

District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

William F. Tubbs, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

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Get ready to 'Celebrate Rotary'!

■ D-6000 set to welcome international Rotarians

Dear District 6000 Family of Rotary,

During the next six weeks, District 6000 will *Celebrate Rotary* in an extraordinary and unprecedented way by welcoming at least 80, and perhaps 100, Rotarians and guests from other countries.

Are you ready????!!

Our celebration will begin May 20 when the Group Study Exchange team arrives from District 9810 in Melbourne, Australia, and will continue through July 8, when the Group Study Exchange team from District 1890 in Hamburg, Germany departs.



Bill Tubbs
District Governor

Our efforts to live out the word "international," that is part of our name, are focused on our district conference, June 15-17 in Davenport, and will climax at the Centennial Rotary International Convention, June 18-22 in Chicago.

Before, during and after those events, District 6000 Rotarians will roll out the red carpet for friends we have not yet met from around the world:

- A Friendship Exchange team of more than 20 from Uganda;
- A Friendship Exchange team of 10 from New Zealand;
- A delegation of more than 25 from Cherkassy, Ukraine, arranged by the Rotary Club of Des Moines, with housing by the Rotary Clubs of Des Moines and Davenport.

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Team leader Kay Gordon (c) with GSE team members from D-9810, Australia (clockwise from top left): Sarah O'Donnell, Stephen White, Kathryn McDonald, Sean Straton.



Our team to Germany

D-6000's outbound Group Study Exchange team to D-1890, Germany, departed from the Quad-Cities on May 9. Team leader is Carolyn Wettstone-Swails (c), a member of the Rotary Club of Davenport. Team members (l-r): Gregory Humrichouse of West Branch, a police officer, sponsored by Iowa City Noon Rotary; Nicole Slater of Johnston, a public relations specialist, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Des Moines; Kay Sackville of Burlington, Chamber of Commerce director, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Burlington; and Jason Van Dyke of Ankeny, a loan officer, sponsored by the Rotary Club of West Des Moines.

D-6000 building bridges of friendship

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– President Glenn Estess, Sr.'s representative, Dr. Sabino "Benny" Santos of the Philippines, a Past Rotary International Director.

– DG Dr. Gerd Imeyer of Rotary District 1890 in Germany.
 – DG Lucky Pieris of D-3220 in Sri Lanka, and PDG Ravi Vadlamani of D-3150 in India, who are using funds from District 6000 for tsunami relief.

– A team of five Russian judges will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM, June 11-18 (see p. 5).

Preliminary list of Pre- and Post-Convention Homestays:

- Abayomi and Ola Coker of D-9120 in Nigeria, to Boone.
- Jan Hemminga of D-9150 in The Netherlands, to Ames.
- Robert Jackson of D-1040 in England, to Iowa City.
- Mike Harvey of England, to Muscatine.
- John Kirkwood and Peter of Uganda, to Newton.
- Laurie and Helen Chapman of Australia, to Keokuk.
- Bjorn and Solveig Jansson of Sweden, invited to Keokuk.
- Pam and Trevor Prichard of Australia, invited by several.
- Graham and Cherly Abberton of Australia, at Marshalltown or Keokuk.
- Twaha Namakola of D-9200 in Uganda, to Grinnell.
- Dipo Abedoyin of D-9200 in Uganda, to Fairfield.
- Jamul Uddin of D-3280 in Bangladesh, to Fairfield.
- Massoc Ahmed of D-3280 in Bangladesh, to Clinton or Washington.
- Karamicrak and Oya Turker of Turkey, to North Scott.
- Haluk and Sevin Emiroglu of Turkey, to North Scott.
- Wim and Jose deRuijter of The Netherlands, to North Scott.
- Friends of Herb and Janice Wilson of Denmark, to Coralville.
- Alberto and Susana Rodriguez of Xicotepec, Mexico, to West Des Moines and Iowa City.
- Rueben and Marita Garcia of Xicotepec, Mexico, to Iowa City.
- Alejandro and Saidy Fonseca of Xicotepec, Mexico.
- PDG Evert and Tine Vanderstroom of The Netherlands, to Iowa City.
- Masa Shimuzu and a group of Rotarians from Amagasaki, Japan, will connect with Rotarians in Iowa City.

We suspect that there are others, as well. It all adds up to perhaps the most "international" District Conference we've ever had. *What a time to Celebrate Rotary!!*

If you have questions about pre- and post-convention home stays, contact PDG Ken Noble, West Liberty, (319) 627-4712.

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One of our objectives in arranging for two Group Study Exchanges was to create more opportunities for clubs to participate as hosts. A preliminary itinerary prepared by GSE Inbound Chair Mark Snell of the Rotary Club of Des Moines indicates that this will happen, as a record number of clubs will be involved! Thanks to the clubs listed (p. 3) for your interest and commitments. I hope you have a *great experience!!*

Here is the information received thus far about the Group Study Exchange team members:

Australia:

– Team leader is Kay Gordon, past president of the Rotary Club of Mordialloc.

Team members:

- Sean Straton, banker, sponsored by Rotary Club of Monash;
- Kathryn McDonald, petro chemical engineer, sponsored by Rotary Club of Mordialloc;
- Stephen White, police sergeant (homicide squad), sponsored by Rotary Club of Boronia; and
- Sarah O'Donnell, pre-school teacher, sponsored by Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully.

Germany:

– Team leader Dr. Werner Pauls, 53, IT consultant, married, home town Kappeln, member of Rotary Club of Eckernforde.

Team members:

- Katrin Wandel, 32, mechanical engineer/environmental manager, single, home town Bad Segeberg; sponsored by Rotary Club of Segeberg;
- Astrid Schultner, 28, banker/analyst, home town Flensburg, sponsored by Rotary Club of Niebull;
- Henning Vollbrecht, 20, single, physician/orthopaedics, home town Kiel, sponsored by Rotary Club of Eutin; and
- Inka Klinger, 38, married, banker/structured finances; home town Jarplund, sponsored by Rotary Club of Husum.

Fire up, register for a District Conference unlike any other!

By Sarah Simpson/Muscatine

Co-chair, Rotary District 6000 Conference

You won't want to miss a single minute of our District 6000 Centennial Conference! This will be no ordinary Conference! One of the songs many of us sing at Rotary is "Make New Friends," and District Rotarians who come to Davenport will have the opportunity to meet and get to know Rotarians from almost every continent. Come celebrate, dress casually and enjoy the sun, fun and fellowship that is planned for our Conference.

The fun begins Wednesday, June 15 when Rotarians "hit the links" at Glynn's Creek Golf Course. Glynn's Creek is a championship course nestled among native grasses at Scott County Park. Tee times are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "Early bird" arrivals and golfers are in for a real treat when the Bettendorf Rotary Club hosts an evening steak fry at the Glynn's Creek Golf Pavilion at 6:30 p.m. The cost for golfers is \$50 (includes golf, cart and steak fry). For non-golfing Rotarians the steak fry is \$10. For more information or to register contact Decker Ploehn at (563) 344-4007 or dploehn@bettendorf.org.

The District Conference formally opens on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. with a short district meeting. Presentations by the inbound and outbound GSE teams begin the breakout sessions at 9:30 a.m. at the Steeplegate Inn, our Conference hotel. All of our program breakouts throughout the conference will give you the opportunity to celebrate the outstanding success of clubs throughout the district.

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The Des Moines AM Rotary Club performed the delightful original musical, "The Sound of Money," about The Rotary Foundation at District Assembly in Newton on April 9. They've been invited to present an encore performance on "Family of Rotary" night at District Conference on Thursday evening, June 16 at the Starlite Ballroom in Davenport.

Many clubs will host GSE, Friendship Exchange teams

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA, DISTRICT 9810

May 20: Team arrives in Des Moines.
 May 21-24: Rotary Club of Des Moines.
 May 24-26: Rotary Club of Boone.
 May 26-30: Rotary Club of Ames.
 May 30-June 2: Rotary Club of Pella.
 June 2-4: Rotary Club of Centerville.
 June 4-6: Rotary Club of Decatur County.
 June 6-8: Rotary Club of West Liberty.
 June 8-11: Rotary Club of Iowa City.
 June 11-17: Rotary Club of Bettendorf (includes housing during District Conference, June 15-17).
 June 17-22: Rotary International Convention in Chicago.
 June 23: Depart from Chicago.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE GERMANY, DISTRICT 1890

June 6: Team arrives in Des Moines, welcomed by Rotary Club of Jefferson.
 June 7-8: Rotary Clubs of Jefferson, Manning and Atlantic.
 June 8-11: Rotary Clubs of Carroll and Coon Rapids.
 June 11-15: Rotary Club of Nevada.
 June 15-17: District Conference in Davenport.
 June 17-20: Rotary International Convention in Chicago.
 June 20-23: Rotary Club of Ankeny.
 June 23-25: Rotary Club of Chariton.
 June 25-27: Rotary Club of Osceola.
 June 27-30: Rotary Club of Keokuk.
 June 30-July 5: Rotary clubs of Iowa City area.
 July 5-8: Rotary Club of North Scott.
 July 8: Depart from Quad Cities.

FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE UGANDA

June 23: Arrive in District 6000 from Rotary International Convention.
 June 23-24: Rotary Club of Tipton.
 June 25-26: Rotary Club of Ames Morning.
 June 26: Depart from District 6000 to Orlando, Fla.

FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE NEW ZEALAND

June 23: Arrive in District 6000 from Rotary International Convention.
 June 23-26: Rotary Club of North Scott.
 June 27-29: Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant.
 June 30-July 1: Rotary Club of Ottumwa.
 July 2-July 7: Rotary Club of Des Moines, with involvement from Rotary Clubs of Pella, Indianola and Perry.
 July 7: Depart from District 6000 to New Zealand.

District Conference

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The "Heritage Luncheon" hosted by the Clinton and Muscatine Rotary Clubs will feature David C. Forward, the author of "A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International." He is a walking encyclopedia of Rotary history and a wonderful speaker.

After the luncheon, Rotary partners will have the opportunity to take a preview tour of the Figge Art Museum that will be opened later in the summer and the new River Music Experience. Transportation will also be provided for partners who would like to spend some time shopping.

Thursday afternoon breakout sessions will be international in flavor. There will be sessions on District 6000's work in Xicotepec, World Community Service projects of our clubs and an opportunity to get to know Rotary International President Glenn Estess, Sr.'s representative, Dr. Sabino "Benny" Santos of the Philippines, a distinguished Rotarian and past Rotary International director.

Thursday Evening the conference venue moves to the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds where District 6000 Rotarians and our guests can step back in history and experience rides on a Percheron show cart, Model T rides and a great barbecue, hosted by North Scott Rotary. A humorous and insightful half-hour play that was commissioned by Minnesota Rotarians for Rotary's Centennial will be performed, centennial awards will be announced, and we'll try an encore of last year's highly successful karaoke as we hear D-6000 Centennial songs and poems and much more.

A breakfast for past and future district governors, assistant governors and presidents-elect will start the day on Friday. Breakout



Come to District Conference and see the Centennial quilt with squares like these representing D-6000 clubs.

sessions beginning at 9:15 a.m. will "knock your socks off," as PDG Tony Hennessey, a Tasmanian Rotarian says. Tony will be one of our featured speakers who will give a very entertaining presentation about his "Rotary Ramblings." Other "not to miss" sessions include presentations by DG "Lucky" Pieris of Sri Lanka, and PDG Ravi Vadlamani of India who will share their stories about how District 6000 Rotarians helped their countries' tsunami victims.

Friday's "All-District Rotary Meeting" hosted by the Davenport and Iowa Quad Cities clubs will be held at the Starlite Ballroom on the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. We are so excited about this event!! Our featured speaker is "Motorcycle Bob" Mutchler of the Rancho Cordova Rotary Club. He is a polio survivor who will be completing a 30,000-mile motorcycle caravan of the 13 Canadian province capitals and the lower 48 U.S. state capitals, ending at the Chicago Rotary International Convention. We have heard nothing but superlatives about his message that will inspire us and make all of us proud to be Rotarians.

The mark of any great concert, play or conference is that it leaves you wanting more. We guarantee this conference will be one that will leave you wanting more. We extend our invitation to all of you to come to Davenport and be a part of our Centennial Celebration. It's a once-in-a-lifetime celebration.

Use the registration form on p. 21 and come celebrate at the District 6000 Rotary Conference June 15-17, 2005!!

District Conference Golf Outing

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Tee Times from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Glynn's Creek Golf Course

(a championship course with native wildflowers and grasses, located at Scott County Park, rural Long Grove – just north of Park View. For directions, go to "Google Maps," query "Scott County Iowa Golf Courses," and select "Glynns Creek")

Steak Fry afterwards at the Pavilion next to the Clubhouse in Scott County Park

Golf & Steak Fry: \$50 per person

Steak Fry only: \$10 per person

Cocktails (beer, wine, soda) and Hors D'Oeuvres:
5:30 p.m.; Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Bring your own foursome or register alone and we will place you on a team.

For reservations, call (563) 344-4007, or e-mail:
dploehn@bettendorf.org.

Deadline for signup: June 8th

Make checks payable to: Bettendorf Rotary. Send to:
Decker Ploehn, 1609 State St., Bettendorf, IA 52722



The District Conference Committee hard at work (l-r): Terry Lunardi, Brock Earnhardt, Jim Rastrelli, Decker Ploehn, Merle Anderson, Jake Jacks, Shirley Jean Drake, Sarah Simpson, Mary Ellen Chamberlin.

DMAM, Marshalltown, Indianola host Russians

Notes from Governor Bill Tubbs . . .

Here Come the Judges! The Rotary Club of Des Moines AM has agreed to host five judges, two interpreters and a facilitator from Russia who will be visiting Des Moines June 11-18 through the auspices of the American Council for International Education, based in Washington, D.C. The ACIE program is recognized and funded by Rotary International. The local club must arrange housing, dinner, transportation to a central location, and social activities. The Russians' training will be provided through Mike Messina, in the office U.S. Judge Pratt. This hosting opportunity arose on very short notice and was facilitated with the help of DGN Diana Reed. *Thank you to the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM for accepting the challenge!*

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Clubs to Host Russian Delegations: The Rotary Clubs of Marshalltown and Indianola have agreed to host delegations of 11 Russian emerging business entrepreneurs plus a team leader and translator (13 people) in the Productivity Enhancement Program (PEP) next year. PEP is coordinated by the Center for Citizen Initiatives, a State Department-supported organization based in San Francisco, and has been called the "Marshall Plan for Russia."

At Marshalltown Rotary, Gene Beach will coordinate a "small construction" delegation Nov. 3-23, 2005. At Indianola, PDG Ev Laning will coordinate a "light manufacturing" delegation in the spring of 2006. *Congratulations to both clubs for accepting a considerable challenge, but one with extraordinary rewards!* (I write from first-person experience, having coordinated two PEP delegations in the Quad Cities, in 1998 and 2002. – BT)

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'An excellent case study'

Dear DG Bill,

Thank you so much for sharing the impressive array of publicity that was garnered by the clubs in District 6000 in celebration of Rotary's centennial. The District Directory is excellent and what a wonderful piece to stimulate interest by the local newspapers in covering Rotary's centennial. Your method sounded perfect and hopefully netted a few new Rotarians for the clubs you visited as well.

I will forward all of this material to President Glenn Estess, Sr. for his review before it lands in our PR division as an excellent case study for working with the media in a productive way for all. Thanks again for collecting all of this and sharing it with us.

-s- Kathy Kessenich, general manager
Communications Services, Rotary International
One Rotary Center, Evanston, IL

(Note: D-6000 was asked by RI Director Mike McCullough to share copies of centennial coverage to the RI staff. I wish to convey my sincere thank you to the 40-plus Rotary clubs and community newspapers who published some spectacular sections to celebrate Rotary's Centennial. Congratulations on a job well done! – BT)



Keith Mattke (l) of North Scott, who represents Rotarians on the Iowa Human Resources Disaster Council, organized a team of 12 volunteers who lent their hands on April 30 to help the community of Bradgate (near Fort Dodge) rebuild from a tornado. Projects included planting 60 trees, building a deck, preparing a foundation and cleaning up yards strewn with glass.



This panel of 2004-05 club presidents did a superb job at April 8 President-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.) sharing their experiences and relating some practical pointers on club leadership for incoming presidents. (l-r): Doug Flournoy (Fairfield), Ben Tarbell (East Polk), Mike Ruby (Muscatine), Cheryl George (Newton), and AG Craig Hertel (Jefferson).



Grinnell Rotary's Schultz & Company singers performed at a Centennial celebration of the Rotary Clubs of Newton and Grinnell on Feb. 23, and presented three concerts for the community in April.

District 6000 Membership

Is your club growing, or shrinking?

CLUB	Jan 2001	Jan 2002	Jan 2003	Jan 2004	Jan 2005	Apr 2005
Adel	29	27	22	24	26	28
Albia	32	33	34	35	40	40
Ames	258	253	260	262	268	270
Ames AM	57	58	67	69	70	69
Ankeny	53	45	57	64	71	69
Atlantic	62	60	56	63	57	69
Bettendorf	85	91	92	90	80	80
Bloomfield	12	13	11	13	14	14
Boone	63	71	71	70	73	73
Burlington	104	108	108	111	104	105
Carroll	61	64	61	61	60	61
Centerville	55	50	46	53	57	57
Chariton	61	66	59	56	56	56
Clinton	126	120	122	127	125	126
Coon Rapids	24	22	24	24	24	25
Coralville-NC	56	48	44	45	41	45
Corning	63	61	57	57	55	58
Corydon	30	23	23	26	23	23
Creston	26	24	33	35	31	29
Dallas Center	31	30	29	28	27	27
Davenport	213	215	220	210	195	193
Decatur County	18	23	17	19	16	20
Des Moines	373	383	383	385	375	378
Des Moines A.M.	118	128	134	148	146	146
East Polk Co.	30	35	35	40	43	43
Fairfield	62	70	74	76	72	71
Fort Madison	52	53	46	46	49	50
Grinnell	34	34	37	33	38	38
Indianola	58	54	49	49	51	51
Iowa City	281	275	273	289	313	308
Iowa City D'ntown	0	0	0	0	21	21
Iowa City A.M.	66	61	59	55	54	54
Iowa Quad-Cities	41	37	41	43	48	52
Jefferson	70	68	60	57	56	56
Johnston	33	29	31	31	33	36
Kalona	38	39	38	38	41	42
Keokuk	93	84	89	96	90	90
Keosauqua	26	30	33	31	28	29
Knoxville	63	68	70	66	62	63
Lenox	38	38	35	37	36	36
Manning	33	32	30	27	18	20
Marengo	14	13	12	12	12	11
Marshalltown	183	181	199	192	190	189
Mt. Pleasant	27	29	34	31	31	31
Mt. Pleasant Noon	39	37	35	36	32	34
Muscatine	146	142	142	139	150	145
Nevada	63	62	67	68	66	66
Newton	99	111	111	102	95	97
North Scott	88	89	94	102	99	101
NW Des Moines	67	78	87	82	83	83
Odyssey Ottumwa	0	0	10	23	21	22
Osceola	47	41	40	42	38	37
Oskaloosa	70	70	60	55	53	53
Ottumwa	124	116	119	111	107	108
Pella	41	38	42	46	44	43
Perry	33	33	40	34	38	36
Tipton	34	32	32	33	31	31
Washington	65	62	56	63	66	69
Waukee	37	41	37	43	48	54
Wellman	33	33	34	36	34	34
West Des Moines	100	89	88	84	85	85
West Liberty	38	38	43	42	34	34
Winterset	45	36	39	37	32	31
Total	4,421	4,394	4,451	4,502	4,476	4,507

Bill Koellner hospitalized

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The prayers of District 6000 Rotarians are with Jan Koellner and the family of Bill Koellner of West Liberty, who remains in critical condition at University Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City with a severe case of pancreatitis. Bill has provided extraordinary leadership to his club and to District 6000 as an assistant governor, as our trainer, and as chair of our membership development and club extension committees. Prior to emergency surgery and admittance to the hospital on April 29, Bill and his committee had organized the largest District Assembly in recent years with attendance of more than 260, including Youth Exchange students, on April 9. Due to his illness, Bill was unable to submit an article for this newsletter on membership development, which was one of his passions in Rotary. Cards may be sent to Bill at UIHC, but another good way to honor him would be to extend Rotary friendship to prospective members and increase our fellowship. See the table (left) for a five-year history of district membership.

Membership development and retention is a constant challenge. Here are 21 kinds of people that can be potential members of your club.

People You Know

- Spouses/partners of current members
- Former members of the club; club secretaries can access a list of former members at rotary.org
- Program speakers
- Government employees, city, province/ state or federal
- Volunteers involved in other organizations, such as United Way and Cancer Society
- Customers and vendors of current members
- People who are involved with you in leisure activities (tennis, golf, curling, bridge)
- People you see in church, synagogue, mosque or temple
- People with whom you work

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Finish strong to reach Rotary Foundation goal!

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- Your relatives, friends, classmates, and neighbors
- Fraternity/sorority brothers and sisters
- Recent retirees
- People from organizations supported by your Rotary club

People You Don't Know:

- Chamber of commerce membership list
- City or community directories, residential and business
- Parents of Youth Exchange Students
- Rotary Foundation Alumni, a list of all known alumni living in your community is available from RI
- Classifications not represented in your Club, update your classification list
- Promotions that have been announced in the newspaper
- People who work in town but live in other communities
- People new to the community

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Rotary Foundation: Through the first three quarters of the year, District 6000 had achieved 61 percent of its goal for giving to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Contributions were \$278,261. The goal for Every Member Every Year of \$452,875 can be reached if we finish strong! Congratulations to these clubs who had achieved 100 percent of their goals by March 31: Carroll, Dallas Center, Iowa City AM, Keosauqua, Marshalltown, Muscatine, Northwest Des Moines, Odyssey of Ottumwa and West Liberty. Congratulations to the top three clubs in per capita giving through March: Decatur County (\$613), West Liberty (\$266) and Iowa City AM (\$259); and to the top three clubs in total giving: Ames (\$18,615), Des Moines (\$17,950) and Muscatine (\$17,622).

A special session for Club Foundation Chairs was held at the April 9 District Assembly. Clubs were asked to submit their 2005-06 EREY goals and the names of their foundation chairs to administrator Jerri Uitermarkt. If you have not already done so, call 1 (877) 976-8279.

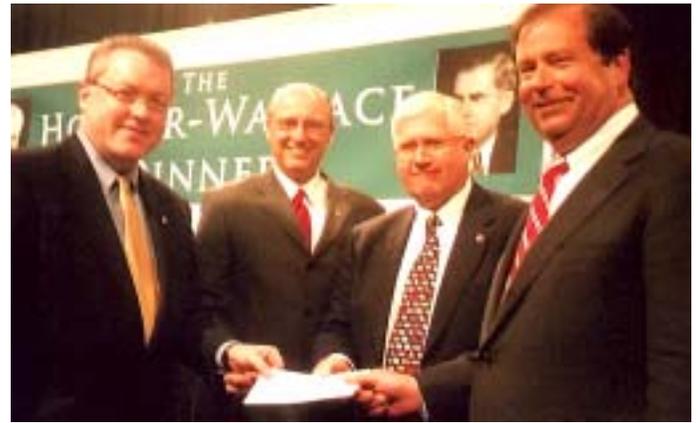
District Governor-Elect Corliss Klaassen and 2005-06 District

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Assistant Governor Loring Miller and members of the Decatur County Rotary Club built Founders Park, a popular resting place in downtown Leon.



Rotarians Chris McLinden of the Des Moines AM Rotary Club, D-6000 Governor Bill Tubbs and D-5970 Governor Steve Thorpe presented a check for \$28,000 to John Ruan III (r), chair of the World Food Prize Foundation, for scholarships at the second annual Hoover-Wallace dinner March 14 at the Des Moines Marriott. Six hundred saw Gov. Robert Ray and Vice President Walter Mondale honored for rescuing Cambodian boat people in 1979.



Gloria Sprouse and Laurie Burgason display historical pictures that were framed and matted for the Van Buren County Courthouse by the Rotary Club of Keosauqua with a 2003-04 Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant.

D-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,

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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-N. Corridor |
| John/Linda Dasher, Ames | Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM |
| Dave Dickson, Ames | Bob Rudman, Ames |
| Mary Gibbons, Ames | David Suntken, Ames |
| Don/Doris Goering, Ames | Bill/Linda Tubbs, North Scott |
| Conrad Gregg, West Liberty | Don Wandling, Ames |
| Paul/Phoebe Hellwege, Boone | Herb Wilson, Coralville-N. Corridor |
| Corliss/Jeanne Klaassen, Chariton | Janice Wilson, Coralville-N. Corridor |
| | Margaret Wilson, Ames |



Knoxville Rotary Club president Kevin Crawford (with wife Lesa) was honored for vocational service with the School Administrator's Award presented by the Iowa High School Athletic Association at the 2005 Boys' State Basketball Tournament.



The Fairfield Interact Club was chartered on Feb. 25. (l-r): Carol Young (Interact advisor), Joe Hotek (Interact president), Governor Bill and Linda Tubbs, and Doug Flournoy (Rotary club president and Interact advisor)).



Muscatine Interactors, in their club's second year, presented 102 backpacks filled with school supplies for Iraqi school children to Col. Duane Gapinski, commander of Rock Island District Army Corps of Engineers. (l-r): Sarah Randleman, Calli Davison and Katie Kenyon.

Rotary Volunteer takes fifth trip to Moldova

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Rotary Foundation Chair Don Goering have announced the dates for the 2005-06 regional Rotary Foundation/Membership Seminars, each starting at 6:00 p.m.: Sept. 7, Mt. Pleasant; Sept. 8, West Liberty; Sept. 19, Oskaloosa; Sept. 20, DMAC in West Des Moines; Sept. 28, Perry; and Sept. 29, Osceola.

Moldova Connections I: The Winterset Rotary Club hosted a delegation of 12 journalists from Moldova on April 8. Moldova is one of the former Soviet republics, located between Ukraine and Romania.

Moldova Connections II: Merle Anderson of the Rotary Club of North Scott is making his fifth trip to Moldova as a Rotary Volunteer, May 4-23. A retired farm cooperative manager, he is helping peasant farmers organize cooperatives. During his trips, he identified international projects that were supported by the Rotary Club of North Scott. Merle chairs the Rotary Volunteers Committee for D-6000.

Interact Information: D-6000 Interact chair Jacque Andrew of the Rotary Club of Jefferson has a suggested format to introduce and interest Rotary clubs in sponsoring an Interact club. Contact Jacque at (515) 386-2114.

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Rotary Beatitudes

Here are the "Rotary Beatitudes" that were used with District Governor Bill Tubbs' message during club visits. They are adapted from information heard at the 2004 Rotary International Convention in Osaka, Japan:

- Blessed is the Rotarian who changes his eating place at each meeting, for he shall make more friends.
- Blessed is the Rotarian who stays for the entire meeting, for he shall be better informed.
- Blessed is the Rotarian who creates wholesome conversation at the table, for people will desire to sit with him.
- Blessed is the Rotarian who can take a little kidding, for he is a good sport.
- Blessed is the Rotarian who has more than just business or professional interest in the club, for he will last longer.
- Blessed is the Rotarian who carries his enthusiasm and friendship away from the dinner table to use it in the ways of life, for he will not be called a hypocrite.
- Blessed is the Rotarian who knows how to stop when he makes a speech, for he is an unusual man.

Grants projects total \$1.3 million

By Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

Chair, World Community Service (Grants) Committee

The matching grant committee has continued to be very active through the 2004-05 Rotary year. Your Grants Committee wants to commend each of the District 6000 clubs that have initiated matching grants during this Rotary year. It is always dangerous to try to recognize each of the specific grants that our district is working on because it is difficult to make sure that all grants are recognized.

I want to report a synopsis of the activities that our district has been doing to give a feeling for the activity that has been going on in our district. Since 2001 District 6000 has worked on 121 total grants. Of these grants, 71 are completely funded with an additional 30 that have been approved and will be funded. We have had 21 unsuccessful grant applications.

The grants that have been funded consist of the following:

District 6000 Club Cash	\$80,532
District 6000 District Designated Funds	\$121,179
Other Club Cash	\$108,513
Other District DDF	\$49,399
The Rotary Foundation Funds	\$628,138
Project Total for Grants Paid	\$987,138

The Grants that have commitments but have not been paid are as follows:

District 6000 Club Cash	\$29,038
District 6000 District Designated Funds	\$119,091
Other Club Cash	\$26,871
Other District DDF	\$15,150
The Rotary Foundation Funds	\$134,249

Project Total for Grants approved but not paid to date:
\$324,399

When these two groups of grants are added together the total comes to \$1,312,159 of grants that our district either has completed or is committed to funding. This does not include the grants that have been submitted and have not been approved for the year 2004-05. This is a good indication of the dedication our district has to making a difference in the world in which we live. There are many success stories that can be told about the grants that have

been and are being funded by our district. Each story has resulted from a connection that has developed between someone in District 6000 and a person or club in some other part of the world. As a result of this joint effort, people have been able to experience a fuller and more productive life and District 6000 has been able to reach out and make a difference.

The 101 grants have provided equipment for hospitals, clinics, libraries and schools, such as desks, educational materials and computers, as well as ambulances, water projects that include wells and treatment plants, and vaccines. Our partners in these grants have been in India, Bangladesh, The Philippines, Mexico, Central America, South America, Africa and China.

There have been approximately 25 District 6000 clubs that have been involved with these grants. Each of these clubs should be congratulated for their efforts. It is the hope of the Matching Grant Committee that each club in District 6000 will become involved with a matching grant in the near future. Many of the grants have been funded by individual clubs but there have been several grants that have had joint sponsorship between more than one club.

Two current ongoing efforts that our district is working on are:

1. A delegation headed by Jim Peterson and made up of District 6000 Rotarians went to Guatemala to investigate the possibility of developing water projects with populations that live in remote areas of the country. The grant committee has approved DDF money that this delegation can utilize to help address the water needs they determine to be appropriate and viable for the present situation.

2. District Governor Bill is planning to reserve a portion of the tsunami money, currently being collected by District 6000, for later use with matching grants in areas that have been devastated. These are areas where District 6000 has good connections with the District Governor of the regions that have been affected. This money will be used for projects that will, among other things, assist in furnishing hospitals, school, and other projects of this type. This may be the type of project that clubs in District 6000 will want to become involved in at a later date.



The District 6000 FAMSCO (Fire & Medical Supply Company) board of directors is pictured at their Dec. 17 meeting at the home of Dr. Bill Olin in Iowa City (l-r): Jim Peterson, Governor Bill Tubbs (visiting), Dr. Bill Olin, John Ockenfels, Gary Murphy, Karin Franklin, Dick Kennedy, Duane Means, Bart Shank, AG Brock Earnhardt and PDG Gary Pacha.

Paul Harris portrait to be unveiled May 24 at RI Headquarters

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Portrait Unveiling: District 6000 and 5970 leaders will attend a ceremony for the unveiling of the Paul Harris portrait with RI President Glenn Estess, Sr. and leaders of Rotary International on May 24 at RI Headquarters in Evanston. The portrait by artist Paul Trebilcock was commissioned in the middle 1930s for presentation to the University of Iowa Law School. Trebilcock was a popular Midwest portrait artist whose subjects included prominent social, political and religious figures, including a commissioned portrait of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The portrait, which was in storage at the Student Union for 50 years, was deaccessioned to Rotary District 6000 by the University of Iowa after the 2003 District Conference. Leaders of Districts 6000 and 5970 paid \$4,400 to restore the painting and its frame to its original luster and to transport it to Rotary International.

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Matching Grant: The Fairfield Rotary Club has been awarded a matching grant in the amount of \$24,500, reports president Doug Flournoy. The application was made in conjunction with Fairfield's Twin Club, the Rotary Club of Ankara, Turkey. The relationship was initiated through an inbound Youth Exchange student, Cansin Melek, in 2003-04. The purpose of the grant is to solve the problem of insufficient potable water in the CIT Village and to provide water with acceptable health standard for 30 years.

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Gift Idea: PDG Norm Veliquette of D-6290 in Canada and Michigan has written some books about Rotary's global quest to



Governor Bill and Linda Tubbs (l) and Governor-Elect Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen (r) represented District 6000 Rotarians at a May 3 reception at Terrace Hill to kick off Christy Vilsack's Iowa Stories 2000 campaign. This year's book, "Family Pictures/Cuadros de Familia" is in English and Spanish and is illustrated by Carmen Lomas Garza (c). With sponsorship by District 6000 and other organizations, the book will be given to 42,000 Iowa kindergartners.



The large picnic shelter at the city park in the center of Lenox is one of many community projects sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lenox. The park is brightly lighted at Christmas, helping carry out Lenox' theme of the "Christmas City." Pictured are Assistant Governor John Beran and Todd Barker, club president.

eradicate polio that would make excellent gifts for speakers and/or end-of-year recognition. The book is written to inspire Rotarians and encourage future involvement in National Immunization Day trips. It comes highly recommended. As the book is about to be printed, Norm is taking pre-publication orders. \$100 buys 10 books. For information, contact Norm at (231) 264-5254, or by e-mail: normarvel@aol.com.

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Hospitality Request: PDG Ken Noble received this request. Dick and Cay Roberts of Waverly, Ohio will be coming through Iowa in their motor home June 12-14 from the western U.S. and are interested in fellowship and hosting en route to Chicago. They request an electric hook-up facility. They may be reached by cell phone at 740-357-5399, or e-mail: rroberts@zoomnet.net.

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94th Anniversary: The Rotary Club of Des Moines observed its 94th anniversary with the club's annual "Kentucky Derby Party" May 7 at Prairie Meadows.

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85th Anniversary: Congratulations to president Ron Miller and Atlantic Rotarians on the celebration of the club's 85th birthday and Rotary's centennial at a public open house on May 11 from 3-6 p.m. at the Cass County Community Center.

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Centennial Celebration: A Centennial meeting of the Rotary Clubs of Davenport, Bettendorf, North Scott and Iowa Quad Cities was attended by 230 on May 4 at the Starlite Ballroom, Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport. Announcements about the upcoming District Conference were made by Governor Bill Tubbs. The speaker for the day was Adjutant General G. Ron Dardis.

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Heart of Iraq

Rotary's rendezvous with Rebaz Shamsideen

With apologies to the Cedar Rapids Gazette for borrowing its headline from page 1 on Sunday, Feb. 20, nothing says it better than "Heart of Iraq." Rebaz Shamsideen and his father, Subhi, arrived in the U.S. from Kurdistan, in northern Iraq, on Dec. 30. Rebaz came with a broken heart and a limited time to live. On April 24, he returned home with a mended heart and a new lease on life, thanks to Rotary and its partners.

At District 6000 Assembly on April 9 at Newton, 260 Rotarians heard the remarkable story of Rebaz from the woman without whom it would not have happened, Cindy Yerington of West Liberty. Cindy's story, printed here, is one with many anxious moments but ultimate triumph. It will be shared with the nation in a 1-hour documentary on the TLC Network in a new series, "Homecomings," tentatively scheduled for Sunday evening, June 12 (check local listings!).

For Rotarians, it began in November when District Governor Bill Tubbs asked clubs to raise \$2-6 per member to save a boy's life. The clubs and Rotarians of District 6000 responded, raising over \$23,000, nearly \$6 per member, including \$2,500 on the day of Cindy's speech. It was a generous outpouring, but still not enough to cover all expenses. Thus the invitation remains, for those who have not previously given, to support the Rebaz project with your checks to District Treasurer Steve Fahrenkrog, Box 79, Eldridge, IA 52748.

By Cindy Yerington

I'm just an ordinary mom, living in an ordinary house, in an ordinary Iowa town. On an early morning in August of 2003, I was presented with an extraordinary challenge by my son, Sgt. Corey Michael Johnston of the United States Army.

Corey was on his first tour in Iraq, having been in the country for six months and working closely with the Iraqi border patrol, securing the Iran border. He helped train the Kurds in that area and set up a medic station. It was at that time that a Lt. Farook, who is a Kurdish soldier, came to him with a need for help for a child. We would find out much later, that child was Lt. Farook's nephew whose name is Rebaz.

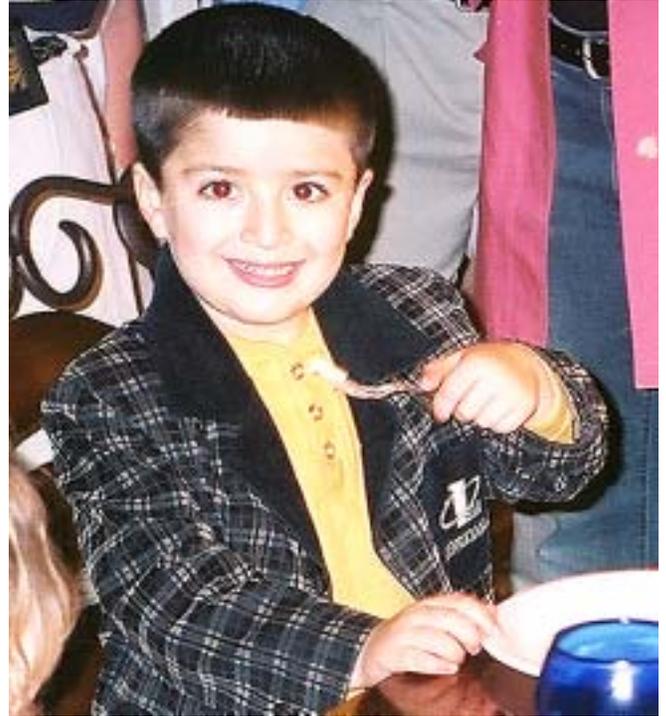
Corey called me at 5:30 on this August 2003 morning and said to me, "Mom, I've got this kid here. He has what is called an AP window – he was born with a hole between his aorta and pulmonary arteries. Can you help me find someone to treat him in the states?"

William Frederick Halsey Jr. said, "There are no great people in this world, only great challenges, which ordinary people rise to meet."

This was a challenge I couldn't turn my back on. This was a true humanitarian effort that my son had brought to me and felt compassionate about doing.

For once in my life I had a child who was not coming to me complaining about his worn-out car, or needing a new pair of tennis shoes, the latest jeans at Abercrombie or even complaining about the meatloaf I had prepared for supper that night.

This was a reality that finally, *finally*, everything I had instilled



Rebaz Shamsideen

in their heart of helping others and caring for others was being put before us.

We all know the story of Rebaz. We know his medical condition. We know his father; we know the circumstances that got him here, the outcome of his surgery and how we have all grown to love this child and his father.

Now I want you to know the key players who were also presented this challenge and by working together, we would rise to meet the challenge of saving a beautiful child's life.

Being the mother of four active boys and an adorable daughter that was a gift of God by adoption, we are fully aware of being a team player.

My boys have played a variety of sports from basketball, baseball, football and wrestling, and now we are being introduced to volleyball by our 8-year-old daughter.

I have always felt that team sports help prepare you for life. They teach you to work together for the outcome of success – on the field or in the workplace.

I wasn't certain if I possessed the knowledge of taking this challenge on, but over time, God brought forth the main players to make this mission possible.

My first player who put the ball in motion here in the states was Kathy Schneider.

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Kathy is my neighbor in our hometown of West Liberty. She is a close friend, confidant, and she is a nurse at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She currently works in cardiac research and she was my “running back” on this team.

She took charge and found a team of doctors at the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital that agreed to look at this case and donate their professional services to attempt to save a child’s life.

These main physicians were: Dr. Thomas Fagan, pediatric cardiologist; Dr. Harold Burkhart, pediatric cardiac surgeon; Dr. Carrie George, pediatric ICU; and Dr. Campos, anesthesiologist.

These doctors and Dr. Burkhart stated, “We did not do it because he was from a war-torn country.” They do not mix war and politics with medicine, but they did it because without them, he would not have had a chance to live another five years.

Next, I needed a coach. It is just by chance that my Uncle Ken Yerington heard of this story and it touched his heart – I mean literally touched his heart.

You see, heart disease is a curse that has



Rebaz in a poignant pose at the Yerington residence in West Liberty.

fallen upon the Yerington family. My Uncle Kenny is one of three boys in his family. Bob, being the oldest, has had bypass surgery, Kenny has had bypass surgery and his brother, Bill, my husband’s father, suffered through three heart attacks, the third one being at a young age of 54 that robbed him of being a part of his grandchildren’s lives and memories.

Uncle Kenny has a strong loyalty to his family. He is a generous and kind gentleman and he felt the tug to get this child help. He knew that I had run into a wall as far as financial backing. I needed someone to feel as compassionate over this as we were and he told me that he would like to help.

My husband’s uncle by blood – but my uncle by his overwhelming gift of love. I would like to thank Kenny Yerington.

Uncle Kenny, who retired as a CFO with the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, knew just the person who may be able to help with this.

We weren’t certain what the cost of this procedure may be but he thought with his background and the help of a very close friend and previous colleague, they may be able to figure it out.

He summoned the help of the manager of our team, John Colloton. Mr. Colloton is the past CEO of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. I have been observing since the beginning, I have witnessed him as an acute messenger on a generosity level. Mr. Colloton is an advocate and he is grand in so many ways.

Mr. Colloton, along with Herb Wilson, Bill Olin, Bob Sierk and Bill Bywater, put their heads together and formed a plan to enlist the help of the 63 Rotary clubs of Iowa to raise the money to get this child to Iowa and save his life.

After letters were sent to the Rotary clubs with Rebaz’s picture, many other hearts have been touched and at last count over \$19,000 had been raised to assist us with this mission. (Now more than \$23,000.)

It has been said that there are three keys to more abundant living:

1. Caring about others.
2. Daring for others.
3. Sharing with others.

I have been shown by these men and the Rotary – they all possess the keys to abundant living.

I have been blessed and touched by your generosity and I extend a Thank You to these men and especially to all the Rotarians.

Towards the middle to end of December 2004, things were moving quickly with our quest to get Rebaz to the states.

We were coordinating doctors, we were coordinating documents and one day I received a phone call from Ed Zastrow. Mr. Zastrow is a Rotarian, and he is the executive director of the Ronald McDonald House.



Rebaz receives an Iowa flag procured by the Iowa capitol on Nov. 4, 2004, at a farewell party. (l. to r.): Sgt. Corey Johnston, Cindy Yerington, R.

Mr. Zastrow opened his doors to this child and his father – free of charge. He corresponded on a regular basis with me to ensure that I knew that the offer to have Rebaz and his father stay at their facility was always open.

The day that I took Rebaz and Subhi to the Ronald McDonald House, he provided them with the best possible suite to make their stay a comfortable and private experience. His staff went out of their way to communicate with Subhi and to offer them the sense of hope that they would be well cared for.

Mr. Zastrow and his staff need to have the recognition that they were behind the scenes – no bells or whistles to bring attention to their generosity – but they were another one of those angels that were standing in the wings to be there when and if they were needed.

This is just another one of those people who rose to meet the challenge and proved to me the world is full of great people.

When I first began this mission, there was one person who probably always dreaded my phone calls. I suppose every time she heard that a “Cindy Yerington” was on the line, I bet big dollars that she rolled her eyes and thought, “Now what?!”

Over the past six months this woman has become my right arm – none of this would have ever happened without her help, her knowledge base, her connections and her patience. That would be Penny Vacek from Sen. Grassley’s office in Davenport.

Penny coordinated letters to be drafted, be they from the University of Iowa Hospitals, from the surgeons, from the Rotarians, to telling me what I needed to write to en-



by AG Lloyd Hill, that was flown over our state April 23 at University Hospitals, Iowa City. (Ilebaz, DG Bill Tubbs and Subhi Shamsideen.

sure to the Embassy in Amman that I would assume responsibility of this family from Kurdistan and my intentions and loyalties to send them back to their country after Rebaz was cured.

She contacted me by cell phone in the evenings; she called me when she was ill to follow up on things. Her staff was in constant contact with the embassy in Amman on Christmas Day, phoning me to update me with Rebaz and Subhi's interview and visa status.

Penny has become a good friend through this and I know we will always be connected by this experience. She has kept in contact throughout this past three months and she has been to our home to meet Rebaz and Subhi and answer any questions he may have with his stay in the U.S.

I have told her repeatedly that I will never be able to repay her for her dedication on this mission and have vowed to come and donate my time to help in her office whenever she summons me.

Bill and Linda Tubbs – what gracious and wonderful people that I have come to know. Their sincere caring are such great traits of Rotarians that I have been surrounded with. Their phone calls, words of encouragement and concern with Rebaz and his health. They have never failed to ask, "How are you? Is there anything you need? What can we do to help?" or "I just wish we lived closer."

The few days before and of Rebaz' arrival introduced me to this great governor and his lovely wife. When I hear them speak of their daughters, I know that family is their main focus in life. So why wouldn't it surprise me that Rebaz has also become so important in their life.

Thank you Gov. Tubbs. Thank you for your support and thank you for always listening and

thank you for working so hard on this cause.

And most of all, Nancy Pacha. Nancy has graced me with her phone calls, given me advice and has coached me through rough days with her wonderful sense of humor.

Nancy is a woman I long to be like – optimistic, down to earth, wise with her words, and has an overwhelming knowledge of how to make others laugh at the times I thought I might drown with the challenges being thrown at me. She has been my ear and my shoulder to lean on. She has been one to bounce things off of and has definitely been one to be patient with me with the ever many changes of the reception to be held when my son returns from Iraq.

Nancy, you are a very, very generous woman and I need to thank you for becoming a dear friend to me and I hope we have many more talks in the future.

I can never forget or overlook the people who have been the biggest support throughout this life-changing experience. This forever will make a huge impact in our lives – the gift of giving.

My love and appreciation goes out to my husband, Scott, my son and daughter, Cale and Emery.

They have had to sacrifice my time, put up with my absence during ballgames, observation nights, school conferences, wash piled up and most of all just being so unselfish in giving up time with me so I can spend the time they are used to with Subhi and Rebaz.

Scott, Cale and Emery – this is just part of my lucky life. I have three more who aren't here: Corey, of course; Dan, who lives in Maryland; and my other son, Jason, who will be graduating from the University of Winona in May.

I've often been asked what impact has this



Subhi and Rebaz (with oxygen tubes) model the new District 6000 baseball caps at the West Liberty Valentine Party.

made in my life. Where do I begin?

Is it the people who have been brought into your life to help expand your knowledge of what life is really about?

Or it is the love that you discover – that your heart can fall deeply in love with a child that I will possibly never see again once I put him on the plane in Chicago?

Has this experience taught me not to dwell on my own misfortune of having a son in Iraq and concentrate my energies on putting a face on this war and seeing and feeling who really impacts from a life I will never experience?

I have had the blessing of watching a child who has come to this country full of anger and sickness and watched him become cured and full of life.

I've watched him be comforted by Shrek. Learned to love the American foods of pizza, spaghetti, ice cream and cakes. The joy of watching basketball and striving to be like his idol, my son Cale, and wear basketball "snap pants" and tennis shoes.

I've witnessed Subhi shave off his mustache and get an American haircut so he feels part of our society.

I've watched painfully through Subhi's eyes as he often stood invisible in crowds, not knowing or understanding our language and wanting to be a part of conversation.

Subhi has fought hard to learn English and he has conquered that feat by perseverance.

Most of all I've been shown what trust and loyalty is.

This man went against his family's wishes and brought his son to the states so he would see his son become a man.

Subhi's parents believed that Rebaz was born with this condition was "God's will." Subhi had a different plan for his son – he wanted his son to live.

When I was a pediatric nurse, I was given a card with a verse on it.

I read the verse and felt a connection to it; I kept it always, but never thought much more about it until the past few months. It goes...

*One hundred years from now
It won't matter what car I drove
What kind of house I lived in
How much I had in my bank account
Nor what my clothes looked like
But, the world may be a little better
Because I was important in the life of a child.*

I just want to emphasize to all Rotarians, all who have been recognized.

You have made a big difference in the life of a child, and you are going to make that country of Iraq a little better.

You have shown them that we do care and have their best interest in our hearts.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Club anniversaries

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80th Anniversary: The Rotary Club of West Liberty will celebrate its 80th anniversary and Rotary's Centennial with a special program on June 7 honoring Norman and Martin Rich. The Australian GSE team will be honored guests, and Paul Harris Fellows and Four-Way Test essay winners will be recognized.

Vocational Dinner/50th Anniversary: The Keosauqua Rotary Club observed its annual Vocational Dinner on March 8 at the VFW Hall to honor senior Multi-Occupational students from Van Buren Community High School and their instructor. Secretary editor Jon Finney notes that this longstanding program, which is a partnering of school and businesses, has been successful and serves as a model for the state. The club will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a special meeting on June 27 at Lacy Keosauqua State Park.

Unique Opportunity: Fort Madison Rotary Club president Bill Napier says their club has a unique opportunity to assist tsunami victims. Kumar Wickramasinga, the owner of Alpha's Restaurant, where the club meets, is from Matara, Sri Lanka, which is on the southern tip of the country and was hit hardest. A community effort in Fort Madison raised \$35,000 and a delegation led by Rotarian Sandra Wisehart went to Sri Lanka in April for hands on relief efforts. "If any Rotary clubs would like to know more about the Fort Madison tsunami relief effort, I will be happy to see that they get the right information," says Napier. He may be reached at (319) 372-2934.

Scholarship Interviews: Jeff Bremer announces that the D-6000 Ambassadorial Scholars Committee will interview nominees for 2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholarships on Saturday, June 11.

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Terry Pauling stands near the shelter of the McVay Sommerset Trail, which was a community project supported by the Indianola Rotary Club, which spent \$10,000, including a Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant for the shelter, benches and bicycle racks.



One hundred twenty attended the Burlington Rotary Club's 75th annual duck dinner, the club's 90th anniversary celebration and Rotary's 100th birthday on Feb. 28. Rotarians from Keokuk and Mt. Pleasant joined them for a night of fun, including lots of prizes on the "Rotary Wheel of Fortune," spun by Carmen Iannarelli with emcee Chet Young (r).

Polio: 'Rotary deserves Nobel Peace Prize'

Polio and Rotary

4/12/05 - Wall Street Journal

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the Salk polio vaccine. Poliomyelitis, also known as infantile paralysis, used to be one of childhood's most feared diseases. A few years after Dr. Jonas Salk announced his vaccine on April 12, 1955, nearly every child in the U.S. was protected. Today polio has disappeared from the Americas, Europe and the Western Pacific and is nearly gone from the rest of the world.

A too-little known part of this feat is the role played by Rotary, the international businessman's club, which 20 years ago adopted the goal of wiping out the disease. Rotary understood that medical breakthroughs are worthless unless people aren't afraid to immunize their children and efficient delivery systems exist to get the vaccine to them. And so it mobilized its members in 30,100 clubs in 166 countries to make it happen.

In 1985, when Rotary launched its eradication program, there were an estimated 350,000 new cases of polio in 125 countries. Last year, 1,263 were reported. More than one million Rotary members have volunteered their time or donated money to immunize two billion children in 122 countries. In 1988, Rotary money and its example were the catalyst for a global eradication drive joined by the World Health Organization, Unicef and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. In 2000 Rotary teamed up with the United Nations Foundation to raise \$100 million in private money for the program. By the time the world is certified as polio-free - probably in 2008 - Rotary will have contributed \$600 million to its eradication efforts.

An economist of our acquaintance calls Rotary's effort the most effective private healthcare initiative ever. A vaccine-company CEO recently volunteered to us that the work of Rotary and the Gates Foundation, both private groups, has been more effective than any government in promoting vaccines to save lives. It's become fashionable in some quarters to deride civic volunteerism, but Rotary's unsung polio efforts deserves the Noble Peace Prize.

Students celebrate tsunami aid

This article is excerpted from District Governor Bill Tubbs' weekly "Impressions" column in the April 6 North Scott Press. Subsequently, we heard from Michelle Pontarelli at St. Ambrose University, who was in Sri Lanka. She says the needs are enormous, but be careful who you send money to! Fortunately, our personal connections in Rotary assure the highest level of trust:

Last Wednesday (March 30) there was a special celebration in the North Scott High School auditorium. It wasn't a concert, or a play, or a scholarship ceremony, or a welcoming party for a state tournament team, or any of the usual activities that typically take place there.

None of these. This was a celebration of student leadership and young people reaching beyond themselves to serve others. All seven attendance centers of the North Scott district and several student organizations were represented.

A week earlier, a similar celebration was held at the Bennett Community School District.

It was my privilege to attend both these events to say Thank You to the students for their fund-raising efforts on behalf of the survivors of the tsunami that struck southern Asia on Dec. 26.

At North Scott, Bennett, and other communities across Iowa, young people have been helping the Rotary clubs of District 6000 provide relief to people whose lives were ripped apart by that giant wave.

In Sri Lanka, an island nation about one-third the size of Iowa in the Indian Ocean, 147 schools were flattened – mercilessly wiped out. You can see pictures at the website, www.rotary-srilanka.org.

In a nearby region in India, the earthquake shook 14 times before delivering the decisive blow that would swallow 75 coastal villages, taking with it the lives and livelihoods of fishermen.

As I explained in this column in January, in my role as district governor for Rotary International, within 36 hours of these events, I sent – and received – e-mails from the Rotary governors in these areas. Among them was Gov. Lucky Pieris in District 3220 in Sri Lanka. Linda and I had met in February 2004 at the Rotary International Assembly in Anaheim, Calif., which is a training event for Rotary's 529 incoming governors worldwide.

I knew that we must take action when I read Lucky's words: "We are devastated; we cannot comprehend; authorities do not know what to do with dead bodies as entire families have been wiped out; please pray for us; thanks for your concern."

That action was an appeal for funds to the public via a news release and to the 63 clubs and 4,500 Rotarians in District 6000. The request was on behalf of our Humanitarian Services Fund – a fund that was established after the floods of 1993, during which the Rotary clubs in Iowa received aid from Rotarians around the world.

The response was immediate and generous, and in early January, funds were electronically transferred to District 3220 in Sri Lanka and District 3150 in India. Both were immediately acknowledged by Rotarians – DG Pieris in Sri Lanka and Ravi Vadlamani, a past district governor who is Rotary's Zone Water Task Force coordinator for India.

The dialogue with these two leaders has continued, mostly by e-mail, but also by phone. Those calls have to be planned, because Sri Lanka is 12 time zones from Iowa!

Lucky Pieris and Ravi Vadlamani both accepted my invitation to come to Davenport for our Rotary District 6000 Conference on June 16-17.

With support from Rotary clubs, businesses, individual Iowans,



Gintota Maha Vidyalaya School was one of 147 schools in Sri Lanka that were leveled by the tsunami that funds raised by District 6000 Rotarians will help rebuild.

and students, our Humanitarian Services Fund received more than \$70,000 for tsunami relief. We have received pictures of boats upon which fishermen are again supporting their families. We expect that at least one modern school building in Sri Lanka will be dedicated to the people of Iowa who gave generously in a time of great need.

As is always the case with Rotary, our projects will be overseen by Rotarians who live in the community, and since we are a volunteer organization, there is no overhead or administrative cost.

In a recent e-mail, Gov. Pieris was moved by the fact that students are involved. He shared these thoughts, "I really have no words to thank those children who are doing much in helping a country which they have never seen."

That quote underscores the values that North Scott officials hope students will gain from the experience. Keith Riewerts, a Rotarian who coordinates the talented and gifted program, was especially pleased to see student leaders take ownership of the "Gifted and Giving" campaign.

One by one last Wednesday, students took turns telling about their projects, which were many and varied. At Bennett, a dance-a-thon helped raise \$1,500 through the Tipton Rotary Club.

Fund raisers were held throughout District 6000, including Fellows School in Ames, F.F.A. in Manning, and many more. Some of the smallest communities, like Keosauqua and West Liberty, gave the most.

From the bottom of my heart, *Thank You to everybody!*



Tipton Rotarians Jeff Frazer, Dave Stephens, Dick Schrad, Gordon Esbeck, Doug Boldt, Kris Clark and Dave Lorenzen accepted a check for \$1,500 from the student body of the tiny Bennett School District for tsunami relief. Zach Behrensmeyer, a kindergartner (front), raised \$100.

Lessons from the people of Xicotepec

District Governor Bill Tubbs wrote this column of his impressions of Xicotepec, Mexico for his newspaper, *The Eldridge North Scott Press*:

You won't find much to compare between the infrastructure of Iowa and Xicotepec de Puebla, Mexico, where Linda and I traveled with a team of Rotarians March 5-12. Xicotepec de Puebla (pronounced hee-KOH-tuh-pek), a city of 30,000 in the coffee-growing highlands of eastern Mexico, typifies the image of a Third World village – muddy roads, water you can't drink, roosters and dogs running at large, schools that are crowded and substandard, and housing that wouldn't meet any building codes even for garages in Iowa.

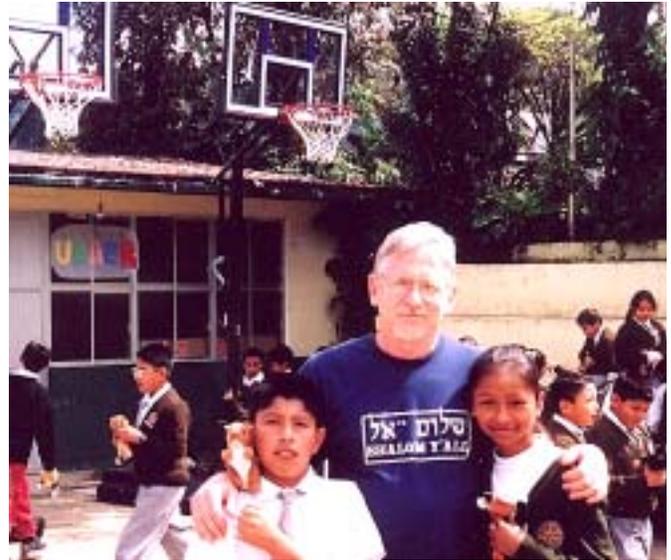
But if that is our only image of places like this, we are missing something important. There is much we can learn from these friendly and generous people. That was the experience for Linda and me, and 75 Rotarians and friends from Iowa. Despite conditions that most of us here would find unacceptable, these people have a joy of life, a welcoming spirit, good manners, generosity, humility and trust that are uncommon.

There is a striving for civic improvements – better schools, clean water, medical services, and more – which is how Rotary helps, but these people don't have a quality of life that we do not find in our pursuit of material comforts. They are able to slow down, deal with what they have, and put into practice multi-generational family values that we only talk about.

Further, the average life expectancy is 78 years for women and 74 for men, according to Dr. Jorge Martinez, who can best be described as Rotary's itinerant doctor to the poor. Jorge was governor of Rotary District 4180 in Mexico in 1987-88 and has spent much of his time since then traveling with his wife, Beverly, rendering medical services wherever needed.

In just two days, March 7-8, Jorge teamed with Rotarian Dr. Elizabeth Loeb of Iowa City, to perform 250 cervical cancer screenings. The women walked to the Red Cross clinic (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Xicotepec's Inner Wheel auxiliary) from their hovels, wearing clean and colorful dresses, smiling and visiting pleasantly as they waited to see the doctors. Dr. Loeb, a family practice physician, said their personal hygiene compared well with the patients she sees here.

The Rotary Club of Xicotepec has just 18 members, but it is mighty. They are clearly the town's most economically advantaged people, but their energy is given to enrich the community, not themselves. There is no better example than Alejandro Fonseca and Saidy, who opened their homes and hearts to Linda and me



Team leader Jim Peterson of Iowa City is an angel to the children at the Rotary school in Xicotepec. The basketball hoops were purchased by Rotarian Bart Shank of Dallas Center and donated to the school on March 10.

during a time in their lives when, for personal reasons, most of us would have said no.

Alejandro, 29, employs 250 at "Conexiones Inoxidables de Puebla," a company founded by his father that makes precision stainless steel tubing and fittings for the food industry. His suppliers and customers are global. A plant of this sophistication that hires the best engineers from the university appears out of place in a remote village, but Alejandro is committed to keeping it in Xicotepec. During a tour of his factory, we noticed a stash of stainless steel windows and doors. Alejandro, when asked, said he provides houses for employees who have worked there 20 years if they have none. Would that happen here?

At the center of town is a cathedral that had standing room only for Mass on Sunday evening. Next to it is the town hall, with a stage opening to a town square where rallies and public gatherings are held. We attended two such meetings. Both were impressive for their pomp and circumstance. The first was to launch the national campaign for the Red Cross. Rotarians were asked to canvass the community for donations ("Donatavitos, por favor?"). Linda and I felt uncomfortable, at first, *asking them for money*, until we realized that people really wanted to give. Without counting the cost, everyone we approached found pesos to drop in the "Cruz Roja" jar. Would that happen here?

The second ceremony in the square was a celebration of Rotary's centennial. All the dignitaries of the region were present to show their appreciation of what Rotary has meant to Xicotepec – schools, clinics, fire truck, ambulance and orphanage – and the world. Children from the Rotary school stood in formation in their brightly colored uniforms with the Rotary patches and lifted placards proclaiming "Un mundo sin polio" (a world without polio), a declaration of Rotary's greatest project.

The mayor, who is a Rotarian, and Carlos, the president of the Xicotepec Rotary Club, fired up the crowd with their speeches, and I was chosen to deliver a district governor's message, as well. It's been 37 years since I studied Spanish, so Rotarian Jim

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Rotarian doctors PDG Jorge Martinez and Liz Loeb.

Peterson of Iowa City, our team leader, translated except for my closing, "Viva, Rotary! Viva Xicotepec!"

After each speech, a young bugler in the drum and bugle corps from the Rotary school puckered his lips, and you could see the veins in his forehead bulge as his *ta-ta-ta-ta-ta* at *fortissimo forte* started a flourish that would last several minutes, while girls in their bright yellow uniforms completed a synchronized dance.

The children, as always, are priceless. Out of the poorest housing they show up at school with clean white shirts, gray skirts or trousers, black shoes and olive green sweaters – always with the Rotary wheel – wide-eyed and eager to learn. The Mexican government pays the teachers, but each community has to provide the school. Until two years ago when Iowa Rotarians formed their partnership with Xicotepec, these children didn't have a school fit for habitation. That's why they're appreciative.

High school students Luke Goddard of Muscatine, and Monica and Natalie Gilkison of Davenport West filled suitcases with stuffed toys – Beanie Babies – that students at West High School collected for the children. Seldom have I seen kids more appreciative of a gift than the Xicotepec school children. There was no jealousy or envy or possessiveness. Each child beamed with joy over his or her selection.

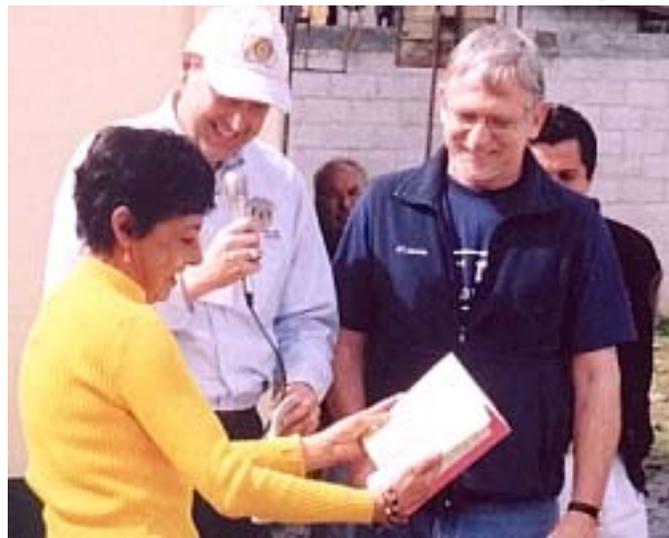
The school that these children will advance to at age 11 is grim. Rotary's next project is to replace the chicken coop-like structure that they call the secondary school. Much improved over two years ago when it was just a vertical wall, at least it has a roof. The *banyo* – restroom – is a two-holer far removed from the classrooms at the back of a muddy playground (everything is mud - it rains 100 inches a year!).

Replacing the secondary school will take time. Everything takes time, or, as Jim Peterson likes to say, "Everything is a work in progress." It will be done when it's done, just as the meals are served – well, when they're served. The midday meal at *Cruz Azul* (Blue Cross) is scheduled for 2 o'clock, but it might be at 3, or later. The evening meal is scheduled for 8, but it might be at 9, or whenever. These people live without the urgency that drives us to institutions, but that should not be mistaken for lack of caring. The people of Xicotepec care deeply about their families and their future, but they're not going to drive themselves crazy over it.

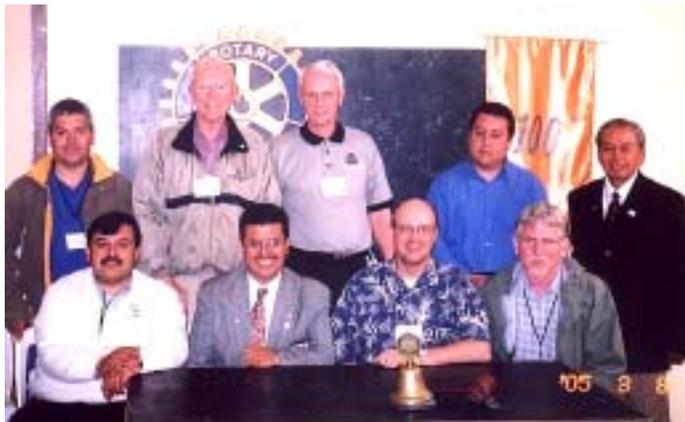
The students at *Universidad Tecnologica* (community college), for example, seemed eager to improve their skills and to engage Americans in discussions about international trade and NAFTA. The question of who benefits most is as unsettled for them as it is for us! Duty-free trade will always produce winners and losers as the market seeks the lowest cost of production. Xicotepec came up short, for example, when it was discovered that coffee could be grown cheaper in Vietnam. They still produce coffee, but it is not the robust industry it once was.

One day we traveled to the coffee country via trucks and SUVs for what seemed like forever on roads that were filled with chuck holes and large puddles of clay-colored water. There was natural beauty all around as we bounced from side to side on narrow mountain roads with no guard rails. (It was the kind of ride that creates business for chiropractors!) After riding to what seemed like the end of the earth and seeing no signs of habitation, we were amazed when we pulled up at a two-room school and were greeted by 37 of the most enthusiastic children you'll ever see, in uniforms – always in uniforms.

The Xicotepec Rotary Club was performing its community service that day – giving the school a computer and rooftop reservoir. We were treated like royalty and given fresh-baked sugar cookies and lemonade! In this most remote of places, one of the parents was wearing an officially licensed Florida State University baseball cap, which was one of many old world/new world juxtapositions that blew us away. For example, in the center of town you'd see a cell phone store next to an open-air meat market. There



District Governor Bill Tubbs, with translation by Jim Peterson, presented the Iowa Stories 2000 book, "Family Pictures," to the Rotary school. The book is about Mexico and is written in English and Spanish.



On March 8, 2005, Rotary leaders in Districts 6000 in Iowa and 4180 in Mexico talked about the future cooperation between District 6000 and Xicotepec, Mexico. Pictured from D-6000: Jim Peterson, Governor Bill Tubbs, Governor-Elect Corliss Klaassen and DGN Del Bluhm.

is a satellite dish atop the wobbly secondary school and TVs in the classrooms. Peterson said you'd find DVD players in homes with dirt floors.

The roads that led to some of the most modern buildings, even in front of Alejandro's factory, were sticky goo, but the people didn't seem to mind. And there's no need for a speed limit, even on the paved roads in town. That's because you have to come to a nearly complete stop to cross huge speed bumps every 500 yards or so. You'll only forget to do this once!

A minority of people own vehicles and most will not ever travel far in their lives. The vehicles they do have are late models and in excellent condition, including the rubber. Alejandro said the government subsidizes 30-40 percent discounts and generous terms in order to get the "blue smokers" off the road and clean up the air. It seems to be working.

Come June, we are looking forward to welcoming the Rotarians from Xicotepec to Davenport for our district conference, and then they'll take in the Centennial Rotary International Convention in Chicago. I hope we can repay the hospitality shown to us because they've shown us how to give more than we get. We went to Mexico to help them and we really helped ourselves.

RI Board decisions pertaining to clubs

From the March 2005 Meeting of the RI Board of Directors:

Club Matters

Circularization of Rotary Entities

A Rotary club desiring the cooperation of other clubs or members of other clubs, in connection with any matter whatsoever, must first submit its purpose and plans to the respective governor or governors to secure approval.

Clubs must first secure RI Board authorization before soliciting financial assistance or participating in commercial ventures with any other Rotary club or with individual Rotarians other than its own members.

If clubs are not following circularization policy, the RI Board may discipline a club, including possible termination of the club.

Rotarians are not authorized to circularize Rotary clubs or other Rotarians on matters affecting personal business interests. No member of a Rotary club shall use or provide to any other group, the Official Directory or any other database or list of names compiled in connection with a Rotary-related project or activity for commercial purposes. This applies to directories in electronic and printed formats. Any use of telemarketing or mass e-mails must comply with existing Rotary circularization policy, and any use of an agreement with a commercial telemarketing, internet web hosting, or e-mail firm must include proper identification and qualifying language regarding the Rotary Entity. (*201)

Membership Development Initiatives Recognition Program

The Membership Development Initiatives Recognition program was adopted:

1. Up to three clubs per district will be recognized by the governor on an annual basis for developing a proactive, creative, long-term strategy for each of the three main supporting activities of membership development and retention:

- a. promotion of member retention;
- b. identification and recruitment of qualified members;
- c. organization of new Rotary clubs.

2. To be considered for recognition, clubs must submit a one-page, detailed explanation of their proactive initiative or strategy to their district governor by 15 April;

3. District governors should forward the names of clubs recommended for recognition and the clubs' initiative or strategy to RI by 15 May;

4. A certificate signed by the RI president will be awarded to each club. (*233)

District And RI Matters

Council On Legislation

The Board encourages each district to limit the number of items proposed to the 2007 COL to no more than five because the quantity of legislation has a detrimental impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of the meetings. (*188)

Incorporation of Districts

Districts will be allowed to incorporate, subject to approved procedures and restrictions. The first step is to seek approval from at least two-thirds of the clubs in the district and then to request authorization from the Board. (*199)

Circularization of Rotary Entities – at the District and Multidistrict level

A multidistrict entity desiring to request the cooperation of clubs or Rotarians, outside its own membership, in connection with any matter whatsoever, must first submit its purpose and

plans to the respective governor or governors and secure his, her, or their approval.

A multidistrict entity must first secure approval from the RI Board before soliciting financial assistance or participation in any commercial venture from any Rotary club or from Rotarians other than its own members.

Multidistrict entities that are not in compliance with this circularization policy could lose their multidistrict status. (*201)

Rotary Fellowships

The Board recognized the new Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians, and the Fellowship of Rotarians United to Bridge the Digital Divide (pending a change of name for clarity). The Board rescinded all provisions related to indemnification, which previously required fellowships to indemnify RI from any liability arising from its activities. (*204)

Interact

The Board encouraged Rotary clubs and districts to organize district and multidistrict-level Interact meetings with a focus on international fellowship. (*210)

Rotaract

The Board encouraged closer interaction overall between Rotary and Rotaract at the district, club and individual levels, including

– Training district Rotaract chairs to assist sponsoring Rotary clubs in improving their knowledge about and cooperation with their Rotaract clubs

– Including district Rotaract representative in the district leadership team

– Considering former Rotaractors for membership in newly chartered and existing Rotary clubs

– Appointment of district Rotaract committees, or a district Rotaract chair

– Rotarians to visit Rotaract club meetings to seek personal contact and cooperation with Rotaractors,

– Rotaract clubs to establish closer personal contacts with the presidents and members of their sponsoring Rotary clubs

– Rotaractors to visit Rotary club meetings (*213, 214, 215)

Youth Exchange

The Board amended its policy on the Youth Exchange Program, requiring the parents or legal guardian of an exchangee to provide travel insurance, which includes medical and dental coverage for accidental injury and illness, death benefits (including repatriation of remains), disability/dismemberment benefit, emergency medical evacuation, emergency visitation expenses, 24-hour emergency assistance services, and legal liability, for each exchangee, in amounts satisfactory to the host Rotary club or district in consultation with the sponsor Rotary club or district. At the option of the parents or legal guardians, such insurance may also include cancellation expenses, loss of property, loss of money, or kidnap, and ransom. (*218)

Submission of Inaccurate Club Membership Lists

The general secretary will work with the district governor when club membership increases by more than 25 percent between semiannual report periods, in order to provide support to the club leadership and to verify the membership list.

The district governor is to assist the club in administering the

Chicago Convention registration update

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Chicago Convention: Two hundred thirty-four from D-6000 are pre-registered for the Chicago RI Convention. On-site registration is possible and we're hoping for many more! We have filled one 54-passenger bus from Davenport to Chicago on June 17 and a 47-passenger bus returning on June 23. A second bus will be added if signups warrant, however, the Saturday and Monday buses were canceled.

District 6000 is hosting a Chicago welcome party on Saturday evening, June 18 at the Chicago Sheraton Hotel & Towers. This is a reception with food and drinks, and not a formal dinner.

Below is a letter from Lawrence Wright of the Chicago Convention Promotion Committee:

Dear Governor Bill: First let me congratulate you on an outstanding job of promoting the Chicago Convention. Wilf Wilkinson and Lou Piconi have also asked me to pass along to you their thanks and appreciation. District 6000 has exceeded the 4 percent Membership Incentive level and should expect a nice rebate check later this summer!!!

As outlined in a recent e-letter to DGs and Club Presidents, RI is trying to make it easier to register on-site at the convention. Also, a good number of hotel rooms have been made available, so accommodation will not be a problem.

This opportunity needs to be passed on to your district Rotarians and encourage them to follow these four simple steps:

1. Contact 'One Stop Chicago' to book their hotel room.
2. Print the 'Registration' form (<http://www.rotary.org/centennial/resources/conv05.html>)
3. Fill out the form and bring it with them to Chicago. Special 'On-Site' booths will be available to expedite the registration process.



Club presidents Brian Dieter (Ames Morning), Joyce Durlan (Ames), Kris Dugger (Nevada) and Craig Downs (Boone) at the four-club Centennial celebration, Feb. 23.

4. Bring a small gift of appreciation to 'you' for making their life so rich . . . (this last item is optional).

Please take the time to pass this on to everyone in your district, for this may be that golden opportunity that changes their life forever. So, I am asking for your help to put out one last appeal to those Rotarians who have not yet committed to attending our greatest Centennial Celebration.

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Xicotepec Project Dates: Jim Peterson announces project dates for future Xicotepec trips: 2006 (March 11-19), 2007 (March 10-18), 2008 (March 15-23), 2009 (March 14-22).

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Presidential Profiles: A booklet, "District 6000 Centennial Profiles," featuring our Centennial presidents, will be published soon and posted at our website, www.rotary6000.org. The publication highlights the excellence of our club leaders in their clubs, communities and vocations.

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Committee begins work on 2005 State Fair

Dear Club Presidents,

Rotary District 6000 will have a display booth again this year at the Iowa State Fair. The 2005 Iowa State Fair runs eleven days, from Aug. 11-21. The booth is housed in the air-conditioned Varied Industries Building across from the grandstand and attracts many tens of thousands of visitors each year. It's a wonderful opportunity to talk with fairgoers about our organization and what it means to Iowa and the world.

The booth will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. We divide each day into four shifts of three hours each. This way, volunteers still have nine or more hours to enjoy the fair!

We need a minimum of two people during each shift. As in the past, we welcome and encourage Rotarian and spouse teams. At this time, we are asking clubs to volunteer to staff the booth for either a full day (minimum of eight people) or a half day (minimum of four people.) Dates will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

In order to keep costs down, we ask workers to purchase their

own admission, which is only \$5.00 when purchased ahead of time.

Kurt Johnson of the Rotary Club of Des Moines has agreed to chair this effort this year. You can contact him at kurt.edward.johnson@gmail.com or 515-278-4304.

In past years, some clubs expressed disappointment that they did not have the opportunity to offer their services prior to the schedule being filled. If you have an interest in your club participating in this fun activity, please let Kurt know just as soon as possible. We want to give all clubs an opportunity, keeping in mind the need to staff the booth well ahead of time in order to allow for distribution of materials to the workers, etc.

I hope you will bring this to the attention of your club's leadership very soon. If I can help you in any way with further information, please let me know. This is a great opportunity for Rotary and similarly for us to give a bit of our time and see the State Fair, too. Thank you!

-s- Corliss Klaassen, Governor 2005-06

March Attendance

CLUB (Members)	Number of Attendance		Rank
	Meetings	Percent	
Adel (28)	5	65.00%	30
Albia (90)	5	45.00%	49
Ames (272)	4	60.05%	37
Ames Morning (69)	4	53.67%	44
Ankeny (69)	5	67.00%	26
Atlantic (62)	4	80.24%	8
Bettendorf (79)	5	75.67%	11
Bloomfield			
Boone (73)	5	65.90%	28
Burlington (106)	4	87.50%	3
Carroll (61)	4	67.13%	25
Centerville			
Chariton			
Clinton (124)	4	60.01%	38
Coon Rapids (25)	5	67.00%	27
Coralville-North Corridor (48)	5	86.00%	4
Corning (58)	4	68.96%	20
Corydon			
Creston (34)	4	47.00%	48
Dallas Center			
Davenport (194)	3	48.41%	46
Decatur County (19)	4	58.00%	42
Des Moines (379)	5	68.68%	22
Des Moines A.M. (148)	4	63.00%	33
East Polk County (45)	5	68.00%	45
Fairfield			
Fort Madison			
Grinnell (38)	4	70.00%	17
Indianola (49)	4	70.12%	16
Iowa City (303)	5	58.00%	43
Iowa City A.M. (54)	5	69.00%	18
Iowa City Downtown (20)	4	85.00%	6
Iowa Quad-Cities (55)	5	50.81%	45
Jefferson			
Johnston (36)	5	79.39%	10
Kalona (42)	4	79.87%	9
Keokuk (89)	5	43.00%	50
Keosauqua (29)	5	68.70%	21
Knoxville (63)	5	65.45%	29
Lenox (36)	5	61.00%	34
Manning (20)	5	74.00%	15
Marengo (12)	5	75.00%	12
Marshalltown (190)	5	60.35%	36
Mount Pleasant Noon			
Mt. Pleasant (32)	4	75.00%	13
Muscatine (145)	4	48.10%	47
Nevada (69)	5	67.64%	24
Newton (96)	5	61.00%	35
North Scott (101)	4	85.42%	5
Northwest Des Moines (82)	4	82.00%	7
Odyssey of Ottumwa (21)	2	38.00%	51
Osceola (37)	4	64.56%	32
Oskaloosa (59)	5	69.00%	19
Ottumwa (106)	4	58.33%	41
Pella (42)	5	64.60%	31
Perry			
Tipton (30)	5	74.40%	14
Washington (69)	4	59.00%	40
Waukee			
Wellman (34)	5	96.47%	1
West Des Moines			
West Liberty (35)	5	60.00%	39
Winterset (31)	4	94.84%	2

The future of D-6000

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Welcome Back! PDG Paul Hellwege (1954-55) returned to Boone Rotary after surgery in March. On April 27, club president Craig Downs presented him with a new Paul Harris pin highlighted with three sapphires in recognition of his multiple contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Congratulations!

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Sympathies: The family of Rotary extends sympathies to PDG Don and Doris Goering and family. Don learned of the death of his mother, Adeline, 103, of Davenport, on March 13 while he was leading our D-6000 GSE team in Australia. Don was able to return for services that were held March 26.

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New Venue: Northwest Des Moines Rotary's new meeting place is Christopher's Restaurant, 2816 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, north of the Beavertown shopping district. The club's big annual auction, which was held April 27 at Hyperion Field Club, featured a raffle for a 42" plasma TV.

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Dues & Meals Survey: During my club visits, I collected data for a comprehensive analysis of dues and meals costs for the 63 clubs in District 6000. The statistical data were printed and distributed at District Assembly. The data will be posted at the district website, www.rotary6000.org. An analysis will be presented at the future time.

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The Future: This will be my last District Newsletter as your district governor. Linda and I sincerely thank the many great Rotarians and clubs of District 6000 for your hard work and for making this a year we will long remember and cherish. With less than two months until Rotary's annual transition of leadership, we observe how quickly the time has flown! In many ways we feel like we are in a race against time to celebrate your many successes, but surely, the best is yet to come! With friends we have yet to meet coming from all over the world, the next seven weeks should be an extraordinary celebration!

It has been our privilege to work and travel with DGE Corliss Klaassen and Jeanne. They are dedicated Rotarians who share our vision and ideals for Rotary. We are confident that with the same support from all of you and our district administrator, Jerri Uitermarkt, they will provide outstanding leadership in the first year of our second century. I have accepted Corliss' offer to edit *District News* in the coming year. The question of frequency is sometimes asked, but in consultation with RI Director Mike McCullough, a printer, we conclude that content is more important than frequency. We have effective means to facilitate immediate communication through our website and e-mail data bases. I have always viewed an effective newsletter as enhancing electronic communication, not replacing it, and vice versa.

Publications at District Conference will hopefully sum up your accomplishments of the year. The next newsletter is thus planned for distribution in August. It will include highlights from District Conference and Chicago, and will be used in whatever ways DGE Corliss sees beneficial to achieve his goals for our district in 2005-06. Again, our sincere thanks!

— Bill and Linda



DISTRICT 6000 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15 – FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2005 • DAVENPORT, IA

Registrant/Rotarian Name _____

Preferred Name for Badge _____

Club _____

Club/District Position _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

How Many Will Play Golf on June 15 at Glynn's Creek? _____

How Many Will Attend June 15 Evening Welcome Event? _____

Partner's Name _____

Partner's Name for Badge _____

Will Partner Participate in Partner Activities? _____

Number of Years in Rotary:

Check all that apply:
(R=Rotarian)
(P=Partner)

- ____ New Member
- ____ First Time Attendee
- ____ Club President (04/05)
- ____ President-Elect (05/06)
- ____ Past President
- ____ Club Secretary
- ____ Club Officer
- ____ Past District Governor
- ____ Assistant Governor (04/05)
- ____ Assistant Governor (05/06)
- ____ District Committee Chair
- ____ District Committee
- ____ Sustaining Member
- ____ Paul Harris Society
- ____ Paul Harris Fellow
- ____ Bequest Society
- ____ Benefactor
- ____ Major Donor

PLEASE SPECIFY ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:

PAYMENT

Please make checks payable to:
 Rotary District 6000 Conference.
 Mail payment to: Jerri Uitermarkt
 District 6000 Administrator,
 P.O. Box 46, Knoxville, IA 50138.
 This form must be enclosed with
 payment, or faxed to (641) 205-6000.
 On-site registration
 at the Steeplegate Inn starts
 at 8:00 a.m. Thursday & Friday.

HOTEL

Please make hotel reservations by
 calling Best Western Steeplegate Inn,
 (563) 386-6900. Rotary double rooms
 are \$79.00 and include complimentary
 breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon,
 sausage, potatoes, pastries, fresh fruit,
 cereals, coffee, juice and milk served
 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

	By June 4	After June 4
Heritage Luncheon (Thurs., Steeplegate)		
Registrant/Rotarian	\$15.00 _____	\$18.00 _____
Partner	\$15.00 _____	\$18.00 _____
Family of Rotary Night (Thurs., Fairgrounds)		
Registrant/Rotarian	\$20.00 _____	\$23.00 _____
Partner	\$20.00 _____	\$23.00 _____
Under 12	FREE _____	FREE _____
All-District Rotary Meeting (Fri., Fairgrounds)		
Registrant/Rotarian	\$15.00 _____	\$18.00 _____
Partner	\$15.00 _____	\$18.00 _____
CONFERENCE TOTAL	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>
Official District 6000 cap	\$10.00 _____	\$10.00 _____
Bus to/from Chicago (Departs Davenport Fri., June 17, 3:30 p.m. & leaves Chicago Thurs., June 23, 9:00 a.m.)	\$70.00 _____	\$70.00 _____
D-6000 Welcome Event (Saturday, June 18, 6:00-10:00 p.m. at Chicago Sheraton Hotel & Towers)	\$30.00 _____	\$35.00 _____
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2005-06 official club visits

District Governor-Elect Corliss Klaassen and Jeanne announce the schedule of official club visits for 2005-06:

Tuesday, July 5 **Atlantic** (noon)
 Wednesday, July 6 **Perry** (12:10 p.m.)
 Thursday, July 7 **Winterset** (noon)
 Monday, July 11 **Clinton** (noon)
 Wednesday, July 13 **Mt. Pleasant** (noon)
 Thursday, July 14 **Washington** (noon)
 Monday, July 18 **Burlington** (noon)
 Tuesday, July 19 **Ft. Madison** (noon)
 Wednesday, July 20 **Wellman** (noon)
 Thursday, July 21 **Marengo** (12:05 p.m.)
 Tuesday, July 26 **Manning** (12:05 p.m.)
 Wednesday, July 27 **Boone** (noon)
 Thursday, July 28 **Coon Rapids** (12:05 p.m.)
 Monday, Aug. 1 **Corning** (noon)
 Tuesday, Aug. 2 **Dallas Center** (12:05 p.m.)
 Wednesday, Aug. 3 **East Polk** (7:00 a.m.)
 Thursday, Aug. 4 **Des Moines** (11:45 a.m.)
 Monday, Aug. 8 **Osceola** (noon)
 Tuesday, Aug. 9 **Ankeny** (11:45 a.m.)
 Wednesday, Aug. 10 **Ames AM** (7:00 a.m.)
 Monday, Aug. 15 **Jefferson** (noon)
 Tuesday, Aug. 16 **Iowa City AM** (7:00 a.m.)
 Wednesday, Aug. 17 **Tipton** (noon)

Monday, Aug. 22 ... **Iowa City Downtown** (noon)
 Tuesday, Aug. 23 **Kalona** (noon)
 Thursday, Aug. 25 **Waukee** (6:45 a.m.)
 Friday, Aug. 26 **Indianola** (noon)
 Monday, Aug. 29 **Carroll** (11:45 a.m.)
 Tuesday, Aug. 30 **Newton** (noon)
 Wednesday, Aug. 31 **Nevada** (noon)
 Thursday, Sept. 1 **Iowa City Noon** (noon)
 Monday, Sept. 5 **Creston** (noon)
 Tuesday, Sept. 6 **Johnston** (7:00 a.m.)
 Wednesday, Sept. 7 **Coralville** (noon)
 Thursday, Sept. 8 **Keokuk** (noon)
 Monday, Sept. 12. **Decatur County** (12:10 p.m.)
 Monday, Sept. 19 **Ames Noon** (12:05 p.m.)
 Tuesday, Sept. 20 **Corydon** (noon)
 Thursday, Sept. 22 **Iowa Quad Cities** (7:00 a.m.)
 Monday, Sept. 26 **Davenport** (noon)
 Tuesday, Sept. 27 **Oskaloosa** (noon)
 Wednesday, Sept. 28 **Bettendorf** (noon)
 Friday, Sept. 30 **Fairfield** (12:10 p.m.)
 Monday, Oct. 3 **Grinnell** (6:00 p.m.)
 Tuesday, Oct. 4 **Pella** (noon)
 Wednesday, Oct. 5 **Bloomfield** (6:45 a.m.)
 Friday, Oct. 7 **Des Moines AM** (7:00 a.m.)
 Tuesday, Oct. 11 **Lenox** (noon)
 Wednesday, Oct. 12 **Knoxville** (noon)
 Friday, Oct. 14 **NW Des Moines** (11:45 a.m.)
 Monday, Oct. 17 **Mt. Pleasant PM** (6:15 p.m.)



Jeanne and DGE Corliss Klaassen

Tuesday, Oct. 18 **Albia** (noon)
 Tuesday, Oct. 18 **West Liberty** (6:00 p.m.)
 Wednesday, Oct. 19 **Centerville** (noon)
 Monday, Oct. 24 **Ottumwa** (12:10 p.m.)
 Tuesday, Oct. 25 **West Des Moines** (11:45 a.m.)
 Wednesday, Oct. 26 **Adel** (12:05 p.m.)
 Tuesday, Nov. 1 **Marshalltown** (noon)
 Tuesday, Nov. 1 **Odyssey of Ottumwa** (5:30 p.m.)
 Friday, Nov. 4 **North Scott** (noon)
 Monday, Nov. 7 **Muscatine** (12:10 p.m.)
 Tuesday, Nov. 8 **Keosauqua** (noon)
 Friday, Nov. 11 **Chariton** (noon)



Assistant District Governors for 2005-06 attended AG Training with DGE Corliss Klaassen March 18 at Newton. (l-r): Lloyd Hill (Northwest Des Moines), John Beran (Lenox), Norm Van Klompenburg (Newton), Diana Reed (Northwest Des Moines), Deb Pullin-Van Auken (Iowa City AM), Craig Hertel (Jefferson), Sarah Simpson (Muscatine), Darrell Limkeman (Ottumwa), Sheila Tipton (Des Moines), Loring Miller (Decatur County) and Keith Hobson (Nevada). Not pictured: Jim Ebbers (Pella), Don Patterson (Washington), Rachel Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), and Nancy Pacha (Iowa City AM)



D-6000 Outbound Youth Exchange students attended orientation March 12 at Pella.

RI BOARD DECISIONS

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substantial increase in its membership, and to advise the club president that if the purported membership increase is not verified, the Board will consider this a serious violation, and will consider disciplining the club, up to and including termination for cause.

In the case of new clubs with inaccurate membership lists, the general secretary withholds the charter, notifies the governor of discrepancies and further necessary verification. Depending on the circumstances, the governor may then be ineligible for any RI assignment for three years after the term as governor ends. (*235)

Equatorial Guinea

The Board opened Equatorial Guinea for the extension of Rotary Clubs, and assigned it to District 9150. (*243)

Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan

The Board agreed that the provisional Rotary club in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, and all future clubs in Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan will be grouped within District 2430 (*242)

For more information on any of the above decisions, please contact your [Club and District Administration representative](#) at Rotary Headquarters in Evanston or the International Office serving your club, the Rotary web site at www.Rotary.org, or send your e-mail inquiry to CDAfeedback@rotaryintl.org.



In Memoriam:
King G. Herr,
1907-2005
Governor, Rotary International
District 5970, 1977-78



PDG King Herr

King George Herr, age 97, formerly of 3083 Prairie du Chien Road, NE, Iowa City died Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at the Crestview Care Center in West Branch.

Funeral services were March 13, 2005, at Zion Lutheran Church, Iowa City, with the Reverend Tim Malek officiating. Graveside services were March 14, 2005, at the Linwood Cemetery, 2735 Winson Avenue, in Dubuque. A resident of Dubuque from 1930-1989, he will be buried beside Julia Marie Hansen Herr, his first wife, and mother of his three children. Memorial donations may be given to the Dubuque YMCA c/o King Herr Memorial Fund to assist in scholarships for boys and girls. Online condolences may be sent for King's family through our website at www.gayandciha.com.

Mr. Herr was born on September 6, 1907, in Cedar County, Iowa, son of Herbert and Catharine (King) Herr. Raised on Champion Hill Farm, he graduated from Wilton High School in 1924 and for two years worked at the Farmers Savings Bank in Wilton before attending the University of Iowa, from which in 1930 he graduated in Commerce.

Mr. Herr was associated with Interstate Finance Corporation from 1930 to 1967 and with the American Trust & Savings Bank from 1967 until his retirement in 1988. For more than 50 years he was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dubuque.

Mr. Herr was active in many civic organizations. A member of the Rotary Club for 68 years, he was District Governor of Rotary International from 1977-79. In 1975 he helped start the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) Chapter in Dubuque and joined the Iowa City chapter when he moved there in 1989. He served on the National Board of SCORE from 1984 to 1988 and was the National Director of Rural Community Development from 1988 to 1994.

King Herr's service to the Dubuque Community spanned nearly six decades. During that period he was renowned for his abilities as a volunteer fundraiser for civic projects, including Bethany Home, the YMCA-YWCA, Westminster Church and the Salvation Army. While he enjoyed both gardening and hunting, his primary hobby was photography. A long-time member of a camera club, Mr. Herr often provided photographs, especially of historic landmarks, for community publications.

King Herr married Julia Marie Hansen on May 30, 1936. The couple enjoyed 34 years of married life and community leadership until Julia's untimely death in a car accident on April 19, 1970. Mr. Herr married Marion Carlson Miller on December 28, 1971; they were divorced in 1984. On May 26, 1989, he married Margaret Schrock Alton of Iowa City. Due to their mutual devotion and the support of friends and family, they were able to remain in their own home until May of 2004.

His family includes his wife, Margaret Alton-Herr, of Melrose Meadows, Iowa City; two daughters, Catharine Marie (and David) Van Nostrand of St. Cloud, Minnesota, and Johanna Susan (and Charles) Engberg of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; one son, John Christian (and Mary Jo Herriman) Herr, of Charlottesville, Virginia; seven grandchildren, Laura Susan Caviani, Catharine Louise Van Nostrand, Maren Thyra Van Nostrand (and Byron Ricks), Siri Johanna Engberg (and Martin Broan), Gillian Louisa Engberg, Christian Craig Herr, and Austin King Herr; and three great-grandchildren, Julia Frances Ricks, Simon Lockyer Broan and Eliza Louise Broan; step-children, David Alton (and Ann) of Coralville, and Carol Kefalas of Chevy Chase, MD, step-grandchildren, Paris Kefalas, Todd Alton, and Scott Kimball.

Gay & Ciha Funeral and Cremation Service of Iowa City is caring for King's family and his services.

(Obituary from Iowa City Press-Citizen)

– Celebrate Rotary – **YES!**



You can register on site for the Centennial Rotary International Convention in Chicago, June 18-22. Join 234 from D-6000 and 43,000 from 150 countries who are pre-registered. The RI Convention will never be this close again!



President's checklist:

1. Register yourself and club members for District 6000 Conference, June 15-17 in Davenport.
2. Encourage club members who are not pre-registered to make plans to attend the Centennial Rotary International Convention, June 18-22 in Chicago. Rooms are still available!
3. Urge your club to make a final push to meet or exceed your 2004-05 "Every Rotarian Every Year" goal.
4. Plan your club's end-of-year celebration to recognize club members for successful projects completed, and other awards.
5. Work with your 2005-06 president, as requested, to determine club goals, including your "Every Rotarian Every Year" goal, and organize committees for next year.
6. Take time to "Celebrate Rotary" by inviting prospective members to your club.



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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.