

Denny Skinner, District Governor, 2003-2004



Lend a Hand

*Loose Change...
September 2003*



New Generations!!



The Beginning of a NEW GENERATION of Rotarians

September is traditionally a time of new beginnings especially as it relates to schools and young people. What better time for us to focus on our programs for youth in Rotary?

First of all, as suggested by Jonathan Majiyagbe, President of Rotary International, "Every Rotarian is an example to youth" should be central to all we do this month. This is a time for each of us to examine ourselves and what we can do to better model our Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". Daily we have interactions with youth in our neighborhoods, schools, businesses, communities. Are we doing our best to individually demonstrate our belief in the motto?

Next, an excellent way to share this axiom with youth is through offering the opportunity for service of their own choosing specifically through the development of Interact Clubs. These Rotary Club-sponsored organizations give young people of secondary-school age the chance to participate in fun, meaningful service projects. Along the way, Interact members develop their leadership skills and initiative while making new friends.

In 1962 in a Melbourne, Florida high school, the first Interact club was formed by 23 students. The word "Interact" stands for "international action" and the organization has become truly an international phenomenon. There are now 200,000 members in some 8,700 clubs in more than 110 countries. All over the world, young people are spreading fellowship and

international understanding through a wide array of Interact service activities.

Organizing an Interact club is one of the most rewarding activities a Rotary club can undertake in its community. The Interact program gives Rotarians the opportunity to mentor promising young men and women interested in local as well as global service. Rotarians can be resources for these young people on the way to becoming community leaders in their own right.

In turn, an Interact club can bring new energy to a Rotary club, inspire fresh ideas for service and increase support for projects. Finally one of the most significant outcomes of a thriving Interact program is the development of future Rotarians.

What better way to ensure a flourishing Rotary International in coming decades than to personally and positively impact the NEW GENERATION through the sponsorship and guidance of an Interact Club TODAY?

A wealth of information is available on the Rotary International website at <http://www.rotary.org/programs/interact/> including resources for starting and nurturing an Interact club. In addition District 6000 leadership is also available to assist with the process.

Starting the growth of the "Service Above Self" attitude among the youth of your community does not stop with the Interact Club! Interact members are often participants in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program and go on to be Rotaract members in college. They may also become Rotary Youth Exchange students or Ambassadorial Scholars.

The seed to develop Rotarians in a NEW GENERATION can be planted with an Interact Club. The time to be that "example to youth", to help nurture the spirit of service is NOW!

By Jacque Andrew, District Interact Chair

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YOUTH EXCHANGE

By Loring Miller,

Youth Exchange Co-Chair

Rotary Youth Exchange participation on a world scale has decreased 30% within the last two years. Families have new concerns about travel security. Governments have established restrictive regulations to obtain a visa necessary to attend school in another country.

During this same period, District 6000 has maintained a dedicated committee, increased student participation, and initiated new exchange concepts. No international student was turned away in August for lack of availability. Twenty-nine inbound students from eighteen countries and twelve outbound students to six countries have taken advantage of Rotary exchange benefits. Venezuela and Australia have returned to our list of active exchange countries. In

addition, two college students are advancing their business careers through a "New Generations" opportunity.

Even though the current exchange year is gaining momentum, the district Rotary Youth Exchange Committee is looking forward to August 2004. **Now** is the time for all clubs to identify potential outbound students and assist those students with the application process. Club applicants should be given a local interview. If found acceptable, applications are then forwarded to the district committee by November 15. District interviews will be held in various communities on December 7 and 14.

With growing club support, District 6000 will continue to be an effective leader in Rotary Youth Exchange, our contribution to world understanding.

Rotaract

The fall is a time of new beginnings for many of Iowa's Rotaract clubs. New students enter our clubs, and our action agendas for the year emerge. This month I'd like to offer a glimpse of this using the Boone-DMACC Rotaract Club. When students first arrived for their fall classes, they were greeted with tales of Rotaract successes. Within the first week we developed and entered a float in the local Pufferbilly Day Parade. Rotaract students built and had a solid entry in the parade along with our local Rotary sponsors. Our first official meeting is September 12. For Rotaract, the way to draw students is to provide food. So we are having a large pizza party for all those who sign up and attend our first meeting.

New projects are emerging. Here are some examples. We are working with local Rotary members to provide milk for our needy students who are parents. It is our belief that all children need milk available during their childhood. Therefore we are issuing coupons for needy parents for up to a gallon of milk per week. These coupons may be obtained through school counselors.

Another school project is our school food pantry. Students who have food needs can make an appointment with a DMACC counselor for nonperishable food. Our Rotaract and Rotary clubs see that the pantry is kept stocked.

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Rotaract continued.....

A third community service project is our Toys for DMACC Tots project. Along with our local Rotary club, we see that the children of our DMACC students have holiday toys. Students can sign up their child for gifts of toys and needed clothing. At the end of the semester, needy parents pick up their holiday pack and a roll of wrapping paper. It is our belief that all children should have toys for their family holiday.

Each year our club tries to complete one large community service project. Last year we provided books for newborns at the Boone County Hospital. This project has been enthusiastically received in Boone and is a project we plan to continue.

Our year is off and running. In the months to come, I'll keep you updated on Rotaract clubs around the state. Our future Rotary leaders are active in Rotaract today.

Jane Martino, Rotaract Chair

R-Rotary **Y-Youth** **L-Leadership** **A-Awards**

District 6000 RYLA program set for October 14, 2003

By Art Dinkin, RYLA Chair

By now every club in District 6000 should be working towards the upcoming Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Program. This year's program will be held at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa on Tuesday, October 14, 2003. This is the Seventh annual RYLA program the district has presented.

RYLA is a day-long leadership program for sophomore students in Rotary District 6000 which demonstrates Rotary's respect and concern for youth. Participants learn methods of responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership through a training experience which encourages continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth, publicly recognizes the high qualities of many young people who are rendering service their communities as leaders, and provides positive motivation.

Leaders with a high public profile will address the participants. In the past, subject areas have included Leadership Styles, Leadership and Conflict Resolution, Leadership and Moral Values, Leadership and Community Service, and Leadership and the Art of Communication. The

West Des Moines Rotary Club will have its regular meeting at noon with an outstanding speaker that will be speaking on a topic directed toward youth. Participants will be led in a recreational leadership activity provided by Camp Dodge representatives, which combines teamwork and leadership skills to overcome various challenges.

Last year we introduced the essay contest, and it was a resounding success! RYLA is a great day where they learn about leadership while having fun. To encourage the students to put into practice the ideas they learn at RYLA, participants are sent home with a voluntary assignment to write an essay about what they learned at RYLA and they can use this new-found knowledge to become a better leader. The essays are judged and the top two writers have the opportunity to read their essays at the District Conference where the first place winner is awarded a \$1000 scholarship and \$500 scholarship for second place! Congratulations to both Andrew Peschong of Marshalltown High School who won the \$1000 college scholarship and Sean Fellows of Dowling

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High School who won the \$500 college scholarship in last year's inaugural contest.

Our only regret with last year's essay contest is that less than half of the students submitted entries. Please promote the follow-up essay contest with the attendees your club sponsors. It is not only a great way to promote Rotary ideals, but the scholarships are a great incentive.

Our goal this year is to have a minimum of two sponsored participants (ideally one male and one female per sophomore class) from every Rotary Club in District 6000. Last year we had 113 students from all over the district. This year we hope to have 125 students take part in this exciting program. We have also set a goal of

having every club in District 6000 participate in this year's RYLA.

Transportation for participants outside of the Des Moines metropolitan area will be provided via motor coach. Bus schedules for pick up and return will be sent to each club's contact person on or before October 1, 2003.

For more information or if you have any questions, please call Art Dinkin, RYLA chair at (515) 223-9013 or email adinkin@ft.newyorklife.com.

Ames Morning Rotary

Greetings Rotarians, from Ames Morning Rotary Club, the small club with a large interest in the "International" in Rotary International!

Our exchange student for this year has arrived, just in time for school starting. She is Marketa Deveckova from the Czech Republic. Our club helped organize a Rotary club in her home town of Frydek-Mistek. The club was chartered this spring and is up and running. This is Ames' Sister City and we have hosted numerous delegations and visiting students and we are most pleased to have Marketa with us for the school year.

Last year we sponsored John Ernest as an outgoing exchange student. He has now returned from Argentina and is excited about his experience.

The magic of compounding of Rotary Foundation contributions was illustrated to us as our club sponsored a well digging project in Kenya. We contributed over \$2,000, which grew to over \$8,000 by the time it reached the Eldoret, Kenya Rotary Club.

We are encouraging our club sponsored Rotaract Club at Iowa State to be involved in the Xicotepec, Mexico District 6000 Project by paying for at least two students to participate in the Spring Break 2004 Xicotepec trip. Rotarian Jane Aker is working on connecting a class in Ames as pen pals with a class in Xicotepec; and our club member, Carolyn Jons, who is the district chairman of the Literacy Committee, is planning an extension of our literacy campaign to Mexico as well.

**Dean Harms, President
Ames Morning Rotary Club**

BOONE Rotary

The Boone Rotary Club remains very active. As one of the largest service organizations in Boone, the club is known for its annual Steak Fry to raise money for scholarships. Each year, we grill 1000 steaks to serve in one evening at the county fairgrounds. Our other major fundraiser is a food booth at 'Art in the Park,' part of the town's "Pufferbilly Celebration." This past spring, our club gave out ten eight hundred dollar scholarships for local students continuing their education in college. This year we hope to give away even more by helping park cars at Farm Fest, a new event for farmers throughout the state. It will be held on August 26-28.

Aside from giving scholarships, our club helps the community in many ways. Each year, we ring bells for the Salvation Army, clean up a section of Highway 17 twice a year, and help clean a local bike trail. Also, we provide traffic marshals for the Iowa Games Road Race

annually. In addition, we help with various functions for Pufferbilly Days.

Internationally, we will once again be hosting a foreign exchange student, this time from Italy. Also, we have hosted many GSE inbound teams. In recent years, we have sent reading books to developing countries in Eastern Europe, and helped support schools in other developing countries. This year, we hope to send supplies to Colombia to assist in developing a sewing program for impoverished women.

The club meets each Wednesday at noon at the Boone Golf and Country Club. We also have many events for our families to attend throughout the year. We invite any Rotarian 'in the neighborhood' on Wednesday noon to stop for visit.

**Brian Mehlhaus MD, President
Boone Rotary Club**

CARROLL ROTARY CLUB

Bicycle Helmet Program

Each year for the past 4 years, the Carroll Rotary Club has provided bicycle helmets to all the 3rd. grade students in Carroll and surrounding communities. Usually held in conjunction with bicycle safety week, Rotarians "Lend a Hand" and give of their time to see that every child receives a brand new helmet. This past year, nearly 600 students were fitted with their own blue, rotary I.D.'d helmets.

Committee members work with school administrators to set up times to give a short program and fit helmets. Local Law

enforcement personnel work with Rotarians to present programs at each school that show the benefits and dangers pertaining to helmet use when riding their bikes. It gives one a wonderful feeling when driving through a community to see a child headed your way wearing a bright blue helmet, and as you pass, looking in your mirror to see a Rotary Decal on the back of the helmet. We will continue to make this an annual program for the Carroll Rotary Club as just one way of "Lending a Hand" to the youth of our communities.



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Ankeny Rotary Club

Our club was pleased last month to have District Governor Dennis Skinner join our club meeting to share memories from Australia, as well as highlight activities of other clubs in our District. We are excited to continue to grow our membership and have many community service activities in the calendar. We are most excited to have started construction on our Rotary Community Bandshell located on 1st Street in Ankeny. What a wonderful display of community pride and we are thankful to the city and the community for helping our dream of the Bandshell become a reality. In other news, our club spent some quality time around the grill at Rube's Steakhouse for our August fellowship event.

We also plan to cheer on our favorite Iowa team this weekend at our annual ISU/Iowa tailgate social event. We have had some wonderful speakers recently from DMACC and the Neveln Community Center, to name a few. We look forward to seeing everyone at the District Conference and the regional meetings. Please feel free to visit our club. We meet on Tuesdays at 11:45 at the Ankeny Golf and Country Club. You may want to visit our website, www.AnkenyRotary.org, for more information about our club, directions to our meetings and a list of upcoming events.

Deanna L. Zinno, President

Polio Update...

Wow!! - Here is a Polio Update

The Rotary Foundation and the personnel at the PolioPlus Program sent a report on the Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio fund drive and the current report on Polio cases in the world. There is good news on both fronts!

Front ONE: Rotarians responded to the need for funds and exceeded the goal of US \$80 million. The fund drive resulted in donations and commitments of US \$111,499,351. This amount included matching donations of Rotarian contributions from the governments of New Zealand, Canada, and Australia. These countries matching contributions totaled \$3,166,207. The amazing information is that \$82,444,000 has already been received as cash and District Designated Funds (DDF). Club leaders are reminded that Rotarians and clubs that made pledges need to continue to collect the funds and submit the money to The Rotary Foundation.

Front TWO: The number of reported live Polio cases this year is less than was reported last year at the same time.

As of August 5, 2003 only 242 cases of Polio have been recorded in eight countries. Only Pakistan and Nigeria are reporting more cases of Polio this year compared to a year earlier.

Officials are cautiously optimistic that Somalia has wiped Polio out. There has not been a new case of Polio reported in that country since October 2002.

Of the eight countries reporting Polio, Lebanon had one case and Ghana had three cases of imported Polio. Lebanon's case was imported from India and Ghana's cases were imported from Nigeria. This importation of the Polio virus brings meaning to the saying "The Polio virus is only a plane flight away and the virus needs no visa."

Michigan PDG Dave Groner is seeking volunteers to participate in National Immunization Days in India in February 2004. Contact Don Goering if you or a member of your club would like additional information about participating in this upcoming NID.

Submitting by Don Goering

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August Attendance

Name of Club	No. of Members	No. of Meetings	Attendance %	Rank for August
Adel	*			
Albia	*			
Ames	4	265	65.14%	25
Ames Morning	4	67	53.73%	34
Ankeny	4	58	77.81%	8
Atlantic	*			
Bettendorf	4	89	84.84%	5
Bloomfield	3	12	75.00%	15
Boone	4	71	55.30%	31
Burlington	4	109	77.10%	10
Carroll	*			
Centerville	*			
Chariton	*			
Clinton	4	125	58.31%	30
Coon Rapids	*			
Coralville No Corridor	4	44	77.00%	11
Corning	4	59	72.41%	20
Corydon	*			
Creston	*			
Dallas Center	4	28	75.90%	13
Davenport	3	214	53.54%	35
Decatur County	4	17	79.00%	7
Des Moines	*			
Des Moines AM	*			
East Polk County	*			
Fairfield	5	76	63.00%	27
Fort Madison	*			
Grinnell	4	36	75.00%	16
Indianola	5	49	74.84%	17
Iowa City AM	*			32
Iowa City	4	280	55.00%	
Iowa Quad Cities	4	44	75.60%	14
Jefferson	*			
Johnston	4	31	70.54%	22
Kalona	*			
Keokuk	4	98	41.67%	38
Keosauqua	4	31	64.10%	26
Knoxville	4	66	76.05%	12
Lenox	*			
Manning	4	28	72.00%	21
Marengo	*			
Marshalltown	4	194	66.38%	24
Mount Pleasant	*			
Mount Pleasant PM	4	32	74.75%	18
Muscatine	4	138	50.73%	37
Nevada	4	65	84.80%	6
Newton	*			
North Scott	*			
Northwest Des Moines	*			
Odyssey	1	14	74.00%	19
Osceola	4	41	53.21%	36
Oskaloosa	4	54	67.60%	23
Ottumwa	4	119	59.01%	29
Pella	5	44	87.00%	3
Perry	4	38	62.00%	28
Tipton	4	33	86.35%	4
Washington	*			
Waukee	4	40	89.17%	2
Wellman	*			
West Des Moines	4	83	77.30%	9
West Liberty	4	172	54.00%	33
Winterset	4	35	91.43%	1

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