

District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

William F. Tubbs, Governor

– *A Global Network of Community Volunteers* –

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Imagine a world without Rotary

“If we had nothing but the great political associations, we would have hardly any hope of coming through the great adventure (of world events) in which we now find ourselves. I have lived through this great concern for the future of humanity with my friend Einstein, and I know how much he, too, was waiting for a great movement. And now that movement has come in your association, Rotary.”

– Dr. Albert Schweitzer, writing in *The Rotarian*, 1960

By Bill Tubbs, District Governor

Rotary International District 6000, Iowa

A movement that would positively impact the lives of millions was born on Feb. 23, 1905, when Paul Harris, an Iowa-educated lawyer, overcame his loneliness by meeting with three friends in downtown Chicago. From this humble beginning sprang the service club movement with the birth of Rotary International, to be followed by Kiwanis (1915, Detroit), Optimists (1916, Buffalo), Lions (1917, Chicago), and others.



Bill Tubbs
District Governor

How has this movement of people who “give more than they take” made a difference? Let us look at Rotary, whose Centennial we celebrate this year.

In Iowa, there are 8,188 Rotarians reaching out to their communities through 133 Rotary clubs. They are part of a “global network of

community volunteers” that numbers 1,219,532 in 31,936 clubs in 166 countries.

If Rotary vanished overnight, our lives would go on, diminished perhaps by the absence of parks, scholarships and numerous service projects for which Rotarians are known in their communities. But through the eyes of the villager and child in India, Mexico, or Africa, whose only school, firetruck, ambulance, hospital or source of clean water exists because of Rotary – Rotary’s failure would be of catastrophic proportions.

Without Rotary, the world would still be afflicted with polio, a disease that afflicted 9,193 and claimed 388 deaths in Iowa in the 1950s. Rotary’s global quest to eradicate polio, which is an eyelash from completion despite a recent setback in Africa, has been called

This Rotary Centennial message was provided to newspapers of Iowa with a media kit of articles, photos and ad layouts to encourage them to publish special sections about Rotary.

the world’s greatest humanitarian service project. Since 1987, more than 2 billion children under 5 have received the oral polio vaccine, including 180 million in a single day in India, thanks to Rotary and its partners, the World Health Organization, the United Nations and the Centers for Disease Control. The disease was eradicated from the Western Hemisphere in 1991.

Without Rotary, 200,000 Youth Exchange students would not have spent an academic year in another country, 42,000 young professionals would not have traveled abroad in month-long Group Study Exchanges, and 34,000 post-graduate scholars would not have studied in another country for a year as ambassadors of goodwill.

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President’s checklist:

1. Submit President Glenn Estess’ “Presidential Citation” form to Governor Bill Tubbs prior to March 31.
2. Pre-register for the June 18-22 Centennial Rotary International Convention in Chicago by March 31.
3. Register your club’s future presidents for President-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.) April 8 at Newton and club leaders for District Assembly, April 9 at Newton.
4. Circle June 16-17 and plan to attend District Conference in Davenport.
5. Submit your club’s “Governor’s District 6000 Centennial Citation” form to Governor Bill Tubbs by April 15.
6. Put plans in place to fulfill your 2004-05 “Every Rotarian Every Year” pledge.
7. Encourage club members to attend the Hoover-Wallace banquet, March 14 at the Des Moines Marriott.
8. Submit your awards questionnaire, quilt square and Presidential Profiles form if you haven’t do so.
9. Notify PDG Ken Noble of Rotarians who will host Pre- and Post-Convention homestays.
10. Send five (5) copies of Rotary Centennial coverage from your local newspaper to Governor Bill Tubbs.
11. Notify the district Youth Exchange Committee of your desire to host a student(s) in 2005-06.
12. Tell Inbound GSE coordinator Mark Snell of your club’s interest in hosting a GSE team in May or June.

Without Rotary, the world be different indeed

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Without Rotary, 224,802 high school Interactors and 177,238 college-age Rotaractors would not learn "Service Above Self" this year.

Without Rotary, emerging business entrepreneurs in Russia would not learn about ethics in vocations from their American counterparts.

Without Rotary, 40,000 Afghan refugees in Pakistan – men and women – would not have received vocational training to prepare them to rebuild their country.

Without Rotary, the 40 members of the "Simon Estes Choir" from Capetown, South Africa, would not have spent an academic year in Iowa.

Without Rotary, a 5-year old boy from Iraq would never have

been brought to Iowa for a heart surgery that will save his life.

Without Rotary, schools in Sri Lanka that were leveled by the Tsunami would not be rebuilt and equipped.

Without Rotary, business men and women worldwide would not meet every week to enjoy fellowship, build bridges of understanding and find ways to solve community problems.

If Rotary were a business, there would be no end to the need for its products. The theme given to us by our international president, Glenn Estess, Sr., of Shades Valley, Alabama, invites us to "Celebrate Rotary" – a Century of Service, a New Century of Success. As we do, we tip our hat to all people everywhere who give "Service Above Self."

Without Rotary – without the volunteer movement – the world would be different indeed!

Group Study Exchange teams off and flying

By Karin Franklin/Iowa City

District 6000 GSE chair

On Feb. 17, one of District 6000's Centennial Group Study Exchange teams took off for Melbourne, Australia. In this centennial year, we have two exchanges occurring – one between District 6000 and District 9810 in southeast Australia, and one between District 6000 and District 1890 in northern Germany. (I think DG Bill chose these districts just to confuse us with the numbers!)

Actually, Australia and Germany are naturals given the wonderful time a number of us had at the RI convention in Brisbane in 2003 and the German heritage many Rotarians in District 6000 share, particularly with Schleswig-Holstein, the region in which District 1890 is located.

Planning for these trips began last year with DG Bill's selection of the exchanges and then announcement of the trips at the District Un-Convention in Ames. Recruitment for the outbound teams began in earnest right after the convention and culminated with team selection in September 2004. Andy Knebel, as Outbound Committee Coordinator, did a fantastic job recruiting candidates and organizing the selection process. Many thanks also to the committee members including Merle Anderson, Bob Bainter, Kathy Skinner, Bill Tubbs, Corliss Klaassen, Steve Churchill, John Lewis, Todd Millang, John Tone and Ed McEleney for their work on recruitment and interviewing.

Both teams have been immersed in preparation. The Australia team – comprised of Rotarian team leader Don Goering, and the young professionals Holly Kriener, Todd Klein, Pamela Holz and Alison Monsma – held many meetings to finalize their presentation and check last minute items in preparation for their February departure from Des Moines. The German team – comprised of Rotarian team leader Carolyn Wettstone-Swails and young professionals Greg Humrichouse, Nicole Slater, Kay Sackville and Jason Van Dyke – are busy learning German

and will swing into intense preparation in the coming months for their departure May 10th for Hamburg, Germany.

Meantime, the Inbound Committee, under the able leadership of Mark Snell, will be getting out the word to clubs to ascertain interest in hosting one or both of the incoming teams from Australia and Germany. Those teams have been selected by their home districts and we are gathering information about our guests so fruitful vocational visits can be planned. As hosts, clubs will be asked to provide home stays for the team members and develop itineraries for their visits. Mark's plan is to compile these itineraries from all hosting clubs to ensure we give our guests diverse and exciting exposure to all the treasures of Iowa.

Remember Group Study Exchange is one of those programs supported by The Rotary Foundation and is one way Rotary furthers world peace and understanding by enabling us to reach out and connect with individuals from other countries and cultures.



District 6000 GSE chair Karin Franklin (second from left) with our Australian team (l-r): Pamela Holz, Todd Klein, Holly Kreiner, team leader PDG Don Goering and Alison Monsma.

Whirlwind start welcomes 2005

Notes from Governor Bill Tubbs . . .

We hoped to have this newsletter delivered sooner, but it's a race against time to wrap it up before we travel to Xicotepec, Mexico on March 5 with the District 6000 project teams.

There has been an incredible amount of activity in super District 6000 in the past two months. We've been so busy celebrating Rotary, we hardly know where to begin!

Here are a few of the happenings that made January and February busier for Linda and me than in the fall when we were visiting clubs:

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Tsunami Relief: Our appeal for the District 6000 Humanitarian Services Fund had just begun at the time of the last newsletter when it was reported that we'd received \$8,000 from 20 donors in one week. That was then; this is now. As of March 2, we had received \$61,104 from Rotarians, 44 of our 63 clubs and the people of Iowa. Nearly 200 letters of acknowledgement have been mailed to the donors, usually on the day the checks arrived. Additional commitments that we are aware of will push that total beyond \$65,000.

How will those funds be used? Some has already been wired to District 3220 in Sri Lanka and District 3150 in India. Both suffered extensive damage.

We have had the most communication with District Governor Lucky Pieris (pronounced Paris), of Rotary District 3220 in Sri Lanka. Our contributions will help them rebuild schools, which is a most appropriate connection with Iowa's strong support of education. You can read about District 3220's projects and the high standard of accountability that Rotarians provide for our gifts at www.rotary-srilanka.org.

In earlier correspondence, Lucky sent this letter from the president of his country (below).

In recent e-mails, Governor Pieris accepted my invitation to come to our District Conference in Davenport on June 16-17. He will tell how Rotarians in Sri Lanka responded to this disaster and will answer our questions. When I told him that students at North Scott High

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Rotary's credibility in Sri Lanka

HE (Her Excellency) Chandraka Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, the president of the county of Sri Lanka wrote:

"I thank you most sincerely for the very generous response to our appeal to repair and refurbish 147 schools damaged by the tsunami in December. I am aware of the services rendered by Rotary International to our society over the years. I do know of Rotary's contribution to the health sector in the past. The success of your Polio Plus programme (sic), where you worked with the Health Ministry and UNICEF is commendable. I have requested my Education Secretary Dr. Tara de Mel to coordinate with Rotary International and ensure the success of your current undertaking. Your gracious gift to our younger generation will long be remembered."



Marti Kline of the East Polk Rotary Club assisted Governor Bill and Linda Tubbs with Rotary's booth at the Iowa Newspaper Association Convention and Trade Show, Feb. 3-4 at the Des Moines Marriott. Purpose of the booth was to provide materials about Rotary and FAMSCO to publishers for their Rotary Centennial supplements. More than 820 newspaper professionals and students attended.

Publishers celebrate Rotary

District Governor Bill Tubbs used his vocational connections to represent Rotary at the Feb. 3-4 Iowa Newspaper Association Convention and Trade Show by providing materials to newspapers to publish special pages or sections to celebrate Rotary's Centennial. Some 50 newspapers received a CD that Bill prepared that was chock full of Rotary articles, logos and layouts.

The booth also included handouts soliciting fire trucks, ambulances, school buses and fire and medical supplies for District 6000's FAMSCO. "By every measure, the booth was an unqualified success," said Tubbs. "It was heartening to see the esteem with which publishers hold Rotary in their communities, but the proof of the pudding is the excellent special sections that Iowa newspapers are publishing to tell Rotary's story to large, general audiences."

Visitors were asked to complete the sentence, "Rotary makes a difference in my community by ..." Here is a sample of the answers:

- "I was in Interact and RYLA in California. I learned great skills that I still use today. Rotary gave me a scholarship for college. Thank you for investing in my life!" - *Deborah King, Elk Horn*
- "Rotary supports the kids in Wellman. They built a house, sold it and used the money to build a soccer complex." - *Renee Fladung*
- "Rotary does a great job in Grinnell in Rotary Youth Exchange and many community services." - *Al Pinder*
- "Rotary supports an inner city school with mentors, books and other aides." - *Arvid Huisman, Des Moines*
- "Rotary is involved in community projects, students attending meetings and scholarships." - *Gary Milks, Ft. Madison*
- "Rotary is a great network of community leaders committed to civic and service projects and scholarships." - *Wes Ehrecke, Clive*
- "Rotary contributes to efforts at home and abroad like Tsunami relief, collections for local organizations and scholarships." - *Duane Nollen, Oskaloosa*
- "Rotary brings students from other countries who bring a new view on the rest of the world." - *Dan Ehl, Centerville*

Rebaz' medical miracle bolsters troops in Iraq

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School are raising funds for Tsunami relief and have chosen to support our Rotary efforts, Lucky wrote, "I really have no words to thank those children who are doing so much in helping a country which they have never seen."

Deep appreciation for aid received was also received from PDG Ravi Vadlamani in Rotary District 3150 in India, who also will attend our District Conference. He wrote: "Dear Governor Tubbs: Thanks for your generous contribution. Having pooled the contributions received we have started the rehabilitation process. We have already given SEVEN Large boats to the fishermen with the support from GE Electric and Multinational Company. In addition on 6th March 2005 we are distributing 50 boats and nets from the contributions received from various Rotarian friends like you. In addition with the donations from the Rotary clubs in our district 3150, we are giving two large boats to the fishermen." A picture of some of the boats that returned a livelihood to the fisherman are pictured (right) with the Rotary wheel prominently displayed.

As we move forward, some of the relief funds may be used in connection with Rotary Foundation grants to leverage larger projects. Bill Ashton of the Rotary Club of Davenport, who oversees grants from District 6000 in Asia, will seek to work with districts with whom we have previously completed successful projects.

Amazing Rebaz: A true love relationship has developed with the amazing Rebaz Shamsideen and his father, Subhi. Rebaz is the 5-year old Iraqi boy featured on page 1 of our last District Newsletter who was born with a hole in his heart, a condition which already claimed the life of an older brother. District 6000 Rotarians have worked hard to facilitate his miraculously successful surgery that took place on Jan. 19-20 at University Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Rotarians and the Rotary clubs of Iowa raised \$18,600. There are many heroes in this story, which was the subject of a 3-page feature



Cindy Yerington (second from left) with Rebaz and Subhi Shamsideen and Salma Arabi of Bettendorf, who translated in Arabic. Arabic is not Subhi's first language (Farsi is), but Arabic was much better than English!



The District 6000 Humanitarian Services Fund has already provided four boats like these that restored dignity and a livelihood to fishermen in India. More projects are planned.

starting on page 1 in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* on Sunday, Feb. 20, but none more important than Cindy Yerington of West Liberty, whose son, Airborne Range Medic Sgt. Corey Johnston, identified Rebaz' need more than a year ago. Cindy has given an extraordinary amount of love as she graciously opened her home to Subhi and Rebaz since Dec. 30.

Rebaz has healed like a tiger and he and his father will return to Kurdistan (northern Iraq) during the last week of March. A farewell event is being planned to thank those who generously gave of their time and talents and to wish the Shamsideens godspeed for their return.

KCRG-TV in Cedar Rapids aired a 3-part feature which chronicled Rebaz' story from his landing at O'Hare International Airport through the visits with doctors, his surgery and life in West Liberty. Cindy said that Sgt. Johnston reports that the story has been a very positive encouragement to American troops in Iraq, in addition to showing the humanitarian side of the American people.

The KCRG video will be shown at District Assembly and/or District Conference. It is not quite the same as meeting this boy in person who melts your heart, but it will give Rotarians an idea of what we have accomplished. *Thank you to everybody who made it happen!*

Centennial! It is gratifying to see the seeds that were sown when we stopped at newspaper offices during our club visits bearing fruit in the form of special sections, pages, articles and promotions about Rotary's Centennial in many Iowa newspapers. Those we have received thus far include *Mt. Pleasant News, Wellman Advance, Marshalltown Times-Republican, Eldridge North Scott Press, Ames Tribune, Davenport Quad-City Times, Van Buren County Register, Muscatine Journal, Fairfield Ledger, Washington Evening Journal, Moline Dispatch (Quad Cities), Newton Daily News, Albia Union-Republican, Clinton Herald and Nevada Journal.*

If your paper published Centennial articles and is not listed here, please send five copies of that paper to Bill Tubbs. These will be sent to Rotary International as per RI Director Mike McCullough's request (see p. 5) and displayed at District Conference.

On Feb. 23, a full-page ad celebrating Rotary's Centennial appeared in USA Today and other major newspapers.

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Let's use publicity to increase membership!

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As a result of our presence at the Iowa Newspaper Association Trade Show, contacts were made with Metro Creative Graphics, which provides advertising art to nearly all the newspapers in the U.S. Working with Elizabeth Walsh, the public relations coordinator for Rotary International in Evanston, I was able to provide officially licensed Rotary logos and advertising art to Metro that will be made available to newspapers coast-to-coast – which should have been done last year for the Centennial, but never too late!

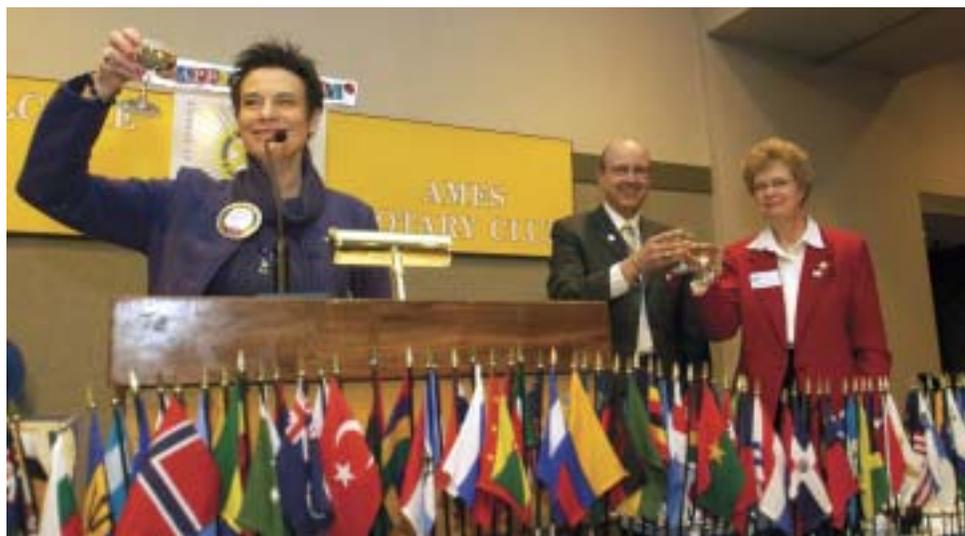
In District 6000, AG Susan Herrick, our Centennial Committee chair, provided radio scripts and ads to stations throughout the state, giving Rotary's message a multi-media approach. Rotarians in many cities were interviewed on talk radio about the history of Rotary and their service projects.

With the request arising from Susan Herrick and DGE Corliss Klaassen, Gov. Tom Vilsack proclaimed February as Rotary International Month. The same proclamation was adopted by city councils, school boards and county boards of supervisors state-wide.

In the Quad Cities, the 1-hour documentary, "The Last Child: The Global Race to Eradicate Polio," was aired on Feb. 23 on WQPT-TV, the public broadcasting station based in Moline. This outstanding program, which I recorded, still has not aired on Iowa Public TV, but a second request has been made and officials there last week repeated their statement that was made in September that it is "in the system" – but it is not scheduled. I asked them to promote it well once it is scheduled so Rotarians can watch!

Clubs in District 6000 had more Centennial observances than we could attend, but Linda and I did our best! We joined president Mike Ruby and Muscatine Rotarians at a very significant evening on Feb. 17 to observe Rotary's 100th birthday and Muscatine Rotary's 85th.

On Feb. 23 we were among 300 Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Ames, Ames Morning, Boone and Nevada for a grand celebration



Ames Rotary president Joyce Durlam delivers a champagne toast with Rotary District Governor Bill and Linda Tubbs during a four-club Centennial celebration at noon on Feb. 23. The clubs of Centennial presidents Kris Dugger (Nevada), Brian Dieter (Ames Morning) and Craig Downs (Boone) were also represented.

Ames Tribune Photo by Andrew Rullestad

Congratulations to District 6000

Hello Centennial Governor Bill,

Congratulations for the successful meeting with the Iowa Press Association and creating a positive public image. Your proactive presentation will make a difference and will make for a more festive mood as we Celebrate Rotary. I thank you for your persistence, dedication and expertise in getting the word out. I also appreciate your helping hand as I send you referrals from Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Please send me copies of the inserts and special editions as you receive them. I am sure RI would be interested as well.

Celebrating Rotary,

-s- Mike McCullough,
Director of Rotary International
1664 Fort St., Trenton, MI 48183

that featured Iowa native and world-renowned baritone Simon Estes. That evening, we enjoyed the hospitality of presidents Cheryl George of Newton and Clem Bodensteiner of Grinnell at a joint celebration at Newton. Wow! You really know how to put on the ritz!

Also on Feb. 23, the Rotary Clubs of Iowa City, Iowa City AM, Iowa City Downtown and Coralville-North Corridor had a big noon celebration that featured University of Iowa president Dr. David Skorton and PDG Elias Thomas III of Maine. The Wellman and West Liberty Rotary Clubs traveled by bus and met together on the evening of Feb. 23 at the midpoint – Riverside.

At noon on Feb. 23, many clubs had special meetings and rallies in the town squares. The Clinton Rotary Club met at the historic Lafayette Hotel at noon on Feb. 23 and levied (pre-arranged?) \$100 fines against 10 members to raise \$1,000 for The Rotary Foundation. The Davenport Rotary Club sponsored a birthday party at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds that evening, as well.

I attended a Centennial observance of the Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Club on Thursday morning, Feb. 24, and on Friday, Feb. 25, Linda and I joined president Doug Flournoy and Fairfield Rotarians for the inauguration of their Interact Club. It was an emotional time as longtime Rotarians listened as daughters and grandsons who were inducted as charter members introduced themselves. Doug read a statement of the club's commitment to Interact that was adopted by acclamation.

Our final celebration during February was on Feb. 28 with president Steve Van Zant and the Rotary Club of Burlington. They played "Rotary Wheel of Fortune" with prizes for all as they celebrated their 90th birthday and Rotary's 100th. Rotarians from Mt. Pleasant and Keokuk attended.

With so much celebration and public awareness of Rotary, there has never been a better time to invite members! If, when it is over, all we have accomplished is to pat ourselves on the back, we will have fallen short of our Centennial possibilities. We have created awareness. Now let's translate this momentum into action and "get our 'ask' in gear" to grow Rotary's membership for our second century of service!

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Register for P.E.T.S., District Assembly

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P.E.T.S. and Assembly: Thanks to Bill Koellner and the Training Committee for planning two very important meetings to celebrate Rotary and prepare leaders for 2005-06.

President-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.) will be Friday, April 8 starting at 4:00 p.m. at the DMAC Conference Center, 602 N. 2nd Avenue West in Newton. District Assembly will be Saturday, April 9 at the same place. The RI board has said that incoming presidents cannot serve unless they attend P.E.T.S. It is also advisable for presidents who will serve in 2006-07 and 2007-08 to attend. Participation by spouses is encouraged.

A wide variety of projects from District 6000 will be on display, and there will be several breakout sessions at Assembly where you can share and learn from other Rotarians. If you would like to set up a booth in the display area, please contact Karin Franklin at (319) 356-5232 (see invitation at right).

A highlight of this year's P.E.T.S. and Assembly will be the involvement of all of our District 6000 Rotary Youth Exchange students, thanks to the efforts of Johnny Boyd and the Youth Exchange Committee. Also new at Assembly is a separate session for club Rotary Foundation chairs. Many "how to" questions about how to build a strong foundation program at the club level will be answered. The agendas for P.E.T.S. and Assembly are posted at the district website, www.rotary6000.org. There is no registration or meal cost to attend these meetings, but registrations are needed and can be made online at the district website, www.rotary6000.org.

For those staying on Friday night, Rotary has reserved a block of rooms at the HomeRidge Inns (formerly Radisson), 208 W. 4th St.

Highlight your local project

All District 6000 Rotary Clubs will have an opportunity to highlight their local projects at the District 6000 Assembly, Saturday, April 9th at DMACC in Newton. A project fair will be set up in the halls of DMACC for you to show off your projects, be they Centennial projects, the use of a District Simplified Grant, or any local project in which your club is involved.

Tables will be provided for your display. The tables measure 2.5' X 5'. You may reserve more than one table. Please contact Karin Franklin at kaf@avalon.net to reserve your space by March 28. Since there are a limited number of tables and space, please reserve your space as soon as possible. Arrangements have been made for displays of various activities in District 6000, but this is your chance to show off your club's 2004-2005 project. Displays may be brought to DMACC at 8:30 a.m. on April 9th, or to P.E.T.S. at DMACC on Friday, April 8th.

North in Newton for \$65. This hotel is across the street from the DMAC Center. Hotel reservations may be placed by calling at 641-792-3333 or toll free: 1-877-868-5069.

P.E.T.S. is for incoming club leaders, but all Rotarians are welcome at Assembly, which runs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We hope every club will be well represented at these meetings at which we'll celebrate our successes and Governor-Elect Corliss Klaassen will announce his goals for the first year of Rotary's second century.

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Marshalltown Rotarians host barbecue championships



Lew Miller of Marshalltown Rotary at last year's Iowa State Barbecue championships. The club will host this year's event June 24-25. Photo by Marshalltown Times-Republican

Over 70 barbecue teams from 11 states will be competing for over \$16,000 in cash and prizes at the 7th Annual Iowa State Barbecue Championship, June 24-25, 2005, sponsored by Iowa Barbecue Society and supervised by the Kansas City Barbecue Society.

The two-day event has something for everyone – the best barbecue south of the Iowa River, a classic car show, rib eating contest, blues bands and rides for kids, including a mechanical bull ride.

Last year, more than 20,000 people attended the event and proceeds from ticket sales went to many charities, including the Marshalltown Community College Foundation, Rotary Foundation, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and House of Compassion, to name a few.

Barbecue teams have come from Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Florida. Each team competes in four categories: beef brisket, pork ribs, pork butt, chicken and optional categories of turkey and dessert. Twelve teams vend their barbecue specialties.

The Marshalltown Rotary Club plays a vital role in the success of the event, which was named the 2003 "Event of the Year" by the Iowa Tourism Bureau and Gov. Tom Vilsack, who named Marshalltown the "Barbecue Capital of Iowa."

As a major sponsor, Rotarians spend time selling tickets, welcoming contestants, judging and helping where needed. For information, contact Rotarian Lew Miller, (800) 383-4555.

Check your Foundation, Polio progress

Now is the time for club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, Rotary Foundation chairs and boards of directors to take a close look at your progress toward two significant goals:

1) Your 2004-05 "Every Rotarian, Every Year" pledge to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation;

2) Your 3-year pledge for polio eradication, "Fulfilling Our Promise," that was made in 2002 for the years 2002-05.

The table at the right lists the contribution information for both as provided by The Rotary Foundation in Evanston. The membership numbers were as of July 1, 2004.

Column No. 1 is your club's pledge, or goal, for Annual Giving in 2004-05.

Column No. 2 is the amount that had been received at The Rotary Foundation in Evanston from July 1, 2004 through Jan. 31, 2005.

Column No. 3 is your club's pledge, or goal, for Fulfilling Our Promise.

Column No. 4 is the amount that had been received toward your Fulfilling Our Promise pledge through Dec. 31, 2004.

Congratulations and Thank You to the clubs who have met or exceeded their goals!

If your club lags behind the normal progress that would be needed to meet or exceed your goal, immediate planning and action are needed!

– Have you asked all your members to be Sustaining Members with gifts of \$100 or more?

– Does your club pay the first \$100 when a Rotarian becomes a Sustaining Member?

– Are there incentives or matches you can offer with cash or Foundation Recognition Points to stimulate giving?

– Are there potential Major Donors (\$10,000 or more) who haven't been asked?

Remember, ultimately it is not about money, but changing lives and building a more peaceful world. If you have questions, bring them to District Assembly. Make a resolution today and be intentional about your giving.



CLUB (Members)	(1) EREY Goal	(2) Thru 1-31-05	(3) Polio Goal	(4) thru 12-31-04
Adel (25)	2,400	0	2,640	2,338
Albia (40)	4,000	0	3,000	5,212
Ames (68)	7,100	6,025	4,000	4,188
Ames (267)	27,500	18,185	80,100	73,080
Ankeny (63)	6,300	4,127	6,000	6,494
Atlantic (63)	6,300	2,275	10,000	7,520
Bettendorf (85)	8,900	7,050	5,000	5,599
Bloomfield (13)	1,400	0	3,000	1,530
Boone (70)	7,100	3,000	2,000	2,269
Burlington (103)	10,700	1,808	13,000	14,545
Carroll (63)	6,200	7,411	10,000	7,000
Centerville (52)	5,000	0	2,000	4,000
Chariton (58)	5,500	1,060	8,250	7,519
Clinton (121)	6,500	5,415	2,500	3,560
Coon Rapids (24)	2,300	0	75	75
Coralville-North Corridor (42)	7,409	6,750	152,500	156,348
Corning (54)	5,900	1,500	3,000	3,859
Corydon (23)	500	100	500	700
Creston (37)	3,700	0	2,000	667
Dallas Center (28)	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,189
Davenport (196)	20,100	6,905	18,000	10,351.86
Decatur (17)	12,000	10,425	2,500	2,700
Des Moines (149)	15,000	8,725	4,500	4,550
Des Moines (387)	38,000	15,725	30,700	34,905
East Polk County (43)	4,200	2,187	3,600	3,850
Fairfield (72)	7,300	0	9,000	9,350
Fort Madison (45)	2,750	0	6,000	5,200
Grinnell (33)	2,000	975	4,500	4,500
Indianola (51)	5,000	1,733	5,600	5,208
Iowa City A.M. (56)	7,540	10,763	13,200	14,589
Iowa City Downtown (23)	2,000	475	0	0
Iowa City (310)	30,000	16,375	35,000	35,000
Iowa Quad-Cities (45)	1,000	0	1,600	0
Jefferson (57)	6,000	100	6,000	10,770
Johnston (30)	3,100	2,200	1,300	2,000
Kalona (37)	3,700	1,200	1,500	1,500
Keokuk (99)	9,200	3,170	10,500	6,850
Keosauqua (28)	1,500	695	500	792
Knoxville (67)	6,800	289	600	2,660
Lenox (38)	3,700	600	500	500
Manning (24)	2,500	0	3,000	3,000
Marengo (14)	600	0	150	200
Marshalltown (191)	10,000	12,275	30,000	26,912
Mount Pleasant Noon (33)	3,400	2,026	500	500
Mt. Pleasant (31)	3,200	0	3,295	3,475
Muscatine (138)	16,170	17,242	20,000	17,900
Nevada (67)	6,600	735	14,310	13,056
Newton (99)	10,815	9,312	15,000	8,845
North Scott (97)	10,500	4,875	13,500	14,792
Northwest Des Moines (84)	10,720	15,780	25,131	29,680
Odyssey of Ottumwa (15)	400	400	250	250
Osceola (40)	4,200	600	400	461.67
Oskaloosa (55)	1,680	2,162	250	3,259
Ottumwa (112)	12,100	11,975	5,000	6,405
Pella (43)	4,100	0	2,000	3,225
Perry (37)	2,775	100	1,000	1,200
Tipton (32)	2,400	1,875	665	1,363
Washington (62)	6,200	3,340	4,000	5,854.25
Waukee (50)	4,600	2,700	4,000	4,854
Wellman (35)	3,960	2,445	2,300	2,739
West Des Moines (82)	17,820	5,936	10,000	6,650
West Liberty (34)	7,035	5,700	4,922	5,122
Winterset (35)	3,500	1,000	500	562
Total	\$452,875	\$249,830	\$625,838	\$657,085

Faces of Rotary Youth District 6000, Iowa



Photos taken at Fall Picnic at Knoxville. District 6000 Youth Exchange had another very successful Winter Retreat on Jan. 7-8 at Indianola. The spring orientation will be March 12 at Pella.

'If every 17-year old spent a year as an Exchange student, there would be no more wars.'

— Karl Wilhelm Stenhammar



Mathila Jariwala (India), West Des Moines; Tim Tepass (Germany), Ottumwa; Agathe Ridel (France), Nevada.



Mamoru Sameshima (Japan), Carroll; Ben Dalmeier (Germany), Corydon.



Juan Zurita (Spain), Mt. Pleasant; Tara Lloyd (Australia), Washington; Josefina Diez (Argentina), North Scott; Permpol Krailer Korn (Thailand), Davenport.



Alberto Rodriguez (Mexico), Johnston; Jose Gonzalez Grajales (Mexico), Newton; Ivana Cousolani (Argentina), Dallas Center.

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Sweden, Rotary International President, 2005-06



Vanessa Bilk (Germany), Nevada; Nadine Dills (Germany), Tipton; Ernesta Heinrich (Germany), Davenport.



Pedro Gazzola (Brazil), Decatur County; Vanessa Oliveira (Brazil), Coon Rapids; Radostaw Kowalski (Poland), Centerville.



Monica Gheorghescu (Romania), Muscatine; Felipe Naranjo Sanchez (Ecuador), Chariton; Isabelle Montandon (Brazil), North Scott.



Maria Cecilia Fourcaus (Argentina), Jefferson; Antonella Ballarina (Italy), Pella; Bob Sanders (France), Iowa City AM.



Allison Markarian (France), Knoxville; Joice Felipe daSilva (Brazil), Indianola; Andre Martins (Brazil), Wellman.

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

Name of Club	Number of Meetings	Number of Members	Attendance Percent	Rank for January
Adel	4	27	67.00%	22
Albia				
Ames	5	271	64.03%	25
Ames Morning	4	69	50.36%	44
Ankeny	4	69	65.00%	23
Atlantic				
Bettendorf	4	80	81.06%	7
Bloomfield				
Boone	4	73	57.10%	37
Burlington	5	106	83.90%	6
Carroll	5	61	74.33%	15
Centerville	3	57	58.00%	35
Chariton				
Clinton	4	124	62.71%	28
Coon Rapids	4	24	58.30%	34
Coralville-North Corridor	4	43	89.00%	4
Corning	5	55	74.54%	14
Corydon	4	24	46.25%	45
Creston	4	33	46.00%	46
Dallas Center				
Davenport	3	198	53.50%	42
Decatur County	4	20	69.00%	21
Des Moines	3	380	72.46%	18
Des Moines A.M.	4	149	54.00%	41
East Polk County	3	43	58.00%	36
Fairfield	4	72	62.49%	30
Fort Madison				
Grinnell				
Indianola	4	51	76.19%	12
Iowa City	4	306	65.00%	24
Iowa City A.M.	4	54	71.00%	20
Iowa City Downtown				
Iowa Quad-Cities	4	49	59.69%	32
Jefferson				
Johnston	4	36	74.12%	16
Kalona	4	42	78.95%	9
Keokuk	4	91	51.00%	43
Keosauqua	3	28	56.50%	38
Knoxville	3	60	74.60%	13
Lenox	5	36	61.00%	31
Manning				
Marengo				
Marshalltown	4	190	63.19%	27
Mount Pleasant Noon				
Mt. Pleasant	4	32	77.00%	11
Muscatine	5	148	45.99%	47
Nevada	4	69	77.73%	10
Newton	4	97	55.00%	40
North Scott	4	99	85.76%	5
Northwest Des Moines	4	83	90.27%	3
Odyssey Rotary Ottumwa	1	15	80.00%	8
Osceola	4	37	58.91%	33
Oskaloosa				
Ottumwa	4	106	62.50%	29
Pella	4	42	72.60%	17
Perry				
Tipton	4	31	71.92%	19
Washington				
Waukee				
Wellman	4	34	97.78%	1
West Des Moines	3	85	56.00%	39
West Liberty	4	34	64.00%	26
Winterset	4	31	95.97%	2

Chicago Convention: Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Iowans!

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Chicago Convention: As of Feb. 21, 163 Rotarians and partners from District 6000 were registered for the Centennial Rotary International Convention in Chicago, June 18-22. The zone website, www.zones27-28.org, names those who are registered from each district. There is a discount on registration if you register by March 31. Registration by that date also qualifies District 6000 for a cash rebate. The Rotary International Convention will never be this close again! Governor Bill's promise is that if you attend, you will meet somebody or see something that will change you, and you will not see Rotary the same again! Fifty thousands Rotarians and guests from 166 countries is a realistic expectation. And so close! Register at www.rotary.org.

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District Conference: Registration for our Centennial District Conference, June 16-17, will be posted at the district website in late March. Co-chairs Sarah Simpson and Brock Earnhardt have a great itinerary lined up for this non-traditional, casual, summer conference that is designed to make it easy for Rotarians to go to District Conference and the Chicago Convention in one trip.

"Motorcycle Bob Mutchler," a polio survivor from Sacramento, Calif., who will be on the last leg of a 30,000-mile motorcycle caravan of the U.S. and Canada that will end at the Chicago Convention, will be Friday's keynote speaker. PDG Tony Hennessy of Tasmania, who will be riding with Mutchler, will present "Rotary Ramblings," his unbelievable journey inside and outside of Rotary.

David C. Forward, the author of the Rotary Centennial book, "A Century of Service," will tell fascinating stories about Rotary history at Thursday's luncheon. District Governor Lucky Pieris of District 3220 in Sri Lanka and PDG Ravi Vadlamani will first-person accounts of the Tsunami and Rotary's relief efforts, and we'll meet our inbound and outbound GSE teams from Australia and Germany. Friendship Exchange delegations from Uganda and New Zealand will join us, as will 28 friends of Des Moines Rotary from Ukraine. Rotarians who accepted our invitation for Pre- and Post-Convention Homestays will be at District Conference, too! Among the countries: Sweden, Nigeria, England, India, South Africa and many more.

Wednesday's golf outing will be at Glynn's Creek, and Thursday night's all-district barbecue at the fairgrounds will celebrate the Family of Rotary with rides on Dave Stephens' Percheron show cart, a specially commissioned dramatic presentation, songs, essays, poems, and much more! You can take the bus from Davenport to Chicago on Friday afternoon with a return on Thursday, June 23. (The Saturday and Monday buses have been canceled.) And then we'll reconvene at the big District 6000 Chicago Convention Welcome Party on Saturday evening at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in downtown Chicago. All in time for the Centennial parade on Saturday morning, the 5K-8K run-walk for polio and Opening Ceremonies on Sunday, June 19, and more! What a great time to be a Rotarian!

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Hoover-Wallace banquet: Rotary's special privilege

Dear District 6000 Rotarians,

This letter is to tell you about a marvelous event that Rotary is organizing and to urge your club to be represented at it. On Thursday, Jan. 20, Gov. Tom Vilsack stood before the Des Moines Rotary Club and announced that former Vice President Walter Mondale and former Gov. Robert Ray will be the featured speakers at the second annual Hoover-Wallace Dinner to be held in Des Moines on Monday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the downtown Marriott Hotel.

This event will commemorate the extraordinary humanitarian achievements of Iowans 25 years ago when our state rushed food, medicine and medical personal to save the lives of thousands and thousands of starving Cambodian refugees through the Iowa SHARES campaign. Like the victims of the tsunami we have recently seen on the news, these refugees were desperately clinging to life.

To honor the many individuals who came together across political, religious and ethnic differences to provide life-saving assistance, Rotary is playing a leading role in organizing this dinner. The first Hoover-Wallace dinner was started in 2004 by the Rotary Clubs of Cedar Rapids and Iowa City and was endorsed and supported by district governors and clubs throughout the state.

This year, working in conjunction with the World Food Prize Foundation, we want to have an even larger turnout of Rotarians to honor Iowa's humanitarian leaders and our great humanitarian heritage. All proceeds from the dinner go to support Borlaug-Ruan Internships for Iowa high school students at leading agricultural research centers in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Iowa native and Nobel Laureate Dr. Norman Borlaug is one of Rotary's greatest heroes, having received Rotary's highest honor – our Award for World Understanding and Peace – at our international convention in Barcelona in 2002.

In addition to Gov. Vilsack and Gov. Ray, this dinner is co-sponsored by Senators Grassley and Harkin, former Gov. Branstad, all five U.S. Congressmen, the entire bipartisan leadership of the Iowa Legislature and all of Iowa's statewide elected officials. I hope it is possible for every club in our district to be represented at this unique and historic event. For those clubs whose size permits it, please urge your membership to go together to purchase a table [of 10] at the dinner and plan to be present at it. If your club is not of sufficient size to support an entire table, please encourage your club to have at least two representatives and guests obtain tickets and plan to travel to the dinner in Des Moines together.

Specific information about how to order tickets (\$100 per person or \$1,000 per table) for this very moving and meaningful event is posted at our website, www.rotary6000.org.

Questions may be directed to Kim Heffernan Moss at (515) 245-3783. My hope is that all of our clubs can be in attendance and that we will have a great Rotary moment when we are all asked to stand and be recognized.

Thank you for your assistance with this important humanitarian endeavor as we Celebrate Rotary!

– District Governor Bill Tubbs

Back to basics with 'Service Above Self'

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Service Above Self: DGE Corliss Klaassen reports that Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar of Sweden, the Rotary International president for 2005-06, announced at the International Assembly in Anaheim, that it's back to basics for next year's official theme and logo. "I thought we already had a perfect theme: our motto 'Service Above Self.' So as we approached a new century of service, it was very easy me to decide on a theme that already expressed the spirit of Rotary. I like to have continuity and this theme goes back to our roots," Stenhammar says in the March issue of *The Rotarian*. The logo is the Rotary pin. Stenhammar's goals (p. 45-47 of *The Rotarian*) include the creation of a Public Image Resource Group, emphasis on Rotary Youth Exchange ("If every 17-year-old spent a year as an exchange student, there would be no wars."), the appointment of more women in positions of leadership, and the re-establishment of Rotary in Cuba.

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Assistant Governors: Assistant Governors for 2005-06 will go over plans for the new year with DGE Corliss Klaassen at Assistant Governor Training on March 18-19 at Newton. Seven new AGs who will join eight returning AGs are Keith Hobson of Nevada, Jim Ebbers of Pella, Don Patterson of Washington, Rachel Litwiller of Mt. Pleasant, Deb Pullin-Van Auken of Iowa City AM, Nancy Pacha of Iowa City AM and Sheila Tipton of Des Moines. Second- and third-year AGs include Craig Hertel of Jefferson, Norm Van Klompenburg of Newton, John Beran of Lenox, Loring and Phyllis



Assistant District Governor Bill Koellner, pictured with his wife, Jan, was honored at a surprise reception on Jan. 16 in honor of his 28 years as a trustee of Unity Health Center in Muscatine. District Governor Bill and Linda Tubbs and Past Governors Herb and Janice Wilson and Ken and Jo Noble joined Rotarians and community members in honoring Bill.

Miller of Decatur County, Darrell Limkeman of Ottumwa, Sarah Simpson of Muscatine, Diana Reed of Northwest Des Moines, and Lloyd Hill of Northwest Des Moines. Assistant Governors for 2004-05 held a team building picnic last September at Wildwood Acres near Canton, and will attend "The King and I" at Circa '21 Dinner Theatre in the Quad Cities in April.

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Iowa State Fair: DGE Corliss Klaassen has budgeted for District 6000 to have a booth at the Iowa State Fair for the third consecutive year in August 2005. Kurt Johnson of the Rotary Club of Des Moines has agreed to co-chair our district committee with John Lewis, also of the Rotary Club of Des Moines, who has overseen the project in its first two years.

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New Members Honored: Be sure to encourage your members who have joined during the last year to attend the Chicago RI Convention. They will be honored on Tuesday, June 21. That is according to RI Membership Development chair Sam Greene, a friend whom many Rotarians in District 6000 met at District Conference in Iowa City in 2002.

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Celebrations: Knoxville Rotarians attended the Christmas Party of the Pella Rotary Club, and invited Pella Rotarians to Knoxville for their meeting on Jan. 12. Indianola celebrated Rotary's Centennial with a party on Friday evening, March 4. The Rotary Clubs of Bettendorf, Davenport, Iowa Quad Cities and North Scott will hold a four-club Centennial and Pre-District Conference Fire-up meeting on Wednesday, May 4 at the Starlite Ballroom at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. The Rotary Club of Atlantic is planning a celebration in connection with the club's 85th anniversary on May 11.

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Charter Members of District 6000 Paul Harris Society

There are 23 charter members of the District 6000 Paul Harris Society. These are Rotarians who pledge to give \$1,000 per year to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation for 10 years, working toward the Major Donor status of \$10,000. Charter Members are those who make this pledge during Rotary year 2004-05. They will receive a Paul Harris Society ribbon for their Rotary pins at District Conference, June 15-17 in Davenport. There is no form to sign, but to signify your intent, please contact District Governor Bill Tubbs, (563) 285-5665, or administrator Jerri Uitermarkt, (877) 976-8279.

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| Bob Anderson, Ames | Bill Koellner, West Liberty |
| Del/Georgia Bluhm, Ames | Loring Miller, Decatur County |
| Tom Brooke, West Liberty | Phyllis Miller, Decatur County |
| George Christensen, Ames | Bill Oglesby, Coralville-North Corridor |
| John/Linda Dasher, Ames | Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM |
| Dave Dickson, Ames | Bob Rudman, Ames |
| Mary Gibbons, Ames | David Sunken, Ames |
| Don/Doris Goering, Ames | Bill/Linda Tubbs, North Scott |
| Conrad Gregg, West Liberty | Don Wandling, Ames |
| Paul/Phoebe Hellwege, Boone | Herb Wilson, Coralville-North Corridor |
| Corliss/Jeanne Klaassen, Chariton | Janice Wilson, Coralville-North Corridor |
| | Margaret Wilson, Ames |

Project teams head to Xicotepec

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The Rotary Club of Keosauqua will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a special event at Lacey Keosauqua State Park on June 27. If you know of other Centennial celebrations, please e-mail Governor Bill Tubbs at btubbs@northscottpress.com.

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Xicotepec: Jim Peterson of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM, PDG Ray Muston of the Rotary Club of Iowa City, and the leaders of the project team for Xicotepec, Mexico, have organized a 777-member delegation of Rotarians, Interactors and citizens to travel to Xicotepec, Mexico in two 1-week trips from March 5-20. Projects that will be performed with Xicotepec Rotarians, include planting trees, painting a mural, roofing work, removing brush and levelling the site for the new secondary school, special teams to do cervical cancer checks, painting and finishing work at a Red Cross clinic, assisting their Inner Wheel group with a special ed school, and others.

Teams members include Robert and Janice Anderson of Ames, Susan Benson of Ames, Del and Georgia Bluhm of Ames, Samantha Carlson of Muscatine, Kay Carpenter of Coralville, Tali Christian of Ames, Ricardo Colon Hernandez of Iowa City, Matt Craig of Cedar Rapids, Nicole DeVries of Ashton, Karen Dierks of Muscatine, Ashley Gaeth of Iowa City, Joan Garrity of Coralville, Monica and Natalie Gilkison of Davenport, Luke Goddard of Muscatine, Jessica Gordon of Iowa City, Nancy Harms of Ottumwa, Sally Hertz of Nevada, Emily Hindman of Iowa City, Stephen Jones of Huxley, William Jones of Iowa City, Kathryn Kenyon of Muscatine, Jim and Grace King of Muscatine, Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen of Chariton, Jeff Koepfel of Coralville, Elizabeth Loeb of Iowa City, Mark and Johanna Lucas of Iowa City, Nick Lucas of Colorado Springs, CO, Bob Main of Newton, Abbi Mason-Marshall of Iowa City, Mark, Becky and Caitlin Mather of Muscatine, Forrest Meggers of Iowa City, Maritza Muniz of Iowa City, Chip and Sophia Muston of Fishers, IN, Tom, Bridget, Daniel and Sheila Novak of Iowa City, John and Deb Ockenfels of Swisher, Gary and Nancy Pacha of Iowa City, Kelli Parsons of Iowa City, Don and Rebecca Patterson of Washington, Carolyn Persoon of Iowa City, Anita and



District 6000 Rotarians Jim Peterson, PDG Gary Pacha, Dr. Bill Olin, AG Brock Earnhardt and Bill Burress discuss a potential medical clinic and projects to provide clean water with Rotarians in Guatemala during their January trip.

Priyanka Rao of Iowa City, Jeremy and Paula Richardson of Wellman, Jessica Rodriguez-Navarro of Iowa City, John Schwandke of Muscatine, Tim Sexton of Iowa City, Kathy Mace Skinner of Nevada, Mary Small of Chapel Hill, NC, Georgette Stern of Iowa City, Nancy Stroburg of Jefferson, Jim and Ginalie Swaim of Iowa City, Ricky Teed of Coralville, Bill and Linda Tubbs of Eldridge, Erika Vijn of Iowa City, Peter Wallace of Iowa City, John Werner of Waukee, Thomas Williams of Nevada, Louise Wolf-Novak of Iowa City, Nicholas Wysocki of Coralville and Deanna Zinno of Ankeny.

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Volunteer in April: Rotary International has designated April 2005 as a month when club members are encouraged to volunteer their time in service to others as a special centennial gift to their local communities. The number of volunteer hours contributed by each club will be collected by Rotary International and announced at the 2005 RI Convention, June 18-22 in Chicago. At the end of the month, clubs are asked to report the number of volunteer hours contributed by their members via the Member Access tool at <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org>. Questions? Contact the Program Division, Rotary International, Evanston, Ph. (847) 866-3361. *Lend A Hand, Service Above Self – now more than ever!*

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Bunny Harper: The 2005 District 6000 Bunny Harper Memorial Golf Tournament will be Monday, June 27 at Coldwater Golf Links, Ames. The tournament honors our 1964 District Governor Bunny Harper of Ottumwa. The cost of \$75 in advance or \$80 on June 27 includes continental breakfast, golf, cart, lunch and prizes. Registration is from 8:30-9:45 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10:00. Lunch and awards will be at 2:00 p.m. Questions or information, contact Clifford Smith, 1230 Scholl Road, Ames, IA, (515) 292-2811, or e-mail: arbsmith@aol.com. Make checks payable to the Ames Noon Rotary Club.



Osceola Rotary Club president Steve Gilbert with the Rotary Band Stand in the town square.

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Sponsor a student for World Affairs Conference

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Rotary World Affairs Conference: At the past two Zone Institutes we met Rick Luedke, the general manager of the Rotary World Affairs Conference that is held each June at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. This conference brings together more than 1,000 youths from the Midwest and many foreign countries for a week of seminars, speakers and brainstorming on international relations and peace building. Many clubs from District 6000 have sponsored students, and Rick is encouraging participation for an especially exceptional conference during Rotary's Centennial year. The conference is for students who have completed their sophomore, junior or senior years in high school. "We are especially seeking participation by 2004-05 Rotary Youth Exchange students next June 11-17," Rick writes. "Today, perhaps more than ever before, it is critical to the future of the world that high school students gain a greater knowledge of today's world and are enabled to make considered, thoughtful decisions which will help shape the world to come." The inclusive cost of a scholarship for one student is \$445; additional students are \$420 and multiple-student discounts are available. Contact Rick Luedke, general manager, Rotary World Affairs Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, 800 W. Main St., Whitewater, WI 53190-1790, Ph.: (888) 404-4049, e-mail: was@uw.edu. Visit the website at www.worldaffairsseminar.org.

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"A Major Success": During Governor Bill Tubbs' Club Assembly with the 15-member Rotary Club of Bloomfield, president David Simonsen and club officers spent time thinking strategically about membership development. Weeks later, they changed their meeting time from 6:45 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays. "It was a major success so far," said Assistant Governor John Schroeder, a member of the Bloomfield club. "We added a grocer and an accountant." Others are interested. Commenting on the club's meeting day and the spiritual connections that Governor Tubbs said can be found through Rotary service, Schroeder said, "Church on Sunday and Rotary on Wednes-



John Lewis, Ann Schodde and Richard Johnson of the Rotary Club of Des Moines exchange flags at the meeting of the Likas Bay Rotary Club in Cota Kinabalu, East Malaysia. They assisted and facilitated a cultural and informational exchange between the Legislature of Iowa and Sabah, East Malaysia. Nine legislators from East Malaysia visited the Iowa Legislature and attended the meeting of the Des Moines Rotary Club on Feb. 3.

day. That makes a good break in my week."

(Correction: The Bloomfield Rotary Club should have been listed among the clubs who contributed to the Rebaz fund in the last newsletter. Thank you, Bloomfield!)

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Revolving Scholarship: The Rotary Club of Davenport prides itself on being the largest provider of scholarships in the Quad Cities, thanks to their Educational Foundation, which has accrued a substantial corpus with many years of hard work and contributions. Since 1996 they've awarded \$343,118 in scholarships. The club, however, did not expect to receive a letter like this with a \$15,000 check from William E. Staib, who wrote: "I cannot believe it has been 16 years since receiving a scholarship from the Rotary Club of Davenport. Enclosed is a contribution to the scholarship fund. Back in 1988, I was concerned whether I could afford to attend the college of my choice. With the Rotary scholarship, some other scholarships, a grant from Stanford and a few part-time jobs, I was off to California for five years. . . . when my company faced near bankruptcy due to a financing scandal, I became CEO (I drew the short straw!). We were able to grow the company by 1,000 percent in three years." The business was sold and Staib, who earned his master's degree in electric engineering, and his family moved to New York City, then Coralville. Still a young man, he is wondering what to do next, but didn't forget those who helped him along the way!

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Rotary Calendars: The Rotary Club of Chariton printed 200 calendars for the community with full color pictures on each page. The calendars celebrate community events and feature the Rotary wheel, in color, on each page. Two hundred calendars were printed, which sold for \$10 each. The profit is small but the public relations is large. The club hopes to increase the distribution next year.

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Rotary Trophy Case: The Keosauqua Rotary Club's Centennial Project is the installation of a large trophy case at Van Buren Junior/Senior High School. The club took on the project after the gym was recently remodeled. Front page photos in the *Van Buren County Register* show students installing the case, which will display a copy of the U.S. Constitution, U.S. flag and a Rotary recognition plaque.

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There was a young lawyer named Paul
Who thought that he had it all,
But when he looked around,
Rotary he did found.
He then truly began having a ball.

In '79 I was the president
And soon it became evident,
The group was no bore
And the club it did roar,
It was also very benevolent.

Some say we are quite thrifty
But it's very, very nifty
Rotarians have their pride
And it's showing worldwide.
This year we celebrate 2 times 50.

— Porter Hamilton, Rotary Club of Newton

Has your club written a Centennial poem?

Nominate an Ambassadorial Scholar by April 1

By Jeff Bremer/NW Des Moines

D-6000 Ambassadorial Scholars chair

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships program is currently the world's largest, privately funded international scholarships program. This program supports approximately 1,100 students serving abroad annually. It introduces scholars to the cultures of over 70 different countries. Rotary sends scholars to almost 70 different countries and has created a worldwide network of more than 36,000 scholar alumni. It has empowered students to improve international understanding for over half a century.

The Ambassadorial Scholarships program supports the mission of The Rotary Foundation to further understanding and world peace by:

1. Increasing awareness of and respect for cultural differences by sending ambassadors of goodwill to study in another country.
2. Instilling in scholars the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self through active participation in Rotary service projects.
3. Encouraging scholars to dedicate their personal and professional lives to improving the quality of life for the people of their

home communities and countries.

4. Developing leaders who can address the humanitarian needs of the world community.

5. Impacting all areas of the world through a balanced geographical distribution of scholars.

6. Fostering a lifelong association between scholars and Rotary.

If you know of a college student who has the personality that creates an ambassador quality and who has the desire to make a difference, tell them about this wonderful opportunity. The application process is somewhat lengthy and my committee needs the completed applications turned into the district by April 1, 2005.

This scholarship is a "once in a lifetime opportunity" and we know there are very deserving students that need to apply. If you have any questions, or would like me to bring a new or former Ambassadorial Scholar to your club for a program, please let me know: Jeff Bremer, 2622 Forest Drive, Knoxville, IA 50138. Ph. (515) 223-9200x210 (B); (641) 828-2080 (H); (515) 729-2216 (cell).

'Texas Hold 'Em' March 12 in Coon Rapids

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Texas Hold 'Em: President John Waddle and the Rotary Club of Coon Rapids will host their second annual "Texas Hold 'Em" night at the American Legion Community Building at 6:00 p.m. on March 12. Social hour starts at 5:00. Organizers hope the event will be as big as last year, where 100 players competed for a chance to advance to the championship and qualify for the prize money. Tickets are \$75 for the first 105 participants. The top 10 finishers win cash prizes. The proceeds will be donated to the Carroll County Relay for Life Cancer project.

Last year's inaugural event netted nearly \$5,000 and the proceeds were used to help register 130 people with the National Bone Marrow Donor Program. Fun fund-raising? You bet! Information: President John Waddle, (712) 684-5154.

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Feeding the Homeless: In addition to their work with Capitol View School and their commitment to the Principal River Walk, the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM will make sandwiches for 150 homeless who eat at the Cafe Connection.

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Bowling for Dollars: The Northwest Des Moines Rotary sold chances for an expenses paid trip to Iowa's Capital One Bowl Game in Orlando. Chances were \$100 each. They sold 60 tickets and netted \$3,000 for the club's scholarship fund.

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In Our Prayers: PDG Paul Hellwege of Boone will undergo open heart surgery on March 11. "It is the better part of wisdom that we cancel plans to attend the Centennial Convention in Chicago. If possible, we will attend District Conference. We are truly disappointed, but we must remember that we are no longer 60," writes the 91-year-old Paul, adding perspective to life for those of us who have not get achieved that milestone.

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98 on Rotary's 100th: While visiting the Rotary Club of Des Moines of Feb. 3, we were delighted to sit with Cecil Bolsinger and learn that his 98th birthday would fall on Feb. 23, Rotary's 100th. Congratulations! We were also delighted to see past AG John Tone on his feet, hale and hearty after a serious bout with meningitis.

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Scholar: 2005-06 Ambassadorial Scholar Omar Tesdell's assignment has been changed from the University of Cape Town to the Pontifica Universidad Catolica del Peru in Lima, Peru.

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National Immunization Days: Rotarians are invited to participate in the next Polio Immunization days in India on Sundays, April 10 and May 15. This monumental project requires 640,000 vaccination booths, 2.3 million vaccinators, 1.1 million vaccination teams, 137,000 supervisors with 137,000 vehicles (cars, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, boats, elephants, camels or whatever it takes), 200 million doses of polio vaccine carried around the country in 2 million vaccine carrier bags, 6.3 million ice packs to keep all those doses of polio vaccine in the 2 million vaccine carrier bags cold, 191 million homes visited and 170 million children immunized in just one day.

If you want to take part with your friends, contact PDG Satish Wadhwa, Chief Patron THFS, 4/99, Gwalior Road, Baluganj, Agra-282001- India. E-mail: satishwadhwa90@hotmail.com. Cell: 9837061405. Or visit www.geocities.com/tajhosting.

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It's What's On Top: Watch for the first issuance of the official District 6000 Rotary baseball caps. A stylish fit for \$10!

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Doris Goering was again the first to provide the correct answer to last month's Trivia question: PDG Dale Belknap designed the Mahaney Bell Tower in Jefferson.



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This newsletter has been mailed to District 6000 club presidents, assistant governors, past and future district governors and committee chairs. It is also posted in PDF format with the pictures in color at our district website, www.rotary6000.org. We encourage and urge you to share your copies with club leaders and Rotarians in your clubs and to use it as a resource for your club newsletters and in any way possible for the advancement of Rotary.



– Celebrate Rotary –
YES!

Mark your calendar now – save the dates for the grandest Rotary Celebration of all – District Conference in Davenport, June 15-17, 2005, and the Centennial Rotary International Convention in Chicago, June 18-22. Register for the convention with RI and book your rooms for Chicago now. Join 59,500 Rotarians from 166 countries in Chicago to *Celebrate Rotary!*



Governor's District 6000 Centennial Citation



Support District 6000 goals, HAVE FUN & earn Rotary Foundation points

Section A: (40 Points + 10 BONUS POINTS if you do everything in this section)

- o Qualify for the RI Presidential Citation (4 points) _____
- o Register one or more Rotarians for the Chicago Convention (June 18-22, 2005) by March 31, 2005 (4 points) _____
- o Register 10 or more Rotarians/guests for District 6000 Conference (June 16-17, 2005 in Davenport) (4 points) _____
- o Support FAMSCO or Xicotepec financially and/or with volunteers and/or in-kind contributions (4 points) _____
- o Support Iowa M.O.S.T. (Miles Of Smiles Team, was Rotaplast) financially and/or with volunteers (4 points) _____
- o Fulfill Your Promise (pay your pledge in full) for polio eradication (4 points) _____
- o One or more members attend a Regional Foundation/Membership seminar (4 points) _____
- o Schedule an Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) speaker between July and November (4 points) _____
- o Achieve EREY or increase the percentage of Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members in your club (4 points) _____
- o Register your 2005-06 and/or 2006-07 club presidents for P.E.T.S. (April 8, 2005) (4 points) _____

ADD 10 BONUS POINTS IF YOU DO ALL OF THE ABOVE

SUBTOTAL POINTS _____

Section B: (30 Points)

- o Register home hosts for Pre- and Post-Convention Homestays (3 points) _____
- o Participate in a joint meeting or special event to celebrate Rotary's 100th birthday (Feb. 23, 2005) with the club that chartered you (3 points) _____
- o Complete a Centennial Community Service project(s) and post "Centennial Project" signs (3 points) _____
- o Publicize Rotary's Centennial in your community through free or paid media space (3 points) _____
- o Register volunteers and equipment for the District 6000 Disaster Response Team (3 points) _____
- o Submit a block for your club for the District 6000 Centennial quilt (3 points) _____
- o Submit entries for the District 6000 "Four-Way Test" essay contest (3 points) _____
- o Sponsor one or more local students for District 6000 RYLA (3 points) _____
- o Sponsor a window or mall display, or participate in a parade(s) to promote Rotary's Centennial (3 points) _____
- o Update your club history (3 points) _____

SUBTOTAL POINTS _____

Section C: (20 Points)

- o Give the framed "Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions" to new members (2 points) _____
- o Promote applications for Outbound GSE and/or apply to those one of our two GSE teams (2 points) _____
- o Enroll in the Twin-Club partnerships with a club in another country (2 points) _____
- o One or more members sign the register at Rotary's Iowa State Fair booth (2 points) _____
- o Plan and promote at least one "100 percent attendance" day (2 points) _____
- o Donate the new Rotary Centennial book to your local library (2 points) _____
- o Submit entries in the District 6000 Rotary Centennial poem contest (2 points) _____
- o Submit entries in the District 6000 Rotary Centennial song contest (2 points) _____
- o One or more members register for a Rotary Vocational/Recreational Fellowship for the first time (2 points) _____
- o Register one or more club members as a volunteer with the Chicago Host Committee (2 points) _____

SUBTOTAL POINTS _____

YOUR SCORE	PRIZE	TOTAL SCORE
Platinum 100 Points	(1,000 Rotary Foundation Recognition Points: PHF)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 50px; display: inline-block;"></div>
Gold 80-99	(300 Rotary Foundation Recognition Points)	
Silver 70-80	(200 Rotary Foundation Recognition Points)	
Bronze 60-70	(100 Rotary Foundation Recognition Points)	
Club Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____		Sections A, B, C
Submit by April 15, 2005 to: District 6000 Administrator, P.O. Box 46, Knoxville, IA 50138		