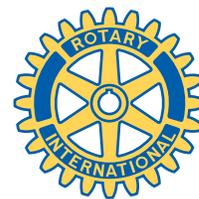


# District 6000 News



Rotary International,  
District 6000, Iowa USA  
Corliss H. Klaassen, Governor

**SERVICE Above Self**

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

March/April/May 2005-06

## All for Paul (Harris) at West Liberty!



At a special celebration on April 25, the Rotary Club of West Liberty was proud to announce that it is the first 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow club in Iowa. Past District Governor Herb Wilson (third from left) and District Rotary Foundation chair PDG Don Goering (second from right) were two of five past district governors present for the momentous occasion. West Liberty joins a select group of clubs internationally whose names are proudly displayed at RI headquarters in Evanston. Club president Ken Donnelly (center, rear), pictured with new Paul Harris Fellows, said the club will maintain the status by making all new members Paul Harris Fellows as well as Sustaining Members of The Rotary Foundation. "Congratulations to West Liberty," said Goering. "They give us an example and a goal for all clubs to achieve."

### *Governor's comments . . .*

## 'Thank you for a great District Conference'

**By DG Corliss Klaassen/Chariton**

Jeanne and I would like to thank everyone who helped make our District Conference a success. We especially want to thank all those that helped in the planning along with the presenters and also everyone who attended the conference.

Above all we want to thank my Assistant Governor Lloyd Hill who was our Conference Chairman for his attention to detail and all the planning that went into the Conference. We also want to thank him for arranging and donating the transportation for two of our presenters, Wendi Boxx from Japan, and Don and Nancy O'Bryan from Louisiana.

We were very fortunate to have RI Repre-



Corliss  
Klaassen  
District Governor

sentative Rick Mendosa and his wife Helen from California at the Conference. Rick was very impressed with our District website and thought the Conference was outstanding. They thought DGN Susan and Bob Herrick were terrific aides.

If you were ever concerned that the younger generation just doesn't care about the things that Rotarians are concerned about then evidently you weren't at the District Conference.

**Wendi Boxx**, our Rotary World Peace Scholar from Ottumwa spoke about her experience as a former Youth Exchange to Brazil, a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Romania, a White House intern and her current study at the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan. After hearing her presentation we are sure everyone is a believer in the World Peace Scholarship Pro

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"If you didn't have anyone in a war, you don't know how important peace is," said RI Peace Scholar Wendi Boxx (c), whose dad, a Vietnam combat veteran, died in 2003. With Wendi are her mother and Conference chair, AG Lloyd Hill.



D-6000 Ambassadorial Scholars chair Jeff Bremer with scholars (l-r): Andy Stoll, Kailen Rogers and Ramsdey Tesdell.

# Conference: Scholars, Youth Exchange, Katrina

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gram.

We also heard from two of our Outbound Ambassadorial Scholars for next year, Andrew Stoll who will be studying at the City University of Hong Kong and Ramsey Tesdell studying at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Kailen Rogers also spoke on her experience as an Outbound Ambassadorial Scholar to Scotland last year.

The Youth Exchange Students once again presented the flags during the Saturday luncheon and two of the exchange students



District Youth Exchange chair Johnny Boyd of West Des Moines gives the cue for students to begin the always impressive parade of flags at District Conference.

shared their talents. After the luncheon they shared their stories of what it's like to be a Rotary Youth Exchange student in the United States.

We also heard about the devastation that took place in the gulf coast area. **Don O'Bryan** of Slidell, Louisiana told the story of how life was before, during and after Hurricane Katrina. Even though Don and his wife Nancy lost their own home they are spending most of their time and energy coordinating and overseeing projects throughout Rotary District 6840. After Don's presentation District 6000 presented him a check for \$88,665.25 which will be used for the Slidell Senior Citizens Center. This is a place where older people can obtain one healthy meal daily and socialize with others who have lost everything. This will also give peace of mind to their families knowing their parents are taken care of. We feel we are making a difference for the whole community and not just a few people as the Senior Citizens Center will be used for many community activities.

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District Governor Corliss Klaassen and Jeanne present a check for \$88,665 from D-6000 Rotarians to Nancy and AG Don O'Bryan of Slidell, Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina relief.

# Pollard: 'I applaud the work of Rotary'

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At the All Club Luncheon, keynote speaker **Jamie Pollard**, Iowa State University athletic director, told the story about his son James's struggle against all odds when he was born with a six-pound tumor. After only a year of life James was diagnosed with cancer. He now is a healthy three-year-old boy.

Jamie is thankful for organizations such as Rotary whose members contribute to organizations that work to advance science and technology to help find a cure for many diseases. Ten years ago James would not have lived. The Pollards are now more aware of charitable organizations and thoughtful of their time. Jamie motivated us to keep doing what we're doing in Rotary by helping others through SERVICE Above Self.

**Meena Patel** from District 6650 in Ohio gave a presentation on India at the Significant Donor Breakfast and later joined the members of the World Community Service in their presentation. Meena and the members from the World Community Service spoke of projects we have done and are currently doing as well as possible projects for the future.

**Nicki Klein**, a National Immunization Day volunteer for polio eradication from District 5970, told of her experience in India as a volunteer along with giving an update on Rotary's progress in eradicating polio from the world.

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PDG Meena Patel of D-6650 in Ohio is a medical doctor who was raised in India and travels there annually. At District Conference, she met with PDG Denny Skinner, DGN Cal Litwiller and 2006-07 World Community Service Committee chair Brock Earnhardt to discuss how D-6000 funds raised for tsunami relief can be multiplied with matching grants.



In appreciation of ISU athletic director Jamie Pollard's message, Jeff Gibbons of the Rotary Club of Ames (I) presented him with a Paul Harris Fellow award.



Vasundhra Bhardwaj, an inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student from India who is staying in Nevada, entertained with a native dance at District Conference.



Performers from the Des Moines Playhouse sang show tunes in a high energy performance for the Governor's Dinner Saturday evening at District Conference.



After a round of golf, Johnston Rotary Club president Chuck Ward welcomed Rotarians to a Thursday evening barbecue kick-off at the The Barn in Johnston.

# Rotary fellowship

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Fellowship is an important part of Rotary and we kicked off the Conference with great food and fellowship at the Johnston Historical Barn hosted by the Johnston Club.

Another opportunity for fellowship was at the Home Hospitality evening hosted in the homes and businesses by members of the Rotary Club of Des Moines. Home Hospitality allows Rotarians to gather in small groups and become better acquainted with members across the district.

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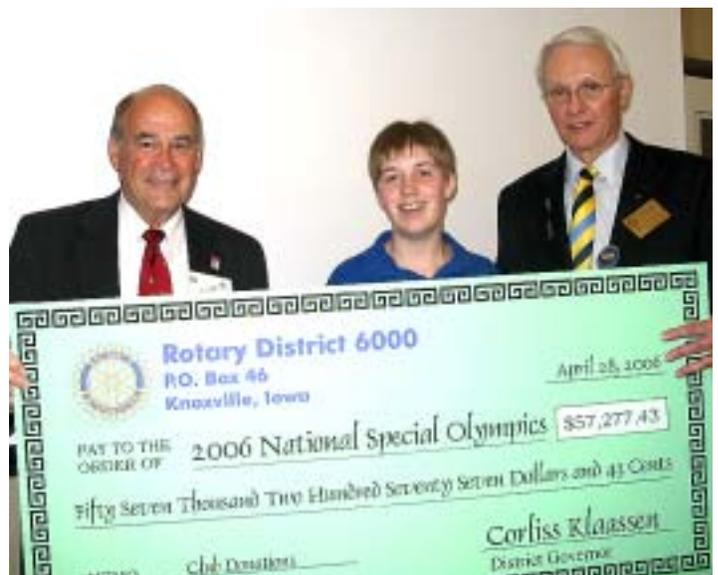
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Members of the Group Study Exchange team from District 3810 in the Philippines captivated the audience with a native dance.



John Kleinschmidt of the Rotary Club of Ames (I) was the recipient of The Rotary Foundation's highest award, the Meritorious Service Award, in appreciation of his 14 years of service as Annual Giving chair for District 6000. It was presented by RI Presidential Rep Rick Mendoza of Los Angeles, Calif.



District Governor Corliss Klaassen (r) presented a check to National Special Olympics director Rich Fellingham for more than the \$50,000 District Rotarians pledged to become exclusive awards sponsors of the July 1-8 National Games. There were not many dry eyes when Global messenger Jenna, an athlete (c) spoke of her hopes and dreams for the Games.



District Governor Corliss Klaassen pins the district governor's pin on the lapel of 2006-07 Governor Del Bluhm.



In appreciation of their service, Linda and PDG Bill Tubbs presented a framed canvas of the town square of Xicotepec, Mexico to Governor Corliss and Jeanne. The painting is identical to the original, which was given to the district at last year's Conference by artist Saily Lopez, the wife of a Xicotepec Rotarian. The original is at the district office.

# 'Lead the Way' with 'Service Above Self'

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We feel we were well represented by our Group Study Exchange team this year led by Russ Hill from the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM. We especially enjoyed the Group Study Exchange from the Manila area District 3810. They gave a great presentation telling about their country along with what Rotary was like in the Philippines. They were a fun and talented group of young professionals that we also enjoyed watching sing and dance.

The Rotarians of District 6000 took on the challenge of raising \$50,000 to be the sponsor of the Awards Presentation for the 2006 National Special Olympics. We have now met that challenge and at the District Conference we presented Rich Fellingham President/CEO of Special Olympics Iowa, a check for \$57,277.43. Much is being planned by the Rotary clubs in the area for the Special Olympics during the first week of July.

It was great to see John Kleinschmidt receive the Rotary Foundation Citation of Meritorious Service Award. He has been the chairman of the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation for the last 14 years.

It was also great to see West Liberty as the first club in our District to become a Paul Harris Fellow Club where every member is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Many awards were given out at the District Conference. We had 34 clubs receive the Presidential Citation.

For Katrina Relief, awards were given to seven clubs that gave \$50 or more per member, 10 clubs that gave between \$25 and \$49, and 19 clubs that gave between \$10 and \$24.

Special Olympics awards were given to four clubs that pledged \$50 or more per member. Six clubs pledged \$25-49 and 26 clubs pledged \$10-24.

The highlight of the Saturday evening Governor's Dinner was

the Des Moines Playhouse entertainment, courtesy of Hy-Vee, Inc. which was enjoyed by all. At this time I had the privilege of passing the governor's pin to DGE Del Bluhm. Del briefly spoke about the theme for next year which is **LEAD THE WAY**.

During this next Rotary year we need to **LEAD THE WAY** by following this year's theme of **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**.

I want to thank you, the Rotarians of District 6000, for the privilege of serving as District 6000's Governor for the year 2005-06. Rotary has given Jeanne and me the opportunity to do more with our lives than we ever dreamed possible.



A wall hanging displaying the banners of District 6000 Rotary clubs was donated to the district by District Governor Corliss Klaassen and Jeanne.

# District 6000 Club, Individual Awards

## GOVERNOR'S

### MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS:

PDG Gary Pacha,  
Iowa City (Iowa  
M.O.S.T. leadership)  
John Ockenfels,  
Iowa City AM  
(Katrina relief)

## PRESIDENTIAL

### CITATIONS:

Ames  
Ankeny  
Atlantic  
Bettendorf  
Bloomfield  
Carroll  
Chariton  
Corydon  
Des Moines  
Des Moines AM  
Fairfield  
Fort Madison  
Indianola  
Iowa City AM  
Iowa City Downtown  
Johnston  
Kalona  
Keosauqua  
Knoxville  
Marengo  
Marshalltown  
Mt. Pleasant Noon  
Muscatine  
Newton  
North Scott  
Odyssey of Ottumwa  
Ottumwa  
Pella  
Tipton  
Washington  
Waukeke  
West Des Moines  
West Liberty

## KATRINA RELIEF

### Gold: \$50/member-plus

Burlington  
Fairfield  
Iowa City AM  
North Scott  
Northwest Des Moines  
Tipton  
West Liberty

### Silver: \$25-49/member

Ames Morning  
Bettendorf  
Dallas Center  
Iowa City  
Indianola  
Keosauqua  
Mt. Pleasant  
Muscatine  
Wellman  
Winterset

### Bronze: \$10-24/member

Adel  
Albia  
Atlantic  
Bloomfield  
Chariton  
Davenport  
Des Moines  
Grinnell  
Jefferson  
Keokuk  
Knoxville  
Lenox  
Marshalltown  
Mt. Pleasant Noon  
Osceola  
Oskaloosa  
Ottumwa  
Pella  
Waukeke

## MEMBERSHIP

### GROWTH

(7-1-05 thru 4-15-06)

1. Odyssey of Ottumwa, 45%
2. Marengo, 23%
3. Waukeke, 19%

### Honorable Mention

Iowa City Downtown, 17%  
Bettendorf, 16%  
Ft. Madison, 15%

### 5% or more increase:

Corydon, 9%  
East Polk, 9%  
Indianola, 8%  
West Liberty, 8%  
Pella, 7%  
Chariton, 7%  
Mt. Pleasant Noon, 6%  
North Scott, 6%

### RYLA Scholarship

#### Essay Winners:

1. Eric Parrott, Wellman, \$1,000
2. Alicia Afrah-Boateng, Bettendorf, \$750
3. Megan Barta, Carroll, \$500

## CLUB NEWSLETTERS

### 100-plus Members:

1. North Scott
2. Des Moines

### 50-99 Members:

1. Iowa City AM
2. Boone

### 49 & Fewer Members:

1. Indianola
2. Iowa City Downtown

### CLUB WEBSITES:

1. Ames
2. Bettendorf
3. Ankeny

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

### Gold: \$50/member-plus

Johnston  
Northwest Des Moines  
North Scott  
Waukeke

### Silver: \$25-49/member

Ames  
Ankeny  
Chariton  
Coralville-North Corridor  
Iowa City Downtown  
West Des Moines

### Bronze: \$10-24/member

Adel  
Albia  
Ames Morning  
Bettendorf  
Bloomfield  
Carroll  
Corydon  
Dallas Center  
Davenport  
Decatur County  
East Polk  
Fairfield  
Ft. Madison  
Indianola  
Iowa Quad Cities  
Jefferson  
Knoxville  
Keosauqua  
Lenox  
Manning  
Marengo  
Mt. Pleasant Noon  
Nevada  
Oskaloosa  
Ottumwa  
Pella  
Tipton  
Washington  
West Liberty  
Winterset

## FAMSCO

### Clubs who provided financial support:

Adel  
Ames  
Bloomfield  
Bettendorf  
Centerville  
Coralville-North Corridor  
Dallas Center  
Davenport  
Decatur County  
Des Moines  
East Polk  
Indianola  
Iowa City AM  
Iowa City Downtown  
Iowa Quad Cities  
Johnston  
Kalona  
Manning  
Marengo

## Marshalltown

Nevada  
North Scott  
Northwest Des Moines  
Osceola  
Pella  
Tipton  
Waukeke  
Washington  
West Liberty  
Winterset

## IOWA M.O.S.T.

### Clubs who provided

### financial support:

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## ROTARY FOUNDATION

### Meritorious

### Service Award:

John Kleinschmidt, Ames

### Top 3 Total Giving

### Clubs in 2004-05:

1. Ames, \$33,160
2. Northwest Des Moines, \$30,200
3. Iowa City, \$24,425

### Top Per Capita Giving

### Clubs in 2004-05:

1. Decatur County, \$645.59
2. Northwest Des Moines, \$359.52
3. West Liberty, \$289.71

### Centurion Clubs

### (\$100-plus per capita

### giving in 2004-05):

Ames  
Ames Morning  
Ankeny  
Bettendorf  
Bloomfield  
Carroll  
Coralville-North Corridor  
Decatur County  
Fairfield  
Indianola  
Iowa City AM  
Iowa City Downtown  
Johnston  
Muscatine  
Nevada  
North Scott  
Northwest Des Moines  
Ottumwa  
Pella  
Washington  
Wellman  
West Des Moines  
West Liberty

### NEW MAJOR DONORS:

James Peterson,  
Iowa City AM  
Jeanne & Vern Reeder,  
Iowa City  
Charles Gabus,  
Northwest Des Moines

## NEW BEQUEST

### SOCIETY MEMBERS:

Jeff Bremer,  
Northwest Des Moines  
Trent Frohock,  
Ankeny  
Philip Houle,  
Northwest Des Moines  
Michael & Michelle Messier,  
Iowa City AM  
Denny & Kathy Skinner,  
Nevada  
Corliss & Jeanne Klaassen,  
Chariton

## ROTARY FOUNDATION

### DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD

Ed Barker, Iowa City  
Michael Cavitt, Iowa City AM  
Bill Christensen, Ottumwa  
Karin Franklin, Iowa City  
Jeff Gibbons, Ames  
Cal Litwiller, Mt. Pleasant  
S.K. Nanda, Bettendorf  
Diana Reed,  
Northwest Des Moines  
Mark Snell, Des Moines  
Dean Stocker, Albia

## NEW PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

### MEMBERS IN 2005-06:

Bill/Ann Ashton, Davenport  
Ed Barker, Iowa City  
Marvin Hartwig,  
Coralville-North Corridor  
Lloyd/Trudy Hill,  
Northwest Des Moines  
Doug/Melody Huette,  
Iowa City AM  
Steven F./Karen Laughlin,  
Coralville-No. Corridor  
Darrell/Sharon Limkeman,  
Ottumwa  
Nancy/Jeff Stroburg, Jefferson  
Richard/Grace Young, Iowa City

## CHARTER MEMBERS:

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



Anderson Wilfredo Ramos Lopez (above) before his surgery and with his beaming mother (r) after. The Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team performed 70 procedures on 44 patients in one week.



## Iowa Rotarians bring Miles of Smiles to Guatemalan villagers

By Pat Schnack/Iowa City AM

After a long bus ride from Guatemala City to Huehuetenango, all of us tired, some sick from the lurching of the bus through the winding mountain roads, we walked into a waiting room, and there they stood and clapped as our eyes teared up. These poor Mayan families, some with babies on their backs and some with several other children clinging to them, hoping we could fix their children's deformed mouths. They didn't know us, but they knew we could make a difference in their lives. We didn't know them, and we didn't anticipate they would change our lives, too.

This was the first trip of District 6000's Iowa M.O.S.T. (Miles of Smiles Team) mission, dedicated to providing free surgeries to correct cleft lip and palates, a procedure which is too costly and in some cases unavailable for indigenous Guatemalans. The planning started months before. A member of the Iowa City Rotary Club, Gary Pacha was the team leader. No one knows how much work he and his wife Nancy, of the Iowa City AM Rotary Club, who also served as the team's interpreter, did before we left. They were assisted by John Gross of the Noon Iowa City club. They organized, communicated with Guatemalan Rotary counterparts, secured do-

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nations, arranged travel and lodging, packed supplies, and ordered t-shirts. They also worried and prayed that the Chiquita Banana container with the supplies we would need would clear customs until four days before our arrival, when they were on the phone talking with local Rotarian Juan Forster in Guatemala City. Forster was encouraging government officials to accept the container and turn it over to the HueHue Rotarians who then shipped it to their city.

The container arrived just in time. Included in this shipment, collected and packed by MOST team members, were two electro-surgery units secured at no cost, a refurbished autoclave and two pulse oximeters supplied by Heartland Medical, toys, almost 70 quilts made by Nancy Stensvaag, Deb Ochenfels and others throughout District 6000, and miscellaneous items such as adapters, extension cords and tape collected by UI engineer Rick Borchad. There were also countless medical supplies collected by FAMSCO, as well as hospital linens.

There were 24 team members, including doctors, dentists, nurses and non-medical volunteer Rotarians, mostly from the Iowa City area. The team left on Saturday, Feb. 24, most flying out of Cedar Rapids but others from Florida, Oregon and Colorado. They arrived in Guatemala City that afternoon. After staying overnight there, the group left early the next morning for the 5-1/2-hour drive through the mountains to Huehuetenango, in the northwest part of the country. As we drove into the parking lot of the hospital, we could see many hopeful parents already waiting for us there. One

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Iowa Miles of Smiles team (kneeling, l-r): Nancy Pacha, Dr. Juan Carlos Garcia, Dr. Antonio Rosal. Front (l-r): Ann Lazio, Dr. Bill Olin, Mary Yoder, B.J. Wagner, Deb Strike, Karin Franklin, Dr. Rachel Tellez, Paula Francis, Nancy Harms, Helen Rittenmeyer, Dr. James Brookes. Back: Gary Pacha, Dr. Matt Lazio, Dr. John Canady, John Gross, Dr. Bill LaVelle, Dr. Dawn Dillman, Pat Schnack, Dr. Dan Woodward, Pat Wehrle, Dr. Judy Dillman, Dr. Pete Wallace, Dr. Jim Down, Rick Borchard, Dr. Drew Dillman.

father with a huge grin on his face held his toddler high above his head.

That first afternoon, the waiting patients were screened, and the week's surgical schedule was organized. Then everyone helped with unpacking and getting ready to start the next day. Most important was getting the equipment ready. Finally, we headed to the hotel for a meal and much needed rest.

Early the next morning, with renewed energy, we were bused to the hospital to begin the surgery. There was much running around, searching for supplies that were packed but couldn't be found, and preparing for the work to begin. One of the large pieces of necessary equipment didn't work, but in the long run, after calls to University Hospital and a search for a specific kind of wrench, we were ready.

At last, the first two patients were carried into the two surgical rooms located in the emergency area of the hospital, and Dr. John

Canady, a University Hospitals doctor who had been on several previous medical missions, and Dr. Drew Dillman, a retired University Hospitals doctor, began their intensive five days of surgery. Included in the medical teams were Dr. Dillman's wife, Dr. Judy Dillman, and their daughter, Dr. Dawn Dillman. Surgical and recovery nurses were all from University of Iowa Hospitals. Included in the team were dentists, as well, including Dr. Jim Down, Dr. Bill Olin and Dr. Bill LaVelle who performed many procedures during the week.

After patients were screened on Sunday and chosen for surgery, the patients and their families stayed in a crude dormitory behind the hospital to wait for their turn. Many had traveled from far away and could not return home for the wait. The night before surgery, patients checked into our pre-op room where they were

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**11-year-old ANIBAL**  
Before



**11-year-old ANIBAL**  
After

## Clubs who support M.O.S.T.

It costs approximately \$50,000 to send a team to Guatemala. Thanks to the following District 6000 clubs for their 2005-06 financial support of Iowa M.O.S.T.:

Adel	Iowa City AM	Northwest Des Moines
Bettendorf	Iowa City Downtown	Nevada
Boone	Iowa Quad Cities	Ottumwa
Burlington	Johnston	Pella
Decatur County	Kalona	Tipton
Des Moines	Manning	Washington
East Polk	Marshalltown	Waukee
Fairfield	Muscatine	West Liberty
Indianola	North Scott	Winterset

# M.O.S.T.: 'They changed our lives, too!'

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cared for by Dr. Peter Wallace from Mercy Hospital in Iowa City and his daughter, Dr. Rachel Tellez from the Washington, D.C. area. Nancy Harms, president of the Ottumwa Rotary Club, spent most of her time as a helper in this area, but many of us, including doctors and nurses, appeared occasionally to talk with the families, trying to help them relax and become less frightened.

The room was filled with languages besides English, including Spanish and Mam, an indigenous Mayan language. Some of the people only spoke this interesting language. There were also other Guatemalan volunteers who came to help with translating. The atmosphere in the room was electric with the bright colors of the clothes the Mayan women wore, most of them hand embroidered and lovely, each indicating the wearer's home area.

After surgery, patients were taken to the recovery room where nurses and Rotary volunteers cared for them, trying to wake them in some cases, trying to calm them in other cases where the anesthesia made them very active, giving them oxygen until their own levels returned to normal, and comforting them. Sometimes we watched as small children investigated their new lips with their tongues, trying to find the opening, which was there before the surgery. When they were ready to go back to their parents, small children were wrapped in a brightly colored brand new quilt, given a stuffed animal, and carried back to their parents. This duty was the highlight and heart of the trip. Each member of the team, including nurses and doctors, took a turn taking the kids back to their amazed and grateful parents. Some parents stared in stunned shock at the wonderful change and improvement in their children's faces; others cried in gratitude and relief as they tenderly took their children and hugged and crooned to them. Patients also stayed in the hospital the night after surgery and the next day were sent home with antibiotics and instructions for recovery.



**ADIONISA**  
Before



**ADIONISA**  
After

There were some older patients, including at least two 12-year-old boys, a 19-year-old woman and a 64-year-old man, all of whom had spent their lives ashamed of their faces and could now look forward to much improved lives in which they could smile without feeling humiliated.

At the District Conference in Des Moines on April 28, Dr. Bill Olin was honored as the inspiration for this mission. He received a special original painting, painted by a Guatemalan artist depicting how the local shamans and curanderos treat cleft lip and palate.

Dr. Olin was the catalyst who prompted District 6000 to undertake this project, which will be ongoing in the same community in the years to come. "As long as we can afford to support this mission," said Roy Justis, Iowa MOST president, "we will return." Of the team members who have returned from Guatemala, he said, "you can hear it in their voices, you can see it in their eyes. They know they have done good and important things to impact lives in a most positive way."

Roy is right. **THEY CHANGED OUR LIVES, TOO!**

## Friendship Exchanges planned with India, Australia, Czech Republic

**By John Lewis/Des Moines**

D-6000 Friendship Exchange chair

The District 6000 Rotary Friendship Exchange committee has announced plans for an exchange team to India for January or February 2007. Details are not complete, but it likely would be 14-17 days in duration and would include visits to Rotary clubs and their members in several cities, including some of the world-renowned sights such as the Taj Mahal.

Team membership is open to D-6000 Rotarians and their spouses. Costs have not yet been finalized, but based on the experiences of exchanges to other districts throughout the world in the past, the opportunity to see such wondrous places while interfacing with fellow Rotarians, both on the team and in the country being visited, makes it an attractive option. For more information on the exchange, including that of serving as team leader, contact committee chair John Lewis of the

Rotary Club of Des Moines at ph. (515) 249-8518, or e-mail: [jmlinc@netins.net](mailto:jmlinc@netins.net)

The committee has had an active year, hosting fellow Rotarians from New Zealand and Uganda in late June and early July of 2005, and preparing for a visit from Rotarians in the Czech Republic early this summer.

In October, a team led by Jerry Powell of Wellman will embark for four weeks in Australia. The roster for that team is filled, but it is hoped that additional exchanges can be planned there in the coming months or years.

The committee has developed an information brochure on Iowa and D-6000 to be used by teams and individuals, both here and traveling to other parts of the world.

For information regarding the committee and its activities, contact John Lewis at the above phone or e-mail address.



The District 6000 leadership team for 2006-07 met at Newton March 24-25 for Assistant Governor Training. Front (l-r): Keith Hobson (Nevada), Nancy Pacha (Iowa City AM), Rachel Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), Nancy Harms (Ottumwa), Jacque Andrew (Jefferson), and Georgia Bluhm. Back: AG coordinator PDG Dale Belknap (Northwest Des Moines), Jim Ebbers (Pella), John McNeer (Newton), Harvey Kadlec (Des Moines), Loring Miller (Decatur County), Don Patterson (Washington), Gary Welch (Ankeny) and DGE Del Bluhm. Not pictured: John Beran (Lenox), Deb Pullin-Van Auken (Iowa City AM), Lloyd Hill (Northwest Des Moines) and Jim Stein (Muscatine).

## D-6000 Leads the Way at the Iowa State Fair

**By Kurt Johnson/Des Moines**

Our district will again host a booth at the Iowa State Fair, Aug. 10-20. This is a great chance to help promote Rotary, have some fellowship with other Rotarians, and see the great Iowa State Fair!

New this year will be a video that will run continuously showing "Rotary in action!" We will also be adding a display of Rotary banners from clubs around the U.S. and the World.

As in the past, we will be applying Rotary wheel tattoos to kids (and adults) who visit the booth. Otherwise, we will be telling all visitors about Group Study Exchanges, Youth Exchanges, Rotaract, Interact and, of course, about membership in Rotary.

The booth is in the air conditioned Varied Industries Building and is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Clubs volunteer for three-hour shifts. We want three volunteers for each shift. Spouses are welcome! Shifts are filling up fast. If you would like to have your club represented, please call Angi Bright at 515-252-1270 or e-mail at [abright@bankcsb.com](mailto:abright@bankcsb.com).

I want to thank the following members of the State Fair Booth Committee for all of their help: Jim Riordan (Waukee), Angi Bright (Ankeny), Greg Baker (Johnston), David Carlson (West Des Moines), John Mertz (Knoxville), Mark McAndrews (Northwest Des Moines) and Chris McLinden (Des Moines AM).

## Susan Herrick nominated for '08-09

**By PDG Dale Belknap/Northwest Des Moines**  
Chair, District Nominating Committee

Susan Herrick, a member of the Rotary Club of Boone, has been chosen by the District 6000 Nominating Committee as District Governor Nominee 2008-2009. Susan will fill the position, following the recent resignation of Sheila Tipton, a member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

Susan has been a Rotarian since 1993 and has been active in her club as well as District 6000 activities. Her current committee work in the district includes Public Relations Committee chair, Youth Exchange, Substance Abuse Prevention, and Club Community Service. She In 2004-05, she chaired the District Centennial Committee.

Susan's most recent success was chairing the District 6000 fundraising for the Iowa National Special Olympics event in Ames in July. She also served as an Assistant District Governor for four years.

Susan is director of Boone County Prevention. Her husband, Bob, is also a member of the Boone Rotary Club. We welcome them to the District 6000 leadership team.



District Governor Nominee Susan Herrick and Bob

# Rotary Foundation Annual Program Fund giving

## District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2005 - April 30, 2006

CLUB (Members/6-05)	(1) '05-'06 Goal	(2) Thru 4-30-06	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (26)	\$ 2,600	150	6	\$ 5.17
Albia (41)	2,000	1,927	96	47.00
Ames Morning (72)	7,300	7,780	107	108.06
Ames (273)	34,417	27,202	79	99.64
Ankeny (72)	7,100	4,690	66	65.14
Atlantic (61)	3,000	1,850	62	30.33
Bettendorf (76)	8,000	10,100	126	132.89
Bloomfield (14)	500	0	0	0
Boone (71)	7,400	3,675	50	51.76
Burlington (104)	4,000	10,108	253	97.19
Carroll (59)	7,000	2,968	42	50.31
Centerville (53)	2,000	505	25	9.53
Chariton (56)	5,500	3,469	63	61.95
Clinton (124)	7,650	8,225	109	66.33
Coon Rapids (25)	2,400	0	0	0
Coralville-North Corridor (47)	7,965	7,250	91	154.26
Corning (59)	1,600	1,700	106	28.81
Corydon (20)	460	100	22	5.00
Creston (32)	1,700	0	0	0
Dallas Center (26)	2,000	3,050	153	117.31
Davenport (184)	10,000	10,459	105	56.84
Decatur County (19)	2,000	0	0	0
Des Moines AM (143)	15,000	10,875	73	76.05
Des Moines (372)	34,000	6,350	19	17.07
East Polk County (43)	4,200	25	1	0.58
Fairfield (71)	7,000	3,100	44	43.66
Fort Madison (46)	2,450	1,965	80	42.72
Grinnell (38)	2,590	1,275	49	33.55
Indianola (48)	5,000	0	0	0
Iowa City A.M. (55)	8,262	8,091	98	147.11
Iowa City Downtown (21)	2,100	1,537	73	73.21
Iowa City (311)	24,720	14,370	58	46.21
Iowa Quad-Cities (54)	1,500	781	52	14.46
Jefferson (57)	5,800	1,550	27	27.19
Johnston (36)	3,600	1,750	49	48.61
Kalona (43)	3,000	2,250	75	52.33
Keokuk (90)	6,000	0	0	0
Keosauqua (29)	2,900	2,079	72	71.71
Knoxville (65)	6,400	75	1	1.15
Lenox (35)	1,800	3,025	168	86.43
Manning (20)	1,900	1,100	58	55.00
Marengo (10)	500	400	80	40.00
Marshalltown (191)	14,250	5,537	39	28.99
Mount Pleasant Noon (34)	3,300	2,595	79	76.32
Mt. Pleasant (31)	2,800	2,393	85	77.19
Muscatine (144)	17,640	18,042	102	125.30
Nevada (65)	6,400	7,277	114	111.95
Newton (91)	10,450	10,275	98	112.91
North Scott (102)	10,500	9,298	89	91.16
Northwest Des Moines (76)	11,874	16,930	143	222.76
Odyssey of Ottumwa (11)	400	500	125	45.45
Osceola (40)	1,225	0	0	0
Oskaloosa (57)	1,530	0	0	0
Ottumwa (108)	10,800	13,500	125	125.00
Pella (43)	4,200	1,625	39	37.79
Perry (32)	2,325	75	3	2.34
Tipton (30)	2,720	2,225	82	74.17
Washington (68)	6,800	6,800	100	100.00
Waukee (50)	3,700	1,525	41	30.50
Wellman (33)	3,300	3,965	120	120.15
West Des Moines (87)	13,175	3,825	29	43.97
West Liberty (36)	6,800	10,960	161	304.44
Winterset (32)	1,280	1,400	109	43.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 400,693</b>	<b>\$ 284,655</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>\$ 63.75</b>



At District Conference, PDG Charlie Gabus of Northwest Des Moines (l) is thanked by PDG Don Goering for a \$10,000 gift to The Annual Programs Fund.

## How's your EREY?

### By PDG Don Goering and Annual Giving Chair John Kleinschmidt

With less than 35 days remaining in this Rotary year, there is still time for each District 6000 Rotary club to meet the goal set one year ago. Check this report to see how your club is doing as of the end of April. Remember, it is our giving to the Annual Programs Fund that allows us to do Matching Grants and District Simplified Grants.

Our hats are off to the Rotary Club of West Liberty for leading the way with a contribution record of \$304 per Rotarian, followed by Northwest Des Moines with \$222 per Rotarian. We congratulate the additional 11 Rotary clubs of this District that have already contributed over \$100 per Rotarian and we applaud the giving of the 17 District Rotary Clubs that have met their Every Rotarian, Every Year goal.

We look forward to the 24 clubs of District 6000 that have contributed less than one half of their goal by joining their fellow Rotarians and meeting their goal for this Rotary year. We are especially concerned that eight District 6000 clubs have yet to contribute any amount to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation this Rotary year!!

All clubs are encouraged to submit their Rotarians contributions by June 15, 2006 to ensure that contributions are credited for this Rotary year.



A delegation of eight Russian plastics manufacturers was hosted by the Rotary Club of Clinton, in District 6000, and the Rotary Club of Monticello, in District 5970.



Russian supermarket managers w Ankeny attended District Conference. (r), and Ankeny Rotarians Gerald Bai



Indianola and Ankeny Rotarians raise a toast to friendship with Russian PEP delegates at La Vida Loca Winery.

# The Russians

## Eight D-6000 clubs hosted PE

District 6000 Rotarians built bridges of friendship in 2005-06 with 41 Russian business entrepreneurs plus eight team leaders and translators who lived in our communities and received training in the Productivity Enhancement Program (PEP). The goal of PEP, which is coordinated by the Center for Citizen Initiatives with support from the U.S. and Russian State Departments, is to bring delegations of 11 Russians plus a team leader and translator (13 people) to the U.S. for 2-1/2 weeks of training in their vocational areas. Last fall, the Rotary Club of Marshalltown hosted a delegation of small construction contractors. Three delegations came to District 6000 this spring:

- The Rotary Clubs of Bettendorf, Davenport, Iowa Quad Cities and North Scott hosted 11 private medical clinic managers. (Ten years ago there were no private medical clinics in Russia. Today, 20 percent of the clinics are private!);
- The Rotary Clubs of Indianola and Ankeny hosted a delegation of 11 supermarket managers;
- The Rotary Clubs of Clinton and Monticello hosted a delegation of eight plastics manufacturers.

PEP, because of its strong vocational focus, has been called “The Marshall Plan for Russia.” More than 90 percent of the 535 delegations that have come to the U.S. since 1991 have been hosted by Rotary clubs. Most significantly, PEP is working. Upon their return to Russia, the delegates have succeeded beyond expectations in their businesses, and have chartered now nearly 60 Rotary clubs to en-



North Scott Rotarian Linda Frederiksen (fourth from left), who is director of Medic EMS in the Quad Cities, showed the Russian private medical clinic managers a \$200,000 state-of-the-art ambulance. Rotarian Merle Anderson is kneeling, center.



who were hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Indianola and . They are pictured with PDG Ev Laning of Indianola r, Sally Schroeder and Sue Gibbons.

## s were here!

### PEP delegations in 2005-06

hance fellowship, lift up ethics in vocations, and provide community service.

To learn more about PEP, talk with local Rotarians who hosted delegations, or contact: Center for Citizen Initiatives, General Kennedy Avenue, P.O. Box 29912, San Francisco, CA 92129; call (877) 729-7071; or e-mail: christina@ccisf.org.

*Joe Weinman of the Rotary Club of Indianola summed up his club's experience:*

"Eleven Russian supermarket owners arrived in Iowa on April 13 and for the next two weeks proceeded to take our local food industry by storm. More so than perhaps any other reported delegation of persons requesting tours of central Iowa's supermarket retail, wholesale and distribution operations, these Russian entrepreneurs sparked incredible interest from their U.S. counterparts. Questions flew back and forth between them, searching out business experience and methods that will enhance supermarket operations on both sides of what a Russian spokesman described as 'the one unresolvable issue separat-



Matvei Finkel, who served as team leader of the Russian PEP private medical clinic managers' delegation in the Quad Cities, celebrates the Mississippi River on Celebration Belle dinner cruise.

ing the U.S.A. and Russia today – the Atlantic Ocean.'

"Good humor abounded with laughter coming easily and often between home and business hosts and the Russian delegation. The seven men and four women were accompanied by a translator and a facilitator who were bilingual . . .

"Similar to Rotary's Group Study Exchange, but more sharply focused on personnel from a single industry, PEP makes for an intense, time-consuming but dramatically productive career-centered learning experience. Further, it has linked Rotary's interest in world peace and understanding with an exceptional opportunity to plant seeds of service above self and sound business ethics among some of Russia's most promising new venture capitalists.

"Want a 'time of your life' whirlwind opportunity to share Rotary's ideals? Just call Ev Laning (515)-962-5200, ruev@juno.com or Sue Gibbons (515) 964-7591, sagibbons@dmacc.edu, respective club coordinators of this project to find out how your Rotary club can be involved in a Russian adventure of your own.



Carolyn Leutwyler, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf, joins hands literally, and symbolically, with private medical clinic manager Yuri Li, of Vladivostok, Russia.



District Governor Corliss Klaassen and Jeanne welcomed PEP team leader Matvei Finkel and interpreter Alexandra Yurova aboard the Celebration Belle.

Ankeny Rotarians come home from Chicago with . . .



# 'Fire in the belly' for Interact

By Jane Lamfers/Ankeny Interact Advisor

In June of 2005 a group of Rotarians, administrators and a few teachers from Ankeny High School met to discuss the possibility of creating an Interact club. According to Ankeny Rotarian and vice president, Cathy Spenceri, the concept was inspired by a fellow Rotarian, Alan Yegge, who had attended a Rotary conference in Chicago, and returned with "a fire in his belly."

Yegge had seen how excited some students attending the conference were about their club. Ankeny High School Spanish teacher, Jane Lamfers, was among the teachers in the June meeting. She volunteered to participate in the project and in the fall, after school had started, the first meeting for the Ankeny High School Interact Club was held to elect their charter officers on Oct. 11. Financially supported by the Ankeny Rotary Club, the high school students had \$300 to invest in service opportunities, both locally and globally. The club enables the students to breathe life into their service. Spenceri noted that the students have the projects and desire to work, "they just need someone to channel" their efforts.



Jane Lamfers

The Ankeny high school students brainstormed several ideas, resulting in a variety of successful projects throughout the 2005-06 school year. In December the students contributed their own money to support the Adopt-a-Family organization. Through the donations, they provided Christmas presents for two Ankeny fami-

lies in need. Several Interactors also decided to assist with a tutoring program for the Big Brother Big Sister Program at AHS.

The students had also decided to visit the Penelope Apartments in Ankeny, a retirement complex for a game night. Both groups enjoyed a game exchange and taught each other new games such as Apples to Apples and Bunko. The game night was such a success that the students opted to repeat it in the spring.

In the early part of January, based on one student's experience at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines, the students decided to donate fleece tie blankets from the money they were provided by the Rotary. One of the students, who sews a lot, purchased the materials for the group and the students produced 30 blankets to donate to the hospital for terminally ill patients. The blankets were delivered in March.

In March the students also teamed up with Circle of Friends, a group that provides social activities for students with special needs at the high school, to roller skate at Skate West in Urbandale. The connections formed between the two groups formed the basis for combined service projects in the future. The club also teamed up with the French Club and two teachers committed to the treatment and cure of Cystic Fibrosis to help with an annual CF Basketball Tournament between faculty members and students at the high school.

During Spring Break, on March 5, students participated in

**INTERACT**

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## Iowa City AM, Interactors complete WCS projects in Uganda, Honduras

By Mike Messier/Iowa City AM Club President

Iowa City AM Rotary has recently completed two matching grant projects, in Uganda and the Honduras.

Thanks to the inspired efforts of the City High Interact Club, a grant in the amount of \$10,000 was secured to provide desks, books and a variety of other supplies for a newly constructed school in Namirama, Uganda. A tea and silent auction sponsored by the City High club generated over \$2,500 that was leveraged into the final total.

The club also received word that a water project in the Honduras had been funded and completed in recent weeks. The host partner for the project was the San Pedro Sula (Honduras) Rotary Club. The project was to drill six wells for six small and very poor settlements on the outskirts of San Pedro Sula.

Thanks to the efforts of President-Elect Jim Peterson, the Iowa City AM Rotary Club has now secured funding for two Rotary Foundation matching grants with the San Pedro Sula Rotarians.



The prospect of a source of clean water brings smiles to the faces of children in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. The wells were a project of Iowa City AM Rotary Club and Interactors, with a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.



Ankeny Interact students in Xicotepec, Mexico – Jamiee Rebello, Stephanie Gibbons, Elizabeth Stuhr, Holly Wheeler, Angie Pick – ask us to think about the future.

## Interactors serve both locally, internationally

### INTERACT

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the District 6000 Xicotepec, Mexico project, led by Jim Peterson. The Ankeny group traveled with Interact students and adults from Iowa City. The students helped clean the Hogar Victoria Orphanage and played soccer with the children living there. They also helped to deliver toothbrushes and toothpaste with school supplies and Beanie Babies, donated by the Ankeny Rotary and Project Fresh Start in Ankeny and local Iowa dentists, to area Mexican schools. They painted two public basketball courts used by the Xicotepec residents and participated in a bilingual conversation class at a local school, in which the Mexican students practiced their English and the Americans practiced their Spanish skills.

Advisor Jane Lamfers traveled with the students to Mexico. The adults in the group applied a fluoride varnish to the Mexican students' teeth and also distributed de-worming medication to children infected with parasites in Xicotepec. Lamfers and other adults from the group also met with the Rotarian wives in Xicotepec, who also do a variety of service projects on their own, separate from the support they offer to their spouses and the Rotary. As a spin-off of the trip the Interact group plans to provide assistance to the Mexican groups as future service projects. Lamfers and sophomore Elizabeth Stuhr presented at the District Conference in West Des Moines. Stuhr has also expressed interest in participating in a yearlong student exchange to France during her senior year.

The Interact students expressed strong interest in forming international pen pal relationships with other Interact groups found in the Rotary International Directory. The students wanted to send letters in both French and Spanish, the two modern languages currently taught at the high school, as well as choosing a variety of other countries of interest to communicate with and share possible future ideas for the groups.

The Interact group is planning to meet in May to discuss opportunities during the summer and also to discuss the implementation of a mysterious donation of \$140.00 generously provided to them during their Interact presentation at the Des Moines conference from Assistant District Governor, Lloyd Hill.

## Schedule of official club visits announced

District Governor-Elect Del Bluhm and Georgia announce their schedule of club visits for 2006-07:

Mon., July 10 .....	Corning	Thurs., Aug. 31 .....	Marengo
Tues., July 11 .....	Atlantic	Weds., Sept. 13 .....	Tipton
Weds., July 12 .....	Bloomfield	Mon., Sept. 18 ....	Iowa City D'town
Weds., July 12 .....	Centerville	Tues., Sept. 19 .....	Iowa City AM
Mon., July 17 .....	Burlington	Tues., Sept. 19 .....	West Liberty
Weds., July 19 .....	Perry	Weds., Sept. 20 .....	Coralville NC
Thurs., July 20 .....	Coon Rapids	Thurs., Sept. 21 .....	Iowa City
Mon., July 24 .....	Osceola	Mon., Sept. 25 .....	Davenport
Tues., July 25 .....	Corydon	Wed., Sept. 27 .....	Bettendorf
Fri., July 28 .....	Chariton	Thurs., Sept. 28 ..	Iowa Quad Cities
Tues., Aug. 1 .....	Johnston	Fri., Sept. 29 .....	North Scott
Tues., Aug. 1 .....	Dallas Center	Tues., Oct. 3 .....	Ft. Madison
Weds., Aug. 2 .....	East Polk	Thurs., Oct. 5 .....	Keokuk
Weds., Aug. 2 .....	Adel	Mon., Oct. 9 .....	Grinnell
Thurs., Aug. 3 .....	Des Moines	Mon., Oct. 16 .....	Jefferson
Mon., Aug. 7 .....	Creston	Tues., Oct. 17 .....	Ankeny
Tues., Aug. 8 .....	Lenox	Weds., Oct. 18 .....	Ames Morning
Fri., Aug. 11 .....	Indianola	Weds., Oct. 18 .....	Nevada
Mon., Aug. 14 .....	Carroll	Thurs., Oct. 19 .....	Winterset
Tues., Aug. 15 .....	Manning	Mon., Oct. 23 .....	Ames
Weds., Aug. 16 .....	Boone	Tues., Oct. 24 .....	Marshalltown
Thurs., Aug. 17 .....	Waukee	Mon., Nov. 6 .....	Decatur County
Fri., Aug. 18 .....	Des Moines AM	Tues., Nov. 7 .....	Pella
Fri., Aug. 18 ...	N'West Des Moines	Weds., Nov. 8 .....	Knoxville
Mon., Aug. 21 .....	Mt. Pleasant	Mon., Nov. 13 .....	Ottumwa
Tues., Aug. 22 .....	Keosauqua	Tues., Nov. 14 ...	Odyssey/Ottumwa
Wed., Aug. 23 ..	Mt. Pleasant Noon	Tues., Nov. 21 .....	Albia
Thurs., Aug. 24 .....	Washington	Tues., Nov. 28 .....	Oskaloosa
Fri., Aug. 25 .....	Fairfield	Mon., Dec. 4 .....	Clinton
Mon., Aug. 28 .....	Muscatine	Tues., Dec. 5 .....	West Des Moines
Tues., Aug. 29 .....	Kalona	Tues., Dec. 12 .....	Newton*
Wed., Aug. 30 .....	Wellman		

(\* ) May be held on Oct. 10



Tom Brooke (l) was the recipient of the first Dr. Lester A. Royal Award presented by the Rotary Club of West Liberty in appreciation of extraordinary longtime service. The award was presented at the club's April 25 Evening of Recognition by Bill Koellner. Dr. Royal, who was District Governor in 1940, was a family physician who delivered a generation of babies in the eastern Iowa community.

# Manning Rotary helps community celebrate 125th birthday, June 16-18

by ADG Jacque Andrew, Jefferson

The charming and quaint community of Manning, nestled in the rolling hills of southern Carroll County, is inviting to visitors with its rich German heritage and cultural traditions. At the west edge of District 6000, Manning is especially welcoming guests for its Quasiquicentennial – Celebrating 125 Years, June, 16, 17 and 18.

The Manning Rotary Club joins the rest of the community of 1,500 in encouraging fellow Rotarians and others to join in the festivities. According to club president-elect, Dr. Scott Bowker, a food booth is planned by the Manning Rotarians to help visitors keep up their strength while enjoying the many other planned events during the weekend.

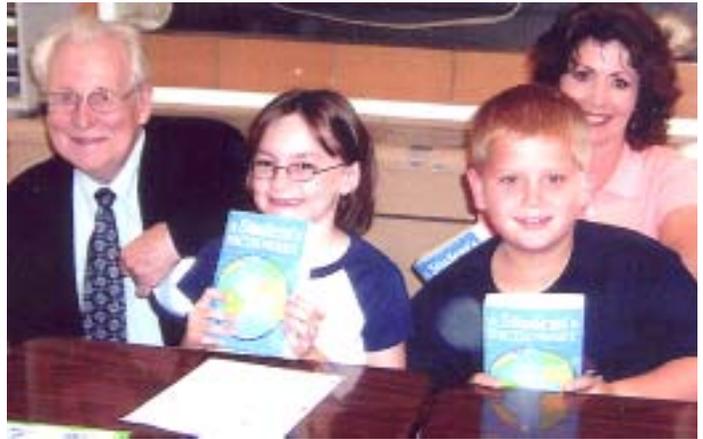
Quasiquicentennial festivities include a 5K and 10K race, a major parade featuring many floats, the Farmall Promenade, Shriner's White Horse Patrol, Cherokee Ridge Runners, Rodeo, chuck wagon feed, mud volleyball, musical entertainment, coin auction, city tours, golf tournament, fireworks, and many more activities.

Amidst the observance of 125 years of community, on June 17, a 123-year-old tradition is a centerpiece. Kinderfest, held annually Father's Day weekend, is believed to be the oldest heritage celebration in Iowa. It provides a day of old-fashioned family fun for children of all ages! The Manning Rotary Club will hold its annual "hoop shoot" as part of the activities.

Kinderfest is highlighted by an annual parade of children and traditional king and queen contests. The city park overflows with games, rides, foods, Bill Riley Talent Show, musical entertainment, teen dance, and culminates with a dazzling fireworks display at dusk. For information about what's happening in this west central Iowa community on this special weekend, visit [www.manningia.com](http://www.manningia.com) for a detailed schedule.



Club presidents from 2005-06 shared ideas on club leadership with 2006-07 club presidents at the President-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.) at Newton on March 31 (l-r): Bob Anderson (Ames), Frank Mitvalsky (Bettendorf), Harv Sprafka (Knoxville) and Chuck Ward (Johnston).



Longtime Rotarian Harry Carter of the Rotary Club of Ottumwa presents Student Dictionaries to third-graders at Horace Mann Elementary.

## Barbecue time!

### ***Grinnell Rotary sponsors 50th annual chicken barbecue June 8***

**By Karen Town/Grinnell Club Secretary**

For 50 years, Grinnell Rotary has been kicking off summer in Grinnell with their annual chicken barbecue. It all started with an idea from the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club. Five hundred dinners were served the first year, both sit-down and carry-out.

"Our event has grown to preparation of 1,700 dinners, all carry-out because of volume," notes event chair Bill McNally. "Allen Latham and Dr. Dave Cunningham supervise the erection of a 30-foot barbecue pit outside the city Community Center."

The club has a "sauce queen" who prepares the secret barbecue recipe next door in the United Church of Christ kitchen. Friends, relatives, middle schoolers and high school students volunteer in the day-long bash. An assembly line headed by Rotarian Clem Bodensteiner packages the dinners. It rolls along as efficiently as any dreamed of by Henry Ford.

Adding cachet to the day is the City Farmers' Market across the street in Central Park. The gazebo will offer an open-air concert sponsored by Grinnell Rotary. "June 8 will be an All-Rotary day in Grinnell", adds President Dan Adams. "The barbecue is our big money-maker that allows us to support many worthy community programs."

### ***Still cookin' at Mt. Pleasant; taste turkey, pork on June 3***

**By Pat Watson/Mt. Pleasant Club President**

The Mt. Pleasant Rotary Clubs (combined evening and noon) will hold their annual barbecue at Iowa Wesleyan College on June 3. Tickets are available from any Mt. Pleasant Rotarian, or can be purchased at the door. The selections are turkey tenderloins or pork tenderloins. Adult prices: \$8 and children \$4.

This is the major fundraising event for the year (although the evening club does the Old Thresher's Reunion ushering, too) so all support would be greatly appreciated from fellow Rotarians. Besides, the food is wonderful!

# For ski fellowship, it's all downhill!

## RI President Stenhammer greets skiers in Alaska

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

Have you down hilled skied in Alaska? We have!

Yes, D-6000 Rotarians Mike and JoAnne Ruby and Don and Doris Goering were among the 180 Rotarians, Rotary Partners, family members and special guests from 10 countries to experience the beauty, thrill, enjoyment and fellowship by skiing at Alaska's Alyeska Ski Resort Feb. 24 through March 4. Mike and Don are members of the International Fellowship of Skiing Rotarians - ISFR. ISFR has two main branches, the North American group and a European branch.

The North American ISFR ski week started with an opening reception where we had the opportunity to greet old friends and welcome new members to ISFR. As we settled in for the week, we found that Alaska is a rugged and pristine land and the best way to see it is in winter when there are no crowds of tourists. It was possible to count numerous glaciers from the hotel, and possible to encounter a moose on one of the hotel's walking paths along with other wildlife. Along with the usual downhill skiing, there were offerings of helicopter and snow-cat skiing, snowmobiling, and dog sled rides to be mentioned as other highlights of the week.

One day we all boarded a special train with just our ISFR group for a three-hour ride south to the town of Seward on the coast. In the process we traveled the most spectacular scenery imaginable with each new view more beautiful than the last. In Seward we visited the Sea Life Center which is a research center for all manner of sea life and proved a most fascinating experience. On the return trip we enjoyed a buffet dinner, gorgeous sunset and wonderful camaraderie.

After skiing for a week, our week of fun and fellowship concluded with a gala banquet where we were honored to have 2005-06 RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer in attendance. President Carl gave us a most informative address about the status of Rotary worldwide. Following his address we held an auction of many items do-



Skiers Doris and Don Goering of Ames and JoAnne and Mike Ruby of Muscatine.

nated by the ISFR members to raise funds to assist the local skiing program for handicapped skiers. Every year we provide financial assistance to a local handicap skiing program.

Saturday morning, near the hotel in Anchorage where we stayed following the banquet, was the start of the famous Iditarod dog-sled race from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska, a distance of 1,100 miles. This annual event generates enormous enthusiasm throughout Alaska. Eighty-three dog-sled teams participated in the annual race, which is a grueling, nine to ten day race over the vast arctic wilderness of the interior in Alaska.

The North America branch of ISFR will again gather at Steamboat Springs, Colorado from Feb. 10-17, 2007. Information is available on the ISFR web site, [www.isfrski.org](http://www.isfrski.org), or feel free to contact either Mike Ruby of the Rotary Club of Muscatine or Don Goering of the Rotary Club of Ames.

### *Paul would be proud*

Nine Paul Harris Fellows were honored recently by the Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant. Front (l-r): Pat Watson, Kathryn Layne, William Layne, Henry Tompkins. Back: Douglas Deardoff, Ingrid Teboe, Bitrus Gwamna, James Bishop, Michael Fitzpatrick.



## 2006 XICOTEPEC TEAMS

### WEEK ONE

Irund A-Wan, UI College of Engineering  
Ryan Asman, UI College of Engineering  
Grace Barloon, Iowa City High School (ICHS)  
Susan Becket, UI College of Engineering  
Emily Bradley, Cedar Rapids Washington HS  
Kay Carpenter, Coralville/North Corridor RC  
Ted Carpenter, Coralville/North Corridor RC  
Ashley Gaeth, ICHS Interact  
Monica Gilkison, UI  
Natalie Gilkison, Davenport West High Interact  
Jessi Gordon, Iowa City West High Interact  
Carolyn Gross, Iowa City Downtown RC  
Steve Hedlund, Iowa City Noon RC  
Brad Helgemo, NW Des Moines RC  
Stephanie Huette, UI Rotaract  
Steve Jones, Ames RC, ISU College of Engineering  
Katie Kenyon, Muscatine High School Interact  
Jeff Koepfel, Coralville/North Corridor RC  
Josh Lipman, Iowa City West High Interact  
Liz Loeb, Iowa City AM RC  
Johanna Lucas, ICHS Interact  
Bob Main, Newton RC  
Abbi Mason-Marshall, ICHS Interact  
Becky Mather, Muscatine RC partner  
Caitlin Mather, Central College  
Mark Mather, Muscatine RC  
Mark McAndrews, NW Des Moines RC  
Amber Mercier  
Nan Mercier, Iowa City AM RC  
Ashley Meyer, Muscatine HS Interact  
Tom Mott, Newton RC  
Scott Natvig, Muscatine RC  
Adam Nemecek, Davenport West HS  
Brianna Orton, Drake Rotaract  
Gary Pacha, Iowa City Noon RC  
Nancy Pacha, Iowa City AM RC  
Brent Parker, Newton RC  
Kelli Parsons, Iowa City West High Interact  
Don Patterson, Washington RC  
Becky Patterson, Washington RC partner  
Daniel Peterson, Iowa City Rotaract  
Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM RC  
Taura Prosek, Muscatine RC  
Anita Rao, Iowa City West Interact  
Michelle Sukup, UI College of Engineering  
Ricky Teed, UI College of Engineering  
Cameron Torstenson, NW Des Moines RC  
Erika Vjih, Iowa City West Interact  
Pete Wallace, Iowa City Noon RC  
Jacob Warning, Lone Tree HS  
Mary Yagla, Iowa City Rotaract

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Adam Craig, Cedar Rapids Washington  
Nancy Craig, Cedar Rapids Sunrise RC  
Stephanie Gibbons, Ankeny HS Interact  
Jane Lamfers, Ankeny HS Interact Advisor  
Abi Marshall, Iowa City West HS Interact  
Bridget Novak, Iowa City Northwest Junior High  
Daniel Novak, Iowa City West HS Interact  
Nicole Novak, St. Olaf College  
Sheila Novak, Iowa City West HS Interact  
Tom Novak, Iowa City AM RC  
Angela Pick, Ankeny HS Interact  
Jamie Rebello, Ankeny HS Interact  
Hazel Seaba, UI College of Pharmacy  
Elizabeth Stuhr, Ankeny HS Interact  
Holly Wheeler, Ankeny HS Interact  
Louise Wolf-Novak, Iowa City AM RC partner

# XICOTEPEC:

## Service Above Self in a Mexican orphanage

By ADG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

"The smiles of the children who are so glad to see you make you feel very special," said Jefferson Rotarian Nancy Stroburg who recently returned from her third trip to Xicotepec, Mexico. The welcoming children live at Hogar Victoria orphanage, which was the focus of the trip for Stroburg.

Xicotepec, a village in the mountains of east central Mexico where young and old have joined their hearts and hands in service, has been a "gathering place" for District 6000 Rotarians in a partnership with Xicotepec Rotarians that began in 2003.

Prepared with over \$600 in donations from the Jefferson Rotary Club, Stroburg's goal was to improve the laundry facilities in the orphanage. "It's so hard to see the children have to work so hard washing all their clothes by hand and cleaning the entire orphanage," she said.

Although they attend school daily and return to homework and a long list of chores, the children seem healthy and happy and have time to play, Stroburg said.

Not alone in her desire to improve the lot of the children at Hogar Victoria, Stroburg traveled to Xicotepec with Rotarian John Schwandke of Muscatine. His plan was to purchase new equipment for the kitchen with \$3,000 from his club. Children at the orphanage range in age from 2-18, although most are 8-11 years old.

Arriving on April 19, the two set about the task of making the improvements. The kitchen was painted an appealing deep pink



New tooth brushes are a reason for these children to smile.

below the chair rail and creamy white above.

With much interest on the part of the children and local Rotarians, the new equipment was installed on April 21 and 22. In the kitchen, a new commercial gas stove with six burners, a stainless steel preparation counter and a low, two-burner cooking surface designed for large kettles were set up; all gifts of the Muscatine club.

For the laundry, a new commercial washing machine was purchased with the Jefferson funds along with two 1,100-liter water storage tanks, which were placed on the roof to replace the original asbestos-lined tanks. The water from the tanks is used for laundry and bathing while purified water donated by a Xicotepec Rotarian is used for drinking. All the equipment was purchased in Mexico.

In celebration of the improvements, a fiesta was held on Sunday, April 23, hosted by several Xicotepec Rotarians. Featured on the menu was "mole" (pronounced mo-lay), a spicy, barbecue-like chocolate sauce requiring 34 ingredients – plus the chicken. For dessert, the children made pudding using whisks and pudding mix brought by Stroburg from Jefferson. A topping that delighted the children was the aerosol whipped cream "imported" from Iowa!

Finally, a tradition of Iowa summer evenings, "smores" was introduced to the children. Blackened marshmallows melting



Tree planting at Vicente Guerrero Tele-secondary School: Brad Helmego (NW Des Moines, front); back (l-r): Mark McAndrew (NW Des Moines), Emilio Fosado and Jaime Wurts (Xicotepec Rotary), Brianna Orton (Drake Rotaract) and Cam Torstenson (NW Des Moines).

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# Rotaractor: 'It isn't about me anymore'

By Stephanie Huette/University of Iowa Rotaract

It was impossible to know how deeply going to a foreign country would change my perception of people before I went. I felt and experienced differences of which I had only begun to understand by learning Spanish, and was abruptly and pleasantly thrown into the midst of these differences. My purpose was clear going into the Xicotepec project: to help in whatever way I could whether I was tired, or irritable, or any other feelings that too commonly affect us and lead to procrastination and idleness. I believe I fulfilled this purpose, as well as learning some very important lessons along the way.



Stephanie Huette

In a practical sense, my mission was to go and toss myself into any work there was. It happened to be something I don't much experience in my docile life of academia and computer work: physical labor. But I put on gardening gloves and lovingly packed the soil around the trees at the high school, and even tried to wield the shovel (until those more used to physical activity helped me out). It turns out that these activities were all the more rewarding because of the results I saw in the end. What a difference a few flowers or trees can make, not to mention the psychological implications of being surrounded by beautiful things.

I have studied the Spanish language. Only now do I realize how much classes don't teach. I am currently doing undergraduate research in a lab where we study language. One of the many broad questions in the lab is how language is acquired. Among the questions I have is how does language shape the way we interact with one another and live our lives? I understand now. Another language is another way of thinking, and shapes everything in our lives. There were expressions I heard there that took on a new meaning towards the end of the week, for instance "Mi casa es su casa." They really mean it, not in the polite "I'm just offering to be nice" kind of way we experience in America at times.

The altruistic nature of these people was something I connected with immediately and was extremely humbled by. It was in no way artificial, and only genuine good intentions were behind everything I saw being done. How marvelous I finally saw somewhere where people do not expect anything in return, but also know when it is polite to ask for something. And this point leads me to the last, and most important thing I will discuss here.

It isn't about me. Put very simply, this is the phrase I now find myself repeating over and over in my head. I feel a lot of walls between me and other people in my life. In Xicotepec, suddenly there were no walls. I would assume it's hard to form defenses when everyone is living so close to one another. Both literally and figuratively there are fewer walls between people there. They all help one another, and even the poorest of families invited some of us into their homes and offered us food and drink.

Of course, this completely changes all my life plans. Yes, I'm still going to strive to meet my own goals and do amazing research in psycholinguistics I will be famous for in centuries to come, but not for me. This isn't about me anymore. I made almost ten people's eyes literally begin to sparkle with joy simply by presenting a 200-peso bill to pay for a 50-peso handmade belt. The only conclusion I could have come to, is there was something I missed for the first 20-something years of my life. I am only one person, and it's hard enough to keep myself happy. It's really just a quantity thing. Ten is more than one. But if it's me that made a difference in a few other people's lives, I don't think I'll have to worry about my happiness anymore.

Therefore, any money I should receive back from the Rotarian organization will go directly to Rotaract, which I will be joining soon, and hopefully helping to organize. I hope to begin more fund-raising efforts for Xicotepec projects, and if I am able to return there and visit my new friends, my statement of purpose will be very similar to this year's, but with an added depth revealed in this paper. I wish only to help and I ask for nothing in return, except the chance to help again.

Because it isn't about me.

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from the fire were quickly pressed between grahams and chocolate for the thrilled youngsters. What a treat!

Stroburg and Schwandke stayed in the homes of local Rotarians, attended a Rotary meeting in Xicotepec and felt like they were at home. "They just make you feel like family," she said. As they departed on April 29, they reflected on the visit and "we felt like we accomplished what we set out to do."

Among future projects Iowa Rotarians are planning for the orphanage is to help in finding homes for some of these children, Schwandke said. "When asked how many of the 65 children living there are adopted each year, the answer was zero. The economy of central Mexico doesn't provide many families the ability to adopt another mouth to feed. Many of the children at the orphanage have been there multiple years. And, even though conditions provide a loving environment, a future that includes a normal family life isn't in the picture," he said.



Muscatine Rotarians and Interactors at the Casa Hogar Victoria Orphanage (l-r): Katie Kenyon, Becky Mather, Caitie Mather, Taura Prosek, Ashley Meyer, Scott Natvig (Muscatine Rotary president) and Mark Mather (past president).

# Rotarians open hearts, homes, businesses to Philippine GSE team

By Mark Snell/Des Moines

District Inbound GSE Chair

From Atlantic to Muscatine, District 6000 Rotarians opened their hearts, homes and businesses to the Group Study Exchange Team from District 3810 in the Philippines. Earlier this year, District 6000 sent a team to the Philippines and in April we received District 3810's team of five individuals representing an array of professional backgrounds. The team was lead by a Rotarian with four non-Rotarian professionals ages 25-40.

This year's team from District 3810 was lead by Rotarian Liza Hizon, a property manager for a major Philippine real estate company. Team members included: Ruthelda Alforque, a print and broadcasting manager; Mary Ann Limayo, an executive financial information analyst; Dr. Rodel Nodora, a physician; and Rommel Rodriguez, a college literature professor.

Rotary clubs in District 6000 home hosted the team, provided appropriate professional experiences, entertained the delegation, and gave the best that District 6000 had to offer. The team was welcomed to District 6000 in Des Moines with a dinner and briefing. Then they started their journey through the district in Atlantic, followed by Ottumwa, Pella and Chariton. After meeting District Governor Klaassen in Chariton, the team went to Muscatine, West Liberty and Iowa City before going to the District Conference in West Des Moines. The team finished their journey in central Iowa with professional meetings and tours of local attractions in Des Moines, Ames and Boone.

The Group Study Exchange program is financially underwritten by the Rotary International Foundation. Rotary districts anywhere in the world partner with another district to provide the exchange program where each district sends and receives a team of five individuals. The purpose of the program is to promote world peace and understanding through friendship and understanding.

This is an outreach and cultural exchange program of Rotary International that exposes non-Rotarians to Rotary clubs and cultures in another part of the world. Team members are ambassadors of the sending district and country. They also become ambassadors of the receiving district in their home countries. Team members commit to travel four weeks in the host district and stay



Philippine GSE team members visit the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad.

with Rotarians. Other important components of the exchange include opportunities for professional and cultural experiences. The home host hospitality and resulting friendships are key to the connection and extension of peace that only comes from knowing one another.

The team was honored at a farewell banquet hosted by the Boone Rotary Club. It featured a train ride on the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad across the rail line's high bridge that descends down to the YMCA Camp in the Des Moines River valley. The team was moved to tears in the banquet hall as they presented a song specially written for the occasion. District Governor Klaassen and District Group Study Exchange Inbound chair Mark Snell presented the team with Iowa afghans that displayed many of the towns and attractions the team visited. Following the wonderful banquet, everyone boarded the train for the ride back to Boone. We will miss the team as we carry forward fond memories of their visit to District 6000.

District 6000 will send and receive Group Study Exchange teams during the 2006-2007 Rotary year. If you and your club would like to host the team please forward your interest to: Mark Snell, Chair, District 6000 GSE Inbound Committee, c/o Mid Iowa Council Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 3009, Des Moines, IA 50316-0009. Email: marksnellRCDM@att.net.



Standing beside their country's flag, GSE team members sing the Philippine national anthem at West Liberty.



Mark Snell (l) and DG Corliss Klaassen (r) greet the GSE team from D-3810, Philippines.

# Wellman: A leader in club attendance

## By Duane Miller/Wellman Secretary

Each month, Wellman Rotary is at or near the top of District 6000 in attendance, and for good reason. We work on it!

Even prospective members are made aware of our importance placed on attendance. We do not take in prospects just for the sake of numbers. They must be dedicated to attempt to attend meetings each week. If a member is not in attendance, his value to the club is reduced.

We are in a unique location for members to attend nearby clubs. Kalona is only seven miles away and Washington and Iowa City are a reasonable driving distance.

Absentees are sent a copy of our club bulletin and a list of other members who were absent that day, with encouragement to make up. In addition to visiting other clubs, members can attend our monthly board meeting, take part in Rotary-sponsored projects such as our blood drives, fund raisers, and school activities supported by Wellman Rotary, to receive a makeup. Also, you can go online now for attendance. These possibilities are good for two weeks, either before or after our regular meeting.

# Centerville golf outing to honor educator Miller

The Rotary Club of Centerville is sponsoring the first "annual" Ray Miller Memorial Charity Golf Classic on Saturday, June 10 with an 8:00 a.m. shot gun start at Manhattan Golf Course, Centerville. Ray Miller (1946-2005) was a Rotarian, educational administrator and architect of *The Des Moines Register's* Academic All-State Program.

Proceeds of the tournament will benefit the Ray Miller Memorial Gift Fund for State of Iowa Scholars, and service projects of Centerville Rotary. Fees for the four-person best shot tourney are \$65 per player, which includes fees, cart and lunch. Register by June 7. Information and registration: (641) 856-8165, or (641) 437-4102.

## 2005-06 CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK FEBRUARY, 2006 - APRIL, 2006

CLUB	FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	72.00%	15	63.00%	33	66.00%	29
Albia	53.00%	42	58.00%	41	48.00%	47
Ames	57.98%	36	59.23%	38	65.50%	31
Ames Morning						
Ankeny	67.00%	23	62.00%	36	82.00%	10
Atlantic	79.31%	8	67.20%	24	72.81%	20
Bettendorf	81.64%	7	77.79%	11	84.44%	7
Bloomfield			68.00%	22	73.00%	18
Boone	59.99%	33	42.90%	46	60.05%	38
Burlington	84.10%	6	84.80%	7	84.60%	6
Carroll			62.50%	34		
Centerville	52.56%	43			50.83%	45
Chariton	67.00%	24				
Clinton	56.25%	39	64.89%	29	60.46%	37
Coon Rapids	75.00%	9				
Coralville-North Corridor	89.00%	4	92.00%	4	98.00%	1
Corning	68.53%	20	68.53%	20	73.00%	19
Corydon						
Creston	59.00%	34	59.00%	39	61.00%	36
Dallas Center	51.00%	45				
Davenport	44.52%	46	46.27%	45	54.47%	41
Decatur County	65.00%	27	78.00%	9	54.00%	42
Des Moines	63.28%	29	66.36%	27	64.16%	33
Des Moines A.M.			59.00%	40	53.00%	43
East Polk County					59.00%	39
Fairfield	66.88%	26			74.42%	16
Fort Madison	52.00%	44	64.00%	31	55.00%	40
Grinnell	65.00%	28				
Indianola	73.24%	13	73.54%	13	70.20%	24
Iowa City						
Iowa City A.M.	67.00%	25	67.00%	25	67.00%	28
Iowa City Downtown			91.87%	5	89.13%	4
Iowa Quad-Cities	69.71%	18	63.86%	32	78.37%	11
Jefferson						
Johnston	75.00%	10	70.71%	17	72.14%	22
Kalona	86.54%	5	75.47%	12	83.80%	8
Keokuk	56.21%	40	54.25%	43	49.32%	46
Keosauqua	61.40%	30	60.90%	37	69.60%	25
Knoxville	73.00%	14	68.00%	23		
Lenox			67.00%	26	62.00%	35
Manning	69.00%	19	88.00%	6	78.00%	12
Marengo					77.00%	14
Marshalltown	61.22%	31	62.02%	35	62.85%	34
Mount Pleasant Noon	68.40%	21				
Mt. Pleasant			71.00%	15	75.00%	15
Muscatine						
Nevada	73.60%	12	69.06%	18	74.06%	17
Newton	60.00%	32	69.00%	19	68.00%	27
North Scott			81.23%	8	83.75%	9
Northwest Des Moines	91.90%	3	92.10%	3	86.50%	5
Odyssey Rotary Ottumwa	58.00%	35	50.00%	44	48.00%	48
Osceola	68.10%	22	68.52%	21	68.52%	26
Oskaloosa			65.40%	28		
Ottumwa	57.00%	37	64.20%	30	64.20%	32
Pella	75.00%	11	78.00%	10	72.00%	23
Perry					66.00%	30
Tipton	70.78%	17	71.88%	14	72.43%	21
Washington	57.00%	38	58.00%	42	52.94%	44
Waukee						
Wellman	98.39%	1	95.22%	2	97.68%	2
West Des Moines	56.07%	41				
West Liberty	71.00%	16	71.00%	16	78.00%	13
Winterset	94.17%	2	97.33%	1	90.83%	3



## Rotarians aid World Food Prize scholars



Rotary clubs of Iowa helped Ambassador Ken Quinn and the World Food Prize raise \$65,507 for Borlaug-Ruan scholarships at the Third Annual Hoover-Wallace Dinner, April 8 at the Park Place Event Centre, Cedar Falls. (Above): D-5970 Governor 2004-05 Steve Thorpe (l) and D-6000 Governor Corliss Klaassen presented the check to (l-r): John Ruan III, UNI scholar Zenab Chowdhry, D-5970 Governor 2005-06 Vicky Mallory and Ambassador Quinn. Recipients of scholarships (left) spent eight weeks abroad studying at leading agricultural research centers: Emily Averill of Waterloo, in Kenya; Charles Saini of Des Moines, in India; Mandy Larson of Ogden, in Malaysia; and Zenab Chowdhry of Independence, in Peru. The legacy of John Deere was celebrated at the event, which is named for Iowa's great humanitarians: President Herbert Hoover and Vice President Henry Wallace. Former Iowa Gov. Robert Ray presented the Hoover-Wallace Award to Deere CEO Robert Lane. Iowa leaders, including U.S. Sens. Tom Harkin and Charles Grassley, Gov. Tom Vilsack, U.S. Reps. Leonard Boswell and Jim Nussle, and UNI president Dr. Robert Koob participated in the program. A letter from RI President Carl Wilhelm-Stenhammer was read.

## District 6000 Breakfast set for June 12 at RI Convention

By DGE Del Bluhm/Ames

District 6000 will host a Breakfast at the RI Convention in Malso and Copenhagen, as has been our tradition for many years. It will be held on Monday, June 12 in the "House of Friendship" from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. A regular breakfast meeting at a local restaurant was investigated and rejected as too expensive. We will initially gather at or near the Secretariat Services Booth in the "House of Friendship," and since this is a relatively large area, the RI Representative recommended we designate this specific location for our initial meeting place. There will be food areas/vendors open at this time so everyone is welcome to purchase their preferred breakfast items (no host) and then we may relocate to a place where we can all sit down. We cannot reserve a place in advance. We are assured that you will not miss any of the sessions which start at 10:00 a.m., but only some of the opening entertainment scheduled from 9:30 to 9:50 a.m.

Georgia and I hope that you will add this important District 6000 fellowship opportunity to your schedule at the convention and plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.



Jeremy Richardson of Kalona, a member of the Iowa City Downtown Rotary Club, made this quilt with squares from the 63 clubs of District 6000, featuring their community service projects. The quilt was raffled as a fund raiser at District Conference. The winner was Mike Ruby of Muscatine.

## District 6000 designated a 'Peace Builder' by trustees

By DGE Del Bluhm/Ames

There is great news from Frank Devlyn, chairman, The Rotary Foundation Trustees, RI and Past President, 2000-2001. He has just informed Don Goering, District Rotary Foundation Committee chair that District 6000 has been designated a Peace Builder District for our commitment to the Rotary Peace Centers.

Chairman Devlyn states that each Peacebuilder District commitment will fund one Rotary World Peace Scholarship annually. In so doing, we will help ensure the long-term impact of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution program. The success of this program depends on the support of Rotarians worldwide, and District 6000 has set a leadership example for others to follow. He also hopes that District 6000 will submit a qualified candidate to compete in the Rotary World Peace Fellowships competition each year.

Finally, Chairman Devlyn extends his sincere appreciation for District 6000's support of the Rotary Centers for International Studies and that our support is essential to the Foundation's goal of promoting international cooperation and world understanding. I, too, want to add my appreciation to District 6000 Rotarians for their support of this wonderful program.



PDG Dave Groner, a funeral home operator from Dowagiac, Mich., gave a dynamic speech about polio eradication at D-6000 Assembly, April 1 at Newton. He has led 11 National Immunization Day trips to India and Africa.

*Looking ahead:*

## Special Olympics to kick off 2006-07

By DGE Del Bluhm/Ames

The District Leadership Team of District 6000 is really excited about the coming year as the final stages of planning are being completed. DG Corliss Klaassen and Jeanne have had a great year and accomplished so many items, such as providing special assistance for Katrina victims and facilities, the fund raising for the National Special Olympics and all the other activities included in The Rotary Foundation funded programs.

We now move into Rotary Year 2006-2007. Right out of the gate District 6000 is sponsoring the Awards Ceremonies for the entire National Special Olympics in Ames, Iowa July 1-8 with the funds raised from Rotarians in District 6000. Also we are providing significant services to this event by the actions of many Rotary volunteers from across the District. We are sure that you will want to get involved too if you are not already a volunteer. Come to Rotary's Hospitality Room/Volunteer Center at the Towers.

RI President-elect William Boyd has established a *2006-07 Presidential Citation* for participation by all Rotary clubs in areas of Membership, Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service.

As the District Governor next year, I have additionally specified tasks to be accomplished by clubs to be eligible for the *2006-07 District Governor Club Recognition Award*. I am asking each club to: 1) Perform Public Relations about Rotary for the general public, or perform a literacy project, or perform a water management Project; 2) Achieve a net increase in club membership, depending on the number of current club members; 3) Achieve EREY goal of \$100 or more per member; and, 4) Secure a specified number of specific donors to The Rotary Foundation.

The above listed activity areas are also the major focus areas of RI President William Boyd for this Rotary Year. Let's LEAD THE WAY in 2006-07.

Georgia and I are really looking forward to our Official Club Visits when we will have the opportunity of meeting and getting to know each of you this summer and fall. It is always so impressive to learn about the widely varied and noteworthy projects that are either in process or have been completed by the Rotary clubs of District 6000.

## NEWS IN BRIEF . . .

**Car Show:** The Rotary Club of Muscatine is sponsoring a Car Show on Saturday, June 24 from 10-2, rain or shine, at Calvary Church, 501 W. Bypass Hwy. 61. Proceeds support Rotary projects in Xicotepec, Mexico. Information: Randy Ludke, 2105 Snug Harbor Lane, Muscatine, IA 52761; ph. (563) 263-2941; e-mail: rludke@machlink.com.

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**Share Your News:** Assistant governors and club presidents: Please submit news of your clubs' activities for District 6000 News. Send word files and clearly identified .jpg photos to: btubbs@northscottpress.com. Deadline for next issue: Aug. 18.

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**Trivia:** Nobody was able to name the District 6000 Rotarian who was elected mayor of his 26,000-population city in last issue's trivia contest. The correct answer is Gene Beach of Marshalltown.

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# Letters:

**Dear Rotarians,**

Permit me to extend a belated thanks to all the Rotarians and friends that remembered our beloved Phoebe by attending the memorial service, giving memorials, or extending sympathy in their own way. Phoebe's family, her faith and Rotary were the three matters to which she gave her undivided attention. The promise of Easter makes her loss bearable.

*-s- Paul E. Hellwege  
Governor 1954-55*

p.s. We hope to see you at the District Conference. Thanks for your friendship and help!

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**Dear Rotarians,**

Thank you so much for your care and outstanding host arrangements throughout District 6000. District Governor Klaassen participated in a wonderful farewell dinner hosted by the Boone Rotary Club at the Des Moines YMCA Camp in rural Boone County this past Sunday evening. The GSE Team from District 3810 was moved to tears and expressed their gratitude to the Rotarians in District 6000 for a wonderful experience. The team sang a song especially written for the occasion. My personal regards and best wishes to all of you for the marvelous job you did coordinating the team's stay in your communities!

*-s- Mark Snell, chair  
District 6000 GSE Inbound*

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**Dear Rotarians,**

Just want you to know how much we are enjoying the beautiful painting of Xicotepec. We have it sitting on our mantel in our family room. It was a wonderful gift, as Xicotepec will always hold a special place in our hearts . . .

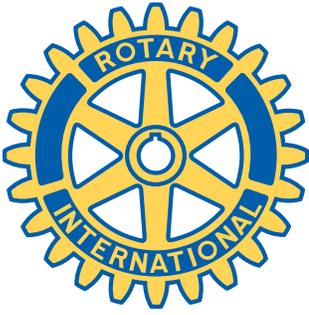
In Rotary friendship and Service Above Self,

*-s- Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen  
District Governor*



## SERVICE Above Self Club leaders' checklist

- Make plans for RI Convention at Copenhagen, Denmark/Malmo, Sweden; or if your club will not be represented, send your proxy with a D-6000 Rotarian.
- Check your club's progress toward your 2005-06 Rotary Foundation Goal and implement plans to meet or exceed that goal.
- Plan to lend your support to the National Special Olympics Games, July 1-8 in Ames.
- 2006-07 club leaders: Complete your Club Planning Guide and send copies to Governor 2006-07 Del Bluhm and to your Assistant Governor.
- Plan summer public relations activities at your community's fairs and festivals, and plan to visit Rotary's booth at the Iowa State Fair.



# An Invitation from the Rotarians of Ames to the D-6000 Family of Rotary:



## Celebrate Service Above Self at the National Special Olympics July 1-8, Ames, Iowa

Dear Rotarians,

The first-ever USA National Special Olympics Games will be held in Ames and surrounding communities during the first week of July, 2006. Rotarians from across District 6000 will be performing community service by volunteering at the Games. Rotarians from across the country will attend as parents, coaches and friends of the athletes.

Come, meet, and greet your fellow Rotarians.

If you will attend the Games in any capacity, be sure to wear a Rotary wheel sticker on your shirt. Rotary stickers can be obtained at the Rotary Hospitality Room in the Special Olympics Volunteer Center that will be at the ISU Wallace-Wilson Towers Residence Complex north of Mortenson Road or at the Rotary booth in Festival Village (on the floor of Hilton Arena). We encourage all Rotarians to wear a Rotary wheel sticker every day that they are at the Games to help Rotarians identify each other among the 30,000 who will be attending or participating in the games.

If you are in Ames on Monday, July 3, be sure to stay for the All Rotary Reception and Make-Up Meeting. The Rotary Club of Ames (Monday noon) and the Ames AM (Wednesday morning) clubs are hosting this reception and meeting make-up cards will be available to Rotarians who attend. It will be held at the Hotel at Gateway Center, US 30 and Elwood Drive, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. It will be open to all Rotarians and their guests at no charge. A cash bar will be available. This will be a great opportunity to meet and greet Rotarians from across the USA.

If you are an official Special Olympics Volunteer, you are registered in the Games database and will receive detailed information about your volunteer assignment through either e-mail or US postal mail. Most volunteer assignments will be made by mid-June.

The Rotary booth in Festival Village (floor of Hilton Arena) will be open from 10 AM to 8 PM on Monday, July 3; Wednesday, July 5; and Thursday, July 6. On Tuesday, July 4, it will be open from 10 AM to 10 PM. The booth will distribute to younger children a specially designed and produced Rotary/Special Olympics coloring book and crayons. Volunteers are needed to staff this booth. No Special Olympics credentials are required to staff this Rotary booth since the Festival Village is open to the public. If you and/or others of your family and/or others from your club can help for an hour or more, please contact Clarence Cory ([coryia@mchsi.com](mailto:coryia@mchsi.com)) or Bob Ostrich ([bobostrich@quest.net](mailto:bobostrich@quest.net)), members of the Rotary Club of Ames. Clarence and Bob are coordinating the staffing for this booth. We would like to have about three volunteer staff present during each of the 42 hours that this booth will be open. Please Note: Hilton Arena is air conditioned; so this is a volunteer job at which you can sit in cool comfort.

– Bob Anderson, President  
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