

Denny Skinner, District Governor, 2003-2004



Lend a Hand

*Loose Change...
November 2003*



Rotary FOUNDATION Month

District Designated Funds (DDF)
Corliss Klaassen, Dist 6000
Foundation Chairman

When you hear Rotarians talk about DDF have you ever wondered what it's all about? Approximately sixty percent of the money given to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund three years ago came back to our district this year as District Designated Funds (DDF).

DDF is money that is available to be used by the district to match money from our local clubs for humanitarian projects. The money Governor Denny has available to him this year was determined by how much was given to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in 2000-2001. That was during Dale Belknap's year as District Governor.

Governor Denny has available over \$217,000 to be used by the district for district projects this year. Twenty percent of the \$217,000 (\$37,000) has been earmarked for District Simplified Grants (DSG). This is to be used in our local communities for local projects.

The DSG application forms were sent to the Presidents of each Rotary club earlier this year. Please make sure you get your application in before the end of this year (Dec. 31, 03).

There has been \$11,000 set aside for a Group Study Exchange (GSE) with District 4180 in Mexico. Also there will be three Academic-Year Scholarships awarded this year for a total of \$75,000. This leaves approximately \$90,000 for Matching Grants.

This Matching Grant money is available to all clubs in District 6000 for humanitarian projects in other parts

of the world. If you have a project you would like to partner with a club in another part of the world such as Africa, Central America, India or any other part of the world there is money available to do that project.

For example if your club has \$500 you would like to spend on a humanitarian project the district could match that with \$500 of DDF money. Then the club in another country along with their district could match that with \$500 each. This would give a total of \$2000 and could then be matched with another \$2000 from The Rotary Foundation. This would be a total of \$4000 for your specific project.

Can you imagine how many wells could be drilled for fresh water in India or how many school supplies could be purchased for schools in Africa with just \$500 of your club's money?

If you need assistance or have questions on these projects please contact Dan Foley, Jim Peterson or Governor Denny Skinner.

My plea to each and every Rotarian in District 6000 is to become a Sustaining Member. Over half of this money comes back to our district as DDF in three years. This DDF money can be used for our Matching Grants for that year.

Remember Rotary International's challenge for our Centennial Year in 2005 "Every Rotarian Every Year". This means Rotary is requesting every Rotarian to give at least a \$100 to The Rotary International Annual Fund every year.

By giving to The Rotary International Annual Fund we are able to serve those less fortunate than us.

District 6000 News...

FAMSCO...Central America Project

FAMSCO, the Fire and Medical Supply Company, recently completed four shipments to Mexico and Central America.

A forty-foot shipping container full of medical equipment and supplies was shipped to El Salvador, where the Ministry of Health in cooperation received it with the San Salvador Noroeste Rotary Club and the Gift of Life Foundation. These goods will be distributed to various hospitals and clinics throughout El Salvador with a special emphasis on institutions that serve poor or disadvantaged populations.

A second forty-foot container was shipped to Guatemala, where Rotarian Juan Forster and the Guatemala Sur Rotary Club received it. The container had medical equipment (including an ultrasound machine that will be used at a rural women's clinic), medical supplies, and school furniture. The school furniture will be donated to two primary schools in Guatemala City. One of these schools, The Nuevo Amanecer primary school, serves a large, poverty-ridden settlement on the southern edge of Guatemala City. The school was rebuilt with Rotary support after being destroyed by Hurricane Mitch in 1999 and has received ongoing support from Iowa's District 6000 Rotary Clubs.

FAMSCO President Jim Peterson, who has visited the school several times and to whose father the new school was dedicated in honor of his work as a Rotarian, noted that, "Since Rotary got involved it's been very gratifying to see the improvements that have taken place at the school and in the lives of the children who attend it."

Two shipments were sent to Xicotepec, Pueblo, Mexico, where they recently arrived. In the first of these FAMSCO donated a fire truck to the Xicotepec Rotary Club, which in turn donated it to the city government of Xicotepec. This fire truck, formerly used by the Oxford, Iowa Fire Department, is the first in the history of this city of 75,000 people and it will

provide emergency fire service for the first time ever to a population of over 130,000. The fire truck will be inaugurated by the city of Xicotepec on November 20 after a celebratory parade.

A school bus packed with school furniture and equipment was also shipped to Xicotepec by FAMSCO. The bus was obtained by the Dallas Center (Iowa) Rotary Club with assistance from The Rotary Foundation in the form of a matching grant. The Dallas Center Club also purchased school furniture and equipment at auction and used it to fill the bus. The bus was driven to the US - Mexican border by Dallas Center Rotarian Barton Shank and was retrieved at the border by the Xicotepec Rotary Club. The bus will be used in Xicotepec to provide bus service for students attending the new Technical University and Centro Escolar, which are located just outside of the town.

Peterson complimented everyone who contributed their time, energy and gifts so that FAMSCO could complete these shipments. "It's a wonderful and dedicated group of people and I hope they all feel as good as I do about completing these shipments. The goods and vehicles are badly needed and truly improve the quality of life in the communities that receive them."

Note: FAMSCO, the Fire and Medical Supply Company, is a registered 501(c)(3) corporation and humanitarian service organization founded in 1990 by the Rotarians of Rotary International District 6000 of Iowa. FAMSCO has shipped some 75 vehicles and over 225 tons of medical equipment and supplies to Mexico, Central America and South America for use by poor, underprivileged and disadvantaged communities there. For more information on FAMSCO, see www.famsco.org.

Jim Peterson, FAMSCO, Chair

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District 6000 News....

Foundation Alumni

Who are the Rotary Foundation Alumni? They are made up of 85,000 past Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange team leaders and members, Rotary Volunteers, Discovery Grant team members, and Rotary Grants for University Teachers recipients from all over the world. There may be many residing in your community, ready to take part in and support your club.

Alumni have experienced the challenges and benefits of The Rotary Foundation projects and programs. And they are a valuable resource for District 6000 Clubs.

How do you take advantage of this resource? We maintain a database of District 6000 Alumni. For instance, if you would like a speaker who has had experience on a Group Study Exchange, the District Alumni Committee can provide you the contact(s) who is nearest your community. If you want to talk with an Ambassadorial Scholar who spent time in

England, we may be able to put you in contact with an Iowan with those experiences.

Our goal this year is to get our database current and as accurate as possible. In addition to responding to your requests for information we will be requesting input from you on alumni who we believe may be in your area, or current Rotary Program participants, who will soon become alumni.

If you have questions on alumni, or want to provide information even before we contact you with a request, you may contact the committee via email at rdewitt@isbt.com. Additional contact information is found on the District website under Foundation/Alumni. Don't hesitate to take advantage of this source of experience, information and potential members.

Bob DeWitt, Foundation Alumni Chair

West Des Moines

The West Des Moines Rotary Club has hosted RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) since 1997 when it was organized and initiated by West Des Moines Rotarian Kevin Burggraaf for Rotary District 6000. Kevin chaired the development of RYLA from 1997 – 2000, when in 2001 Art Dinkin from the West Des Moines Rotary Club became District 6000 RYLA Chair. Art has served as RYLA Chair from 2001 to today.

On October 14, the West Des Moines club recently hosted the 2003 District 6000 RYLA event, which was the biggest and most involved District 6000 RYLA event to date. In 1997, 40+ students attended RYLA. This year, 53 Rotary clubs sent 153 student (sophomores) representatives to Camp Dodge for one day of leadership training and celebration. The day included speakers, leadership training exercises, and team building exercises. And as has been a staple in the day long event, the West Des Moines Rotary Club's held its' weekly

noon club meeting at Camp Dodge with all of the RYLA participants. Both the students and Rotarians had a great time!!

The West Des Moines Rotary Club is proud to host the yearly District 6000 RYLA event. We look forward to growing and enhancing the RYLA program even more next year.

Johnny Boyd
President -
West Des
Moines
Rotary Club



District 6000 News...

CHARITON ROTARY

Here's what's going on in Chariton:

Our major community project this year was to build a Disc Golf Course (9 hole) at Northwest Park. We received a \$1000 Community Assistance Grant for this project.

Our club sponsors the Literacy Program for 1st Grade. Each week a different Rotarian volunteers his or her time to read to the 1st Grade classes. The Rotarian explains how reading helps them in their profession in the hope of stimulating the 1st graders to understand the importance of learning to read. We are also supportive of the Character Counts program in the schools and helped purchase Keep Books for the elementary students. We also donated six easels that were made by Rotarians.

We have just finished a Rotary Calendar for 2004 with photos of various highlights of Chariton. Local Rotarians did the photos and printing.

We have an inbound student Denise Santos from Brazil. We sponsored Cammeo Medici an outbound student to Italy.

We support the RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program) in Chariton.

Each week four seniors are invited to our Rotary meeting to tell about themselves and their future plans.

We sponsor a Little League Team and contribute to the 5th & 6th grade football program.

For our new members we produced a New Member Form asking them to become Sustaining Members and 75% of our new members are becoming Sustaining Members.

For our Centennial Project in 2005 we have committed \$25,000 for the concession stand and restrooms at the new girls softball field adjoining Northwest Park.

We meet every Friday noon at Lake View Golf and Country Club.

**Yours in Rotary,
Bob Ulrich
President Rotary Club of Chariton**

polio update

Polio Eradication Update Report Donald Goering, District 6000 Governor 1998-99

As of October 2003, there were 383 cases of polio worldwide. This includes 375 cases in 6 of the 7 endemic countries and 8 cases imported into 4 countries that had previously been polio free for several years. These importations highlight the urgency of the polio eradication initiative. Until polio is gone everywhere, all countries remain at risk.

The six countries reporting endemic polio cases are, (in order of number of cases), Nigeria, India, Pakistan, Niger, Afghanistan and Egypt.

Nigeria is currently experiencing an outbreak but plans are underway to conduct a series of Sub National Immunization Days in high-risk areas followed by National Immunization Days throughout the entire country.

India, which last year saw an outbreak of 1600 cases, has seen much improvement this year. To date, only 138 cases have been reported compared to 535 at this same point last year.

The best news is that Somalia, considered an endemic country in 2002, has not reported a case of polio since October 2002, giving hope that it has won the battle against polio.

The four countries reporting imported cases of polio are Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo and Chad, all near Nigeria. In response, a \$10 million emergency vaccination campaign that began last week in Niger, Burkina Faso, Ghana, and Togo will be expanded to Chad at an additional cost of \$3 million, World Health Organization officials reported.

Report to Stockholders...

Since this is Foundation Month, it's proper that you, the contributors to the Foundation (the stockholders) receive a report of Contributions and Program Awards and Expenses! The following figures account for the year ending June 30, 2002. (Numbers for the Rotary year ending 6/30/03 will be available soon.) Contributions totaled \$81.0 million: \$67.5 to the Annual Programs Fund; \$8.7 million to the Permanent Fund; Pledges, \$.2 million, and \$5.0 million to Polio Plus. Expenditures were \$27.5 million to PolioPlus; \$3.6 million to 3-H Grants; \$28.3 million to Matching Grants; \$3.8 million to Group Study Exchange; \$16.7 million to Ambassadorial Scholarships; \$1.3 to Community Assistance Programs; and \$1.1 million to Grants for Rotary Volunteers. Other programs such as 3-H Planning Grants, Helping Grants, New Opportunity Grants, Rotary Peace Programs, Discovery Grants, Disaster Relief Grants, and Rotary Grants for University Teachers accounted for approximately \$2.75 million

None of these contributions come from your dues!!! They are the result of gifts made by Rotarians like you from all over the world. That's why we keep pleading with you to become a Sustaining Member. We are called Rotary International! It is the Foundation that makes us such! As members of that organization, we have an obligation to support the international humanitarian efforts of Rotary! Last year we had 15 clubs who reached or exceeded the \$100 per capita goal.....we also had 5 clubs who contributed **ZERO!** In addition we had 9 clubs with gifts of **less than \$10 per capita!** There is no logical or acceptable

reason for this disregard of the Foundation. Our goal, and the goal of RI is to have Every Rotarian Every Year contribute a minimum of \$100 to the Foundation. If your club is not already at that level, now is the time to get on track!

Remember, paying your dues and paying for your meals means you are a member of the club-----becoming a contributor to the Foundation makes you A ROTARIAN!

John Kleinschmidt
Annual Giving Coordinator
District 6000



District 6000 News...

Attendance

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Name of Club	No. of Meetings	No. of Members	Attendance %	Rank for October
Adel	5	26	78.00%	9
Albia	*			
Ames	4	265	72.58%	16
Ames Morning	*			
Ankeny	*			
Atlantic	*			
Bettendorf	5	89	82.47%	5
Bloomfield	5	13	77.00%	10
Boone	5	38	66.30%	25
Burlington	4	115	78.91%	8
Carroll	4	62	68.66%	22
Centerville	4	53	50.00%	36
Chariton	*			
Clinton	4	127	64.59%	27
Coon Rapids	*			
Coralville No Corridor	*			
Corning	4	58	74.14%	13
Corydon	*			
Creston	4	37	60.00%	28
Dallas Center	*			
Davenport	4	211	53.59%	34
Decatur County	*			
Des Moines	5	391	69.18%	21
Des Moines AM	5	148	73.00%	15
East Polk County	5	37	72.00%	18
Fairfield	*			
Fort Madison	*			
Grinnell	4	32	76.00%	12
Indianola	*			
Iowa City AM	*			
Iowa City	4	55	59.40%	29
Iowa Quad Cities	5	45	67.73%	23
Jefferson	*			
Johnston	*			
Kalona	4	38	81.68%	7
Keokuk	5	96	52.00%	35
Keosauqua	4	31	55.50%	33
Knoxville	*			
Lenox	*			
Manning	4	26	74.00%	14
Marengo	*			
Marshalltown	4	193	70.53%	20
Mount Pleasant	*			
Mount Pleasant PM	*			
Muscatine	*			
Nevada	5	68	82.31%	6
Newton	4	100	70.81%	19
North Scott	*			
Northwest Des Moines	5	82	100.00%	1
Odyssey	2	22	67.00%	24
Osceola	5	42	56.50%	32
Oskaloosa	*			
Ottumwa	4	118	72.48%	17
Pella	*			
Perry	5	38	66.00%	26
Tipton	5	33	76.61%	11
Washington	5	60	59.00%	30
Waukee	5	41	87.67%	4
Wellman	5	37	98.84%	2
West Des Moines	*			
West Liberty	4		57.00%	31
Winterset	5	37	92.43%	3