

# District 6000 News



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– A Global Network of Community Volunteers – September/October/November 2005

*When disaster strikes:*

## 'The miracle of Rotary is there'

By DG Corliss Klaassen/Chariton

The world has experienced what seems like an extraordinary number of natural disasters in the last twelve months.

In December, the Tsunami struck Southern Asia. On the island of Sri Lanka, over 140 schools were destroyed, and in nearby India some 75 coastal villages were destroyed. Fishing boats and



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nets that were used by the fisherman to support their families were also destroyed and we as Rotarians were there to replace many of them.

Rotary clubs, businesses and individuals contributed over \$78,044 thus far to help the people in these areas, and the Atlantic Rotary Club pledged 10 percent of the proceeds from its big fund raising auction, as well.

The District 6000 International Matching Grants Subcommittee is seeking partners and matches so we can maximize the benefits from your contributions. One project, for example,

will provide safe water to 50,000 people in tsunami areas of India.

Working with PDG Lucky Pieris (D-3220, Sri Lanka), we have identified partner districts in Ohio, New York and Illinois for the rebuilding of the Sri Murugan Vidyalaya School in Sri Lanka. PDG Meena Patel (D-6650, Ohio), a governor classmate of PDG Bill Tubbs, is visiting the sites of these projects in December and District 6000 Rotarians will travel to the area in January. District 6000 Rotarians had a chance to meet PDG Pieris and PDG Ranga Rao (D-3150, India) at our District Conference in June, and learn about their needs and projects.

By leveraging our funds we are trying to be good stewards of the money Rotarians from District 6000 have contributed to this devastating disaster. Long-term assistance is what we do best.

### Hurricane Katrina

In August of this year Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast area of our own country. It has been said this was our country's worst natural disaster since the San Francisco earthquake of 1906. Again, Rotarians from District 6000 were there to help. Some Rotarians from our district went to the Gulf Coast area to help with the cleanup efforts. Over \$75,000 has been contributed by Rotarians from District 6000 and our goal is to reach \$100,000. The District 6000 Executive Committee directed that we give the funds we raised to



District 6000 Rotarians, through their 501(C)(3) corporation, FAMSCO (Fire & Medical Supply Co.), delivered hospital beds and supplies valued at more than \$100,000 to Katrina victims in Biloxi, MS.

Rotary Districts 6820 and 6840 in Louisiana and Mississippi. We want them to use the money as matching funds for Katrina relief projects identified by local Rotary clubs. We wish these districts well and look forward to reports about their projects.

Some from District 6000 have contributed money through the Red Cross and their local churches. FAMSCO sent a semi-trailer load of hospital beds and medical supplies to Biloxi, Mississippi. The value of this was estimated to be worth more than \$100,000. John Ockenfels of the Iowa City AM Rotary Club, along with others from FAMSCO, helped with loading the merchandise on a truck belonging to Don Hummer Trucking. Hummer Trucking located in Oxford, Iowa. Then shipped the merchandise to Biloxi at no cost to Rotary.

Just recently, Hurricane Stan destroyed many areas in El Salvador, Guatemala and other Central American countries. The

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# 'You'll never know the lives you touched'

**By John Ockenfels, Iowa City AM  
FAMSCO Vice President**

I just received this update from Robert Langlois, the person that we worked with in Mississippi to insure that the supplies we sent were used where they were needed the most.

Robert truly went to bat for us when the Salvation Army tried to reject the whole load because of their inability to communicate between division leaders. The 36 Hospital beds were eventually unloaded and kept at the first warehouse for distribution by them. The rest of the load was put back on the Hummer truck and delivered to the urgent care center 35 miles away.

Robert had contacted a group of doctors and clinic directors to insure that the supplies would be properly split out and used. This report from Robert details what he had already told me over the phone on Thursday last week.

I believe that this was the right time and place to use what we already had in a warehouse, for the desperate need of our fellow U.S. citizens. A little outside the focus of what we normally do with the equipment and supplies, but absolutely needed and appreciated.



John Ockenfels preparing a FAMSCO shipment for Hurricane Katrina victims.

**Dear John (Ockenfels),**

I cannot begin to thank you, the Rotarians and Hummer Trucking for the generosity, help and support that you gave to the people of south Mississippi. You have truly touched a lot of people with the help and support that you provided.

As I told you on the phone the other day, it is estimated that the dollar value of the supplies sent to us was \$100,000. Believe me, it was put to good use.

The exam tables were snapped up immediately by the Urgent Care Center, and various doctors offices: They had not been able to give pelvic exams for many women until these tables arrived. Also, the blood pressure devices were put to immediate use in several places.

Memorial Hospital at Gulfport was able to use the operating tools immediately. The emergency room crew came by and took a pickup truck load of supplies to go with the tools.

In a nutshell, the supplies that you sent went to various doctors' offices, Memorial Hospital at Gulfport, the Waveland, Mississippi field hospital and to various nurses stations at schools across Hancock county. I received a phone call the other night from a school nurse thanking us for the supplies. She was in tears.

To you and all of the Rotarians, thank you so much for your generosity. You will never know the number of lives that you have touched and the number of men, women, and children that you have helped. It is groups like yours that make America the great country that she is.

-s- Robert Langlois

## Support Katrina relief through FAMSCO

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storm brought five days of destruction to the communities in the mountains and along the coast. Helpers are still unable to reach these areas and the death toll is continuing to rise.

Also earthquakes hit Pakistan, India and Afghanistan. An estimated 100,000 lives were lost and the injured range to more than 200,000, leaving more than 3.5 million homeless. The District 6000 International Matching Grants Subcommittee plans on working with a club or a district in that part of the world on a 3-H grant to rebuild a village.

What makes Rotary International so unique is that we have established a network of over 32,000 clubs worldwide. Implementing successful, long-term projects is what we do best. We, as a district, are now making plans on how we can provide long-term assistance.

We appreciate your past contributions in helping those who have been affected by all the many natural disasters that have taken place. Our time, talent and resources are still needed in many areas of the world. Please consider giving the "Miracle of Rotary" to the less fortunate this holiday season by demonstrating "SERVICE Above Self" to help those in need.

One area where contributions can be made is to FAMSCO Katrina Relief a 501(c)(3) Corporation. Donations should be sent

to: Dick Kennedy 1811 North Dubuque Road, Iowa City, IA 52245. Since 1990 FAMSCO has provided over 250 tons of medical equipment and supplies and some 75 emergency vehicles for use in needy communities in Latin America.

Even though there have been many disasters in the world we need to be grateful for the opportunity Rotary gives us to help those who are less fortunate.

Jeanne and I want to extend our sincere wishes to you and your families for a Happy Holiday Season.



An occupant stands beside one of many apartment buildings in Mississippi that was leveled by Hurricane Katrina. Photo by John Ockenfels

# 'Rotary beats on strongly in this district'

*Earlier this fall, we received the following letter recognizing the work of District 6000 Rotarians from Tom Thorfinnson of Eden Prairie, MN, the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 27. Thanks to all whose support makes good things happen!*

## Dear District Leaders from Zones 27 (and to some extent 28):

I received a few compliments for the programs we set up for the institute and the presentations. Sometimes we are lucky enough to see the bigger picture and put it in perspective. The speakers can motivate us and keep us going. As a presenter this can feed one's ego and make you feel good. But, it is easy to let this go to your head. One can make a few presentations, and think you are truly helping change the world.

But, to a very, very large extent the success of The Rotary Foundation is not dependent on the speakers, the presentations, nor the gatherings. Instead it is very dependent on what we do when we head home. We must translate feeling good into doing good. It is the little things that must happen to change the world as we know it. Success is largely made up of a series of very small steps each moving us forward.

In this context I want to highlight one of the districts where the leaders truly know how to take care of the little things:

1. This is a district with few big egos; one known for honesty and integrity.
2. TRF presenters in this district are accurate and knowledgeable on The Rotary Foundation.
3. The district leadership takes its District Foundation Seminar on the road to increase attendance, and as a result it is repeated over several weekends in various locations. This is more work and less glamorous than a big district show, but gets out to more of the local Rotarians.
4. Paul Harris Societies don't just happen. They take work, adopting a plan, assigning tasks, asking people to give one at a time. This district was the first in my zone to start a Paul Harris Society.
5. This district takes seriously the concept of Every Rotarian, Every Year. As a result, this district has the highest percentage of sustaining members of any district in all of North America (47 percent). This can only happen if the little things are done, like getting

## 'Sincere appreciation'

### Friends in District 6000:

Please accept my personal and very sincere appreciation for your efforts that achieved significant results for our Rotary Foundation. And, if I may be so bold, please accept a round of applause from the many who will benefit from your labor in the Rotary field of dreams. To little tommy t - thank you for the detailed information on the activities and actions of quality district Rotary leaders who give witness to the terms "team leaders" and "team players." You have a way with words as an attorney but you make those words rejoice with sincerity in Rotary service for others through our Rotary Foundation. I am very proud and appreciative to count you a friend. Thank you Bill, Corliss, Don and little tommie t. Please - keep doing the little things!

-s- Louis Piconi, Pittsburgh, PA  
Rotary International Vice President, 2000-01

TRF direct forms into the hands of Rotarians, asking them to give, following up with reminders and asking them again.

6. This district came within a hair's breath of reaching \$100 per capita last year. At almost 4,400 Rotarians this means a phenomenal sum for the annual fund! This was done with very few large gifts, just working hard on getting everyone to consider a gift.

My hat goes off to District 6000 (southern Iowa) and its many leaders for taking care of the little things, thereby making big things happen. Thanks to last year's DG Bill Tubbs, this year's DG Corliss Klaassen, DRFC Don Goering (also last year's annual giving chair) and to the many, many other past and future leaders in District 6000 who toil away on the little things. The heart of Rotary beats on strongly in this district, despite little recognition.

Sincerely,

little tommie t, rrfc - taking the little steps to try to avoid stepping in it!

# 200 from 52 clubs attend Regional meetings

## By Don Goering/Ames

District Rotary Foundation Chair

Under the leadership of District Governor Corliss Klaassen, District Membership Co-Chair Bill Tubbs and District Foundation Chair Don Goering six Sub-District Seminars were held in September.

One hundred thirty-seven District 6000 Rotarians from fifty-two District 6000 Rotary Clubs participated in one of six seminars held around our District. At each seminar, there were two major sections with 9 to 10 Rotarians leading the many presentations. The first section dealt with membership while the second section focused on The Rotary Foundation.

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Among those providing leadership at the Regional Foundation/Membership Seminars were DG Corliss Klaassen (Chariton), Foundation chair Don Goering (Ames), Tom Brooke of West Liberty, DGE Del Bluhm (Ames) and Michael Smith, the Major Gifts Officer of The Rotary Foundation, Evanston.

# Rotary Foundation

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The membership portion the seminars, led by Mike Ruby and John Schwandke of Muscatine, Tim Wolf of Des Moines AM and PDG Bill Tubbs, stressed the goal of a net increase of one Rotarian for each club in District 6000 (for the larger clubs, the goal is greater), and discussions on ideas to track new members.

The Foundation section reviewed the programs supported by Rotarian giving to The Rotary Foundation, to include: Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, District Simplified Grants and Matching Grants for International Service. In addition, a review of the structure of The Rotary Foundation, and the status of the Every Rotarian, Every Year campaign in District 6000 was presented.

For the second year, District 6000 leadership is thrilled that each of the 63 clubs has submitted an Every Rotarian, Every Year goal.

During the six seminars the following District 6000 Rotary Clubs were recognized for contributing \$100 or more per Rotarian to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation:

Decatur County - \$645.59  
 Northwest Des Moines - \$359.52  
 West Liberty - \$289.71  
 Iowa City AM - \$283.46  
 Coralville-North Corridor - \$184.52  
 Wellman - \$145.40  
 Ankeny - \$143.59  
 Muscatine - \$135.67  
 North Scott - \$129.44  
 Ames (Noon) - \$124.48  
 Bettendorf - \$123.47  
 Johnston - \$123.33  
 West Des Moines - \$123.00  
 Carroll - \$117.64  
 Nevada - \$117.01  
 Newton - \$114.02  
 Indianola - \$112.50  
 Ottumwa - \$108.93  
 Bloomfield - \$107.69  
 Ames Morning - \$105.88  
 Iowa City Downtown - \$102.17  
 Washington - \$101.61  
 Fairfield - \$101.39  
 East Polk County - \$100.45  
 Pella - \$100.00

As a result of the first year of the Every Rotarian, Every Year campaign, District 6000 Rotarians contributed \$96.60 for the 2004-05 Rotary year.

2005-06 Club Presidents were urged to reconsider their 2005-06 Every Rotarian, Every Year goal as 31 club goals that were reported were below what their clubs gave during 2004-05 Rotary year. Our District 6000 Every Rotarian, Every Year goal for 2005-06 is to exceed \$100 per Rotarian. We are all going to have to get serious about supporting our foundation, The Rotary Foundation.



DG Corliss Klaassen was at Mt. Pleasant for the signing this fall of the application for the district's newest Interact club. The club's activities include weathering a community playground, recycling pop bottles, raising \$500 for Katrina relief, judging Halloween costumes, raking leaves for senior citizens, helping with the Rotary barbecue, Relay for Life, and a Christmas project. Mt. Pleasant Rotarian Cal Litwiller (r) hopes an Interactor will join the D-6000 Xicotepec project team.

## GSE team prepares for exchange with Philippines

By Karin Franklin/Iowa City

D-6000 Group Study Exchange chair

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) team for the 2006 exchange with District 3810 in the Philippines has been selected and is preparing for their trip on Feb. 24, 2006 to Manila.

The team leader is retired U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Russell Hill from the Des Moines AM Club. The non-Rotarian team members are Cindy Feldman of Des Moines, Elizabeth Marie Wildenberg de Hernandez of West Branch, Tina Potthoff of West Des Moines and David Remund of Windsor Heights. Sue Gibbons from the Ankeny Rotary Club is the alternate team leader. Cindy, Tina and Dave are all sponsored by the West Des Moines Club; Liz is sponsored by the Iowa City Noon Club.

The team represents a variety of professions. Liz Hernandez is employed by the University of Iowa International Programs and is their Study Abroad adviser and program coordinator. Cindy Feldman is Communications Manager for the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church. Tina Potthoff is a familiar face to WOI viewers where she serves as TV news anchor. Dave Remund owns his own business, Ascend Communications Inc., which is a public relations and marketing consulting firm.

GSE is an exchange program between two Rotary districts to further understand-

### GSE HOST CLUBS NEEDED

Clubs who are interested in hosting the team from the Philippines should contact Inbound GSE Coordinator Mark Snell at (515) 956-7868 (B), (515) 267-1770 (H), or e-mail: marksnellRCDM@att.net.

ing between peoples of different nations and to provide a professional development opportunity for four non-Rotarians.

Over the next two months the team will prepare for their exchange by educating themselves on their destination country, the Philippines; preparing a presentation to be delivered to various Rotary clubs during their visit; and coalescing as a team before spending a month together on this great adventure.

Our team will be visiting the Philippines between Feb. 24 and March 24, 2006. The team from District 3810 will be visiting Iowa from April 8 to May 8, 2006. Both teams will be at the District Conference in West Des Moines from April 27-29<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks to the diligent recruiting and selection work of the Outbound GSE Committee headed by Andy Knebel and including Bob Bainter, Merle Anderson, Steve Churchill, John Tone, Todd Millang, Kathy Skinner, DGE Del Bluhm and DG Corliss Klaassen.

# Clubs: Notify district, RI of community projects

## Dear Club Community Service Chairs:

I am chairing the District 6000 Club Community Service Committee. I wanted to pass along to you these two resources that will help you as you oversee your club's community service projects. And RI's "Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects" will give some resources for selecting, planning, and promoting your projects. Please refer to Pages 17-18 of the Guide.

Rotary International is very anxious to have the data on community service projects around the world. RI told me in May that they didn't get this kind of information from District 6000 for many years. If you will, at a minimum, forward that information to me, I can make a report to RI at the end of this Rotary year.

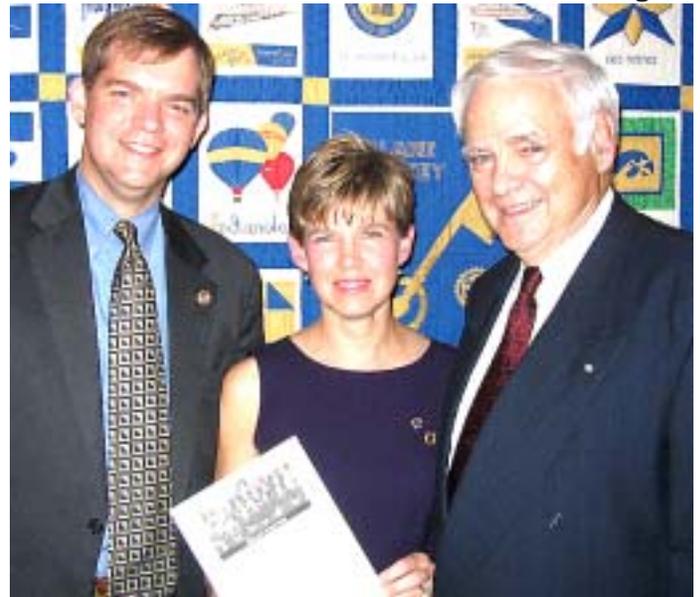
District 6000 is known for its good work and strong Rotarians. Let's share that information with the world. You never know – a project you are doing may inspire a club somewhere else to replicate your club's good work. Thank you for your service to your community, to District 6000, and to the world!

Service Above Self,  
Susan H. Herrick, CPSII  
District 6000 Club Community Service Chair  
Rotary Club of Boone, Iowa  
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## Exploratory committee announced

District Governor Corliss Klaassen invites District 6000 Rotarians to serve on an exploratory committee to study the feasibility of chartering an evening Rotary club in Des Moines.

In response to a information received by District Club Extension chair, PDG Bill Tubbs, the D-6000 Executive Committee on Nov. 9 asked Klaassen to create the committee and invite Rotarians to serve. If interested, please contact DG Klaassen at (641) 774-2478.



## *Fifth generation Family of Rotary*

Iowa City Rotary Club president Ann Parker (c), who presided at her club's 90th anniversary charter night on Nov. 10, may be the first fifth generation Rotarian in District 6000. Ann is pictured with father, Bill Bywater (r), and brother, David. "We're looking at four generations on one side of my father's family and five on the other," says Bill. Bill's uncle, Leroy Mercer, was a charter member in 1915. In 1925, Bill's great uncle, Dr. William Bywater, was club president. Writes Bill: "My Uncle Roy brought his father, Samuel Mercer, into the club (first generation). He died in 1928. My father, Raymond Bywater, (third generation), became a member in 1944 and brought in another second generation member, his uncle Willis Mercer (Roy's brother) in 1948, a recruit from the Lions Club. My wonderful association began in 1964." Bill was club president in 1969 and served as secretary and treasurer.



The Marshalltown Rotary Club hosted a delegation of 11 Russian small construction contractors, a team leader and translator in the Productivity Enhancement Program (PEP) for 15 days in this fall. PEP, which has been called 'The Marshall Plan for Russia,' is sponsored by the U.S. and Russian State Departments, and administered by the Center for Citizen Initiatives in San Francisco. Delegates live in homes, receive vocational training, and participate in social activities. The Rotary Clubs of Indianola and Ankeny will host a delegation of supermarket managers April 13-30, and the Rotary Clubs of Bettendorf, North Scott, Davenport and Iowa Quad Cities will host a private medical clinic delegation April 5-22. For information about hosting a PEP delegation, contact Christina Weber, a D-6000 2000-01 Ambassadorial Scholar to Australia, at 888-729-7071. Marshalltown coordinator Gene Beach is pictured at left; Weber is third from left; and D-6000 Club Extension chair Bill Tubbs is fifth from left. Former PEP delegates have started 25 Rotary clubs in Russia.

# Making a better world – one child at a time

■ Every club in D-6000 could sponsor a \$450 scholarship to save the life a child in your community

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

(Excerpted from Aug. 31, 2005 North Scott Press)

One of my last duties as Rotary district governor was to host the annual Past District Governor Picnic. It's a time for all who have walked in your shoes to share their common experiences and catch up on news of the district. In choosing a place for this year's picnic, there was a motive behind our selection of Wildwood Hills Ranch near St. Charles, which is 25 miles southwest of Des Moines near Winterset in Madison County.

The camp was originally an exclusive dude ranch for rich kids. A scandal forced the immediate sale of the 400-acre site in March 2000, and it was just what Michael Whalen, the Heart of America Restaurants & Inns owner, was looking for. Mike was – and still is – a businessman who wanted to use his success to leave a legacy.

Whalen, who graduated from Harvard Law School, developed, owns and operates 26 restaurants and hotels in 10 metropolitan areas of six Midwestern states. It began when his concept of a restaurant dedicated to farmers, the Iowa Machine Shed, opened in the site of the failed Yummy's Coffee Shop at 7250 Northwest Blvd., Davenport, in 1977. The original 100-seats blossomed into the second highest volume restaurant in the state, second only to his other Machine Shed Restaurant in Des Moines.

But business success by itself was not enough for Whalen, who has always been a crusader with a little bit of P.T. Barnam's showmanship in his blood. The camp, for him, provided the opportunity to turn around the lives of neglected children. This year alone, they touched the lives of 500-600 children from Iowa, from the most disadvantaged of backgrounds. In Mike's words:

"The world is full of good causes. At Heart of America Restaurants & Inns we probably receive 50 requests for donations per day throughout our six states. In the overwhelming majority, there is some value. But I have decided that the front line of attack in making a better society has to be to help kids who do not have the kind of beginning that I enjoyed growing up in a great family in Davenport.

"Forty percent of our summer kids are on some kind of strong medication. An astonishing number of them have either been physically, mentally or sexually abused. For many, this is the first few days they've ever spent in a 'normal,' safe and loving environment. It works."

My mission was to create awareness among past and future Rotary district leaders of the good work that is taking place at Wildwood Hills Ranch. I was made aware of the camp in 2003 by Dave Schiltz, the owner of Brown Traffic Products Co. in Davenport and a member of North Scott Rotary. Dave made a donation to the North Scott Rotary Educational Foundation to fund a \$450 camp scholarship annually.

Last Saturday, Mike flew to Des Moines from Bettendorf and drove to the camp to tell the his story to Rotarians, but no-one was more convincing than camp director MaryLou Garcia. MaryLou was the manager of the Iowa Machine Shed in Davenport for 15 years before taking a similar position in Des Moines. She moved to Texas for a few years but hastened home when Mike invited her



Mike Whalen and MaryLou Garcia of Wildwood Hills Ranch explain the work of the camp to Governor Corliss Klaassen and PDGs Ken Noble and Don Goering.

to direct Wildwood Hills Ranch.

MaryLou is filled with passion for the kids. "Miracles can happen in six to seven days," MaryLou said, as she described boys and girls, by name, who came to camp with huge emotional scars and left better equipped to cope with their miserable home circumstances.

To achieve their goal, the children are loved, fed well and made comfortable. They're given the chance to ride horses, play team sports, create art projects, read, swim and fish. The horses in particular teach life lessons, MaryLou says. "At first the kids are scared, but when they overcome their fear and discover that they can control a 1,200-pound animal, they learn that they can control other things in their lives."

Throughout all activities, led mostly by college students who are highly screened and trained, the "Character Counts" curriculum from Drake University – character, teamwork, leadership and integrity – is infused with Judeo-Christian values. By the end of the week, the kids go home with a feeling of self-worth for the first time in their lives. "All these kids just really grab our hearts. Wonderful things happen here," MaryLou said. They return 2-3 times a year through a "bounce back" program and move on to become "counselors in training" – mentors for future 12-year-olds who are referred to the camp by the Iowa Department of Human Services and reputable social service agencies.

Linda and I were pleased that the hearts of past and future governors in attendance on Aug. 31 were touched. The objectives of Wildwood Hills Ranch match so perfectly with our work as Rotarians, and the need is right here in our own communities!! DG Klaassen and district leadership strongly encourages Rotary clubs to sponsor one or more students annually. The collective response of Rotarians could indeed make a huge difference!

Your questions will be answered and you can make your commitment to change the life of a child by calling MaryLou Garcia at (866) 395-7472, or (641) 396-2414, or visit [www.wildwoodhillsranch.com](http://www.wildwoodhillsranch.com).

# Iowa MOST (Miles of Smiles Team) plans first project trip

By PDG Gary Pacha/Iowa City

In April and May of 2003, District 6000 sent a team of medical personnel and Rotarians to San Salvador, El Salvador to carry out a cleft lip and palate surgical mission. Upon its return, the district decided it could staff and finance such a mission as a permanent District 6000 project if it could find a Rotary club and a hospital to partner with us.

The search for a partner began last January when district Rotarians attended the Central American Project Fair in Antigua, Guatemala. Side trips to a few communities in northern Guatemala uncovered a good possible partner in Huehuetenango. Rotarians there have welcomed medical ophthalmic and orthopedic missions and they were excited by the prospect of our proposal for cleft lip and palate repair.

In September this year, at the invitation of the Huehuetenango Rotary Club, a team of five individuals returned to establish a relationship with the local Rotarians and to assure the Iowa MOST committee that the hospital is well suited to our project. Rick Borchard, a bio-medical engineer, and Drew Dillman, Iowa City plastic surgeon and Rotarian, concluded that the hospital facility is very adequate to support the mission. Jim Peterson, Gary Pacha and Nancy Pacha became well acquainted with the local Rotarians and established expectations and roles of each partner group.

The first mission will take place February/March 2006. The medical team has been named. It remains to fill positions from Rotarians within the district to act as photojournalist, record keeper, translator, pediatric assistant, recovery room assistant and general assistant. Applications are available through the district office or the president of your club.

The Iowa MOST committee is chaired by Roy Justis. Other officers are Vice-president Jim Lane, Secretary Arleigh Clemons and Treasurer Bill Olin. If your club would like a program about the Iowa MOST project, contact Roy Justis at [rjustis@mchsi.com](mailto:rjustis@mchsi.com).

## Help for Huehuetenango

If you have traveled to the Western Highlands area of Guatemala you know how desperately poor many of the towns and people in this region are and how difficult conditions can be, even without hurricanes or other natural disasters.

FAMSCO will be sending a 40-ft. shipping container full of medical goods to Huehuetenango between now and February. In the meantime, cash donations for the Rotary Club of Huehuetenango can be made through FAMSCO - write your tax-deductible check to FAMSCO and write "Huehuetenango" on the memo line of the check. If you have other ideas about how to help, please contact me, Brock Earnhardt ([bearnhar@amwater.com](mailto:bearnhar@amwater.com)), John Ockenfels ([johnockenfels@citycarton.com](mailto:johnockenfels@citycarton.com)) or Gary Pacha ([gpacha@aol.com](mailto:gpacha@aol.com)) and we will do our best to assist you. Thank you for your concern and support.

– Jim Peterson, FAMSCO president



Visitors to Kalona will see this beautiful clock which was a Centennial project of the Rotary Club of Kalona.



Leaders who are ready, willing and able to assist clubs with Rotary Foundation Matching Grants for World Community Service projects are (l-r): Brock Earnhardt, Davenport, 2006-07 WCS Committee chair; Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM (grants for Latin America); Bill Ashton, Davenport (grants for Asia); and PDG Denny Skinner, Nevada (grants for Africa, Europe).



The jobsite trailer purchased by the Iowa City AM Rotary Club for Habitat for Humanity.

# Critical needs for PolioPlus Partners!

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

D-6000 Rotary Foundation Chair, PolioPlus Partners Task Force

Polio is still with us! As of Nov. 8, 2005 there have been 1,486 cases reported (this year) in 16 countries. Also there was an outbreak in our neighbor state to the north, Minnesota.

Polio Eradication remains the number one goal of Rotary!!

There continues to be a critical need for funds for the PolioPlus Partners program!!!

Why? In a letter from PolioPlus Partners Task Force Chair Chuck Keller, PRIP, and Co-Chair Lou Piconi, PRIVP, they state that there are currently 19 immunization projects in need of over \$55 million to support Rotary's obligation of social mobilization.

Each of our 63 clubs are urged to make a special and unique effort to contribute to Rotary's PolioPlus Partners social mobilization responsibility for one of the scheduled National or Sub-National Immunization Days.

We need to help! How? Here are two examples. Will your club help?

For example, follow the lead of the participants of the six Sub-District 6000 Membership/Foundation seminars by contributing 10¢ for each year they have lived Polio free. The 137 participants contributed \$913.04 using this simple request, which has been forwarded to The Rotary Foundation to support the National Immunization Days in India next spring.

Or could you follow the lead of the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant Noon who sponsored a fund drive in the form of a Halloween Ghost Train Ride? Their fund drive was successful and the club has

submitted \$651.00 to the PolioPlus Partners program.

Can the Rotary Clubs in District 6000 raise \$10,000 to support the critical need as Rotarians around the world drive toward the eradication of the Polio virus – a dream that we Rotarians

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The Rotary Club of Newton erected this statue to celebrate children growing up in a world free of polio.

## The New York Times: Rotary's big boots

By Tina Rosenberg

The New York Times/May 11, 2005

Next month Rotary International turns 100. Rotary clubs, a staple of small-town life, are celebrating the construction of innumerable parks, the holding of myriad blood drives, the awarding of countless college scholarships - and the imminent global eradication of polio.

Twenty years ago, there were a thousand new cases of polio every day. Now polio strikes only about a thousand children a year. By next year, that number should be zero. People who think of Rotary as a congregation of service-minded dentists and funeral directors may not have noticed, but the dentists and funeral directors have created the largest, most successful private health initiative ever.

When Rotary celebrated its 75th birthday, its leaders decided to find a project that all its clubs - now in 168 countries - could work on together. A Rotarian ophthalmologist in the Philippines, where polio was rampant, asked Rotary to vaccinate Filipino children. It vaccinated six million, then made similar efforts in five other nations. In 1985, Rotary decided to wipe out polio completely.

By the time polio is eradicated, Rotary clubs will have directly contributed at least \$600 million, more than any other organization except the United States government. And they offer more than cash.

"We realized the task of getting vaccines to children, per-

suading mothers and fathers of the value of immunization, was a problem of distribution, logistics and social mobilization," said Herb Pigman, an American who was one of the campaign's early leaders. "And here's an organization with boots on the ground in hundreds of thousands of communities."

Big boots, too. "Every polio meeting you go to, you see them," said Rima Salah, deputy executive director of Unicef. "They have commitment, credibility and influence with leaders." This is crucial, as the challenge today is political. In August 2003, Muslim clerics from the northern Nigerian state of Kano charged that America had laced the polio vaccine with drugs to render African girls infertile. Kano stopped vaccinating. Kano's cases doubled, and Nigerian strains of polio have spread to 16 other nations that had beaten the virus.

Coincidentally, the president of Rotary International that year, Jonathan Majiyagbe, was from Kano. He helped broker a compromise: Kano would use vaccine made in Indonesia, a Muslim country. In August 2004, Kano's governor publicly vaccinated his infant daughter.

Although the countries Kano infected will have to spend millions on emergency vaccination campaigns, they will probably be successful. The real challenge is to eliminate polio at its epicenter, Nigeria. If Kano does not bolt again, this will probably happen in a year. "We would not be here without Rotary International," Dr. Salah said. "Rotary is the heart and soul of polio eradication."

# News Briefs

**Hospitalized:** The thoughts and prayers of our D-6000 family of Rotary are with AG Sarah Simpson of Muscatine, who suffered a stroke on Nov. 21. She is hospitalized at UIHC in Iowa City, where she is paralyzed on her right side. She will be transferred to Genesis Medical Center in Davenport where she will begin physical therapy. Cards may be sent to Sarah at 2633 Canterbury Rd., Muscatine, IA 52761.

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**Recovering:** AG Bill Koellner of West Liberty, who was hospitalized on April 29 with a severe case of pancreatitis, underwent additional surgeries this fall and says he is on the mend. He's finally able to take nourishment by mouth, is regaining strength and expects to return to Rotary within a month.

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**Iowa Stories 2000:** District 6000 will again be a sponsor of Iowa's statewide literacy project, Iowa Stories 2000. A contribution of \$5,000 to the new book, "The Pickle Patch," was approved by the district budget & finance committee on Nov. 9. The book will be given to kindergartners across the state. First Lady Christie Vilsack credits Rotary for providing the spark that launched the project four years ago.

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**Rebaz:** Cindy Yerington, who opened her heart and home to 5-year-old Rebaz Shamsideen of Iraq when he came to Iowa for a life saving heart surgery in January 2005, reports that Rebaz and his father, Subhi, are doing well. When Subhi returned to his home in Kurdistan, he learned that his business partner had been electrocuted. A District 6000 Rotarian who met Subhi at District Assembly on April 9, made it possible for Subhi to buy the business, so he now owns his own shop with a sewing machine and material and is very busy. Rebaz has started school. Cindy's son, Sgt. Corey Johnston, who identified Rebaz as needing help, is now stationed in North Carolina. "Things sound promising," says Cindy. District 6000 Rotarians raised \$24,000 and provided in-kind support that made the mission possible.

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**Chicago Convention Rebate:** The 230 from District 6000 who pre-registered for

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have had since 1985?

If your club would like to support a specific National or Sub-National Immunization Day, please visit The Rotary Foundation website and go to the PolioPlus Part-

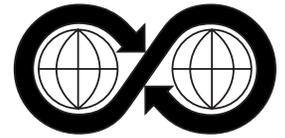
ners pages to the list of "Open Projects."

Please contact Don Goering, D-6000 Rotary Foundation Chair, with any questions you might have. Don will also be available to make presentations to your clubs on the history and the current status of the Polio eradication efforts.

## 2005-06 CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK JULY - OCTOBER, 2005

CLUB	JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	63.00%	23			78.00%	11	76.00%	11
Albia	51.00%	36	52.00%	47	61.00%	36	63.00%	33
Ames	55.38%	32	60.72%	36	58.78%	41	61.35%	38
Ames Morning			56.63%	42			53.18%	44
Ankeny	65.00%	21	64.00%	32	65.00%	29	60.00%	40
Atlantic			75.00%	13	59.72%	39	68.72%	20
Bettendorf	84.08%	3	86.64%	4	82.79%	8	84.90%	5
Bloomfield								
Boone	57.46%	28	64.21%	31	71.92%	21	78.95%	9
Burlington	75.90%	9	81.00%	8	88.00%	4	81.20%	7
Carroll			55.22%	44				
Centerville			62.89%	35	63.89%	33	62.55%	34
Chariton								
Clinton	55.54%	31	57.36%	40	60.11%	37	62.36%	36
Coon Rapids	56.00%	30	65.00%	30	64.00%	30		
Coralville-North Corridor	76.00%	8	85.00%	5	84.00%	6	98.00%	1
Corning	79.31%	5	80.00%	9			72.41%	16
Corydon							55.30%	43
Creston	44.00%	42			55.00%	42	47.00%	48
Dallas Center							65.00%	27
Davenport	43.79%	43	47.79%	51	46.15%	45	50.32%	46
Decatur County	55.00%	33	67.00%	24	78.00%	12	67.00%	23
Des Moines	65.68%	20	67.62%	22	62.79%	34	63.38%	31
Des Moines A.M.	73.00%	11	56.00%	43	64.00%	31	72.00%	17
East Polk County			66.00%	26	60.00%	38		
Fairfield	51.46%	35	57.78%	39	62.29%	35	64.11%	29
Fort Madison	48.00%	40	46.00%	52	59.00%	40	61.00%	39
Grinnell					76.00%	14		
Indianola	72.19%	13	74.86%	14	78.54%	10	73.55%	14
Iowa City	51.00%	37	52.00%	48	46.00%	46	53.00%	45
Iowa City A.M.			69.00%	17	64.00%	32	68.00%	21
Iowa City Downtown	77.70%	7	65.63%	28				
Iowa Quad-Cities			68.28%	19	68.02%	26	58.62%	41
Jefferson								
Johnston	72.73%	12	77.65%	11	77.27%	13	75.00%	13
Kalona	71.43%	14	73.27%	15	85.42%	5	78.26%	10
Keokuk	43.00%	44	48.00%	50	44.00%	47	58.12%	42
Keosauqua	50.00%	38	56.80%	41	51.00%	44	66.70%	25
Knoxville	69.00%	17	68.92%	18	70.79%	22		
Lenox	64.00%	22	83.00%	6	68.00%	27	68.00%	22
Manning	69.00%	18	79.00%	10	80.00%	9	81.00%	8
Marengo	62.50%	24	49.75%	49				
Marshalltown	56.87%	29	65.50%	29	67.41%	28	63.15%	32
Mount Pleasant Noon								
Mt. Pleasant								
Muscatine	47.55%	41	54.49%	45	53.85%	43	47.45%	47
Nevada	60.61%	26	70.54%	16	73.18%	19	72.51%	15
Newton	59.00%	27	68.00%	20			65.00%	28
North Scott	83.51%	4	82.15%	7	83.76%	7	84.13%	6
Northwest Des Moines			92.30%	2	91.60%	2	90.20%	3
Odyssey Rotary Ottumwa	62.00%	25	68.00%	21	73.00%	20	67.00%	24
Osceola	54.76%	34	57.86%	38	70.11%	23	63.87%	30
Oskaloosa			67.40%	23				
Ottumwa	70.50%	15	54.30%	46	74.80%	16	62.50%	35
Pella	67.90%	19	64.00%	33	73.40%	18	76.00%	12
Perry			66.00%	27	70.00%	24	66.00%	26
Tipton	78.35%	6	75.29%	12			71.63%	18
Washington	75.00%	10	59.00%	37	74.00%	17		
Waukee								
Wellman	93.89%	2	96.17%	1	92.18%	1	97.89%	2
West Des Moines	49.84%	39	63.19%	34	75.08%	15	61.82%	37
West Liberty	70.00%	16	67.00%	25	70.00%	25	70.00%	19
Winterset	94.53%	1	91.41%	3	91.25%	3	87.94%	4

# World Community Service: District 6000 clubs' reach extends around the globe



The projects pictured here are but a fraction of the World Community Service projects in District 6000, which has completed 101 Rotary Foundation Matching Grants projects totaling \$1.3 million in five years. Thirty-eight projects are in process this year, including: an eye bank and two major water projects in India; school projects in Sri Lanka; an orphanage and ambulance in Xicotepec,

Mexico; a water project in Bolivia; a clinic in Guatemala; rebuilding a village in Pakistan; latrines in Nicaragua; and many more.

We thank the clubs who provided pictures and descriptions of their projects that are on these pages, and welcome and encourage other clubs to do the same. Please send your articles and .jpg photos to: [btubbs@northscottpress.com](mailto:btubbs@northscottpress.com). Thank you!

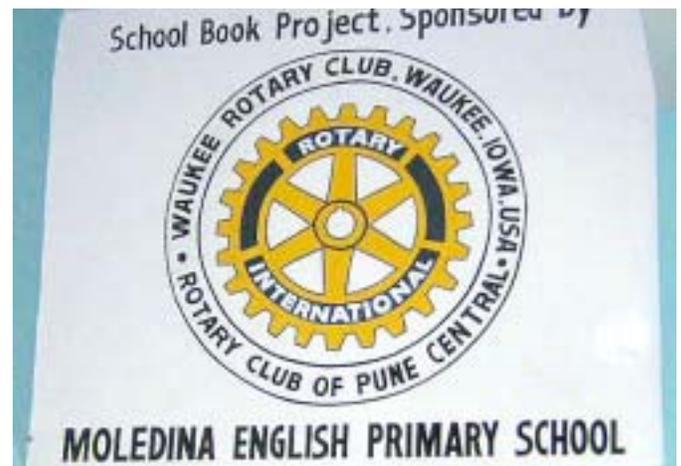


## *Ottumwa Rotary reaches out in South Africa . . .*

Marty Helgerson (front, right) represented the Rotary Club of Ottumwa, which supports the Bothshabello Community Development Trust in a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant project that supports a school in South Africa for 90 children, 21 of whom are HIV positive. \$900 purchased school supplies for a year and furnished beds for all the children. The Rotary Club of Boksburg was Ottumwa's partner in the project. Helgerson has traveled to South Africa on three occasions.



In partnership with the Rotary Club of Ottumwa, the Rotary Club of Tzaneen, South Africa, presented bursaries to Lepulana Ramollo and Matome David Metebe to study business at Tzaneen Technical College. They were presented by Rotarian Jaques van Niekerk (c) of Tzaneen.



## *Waukee works with Puni, India*

Ribbons were cut (l) and the sign celebrates the school library project in Puni, India, which was supported by the Rotary Club of Waukee in partnership with the Puni Rotary Club. Leadership was provided by Rotarian Brad Mills and others.

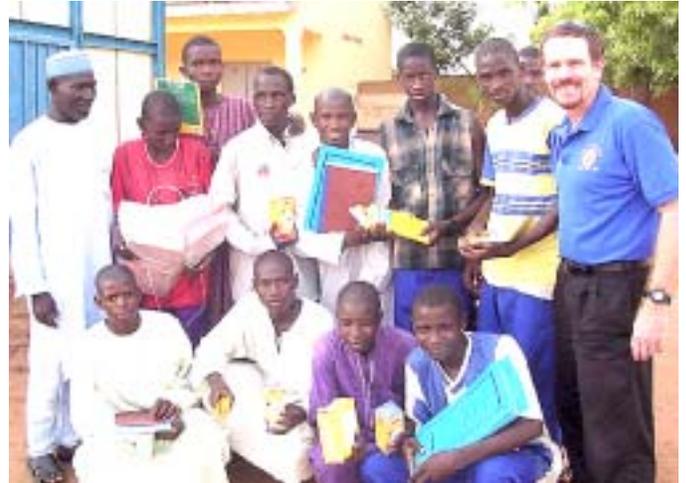
# Adel Rotary Club's Nigerian connection

The Adel Rotary Club recently contributed \$425 in supplies for residents of an orphanage and students of a school for disabled students in Sokoto, Nigeria. On Oct. 3, 2005 Rotarian Del Christensen delivered clothing, mosquito netting, soaps, medicines and foods for 18 orphans currently housed at the Sokoto Orphanage. On the same day, school supplies were delivered to A.A. Raji Special School for the Disabled in the same city of Sokoto. The school houses and educates more than 150 students with a variety of physical disabilities.

Two years ago, Rotarian Wayne Gadelmann hosted Mr. Murtala Chika, a teacher at A.A. Raji Special School for the Disabled, who was taking part in an exchange program coordinated by the non-profit organization Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS). IRIS has been providing adult and youth exchange programs focused on peace building in Nigeria and more than 20 other African and Eastern European countries for the past 14 years. Last year, one deaf student from A.A. Raji Special School took part in a high school exchange program and spent the 2004-2005 school year at Des Moines East High School. Mr. Chika attended Rotary meetings while in Iowa and club members kept in contact with him.

Mr. Christensen, who works with IRIS, was traveling to Nigeria as part of a delegation promoting civil societies and citizen diplomacy. The Adel Rotary Club raised the \$425 and Mr. Christensen purchased two wheelbarrows full of supplies at a local market and delivered the items personally to assure they are used where they are needed.

The Adel Rotary Club plans to continue supporting efforts in Sokoto, Nigeria. Contributions are currently being taken for a scholarship program that will assist graduates of the disabled school who wish to go on to the Sokoto College of Education to become teachers and give back to the school they have called home all these years. If you are interested in contributing to this scholarship program or the club's work with the Sokoto orphans and disabled students, please contact the Adel Rotary Club for more details.



Del Christensen of the Rotary Club of Adel (r), with leaders of the A.A. Raji Special School for the Disabled in Sokoto, Nigeria (top) and children who will benefit (below).



Prior to the opening of this toilet block with 16 toilets in the city of San Ignacio, Belize, 1,100 students at the secondary school shared five toilets. The project was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM and supported by a Rotary Foundation World Community Service Matching Grant. Some of the children whose lives were improved are at right.

*Toilet block: No small deal for children in Belize*





More than 175 students, mostly sophomores, from high schools in District 6000 attended another highly successful Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) day at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa, on Oct. 11. Rotary Youth Exchange students were also in attendance. The event is organized by the Rotary Club of West Des Moines and more than 50 clubs participated.

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the Centennial Rotary International Convention in Chicago by March 31, 2005, qualified District 6000 to receive a \$2,525 rebate in the Host Committee's incentive plan. Thanks to all who attended!

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**New Meeting Place:** The Rotary Club of Waukee's meetings, starting Oct. 6, are at the Des Moines Golf & Country Club, 1600 Jordan Creek Parkway (formerly 74th Street), West Des Moines. Meeting times are 6:45 a.m. on Thursdays. "We will once again have space to welcome visiting Rotarians," said president Sue Rasmussen.

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**District Honored:** District 6000 was the recipient of a "Neighborhood Network Award" from the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors' Bureau. DG 2004-05 Bill Tubbs and District Conference chair AG Sarah Simpson received the award in appreciation of bringing

650 people to Davenport for District Conference. District 6000 Rotarians and clubs hosted 105 people from 17 other countries before, during and after District Conference and the Chicago Convention.

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**World Affairs Seminar:** The 30th annual Rotary World Affairs Conference will be hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on June 17-23, 2006. Rotary clubs are invited to sponsor one or more students for the conference, which last year involved 700 U.S. and international students in studies of peace and conflict resolution with excellent, informed speakers. Participation in the conference is a life-changing experience for many of the youth. For information on how your club can sponsor a student, contact PDG Frederick "Rick" Luedke, (888) 404-4049 (toll free), or (262) 472-5501. The website is [www.worldaffairsseminar.org](http://www.worldaffairsseminar.org).

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Craig Esbeck, the son of Tipton Rotarian Gordon Esbeck, celebrated Easter 2005 with children in Uganda and attended the Rotary Club of Muyenga, Uganda where the Tipton club is working on international projects.

**Bill Ashton is newest member of D-6000 Paul Harris Society**

Bill Ashton of Davenport is the newest member of the District 6000 Paul Harris Society, which recognizes 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. In its second year in D-6000, the Paul Harris Society is now a recognized program of The Rotary Foundation. DG Corliss Klaassen challenges Rotarians throughout the district to signify their intent by calling DG Klaassen, (641) 774-2478, or administrator Jerri Uitermarkt, (877) 976-8279. D-6000 Paul Harris Society:

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

# Summit on Citizen Diplomacy: 'Rotarians are citizen diplomats'

By Michael Cavitt/Iowa City AM

The first Citizen Diplomacy Summit was held Saturday, Sept. 24 in Des Moines. There will be additional Summits held in other states leading up to the White House Summit on Citizen Diplomacy.

Cultural diplomacy is defined in a report to the Secretary of State as "the exchange of ideas, information, art and other aspects of culture among nations and their peoples in order to foster mutual understanding." The report states that "it is in cultural activities that a nation's idea of itself is best represented."

Rotarians are a classic example of citizen diplomats. We interact with people from other countries through all of the work and activities of Rotary. All of us are citizen diplomats for our own countries.

It was with this thought in mind that I decided to participate in the Des Moines meeting. Since I was going, I brought the meeting to Governor Corliss's attention. I suggested that since I am the District Chairman for Inbound Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars I would like to go as a District representative. He agreed.

The meeting was hosted by Iowa Sister States organization and began

with a short talk by the Executive Director. He spoke of the importance to citizen diplomacy of exchanges with sister states. Many of the groups and individuals who have been invited recently by Iowa Sister States have not been able to get a visa.

U.S. Jim Leach, Iowa 1st District, was the morning speaker. In his talk, "Living Globally: Iowa's Role in Citizen Diplomacy," he stated the importance of Iowa and how effective it has been. He also pointed out a number of things individuals and organizations could be doing.

There were a number of breakout sessions to develop recommendations to the White House Summit.

Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State, was the keynote speaker. She said that since she was no longer in office she could answer our questions. And she did.

I took away from the meeting a stronger belief in the importance of Rotary in citizen diplomacy and my responsibility to being a more active citizen diplomat.



Secretary of State  
Madeline Albright



Cal and Rachel Litwiller

## Cal Litwiller nominated for District Governor 2009-10

On Sept. 11, the District 6000 Nominating Committee completed the interviews for District Governor Nominee 2009-2010. There were six strong, well-qualified candidates, all capable of performing the district governor's job.

The committee has selected Calvin Litwiller of the Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant Evening. Cal has served on many committees in the district, and served three years as Assistant Governor. He has strong motivational and leadership skills, especially in working with people in the younger generations. Cal holds education as a high priority as is evident through his educational career and his work in Rotary.

Cal and his wife Rachel work well together as a team. Rachel is a member of the Mt. Pleasant Evening Club and is currently serving as an Assistant Governor.

The final approval of this nomination is subject to notification of all Rotary clubs, seeking any objections, and approval at the District Assembly in April 2006.

Future governors nominated to serve in District 6000: DGE Del Bluhm (Ames), 2006-07; DGN Diana Reed (Northwest Des Moines), 2007-08; DGN Sheila Tipton (Des Moines), 2008-09; and Litwiller, 2009-10.



Among those attending the annual Past District Governor's holiday party on Nov. 6 at Centro in Des Moines were Janice and Herb Wilson, Dale Belknap and Jeanne Klaassen.

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**I**f you don't have a cultural presence, the only way for people to judge is on politics. And in the Middle East particularly, we will always lose on politics. If at this juncture we cannot self-correct, then the consequences could be more dire than they already are."

— Christopher Merrill, UI Professor of English and Director of the International Writing Program. From a report submitted to the U.S. Department of State, Sept. 15, 2005

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# \$36,352 District Simplified Grants awarded

By DGN Diana Reed/Northwest Des Moines

D-6000 District Simplified Grants chair

Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grants totaling \$36,352 were awarded in November to 17 clubs for community projects.

The DSG program, which is in its third 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 \$77,016.40 from 24 clubs. This clearly illustrates the popularity of the program and the desire of clubs to perform community service.

These awards for 2005-06 will be paid as soon as The Rotary Foundation releases the money to the district. Each club must complete their project no later than July 1, 2006. Congratulations to the following clubs for their humanitarian efforts:

**Fairfield:** \$3,750 for replacing playground equipment at Chautauqua City Park as part of a major community-wide effort.

**Pella:** \$3,750 for the equipment and facilities upgrade in Pella's Rotary Park.

**Chariton:** \$3,750 for the installation and materials for backstop and outfield fences for two additional fields at the Girls Softball Complex.

**Nevada:** \$720 for the purchase of three computer "workstations" for the Nevada Public Library.

**Winterset:** \$375 for a structural informational sign for clubs, churches and community organizations to be erected at the NW corner of John Wayne Drive and Highway 92.

**Clinton:** \$2,062.50 for providing plantings and beautification

to a small, vacant lot in downtown Clinton located next to the Armstrong Building, a prominent Louis Sullivan structure in the primary retail block of downtown.

**Carroll:** \$2,145 for a third grade bicycle safety program which will provide a bicycle helmet for each child and some bicycles for needy children.

**Newton:** \$2,250 for providing a handicap accessible drinking foundation at Aurora Park Tennis Courts and Playground along with providing a water supply and drinking fountain at Woodland Park Shelter.

**Atlantic:** \$2,250 for five computers for classroom use for the Southwest Iowa Family Services Center which assist children and adolescents with severe emotional disturbances.

**North Scott:** \$2797.75 for providing supplies for the Rotary-sponsored "School Shop" project that provides basic needs for underprivileged adolescents.

**Keosauqua:** \$150 for creating a permanent Rotary Sign, providing gloves and safety goggles for student use and refinishing bleachers at the Van Buren Junior/Senior High School baseball field.

**Iowa Quad Cities:** \$3,750 for providing a sheltered area to be used by the Challenger Little League and also by the community and park visitors in Junge Park.

**Washington:** \$858.75 for providing Rotary dictionaries to each sixth grade child, sponsor YMCA/YWCA mini-camps for children ages 4 to 5 for football, basketball, and soccer, and purchase children's books for the Washington Library.

**Wellman:** \$3,750 for providing new "Welcome to Wellman" signs to both the east and west entrances to Wellman on Highway 22.

**Grinnell:** \$1,341.75 for providing musical instruments for disadvantaged students in the K-8 music program.

**Waukee:** \$1,901.25 for providing bike helmets, traffic signs and lights, tricycles and books for the "Waukee Safety City" program designed to provide a variety of safety subjects for Waukee kindergarteners.

**Iowa City Downtown:** \$750 for the "Birthday Bag" project which provides all of the basic ingredients for a child's birthday in a bag and distributed through the Iowa City Crisis Center to families with underprivileged children who may not otherwise have the resources to provide a birthday party.



Among the participants at the Bunny Harper Memorial Golf Tournament held June 27 at Coldwater Golf Links, Ames, were PDGs Dale Belknap, Lynn Johnson, Ray Muston and Don Goering.

## Congratulations, Lenox!

Nine Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Lenox are the first to accept the generous offer extended to 15 clubs in District 6000 by an anonymous donor to become Paul Harris Fellows and agree to be Paul Harris Sustaining Members by contributing at least a \$100 per year. This special donor has offered to match up to \$500 for each Rotarian who has already contributed or contributes up to \$500 to the Annual Program Fund and agrees to continue to support The Rotary Foundation. This special offer was extended at the donor's request to the members of the 15 clubs in District 6000 that have been traditionally far below the giving of the other clubs of the District as an effort to encourage members of these clubs to increase their support of The Rotary Foundation.

- PDG Don Goering, Foundation Chair

# 'No matter your skill, *YOU* can be a Rotary Volunteer!'

■ Complete the questionnaire at right

**By Merle Anderson/North Scott**

D-6000 Rotary Volunteers chair

Rotary Volunteers, a program of Rotary International, is designed to provide tools for Rotarians who are offering their vocational skills in volunteer service, and Rotary-sponsored humanitarian projects that need volunteer assistance. It is an information network that operates either at club, district or international levels.

Rotary Volunteers build on the traditional Rotary commitment to service, recognizing that many Rotarians would happily give more of their time and expertise to improve the lives of others.

Rotary Volunteers may serve within our own community at the club level. Rotary Volunteers may serve on a districtwide basis for projects larger or more specialized than one club can handle. For instance, next summer, the National Special Olympics will take place in Ames, Iowa July 1-8, 2006. It is my hope that every club in Rotary District 6000 will provide the Volunteers needed to conduct the National Special Olympics.

Rotary Volunteers may serve at the international level. Rotary publishes a list of projects that need volunteer assistance. They also publish a list of volunteers willing to serve abroad.

Rotary International publishes a list of organizations that are based in the United States as well as around the world that are looking for Rotary Volunteers. It is called the Rotary Volunteer Resource List. It includes organizations such as: Food For The Hungry, CARE Corp Volunteer Program, ACDI/VOCA, Global Volunteers, Heifer International and the organization that I work with - CNFA, Inc. (Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs)

Information about Rotary Volunteers can be viewed at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) (<http://www.rotary.org>). Then, type in Rotary Volunteers in the corner and click search. You can also contact the District 6000 office or contact me directly.

Rotary Volunteers gives structure to the Rotary tradition of "Service Above Self." Our RI President Carl Wilhelm-Stenhammer has reinforced the importance of Service Above Self by choosing it as the theme for the first year of Rotary's second century. He is asking all Rotarians to recommit to Rotary's motto.

We are asking all Rotary Clubs throughout District 6000 to distribute forms to all Rotary members that are interested in becoming a Volunteer. A form was sent to club presidents. Please learn more about Rotary Volunteer, complete a Volunteer questionnaire and send it in to the District Office. We are developing a data base on potential Rotary Volunteers.

You always hear the cry for physicians, nurses, dentists, teachers, or engineers to go to a foreign country to help those in need. But, I'm here to tell you that no matter what your vocational skill – somebody needs your skills and abilities. Just look – you will find them. You will find it to be very rewarding.

## Rotary Volunteers questionnaire



Return this form to: Rotary District 6000 Volunteer Chair  
P.O. Box 46, Knoxville, IA 50138

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

3. Rotary Club: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Location to Serve as a Rotary Volunteer:

Within Rotary District 6000 \_\_\_\_\_

Within the Midwest \_\_\_\_\_

Within the United States \_\_\_\_\_

Within North America \_\_\_\_\_

Within Central / South America \_\_\_\_\_

Eastern Europe \_\_\_\_\_

Africa \_\_\_\_\_

India \_\_\_\_\_

Any International Location \_\_\_\_\_

5. Time Limit:

1-2 days \_\_\_\_\_

7-10 days \_\_\_\_\_

20-30 days \_\_\_\_\_

60-90 days \_\_\_\_\_

6. Can you finance your travel / lodging / food expenses?

Yes\_\_ No\_\_

7. Are you more likely to volunteer if your expenses were covered? Yes\_ No\_

8. What particular skills can you offer?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you have a particular project which you would like to Volunteer for?

\_\_\_\_\_

Why not visit the Rotary Volunteer website at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
Then, type in Volunteer and click search. You can view potential Volunteer assignments and organizations endorsed by Rotary that are looking for Volunteers.



This playground in Ignatei, Moldova was possible because of Rotary Volunteer Merle Anderson and funds provided by the Rotary Club of North Scott. Olga, the recipient, wrote: "It is hard to believe that a person living so far would take care of some children to whom luck has turned its back."

# District Conference features quilt, auction

**Xicotepec:** Mark these dates on your calendar for future project teams to Xicotepec, Mexico: 2006 (March 11-19); 2007 (March 10-18); 2008 (March 15-23); and 2009 (March 14-22).

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**District Quilt:** The completion date to create a quilt block depicting one of your local community projects has been extended to Dec. 19, 2005. If you've already mailed in your SERVICE Above Self Quilt block or have notified Jeremy that it will coming soon. Thank You! If you haven't, don't be left out! We will be featuring all of the quilt blocks on the district web site in the near future and you will want your club's project to be included. Remember, there will be a raffle drawing for the quilt at District Conference and the money from this will be given to The Rotary Foundation. The quilt block specifications and where to send the finished quilt block is provided below. Please give the below instructions to whomever will be designing a quilt block for your club:

- Quilt block dimension: 8 1/2 inch cotton square. The square will be trimmed to 7 inches which is why you need to leave a 1 1/2 inch border!

- Any art medium may be used to depict one of your local community projects -- machine or hand quilting, painted, counted cross-stitch, appliqué, photo or whatever your creative people want to use.

- Please include the name of your club on the face of the quilt block, but please eliminate "Rotary club of...", etc.". For example use "Chariton", not Chariton Rotary or Rotary Club of Chariton, etc.

Please mail your finished quilt piece *no later* than Dec. 19th to:

Jeremy Richardson, 1305 540th St. SW, Wellman, IA 52356.

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**Silent Auction:** DG Corliss Klaassen announces that the district will hold a silent auction at the District Conference, April 27-29 at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines. Silent Auction chair Jim Copeland of the Rotary Club of Jefferson invites each club to donate one item. A donation form is at the district website, [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org).

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**Rotary International Convention:** The 2006 Rotary International Convention is June 11-16, 2006 in MalmÅ, Sweden and Copenhagen, Denmark. Early registration ends Dec. 31, 2005. The below bulletin link contains information found on the RI Convention web site. You can also be directed to the RI Convention and registration page via the link on the District web site home page <http://www.rotary6000.org>

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**2006-07 Officers:** Club secretaries are reminded that information about club officers for 2006-07 should be submitted to Rotary International and to District 6000 by Dec.31.

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**Hoover-Wallace Banquet:** Rotary District 6000 will be a sponsor of the Third Annual Hoover-Wallace Dinner, a rotating event aimed at honoring Iowa's humanitarian leaders. It will be held April 8, 2006, at the Park Place Event Centre in Cedar Falls, announces Ambassador Kenneth Quinn of the World Food Prize Foundation. The focus of the dinner will be to celebrate the legacy of John Deere. Mr. Robert W. Lane, chairman and chief executive officer of Deere & Company, will be the special guest of honor and keynote speaker. Honorary co-chairs for the April event will be Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack, Senators Charles Grassley and Tom Harkin, and former Iowa Governors Robert Ray and Terry Branstad. Tickets for the 2006 Dinner are \$125 per person or \$1,000 to reserve a table of eight. Tickets can be ordered by calling 1-800-682-8976 or by printing and mailing the order form available at [www.worldfoodprize.org](http://www.worldfoodprize.org). All proceeds from the dinner support The World Food Prize Foundation's Borlaug-Ruan International Internship Program, which sends Iowa high school students on eight-week, all-expense-paid assignments to work with renowned scientists at leading international agricultural research institutes in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

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**Are You Serious About Membership?** One of the great resources for membership development is the book "Frank Talk," by Past RI President Frank Devlyn. These days its seems everything has a sequel, and now there is "Frank Talk II: How to Improve Membership Retention and Energize Your Rotary Club." Both books are written with the able assistance of David Forward, who is the author of the Rotary Centennial book, "A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International." Any club that is truly serious about membership should read these books and apply their messages. A single copy is \$12.95, but the cost is as little as \$4.50 for orders of 100 or more. You can order online at [www.FrankTalkBooks.com](http://www.FrankTalkBooks.com), or call (856) 988-1738.

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**SERVICE Above Self**

## Council on Legislation: Your chance to change the rules of Rotary

PDG Denny Skinner reminds clubs that a very important opportunity is drawing near. The 2007 Council on Legislation is convening 22-28 of April 2007 to consider amendments to Rotary International's constitutional documents. The Council is the legislative body of Rotary International and has the authority to hear proposals from all of the 32,000-plus clubs in the Rotary world. Instructions were mailed to presidents on how any Rotarian can propose enactments and resolutions for Council consideration. "I hope you will take the time to read these instructions and share them with your members. If your club believes there needs to be changes to the constitutional documents or resolutions that need to be considered, this is your opportunity to present those changes to the Council." Denny is our district's representative to the Council and PDG Dale Belknap is the alternate. Proposals must be submitted to Denny or Dale by April 10, 2006. Adds Denny: "If you or any of your members have questions, please do not hesitate to contact either of us. I urge your club to participate in this legislative activity."



DGE Del Bluhm shows that Rotary is meant to be fun!



The team of Iowa PDGs Steve Thorpe (District 5970), Bill Tubbs and Don Goering tied for first in the "Rotary Bowl" trivia contest.



PDG John Dasher (l) and Linda (r) were among the Rotarians who greeted RI President-Elect William Boyd and his wife, Lorna, of New Zealand.

# Rotary leaders convene at Madison

Past and future governors from 25 districts in the upper Midwest U.S. and Canada discussed Rotary projects and the future of Rotary, The Rotary Foundation and polio eradication at Zone 27-28 Institute in Madison, Wis., Sept. 13-17.



Discussing Rotary projects with RI Director Frank Goldberg of Omaha (c) were (l-r): Corliss Klaassen, Don Goering, Bill Tubbs, Del Bluhm, Dale Belknap and John Dasher.



DG 2004-05 Meena Patel (l), a medical doctor from Ohio, will visit tsunami relief projects in Sri Lanka and India and her district (6650) will partner with District 6000.



Representatives of District 6000 included (l-r): PDG Don Goering, PDG John Dasher, Linda Dasher, Doris Goering, DGE Del Bluhm and Georgia, PDG Dale Belknap and Mary, Rick Rarick and DGN Diana Reed, and PDG Bill and Linda Tubbs

# Attending RI Convention? See Rotary in Russia!

## Dear Fellow Rotarians,

You are the very first to see CCI's magnificent new travel brochure, which among other delights, spotlights Rotary in Russia! Link into it at the address below.

Many of you plan to go to the annual Rotary International Conference held in Copenhagen in June 2006. Denmark is a hop and skip from Russia. We would love to give you a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do both Copenhagen and one or more of your favorite Russian cities. We also would like to give you a smorgasbord of Rotary experiences inside Russia. Visit their new Rotary clubs, see their service projects in action, meet with Russian Rotaract members, and mentor Rotary club presidents and officers.

Combine this Rotary experience with arriving in Petersburg during their famous "White Nights," and taking in the splendor of palaces, museums, ballets, symphonies and canal rides. Top it all off with panels of PEP entrepreneurs answering your questions about Russia's economy, and specialists providing political insights from the Tsars to President Putin. All this and more – as you can see, this is not ordinary travel!

We can arrange your international travel, or provide a Russia-only-package if you wish. You can plan travel to Russia before the conference or after. Regardless of which you choose, we will provide you the best CCI has to offer in gratitude for your long-term support of our PEP work and other CCI programs.

CCI travel is priced competitively, despite the many options which we offer that aren't possible from other travel companies. Rotarians in our September delegation asked, "Why are you priced so low?!" We of course must break even, but our aim is to give you the most comprehensive and educational "Russia experience" on the market today!

And now, feast your eyes on The Russia Connection travel brochure. All the photos were taken on the first September trip of Rotarians, spouses and a couple of other PEP folks. Click here: [http://www.ccisf.org/other/travel\\_program/CCI\\_Travel\\_Program.pdf](http://www.ccisf.org/other/travel_program/CCI_Travel_Program.pdf)

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## Conclusion of 2004-05 District 6000 awards

*This is continued from the June-July-August issue of District News and wraps up the District 6000 Centennial awards and recognition.*

### Centennial Service Awards

RI President 2004-05 Glenn Estess, Sr., asked Rotary districts to receive nominations from clubs for the Rotary Centennial Service Award for Professional Excellence. This award is to be presented to a non-Rotarian in recognition of professional achievement, high ethical standards, community and vocational service, and dedication to the concept of Service Above Self. District 6000 received nominations for four awards:

– Cindy Yerington: Cindy opened her heart and her home to Rebaz Shamsideen, the 5-year-old Iraqi boy who came to Iowa for a heart surgery that saved his life. Rotary received credit for our fund raising and support, but the project could not have happened without the dedication and love Cindy and her husband, Scott, from West Liberty.

– Jane Hagedorn: The Iowa City AM Rotary Club nominated Jane, who works with United Action for Youth, which the Rotary club supports.

– Nancy Shannon: The Rotary Club of North Scott nominated Nancy Shannon, who has coordinated East Area Special Olympics for over 25 years, which is also a project of the club. Nancy received her award last week.

– Tom Gellhaus: The Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Club nominated Tom Gellhaus, who was instrumental with the housing for homeless veterans project.

### RYLA Scholarships

Fifty-three clubs sent over 175 students to the District RYLA day in October 2004, hosted by the Rotary Club of West Des Moines. Scholarships were awarded for essays on how students will use their new knowledge to be better leaders. The winners were: 1. Tyler Miller (Mt. Pleasant), \$1,000; Jennifer Blaser (North Scott), \$750; and Bryan Bogards (Fairfield), \$500.

### Websites

Informative websites can be a tool for effective club communication and service. Many clubs in District 6000 now have websites. To recognize those considered most outstanding, the Awards Committee asked students and staff at Des Moines Area Community College to rate websites that are linked through the District website, based on overall design, content, accessible for members and links to Rotary sites. The winners were the Rotary Clubs of Ankeny, Davenport and Des Moines AM.

### Newsletters

Club goals can be achieved best with regular communication with members through a weekly newsletter. Though the medium has changed – some are electronic, some are printed, and some are a combination of the two – the need for consistent, quality content presented in an easy-to-read layout remains. Six clubs in two size categories are recognized this year: Des Moines, Iowa City and Des Moines AM for clubs of 100 or more members; and Iowa City AM, Northwest Des Moines and Waukee for clubs under 100.

# ROTARY DISTRICT 6000 CENTENNIAL SONGS

## AULD LANG SYNE

Words by James Koch, Rotary Club of Davenport

He profits most who serves the best  
Motto of Rotary  
One hundred years of service giv'n  
To all humanity

Centennial of Rotary  
Recalls some happy deeds  
To rid the world of polio  
While serving basic needs

One hundred years have now gone by  
Well served by Rotary  
Service about ourselves, you see  
Our goal will always be

We practice Service Above Self  
In everything we do  
And on our big Centennial  
Our fellowship shows through

Should auld acquaintances be forgot  
No, not in Rotary  
One hundred years we've worked and served  
The world community

## GIVE MY REGARDS TO ROTARY

Music by George M. Cohan, 1904

Words by Emil Peterson, Rotary Club of Ames

Rotary has a birthday!  
'Twas formed a hundred years ago.  
Paul led the club for forty-something years  
Toward fellowship frontiers.  
Reaching past hot and cold wars  
While guided by the Four Way Test.  
Sun never sets on Rotary.  
There's no such thing as foreign shores.

One point two million members.  
One hundred sixty-six countries.  
Thirty-one thousand clubs are working hard  
To build good will and friends.  
One point four billion dollars:  
Foundation grants around the world.  
They help at home and overseas  
To battle hunger and disease.

Helping Tsunami's victims  
Is just the latest good we've done.  
Ridding the kids of po-lio around the  
World is our main goal!  
It started in Chicago.  
We'll gather there again this June.  
Give our regards to Ro-ta-ry  
The celebration has begun!

## WEST LIBERTY ROTARY SONG

Tune: America, The Beautiful

Words by Audrey Allen, Rotary Club of West Liberty

Oh, Rotary for truth you stand and all must then be fair.  
The four-way test, Your shield we hail and world goodwill we  
share. (Chorus)

Oh Rotary your wheel still turns, So firm yet it is kind.  
No service group can change your goals, Which are so proudly  
fine. (Chorus)

### CHORUS:

Oh Rotary, Oh Rotary, Has stood A century.  
And wears the crown of Brotherhood from Sea to Shining Sea.

## GO TELL

Tune of "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

Words by Phoebe Hellwege, partner of PDG 1954-55

Paul Hellwege, Rotary Club of Boone

Go tell our wondrous story,  
This is the time for cel-e-brating.  
We've lived a hundred years  
And grown all over the world!

We work at home and far away  
For folks with special needs  
"To see the end of Polio"  
Our dream will soon succeed.

We've lived a hundred years  
And grown all over the world!

We build new schools and hospitals  
Dig wells, and teach repair.  
With books and tools and medicine  
They know we really care.

We've lived a hundred years  
And grown all over the world!

With GSE and youth exchange  
All learn, and share their aim.  
We bring new hope and build new trust  
With honor to our name.

SO

Go tell our wondrous story  
This is the time for cel-e-brating  
We've lived a hundred years  
And grown ALL OVER THE WORLD.

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# Letters:

**Hi Gordon (Esbeck, Tipton Rotary):**

I would like to say "THANK YOU" to all of you who made our visit memorable. My feeling is that the whole experience of the convention, and the Home Hospitality has made me a better person . . . I sincerely hope that one of these days, some of you may be able to come to Uganda. My regards to everybody.

-s- Anne Gamururwa  
Kampala, Uganda

**District 6000:**

Re: District 6000 Conference: I appreciate keeping in contact. You come from a beautiful area in which I felt very comfortable. Give my regards to the members of District 6000 and the leadership team.

The John Deere model is proudly on display in my living room. A really beautiful memento.

-s- PDG Tony Hennessy  
Tasmania

**District 6000:**

Thank you for including me in the group receiving the newsletter, and congratulations to you on all the achievements in District 6000 during 2004-05. Your district's support and participation in the programs of The Rotary Foundation were also outstanding. Well done!

-s- Hogie Hansen, Fund Development Chair  
The Rotary Foundation, Evanston, IL



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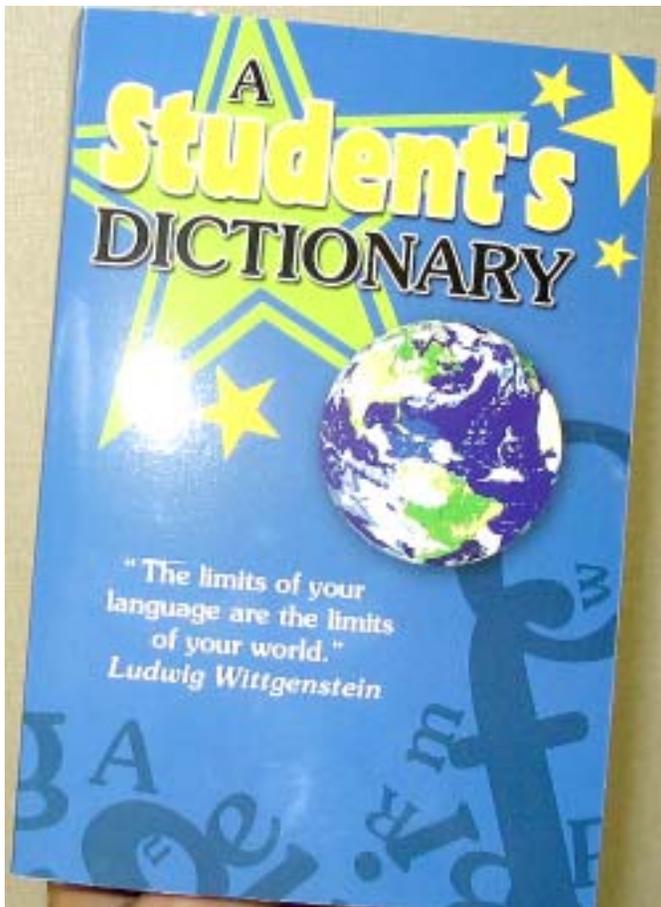
### Activities in District 6000

- The D-6000 Rotary Youth Exchange Winter Retreat will be Jan. 14-15 at Camp Wesley Woods near Indianola.
- DGE Del Bluhm and Georgia will attend the Rotary International Assembly, which is training for Rotary's 529 incoming district governors, on Feb. 17-24. This year, for the first time, the training will be in San Diego.
- Assistant Governor Training for the 2006-07 leadership team will be March 24-25 at the DMAC Center in Newton.
- Club presidents for 2006-07 are required to attend the President-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.), which will be Friday, March 31 at the DMAC Center in Newton. Watch for announcements and details.
- The annual District Assembly, which provides leadership training for all district committees and clubs, will be Saturday, April 1, at the DMAC Center in Newton. Watch for details.
- District Conference 2006 will be April 27-29 at the Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines. Watch for details.

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