

District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

William F. Tubbs, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

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The face of a boy makes the difference

Dear District 6000 Family of Rotary,

Rebaz Shamsadeen, 5, has brought out the best in Rotarians. Rebaz, a Kurdish boy living in northern Iraq, was examined last fall by Sgt. Corey Johnston, an Airborne Ranger medic from West Liberty. Corey discovered that Rebaz was born with a hole in his heart, a genetic defect that had already claimed the life of an older brother. The defect can be corrected by a surgery that is regularly performed at University Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Seeking aid for Rebaz, Sgt. Johnston contacted the West Liberty Rotary Club. That message was shared with Rotarians in the Iowa City area, where PDG Herb Wilson promoted it with great passion, commenting, "This represents everything Rotary stands for." Through their efforts, doctors have agreed to perform the surgery pro bono



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District Governor

(free), and housing in the Iowa City area will be provided for Rebaz and his father, who is a loyal ally of U.S. forces. (The Kurds were especially badly treated under Saddam Hussein.)

However, funds are needed for their transportation and hospital stay, and that's where Rotarians have stepped forward with contributions of more than \$14,000.

A photo of Rebaz, with his big eyes and bushy hair, makes the appeal quite real. The headline on our promotional flyer asked, "If he

lived next door, would you help?!" Of course we would, unless our hearts are made of stone.

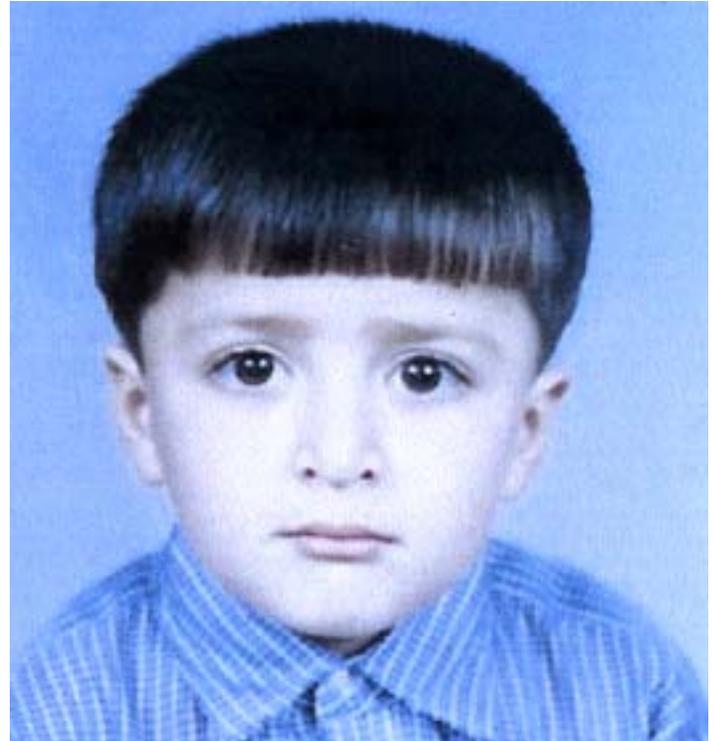
Rotarians' hearts are obviously not made of stone, which makes this story so remarkable. Eighteen Rotary clubs have responded thus far, with \$7,579 coming from president Steve Hedlund and the Iowa City club alone.

In Keokuk, president Kerry Klepfer and PDG Bill Cameron promoted club and community giving that raised \$1,647. A news story from the *Keokuk Daily Gate City* was picked up by the *Washington Post* and posted on their website. Through that connection, Mike Stevens from Boston, Mass., contributed \$1,000!!

President Jeff Koeppel and the Coralville-North Corridor Rotary Club added \$1,000 to the cause. Many clubs used club funds or took up a collection. When Rotary District 5970 Governor Steve Thorpe met Rebaz, he pledged \$500 to help pay for translators.

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Rebaz Shamsadeen
– Hope for new life through Rotary

President's checklist:

1. Respond to tsunami disaster appeal (p. 2).
2. Submit 2005-06 officers to RI and District 6000.
3. Respond to awards questionnaire to give proper recognition to club members for Rotary's Centennial.
4. Tell Inbound GSE coordinator Mark Snell of your club's interest in hosting a GSE team in May or June.
5. Complete club plans to celebrate Rotary's 100th birthday, which is Feb. 23.
6. Work with your local newspaper, radio and TV stations to celebrate Rotary's Centennial with special coverage during February.
7. Notify PDG Ken Noble of Rotarians who will host Pre- and Post-Convention homestays.
7. Submit club square for Centennial quilt.
8. Complete Four-Way Test essay contest.
9. Check progress towards EREY pledge, Presidential Citation and Governor's Centennial Citation.
10. Make reservations for Chicago Convention.

Lend a Hand for tsunami survivors!

By DG Bill Tubbs

Reprinted from *The North Scott Press*

Every February, the 529 incoming district governors of Rotary International are required to attend what is known as the International Assembly. At this event, held last year at Anaheim, Calif., Linda and I were one of 529 couples whose districts represented people from 166 countries – a miniature United Nations, if you will. But the one thing that united us all was humanitarian service through Rotary and its 31,000 clubs worldwide.

One of my new acquaintances through that experience was a bright, personable man named Lucky Pieris (pronounced Paris) of Sri Lanka, an island off the coast of India in the Indian Ocean. His appearance, smile and demeanor reminded me of the late, great former NSHS teacher Leon Fox, later of Perry.

Lucky works in the steel and garment industries, is a member of the Japanese Association of Sri Lanka and is a trustee advisor for the Association of Disabled Ex-Service Personnel. He enjoys meditation and photography. I share these details to give the story a human face.

When the news of devastation in Sri Lanka broke this week, I sent an e-mail to Lucky to see how we may help. Here is his poignant reply:

Dear Bill,

We are devastated. We cannot comprehend at this time. Yes, we need help. Any help would be appreciated. The biggest problem is shelter, safe drinking water and food. The general public, as always, do collect food and already is in the process of distributing to the effected areas. Rotary will have more to do as we look at the bigger picture. Authorities don't know what to do with dead bodies and this is an issue as entire families have been wiped out. The numbers continue to rise each hour. This is horrible. We have never experienced a disaster of this nature. I am already in touch with the outside districts and forwarding you the relief request letter sent to others. Please pray for us.

Thanks for the concern.

– Lucky

Pieris

During the Iowa floods of 1993, which saw huge property damage but deaths nowhere near the staggering figures now coming from Sri Lanka, Iowans received millions of dollars of aid, including several hundred thousand from Rotarians around the world. That event signified the beginning of my Rotary district's humanitarian fund, specifically designed to respond to disasters elsewhere. Last fall, for example, we sent \$2,500 to aid the victims of Hurricane Charley in Florida. Recently I received an e-mail acknowledgement of that gift from Jerry Hearn, the District Governor of District 6960 in Florida (a separate letter is below). He said \$270,000 has been received and \$250,000 distributed, to date. "Rest assured that 100 percent of the funds will be used solely for relief, with no overhead or administrative deductions taken." So we are well organized to receive contributions and direct them where the need is greatest with the highest level of personal accountability.

If the pictures you see in the news make you want to help, give to the Red Cross and charities of your choice, by all means, but know that Rotary, too, is ready, willing and able to lend a hand. And that we have personal contacts who will ensure that every cent is used wisely. The address is: District 6000 Humanitarian Services Fund, c/o Governor Bill Tubbs, P.O. Box 223, Eldridge, IA 52748.

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WE ARE OFF TO A GREAT START!

In the first two days of mail after our appeal was announced, the District 6000 Humanitarian Services Fund received more than \$8,000 in contributions from 20 donors, including gifts as large as \$5,000 and as small as \$10. A news release was sent to newspapers in towns with Rotary clubs, and clubs were asked to collect from each member at their first two meetings in January. The Humanitarian Services Committee also recommended \$2,500 for the District 3220 Relief Fund in Sri Lanka and the District 3230 Relief Fund in Madras, India.



Lucky Pieris
"Horrible" times
in Sri Lanka



The attractive flags of 42 nations hang in Douwstra Auditorium on the campus of Central College in Pella. They were a gift from the Pella Rotary Club, supported with a 2003-04 Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant.

'We are deeply touched'

Dear Rotary District 6000,

We cannot sufficiently express our deep gratitude for your generous donation of \$2,500 to help those in Rotary District 6960 who've been impacted by Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne. Your generosity in the spirit of the Family of Rotary is helping other Rotarians, family members, friends and neighbors in their attempt to return to a normal existence.

Rotary District 6960 and all our Rotary members have been deeply touched by the outpouring of assistance from Rotarians, clubs, districts, businesses, and those who just wanted to help. Most of the \$270,000 has gone to the hard-hit areas of Punta Gorda, Arcadia and Port Charlotte. Funds have been used for housing (both emergency and replacement), medical needs and businesses rebuilding or repair. Many have been helped, and we're still working together to help many more. Our thanks as well as our prayers, good wishes and sincere comments are offered by everyone.

Yours in Rotary,

-s- Jerry L. Hearn, Governor 2004-05
Rotary District 6960/Southwest Florida

'Rotary's reponse answered our prayer'

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Thanks to these D-6000 clubs, whose contributions had been received through Dec. 29: West Liberty, Albia, Mt. Pleasant Noon, Fairfield, Carroll, Keosauqua, Iowa City AM, Manning, Indianola, Burlington, Pella, Centerville, Winterset, Decatur County and North Scott. (You can still help – clubs will be recognized as donations are received.)

Good News! After a week of ups and downs through diplomatic channels, Rebaz and his father arrived at O'Hare International Airport on Dec. 30. He was met by Cindy Yerington of West Liberty (mother of Sgt. Corey Smith) and her family, accompanied by newspaper and TV reporters who will document this extraordinary experience when it is finished.

On Sunday, Jan. 2, 17 Rotarians and friends welcomed Rebaz and his father at the Iowa Machine Shed Restaurant in Davenport, where they were served a complimentary dinner. While there, his father, speaking through translator Salma Arabi, said Rotary's response was an answer to a prayer. All present agreed that Rebaz is an adorable boy – the teddy bear and coloring books were OK, but the toys with wheels came first!

When Rotarians who worked to bring Rebaz here saw him, they knew their efforts were worthwhile. His procedure has been scheduled. With the prayer that it will be successful, thanks to Rotary, when he returns to Iraq, this young boy will be able to live, love and be all he was meant to be!

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Plan For International Visitors! The first six months of 2005 could see an unprecedented number of international visitors in District 6000. Between Friendship Exchange, Group Study Exchange and Pre- and Post-Convention Homestays, we could be wonderfully busy!

– PDG Ken Noble is chairing our Pre- and Post-Convention Homestays program. In response to invitations issued to world-wide Rotarians at Osaka and Anaheim by DG Bill and Linda Tubbs, he has received inquiries from The Netherlands, Nigeria and New South Wales, Australia. Look for our classified ad in the February, March and April issues of *The Rotarian*, inviting Rotarians to come to Iowa before or after the Chicago convention. Call PDG Ken at (319) 627-4712 to make a match to host someone!

– The Friendship Exchange Committee is expecting 29 from Uganda, 20 from New Zealand and a few from South Africa. Dick Kennedy of Iowa City is contacting clubs to arrange hosting. To lend a hand, call Dick, (319) 338-2192.

– Inbound Group Study Exchange coordinator Mark Snell of Des Moines and his committee invite and encourage clubs to sign up to host one of two Group Study Exchange teams that are coming to D-6000 in 2005. The team from D-9810 in Melbourne, Australia, will arrive in Des Moines on May 20 and depart from Chicago at the conclusion of the International Convention on June 24. The team from D-1890 in Hamburg, Germany, will arrive in the Quad Cities on June 6 and depart on July 8. Both teams will attend D-6000 Conference in Davenport, June 16-17, and the International Convention in Chicago, June 18-22. In the past, clubs that wanted to host a GSE were not always able to because the opportunity was limited. The opportunity



Winterset Rotary Club president Patricia Weeks and Rotarian Bob Kaldenberg are pictured at the club's Can Drop Off Site near the Fareway Store in Winterset. The site was in operation long before stores stopped redeeming cans. Last year, the club's profit was more than \$2,000, which was used to support the Wheelchair Foundation with 35 wheelchairs.



A major project of the Keokuk Rotary Club, in cooperation with the Lions Club, is planting trees and flowers to block the view of a salvage yard on a major entrance to town. Pictured is club president, Kerry Klepfer.

nity is doubled this year, but you need to make your wishes known as soon as possible. Call Mark Snell at (515) 956-7868 (B), or (515) 296-2348 (H). Or e-mail: marksnellRCDM@att.net.

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EREY Update: Good news! All 63 clubs have signed a pledge to support the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation, reports EREY chair PDG Don Goering. And our pledges total \$452,875, which is just more than \$100 per member. *Congratulations!* However, we had achieved just 31 percent of that goal as of Nov. 30, with \$140,807 given by that date from 42 of our 63 clubs – 21 had not paid on their pledge! To achieve our goal of \$100 per member district-wide, we'll need everybody's support – thank you!

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'You have really made a difference'

The Odyssey of Ottumwa Rotary Club is beginning its second three years as an experimental club. As an experimental club, Odyssey meets every other week and its adult members have chosen to pay the dues of student members from Indian Hills Community College as their service project. The goal, says president Janet Paulson, is that the students will become interested in Rotary when they move into careers. The letter to Paulson (below) from an Odyssey member now at William Penn College shows that the club is succeeding.

Dear Janet,

I apologize for not getting in contact sooner, but with school and all, I have kept very busy. I just wanted to email you and say thank you for giving Cale and I such a wonderful experience through Rotary. When I was first asked to join Rotary, I wasn't too excited about it because I thought it would be like the Rotary back home. I joined anyway because I am the type of person that likes to try everything. Honestly, I had more fun than I ever expected, and I learned more things than I would have imagined.

I learned many things that have helped me at William Penn, things that I didn't learn from any of my other classes. Everytime I receive an e-mail from you telling what the Rotary is now doing, it makes me miss it all the more. Rotary



For Governor Bill Tubbs' official visit, the Odyssey club had their picture taken at the Gothic House in Eldon, the backdrop for Grant Wood's famous painting.

has given me great memories and has helped me grow as a leader. Having people in the community take interest in me made me not want to miss meetings and made me look forward to the next meeting to see what new things we were going to do.

Again, I just want to say thank you for the great experience and taking an interest in us. You have really made a difference in my life, and I plan on joining Rotary again in the fu-

ture! Please keep sending me the newsletters if you would, because I really enjoy hearing about all the wonderful things you are all doing. I have always wanted Odyssey to be successful because I want other students to gain what I did from it, so if there is any way that I can be of help, please let me know! Please keep in touch, I would love to hear how Odyssey is doing!

-s- Deanna Gibson



Albia Rotary Club president Richard Sperring with the Rotary-sponsored playground equipment at Albia City Park. Rotary paid for half of the \$30,000 project and did landscaping, and built a frisbee golf course and shelter.

Billboards tell the story

Tom Brooke of West Liberty, Public Relations Chair for District 6000, is promoting Rotary billboards throughout the district. These billboards have been promoted to the clubs at the District Conference and through the mail. Any club desiring a billboard should contact Tom at (319) 627-7164 and a design is agreed upon. He then contacts Lamar Advertising and the poster is made. We are now able to put the specific club's name on the poster as well as promote Rotary's Centennial. The poster is then posted by Lamar or Clear Channel, Wait Advertising or outdoor Graphics. The poster material is billed to Rotary at the rate of \$140 per poster and the bill is forwarded to the district treasurer by Tom. At the time the billboard is posted, a picture is taken and sent to Tom along with the exact location. At that time, Tom bills the club \$155 and the club sends a check to him, made out to Rotary District 6000. Tom then forwards the check to the district treasurer.

To date there have been 36 billboards posted promoting Polio Plus, Caring for the Children of the World, Providing Educational opportunities, and Invest in your children and they will produce dividends. These are all themes provided by Rotary International.

\$48,420 District Simplified Grants awarded

District Rotary Foundation Chair Del Bluhm (Gov. 2006-07) announced in early December that \$48,420 was awarded to 23 clubs for community projects through The Rotary Foundation's District Simplified Grants program.

The DSG program, which is in its second year in its present form, allows a district to spend up to 20 percent of its District Designated Fund, or SHARE Fund, to match local and club funds for projects in our own communities. This represents a portion of our Rotary Foundation dollars returning to District 6000. The same strict guidelines that ensure the highest level of accountability for Rotary Foundation awards are applied to District Simplified Grants.

The D-6000 District Simplified Grants Committee received requests for worthy projects of more than \$100,000 from 27 clubs. This clearly illustrates the popularity of the program and the desire of clubs to perform community service.

These awards complete the grants for 2004-05. Please watch next summer for announcements about 2005-06 grants.

The awards:

- **Johnston:** \$1,000 for the “Bear Hug” project of the Iowa National Guard Auxiliary (see October District Newsletter).
- **East Polk:** \$1,644 for the Iowa Industrial Technology Exposition.
- **West Liberty:** \$1,149 for assisting local day care and preschool providers for preparing children for kindergarten.
- **Carroll:** \$744 for the Carroll and Coon Rapids Rotary Clubs to distribute bicycle helmets to third graders.
- **Indianola:** \$2,372 for improvements to the McVay Recreational Trail.
- **Iowa City AM:** \$2,758 for the “Challenge By Choice” outdoor adventure program of United Action for Youth.
- **Newton:** \$3,100 for a sculpture that will exemplify Rotary's humanitarian effort to eradicate polio.
- **Ankeny:** \$1,953 for a monument on the grounds of the newly constructed Ankeny Rotary Band Shell.

- **Coralville: North Corridor:** \$1,550 for the purchase of defibrillators for EMT vehicles in Johnson County.

- **Washington:** \$200 for Washington Rotary Mini Camps in conjunction with the YMCA.

- **Des Moines AM:** \$3,830 for a Life Long Learning Center at Capitol View School.

- **Ottumwa:** \$3,100 for a bike/walk trail on top of levees along the Des Moines River.

- **Chariton:** \$3,100 for concession equipment for a softball sports complex.

- **Ames:** \$3,100 for a second construction trailer for Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa-Story County Chapter.

- **Knoxville:** \$3,400 for equipment for the Rotary Historical Bandstand on the Marion County Courthouse grounds.

- **Jefferson:** \$1,240 for permanent batting cages at the Greene County Little League baseball and softball programs.

- **Decatur County:** \$1,240 for paving roads in the Leon Cemetery in a cooperative community project.

- **Nevada:** \$680 for a PA system for the One Heart Equestrian Therapy program.

- **Marshalltown:** \$3,100 for improvements to the Marshalltown Linn Creek Parkway Trail.

- **Burlington:** \$3,830 for handicapped accessible playground equipment in Crapo Park.

- **North Scott:** \$3,830 for improvements to benefit disadvantaged children at Family Resources in Davenport.

- **Clinton:** \$1,240 for a community-wide Rotary Health and Safety Circus at Clinton Community College.

- **Bloomfield:** \$260 for benches at parks, walkways and other public places.



Clubs encouraged to donate dictionaries

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Dictionary Project: Since learning about the Dictionary Project during my club visit with Coralville in July, I've encouraged clubs to work with their local school districts to give dictionaries to students. In November, I was able to talk with Mary French, who coordinates the Dictionary Project. She says that the unit price for the dictionaries is \$1.45, delivered, regardless of quantity. This is an extraordinary value!! I encourage every club in D-6000 to offer free dictionaries to your local school districts for every child at a certain grade level (in Iowa City it is fourth grade), and then call Mary at (843) 388-8375 to place your orders. Be sure to include a Rotary wheel and your club dedication inside each copy! We now have enough copies of this remarkable book to provide a sample to every club in the district. If you are interested, please contact me at (563) 285-8111. You can learn more about the Dictionary Project at: www.dictionaryproject.org.

Paul Harris Portrait: District leaders decided to proceed with fund raising, in cooperation with Rotary District 5970 in northern

Iowa, to restore the one-of-a-kind framed portrait of Rotary founder Paul Harris that PDG John Dasher wrote about in our September newsletter. A contract, estimated at \$3,700, has been signed with a professional restoration company. Those funds are being raised with contributions from governors, past governors and assistant governors. This priceless piece of Rotary history will be presented to Rotary International at the Centennial RI Convention in Chicago.

“The Sound of Money”: “We are really excited about our original musical about The Rotary Foundation,” writes Des Moines AM Rotary Club executive secretary Kay Myers. Kay's enthusiasm was echoed by Assistant Governor Diana Reed, who said the musical, entitled, “The Sound of Money,” was a smash hit. *Congratulations!* Will there be an encore performance for all D-6000 Rotarians???!!!

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Clubs will meet together to celebrate Centennial

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Centennial Meetings: Clubs in D-6000 who are planning meetings together to celebrate Rotary's Centennial include: The Rotary Clubs of Ames, Ames Morning, Boone and Nevada will meet together at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 23, as will the Rotary Clubs of Coralville-North Corridor, Iowa City, Iowa City Noon and Iowa City AM. The Rotary Clubs of Grinnell and Newton, and the Rotary Clubs of West Liberty and Wellman will also hold a joint meetings on Wednesday, Feb. 23. If your club(s) are planning joint meetings, please add them to this listing for our next newsletter! Contact Governor Bill Tubbs, (563) 285-8111.

Celebrate Club Heritage: President Steve Hedlund and the Iowa City Rotary Club found a way to celebrate Rotary's Centennial that doesn't cost a thing. In their newsletter, "The Rotary Roundup," they are featuring "Moments from Past Presidents." Each of their past presidents is given space to write a few short paragraphs recalling the highlights of their year of leadership.

Celebrate In Your Community: Here's another way to celebrate Rotary's Centennial that won't cost a dime. In order to tell Rotary's story in their community, President Ken Donnelly and members of the West Liberty Rotary Club have arranged to be the speakers at meetings of numerous civic organizations during February. What a



Past District Governor Denny Skinner listens to tunes at the annual Past District Governor's Holiday Party, which was held at River Music Experience and Centro Restaurant in Davenport. Twenty-eight attended the Nov. 14 event.

great idea! Anytime during our Centennial year would work.

Rotary Booth at Iowa Newspaper Convention: To assist newspapers with their special sections celebrating Rotary's Centennial in February, all of the articles, logos and photos from last July's District Directory may be downloaded from *The North Scott Press*' FTP site. The address is 206.72.11.46 and the user name is nspress. Governor Bill Tubbs is also preparing a Rotary media packet that will be distributed to newspapers at the Iowa Newspaper Association's Annual Meeting and Trade Show on Feb. 3-4 at the Marriott in downtown Des Moines. Some of the materials and information about Rotary from our State Fair booth will be in our booth at the Trade Show. Rotarians who are interested in working at the booth may call Bill at (563) 285-8111.

Chicago Convention Scoreboard: As of Dec. 31, there were 91 registrations for the Chicago RI Convention from District 6000. That represents 18.2 percent of Governor Bill Tubbs' goal of 500. The Chicago Host Committee will pay a cash rebate to District 6000 for any and all registrations beyond 90 if registered by March 31 – so let's push hard to increase our registrations in 2005!!! You can check our progress and compare how we're doing with other districts at www.zones27-28.org/ChicagoConv/Scorecards/Score.

Take the Bus: You can reserve your space on our District 6000 bus from our District Conference, June 16-17 in Davenport, to the Centennial RI International Convention, June 18-22 in Chicago, at www.rotary6000.org. Save money by reserving your space early!

Song Writers! Congratulations to John McNeer of the Rotary Club of Newton on the composition of Centennial verses for the song R-O-T-A-R-Y. John's lyrics, and the words to songs by AG Loring Miller and Phoebe Hellwege will be in a future newsletter.

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Clubs invited to meet with Rotary/One

Dear Governor Bill,

Our club would like to extend the hand of fellowship to Rotary Clubs from District 6000 to visit Rotary/One, at their weekly lunch, any Tuesday now through 2005.

What a great way to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary by visiting the club "Where it all began." Rotary/One is a part of every club's history and we would welcome the opportunity to share our history and 100 years of memorabilia with your members. We also want to learn about your club and their activities.

It is expensive to visit Chicago, so why not make it a fun-filled family day. Lunch at Rotary/One, visit our office and have a group photo taken in front of the Paul Harris painting and spend the rest of the day shopping the "Magnificent Mile" or visiting area cultural museums, sports events, theatres or the new Millennium Park across the street.

If you or your clubs have any questions, please contact me.

-s- Donald F. Staley, Chair
Centennial Lunch Committee (St. Ambrose grad)
339 W. Barry Ave., Chicago, IL 60657
Ph. (773) 665-2539
e-mail: donaldf339@aol.com

'NID was a wonderful experience'

By Margaret Wilson/Ames

The latest National Immunization Days in Africa were held on Nov. 20-23 with teams from Rotary taking part in the countries of Nigeria, Niger, Benin, and Egypt. They were a part of the single-largest immunization campaign in history, aiming to immunize 80 million children in 25 African countries. The first round of NIDs was launched in October, with a third round scheduled for December.

I was on a team of 13 people from six states and Canada assigned to Niger. It is a country of 12 million people the size of Texas and California combined. We were based in the capital city of Niamey, the home of the only two Rotary clubs in the entire country.

Niger is a French speaking country so we were assigned Interact and Rotaract students as guides and interpreters. During the actual NID we worked both in the city and in the villages in the bush surrounding the area. Usually we were divided into teams of four people with local workers as part of the group. Our goal was to give oral polio vaccine drops to all children under the age of five along with a Vitamin A supplement.

Only in a few cases were we not allowed to do so. Once the drops were given, we then marked the thumb of the child and would then mark the dwelling with the date of the immunization. It is difficult to estimate how many children we reached, but I calculated I inoculated about 65 children in a two-hour period. The real challenge was the heat and the need to walk between the villages in order to reach the children. Of course we carried bottled water but even it tasted like hot water when we used it. The heat also melted my lipstick I was carrying.

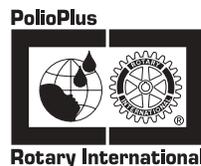
During our visit we made contact with the other organizations in the area that are a part of the effort to eradicate polio. These included UNICEF, the World Health Organization, and the Center for Disease Control. We also visited the Peace Corps headquarters, schools, an orphanage, a medical clinic, a hospital, the



Margaret Wilson
Polio Campaign

government Congress and had a meeting with the Tribal Chiefs of the area.

It was a wonderful experience and one that I wish all Rotarians would have the opportunity to share.



Statement of Rotary International regarding polio eradication efforts in Africa:

Rotary International and our partners are doing everything possible to avert a tragedy in Africa. For example, in early May, the Africa Regional Polio Plus Committee met with Kano state government and religious officials to advocate the restarting of polio immunization activities. Also in May, Past President Jonathan Majiyagbe participated in a briefing of representatives of the polio endemic countries during the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland. Past President Majiyagbo has also been in contact with Nigerian President Obasanjo urging action to address the situation in Kano state, and has written to the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference acknowledging the adoption of two resolutions in support of polio eradication. The National Polio Plus Committee Chairs in Africa are working to solidify support for immunization activities in their respective countries, and National Advocacy Advisors are deeply involved in efforts to mobilize additional resources to address the emergency situation in Africa. Rotary International and our partners are actively working to keep the goal of a polio-free world in 2005 a reality.

The actions of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to initiate the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign of 2001-02, and the positive response by Rotarians globally will assist wherever needed to see the final goal of polio eradication realized. The trustees thank Rotarians for their generous and continued support to complete their commitments on behalf of their global partners and the children of the world.

D-6000 recognized for support of literacy

Dear Bill,

I am so pleased that Rotary will once again be a sponsor for the Kindergarten Book Project for 2005. Thank you for the \$5,000 check and the picture of you and Linda in Osaka presenting Sweet Corn and Sushi to your Japanese counterpart. Also, please convey my thanks to the Executive Team who shared in the decision to provide money for this year's book.

Whenever I receive an invitation to speak to a Rotary Club, I always try to get it worked into my schedule for me to do so. My appreciation is limitless for what Rotary has done to support my Iowa Stories foundation from the beginning.

-s- Christie Vilsack
First Lady of Iowa

(The 2005 book, in English and Spanish, which D-6000 supported is "Family Pictures: Cuadros de Familia.")



Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack (l) presented a certificate to Linda and Bill Tubbs on behalf of Rotary District 6000's support of literacy and for their work in Scott County.

Permanent Fund: ‘How to become a philanthropist without going broke!’

By Sheila Tipton/Des Moines

DGN and D-6000 Permanent Fund Co-Chair

The District 6000 Permanent Fund Subcommittee held a financial planning seminar for Rotarians on Nov. 16 in Iowa City. The seminar, entitled “How to Become a Philanthropist Without Going Broke,” was co-sponsored by Pearson Van Houten PLD, Wachovia Securities, Peverill Capital Planning, Phelan Tucker Mullen, Walker Tucker Gelman LLP, Robert W. Baird & Co. and Integrated Financial.

The purpose of the seminar was to provide Rotarians with information on the various aspects of charitable giving, and included topics such as the investment and insurance gifting vehicles and the legal aspects of charitable gifts. PDG Herb Wilson and his Rotary Partner, Janice, gave their personal perspectives on the value of charitable giving. Twenty-six Rotarians attended the seminar and were impressed with the quality of both the speakers and the presentations. Additional seminars may be held in the future.

The Permanent Fund Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the District 6000 Foundation Committee. Its members are responsible for educating Rotarians about the role of the Permanent Fund of the RI Foundation, to secure contributions from Rotarians to the Permanent Fund and to recognize those who do contribute to the Permanent Fund. Its members are available to speak to clubs in the District concerning the Permanent Fund and the importance of supporting it. The Subcommittee just completed the first draft of a five-year plan for increasing support for the Permanent Fund in District 6000. You will certainly be hearing more from this Subcommittee in the future!

The Permanent Fund was established by RI in 1982 in order to provide an extra stream of income to meet the increasing demand for the Foundation’s programs and to expand its ability to meet urgent human needs around the world. Donors invest in this endowed fund with builds long-term stability for the Foundation’s future. Contributions to the Permanent Fund are invested in perpetuity. A portion of the income earned on the invested funds is used to support RI’s humanitarian and educational programs, including PolioPlus, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, The Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution, Matching and Individual Grants for International Humanitarian Projects and Programs and District Simplified Grants for International Humanitarian Programs.

It is important to understand that the Permanent Fund is a *supplement to*, not a *substitute for*, the Annual Fund and it is important that Rotarians financially support *both* the Permanent Fund and the Annual Fund. There are many ways to give to the Permanent Fund, including gifts of cash, gifts of life insurance and bequests. In addition, many Rotarians give to the Permanent Fund through life income gifts. Life income gifts provide an income stream during the lifetime of the income beneficiary. After the death of the last income beneficiary, the remaining assets are placed in the Permanent Fund. Life income gifts may offer donors the following benefits: an annual income stream; an immediate US federal income tax deduction; avoidance or reduc-



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tion of capital gains taxes on gifts of appreciated assets; and possible estate tax savings. The main types of life income gifts are charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities and pooled income funds. Your legal and tax advisors can explain the benefits of each type of gift, given your unique personal circumstances.

Your gifts to the Permanent Fund are recognized by RI in several ways:

Anyone who informs the Foundation in writing that he or she has made a provision in their will or estate plan naming The Rotary Foundation’s Permanent Fund as a beneficiary, or anyone who makes an outright gift of \$1000 or more to the Permanent Fund is recognized as a Benefactor. Bequest Society recognition is extended for bequest commitments worth at least \$10,000. Major donor recognition is presented for outright contributions and life income gifts of \$10,000 or more. In appreciation for outright gifts of \$25,000 or more, the Foundation will honor the donor’s contribution by establishing a special Named Fund within the Permanent Fund. Currently, District 6000 has 35 Rotarians and their Rotary Partners who have made a major gift.

No matter how you choose to give, you will know that your gift to the Permanent Fund helping to insure that the much-needed humanitarian and educational programs of the Rotary Foundation will continue and be expanded. The world needs Rotary and the Rotary Foundation!

When you are ready to make your gift to the Permanent Fund, if you would like further information, or would like to schedule a member of the committee to make a presentation to your club, please contact either Sheila Tipton (515-699-3291 or tipton.sheila@dorsey.com) or Margaret Wilson (515-964-9909 or Margaret.Wilson@mchsi.com).



Harvey Siglan and Bob Pinnell of the Rotary Club of Perry have nearly 100 years of Rotary membership between them. To celebrate Rotary’s Centennial, all D-6000 Rotarians with 25-plus years of membership will be honored at District Conference – if you provide the information. Secretaries: Please submit your awards information to Jerri Uitermarkt!!

Youth Exchange students to be at P.E.T.S., Assembly

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Youth Exchange: The Rotary Youth Exchange Committee under the leadership of Johnny Boyd has been active, as always, conducting interviews of candidates for Outbound Youth Exchange in December at Muscatine and Indianola. The annual Winter Retreat will be held Jan. 8-9 at Camp Wesley Woods in Indianola and the students will join Rotarians in Newton on April 8-9 for the first time during P.E.T.S. and District Assembly. Their presentation of flags is always a highlight!

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P.E.T.S. and District Assembly: Club leaders are urged to mark the dates of Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 for two important D-6000 activities. Governor-Elect Corliss Klaassen will meet the first class of club presidents in Rotary's second century at President-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.) on Friday, April 8 at the DMAC Conference Center in Newton. Activities will begin in the late afternoon. District Assembly will be held on Saturday, April 9, also at DMAC. There will be project displays and educational programs at the District Assembly – and some fun, funny and unexpected surprises!

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Assistant Governor Training: The date for Governor-Elect Corliss Klaassen's Assistant Governor Training will be one week later than previously announced. The new dates are Friday evening, March 18 and Saturday, March 19, at Newton. The change was made due to a conflict with our D-6000 mission in Xicotepec, Mexico, which has been expanded to two separate weekly sessions, the first of which will be March 5-12.

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Nineteen New Members! Muscatine Rotary Club president Mike Ruby reports that his club has inducted 19 members since July 1, with two more inductions scheduled in early January. "We've lost 8-9 since July, but are still ahead by 11-12," he writes. Mike says his year is flying by, but many goals are being accomplished: "We adopted a WCS project for refurbishing the Red Cross building in Xicotepec and our Centennial Project has been approved: placing nice bronze signs on local buildings of historic significance." Muscatine Interactors were pictured on the front page of the *Muscatine Journal* packing supplies to send to troops in Iraq. The club is planning a big Centennial banquet for Feb. 17 and plans are underway for pre- and post-convention homestays. *Congratulations, Muscatine!*

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Governor's Volunteer Award: Congratulations to President Craig Downs and the Rotary Club of Boone, which received the Governor's Volunteer Award from Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack on Oct. 22 in honor of 10 consecutive years of participation in the Adopt A Highway litter project.

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Send Your 2005-06 Officers' Names to RI: Club secretaries should have received the 3-part form from Rotary International for reporting their officers for the Rotary year beginning July 1, 2005. It will save time and money for your district if you provide this information in a timely way to both RI and D-6000 administrator Jerri Uitermarkt immediately!



North Scott Rotarians made \$1,200 by lending a hand as ushers and ticker takers at Hawkeye football games this fall. Clubs who are interested in volunteering at Iowa or Iowa State games should contact Rotarian Gene Hoth of PerMar Security, who oversees security teams at both universities. Gene may be contacted at (563) 326-2511.

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Welcome To D-6000: Ray Den Adel, who was District Governor of Rotary District 6420 in northern Illinois in 1997-98, has moved to Pella, where he will join the Pella Rotary Club. He was a distinguished Professor Emeritus of Classical Languages at Rockford College, where he served for 30 years.

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Perfect Attendance! Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Decatur County for having 100 percent of club members present for the District Governor's Official Visit on Nov. 22.

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Charter Members of District 6000 Paul Harris Society

There are 22 charter members of the District 6000 Paul Harris Society. These are Rotarians who pledge to give \$1,000 per year to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation for 10 years, working toward the Major Donor status of \$10,000. Charter Members are those who make this pledge during Rotary year 2004-05. They will receive a Paul Harris Society ribbon for their Rotary pins at District Conference, June 15-17 in Davenport. There is no form to sign, but to signify your intent, please contact District Governor Bill Tubbs, (563) 285-5665, or administrator Jerri Uitermarkt, (877) 976-8279.

Bob Anderson, Ames
Del/Georgia Bluhm, Ames
Tom Brooke, West Liberty
George Christensen, Ames
John/Linda Dasher, Ames
Dave Dickson, Ames
Mary Gibbons, Ames
Don/Doris Goering, Ames
Conrad Gregg, West Liberty
Paul Hellwege, Boone
Corliss/Jeanne Klaassen,
Chariton

Bill Koellner, West Liberty
Loring Miller, Decatur County
Phyllis Miller, Decatur County
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



AG Brock Earnhardt (Davenport), Gov. Bill Tubbs (D-6000) and Gov. Bob Newlon (D-6420) with the philanthropy award.

Philanthropists honor Rotary

Rotary clubs in the Quad Cities were presented with the "Outstanding Civic Service Organization Award" by the Association of Fund Raising Professionals at their annual National Philanthropy Day Awards on Nov. 18. Below is the tribute to Rotary that was read by Joy Boruff, a Philanthropy Day committee member who is a member of the Moline (IL) Rotary Club:

"How do I begin to describe all the good things that Rotary members do for our community? Our AFP awards committee thinks it's only appropriate that the entire group of 13 Quad Cities Rotary Clubs share in this award as next year marks the 100th anniversary of Rotary International.

"Over 1,000 members in the Quad Cities volunteer on a local, national and international basis. You can find Rotary members helping in the John Deere Classic, participating in Birdies for Charity, cleanup of Ben Butterworth Parkway, volunteering as bell ringers for Salvation Army, phone volunteers for Telethons to benefit WQPT-TV and Children's Therapy Center, and raising money for needy children to attend college. Our local Rotary clubs also participate in international Rotary projects including contributions to Polio Plus, career exchanges, onsite management for clean water in Costa Rica, Guatemala and New Guinea, new school desks for children in India, and the Rotary Foreign Student Exchange. Local funds are raised by Rotarians for First Day Fund, Boy Scout camp, Child Abuse Council, Salvation Army, Junior Achievement, Good Fellows Fund, Bethany for Children and Families, Boys and Girls Club, after prom and after graduation parties, Junior Achievement, our public libraries, veterans' housing, Special Olympics, Family Resources, CASI, D.A.R.E., the YMCAs, the Red Cross, and many more.

"With that kind of list, it is no wonder that the Rotary motto is 'Service Above Self.' Around the world, there are over 31,600 clubs with a total membership of 1,180,000 men and women. Those are big numbers with lots of importance, but in our corner of the world, we know that we couldn't serve others here at home without the overwhelming support of every single Rotary member.

"The Quad Cities Rotary groups are an important part of the overall philanthropic health of our community as they combine their time, talents, and treasure to benefit others. Tonight, we present the Outstanding Civic Service Organization award to the Quad Cities Rotary chapters. Accepting are the two District Governors: Bill Tubbs from Eldridge, Iowa (North Scott club) and Bob Newlon from Sterling, Ill. (Oregon club)."

Dallas Center Rotary Club receives \$40,000 bequest

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Dallas Center: Never underestimate the value that Rotarians and their families place on their Rotary membership and service. Doris Labor, whose husband, Conrad, was a charter member of the Dallas Center Rotary Club in 1927, died in August at the age of 98. In her will, she bequeathed \$40,000 to the Dallas Center Rotary Club. President Mike Thomas and club leaders will use the bequest to fund scholarships, civic projects and The Rotary Foundation. Are there Rotarians in your club who would leave such a legacy? If your club received a bequest, how would you best use it to achieve your Rotary dreams?

Helping Families of Troops: Front page stories in consecutive issues of the *Union Republican* and *Monroe County News* announced the Albia Rotary Club's Centennial project: Club members will provide support to the families of military personnel who have been called to active duty. Activities include: "stamps of support" (postage for families to send gifts); angel tree of gifts for their children; utilizing high school students to shovel snow, rake leaves, babysit and run errands; creating a "phone tree" to contact families regularly and ask about their needs; and providing technology support for e-mail and website communication with service personnel. Club members will work with the local Ministerial Association and public to identify families, said club president Richard Sperring.

Des Moines Riverwalk: To celebrate Rotary's 100th birthday, President Tim Wolf and the Des Moines AM Rotary Club announced that it is pursuing the goal to raise \$100,000 to build a children's playground on the Principal Riverwalk, which is a major feature in Des Moines' downtown redevelopment. Their goal is 100 percent participation by the membership, at a level set by each member. Pledges are payable over three years.

Priyanka Honored: PDG Gary Pacha reports the great news that Priyanka Rao of Iowa City was chosen to be a RYLA participant in the Rotary International Convention in Chicago. Only a small number of applicants were selected. Congratulations!

New Secretary: Veronica Fuhs is the new secretary for the Rotary Club of Chariton. Her address: Lucas County Health Center, 1200 N. 7th St., Chariton, IA 50049, ph. (641) 774-3324 (B); (641) 774-5133 (H); (641) 774-3397 (F). E-mail: vfuhs@lhcia.com.

Recovering: Past AG John Tone of Des Moines is convalescing at Wesley Acres Health Center, 3520 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312, after surviving meningitis.

Club Eternal: Our sympathies to the family of PDG Conley Biddle (1978-79) on the death of former D-6000 First Lady Vera Biddle, 93, on Dec. 21 at Ramsey Home, Des Moines.

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Rotarians embark on Central American trip

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Central American Trip: Five D-6000 Rotarians will travel to Central America Jan. 9-24. PDG Gary Pacha and Dr. Bill Olin of Iowa City Rotary will meet with a hospital-affiliated organization in Antigua to attempt to organize a facial reconstruction surgery mission for later this year. The two of them will go with the hospital representative to Huehuetenango, Guatemala, which is where PDG Herb Wilson received an affirmative response to his suggestion of a facial reconstruction surgery (Iowa M.O.S.T.) project. Bill Burress and ADG Brock Earnhardt of Davenport Rotary and Jim Peterson of Iowa City AM Rotary will go to Quetzaltenango to meet with a non-governmental agency that provides engineering services for impoverished villages. Bill, Brock and Jim will then meet Gary and Bill and Huehuetenango Rotarians who also have an interest in supporting a public water supply project in Cuilco, Guatemala. They will inspect the Cuilco opportunity and then travel to Mayan villages in the municipality of Barillas – some of the most impoverished villages in the Western Hemisphere. The trip will conclude with attendance at the Uniendo America Project Fair in Antigua, Guatemala.

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Your Semi-Annual Report: James Damato, the supervisor of Rotary Club and District Administration for Central/Pan America, asked us to provide the following information to clubs regarding their Semi-Annual Reports: “Dear Governors and Governors-Elect: There seems to be some confusion regarding the SAR from clubs in many of the districts we work with. We have received calls from clubs wanting to know where the SAR is and stating that it is due 1 January. Since this question has been asked throughout our region of service, I am sending this information to all DGs and DGEs. Please let your clubs know that the SARs are not sent out until mid-June (July



Dr. Jay Eastman (c), a pediatrician from Rochester, MI, and Ueli Liechti (second from right), a building contractor from Squamish, British Columbia, Canada, met recently with Jim Peterson (l), Governor Bill Tubbs and AG Brock Earnhardt (r) to explore ways to partner with FAMSCO to plan the construction of the first and only medical clinic to serve 15,000 people in Nuevo Eden, Guatemala.

FAMSCO is booming!

It's been a banner year thus far for our FAMSCO, our D-6000 Fire & Medical Supply Company. More than 25 tons of humanitarian supplies have been shipped:

– **Nov. 5:** a container including electric hospital beds and mattresses to Tegusagapa, Honduras.

– **Nov. 11:** a container including commercial grade sewing machines and fabric to a vocational center in Berlin, El Salvador.

– **Nov. 29:** a container of medical goods to El Salvador.

Pending shipments include a fire truck from Russell, Iowa to Hermosillo, a bus from Kentucky purchased by West Liberty Rotary to Manzanillo, Mexico, a fire truck from DeWitt to Lima, Peru, and a fire truck from Cordova to Nicaragua.

Rotaractors and Interactors are helping at inventory work days at the Iowa City warehouse, where activity is bustling.

The Bloomfield Hospital will close its OBYN department and supplies will be donated to FAMSCO through Bloomfield Rotary.

If your club provided financial or material support to FAMSCO this year, thank you! You are making a difference! If not, please do – send your checks to FAMSCO, c/o District Treasurer Steve Fahrenkrog, P.O. Box 79, Eldridge, IA 52748

reporting period SAR, sent to clubs in in mid-June) and mid-December (January reporting period SAR, sent to clubs in mid-December), and are due upon receipt, not on the first day of the reporting period (1 July and 1 January). They generally are expected to be received by RI by 31 July and 31 January. In addition, replacements will not be sent until after the 15 July and 15 January, to give the post office enough time to deliver them. Thank you for your assistance.”

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Campaign for Chicago's Comely Bank: Past RI President Frank Devlyn is encouraging Rotarians to participate in the purchase of the Paul and Jean Harris home known as “Comely Bank.” The Harrises lived there from 1912-1947. The goal is to preserve it for future generations as a museum and library. A new website has been launched giving the complete history of “Comely Bank” and making it possible for individual Rotarians, clubs and districts to contribute to the house and become part of Rotary history. The website: www.comelybank.org.

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New Members Welcomed: All new Rotary club members who joined Rotary after July 1, 2004 should receive a personal welcome letter signed by the RI President. This letter will be accompanied by a bulletin identifying the many opportunities available to new members at the club, district and international levels. The letter and bulletin will be sent on a quarterly basis from RI headquarters. The first mailing was scheduled to go out in November 2004, reports Jill Pohren, who is manager of the RI Membership Development Division.

Trivia Question: What D-6000 Rotarian designed the Bell Tower in Jefferson, Iowa? (A free Rotary Centennial pin to all who answer correctly!) Call Bill, 563-285-8111.

RI board actions affecting clubs, districts

The following RI Board and Trustee decisions from October and November 2004 pertain to Rotary clubs and districts:

Club matters

Rotary Youth Exchange Program: Protecting Students from Sexual Abuse and Harassment: The Board endorsed changes to the Youth Exchange program and requested the general secretary to develop and implement a Youth Exchange club and district certification program aimed at protecting students from sexual abuse and harassment, with full implementation effective 1 July 2006. When developed, this certification program will include procedures for handling historic cases of abuse, including guidelines for investigations and reimbursement of counseling costs for former students, and procedures to conduct investigations into historic cases of sexual abuse and harassment and contract investigators for this purpose. The Board also added a mandatory group discussion session on sexual abuse and harassment prevention for governors-elect at the International Assembly beginning in 2005.

RYLA Committee Report: The Board also requested the general secretary to adapt the Youth Exchange abuse-prevention guidelines for RYLA - see item above.

Club Leadership Plan: The Board approved a new administrative structure for Rotary clubs designed to make running a club easier. The Club Leadership Plan, an extension of the highly successful District Leadership Plan, helps Rotary clubs develop standard procedures to ensure continuity, communication, and Rotarian involvement. The plan lists nine steps for strengthening clubs and includes developing a long-range plan, ensuring clear communication among club and district leaders, and providing opportunities for increased fellowship among club members. Club leaders are encouraged to seek the support of their assistant governors to determine how best to implement these procedures within their club. Approval of the Club Leadership Plan also included a revision to the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws, which had not been significantly revised in more than six years. The major change in the new [Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws](#) is the recommended committee structure. The bylaws now recommend only five committees, as compared with 18, and the focus is on club operations: club administration, membership, public relations, service projects, and The Rotary Foundation.

Reducing the Minimum Number of Members for a Sponsor Club: The Board agreed to reduce the minimum number of members in sponsor Rotary clubs from twenty-five to twenty.

District and RI matters

The President's Representative at District Conferences: The Board reaffirmed the importance of the role of the president's representative at the district conference, and agreed to continue funding the travel expenses of the president's representative. It did not agree that each district should decide for itself whether a visit by a president's representative to the district conference is necessary.

Timing of Expense Statements: The Board amended its policy concerning reimbursement procedures for Rotarians serving on RI committees and in other official RI capacities as follows: "All requests for reimbursement of business expenses shall be submitted

on a RI expense statement within 60 days of when the expenses were incurred. All expenses in excess of US\$75 must be substantiated with a receipt. Expense statements received after 60 days will not be reimbursed unless authorized by the general secretary in exceptional cases where circumstances warrant such action." Note: This policy does not pertain to current district governors, as a separate policy governs their reimbursement procedure.

Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace: The Board agreed to discontinue this award, effective immediately.

Names of Members of the Nominating Committee for President: The Board reaffirmed its policy that prohibits any efforts to influence members of the Nominating Committee for RI President, either directly or indirectly, and requested that any Rotarian that is aware of efforts to influence members of the Nominating Committee to notify the general secretary. The Board further agreed that RI's interests are best served by making public the names of the members of the Nominating Committee for RI President each year.

Suspension of Malmö/Copenhagen International Institute: The Board agreed to suspend the International Institute during 2005-06 due to the high costs of hosting this meeting.

Site for the 2011 RI Convention: The Board has tentatively selected Salt Lake City, Utah, USA as the site for the 2011 RI Convention.

Site of Future RI International Assemblies: The Board agreed to hold the International Assembly at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Diego, California, USA starting in 2006. In making this change, the Board asked the general secretary to negotiate the cancellation of arrangements that were previously scheduled for the Anaheim Hilton Hotel, in Anaheim, California.

Reinstatement of the 3-H Program: The Trustees acknowledged the importance of Health, Hunger and Humanity grants (3-H grants) in achieving the mission of The Rotary Foundation and lifted the moratorium on new 3-H grant applications effective Jan. 1, 2005.

Reinstatement of Annual World Fund Group Study Exchanges: The Trustees agreed to reinstate annual Group Study Exchange (GSE) awards funded by the World Fund effective immediately, and to consider applications from districts for GSE team travel beginning with the 2005-06 program year. The Trustees also agreed to a one-time extension of the application deadline to March 1, 2005 for 2005-06 GSE program awards, and continue to encourage districts to utilize District Designated Funds to send GSE teams, which help preserve the World Fund for other educational and humanitarian grant programs of the Foundation.

Recognition of New Rotary Fellowships

The Board recognized the following new Rotary fellowships:

- Doll Lovers Fellowship
- International Fellowship of Rotarian Dental Volunteers
- Rotary International Fellowship for the Prevention of Drug Abuse**,
- Football World Fellowship of Rotarians
- World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets
- Fellowship of Literacy Providers
- International Fellowship of Rotary International Convention Goers** (***) **contingent upon an appropriate name change**

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

Name of Club	Number of Meetings	Number of Members	Attendance Percent	Rank for November
Adel	3	25	63.00%	35
Albia	5	41	54.00%	40
Ames	5	270	66.80%	28
Ames Morning	4	71	52.61%	42
Ankeny				
Atlantic	5	61	83.05%	7
Bettendorf	4	84	78.99%	12
Bloomfield				
Boone	4	71	61.00%	37
Burlington	5	108	78.33%	13
Carroll	4	61	62.04%	36
Centerville	4	57	57.00%	38
Chariton				
Clinton				
Coon Rapids	3	24	67.00%	25
Coralville-North Corridor	5	42	99.50%	1
Corning	5	58	70.92%	18
Corydon				
Creston	5	36	37.00%	46
Dallas Center				
Davenport	5	196	52.68%	41
Decatur County	5	15	79.00%	11
Des Moines	3	383	70.22%	19
Des Moines A.M.	3	146	67.00%	26
East Polk County	4	45	66.00%	31
Fairfield	3	69	66.99%	27
Fort Madison				
Grinnell	5	38	72.00%	16
Indianola				
Iowa City	4	308	65.00%	33
Iowa City A.M.	5	60	66.68%	29
Iowa City Downtown				
Iowa Quad-Cities	3	47	67.51%	24
Jefferson				
Johnston	5	33	81.33%	8
Kalona	5	41	87.43%	5
Keokuk	4	94	44.80%	45
Keosauqua	5	29	52.30%	43
Knoxville	4	65	66.27%	30
Lenox				
Manning	5	20	78.00%	14
Marengo				
Marshalltown	5	190	68.03%	21
Mount Pleasant Noon				
Mt. Pleasant				
Muscatine	5	146	47.26%	44
Nevada	4	68	68.00%	22
Newton	5	99	68.00%	23
North Scott	3	99	87.75%	4
Northwest Des Moines	3	85	88.50%	3
Odyssey Rotary Ottumwa	2	15	80.00%	10
Osceola	5	38	55.56%	39
Oskaloosa				
Ottumwa	4	111	65.10%	32
Pella	5	45	80.60%	9
Perry	4	37	71.00%	17
Tipton	4	31	75.20%	15
Washington				
Waukeke				
Wellman	3	35	95.89%	2
West Des Moines	5	85	64.00%	34
West Liberty	5	34	70.00%	20
Winterset	3	32	86.72%	6



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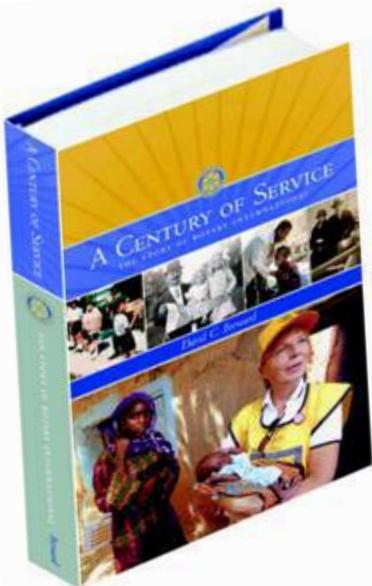
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This newsletter has been mailed to District 6000 club presidents, assistant governors, past and future district governors and committee chairs. It is also posted in PDF format with the pictures in color at our district website, www.rotary6000.org.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

- Celebrate Rotary - YES!



2. Give Centennial Book.

Order the Rotary Centennial book (publication 913-EN) through RI Publications by calling (847) 866-4600. This book tells the history of Rotary first 100 years and costs only \$25. Ask your members to sign the inside cover and then give a copy to your local library. The book also makes a nice present!

1. Make a Square for the D-6000 Centennial Quilt.

All 63 clubs in District 6000 should be represented on this quilt! Guidelines are: Make an 8-1/2-inch cotton square. The design should represent your club. Any art medium may be used – painted, counted cross-stitch, applique, photo or whatever your creative people want to use. The square will be trimmed to 7-inches, which is why you need to leave a 1-1/2-inch border! Submit your finished quilt piece by Jan. 15 to: Sarah Simpson, 2633 Canterbury Rd., Muscatine, IA 52761.

3. Sponsor a Four-Way Test Essay Contest.

Details of the D-6000 Four-Way Test essay contest are on p. 52 of your District Directory. We urge all clubs to involve youth (junior- and senior-high) and Rotarians/Rotaractors in this project aimed at raising awareness of ethics. The essays should be no more than 400 words. Sponsor a local contest with your own prizes and recognition, then submit your winning entries to our district competition. Deadline is Jan. 15. Send to: Deb Pullin-Van Auken, 715 Second St., Columbus Jct., IA 52738.



Governor's District 6000 Centennial Citation



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

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

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

Section B: (30 Points)

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

Section C: (20 Points)

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

YOUR SCORE	PRIZE	
Platinum 100 Points	(1,000 Rotary Foundation Recognition Points: PHF)	TOTAL SCORE Sections A, B, C
Gold 80-99	(300 Rotary Foundation Recognition Points)	
Silver 70-80	(200 Rotary Foundation Recognition Points)	
Bronze 60-70	(100 Rotary Foundation Recognition Points)	
Club Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____		
Submit by April 15, 2005 to: District 6000 Administrator, P.O. Box 46, Knoxville, IA 50138		

– Celebrate Rotary –

Reserve Your Seat NOW! On the BUS from DAVENPORT to CHICAGO!



FIRST! Celebrate Rotary with your fellow Rotarians at our District 6000 Conference, "Celebration of Rotary" in Davenport, June 15-17, 2005. Festivities will conclude after our Friday noon All-District Rotary luncheon at the beautiful, clean, air-conditioned Starlite Ballroom, Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, 2815 West Locust Street, Davenport.

THEN! Leave your car in the secured fairgrounds parking lot and hop aboard the bus with your Rotarian friends for your "opportunity of a lifetime" journey into Rotary history at the Centennial Rotary International Convention, which will take place in Chicago, June 18-22.

YOUR CHOICE! You can stay for all or part of the convention by choosing between two departure and return dates. The bus is your perfect alternative to city driving, highway tolls and expensive parking. Secure your seats NOW!!

YES! Save my seat on the bus to and from Chicago!

(Buses will run based on Rotarian interest. They will deliver to and pick up from the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers and 1-2 other places in downtown Chicago. Please indicate departure and return times.)

DEPARTURE (check one):

_____ Friday, June 17, 3:30 PM

_____ Saturday, June 18, 9:30 AM

RETURN (check one):

_____ Monday, June 20, 11:00 AM

_____ Thursday, June 23, 9:00 AM

NAME: _____ **CLUB:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **Phone:** _____

TOWN: _____ **Zip:** _____

Reservations guaranteed with payment at Early Bird Price of \$50.00 round trip per seat until 12-31-04, \$60.00 until 3-31-05 and \$70.00 thereafter. Make checks payable to: Rotary District 6000.

Send to: Administrator Jerri Uitermarkt, P.O. Box 46, Knoxville, IA 50138.