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Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer: Back to basics to start Rotary's second century

By **DG Corliss Klaassen/Chariton**

As we begin to write the first chapter of the new history book of Rotary's second 100 years, we must focus our attention on our goals for the future of Rotary. One important issue our International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer wants us to concentrate on is making disease-free water available to all people of the world. Many in



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third world countries must walk miles to get safe drinking water.

We must remember that 16 percent of the world's population doesn't have safe drinking water and 40 percent of the world's population lacks basic sanitation. When my wife, Jeanne, and I traveled to India on an NID (National Immunization Day) for Polio in 2004 we saw firsthand the many difficulties facing that country. This was a life changing experience for us when we saw the many ways Rotarians could be of assistance.

We must also continue the emphasis on literacy. We need to reach out to adults and children in our own communities who are struggling with functional illiteracy, which is defined as having literacy skills that are too low to perform most daily activities. We need to help those who cannot read a newspaper or a label on a prescription bottle to live a better life. We have many children in our schools who read far below their age level. The English language for many children is not their primary language at home. What an opportunity this is for Rotarians to visit schools, read to children and listen to them in turn!

RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer feels *continuity* and *cooperation* are both very important if we are going to address the concerns of literacy, access to clean water, alleviate hunger and improve health. These are all of such magnitude that we as Rotarians can never reach our goals in these areas by ourselves, nor can they be accomplished in one year. We must seek continuity and cooperation with other entities working with the same issues in our ambition to make the world a better place.

The theme Carl-Wilhelm chose for this Rotary year is **SER**

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Sabino S. "Benny" Santos of Malolos, Bulacan, Philippines, a past Vice President of Rotary International and the official representative of 2004-05 RI President Glenn Estess, Sr., addressed Rotarians at District 6000 Conference June 16-17 in Davenport. He said he is in the 79th year of his life and has been in Rotary for 43 years, but by attending our Conference, he climbed the mountain and has seen the fullness of Rotary. D-6000 Rotarians welcomed nearly 100 people from other countries to Celebrate Rotary in Iowa before or after the Centennial Rotary International Convention in Chicago. Some are pictured in this issue of *District 6000 News*. More than 600 Rotarians and guests attended District 6000 Conference.



Celebrating the restoration of the Paul Harris portrait and its presentation to Rotary International were (l-r): PDG Gary Pacha, PDG John Dasher, AG Darrell Limkeman, Linda Tubbs, PDG Ken and Jo Noble, DG Bill Tubbs, Jim Peterson, Georgia Bluhm, DGE Corliss Klaassen, Linda Dasher, DGN Del Bluhm, Linda and PDG Ray Muston, polio survivor Doug Oberman (wheelchair), PDG Herb Wilson, RI President Glenn Estess, Sr., PDG Dave Buck (D-5970) and DG Steve Thorpe (D-5970).



Applauding the unveiling (l-r): Linda and PDG John Dasher, Jim Peterson, DGE Corliss Klaassen, RI Foundation Director John Osterlund, and PDGs Gary Pacha and Ray Muston.

Celebrating Paul Harris

On May 24, Rotarians of Iowa were guests of Rotary International for the unveiling of the 34"x46" portrait of Paul Harris that was deaccessioned from the University of Iowa where it had sat in storage at the Memorial Union for 50 years. Leaders of Districts 6000 and 5970 paid \$4,400 to restore the Paul Trebilcock painting and frame to their original luster. Trebilcock was a popular Midwest portrait painter whose subjects included FDR.



RI President Glenn Estess, Sr. and DGs 2004-05 Bill Tubbs (6000) and Steve Thorpe (5970) get the first glimpse of the portrait.



RI General Secretary Ed Futa shows the page in "Images of Rotary" where Paul Harris is pictured as he poses for the famous portrait. Photos by RI Staff

Presidential Citation focus: Membership, Foundation

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VICE Above Self. What better theme could we have to lead us into the second century of Rotary? It is a theme that unites us as an organization and has deep roots in our past. The theme also invites us to reflect upon what the familiar motto means to each of us as individuals.

Carl-Wilhelm is recycling and for the logo this year he chose our trademark, the Rotary wheel.

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Membership: A net increase in membership of one or more Rotarians is one of the criteria in Carl-Wilhelm's Presidential Citation. This is reachable for every club and many clubs should far exceed this. If this is achieved we will have over 4,500 members in District 6000.

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Every Rotarian, Every Year: In support of the EREY (Every Rotarian, Every Year) initiative I am urging all clubs in District 6000 to find a way to increase their giving to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation by \$10 or more per member. By doing this we would then reach our district goal of \$100 per member per year for this year. A gift of hope is what it truly means to give a gift to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Every gift makes a difference in someone's life.

The Annual Programs Fund translates into the DDF (District Designated Funds) that allows districts to send Ambassadorial Scholars to study in another part of the world, that funds the Matching, District Simplified, and Individual Grants that help provide food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, shelter for the homeless, and health care for the sick. It provides the money for the GSE teams and the Rotary World Peace Scholars who help The Rotary Foundation accomplish its mission of fostering goodwill, understanding and peace in the world.

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Matching Grants: In support of Carl-Wilhelm's Presidential Citation for an international project in support of literacy, water management and sanitation, I encourage all clubs to work with The International District Grants Subcommittee formerly known as World Community Service/Matching Grants.

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District Simplified Grants: District 6000 has \$36,352 available for us this year to be used for projects in our own local communities. This money is made available through the District Simplified Grant Program. The requirements and application forms for District Simplified Grants are on Rotary's web-site at www.rotary6000.org. This application is due September 9th of this year.

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Youth Exchange: "My Dream is that every 17-year-old could become an exchange student. If the world could achieve this there would be no wars." This is a statement Carl-Wilhelm made when referring to Rotary's Youth Exchange Program. We as a district

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Ann Moody of Muscatine stitched this beautiful Centennial quilt with squares received from the Rotary clubs of District 6000. The quilt, which was displayed at District Conference, will be given to Rotarians in Xicotepec, Mexico, as a symbol of friendship. Rotarians may view the quilt at the six regional Rotary Foundation/Membership seminars during September. Ann is the daughter of Past District Governor Breck Breckenfelder.



Doug Flournoy and Dave Reiff of the Rotary Club of Fairfield were flag bearers in the Centennial Parade that kicked off the RI Convention on Columbus Avenue in downtown Chicago, June 18. The two-hour parade attracted floats from around the globe with messages celebrating world peace, friendship and service. During the convention, Rotary celebrated its common interests with international service organizations like Lions (below), whose leaders were invited and whose work was celebrated.





DG 2004-05 Bill Tubbs and Linda deposited a copy of publications from District 6000 in the Rotary International Centennial time capsule at the Chicago convention. The time capsule will be opened at Rotary's Bicentennial in 2105. Included were a copy of the 2004-05 District Directory, the District 6000 Centennial Presidential Profiles book and the District Conference program, which named long time Rotarians and other Centennial honorees from District 6000.

Involvement in Rotary Youth Exchange urged

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need to continue our work in making this program available to every young person who wishes to obtain this great experience. As a district we have been a leader in the field for many years. It indeed would be great if we had 63 inbound and 63 outbound students each and every year.

Newsletters: We are very fortunate to have last year's Centennial Governor Bill Tubbs as the editor for the District 6000 Newsletter again this year. He has the skill, knowledge and the dedication to continue to promote our public image during this first year of the second century of Rotary.

Teamwork: In District 6000 we have a great team of past district governors and I appreciate all of their support. I have already found the job of being a district governor takes cooperation and I am fortunate to have some very good assistant governors as well.

Proud to be a Rotarian: The words "SERVICE Above Self" have always been important to me and I am proud to be a part of this great organization that stands for service, integrity and high ethical standards in business and professional life. I am honored to serve as governor of District 6000 in this first year of the second century of Rotary.

All clubs should attend regional meetings!

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

District Rotary Foundation Chair

Rotary Club Presidents are reminded to schedule, attend, and bring several additional club members to one of the six District 6000 Membership and Rotary Foundation Seminars scheduled in six locations during September.

For the third year, the district leadership has organized and will conduct six identical seminars to make attendance easier and more convenient for club leadership. In addition to the Rotary club presidents, the presidents-elect, the club membership chair/director, and the club Foundation chair, club members responsible for the clubs' District Simplified Grants and Matching Grants will find these seminars useful and helpful as they carry out their responsibilities for their club. The Seminar leaders will be sharing much useful information that they gained at recent Zone and International meetings.

Each Seminar will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and will be held on the following dates in the following locations:

- **Mount Pleasant, Sept. 7:** Brazelton Motel (formerly the Ramada Inn);
- **West Liberty, Sept. 8:** The Ralph/Elizabeth Farmer Community Center, 1204 N. Calhoun St.;
- **Oskaloosa, Sept. 19:** St. Mary's Parish Center, 301 High Ave. East;
- **West Des Moines, Sept. 20:** DMACC, 5959 Grand Ave.;
- **Perry, Sept. 28:** First Presbyterian Church, 1323 Fourth Street;
- **Osceola, Sept. 29:** American State Bank Building, Highway 34 (near McDonalds).

Special attention will be given to clubs interested in Matching Grants and grants for hometown projects through the District Simplified Grant program. Membership growth and retention continues to receive attention, as worldwide Rotary membership has not maintained its recent gains.

Please register for the Seminar with club members who plan to attend, utilizing the D-6000 web site: www.rotary6000.org. There is no cost to attend these seminars, as District 6000 will be paying for all related expenses.



Mark Snell of the Rotary Club of Des Moines (l) and Merle Anderson of North Scott (r) entertain members of a delegation from Cherkassy, Ukraine, during the steak fry hosted by Bettendorf Rotary at D-6000 Conference.

2005-06 GSE will link D-6000, Philippines

By Karin Franklin/Iowa City

Chair, Group Study Exchange

Work has begun on the 2006 exchange with District 3810 of the Philippines. District 3810 includes the cities of Manila and Pasay and the provinces of Cavite and Occidental Mindoro. There are 83 Rotary clubs in this district. The first club to be chartered in the Philippines and in Asia was the Rotary Club of Manila founded June 1, 1919. The provinces of Cavite and Occidental Mindoro include the rural parts of the District, featuring the history of the Philippines in Cavite and the country's rarest wildlife, lush forests, virgin beaches and beautiful resorts in Occidental Mindoro. English is the language of business and governance in the Philippines.

The Outbound team from District 6000 will travel from Feb. 24 to March 24, 2006 and the team from the Philippines will be our guests from April 8 to May 8, 2006.

Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a professional development exchange as well as an opportunity to further Rotary's goal of promoting world peace and understanding through interaction and fellowship with another culture. The Group Study Exchange teams consist of a Rotarian team leader and four non-Rotarians between the ages of 25 and 40.

In selecting teams, an effort is made to engage young people committed to their professions who will benefit from exposure to their vocation in another country. Candidates should be individuals who will represent District 6000 and the United States well and who will bring their exchange experience back to their workplace and everyday lives.

Currently District 6000 is seeking candidates for Rotarian team leader and for the four non-Rotarian team positions. Applications may be obtained from the District 6000 Rotary website, www.rotary6000.org. Applications require the signature of a sponsoring Rotary club president and a letter from the candidate's employer supporting the candidate's leave from work. All completed applications should be submitted to Andy Knebel at Knebel Windows, 700 S. Capitol St., Iowa City, IA 52240. More information can also be obtained from Andy at andy@knebelwindows.com or 319-338-1712. The **deadline for applications is Sept. 30, 2006.** All Rotarians are requested to think of young people suitable for team member positions and encourage these individuals to apply.

In late fall and early winter, Mark Snell, Inbound Group Study Exchange Coordinator, and his committee will be soliciting clubs who would like to host our Philippine guests. Hosting is an experi-



GSE team members from D-1890, Schlesweig-Holstein, Germany, received blankets as a gift from D-6000 at District Conference, (l-r): Team leader Werner Pauls, Inka Klinger, Katrin Wandel, Astrid Schultner and Henning Vollbrecht.

ence of a lifetime. Any Rotarian who has had this experience knows one makes friends from all over the globe through GSE. If your club is interested in being a host, please contact Mark at marksnellRCDM@att.net to get on the list of potential host clubs. Host clubs are responsible for arranging vocational visits in their communities and homestays for the team leader and team members. Early planning is essential to avoid duplication of activities and so we can send an itiner-

ary to our guests well before their visit to Iowa. Host clubs must submit an itinerary to Mark within a month of being selected as a host club, or by March 31, 2006.

For more information about Group Study Exchange, go to www.rotary.org and enter Group Study Exchange in the search box, or contact Karin Franklin, kaf@avalon.net or 319-356-5232 (w).



D-1890 Governor 2004-05 Gerd Imeyer and Petra attended D-6000 Conference and the Chicago RI Convention.



Inbound and outbound GSE team members with D-9810, Melbourne, Australia, shared a program at D-6000 Conference: (l-r): Sarah O'Donnell, Kay Gordon (team leader), Kathryn McDonald, Pamela Holz, Holly Kreiner, PDG Don Goering (team leader), Sean Stratton and Stephen White.



D-9810 GSE chair David Tolsrup and his wife, of Melbourne, Australia, attended D-6000 Conference before traveling to Chicago for the Centennial RI Convention.



DG Corliss Klaassen (second from right) and DGE Del Bluhm (second from left) with Jeanne Klaassen and Georgia Bluhm and West Liberty Rotarians cut the ceremonial ribbon to open Rotary's booth at the Iowa State Fair on Aug. 11.

Rotarians promote Service Above Self at Iowa State Fair

By Kurt Johnson/Des Moines
Chair, State Fair Booth Committee

For the third year in a row, District 6000 had a booth at the Iowa State Fair. A ribbon cutting was conducted on the opening day, Aug. 11, by DG Corliss Klaassen. The Fair ran for 11 days from Aug. 11 through Aug. 21.

The booth was open each day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and volunteers staffed the booth in three-hour shifts. Over 90 volunteers were involved in the effort!

The emphasis of the booth was to increase awareness of the general public about Rotary and its efforts in the areas of international and community service. The materials provided promoted Group Study Exchanges, Youth Exchanges, Rotaract, Interact and Rotary in general. Also, about 10,000 Rotary tattoos were applied to children of visitors to the booth!

Clubs that participated with volunteers this year included: Ames, Creston, Davenport, Decatur County Rotary Club, Des Moines, Des Moines AM, East Polk, Iowa City Noon, Jefferson, Johnston, Mt Pleasant Evening, Northwest Des Moines, Ottumwa, Waukee, West Des Moines, West Liberty,

Special thanks to John Mertz (Knoxville), Al Tank (North Scott) and Bob Ulrich (Chariton) for their help in setting up the booth. Also, thanks to the committee for their help in this project. Committee members included: Corliss Klaassen (DG), Del Bluhm (DG Elect), Jeff Ashcraft (North Scott), John Lewis (Des Moines), and Jerri Uitermarkt (Knoxville).

Clubs should apply now for district grants

By DGN Diana Reed/Northwest Des Moines
Chair, District Simplified Grants

Every Rotary Club in District 6000 has the opportunity to apply for a District Simplified Grant. This is a relatively new program that started a couple of years ago and has been tremendously successful for the clubs that have utilized the money from these grants. This is a way for money to come back to the district to be used by local clubs to support short-term humanitarian projects that benefit the community. There are a number of wide ranging opportunities that exist in every community.

A complete list of the grant requirements can be found on the Rotary International Web Site, the District 6000 Web Site and in the materials that each current club president was given at PETS. A submitted grant must follow the grant policies that govern all RI grant programs and cannot be bricks and mortar nor can it benefit Rotarians or a specific group of people. Each club requesting funds must provide club funding of at least one dollar of cash or at least one dollar of equivalent value for each dollar of DSG funds being requested.

The amount that can be distributed in District 6000 for the Rotary Year 2005-2006 is \$36,352 and the grant number under which the distribution of these funds will be made for District 6000 is #56099. The procedure is the following:

- Submit a grant application form to the District Simplified Grants Committee. These forms are on the RI Web Site, the District 6000 Web Site or in each club president's material.
- The review process of all applications will take place by the DSG Committee with selections made by the end of October.
- Money will be released to the clubs that are selected as funds become available from RI.
- Each club will submit a progress report to the DSG Committee six months after receiving the grant money.
- Each club will submit a final report to the DSG Committee upon completion of the project but no more than 18 months after receiving the grant money.

It's simple! It's great! It is a way to use money that has been contributed by Rotarians in District 6000 to benefit our own local communities.

Get creative and consider what can be done in your local community. Talk to your club president and fill out the forms and submit them to the DSG Committee by Sept. 9, 2005.



A Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant assisted the Ottumwa Rotary Club in providing benches for a recreational area near the Des Moines River.



DG 2004-05 Ranga Rao Jashti of Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, India, and his wife, Prameela, were guests at D-6000 Conference. Ranga, a rural development director, told about the tsunami and how Rotarians helped.



At District Conference, Linda Tubbs (r) greeted District Governor 2004-05 Lucky Pieris of Sri Lanka and his wife, Kuniko, of Japanese descent. Sri Lanka, an island nation near India, was devastated by the Dec. 26 tsunami. Pieris, who is on the Sri Lankan relief committee, explained how the funds will be used.

Rotary: Rebuilding after disasters

When the worst tsunami of record struck southern Asia on Dec. 26, 2004, and claimed more than 200,000 lives and changed the lives forever of millions of survivors, Rotary was there to lend a hand. An appeal went to the public on behalf of the District 6000 Humanitarian Services Fund, which was established to provide aid for others as a result of Rotarians in Iowa receiving aid from Rotary clubs and Rotarians around the world during our severe floods of 1993. Contributions of more than \$80,000 were received from 47 clubs and 165 non-Rotarians. We have supported boats and nets for fishermen in D-3150, and are currently discussing District 6000's support of the Sri Murugan Vidyalaya School in Batticaloa with DG 2004-05 Lucky Pieris of District 3220, Sri Lanka. Lucky and his wife, Kuniko, attended District 6000 Conference. Rotary will build 25 "model schools," he said. "We're turning a tragedy into an opportunity." Overhead for the \$12 million projects will be the cost of three engineers – less than half of 1 percent. An audit will be performed *pro bono* by Price-Waterhouse. Lucky is one of three Rotarians working with The Rotary Foundation to oversee tsunami relief efforts in Sri Lanka. He describes Sri Murugan Vidyalaya as a Type 3 school that has two teachers and 126 students, 65 male and 61 female, in grades 1-5. Sri Murugan Vidyalaya is a \$260,000 project. "I really appreciate your efforts in helping us. If we are going to be successful in this project, which I am quite confident of, it will go to the history books of Rotary as the biggest single project undertaken by a single district for the last 100 years. The most important factor here would be the worldwide support of the Rotary family in achieving our final goal and sending 12,000 children back to where they belong." Read about it at: <http://www.rotary-srilanka.org>. Ron Miller, 2004-05 president of the Rotary Club of Atlantic, corresponded with Lucky and pledged 10 percent of the proceeds of this year's Atlantic Rotary Club auction for Sri Murugan Vidyalaya. That is estimated to be at least \$3,000. *Thank you, Atlantic Rotarians and community!* Additional contributions are welcomed. Thank you for the support of clubs thus far:



Illustrating the fact that Rotary's "Global Network of Community Volunteers" works through relationships and not just money, DG 2004-05 Bill Tubbs met District 6960 Governor 2004-05 Jerry Hearn and his wife, Denise, at the Chicago Convention. Hurricane Charley devastated regions of their district last year and D-6000 sent \$2,500 in aid. Jerry stated again how thankful they are for our help!

\$7,000 or more
North Scott
Des Moines
Keosauqua

\$5,000-6,999
Muscatine

\$3,000-4,999
Tipton
Iowa City

\$2,000-2,999
Northwest Des Moines
Ames
West Liberty
Manning

\$1,000-1,999
Keokuk
Nevada
Ottumwa
Burlington

Davenport
Indianola

\$500-999
Fairfield
Iowa Quad Cities
Des Moines AM
Atlantic
Coralville-North Corridor
Ankeny
Wellman

Newton
Winterset
Bettendorf

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Marshalltown
West Des Moines
Boone
Lenox
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Chariton

Iowa City Downtown
Knoxville
Kalona
Adel
Pella
Mt. Pleasant Noon
Carroll
Johnston
Albia
Grinnell
Waukee

Mt. Pleasant
Decatur County
Bloomfield
Osceola



"Motorcycle Bob" Mutchler, who was the keynote speaker at our District Conference on June 17, took his message of polio eradication to the Iowa State Capitol on May 26. Pictured (l-r): Joyce Chapman, president of the Rotary Club of Des Moines, Tim Wolf, president of Rotary Club of Des Moines AM, PDG Tony Hennessy of Tasmania and "Motorcycle Bob." His visit was aired by Des Moines TV stations.

'Motorcycle Bob' takes polio message to steps of capitol

By Kay Myer/Des Moines AM
Club Executive Secretary

A very special visitor arrived in Des Moines on May 26. "Motorcycle Bob" Mutchler of Sacramento, CA, and his traveling companion, Rotary Past District Governor Tony Hennessy of Tasmania were in the midst a 30,000-mile motorcycle caravan that would take them to all 13 Canadian province capitals and the lower 48 U.S. state capitals. Their trip ended at the Centennial Rotary International Convention in Chicago, June 18-22.

Bob's story is truly amazing, as he himself is a polio survivor who spent three years in an iron lung beginning at the age of 9 months. You can read about him at www.polioplusride.org.

Bob wants to raise awareness of the fact that the battle to eradicate polio isn't over and that the world has become complacent. Polio has rebounded and is active in 16 countries. There was a 2-page feature article about this in a recent issue of TIME.

Bob and Tony were greeted on the steps of the state capitol by members of the Rotary Club of Des Moines and the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM. He was officially welcomed to Iowa and commended for his quest to increase awareness of the need to continue to battle polio by Tom Newton, Division Director for Environmental Health.

Polio eradication back on track

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

District Rotary Foundation Chair

The suspensions of polio immunization in northern Nigeria in the late summer of 2003 resulted in a dramatic increase of the disease in Nigeria, the re-establishment of the wild poliovirus into six previous polio-free countries, and the importation of the poliovirus into six additional countries.

The four organizations, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Prevention and Disease Control, UNICEF, and Rotary International, fighting the poliovirus are once again cautiously optimistic.

While the number of cases of polio reported in the world as of July 26, 2005 stands at 857, the eradication program leadership is reporting the following as reasons for optimism:

The type 2 poliovirus has not been identified anywhere in the world since October 1999, suggesting that the transmission of this type of the Poliovirus may have been interrupted.

With an additional \$10 million dollar grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a new, more powerful oral polio vaccine has been developed and is being used to immunize children. This new type 1 vaccine, called monovalent oral polio vaccine type 1 (mOPV1) is more effective at boosting immunity against the type 1 virus.

Egypt has not reported a case on polio in the last year.

Because of the relative restricted locations of the identified cases in the countries of India, Afghanistan and Pakistan, there is hope that the transmission of the virus can be stopped yet this year.

While there is optimism, several warnings still need to be made. Nigeria and other African countries remain at high risk for transmission into 2006. Importations will occur until all countries are polio-free – the highest risk is in the Horn of Africa. We should all recognize that the poliovirus is just a plane flight away from us here in southern Iowa.

Insufficient funding is again the major critical risk.

Rotary's role in the many planned National Immunization Days is social mobilization. Social mobilization is the process used to make the mothers and fathers of the infected countries aware of the upcoming immunization days.

Rotarians and Rotary clubs are encouraged to make special collections and submit these funds to the PolioPlus Partners program at The Rotary Foundation. A complete list of the projects needing financial support can be found on the Rotary web site at: www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus.



His days on the road ended, Bob reconnected with his wife, Patty, at the Chicago RI Convention.



David Forward, author of the Rotary Centennial book, "A Century of Service," gave an inspiring speech at the District Conference Heritage Luncheon.



International guests included Abayomi and Olu Coker of Kano, Nigeria. They were hosted by AG Susan and Bob Herrick of Boone. The Cokers are members of 2003-04 RI President Jonathan Majiyabi's club.

Welcoming the world!

In one of the most extraordinary celebrations of international proportions, they came from 16 countries on five continents – more than 80 in all, before, during and after District 6000 Conference, June 15-17 in Davenport – to build bridges of friendship, understanding and peace. These pictures are but a sample of District 6000's Celebration of a Century! Turn the page for more.



Muscatine Rotary Club 2004-05 president Mike Ruby (r) hosted Mike Harvey of England.



AG Lloyd Hill of Northwest Des Moines (second from left) was among many friends who greeted Xicotepec, Mexico Rotarians Susana de Rodriguez, Saida Lopez and Alex Fonseca.



Walt and Leone Bredbeck of North Scott (second from left) hosted Haluk and Sevin Emiroglu and Turker and Oya Karamizrak of Istanbul, Turkey whom they met on a Friendship Exchange in Turkey.



Wim DeRuijter (r) of The Netherlands exchanged banners with DG 2004-05 Bill Tubbs during a June 24 Mississippi River cruise.



Tom Brooke of the Rotary Club of North Scott portrayed "the awkward pinner" with Tina Hayz of Moline in the play, "100 Years of Rotary" at Family of Rotary Night.



A John Bald painting of the Mississippi River was given to President (r): Conference co-chairs AGs Brock Earnhardt of Davenport and Sarah Santos, DG Bill Tubbs, and Benny's hosts, Mary and PDG Dale Belknap.



Nancy Pacha (r), 2004-05 president of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM, with Rotarians from Xicotepac, Mexico at the House of Friendship at District Conference.



Family of Rotary night included rides around the fairgrounds on a wagon pulled by an antique John Deere tractor owned by Ken Tank of the Rotary Club of North Scott.

Celebrating

'How can there be peace in the world if people don't know each other? They know each other if they



Members of the Friendship Exchange team from New Zealand enjoy an overlook of the Mississippi River with their hosts from North Scott Rotary.



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PDG Tony Hennessy of Tas- mania had audiences in tears of laughter with stories of his Rotary ramblings.



Family of Rotary Night featured rides around the fairgrounds in the show cart pulled by the Percheron hitch owned by Dave Stephens of the Rotary Club of Tipton.



Bill Ashton of Davenport (c) pulls a "Hawkeye" stunt on ISU fans PDGs Dale Belknap and Don Goering at the Heritage luncheon.

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...n the world if the ...her? And how can ...ey don't get together?'

– Paul Harris



Bill Oglseby (l) and PDG Herb Wilson (r) of the Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor with Presidential Rep Benny Santos (c) and Rotarians from Denmark and Uganda.



...njoy a scenic ...ry.



At District Conference, members of the GSE team from D-1890 in Germany enjoy the Bettendorf Rotary steak fry that was attended by 200 at Scott County Park.



Family of Rotary Night included Model A rides around the fairgrounds by North Scott Rotarians Otto Stender and Walt Bredbeck.



Australian GSE team member Sarah O'Donnell (l), pictured at a picnic at Red Rock Lake overlook, became part of Pella Rotary Club president David Corbin's family of Rotary.



No fewer than five District Governors from five countries were in attendance at D-6000 Conference (l-r): Bill Tubbs (6000), Lucky Pieris (3220), Ranga Rao (3150) and Gerd Imeyer (1890). Also present was Robert Jackson of District 1040 in England.



Connecting at the D-6000 Welcome Reception at the Chicago Sheraton were Bill Ashton (l), of Davenport, and Praful and Harshida Bhatt of India (second from left), with whom D-6000 has completed major World Community Service projects. PDG Ken Noble, who organized the D-6000 home host project, is third from right.



AGs Darrell Limkeman of Ottumwa and John Beran of Lenox entertain international guests in the Percheron show cart at District Conference.



Headed to the 5K-8K Run-Walk for Polio on Lake Shore Drive at the Chicago convention were Jacque Andrew, Ruth Freeman and Nancy Stroberg of Jefferson Rotary and Alisa Tubbs (r), daughter of DG Bill and Linda. Six thousand participants raised \$50,000.



D-6000 Rotarians hosted a Friendship Exchange team from Uganda, pictured at Tipton Rotary, after the Chicago Convention.

Isn't Rotary fun?!

INTERNATIONAL RYLA DELEGATE:

‘A new sense of hope and peace’

Dear District 6000,

My name is Priyanka Rao and this year I was chosen to represent District 6000 at the International RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) conference held from June 15-18, 2005. I would like to take this opportunity to graciously thank the district for their kind and generous support in this endeavor.

I first became involved in Rotary during my freshman year of high school when I joined my local Interact club in Iowa City. During my sophomore year I was invited to participate in the District 6000 RYLA conference. Although the conference only lasted for a day, it was such a wonderful opportunity to meet other high school sophomores and talk to them about leadership and community involvement. I returned to school filled with a new passion to become more involved in Interact.

Following the Iowa RYLA conference I became co-president of my Interact club and traveled to Xicotepec, Mexico, for three Rotary International community service trips with other Rotarians from District 6000. During my senior year in high school I learned that the International RYLA convention was to be held in Chicago and I was anxious to apply.



Priyanka Rao

“It simply took a 10-minute conversation with someone from another country to break down barriers and dissipate stereotypes that previously existed about every individual’s respective countries and cultures.”

It was only through the support of District 6000 that I was able to attend the most memorable conference of my life. During the four days at the conference I became friends with people from over 40 countries, each with a unique culture and background to share. We came together to learn about

leadership and were inspired to make changes in our communities at home. I left International RYLA with a new sense of hope and peace in the world. It simply took a 10-minute conversation with someone from another country to break down barriers and dissipate stereotypes that previously existed about every individual’s respective countries and cultures. Rotary International worked hard to create a positive environment where each individual could grow as a leader and leave the conference with new friends from across the world and a rejuvenated strength to continue to serve their community and follow the four-way test of Rotary.

I am honored to have been chosen to represent District 6000 at RYLA International and I hope to serve as a youth ambassador for RYLA in the future. I sincerely hope that District 6000 continues to support youth in as many ways possible because we are the future leaders of this country. Thank you again for providing me with such an amazing opportunity.

Sincerely,
Priyanka Rao

Clubs asked to register students for RYLA

By Ed Minnick/West Des Moines

Chair, D-6000 RYLA

The eighth annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference is rapidly approaching. This year’s conference will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

RYLA is a daylong leadership program for sophomore students, which demonstrates Rotary’s respect and concern for youth. Participants learn methods of responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership through a training experience that encourages continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth. The conference also publicly recognizes the high qualities of many young people who are rendering service in their communities as leaders, and provides positive motivation.

Leaders with a high public profile will address the participants. In the past, subject areas have included Leadership Styles, Leadership and Conflict Resolution, Leadership and Moral Values, Leadership and Community Service, and Leadership and the Art of Communication. The West Des Moines Rotary Club will have its regular meeting at noon with an outstanding speaker who will be speaking on a topic directed toward youth. Participants will also

be led in the Leadership Reaction Course, which combines teamwork and leadership skills to overcome various challenges.

RYLA is a great day where they learn about leadership while having fun. To encourage the students to put into practice the ideas they learn at RYLA, participants are sent home with a voluntary assignment to write an essay about what they learned at RYLA and they can use this new found knowledge to become a better leader. The essays are judged and the top writer has the opportunity to read their essay at the District Conference where the first place winner is awarded a \$1000 scholarship, \$750 scholarship for second place, and \$500 for third!

Congratulations to Tyler Miller of Mt. Pleasant who won the \$1000 college scholarship, Jennifer Blaser of Davenport Assumption (sponsored by North Scott) who won the \$750 college scholarship, and Bryan Bogaards of Fairfield who won the \$500 scholarship in last year’s contest.

Our only regret with last year’s essay contest is that less than half of the students submitted entries. Please promote the follow-up essay contest with the attendees your club sponsors. It is not

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Foundation report: \$435,278

■ Annual Program Fund giving reaches all-time record; 25 are Centurion Clubs

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

District Rotary Foundation Chair

Thank you, District 6000 Rotarians – we almost made our goal!

Congratulations and thank you, District 6000 Rotarians, for your record support of The Rotary Foundation during the centennial Rotary year, 2004-05. Our District 6000 Rotarians during the first year of the Every Rotarian, Every Year campaign responded to the call to support our foundation, The Rotary Foundation, by contributing an average of \$96.60 per Rotarian for a total of \$435,278.93.

Your generosity means that in three years, District 6000 will have more dollars available than ever in the history of the district for programs to include Matching Grants, District Simplified Grants (hometown projects), and Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange, and others.

Some of this success can be credited to the twenty-three D-6000 Rotarians who made a commitment of contributing \$1,000 per year and became charter members of the District 6000 Paul Harris Society. There is also an unknown number of District 6000 Rotarians who became Paul Harris Sustaining Members for the first time this past year.

Borrowing from *The Des Moines Register*, let's give a big "rose bouquet" to the 25 clubs that have a per Rotarian giving this past year of over \$100 dollars. There were an additional seven clubs that met their Every Rotarian, Every Year goal, even though it was not quite at the \$100 per Rotarian level.

We should all congratulate the Rotary Clubs of Decatur County, Northwest Des Moines, Iowa City AM and West Liberty. Each of these clubs exceeded \$275 per Rotarian giving to the Annual Program

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CLUB (Members/6-04)	'04-'05 Goal	Thru 6-30-05	% of Goal	Per capita
Adel (25)	2,400	2,400	100	\$ 96.00
Albia (40)	4,000	1,700	43	42.50
Ames Morning (68)	7,100	7,200	101	105.88
Ames (267)	27,500	33,235	121	124.48
Ankeny (63)	6,300	9,046	144	143.59
Atlantic (63)	6,300	3,800	60	60.32
Bettendorf (85)	8,900	10,495	118	123.47
Bloomfield (13)	1,400	1,400	100	107.69
Boone (70)	7,100	4,725	67	67.50
Burlington (103)	10,700	7,820	73	75.92
Carroll (63)	6,200	7,411	120	117.64
Centerville (52)	5,000	0	0	0.00
Chariton (58)	5,500	5,435	99	93.71
Clinton (121)	6,500	7,965	123	65.83
Coon Rapids (24)	2,300	1,580	69	65.83
Coralville-North Corridor (42)	7,409	7,750	105	184.52
Corning (54)	5,900	2,150	36	39.81
Corydon (23)	500	200	40	8.70
Creston (37)	3,700	0	0	0.00
Dallas Center (28)	2,000	2,000	100	71.43
Davenport (196)	20,100	12,593	63	64.25
Decatur (17)	12,000	10,975	91	645.59
Des Moines AM (149)	15,000	13,775	92	92.45
Des Moines (387)	38,000	30,625	81	79.13
East Polk County (43)	4,200	4,319	103	100.45
Fairfield (72)	7,300	7,300	100	101.39
Fort Madison (45)	2,750	1,000	36	22.22
Grinnell (33)	2,000	1,875	94	56.82
Indianola (51)	5,000	5,737	115	112.50
Iowa City A.M. (56)	7,540	15,873	211	283.46
Iowa City Downtown (23)	2,000	2,350	118	102.17
Iowa City (310)	30,000	25,525	85	82.02
Iowa Quad-Cities (45)	1,000	1,700	170	37.78
Jefferson (57)	6,000	4,500	75	78.95
Johnston (30)	3,100	3,700	119	123.33
Kalona (37)	3,700	1,683	44	44.11
Keokuk (99)	9,200	3,170	34	32.02
Keosauqua (28)	1,500	1,533	102	54.75
Knoxville (67)	6,800	5,789	85	86.40
Lenox (38)	3,700	1,450	39	38.16
Manning (24)	2,500	900	36	37.50
Marengo (14)	600	1,000	167	71.43
Marshalltown (191)	10,000	17,431	174	91.26
Mount Pleasant Noon (33)	3,400	2,246	66	68.06
Mt. Pleasant (31)	3,200	1,425	45	45.97
Muscatine (138)	16,170	18,722	116	135.67
Nevada (67)	6,600	7,840	119	117.01
Newton (99)	10,815	11,288	104	114.02
North Scott (97)	10,500	12,555	120	129.44
Northwest Des Moines (84)	10,720	30,200	282	359.52
Odyssey of Ottumwa (15)	400	400	100	26.67
Osceola (40)	4,200	600	14	15.00
Oskaloosa (55)	1,680	2,162	129	39.31
Ottumwa (112)	12,100	12,200	101	108.93
Pella (43)	4,100	4,300	105	100.00
Perry (37)	2,775	1,499	54	40.51
Tipton (32)	2,400	1,875	78	58.59
Washington (62)	6,200	6,300	102	101.61
Waukee (50)	4,600	4,275	93	85.50
Wellman (35)	3,960	5,089	129	145.50
West Des Moines (82)	17,820	10,086	57	123.00
West Liberty (34)	7,035	9,850	140	289.71
Winterset (35)	3,500	1,200	34	34.29
Total	\$452,875	\$435,279	96.11	\$96.90

TRF-Direct encouraged

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Fund of The Rotary Foundation this past Rotary year.

Again, borrowing from *The Des Moines Register*, “thistles” to the 17 clubs that did not hear the call to support The Rotary Foundation at the \$100 level. These 17 clubs had a per Rotarian giving record of under \$50 each, well below the District 6000 giving average and the goal of \$100. Most of these 17 clubs were well below the goal that they set for themselves. Perhaps a “double thistle” to the two of the District’s 63 clubs that made no contributions to The Rotary Foundation during the last Rotary year.

Many club secretaries in other Rotary Districts are encouraging their club members to use a plan called TRF-Direct. TRF-Direct allows the individual Rotarian to have his or her contribution automatically deducted from a checking account or through a credit card either monthly, quarterly, or annually, thereby reducing a lot of the necessary paperwork and bookkeeping performed by the club secretaries when the member makes the contributions through the Rotary club.

With the help of all District 6000 Rotarians, and with our theme of SERVICE Above Self clearly in mind, we can make the goal of \$450,000, or \$100 per Rotarian this Rotary year.



The West Liberty Rotary Club lit a candle in memory of each of its 20 charter members when the club celebrated its 80th anniversary on June 7. President Ken Donnelly, who did an incredible amount of research, named the charter members and their descendents, and told how they contributed to the club and community.

RYLA essays promoted

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only a great way to promote Rotary ideals, but the scholarships are a great incentive.

Our goal this year is to have a minimum of two sponsored participants (ideally one male and one female per sophomore class) from every Rotary Club in District 6000. Last year we had 175 students from all over the district.

Don’t miss out on this opportunity for the students in your area to take part! Please appoint a member of your club to discuss this program with your local high school principal(s) and gain their cooperation in nominating participants from the sophomore class. Then complete the enclosed form providing your club’s designated contact person, the names of the students you wish to sponsor, and \$80 for each student. If your club is hosting a Rotary Exchange Student, please include them in the conference as a guest of the District. All of the participation forms and appropriate fees must be returned by Sept. 20.

Once we receive your participation form, a student kit will be sent to your designated contact person for each student you sponsor. Transportation for participants outside of the Des Moines metropolitan area will be provided via motor coach. Bus schedules for pick up and return will be sent to each club’s contact person on or before Oct. 1, 2005.

Please take immediate action! While the deadline is Sept. 20, the food, conference materials, bus schedules and other details are being planned based on the number that will be in attendance. Your early response will help us plan accordingly.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact: Ed Minnick, District 6000 RYLA chairperson, c/o Storey Kenworthy, 1333 Ohio Street, Des Moines, IA 50314; (515) 288-3243, ext. 216, or eminnick@storeykenworthy.com.

On behalf of District 6000, thank you in advance for your participation in and support of RYLA.



An overflow crowd at the main shelter of Lacey-Keosauqua State Park celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Keosauqua on June 27. DG Bill Tubbs (third from left) and DG 2005-06 Corliss Klaassen (r), celebrated with president Robert Pedrick (second from right) and the Keosauqua Family of Rotary for the grand occasion.



Super Centennial Presidents Gary Welch (Ankeny) and Ron Miller (Atlantic) board the bus at District Conference in Davenport, off to Chicago for the Centennial RI Convention.

2004-05 District 6000 awards

The Centennial District Conference, June 15-17 in Davenport, was an occasion to recognize Rotarians and Rotary clubs for longevity, perfect attendance, club accomplishments, support of The Rotary Foundation and numerous other achievements. Congratulations to our honorees:

RI Significant Achievement

The RI Significant Achievement Award is presented to a club which addresses a significant need in its community and establishes an ongoing relationship involving significant member involvement to meet that need. This year's recipient is the Des Moines AM Rotary Club for its work with Capitol View School. Eighty-one percent of the students at Capitol View School receive free or reduced-price lunches. Nearly half of the student population are minorities. To lend a hand, members of the Des Moines AM Rotary Club serve as tutors and mentors each week. They have donated 500 bicycle helmets, study carrels, washing machines, encyclopedia sets, adult and children's clothing, books for the library and magazines for the parents. They have sponsored all-school picnics, held club meetings on site at the school, and sponsored a Rotary Centennial poster contest for the students, with the winners recognized at an all-school assembly. Their ongoing commitment is truly a Significant Achievement.

Presidential Citation

RI President Glenn Estess challenged clubs to excellence with projects in all four of Rotary's Avenues of Service: Club, Community, Vocational and International. We are excited and pleased to announce that 44 district clubs qualified for the Presidential Citation. This may be the most ever for our district. Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs of Ames, Ames Morning, Ankeny, Bettendorf, Boone, Burlington, Centerville, Chariton, Clinton, Coon Rapids, Coralville-North Corridor, Davenport, Decatur County, Des Moines, Des Moines AM, East Polk County, Fairfield, Grinnell, Indianola, Iowa City, Iowa City AM, Iowa Quad Cities, Jefferson, Johnston, Knoxville, Manning, Marshalltown, Mt. Pleasant Noon, Muscatine, Nevada, Newton, North Scott, Northwest Des Moines, Odyssey of Ottumwa, Pella, Perry, Tipton, Washington, Waukee, Wellman, West Des Moines, West Liberty and Winterset.

Governor's Centennial Citation

District Governor Bill Tubbs offered clubs the chance to earn Rotary Foundation points with his District 6000 Governor's Centennial Citation. The activities listed built upon President Estess' Presidential Citation and rewarded clubs at various levels based on their support of Rotary's Centennial and District 6000 programs and activities. We are pleased to announce that one club – West Liberty Rotary – achieved the Platinum level with a perfect score of 100 and will receive 1,000 recognition points. Congratulations to president Ken Donnelly and West Liberty Rotarians! Two clubs – North Scott (score of 93), and Iowa City AM (84) – qualified at the Gold level and will receive 300 points. Congratulations to club presidents Jim Rastrelli and Nancy Pacha. Ten clubs achieved at the Silver level and will receive 200 points: Iowa Quad Cities (79), Jefferson (79), Clinton (75), Iowa City (75), Muscatine (74), Decatur County (72), Nevada (72), Newton (71), Northwest Des Moines (71) and Fairfield (70). Ten clubs achieved at the Bronze level and will receive 100 points: Boone (67), Burlington (65), Des Moines AM (65), Grinnell (64), Ames (62), Ankeny (62), Ottumwa (61), Washington (61), Ames Morning (60) and Indianola (60). Congratulations to all of these clubs on your outstanding achievements!

Rebaz

The Rotary Clubs of District 6000 responded to a special appeal this year on behalf of Rebaz Shamsideen, and raised more than \$24,000 to bring Rebaz and his father, Subhi, to Iowa from Iraq for a life-changing surgery. The project was featured on the TLC Network's "Operation Homecoming" program last week. Many clubs contributed to our fund raising, and they are listed in your program, but the Iowa City Rotary Club raised more than one third of the total. We have a special District Governor's Citation for Meritorious Service Award to present to president Steve Hedlund and the Iowa City Rotary Club.

Tsunami

When the worst tsunami of record struck Southern Asia, District 6000 Rotarians and Iowans responded by raising \$80,000 for relief. Three clubs distinguished themselves with exceptional giving of more than \$7,000, and will receive a special District Governor's Citation for Meritorious Service Award. Congratulations and thank you to the Rotary Clubs of North Scott, Des Moines and Keosauqua.

Zone Centennial Salute

Rotary International Director Mike McCullough of Trenton, Mich., asked District Governors to nominate four individual Rotarians from their districts for the Zone Centennial Salute. They will be recognized in a future Zone publication for their Service Above Self. There are many Rotarians in District 6000 who give extraordinary Service Above Self. The individuals nominated by District 6000 are truly extraordinary. They are: Bill Koellner of West Liberty, for his work on Membership, Training and Extension; Jim Peterson of Iowa City AM, for his work with FAMSCO, Xicotepac and World Service; Bill Ashton of Davenport, for his work with World Community Service; and Loring Miller of Decatur County, for his work with Rotary Youth Exchange. Additionally, McCullough awarded the Zone Centennial Salute to DG 2004-05 Bill Tubbs and Linda for their efforts to celebrate Rotary during our Centennial year.

Centennial Community projects

To celebrate Rotary's Centennial, clubs were challenged to identify a need in their communities and to address that need with a Centennial Community Service Project. They were also asked to place a sign at the site of their project identifying it as a Rotary Centennial project, and register it with Rotary International. Twenty-two clubs in District 6000 did all of these things and will receive a Centennial Community Service Projects patch to display on their club banner. Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs of Ames, Ames Morning, Bettendorf, Burlington, Chariton, Clinton, Decatur County, Fairfield, Indianola, Iowa City AM, Iowa Quad Cities, Kalona, Keosauqua, Knoxville, Marengo, Marshalltown, Muscatine, Nevada, North Scott, Ottumwa, Waukee and West Liberty.

Twin Clubs

Many of our clubs are involved in international service projects with a Rotary club in another country. In observance of Rotary's Centennial, Rotary International established the Centennial Twin Club recognition program to honor those clubs who enter into a formal agreement with their partner club. Four clubs in District 6000 have identified a Twin Club and reported it to Rotary International. They will receive a patch for the banner signifying

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their Twin Club relationship. Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs of Fairfield (Ankara, Turkey), Indianola (Cascavel, Brazil), Iowa City AM (Xicotepac, Mexico) and North Scott (Chisinau, Moldova).

Rotary Volunteers

The Rotary Volunteers Certificate of Recognition is awarded by Rotary International to individual Rotarians or non-Rotarians who have provided volunteer service through the Rotary Volunteers program at the club, district or international level. We are honored to have three recipients of this prestigious award in District 6000 this year: 1) Merle Anderson of North Scott is a retired farm cooperative manager who has made five trips to the Republic of Moldova, where he works with peasant farmers whose methods are about 100 years behind the U.S., and helps them organize cooperatives; 2) For 40 years, Dr. Howard, a dentist from Knoxville, and his wife, Phyllis, have served as Rotary Volunteers in the 3-H program, in the Philippines, Palawan Island, Indonesia, Jamaica and Brazil. Often they have lived in less than optimum conditions, always giving Service Above Self for those less fortunate. 3) Keith Mattke of North Scott made Rotary an active participant on the emerging Iowa Human Resources Disaster Council. Rotary's involvement was inspired by Keith's vision, and he has been our representative at state meetings since the group was formed in 2000. Much of the work goes on behind the scenes in response to individual needs, but earlier this year, he organized relief teams of volunteers at disaster sites in Bradford and Emmetsburg, Iowa.

RI Commitment to Service Awards

President Glenn Estess, Sr. asked each governor to present five "RI Commitment to Service Awards" to Rotarians with 25 or more years of membership. In District 6000, it was determined that these awards would be presented to the Rotarians with the most years of service. PDG Fred Morain of Jefferson (68 years), Robert Bickelhaupt of Clinton (66), Mark Heerma of Pella (66), Tony Tyssling of Pella (66) and Carl Hertz of Nevada (63). Carl, an extraordinary Rotarian, died just before District Conference and the fifth award was presented to Francis Cudahy of Jefferson (61 years). Seventy-five Rotarians were named to the district's "50-year Honor Roll" for more than a half-century of service. Six hundred additional Rotarians received framed certificates signifying 25 years or more of service. Congratulations, all!

Cooperative Projects

In order to encourage Rotary clubs to form partnerships with non-Rotary organizations in their service work, Rotary International established the Cooperative Projects award. Three clubs in District 6000 will be recognized this year as a result of the significant relationships they had with a community organization or agency. Iowa City AM Rotary for their ongoing efforts on behalf of youth in the Iowa City area through United Action for Youth; the Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Club for its partnership with the Veterans Administration to build housing for homeless veterans; and the Rotary Club of North Scott for its major contribution on behalf of disenfranchised children through its partnership with Family Resources.

Membership Development

Membership recruitment and retention is the future of Rotary, and our District Membership Development chair, Bill Koellner, would be proud of the achievements in membership growth of our honored clubs. Bill, as you know, is recovering from a life-threatening illness, and we wish him our best. The membership award is based on percentage increase from January 2004 to January 2005, which is the most current measurable period. Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs of Grinnell (15.2 percent), Albia (14.3 percent) and Perry (11.8 percent).

Member Recruitment

Recognizing those who bring new members to our clubs is often overlooked, but it is arguably the most important service to Rotary. This year we would like to acknowledge and thank one District 6000 Rotarian who is personally responsible for proposing and inducting 65 members in his club. The example of Rotarian Wayne Tyler of the Rotary Club of Ames is one that should inspire and challenge us all!

New Generations

We have honored longevity elsewhere at our District Conference, but we also honor clubs who have taken significant steps to recruit outstanding young members. Two clubs in District 6000 stand out for the percentage of members under the age of 30: Johnston (13.3 percent) and Adel (12 percent). We hope that these young members will continue their Rotary journeys so that at Rotary's Sesquicentennial or Bicentennial, they may be the ones recognized for a lifetime of service.

RI Public Relations Award

The RI Public Relations Award is available to one club in each district in recognition of excellence in telling Rotary's story. At least 34 clubs in District 6000 were involved in public relations projects related to Rotary's Centennial that would merit their receiving this award in a normal year. Since it was not possible to recognize 34 clubs, District 6000 is recognizing Susan Herrick, our Centennial Committee chair, and the Rotary Club of Boone. The writing of Jeff Anderson in the Boone Rotary Club newsletter, "The Rotary Buzzer," also contributed to the award.

Presidential Commendations

Because we could honor only one club for public relations, RI President Glenn Estess, Sr., has written letters of commendation to 34 clubs and 23 newspapers who promoted Rotary's Centennial with special promotions telling the story of the work of their local Rotary clubs in their communities and world. Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs of Albia, Ames, Ames Morning, Atlantic, Bettendorf, Boone, Burlington, Clinton, Coralville-North Corridor, Davenport, East Polk, Fairfield, Fort Madison, Indianola, Iowa Quad Cities, Iowa City, Iowa City AM, Iowa City Downtown, Jefferson, Keosauqua, Marshalltown, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Noon, Muscatine, Nevada, Newton, North Scott, Odyssey of Ottumwa, Ottumwa, Washington, Wellman and West Liberty. And thank you to these newspapers: *Albia Union-Republican*, *Altoona-Mitchellville Herald-Index*, *Ames Daily Tribune*, *Atlantic News-Telegraph*, *Clinton Herald*, *Davenport Quad-City Times*, *Eldridge North Scott Press*, *Fairfield Daily Ledger*, *Fort Madison Democrat*, *Indianola Record-Herald & Tribune*, *Iowa City Press-Citizen*, *Jefferson Bee & Herald*, *Keosauqua Van Buren County Register*, *Marshalltown Times-Republican*, *Moline Dispatch*, *Mt. Pleasant News*, *Muscatine Journal*, *Nevada Journal*, *Newton Daily News*, *Ottumwa Courier*, *Washington Evening Journal*, *Wellman Advance* and *West Liberty Index*.

Centurion Clubs

Eleven clubs were recognized at District Conference as Centurion Clubs for contributions to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation averaging more than \$100 per member during 2003-04. Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs of West Liberty (\$144), Coralville-North Corridor (\$131), Bloomfield (\$123), Ames (\$113), Wellman (\$113), Newton (\$112), Ottumwa (\$112), Washington (\$109), North Scott (\$107), Ames Morning (\$104) and Muscatine (\$103).

News briefs . . .

Rotary Youth Exchange: District 6000 is off to another great year and will host the Fall Picnic for students on Sunday, Sept. 11 at the Knoxville Raceway Museum from 10 a.m.-3 p.m..

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Zone Institute: RI President-Elect William Boyd of New Zealand will be among the Rotary officials in attendance at the Zone Institute, Sept. 14-17 at Madison, WI. DG Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen and leaders of 25 districts in Zones 26-27, representing the upper Midwest from New York to Nebraska, and parts of Ontario, Canada, will attend. DGE Del and Georgia Bluhm will attend Governor-Elect Training Seminar (GETS) Sept. 12-13.

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Council on Legislation: DG 2003-04 Denny Skinner of Nevada will represent District 6000 at the tri-annual RI Council on Legislation. Denny was elected at District Conference in June. DG 2000-01 Dale Belknap of Northwest Des Moines is alternate.

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Painting: District 6000 received a beautiful canvas of the Xicotepec, Mexico town square, painted by Saily Lopez, who hosted District 6000 Rotarians. The canvas was presented to Governor Bill Tubbs at District Conference. It has been framed and will be displayed at the district office in Knoxville.

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Presidential Profiles: The book, "District 6000 Centennial Profiles," which celebrates Vocational Service, was available at District Conference. It has been mailed to 2004-05 presidents and can also be read at the district website, www.rotary6000.org. *Congratulations, presidents!*

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Songs & Poems: District 6000 Rotarians composed some wonderful songs and poems to celebrate Rotary's centennial. They were printed and distributed at District Conference, where most of the songs were sung. To obtain copies, contact District Administrator Jerri Uitermarkt, 877-976-8279.

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RI Convention: Based on the 234 from District 6000 who pre-registered for the Chicago convention, our district will receive a \$2,700 rebate from the Chicago Host Committee. Those pre-registered, plus the on-site registrations, numbered approximately 300, which was an all-time record for District 6000. *Thank you!*

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Auction: In a spirited auction at District Conference, Bill Ashton of Davenport outbid AG Lloyd Hill of Northwest Des Moines for a leather-bound copy of the Rotary Centennial book, "100 Years of Service," signed by author David Forward. The \$500 proceeds were donated to Forward's orphanage project in Romania.

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Recovering: At District Conference, Rotarians signed a huge "Get Well" card for AG, Trainer and Membership and Extension chair Bill Koeller of West Liberty. Bill was hospitalized on April 29 in critical condition from acute pancreatitis. He returned home on July 21. He still has a long road of recovery and will not be eating regular food for a while, but the longterm prognosis is optimistic. "We are so grateful for his careful, thorough medical care, the encouragement and support of friends and family, and the abiding help and strength from our Lord. Thanks to Rotary for your support," writes Bill's wife, Jan.

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Rotary Foundation District Service Awards

Rotarians nominated by their clubs for outstanding work on behalf of The Rotary Foundation were the recipients of Rotary Foundation District Service Awards. They included Robert Anderson (Ames), Bill Ashton (Davenport), Del Bluhm (Ames), Bob Brierly (Grinnell), Tom Brooke (West Liberty), Bill Koellner (West Liberty), Bill Olin (Iowa City), Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM), Dave Reiff (Fairfield) and Deanna Zinno (Ankeny).

New Major Donors

Loring and Phyllis Miller of the Rotary Club of Decatur County, and Jeanne and Vern Reeder of the Rotary Club of Iowa City were recognized at District Conference as new Major Donors for their contributions of \$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation. Thank you, and congratulations!

Top 3 Clubs, Total Giving

Rotary Foundation awards for giving to the Annual Programs Fund during 2003-04 were presented to the Rotary Clubs of Des Moines (\$36,115), Ames (\$29,675) and Iowa City (\$18,525).

Paul Harris Society

The District 6000 Paul Harris Society was launched in 2004-05 with 23 Rotarians pledging to contribute \$1,000 annually to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Congratulations to these Charter Members: Bob Anderson (Ames), Del & Georgia Bluhm (Ames), Tom Brooke (West Liberty), George Christensen (Ames), John & Linda Dasher (Ames), Dave Dickson (Ames), Mary Gibbons (Ames), Don & Doris Goering (Ames), Conrad Gregg (West Liberty), Paul & Phoebe Hellwege (Boone), Corliss & Jeanne Klaassen (Chariton), Bill Koellner (West Liberty), Loring Miller (Decatur County), Phyllis Miller (Decatur County), Bill Oglesby (Coralville-North Corridor), Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM), Bob Rudman (Ames), David Suntken (Ames), Bill & Linda Tubbs (North Scott), Don Wandling (Ames), Herb Wilson (Coralville-North Corridor), Janice Wilson (Coralville-North Corridor) and Margaret Wilson (Ames). The invitation remains for others to join the Paul Harris Society. Contact DG Corliss Klaassen.

New Bequest Society Members

Recognized at District Conference as new Bequest Society Members for their pledge of a Major Gift upon their death were Bob and Jan Anderson (Ames), Del and Georgia Bluhm (Ames) and David and Diane Suntken (Ames).

New Rotary Foundation Benefactors

Rotary Foundation Benefactor recognition was bestowed upon these new benefactors, also at District Conference, for their contributions of \$1,000 or more to the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation: Bob & Jan Anderson (Ames), Bill Ashton (Davenport), Del & Georgia Bluhm (Ames), Jeffrey Bremer (Northwest Des Moines), Kristian Dugger (Nevada), Dan Foley (Davenport), Dennis & Kathy Skinner (Nevada), David & Dianne Suntken (Ames) and Bill Tubbs (North Scott).

Four-Way Test Essays

The District 6000 Centennial Committee sponsored a Four-Way Test essay contest. The first-place winner was Mike Graham of the Rotary Club of Decatur County. Honorable mention awards were presented to Aaron Campbell (West Liberty), Jason Crowley (Nevada) and Stephanie Young (Bettendorf, RYLA).

To be continued in the next issue of District 6000 News Awards are also posted at www.rotary6000.org.

Ambassadorial Scholars named for 2006-07

By Jeff Bremer/Northwest Des Moines
Ambassadorial Scholars Chair

Once again we are fortunate to have three outstanding candidates for the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. Before I begin, I would like to say a big thank you to Professor Joe Walt for being the chairperson of this committee for the last twenty years. His guidance has been very valuable and his leadership has helped make this committee a very important part of Rotary as we continue to select quality young people to study abroad for one year. As the new chair, it is my duty to carry on the fine tradition that he established.

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

This year's committee had a big task in choosing three students from the host of candidates that applied. It was a very competitive group of students and the committee was challenged with some very serious interviews to narrow down the pool of students to three. The three who were selected are:

1. Mr. Andrew Stoll from Iowa City, Iowa. Andrew is sponsored by the Iowa City AM Club and is hoping to attend the University of the Philippines. Andrew is a graduate of the University of Iowa and hopes to pursue his studies in film making and social entrepreneur. He believes that human culture was founded on a model of storytelling to pass down important lessons in how humans should perceive the world, behave and interact with one another.

2. Mr. Nihad Heto is from Wilmington, Delaware and hopes to study at the University for Peace in Ciudad Colon, Costa Rica. Nihad is originally from Bosnia and earned his degree at Grinnell College. The Grinnell Rotary Club is his sponsoring club. Through his studies he hopes to advance his career and thus pave the way toward a career in addressing the humanitarian needs of the international community and increasing awareness of cultural differences.



Joining Jeff Bremer (l) at a seminar about Ambassadorial Scholars at District Conference were Seeley Sodwick of Ft. Madison, 1995 Scholar Patrick McDermott of Ankeny and Denise Bremer.

3. Mr. Ramsey Tesdell is from Slater, Iowa and hopes to study at Birzeit University in Palestine. Ramsey graduated from Iowa State University and is sponsored by the Ames Rotary Club. The opportunity to become a scholar will help Ramsey to further his understanding and help develop personal connections between differing people. In doing this, he hopes to fulfill his role to bridge cultures and serve in the quest of peace and reconciliation.

These three young men will be the future leaders of this world and they all will represent Rotary very well. We wish them the very best as they prepare for this very important venture.

Next year's applications are due by April 1, 2006. I encourage all clubs to think about a college student who may be in their junior or senior year who would like to travel abroad and who would fit the role of an Ambassadorial Scholar. We will continue to interview the selected candidates the second Saturday in June. If there are any questions about this scholarship please contact me at jeffbremer@mchsi.com, or at my business number 515-440-7064, or my home number 641-828-2080.

This scholarship continues to be a very prestigious opportunity and we need the scholars who want to make a difference.



Governor's family of Rotary at District Conference: Matt and Anne Olson, Alisa, Linda and Bill Tubbs.

Thank you!

Our sincere thanks to PDG Denny Skinner and District 6000 Rotarians for the Centennial bell and gavel, artwork and gifts, and for your support and hospitality throughout our year. We hope we represented you well. We wish District 6000 all the best as we begin Rotary's second century of Service Above Self.

– DG 2004-05 Bill & Linda Tubbs

Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service

The highest Rotary Foundation award, the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, was presented by the trustees of The Rotary Foundation to Joe Walt of the Rotary Club of Indianola, in appreciation of his more than 25 years of chairing the District 6000 Ambassadorial Scholars committee, with distinction. Congratulations, Joe!



Joe Walt

President's checklist:



1. Nominate candidates for Outbound GSE.
2. Submit District Simplified Grant application.
3. Select students for District 6000 RYLA.
4. Register members to attend Regional Foundation/Membership seminars.
5. Develop plans to achieve your EREY goal and educate about The Rotary Foundation.
6. Develop strategies for membership growth.

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Letters . . .

Dear Bill, Linda and Rotarians of Iowa,

How can I ever thank you for all you have done for the Shamsideens? How do you thank someone for the gift of life? To one family you mean world to them – you gave them their son to watch grow to become a man. You gave Rebaz' sister a brother to play with, and you gave our family new friendships and the ability to confirm that our nation, our state of Iowa, is the foundation of making dreams come true. We have been blessed by meeting you and our hearts will forever remember your kindness. Much love...

-s- Scott and Cindy Yerington and family
West Liberty

Dear Homestays Chair PDG Ken Noble,

Ken, we just put our homestay guests in a car to take them back to O'Hare yesterday, and I have to tell you what a wonderful time we had with them! They were a Bangladeshi couple – both work for the United Nations – he with Unicef, and she with World Food Programme. He is past president of their Rotary club and she is current president. We found them to be as compatible as anyone from this country would have been, and if they lived here, we would count them among our good friends. They both prepared Indian or Bangladeshi food for us and showed us how to cook curries. We boated on the Mississippi, and Masood had his first experience driving a boat, which he loved! We went to a hot air balloon festival, and shopped, of course. We invited friends to the house for food they had prepared, and we talked politics – what else! – all evening. Though they had traveled to the U.S. 12 times, they had never experienced a homestay, and I do believe we helped them understand Americans a little better. I just wanted to let you know how enriching our experience was! Thanks for the opportunity.

-s- Carol and Gene Machael
Clinton Rotary Club

Hello Ken Noble,

I thought I would touch base with you to tell you what a wonderful time we had in Iowa at both of our home stays pre and post the Chicago Convention. I am sorry that we did not actually get to meet up with you. We enjoyed our time in Keokuk with Jodie and Bill Cameron, who were the most gracious hosts. We had great fun and

saw many interesting sights, met some wonderful local Rotarians and non Rotarians. We enjoyed very much being on the Mississippi. We attended District 6000 conference in Davenport and again were home hosted by Scott and Melita Tunnicliffe and family, which was another pleasant experience. (Bill arranged this on our behalf). Chicago we found to be a friendly city, very easy to navigate and we thoroughly enjoyed our stay and the convention (so many people). Marshalltown and Larry and Marki McKibben home stay shall remain one of the treasured memories of our trip to the states. It was great to see ordinary Americans living their ordinary lives and sharing this with us. We can honestly say that the home stays were the highlight of our four weeks away and we have forged some wonderful friendships thanks to your organisational skills. So I just wanted to say thank you and please contact us if you are ever in this neck of the woods as our door is always open. Hope to catch up with you one day. Regards,

-s- Cheryl Abberton JP (Qualified)
Marketing & Public Relations
The University of Southern Queensland
Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia

Dear Rotary,

I am writing to express our great appreciation for your support of our 2nd annual Hoover-Wallace Dinner, and for Rotary District 6000's efforts on behalf of Iowa SHARES 25 years ago. It is my honor to transmit to you the enclosed certificate of recognition. Thank you again for being present at the Hoover-Wallace Dinner, and for being there for those Cambodian refugees several decades ago.

-s- Kenneth M. Quinn, Ambassador (ret.)
President, World Food Prize Foundation

Hello Centennial Gov. Bill,

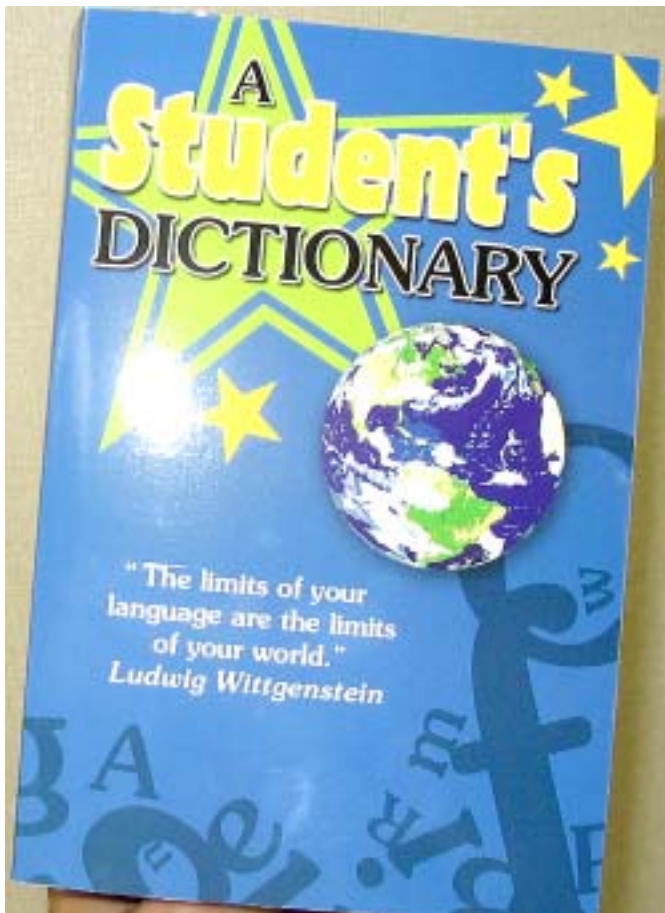
I received and opened both printed and digital version of the District 6000 Newsletter. My compliments to the editor! Without a doubt your newsletter is consistently the best that I have read, anywhere. The content is excellent and the photos are super. Congratulations to you for doing an exceptional job. And continued success as you continue as editor for Governor Corliss. Yours in Rotary . . .

-s- Mike McCullough
Rotary International Director, 2003-05

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JULY ATTENDANCE

Name of Club	Number of Meetings	Number of Members	Attendance Percent	Rank for July
Adel	4	29	63.00%	23
Albia	4	84	51.00%	36
Ames	3	274	55.38%	32
Ames Morning				
Ankeny	4	73	65.00%	21
Atlantic				
Bettendorf	4	75	84.08%	3
Bloomfield				
Boone	4	73	57.46%	28
Burlington	3	105	75.90%	9
Carroll				
Centerville				
Chariton				
Clinton	3	123	55.54%	31
Coon Rapids	4	26	56.00%	30
Coralville-North Corridor	4	49	76.00%	8
Corning	3	60	79.31%	5
Corydon				
Creston	2	34	44.00%	42
Dallas Center				
Davenport	3	185	43.79%	43
Decatur County	3	17	55.00%	33
Des Moines	4	372	65.68%	20
Des Moines A.M.	5	141	73.00%	11
East Polk County				
Fairfield	5	72	51.46%	35
Fort Madison	4	51	48.00%	40
Grinnell				
Indianola	5	48	72.19%	13
Iowa City	4	301	51.00%	37
Iowa City A.M.				
Iowa City Downtown	3	21	77.70%	7
Iowa Quad-Cities				
Jefferson				
Johnston	4	36	72.73%	12
Kalona	4	43	71.43%	14
Keokuk	4	90	43.00%	44
Keosauqua	4	29	50.00%	38
Knoxville	4	65	69.00%	17
Lenox	4	35	64.00%	22
Manning	4	20	69.00%	18
Marengo	4	12	62.50%	24
Marshalltown	4	189	56.87%	29
Mount Pleasant Noon				
Mt. Pleasant				
Muscatine	3	143	47.55%	41
Nevada	3	69	60.61%	26
Newton	4	97	59.00%	27
North Scott	4	105	83.51%	4
Northwest Des Moines				
Odyssey Rotary Ottumwa	2	14	62.00%	25
Osceola	3	40	54.76%	34
Oskaloosa				
Ottumwa	2	100	70.50%	15
Pella	4	43	67.90%	19
Perry				
Tipton	4	30	78.35%	6
Washington	4	68	75.00%	10
Waukee				
Wellman	4	33	93.89%	2
West Des Moines	4	83	49.84%	39
West Liberty	4	35	70.00%	16
Winterset	4	32	94.53%	1