founded in Chicago in 1905 and today has 1.2 million business and professional men and women in more that 30,000 clubs in 164 countries. The local West Liberty Rotary Club was founded in 1916 and has 44 members. For more information on the West Liberty Rotary Club, contact Conrad Gregg at 319-627-4250 or Jim Conrey at 319-627-4103.

**Jim Conrey**  
**Secretary West Liberty**

# Coralville North Corridor

There's been a lot happening at the Coralville-North Corridor Club this year:

In October, our club held the first annual "FUN-RAISER" auction. Prior to the event, we had HOPED to raise \$5,000 to \$10,000 to benefit the Coralville and North Liberty libraries. On the night of the event, over 150 people attended and sent our expectations out the window. That night we raised over \$20,000 and netted \$17,500. In December we presented checks of \$5,000 each to the libraries in Coralville and North Liberty. In addition, we spent the remaining money to purchase 3 defibrillators for use in the North Corridor area. What a great event!

Also in October we staffed a Halloween exhibit at the Coral Fruit Mart to raise funds for our general fund. Rotarians had a great time and we raised about \$800 for our efforts.

We have a number of Rotarians that continue our Rotary Readers in our local schools. These Rotarians team up with one or two children to read with them – one on one – each week throughout the school year.

This past fall we teamed with our sponsored Boy Scout troop to clean up our section of Highway 6 west of Tiffin. The Coralville North Corridor club has cleaned this section of road for the last seven years, and enjoyed the assistance of all those young hands (and future Rotarians!).

Our Thanksgiving meeting was held the day prior to Thanksgiving, and our club joined the local Kiwanis club to share fellowship and thanks at a joint meeting of our clubs

In December we held our annual Christmas party during our regular meeting on December 24. We had a wonderful turnout of Rotarians and their families, sang carols, and were paid a visit by Rudolf and Elf, who distributed gifts to all the children.

In January we held a fireside chat to orient our newest members. We had local representatives from past District Governor Herb Wilson to current Assistant Governor Steve Laughlin explain the ins and outs of everything Rotary. Of course we took time for fellowship and fun – as we always do.

There is still much to accomplish this year: we are finalizing our international service project with a matching grant from the district, PETS and the District Assembly are right around the corner, that highway needs cleaning again this spring, and..... and the Coralville North Corridor Club is well on the way.

Tom Goedken  
President, Coralville North Corridor

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**January Attendance**

<b>Name of Club</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Members</b>	<b>Attendance %</b>	<b>Rank for January</b>
Adel				
Albia				
Ames	4	262	66.21%	21
Ames Morning				
Ankeny	4	62	71.40%	14
Atlantic	5	61	54.00%	34
Bettendorf	4	90	83.13%	9
Bloomfield				
Boone	4	72	70.08%	15
Burlington	4	111	84.16%	8
Carroll				
Centerville	4	53	55.00%	33
Chariton				
Clinton	4	127	66.95%	20
Coon Rapids				
Coralville No Corridor				
Corning				
Corydon	4	27	61.87%	27
Creston	4	35	57.00%	32
Dallas Center				
Davenport	3	211	45.05%	36
Decatur County	4	17	72.00%	12
Des Moines	3	386	69.98%	16
Des Moines AM	3	148	61.00%	28
East Polk County				
Fairfield				
Fort Madison				
Grinnell				
Indianola				
Iowa City				
Iowa City AM	4	55	58.80%	29
Iowa Quad Cities	4	42	68.45%	18
Jefferson				
Johnston	4	31	57.14%	
Kalona	4	37	88.89%	4
Keokuk				
Keosauqua	4	31	66.00%	22
Knoxville	4	66	65.02%	23
Lenox	5	37	68.00%	19
Manning				
Marengo				
Marshalltown	4	192	69.30%	17
Mount Pleasant				
Mount Pleasant PM				
Muscatine				
Nevada	4	67	85.82%	6
Newton	3	103	63.43%	25
North Scott	4	103	87.75%	5
Northwest Des Moines	5	82	97.00%	1
Odyssey	2	23	62.00%	26
Osceola	3	43	58.54%	30
Oskaloosa				
Ottumwa	4	112	58.25%	31
Pella	4	46	78.60%	11
Perry	4	35	72.00%	13
Tipton	4	32	80.90%	10
Washington	4	63	64.00%	24
Waukee	4	46	84.24%	7
Wellman	4	35	96.32%	2
West Des Moines	4	84	51.12%	35
West Liberty				
Winterset	4	37	91.76%	3