



## Alex Stuedemann – Golf Course Superintendent TPC Deere Run Golf Course



Iowa Quad Cities Rotary member Alex Stuedemann is the Golf Course Superintendent at Deere Run Golf Course. This is the golf course that hosts the John Deere Classic Golf Tournament every year, typically in July.

Alex leads the staff that prepares, maintains and grooms the course, not only for the pro tournament, but for all golf play from spring to fall. The budget for this oversight is \$1.2 million per year. Built into this budget is \$150,000 for capital improvements.

Equipment utilized to maintain the grounds is worth \$3.2 million, ranging from large wide gauge mowers to medium rider mowers to push mowers and weed-whackers. All maintenance staff are employees of the PGA Tour. Many volunteers donate time to this effort for the tournament each year.

The acreage was previously Friendship Farm, owned and operated by William and Trish Hewitt for raising Arabian horses, Trish's passion. William was the Chairman of Deere & Company, leading the company when the current administrative center was constructed.

There are 1,400 sprinkler heads on the course. They are activated remotely/electronically and can be operated individually. Water is drawn from the Rock River and pumped to the network of sprinkler heads (20 million gallons per year).

Revenues from the John Deere Classic remain in the community. Birdies for Charity is a donation program that also generates funds for not-for-profit organizations in the area. Deere & Company antes additional money to this program to expand the effect of the money available to the not-for-profits. Our club has participated in this program for a number of years, focused on Challenger League.

Set-up for the Classic begins much ahead of the tournament. Skyboxes and pavilions are shipped in for the tournament and eventually move on to another tournament.

Think seriously about volunteering to marshal, or to help out the maintenance staff. The course is spectacular! It's a fun time! You get to see the pros up close and the John Deere Classic generates a bunch of money for the community every year.

Thanks, Deere & Company!!

For details about the tournament and volunteering see [www.johndeereclassic.com](http://www.johndeereclassic.com).



## Top Rotaract honor goes to club that empowers women who have HIV

Rotaract clubs around the world earn awards for excellent service

By Ryan Hyland

The 2018 Rotaract Outstanding Project Award recognized the Rotaract Club of Edulink International Campus, Western Province, Sri Lanka, for a project that teaches entrepreneurial skills to women with HIV to empower them to earn a living.

The club created the Dream Store online platform, where the women can sell products they make and have their earnings go straight to their bank accounts. After meeting with the women to assess their abilities, the club partnered with local experts and Rotarians to expand the women's skills or teach them new ones. The women also received training in basic business and personal finance.

The club arranged with several leading companies to carry the women's products to ensure they had a customer base. The club hopes it can remove some of the stigma around HIV and AIDS by allowing the women to showcase their talents, giving people a way to support them through commerce, and holding events aimed at educating the public about the disease.

"Before, these women were unemployed, because nobody would provide them jobs," says Nipun Peiris, past president of the club. "They had no choice but to beg on the street." The recognition "confirms our hard work and the obstacles we overcame," he says. "I am very proud of what we have achieved."

Rotaractors assemble food boxes for Rise Against Hunger during the European Rotaract Conference. The award for best multi-district project went to the European Rotaract Information Centre, a multidistrict organization that promotes collaboration and development of service projects among 115 districts and 24,000 Rotaractors in more than 45 countries.

For this year's awards, more than 470 projects were nominated in 59 countries. In addition to the best single-club project and multidistrict project, the awards recognized outstanding service projects in each of six geographical regions.

The following clubs also earned awards for the best service projects in their regions.

**Asia Pacific:** Rotaract Club of Makati San Miguel, Philippines  
With the Mini-Hackathon and PechaKucha Project, the Rotaract Club of Makati San Miguel, Makati City, Philippines, brought together information technology professionals, business leaders, coaches, and community members to develop new apps that would solve community problems. Three prototypes were tested and proved to be functional at the event, and they continued to be developed afterward. One app allows users to find hospitals, evacuation sites, and fire stations during an emergency. Another app builds résumés for participants at a job fair and connects them with compatible employers. The third app reroutes supply trucks during a flood to reduce response times.

**South Asia:** Rotaract Club of The Caduceus, Maharashtra, India

Members of the Rotaract Club of The Caduceus, India, coordinate a medical check-up for families of workers involved in the coal and mining industry.

**The Rotaract Club of The Caduceus, Maharashtra, India,** launched the Ground Reality Journey project to combat the negative impact of coal mining in their community. After working with local organizations, the government, and villagers, they offered medical examinations, installed waste segregation systems, conducted health education seminars, planted trees, and raised money for school improvements.

**Sub-Saharan Africa: Rotaract Club of St Jude's Arusha, Tanzania**

Youth receive training in entrepreneurial and job skills as part of the Rotaract Club of St Jude's Arusha's project to empower unemployed youth to find jobs.

**The Rotaract Club of St Jude's Arusha, Tanzania,** led workshops for 12 unemployed youth as part of the project Rotary Vijana Poa, teaching them a variety of job skills as well as how to make soap and juice. With the help of Rotarians, the club then placed the youth in three-month paid internships with local businesses. Six youth were employed by the businesses at the end of the program, and two started their own businesses to serve the community.

**USA, Canada, and Caribbean: Rotaract Club of New Kingston, Jamaica**

The Rotaract Club of New Kingston, Jamaica, partnered with Rotarians and health professionals on its Back to School Medical project, which provided free medical exams, dental cleanings, and eye screenings for students returning to school in several underserved communities. Parents also received education on a variety of health topics.

**GUESTS:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Birdies for Charity slips are now available. Donations will go to Challenger League.
- Lids for Kids presentations will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Challenger League will begin in two weeks. Games will be on all Saturdays of May and June.
- **JD** is attending planning meetings for a joint fundraiser with the Davenport Rotary Club to be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> at Prairie Hills Park. The organizing group needs more leaders. Please contact **JD** if you are interested.
- **John G** will be recruiting marshal volunteers for the John Deere Classic golf tournament. Watch for a sign-up sheet soon.
- Rotary Night at the Ballpark will be on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Our own **Emily Shenk-DeMay** will be singing the National Anthem.
- Photos are needed for several members for the directory.
- Please contact **JD** if you have ideas for programs.

**SARGE:****Happy/Sad Dollars:**

None

**50/50:**

None

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

- May 3 – Rotary Video (Polio/Hepatitis)
- May 10 – Alessandro Lomaestro (our in-bound Exchange Student)
- May 17 – Shawn Langan (Commercial Real Estate)
- May 24 – Jake Klipsch (Mid-City High)
- May 31 – Jim Collings (Ministry/Volunteerism)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Apr 27 – Lids for Kids Distribution
- May 4 – Lids for Kids Distribution
- May 30 - Community Service Grant Applications due
- Jul 19 – Rotary Night at the Ballpark (Modern Woodmen)

**BIRTHDAYS!!**

- May 9 – Bob Mattison
- May 16 – Rex Ridenour
- May 27 – Dave Borcharding
- May 30 – Dave Fritz

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!!**

- May 4 – JD Walls (12 years)
- May 16 – Tom Licea (16 years)
- May 22 – Dave Borcharding (**15 years**)
- May 28 – Emily Shenk-DeMay (9 years)

**ANNIVERSARIES!!**

None Found

**Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 professionals from around the world to receive fellowships to study at one of our peace centers.**

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops leaders who become catalysts for peace and conflict prevention and resolution. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,000 fellows for careers in peacebuilding. Many of them are serving as leaders at international organizations or have started their own foundations.

**Our fellowships:**

Each year, the Rotary Foundation awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and 50 for certificate studies at premier universities around the world.

**Master's degree programs:** Last 15 to 24 months and require a practical internship of two to three months during the academic break.

**Professional development certificate program:** For experienced professionals and lasts three months with two to three weeks of field study.

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 Vocational Service  
 Community Service  
 New Generations Service  
 International Service

**NEED TO MAKE UP?**

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| Mon. noon       | Davenport—The Outing Club                  |
| Mon. 5 p.m.     | Davenport—(Mini) Lunardi's                 |
| Mon. 6 p.m.     | Illinois Quad Cities—HyVee (John Deere Rd) |
| Mon. noon       | Moline—Trinity Lutheran Church             |
| Tue. 7:15 a.m.  | River Cities—The Brothers, Rapids City     |
| Tue. noon       | Rock Island—Botanical Center               |
| Wed. 7 a.m.     | Valley Sunrise—Holiday Inn, Moline         |
| Wed. noon       | Bettendorf—Tanglewood Pavilion             |
| Wed. 4:30 p.m.  | North Scott (Mini)—Ridgecrest Village      |
| Thu. 7 a.m.     | Iowa Quad Cities—Holiday Inn Davenport     |
| Thu. noon       | Milan—Pinnacle Country Club                |
| Thu. 12:15 p.m. | East Moline/Silvis—Christ UM Church        |
| Fri. noon       | North Scott—Steeplegate Davenport          |

Make ups count two weeks before or after a meeting.  
 You can attend another club or make up online at  
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

**CLUBRUNNER ACCESS:**

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/login.asp?cid=1647&lgValMem=0>

**The Object of Rotary** is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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 ROTARIAN  
 EVERY  
 YEAR

