

Rotary District 6000 News

Rotary District 6000, Iowa USA

Chris Knapp, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

First Quarter (July-August-September 2016)



'Rotary Serving Humanity' in 2016-17

By DG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

Wow, what a start to the Rotary year!

Thirty-eight clubs visited, thirty-eight different experiences. Thirty-eight times we have learned what Rotarians are doing, what they are engaged in and passionate about.

Vernette and I have seen local parks which have benches, playground and fitness stations donated in part or in total by Rotarians. We have toured libraries, schools and community centers that have rooms and equipment provided through district grant projects. We have seen bike trails, bike stations and sites of future Rotary projects.

All of these projects were the results of Rotarians being Rotarians.

Many of the projects we viewed have the Rotary brand. Those projects that aren't branded or where the brand has faded, club leadership is seeking ways to re-brand or brand for the first time. These projects have

most certainly enhanced the lives of the people in the communities where we Rotarians live.

In our meetings with club boards and when we speak to the club memberships, we focus our discussion on six points of common ground that are being discussed by district governors world-wide. These points are:

1. Continuous and unflinching support for **polio eradication**, our promise to the children of the world.

2. Continuous support and giving to **The Rotary Foundation**

to support both district and global project initiatives.

3. **Leadership succession planning.**

4. **Engagement of club membership.**

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Chris Knapp
District Governor



Two-district Iowa RYLA continues to set records

Iowa Rotarians in Districts 6000 and 5970 set another record with 241 students attending the week-long Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference, July 17-22 at Grinnell College. This was the fourth year the two districts combined their efforts, and the third year at Grinnell. Sixty-three of District 6000's 64 clubs sent one or more students, and it was the largest number of RYLA students ever assembled in Iowa. See more pictures and read about this most amazing RYLA experience on pages 18-20.

Provided by D-6000 RYLA coordinator PDG Gary Welch



District Governor 2014-15 John Ockenfels (l) presented the past governor's pin to Loring Miller at the changeover event at the Iowa City Airport hangar on June 24.



District leadership transferred from DG 2015-16 Loring Miller and Phyllis of Decatur County (r) to DG 2016-17 Chris Knapp and Vernetta of Iowa City AM June 24 at Iowa City.



At the changeover event, District 6000 First Lady Vernetta Knapp received a large ornament with Rotary's 2016-17 theme, "Rotary Serving Humanity" from DGE Mike Ruby and JoAnne.
Photos by Bill Tubbs

Rotary: 'Partnering and leading'

GOVERNOR/continued

- 5. **Vision of purpose and focus of action.**
- 6. **Service to youth**, the future of Rotary and our world.

We have listened to club boards talk about developing new relationships with other Rotary districts within and outside the United States with the hoped for opportunity to develop both district and global grant projects. These relationships may develop into multi-club and multi-district grants similar to the Rotary Park in Des Moines, the Ponseti VTT projects to Mexico and Brazil or water projects in Tanzania and India or the sanitation project in Honduras.

We are partnering and leading. We are Rotarians.

District 6000 is engaged.

We are serving humanity.

We are building bridges between communities.

We are strengthening relationships.

We are forging into new territories with confidence.

We are continuing to be a world class Rotary district.

We should be proud of our past and with our eye to the future seek new opportunities to build a better and more peaceful world.

This is Rotary.

This is Rotarians at work and play.

This is District 6000 in action.

This is what it's all about and why we are Rotarians.



Governor Chris and Vernetta are "on the road for Rotary."

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION Centennial Celebration

'A special year' for Our Rotary Foundation

By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

District Rotary Foundation Chair

This is a special year for our Rotary Foundation. We are celebrating the Centennial year, 100 years since Arch Klumph proposed the idea that Rotary have a foundation "For Doing Good in the World."

The Mission Statement of the Rotary Foundation" is: "...to enable Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty."

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by volunteer contributions from Rotary members and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. This support is essential to make possible projects, funded with Foundation grants, that bring sustainable improvements to communities in need.

And what a statement that is. All Rotarians should take pride in the difference we have and continue to make in the world. Every Rotarian in District 6000 should look at his or her club and the projects the club has performed to improve lives both in their community and communities around the world. Our Foundation is a top rated nonprofit and we can know that our contributions are really making a difference.

Since this is the 100th anniversary, we are asking all clubs to consider a way of celebrating in their own communities. There are great needs all over the world, including our own communities, so the generosity of our Rotarians and friends must be recognized and we must all continue to support the Foundation. By celebrating this centennial, we can let our communities know what we are doing so we can carry on in this fashion and better for the next 100 years.

Polio fights back: Advocate, donate, educate!

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

District PolioPlusChair

The day after I spoke to the Rotary Club of Ames on Aug. 8 about polio and the promising fact that there were only 19 cases of the wild polio virus on that date thus far this year – and it had been three weeks since any polio had been reported in the world – the hopes of all Polio Eradication Warriors were dashed by the report that two cases of the wild polio virus were reported in the Borno State of Nigeria.

That was right at the two-year anniversary of Nigeria being declared polio free.

On that day there was some good news. For the first time in the last 1,000 years, no polio cases were reported in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Sometimes it feels like one step forward, two steps back when we look at our ongoing battle with this crippling killer that we have promised the children of the world we will eradicate from the planet.

So now what do we do? **WE RECOMMIT TO OUR PROMISE!** No one ever said that this was going to be easy or quick. What we



PolioPlus chair will keynote Nov. 5 District Foundation Dinner

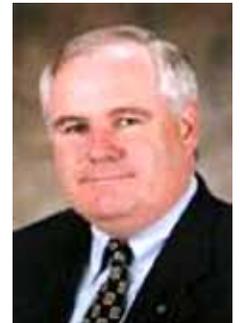
By DG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

District 6000 will be holding its fifth annual Foundation Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Coralville. This is a special event where we honor and recognize those Rotarians, and non-Rotarians, who have gone above and beyond in their support of The Rotary Foundation. All Rotarians are welcome to attend so we encourage you to mark this on your calendar and plan on attending this special event.

This year we are fortunate to have Michael McGovern as our keynote speaker. Michael has a long résumé of Rotary achievements to his credit. He has been a Rotarian since 1986 and has served RI as vice president, director, RI Board Executive Committee member, Permanent Fund national adviser, RI membership zone coordinator, RI training leader, and district governor. He was also a past Council on Legislation representative, and a past chair of Rotarians for Fighting AIDS: A Rotarian Action Group.

He currently serves RI as the PolioPlus chairman. He is a Major Donor and Bequest Society member of The Rotary Foundation and a recipient of its Citation for Meritorious Service.

This will be an event you won't want to miss so please make plans to attend. Registration information will be forthcoming.



Mike McGovern

have known is that when polio is finally eradicated, we will have achieved a modern-day miracle and given children a world that will never again have the legs of children taken out from under them by polio.

Nigeria is already at work on the ground reviewing polio surveillance records and organizing response teams to address the outbreak area and surrounding countries. The World Health Organization and Rotary International have the tools to address this outbreak and take it down quickly. Our prayer is that it will be contained and blocked so that we can continue on to make 2016 the last year that we see the Wild Polio Virus on earth.

How do we help? We **ADVOCATE, DONATE** and **EDUCATE**. End Polio Now is the No. 1 priority of Rotary International, and Rotary with its partners will continue to work. The Gates Foundation is still matching all Rotarian-raised polio donations \$2.00 for each \$1.00 contributed up to \$35 million/year. We have already saved 15.2 million children from polio since 1988. Let's not let one more child suffer from this terrible disease!

District Conference 2017:

'Uniting Generations; Serving Humanity'

By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM

District Conference Co-Chair

All Rotarians and their guests are invited to attend the District 6000 Conference May 4-6, 2017. The conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Coralville, which provides us with lots of space and a beautiful setting next to the Iowa River.

This year's theme is "Uniting Generations Serving Humanity." At this conference, Rotary generations will assemble to celebrate our successes and to plan for the future.

A social time to gather and meet with old and new friends will begin the conference at the Johnson County Historical Society and the Antique Car Museum of Iowa on the evening of Thursday, May 4. On Friday evening, you will be invited into local Rotarians' homes for Home Hospitality to enjoy the special friendly atmosphere that occasion generates. Friday

and Saturday offer inspirational speakers and sessions designed to encourage the exchange of ideas.

Lots of time will be allowed for fellowship and socialization at the 2017 District Conference and there will be plenty of opportunity for audience involvement during program sessions. As indicated by surveys following the last two conferences, these are areas that are very important to conference attendees. One always goes away from a District Conference with a good feeling about having spent time with like-minded friends and with inspiration to try out new projects or work even harder on old favorites. So come and share your stories with each other, break bread with friends and further the cause of Rotary Serving Humanity.

You can go right now to the district website at www.rotary6000.org where there is a District Conference registration form. Register now. Come and join us!



Clubs challenged to achieve District Governor's Citation

District Governor Chris Knapp is challenging clubs to reach beyond and achieve these goals in support of Rotary International, which will be recognized as recipients of the District Governor's Citation at his District Conference May 4-6, 2017, at Coralville:

Mandatory Activities:

- The club president and secretary must utilize My Rotary services.
- The club president must participate in monthly meetings with the assistant governor and area club presidents.
- The club must have at least one member registered for District Conference 2017 by Feb. 20.

Membership: Achieve one of the following two goals:

- Achieve a net gain in membership. Clubs under 50 members must have a net gain of one. Clubs of 50 and over members must have a net gain of two.
- Achieve a net gain of one female member.

Foundation: Achieve three of the following five goals:

- Achieve "Every Rotarian Every Year" commitment in giving.
- Attain a minimum Annual Fund contribution of \$100 per capita.
- Increase the total number of Benefactors, Bequest Society members, Major Donors or Paul Harris Fellows in the club by at least one.
- Participate in a Community Service Project identified by a Rotary brand.
- Participate in a Global Project.

Online Tool Adoption: Achieve one of the following two goals:

- Have at least 50 percent of club members registered in My Rotary.
- Have club records on ClubRunner, integrated with Rotary International records.

Humanitarian Service: Achieve two of the following three goals:

- Have at least one club member attend a grant management seminar.
- Get 50 percent of club members involved in hands-on project participation.
- Partner with another group and conduct a project together.

New Generations: Achieve two of the following four goals:

- Sponsor an Interact or Rotaract club.
- Sponsor a Rotary Youth Leadership Award student.
- Sponsor or host a Rotary Youth Exchange student.
- Initiate a community project for the benefit of local school students.

Public Image: Achieve two of the following four goals:

- Update club website and social media using Rotary's identity guidelines.
- Install a Rotary brand to identify a former Community Service project.
- Share your club achievements utilizing local media.
- Update club announcement road signs within your jurisdiction.

The report form, in the District Directory, should be scanned and emailed or mailed by March 1, 2017 to the District Office: dis6000admin@Lisco.com or D6000, PO Box 122, Pella, IA 50219.

Clubs win points in Governor's Challenge

By PDG Corliss Klaassen/Chariton
D6000 Annual Fund Chair

Last year, District Governor Loring Miller put out a number of challenges to the clubs where they could receive Recognition Points if they reached certain goals during the year. The Recognition Points were all contributed by PDG Herb and Janice Wilson from the Rotary Club of Iowa City.

1. Became a **new Paul Harris Society (PHS)** member in 2015-2016 (500 Recognition Points): Craig Marrs (Ames Morning), Christopher Knapp (Iowa City AM), Stephen West (Iowa City), Chris Connolly (North Scott), and Vernetta Knapp (Iowa City AM).

2. Became a **new Rotary Foundation Benefactor** (500 Recognition Points): Mark Rugeberg (Iowa City Downtown), Robert Brooks (Iowa City Downtown, Usha Balakrishnan (Iowa City), Verne Folkmann (Iowa City), Lois Gambill (Northwest Des Moines).

3. Presidents-Elect who **attended the International Convention** in South Korea (500 Recognition Points): Brenda Auxier-Mailey (Northwest Des Moines), James Bruhn (Clinton).

4. The club president whose club became a **100% EREY** (every member contributes to TRF and the average is \$100 or greater) for the first time during the 2015-2016 Rotary year (500 Recognition Points): Mt. Pleasant Noon, Brant Knudsen; Iowa City Downtown, Carolyn Gross; Lenox, Dave Henrichs; Pella, Robert Bokinsky; Ankeny, Damon Miller; Bettendorf, Kevin Kraft.

5. The club president whose club became a **100% Sustaining Member Club** (every member gives a minimum of \$100) for the first time during the 2015-2016 Rotary year (1,000 Recognition Points): Glen Keppy, North Scott; Tsalika Rich, Washington.

6. 100 points were given to any **first time contributor** to The Rotary Foundation in any amount. If that first time donation was between \$100 and \$500, it would be

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First class of D6000 RLI graduates ...



This is the first class of RLI grads who took the course sponsored by the course District 6000 (l-r): Wayne Steen (West Liberty), Lee Holmes (Waukee), Amy Nicholson (Iowa City AM), Liz Loeb (Iowa City AM), Steve Wieneke (Ankeny), Kristin Pike (West Des Moines), and Mary Ellen Stanley (Decatur County).

- Terry Geiger

ONE ROTARY SUMMIT

Attention enthusiastic Rotarians! ONE ROTARY SUMMIT joins together Rotary leaders to exchange ideas on energizing and boosting your club for growth, service and public interaction. Rotarians are Leaders! Engage fresh new thinking and take home hands-on tools to strengthen membership, public image and involvement in Foundation programs. This is a synergistic learning experience for ALL Rotarians!

Join other Leaders
Sept. 22, 2016 at 5:30 pm
Shive-Hattery, Inc.
4125 Westown Pkwy. West Des Moines
AND
Oct. 5, 2016 at 5:30 pm
West Liberty Community Center
1204 N. Calhoun Street, West Liberty
There is no charge but you need to REGISTER:
Email dis6000admin@Lisco.com



Residents of Xicotepec pick up the pieces after Tropical Storm Earl.



Rotarians and residents of Xicotepec collect food after Tropical Storm Earl wreaked damage to their community in early August.

Help is needed: Tropical Storm Earl strikes our friends in Xicotepec

Dear District 6000 Rotarians,

Annually for the last 15 years, District 6000 Rotarians have worked alongside Rotarians in Xicotepec, Mexico, to construct classrooms for primary schools, improve water systems, build community improvements, assist with dental and health care and help meet other urgent basic needs.

Our friends in Xicotepec were in harm's way when Tropical Storm Earl struck in early August. The cities of Xicotepec, Huauchinango and Tlaola all suffered extensive damage. There have been more than 30 deaths in these three municipalities; many of the dead are children. The shelter/orphanage "La Aldea" is practically destroyed, not to mention the thousands of people who lost everything.

The Rotary Club of Xicotepec and Rotaract clubs are collecting relief goods, and Rotary clubs in other parts of District 4185 in Mexico are mobilizing to provide needed items such as blankets, diapers, bottled water and canned food.

The best way to help is with financial contributions. Your contribution will be forwarded to the Xicotepec Rotary Club to be used for disaster relief and recovery. All donations are tax-deductible.

If you would like to contribute, you can do so by donating online or mailing a check. To donate online, use the Donate Now at the



Homes and schools were damaged by Tropical Storm Earl.

website <http://eepurl.com/ca9W01>, or write a check to "Rotary District 6000 Humanitarian and Educational Foundation - Xicotepec" and mail it to:

Phil Peterson, treasurer, Rotary District 6000 HEF, 330 Butternut Lane, Iowa City, IA 52246.

Thank you for your service and continued involvement.

– Rotary District 6000 Xicotepec Committee

Challenge to clubs: Keep new members engaged

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matched with an equal number of points. There were 428 individuals who joined Rotary last year and out of that group 336 gave to The Rotary Foundation. Of that number, 14 gave between \$100 and \$500. The remaining 322 first time givers gave between \$1 and \$99.

Of the new 336 contributors, 167 were Rotarians who joined since July 1, 2015.

There were 104 Rotarians who gave to the Foundation for the first time even though they had been in Rotary for more than one

year. Out of that group, nine had been a Rotarian for more than 16 years. There was one Rotarian who gave to the Foundation for the first time even though he had been a Rotarian for over 46 years.

The surprising statistic is that out of the 428 individuals who joined Rotary last year, 41 dropped out of Rotary before the end of the Rotary year. Why did so many drop Rotary after being in Rotary for less than one year?

Our hope is that these new contributors will see the benefits that those who are less fortunate received from Rotarians contributing to the Foundation.

'Sara's life was changed forever'

Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team plans another mission to Guatemala

By Deb Dunkhase/Iowa City AM

Iowa MOST Team Leader

With the support of District 6000 Rotary clubs, the Iowa MOST (Miles of Smiles Team) has dramatically changed the lives of Guatemalan children born with cleft lip and/or palate birth defects for the past 12 years. Instead of facing a life of severely diminished health, difficulty speaking, prevented from attending school, and ostracized from the community, hundreds of children are now growing up to lead a life with hope for a better future. Your support of Iowa MOST has made that possible.

There are hundreds of stories from the many children we've served – all of them heart-wrenching and the reasons why Iowa MOST exists.

Last year during our 2016 mission, we met 4-year old Sara when she arrived at the hospital with her abuela. Sara's story is a sad one. When she was born with bi-lateral cleft lip, and her parents abandoned her on the church steps. Fortunately for little Sara, her grandmother took her in and is raising her. But Sara's abuela is ashamed to have Sara go out of their home, so she stays in the house, never seeing people and has no friends. She certainly would not be allowed to go to school with other children, so has little hope of a promising future.

One of Sara's abuela's friends heard about Iowa MOST and convinced them to travel to Huehuetenango for the free cleft surgery. This was a major feat because everyone in Sara's village was convinced that anyone who stepped into a hospital never came out alive. This is a common perception in Guatemala, where the national health care hospitals are so poorly operated. But they took hold of their fear because this was a change to change Sara's life forever.

When we met her, Sara was terrified of everything. This was certainly to be expected since she had never left her grandmother's



Sara, age 4

Secluded and ostracized before the surgery



Sara, age 4

New life six weeks later, thanks to Rotary!

home, never played outside, and definitely had never seen anyone from another country. It was difficult for Sara to go through the screening process and be admitted to the hospital. But our Iowa MOST team surrounded Sara and her grandmother with love and care to get them through a very successful surgery. Sara traveled back to her village later that week and as we said goodbye we wondered if we'd ever see her again ... wondered how her life might change.

Six weeks after we were back from Guatemala, with great joy I received an email from one of our Rotarian friends

in Huehuetenango who had driven up to Sara's village to check on her. The photo of Sara post-surgery says it all. Thanks to Iowa MOST, Sara has a hope for a better tomorrow!

As we gear up for our next mission Feb. 2-12, 2017, you can help children like Sara. Please ask your club to consider giving \$5 per member with your annual District 6000 dues. The money from clubs just like yours is what enables the MOST team to continue Serving Humanity year after year.

Muchas Gracias Rotarios!!

The Object of Rotary

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 oc-

cupations; 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.



What is the Legacy Dinner and why?

Goal for May 24 Legacy Dinner is to raise \$1 million

By DG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

This year I am encouraging Rotarians across the District 6000 footprint to commit to leaving a tangible and powerful financial legacy for future Rotarians of our district. This legacy is the gift that can keep on giving.

Rotarians are passionate about service – International and Community service. This passion most often translates into projects that seek to make their community or the communities in other countries better, safer and healthier. These projects are accomplished by using either a community or global grant. These grants are funded through The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation is, of course, funded by Rotarians across the globe. Because we contribute to The Rotary Foundation regularly, be it monthly, quarterly or annually, money contributed annually, after three years, is available for us to use for grants.

The Legacy Dinner is the capstone to the special fund drive to raise \$1 million for The Rotary Foundation from Rotarians in District 6000. This is a special opportunity for Rotarians to contribute \$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation.

There are five ways that we Rotarians can contribute and participate in this special opportunity:

1. Outright gift funded with cash, appreciated securities, real estate or tangible personal property.
2. Three-year pledge funded with cash or appreciated securities.
3. Life income agreement funded with cash, appreciated securities or real estate (where appropriate). Charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, or pooled income fund.
4. Bequest via will, life insurance, revocable trust or retirement plan.
5. Individual Donor Advised Fund account of \$20,000 or more (50 percent eligible for Bequest Society recognition) funded with cash or appreciated securities.

The minimum gift amount for each of the above gift types is \$10,000 to qualify for the Legacy Dinner, with the exception of Individual Donor Advised Fund accounts with The Rotary Foundation, which has a minimum of a \$20,000 to qualify. Certain gift types require \$25,000 or \$100,000 minimums.

Joining me in leadership for the Legacy Dinner are eight dedicated Rotarians from across the district. These Rotarians are committed to bringing other dedicated Rotarians to the dinner table.

The Table Captains are:

- **DG Chris Knapp**, Rotary Club of Iowa City AM. Ph: (319) 621-4977.



Table Captains for the May 24 Legacy Dinner received training July 30 at Iowa City with Rotary Foundation Major Gifts Officer Rachel Greenhoe (back). Front (l-r): Mike Ruby (facilitator), Chris Knapp and Tom Narak. Back: Steve Dakin, Past RI Director Frank Goldberg of Omaha, who is the Zone 28 Major Gifts Officer, Wayne Steen and Terry Geiger. Not pictured: Jacque Andrew and Jim Slavens.

- **PDG Jacque Andrew**, Rotary Club of Jefferson. Ph. (515) 370-8358.
- **AG Steve Dakin**, Rotary Club of Boone Ph: (515) 230-0036.
- **PDG Terry Geiger**, Rotary Club of Decatur County. Ph. (641) 442-5559.
- **DGN Tom Narak**, Rotary Club of West Des Moines. Ph. (515) 229-9846.
- **James Slavens**, Rotary Club of Bettendorf, Ph. (563) 340-8857.
- **Wayne Steen**, Rotary Club of West Liberty. Ph. (563) 607-3367.
- **Rachel Greenhoe**, Major Gift Officer of The Rotary Foundation in Evanston, Ill., is our Rotary International liaison. Ph.: (847) 866-3476.

The Legacy Dinner will be Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at the Radisson Hotel, Coralville. To be a part of this great opportunity, to find out more about the ways you may participate please contact one of the above Table Captains.

With any gift of significant size, donors should always consult with their financial and legal advisers.

A record-setting year for Foundation giving in 2015-16

Congratulations to PDG Loring Miller on a record-breaking giving year to the Annual Fund, which is the fund used for matching money for all grants. Our per capita giving for all Rotarians in the district was \$118.64 which is a new record. Our total giving was \$457,255. which is second highest ever. Congratulations and thank you all District 6000 Rotarians for your generosity in 2015-2016. The money will be used prudently to change lives in District 6000 and all over the globe. Now, with 2016-2017 upon us, let's continue this great giving trend. Let's give strong support to District Governor Chris Knapp. Giving totals from 2015-16 are in the table at right. – PDG Terry Geiger, District Rotary Foundation Chair

Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(Members: Jul 14/Jul 15)	15- 16 APF Goal	Thru 6-30-16	% of Goal	Per capita	PolioPlus	Other (**)	TOTAL
Adel (27/37)	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,770	94	\$ 101.89	\$ 60	0	\$ 3,830
Albia (30/22)	1,200	350	29	15.91	30	0	380
Ames Morning (56/55)	10,500	8,075	77	146.82	120	0	8,195
Ames (232/224)	27,366	32,360	118	144.47	8,638	1,000	41,998
Ankeny (61/61)	10,460	12,915	123	211.72	5,000	0	17,195
Atlantic (56/58)	7,400	3,062	41	52.79	1,800	0	4,862
Bettendorf (107/103)	13,330	16,457	123	159.78	2,000	5,700	24,157
Bloomfield (11/10)	900	1,025	114	102.50	318	0	1,343
Boone (45/42)	6,380	16,958	266	403.76	1,617	15	18,590
Burlington (75/80)	14,550	6,315	84	78.94	230	3,624	10,169
Carroll (45/45)	2,600	0	0	0	3,050	0	3,050
Centerville (50/46)	4,160	3,810	92	82.83	250	0	4,060
Chariton (50/41)	5,100	5,245	103	127.93	1,050	20	6,275
Clinton (103/98)	9,125	8,588	94	87.64	0	0	8,588
Coon Rapids (27/27)	1,400	1,500	107	55.56	0	0	1,500
Coralville-North Corridor (17/20)	2,100	2,075	99	103.75	500	0	2,575
Corning (36/34)	1,375	1,254	91	36.88	565	0	1,819
Corydon (21/18)	100	200	200	11.11	30	0	230
Creston (23/23)	200	100	50	4.35	250	0	350
Dallas Center (27/27)	2,700	2,500	100	92.59	0	0	2,500
Davenport (120/112)	14,850	6,355	43	56.74	230	1,675	8,260
Decatur County (26/30)	5,700	6,735	118	224.50	1,387	0	8,121
Des Moines AM (160/170)	13,000	12,775	98	75.15	1,344	0	14,119
Des Moines (278/276)	22,000	20,024	91	72.55	3,361	0	23,385
East Polk County (38/34)	2,950	2,541	86	74.74	1,666	0	4,207
Fairfield (58/74)	7,900	7,845	99	106.01	1,442	1,564	10,851
Fort Madison (45/49)	7,500	5,325	107	108.67	622	3,000	8,947
Greater Des Moines (16/12)	510	500	98	41.67	0	0	500
Grinnell (37/38)	9,800	2,642	27	69.63	1,311	0	3,953
Indianola (57/54)	6,500	8,250	127	152.78	41	18,912	27,203
Iowa City AM (62/66)	15,000	21,960	146	332.73	1,994	500	24,454
Iowa City Downtown (19/23)	3,500	4,395	126	191.09	841	1,500	6,736
Iowa City (302/312)	46,200	39,045	85	125.14	1,581	1,050	41,675
Iowa Quad-Cities (40/41)	2,475	3,270	132	79.76	65	1,000	4,335
Jefferson (56/59)	4,129	6,325	153	107.20	2,073	1,500	9,898
Johnston (56/60)	3,500	7,192	205	119.87	1,459	0	8,651
Kalona (42/42)	2,700	2,300	85	54.76	1,030	0	3,330
Keokuk (68/66)	4,950	3,705	75	56.14	1,025	5,000	9,730
Keosauqua (23/24)	1,200	1,251	104	52.13	100	0	1,351
Knoxville (61/61)	5,000	4,775	96	78.28	0	2,100	6,875
Lenox (27/29)	2,875	2,710	94	93.45	396	0	3,106
Manning (19/19)	1,700	4,267	251	224.56	450	0	4,717
Marengo (11/11)	120	135	113	12.27	0	0	135
Marshalltown (157/150)	21,000	21,925	104	146.17	2,192	0	24,117
Mount Pleasant Noon (55/52)	3,030	4,801	158	92.33	2,000	500	7,301
Mount Pleasant (22/20)	550	1,001	182	50.05	700	2,150	3,851
Muscatine (99/79)	10,400	18,279	176	231.38	1,500	0	19,779
Nevada (73/71)	8,876	8,225	93	115.85	1,860	0	10,085
Newton (57/60)	4,200	1,500	36	25	3,141	0	4,641
North Scott (81/85)	11,000	17,746	161	208.78	2,524	25,650	45,920
Northwest Des Moines (43/34)	7,400	9,057	122	266.38	3,540	11,269	23,866
Osceola (30/28)	2,070	843	41	30.11	57	0	900
Oskaloosa (49/56)	2,300	2,600	113	46.43	1,500	0	4,100
Ottumwa (105/97)	11,600	12,300	106	126.80	812	0	13,112
Pella (28/29)	4,200	3,606	86	124.34	500	0	4,106
Perry (26/26)	810	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tipton (31/30)	2,800	1,000	36	33.33	1,075	2,000	4,075
Washington (52/49)	5,300	5,300	100	108.16	500	750	6,550
Waukee (63/58)	6,300	9,000	143	155.17	3,286	100	12,386
Wellman (38/36)	2,808	3,585	128	99.58	0	0	3,585
West Des Moines (76/62)	4,300	5,920	138	95.48	622	1,000	7,542
West Liberty (36/43)	10,343	23,000	222	534.88	1,775	0	24,775
West Polk County (30/31)	4,000	0	0	0	3,002	0	3,002
Winterset (27/25)	2,240	6,685	298	267.40	120	0	6,805
District Contributions	0	0	0	0	815	23,117	23,932
Total (3,900/3,854)	\$ 434,332	\$ 457,255	107.64	\$ 118.64	\$ 79,551	\$ 114,696	\$ 651,384

(*) Final report for Rotary year 2015-16

(**) Other includes endowment fund and restricted giving for grants



RAG4Clubfoot

Ponseti Method makes an impact at Seoul

By Tomeka Petersen/West Liberty

Ponseti International Committee

Rotarians visiting the House of Friendship during the International Convention in Seoul had the opportunity to experience the RAG4Clubfoot exhibit to learn about our mission to support timely Ponseti Method treatment and appropriate care for all children born with clubfoot.

During the visit, Rotarians were shown a graph with the projected number of children born with clubfoot each year in their country and how many doctors it would take to treat them. Booth visitors also learned about the multiple stages of Ponseti Method treatment: manipulation, casting, tenotomy and bracing.

A wide representation of Rotarians stopped to express their interest in learning more about clubfoot and Ponseti Method treatment. RAG4Clubfoot's first newsletter and brochures were available for Rotarians to take and share with their club members back home.

Rotarians DG Jim Coloff (District 5970, northern Iowa), DG Chris Knapp, PDG Herb Wilson and Tomeka Petersen (West Liberty) facilitated a break-out session titled, "How Rotarians Can Help End Disability from Clubfoot." The session informed other Rotarians about clubfoot, the Ponseti Method treatment and the role of RAG4Clubfoot to assist Rotary districts in implementing Ponseti Method training projects.

RAG4Clubfoot is already looking forward to participating in the 2017 International Convention in Atlanta!

Join Us! All Rotarians, family members of Rotarians, program participants and alumni are eligible to become members of RAG4Clubfoot. To learn more, visit:

<http://rag4clubfoot.org/plans/rag4clubfoot-membership/>



RI President 2014-15 Gary Huang of Taiwan was among the Rotarians who visited with PDG Herb Wilson at the RAG4Clubfoot exhibit booth at the RI Convention in Seoul, Korea.



Rotarians from Japan met with PDG Herb Wilson at the RAG4Clubfoot booth at the RI Convention.

Photos by Tomeka Petersen



VTT will train Ponseti doctors in Brazil

By Tomeka Petersen/West Liberty

Ponseti International Committee

Districts 4420 (Brazil) and 6000 (Iowa, USA) were notified by The Rotary Foundation that the two-year Vocational Training Team (VTT) Ponseti Method Training Grant has been approved.

The goal of the grant is to provide "Train-the-Trainers" education to 15 Ponseti Method (PM) providers who will serve as in-country trainers to facilitate comprehensive PM instruction for an additional 50 orthopaedic surgeons. Comprehensive Ponseti Method training consists of orthopaedic surgeons participating in a Ponseti Method course, five-day mentorship with an in-country trainer, a follow-up clinic site visit and quarterly web-conferencing sessions.

The Vocational Training Team traveled to São Paulo at the end of August 2016 to facilitate the "Train-the-Trainers" which occurred over two days focused on the strategic expansion of the clinical network to enable the treatment of all new clubfoot cases in Brazil.

In addition, the VTT team will teach the in-country trainers about the essential elements of national clubfoot programs, the use of the brace to maintain the correction, how to enter data into the International Clubfoot Registry in order to document outcomes and monitor quality of treatment, and the importance of the formation of parent support groups.

Following this training, the in-country trainers will then teach this information and the clinical skills related to Ponseti Method technique to the 50 identified orthopaedic surgeons.

The four Rotary Districts funding this project are: 4420 (Brazil), 5300 (California, USA), 5970 (Iowa, USA), and 6000 (Iowa, USA).

RAG4Clubfoot exists to link interested Rotary districts with Ponseti International Association (PIA) to facilitate the grant planning and writing process. If your district would like to learn more about sponsoring a Ponseti Method training grant, contact us at: info@RAG4Clubfoot.org

*VTT team's work in Brazil has begun.
Turn the pages to see the first report*



The red stars indicate the locations of the first 10 trainees in Brazil who received Ponseti Method training in August 2016.



Jim Coloff, who is District Governor of District 5970 (northern Iowa) facilitated a breakout session at the Seoul Convention with PDG Herb Wilson entitled, "How Rotarians Can Help End Disability from Clubfoot." District Governor Chris Knapp and Rotarian Tomeka Petersen were also panelists.



West Liberty Rotarian Tomeka Petersen spoke about the Ponseti Method at a breakout session at the Seoul Convention.
Photos by Phyllis Miller

Vocational Training Team begins 'training the trainers' in Brazil

Email on Aug. 25 from VTT Team Leader Tomeka Petersen of West Liberty to Rotarians in Iowa upon landing in Brazil:

We arrived São Paulo 30 minutes early on Thursday morning. Checked into hotel, ate lunch and then the Train-the-Trainers began. Present for the training were 15 PM providers, several parents and even a few past patients. The discussions are about 50 percent in Portuguese, 30 percent in Spanish and 20 percent in English.

Thankfully, Anna is sitting here translating into our ear! One other very interesting participant on Thursday was Evelinda Trindad from the Secretariat of the Ministry of Health. She is eager to assist the national program to incorporate PM into the healthcare system. She stressed that the doctors need to publish papers showing the success of the method.

After an afternoon of training, we were invited to be guests of the Rotary Club of Santo Andre. All 20 of us boarded a bus for a 1.5-hour drive to the club meeting (traffic is horrendous!). The meeting was held in a very nice hall with exposed brick walls, wood floors, fancy tablecloths, and real silverware.

The VTT team sat at the head table with Rotarians Cyro Soldani, president; Rafael Guinez, VP of Ronald McDonald House (he is also a medical equipment importer who is working to get paperwork in order to import the Iowa braces); and Dr. Tatiana Guerschman, Ponseti Method provider.

After a very good dinner, Jose provided a 15-minute presentation about the project, the training elements and how Rotarians can assist clinics.

We have been invited to a Ronald McDonald House fundraiser on Saturday evening.

Discussion at this moment with the trainers is about the vision and action plan for a national program.



The District 6000 Ponseti Vocational Training Team with Tomeka Peterson (front) was seated at the head table for the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Santo Andre.



Several of the "trainers" from various hospitals in Brazil.

Ponseti team shares vision with Past RI President and Foundation Chair Ray Klingensmith

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Ponseti International Committee

Past RI President Ray Klingensmith of Kirksville, Mo., was the guest of the RAG4Clubfoot board for a dinner meeting on Sunday, July 17 at Vesta's in Coralville.

The gathering was to acquaint PRIP Ray with the RAG4Clubfoot, the global issue of clubfoot and some of those working to provide Ponseti method treatment to children around the world. D6000 DG Chris Knapp and Vernetta Knapp were also in attendance.

On Monday morning Ray visited the Ponseti clinic at the University of Iowa with DG Jim Coloff of District 5970 and witnessed Dr. Jose Morcuende as he worked with young patients applying casts and educating parents about the process.

Later, PRIP Ray met with members of the RAG4Clubfoot executive committee to explore how the fledgling RAG could grow and expand the number of Vocational Training Teams that will ultimately train physicians in the Ponseti Method worldwide.



Ponseti team members (l-r): Pam Ehly, John Buchanan, Usha Balakarishnan, DG Chris Knapp, PDG Herb Wilson, Tom Cook, PDG John Ockenfels, Patty Roberts, D5970 DGN Michelle Bell, Phil Peterson, Tomeka Petersen, D5970 PDG Jill Olsen, Dr. Jose Morcuende, PRIP Ray Klingensmith, D5970 DG Jim Coloff, Chris Lindell, Theresa Schaefer and Vernetta Knapp. Photo by team member PDG Jacque Andrew

District recommends James S. King for Peace Fellowship

By **Kathy Mace Skinner/Nevada**

District 6000 Peace Scholar Subcommittee Chair

Many of us Rotarians search for reasonable ways to respond to the world's problems. We dream of finding ways to calm the unrest, stop discrimination of all kinds, and for once and for all end the wars that place so many of our fellow humans in fear. We ask what can individuals do in a world of escalating violence?

Rotary has found the way to actively advance our steps toward peace, by creating master's degree fellowships at premier universities in fields related to peace and conflict resolution and prevention. These 15-24-month-long masters' degree programs are conducted at universities in the U.S., Japan, United Kingdom, Australia and Sweden, while a three-month program in peace and conflict resolution is conducted in Bangkok, Thailand. A maximum of 100 paid fellowships/certificates are awarded in this worldwide competition.

Our District 6000, following Rotary International's lead, has searched for individuals



James S. King
Peace Fellow Candidate

who might make a significant impact on the world by promoting peace, tolerance and cooperation. In June, the District 6000 Peace



Rotarians who met with James King on June 18 in Des Moines and recommended him for the Rotary Peace Fellowship were (l-r): Myron Herzberg (Nevada), Kathy Mace Skinner (Nevada), PDG Ray Muston (Iowa City), James King, PDG Bill Tubbs (North Scott), Jack DePond (Decatur County) and DG Chris Knapp (Iowa City AM).

Fellowship Committee interviewed James S. King, a prospective candidate, and submitted his application for consideration by The Rotary Foundation. The decision by the Foundation is expected in November 2016.

James was born and raised in the African country of Liberia. He and his wife and three children now live in Des Moines. He intends to return to Liberia to work on social justice after he is trained in peace and conflict resolution. His chosen vocation is journalism. His writings from inside Liberia include HIV/JAIDS training, field interviews with family of victims of genocide, gender issues, and the support of women's programs. He wants to make a positive difference in development journalism by writing and circulating information at a grassroots level about the fight against poverty, hunger, disease and environmental instability.

The District Peace Fellowship committee recognizes that James is not the typical candidate because he was not recommended by a specific club, but applied directly to RI who forwarded his information to our district. But the committee sees his courage, his commitment and his clear desire to make a positive change in the world. James is eager to learn more about Rotary and intends to seek out Rotarians in Des Moines and other areas as he awaits the decision of RI. James lives for peaceful and positive development for his country and he wants to write about it. He does not just seek to report it, he seeks to create change by it. His vision is our vision and vice versa. Our committee and our district hope this is one peaceful positive step towards peace.

Nominate a member for 'Guardian of Integrity' award

By **PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott**

D-6000, Vocational Service chair

To encourage Rotarians and clubs to focus on Rotary's core value of integrity, and to honor the memory of the late PDG Paul Hellwege, District 6000 is asking clubs to nominate one member for the sixth annual District 6000 "Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity" awards.

A nomination form will soon be posted at the District website and sent to clubs. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31, 2017. The nominations will be submitted to the District 6000 Vocational Service Committee and nominees will be recognized at the District Conference, May 4-6 in Coralville.

The award is named for Boone Rotarian and Past District Governor (1954-55), Judge Paul E. Hellwege, and is established to promote the ideals of ethics and integrity which were Paul's fervent passions.

The award will be presented annually to Rotarians in District 6000 who have been a member for a minimum of three years and who exemplify the attributes and passion for ethics and integrity in his or her vocation, business and personal life that Paul exemplified. This award recognizes individuals who have made contributions in business, media, academia or government and who have by their actions, writing, policies and public pronouncements strengthened and fostered development of integrity and ethical practices.

Search and rescue in the Arctic

Rotary Scholar Dylan Clark seeks to understand climate change

The Media Relations Office of McGill University in Montreal, Canada, wrote this report about the research of Rotary Foundation Scholar Dylan Clark, who was sponsored by District 6000. Clark is a graduate of Ames High School and Iowa State University and received paramedic specialist certification from the University of Iowa. He was part of a research team studying the impact of global climate change on the food systems and health of the indigenous peoples in the remote Nunavut Territory of northern Canada. This report was submitted to District 6000 News by Ames Rotarian Liz Beck, who chairs our Rotary Foundation Global Scholars Subcommittee.

Minimum daily temperature -3 C increases the need of search and rescues in Nunavut, Canada, affecting culturally valued hunting activities of the Inuit.

Search and rescue operations in Nunavut have more than doubled over the past decade. In the communities of the vast northern Canadian territory, it's commonly felt that climate change is one factor making hunting riskier in the spring and fall.



Dylan Clark
Rotary Global Scholar

A new study shows a strong link between environmental conditions and search and rescues cases across Nunavut, moving scientists closer to understanding the impact of climate change on the Inuit.

"Hunting and traveling on the land and sea are an essential component of food security and cultural identity for many in Nunavut. The effects of climate change threaten this way of life for the Inuit," says Dylan Clark, a member of the Climate Change Adaptation Research group headed by McGill geography professor James Ford.

Tracked sales of gasoline. To conduct the study, Clark used data from Canada's National Search and Rescue Secretariat for search operations in 2013 and 2014 in communities across Nunavut, along with weather records from



Rotary Scholar Dylan Clark of Ames studied climate change and search and rescue missions in the Arctic.

Environment Canada. He also used gasoline sales in Nunavut communities to identify days when people may have gone out on ATVs, snowmobiles or boats.

"We wanted to be able to say there were a lot of people out on this particular day and no one needed a search, but very few people were out on another day and the search was needed," Clark says. "Now, what were the weather conditions on each of those days?"

Clark found that the risks peak around -3 C, confirming what he had been hearing from community members.

"This study puts us one step closer to understanding climate change impacts on land safety," Clark says. "Hunters may want to take extra precautions when they go out on those days and search and rescue volunteers may want to ensure they're ready for a mission. Now that we know environmental conditions are linked to risk, we will need to look at the bigger picture to understand how social and environmental changes are interacting to impact risk."

The role of environmental factors in search and rescue incidents in Nunavut, Canada, by D.G. Clark, J.D. Ford, L. Berrang-Ford, T. Pearce, S. Kowal W.A. Gough in Public Health <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27423419>

Nominations open for District Governor 2019-20

Dear District 6000 Club Presidents,

Aug. 25: District 6000 invites you to nominate a past president from your club for District Governor for the year 2019-20.

The Rotarian you nominate must be in good standing as a member of your club, have at least seven years of Rotary membership by the time they take office as governor in 2019, commit to be available for Rotary district activities in preparation for the office, and be able to arrange their affairs for the time demands of the governorship. Term of office for district governor is a single year, but there will be additional training and experience in the years leading up to the year in office.

Nominating official forms are attached. What you need to do now is:

1. Identify a candidate and review with that person the qualifications and duties of the district governor.

2. Meet with your board to nominate a candidate.

3. Have your club adopt a resolution proposing your candidate. Candidate shall complete the Governor Nominee form.

4. Both your club secretary and the candidate need to sign the statements on the Governor Nominee form. After the interviews, the governor will sign the form of only the candidate selected by the nominating team.

5. Mail the original data form to: Rotary District 6000, P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219. Must be received no later than the deadline: Oct. 25, 2016.

6. Candidate interviews will be scheduled for Nov. 13, 2016. Candidates must be available on the scheduled date.

Thank you for participating in this important process.

Sincerely,
District Governor Chris Knapp

Rotary scholar featured in Iowa newsletter

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

Rotary made it into the University of Iowa International Programs newsletter when Kristina McLaughlin, UI alumna and winner of a Global Grant to Dublin, was featured this summer.

McLaughlin (bachelor of science in political science and bachelor of arts in economics, '11), a native of Marion, Iowa, is the winner of a Rotary Global Grant scholarship to Dublin.

McLaughlin will be earning her masters degree (M.Phil) in public history and cultural heritage at Trinity College Dublin in Dublin, Ireland, where she will study the role of historical sites, museums and monuments in building and maintaining peace. Specifically, she will study how Ireland commemorates different periods of history, including the troubles from recent decades.

McLaughlin will seek to understand how the Irish honor the past without destabilizing the future and how this can be applied globally to conflict-ridden countries, or closer to home as we debate the place of statues honoring Confederate soldiers in the U.S.

McLaughlin's interest in this field was derived from a lifelong love of history and a combination of experiences studying abroad in Ghana and Antarctica as a student at the



Rotary Scholar Kristina McLaughlin is studying in Ireland.

University of Iowa and as a teaching assistant in France last year.

Following her Global Grant, she hopes to work for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) or earn her Ph.D. She currently works for Brucemore and the National Czech

and Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids.

She plans to document her time abroad through her travel blog. Follow her adventures at www.petitederive.com (link is external).

Thank you, Rotary! Water to arrive again in Tanzania

By Mary Wells/Ames

A village-wide water system for 378 households (2,150 people, 1,874 cows, 2,681 goats, 1,072 sheep, 297 donkeys and 222 dogs) of Masandare, Tanzania, has been approved by The Rotary Foundation.

Construction of the \$250,000 deep well, pump house, storage tank and piping to multiple distribution points around the village and livestock watering trough will begin in early fall 2016. Currently the village has a single ground water well with much of the water brought in by truck, bicycle or on foot.

The host sponsor club is the Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania, and the international sponsor club is the Rotary Club of Ames. Partner Rotary clubs are the Rotary Club of South Pasadena, CA (District 5300), the Rotary Clubs of Hudson and Hudson Daybreak, WI (District 5960), the Rotary Club of

Webster City, IA (District 5970), and the Rotary Clubs of Ames Morning, Des Moines, Indianola and Newton (District 6000).

The first village-wide water system for the Village of Kigogo (1,500 people plus livestock), which had no local source of water, has been completed. It is now in the three-year impact assessment process.

Learn more about the Masandare project and the next project (the Village of Mhezi) from the Rotary Club of Ames as well as any of the partners listed above. We have an excellent team (which includes rural community development professionals, water and environmental engineers, well drillers, and general contractors) on board starting with the first project and now ready for the second and third.

The application preparation for the Mhezi Rotary Foundation Global Grant is just be-

ginning. This is an excellent time to define how members of your club may personally participate in the Global Grant – participating in project development and implementation as well as individual and club financial investments.

All current partners look forward to having more Rotary clubs of any size (large or small) join this rewarding venture as a partner. These projects cannot be done by one club. It takes a “village of Rotary clubs” to work together for these villages of Tanzania. Thousands of Tanzanians are having their way of living raised to a higher standard as each project is accomplished.

Contact Gerald Klonglan (geraldk@isunet.net) for more information and consider a convenient time current Rotarian partners could visit your club to discuss the new project.

Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus:

✓ Maternal and Child Health
✓ Water and Sanitation

✓ Disease Prevention and Treatment
✓ Basic Education and Literacy

✓ Economic-Community Development
✓ Peace and Conflict Resolution

Maternal and Child Health: Nigerians come to Des Moines for training on birthing simulator

By Del Christensen/Adel

Every year, over 4,000 Nigerian women die during or shortly after childbirth. In northern Nigeria, one in every eight births can result in the death of the mother or child. According to World Bank and the World Health Organization (WHO) reports, skilled attendants are present for only 47 percent of all births in Nigeria.

Rotary District 6000, along with Rotary Club Malali in Nigeria, are trying to reduce those infant and maternal mortality rates in the rural regions of northern Nigeria by providing additional training for healthcare workers and midwives in the field.

A group of eight healthcare providers and Rotarians from Kaduna State, Nigeria, are spending a week at Des Moines University in Des Moines, Iowa, receiving training on new birthing simulator training mannequins called MamaNatalies. The simulator mannequins are very low tech, highly durable and portable for training in rural areas, but still provide the opportunity to train others in the field on a wide array of medical complications that can occur during childbirth.

These newly trained Nigerian healthcare providers will return to Nigeria with twelve training mannequins and train other health care providers and local birthing attendants. According to Rotarian Del Christensen of Adel, who is coordinating the project, "We believe this unique train-the-trainer project will result in more than 1,000 rural birthing attendants having greatly improved skills to assist with births in rural Nigeria, saving save tens of thousands of lives in the process."

In June, Christensen led a small team of three Iowans to Nigeria to select twelve



Nigerian healthcare workers who received training at Des Moines University in August are pictured with Rotarians (l-r): Favour Chukwu (nurse from Kaduna, Nigeria), Ryan Bender (Coon Rapids), Dr Isabella Ahanogbe (Manning), Dr Ad-ekunle Oguntayo (Kaduna, Nigeria), Del Christensen (Adel Rotary), Angela Ike (nurse from Kaduna, Nigeria), Joy Yakubu (nurse from Kaduna, Nigeria), Rotarian Benson Nwobum (Rotary Club of Malali, Kaduna, Nigeria), Dr. Stephen Obialo (Kaduna, Nigeria), District Governor Chris Knapp, Rotary club president Leo Obi (Rotary Club of Malali, Kaduna, Nigeria), Dr. Solomon Avidime (Kaduna, Nigeria), Rotary Youth Exchange student Elinor, and PDG Gary Welch (Ankeny).

healthcare providers for the training in Iowa. The team included Dr. Isabella Ahanogbe of Manning and Ryan Bender of Coon Rapids. While not all the selected participants were able to secure visas, eight arrived and are being trained by faculty at Des Moines University.

During their week at DMU, the training team led by Dr. Rebecca Shaw, chief coordinator for Ob/Gyn at DMU, will lead the group through an intensive training program customized to address the birthing challenges faced in rural northern Nigeria. While in Iowa, the Nigerians are being hosted in the homes of Adel Rotarians.

In December, a second small group of Iowans including Christensen, Dr. Deb Turner of Des Moines and nurse Sarah Grover of Colo will travel to Nigeria to help conduct additional training workshops and observe trainings being done using the new training mannequins and materials provided by this Rotary International project.

This project is a partnership with Rotary clubs in Iowa and Nigeria, Des Moines University, Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital and St. Gerard's Hospital, both in Nigeria.

The project is funded by Rotary District 6000 and The Rotary Foundation.

Plan now for PETS, March 9-11, 2017, at Ames

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson
General Chair, NCPETS

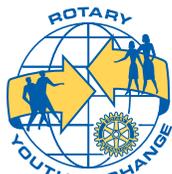
All presidents-elect and presidents-nominee should know that the 2017 North Central Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (NCPETS) will be held in Ames, starting Thursday evening, March 9, with a welcome reception and continuing with training on Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11.

The event will be held in the Scheman Center on the Iowa State University campus and Friday's dinner and reception will be at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center nearby. Special

room rates have been arranged at the Gateway for attendees.

DGE Mike Ruby of Muscatine has been working with the other three DGEs of NCPETS (Districts 5950, 5960 and 5970, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin) to plan the curriculum for the event in addition to preparing district training sessions for District 6000 Assistant Governors and PEs.

The NCPETS website, www.ncpets.org, is being prepared for the 2017 event and will be the location of the most up-to-date information. We look forward to all D6000 presidents-elect attending the 2017 NCPETS! Don't miss it!



District 6000 welcomes 11 Youth Exchange students for 2016-17

By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities
District 6000 Youth Exchange Chair

New schools. New families. New routines. New language. New friends. New time zones. New food. New culture. New weather.

These are just some of the experiences that our inbound Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) students will deal with as they begin their year in District 6000.

These very brave teens have begun an adventure that will help shape their lives from this day forward. As one former exchange student put it: "Youth Exchange is not a year in your life, it is a lifetime in a year!"

And we hope that it will be the best year of their lives – so far. I say "so far" because I believe Rotary Youth Exchange is a launching pad from which our students will accomplish bigger and better things in the future.

Aug. 27 was the day they really became part of the district YE program. The fall kickoff was held that day in Newton at the Christian Conference Center. This was the first opportunity for each student to meet the other teens who will be sharing this common experience.

Over 80 people – students, host parents, counselors, Rotexers, and D6000 committee members – gathered to learn/share about the district program: the do's and don'ts, the calendar of events, goal setting, story sharing, and some fun. This is one of several opportunities we provide for the students to meet together. Pumpkin carving in Indianola in October is the next event.

But, now that this phase of RYE is launched, it is time for other activities to kick in, namely recruitment of next year's Outbound students. Our program is a true



Inbound Youth Exchange students met District Governor Chris Knapp and Vernetta at the Aug. 27 orientation at Newton (l-r): Jean-Romain Pourin (France, Iowa Quad Cities), Niccolo Podda (Italy, Decatur County), Jacqueline Kgothloane (South Africa, Winterset), Viola Prinetti (Italy, Des Moines), Katya Sanchez Aguirre (Mexico, Ankeny), Ivana Boromisa (Croatia, Burlington), Elinor Maria Carolina Sagemo (Sweden, Ankeny), Marta Pulia (Italy, Ottumwa), Raquel Palomero Blisco (Spain, Boone), Julia Ann-Kathrin Kahl (Germany, Keokuk), and Guiliانا Sanzaro (Italy, Nevada).
Photo by Rebecca Schultz

exchange. We partner with other districts. When we send a student to a district overseas, that same district sends us one of their students.

So to have a successful "Inbound" program, we need students to go "Outbound."

Rotary clubs PLEASE promote RYE in your towns. If you need help, contact a committee member. We will be thrilled to make

a presentation to your club and to help you in the recruitment process. Contact Doug Peterson at louannndoug@mediacombb.net for more information.

District 6000 is a leader in Rotary Youth Exchange. Let's keep the momentum going and find 15 students who want to have a cultural experience that cannot be duplicated anywhere but in the Rotary World!

When visiting the Rotary Club of Fairfield, Governor Chris Knapp (r) connected with former Youth Exchange student Hans Marx who was hosted by the Rotary Club of Fairfield in 1968, and Beatrice Winn, a Youth Exchange student sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fairfield in 2016-2017.



Outbound students from District 6000

- 2016-17 Outbound:**
- Ada Hulseberg (Wellman)..... Sweden
 - Allie Biscupski (Iowa City AM) Spain
 - Bea WinnBousquet (Fairfield)..... France
 - Erin Sheehy (Ottumwa)..... Germany
 - Jaimeson Hickin (Grinnell)..... Italy
 - Jenna Jensen (Ankeny) Croatia
 - Jordyn Chomycia
(Corallville-North Corridor)..... Austria
 - Kyer Rippenkroeger (Keokuk) Italy
 - Rachel Leon (Ankeny) Italy
 - Isidro Gonzalez (Boone) Italy



The sign at the Grinnell College campus said it all. Photos by Bill Tubbs



District 6000 District Governor Chris Knapp and Vernetta, and District 5970 District Governor Jim Coloff of Cedar Falls welcomed students to RYLA.

'Faces of the Future' share life changing experiences at RYLA

*"Life changing"
"Best experience of my life"
"RYLA prevented me from committing suicide"
"I can not believe how much I changed in a week"
"I will carry RYLA with me all my life"
"I believe in RYLA magic"
"What did you do to my son, he came home so happy?"*

By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny
RYLA Conference Chair

These are just a few comments from the 2016 RYLA conferees and parents.

The District 6000 and District 5970 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference creates an environment of trust and safety.

We all wear facades in life that tend to protect us, but they also isolate us from others. Our defenses not only keep things out, but they also keep us locked inside.

RYLA removes the need to be isolated, gives the conferees the opportunity to truly be themselves, and to learn how great and special they are. They gain confidence and learn to value themselves.

There were a few who did not want to attend "another boring lecture" and even wanted to leave the first day.

By Friday, it was difficult to get everyone to leave. That is the RYLA "magic."

The RYLA conference is very specifically designed to have the maximum impact in the shortest time possible. Each day is sequential that builds on the day before.

On Sunday we welcome them and kick them out of their comfort zone. We make sure that everyone on the team is new to each other. We teach them to understand themselves and others and how to work together as a team. They are taught problem solving skills and how to deal with failure. We teach them to cope with the "stuff" that each of us deals with in life.

Many of you have heard me say that we are "all screwed up," however, that is OK! Even though we cannot change the past, it does not have to define our future.

One of the three greatest powers that we have is **the power of "choice."** Each choice that we make becomes a brick on our road to the future. There always are a constant supply of "forks in the road" and millions of choices along the way. Sometimes we can see our destination and other times it is in the fog of the future. There may be detours that we have no control over.

We teach that making thoughtful choice will lead them to the future they want, and that even a bad choice can be an opportunity to make better choices in the future.

The second power is **the ability to overcome "fear."** I know that each of us has let fear control us and to pass up opportunities that we later regretted. It may have been

RYLA/continued on next page



Rotarian volunteers (gray) and student counselors (purple) provided the leadership that made RYLA extraordinary.

Engage RYLA students in your club and community

RYLA/continued

a new job, a romantic relationship, or a multitude of others. It is easier and safer to stay with what we know, rather than taking a risk, not knowing the outcome. Fear has a purpose to keep us from really hurting ourselves, but it also keeps us limited to the world we know. We teach that fear is normal and healthy, but you have a choice to let “fear control you, or you can control fear.”

The third power is “attitude.” There are many things in life we cannot control, but we can choose our attitude. We can look at an event as a failure or an opportunity to learn and grow. Some of the best life lessons have been painful and difficult, but in hindsight had a major positive impact on our lives. As you know, life is not fair, nor easy, but is better than the alternative.

These are just a few of the many things that we teach at RYLA. It is not a lecture, but an experience. How many times have we gone to a conference and taken wonderful notes with ideas that we wanted to implement. However, we get busy and put them in a drawer where they sit. What RYLA does is to give them the experience that they internalize with frequent practice so it goes with them wherever they may go in life. We create servant leaders who are capable of changing the world in small and large ways.

The best way to really understand RYLA is to become a Rotarian volunteer. Without you, RYLA cannot exist, nor can we influence the next generation of leaders. “If it is to be, it is up to you.” It is imperative that

as Rotarians we need to mentor and teach these young people when they return home to your community. Engage them in your club and the community.

If you have any questions or like to have me to come to your club to do a presentation, please contact me at: gwelch3002@msn.com or (515) 419-3707.

A student writes: 'RYLA was the best mistake of my life'

Dear RYLA,

In the beginning, I wasn't too stoked on coming here. The way I saw it was that I was going to be surrounded by 200 to 300 other teens that didn't know each other and didn't seem too excited to deal and work with each other for a week. I even remember hearing a team member say she called her mom to say she didn't want to stay for the week. And in the first two days, my guess felt spot on.

But then something changed. It was like this switch had been turned on in our groups and everyone just, always knew each other. It felt like you couldn't separate us if you hit us with a train. Sure we had our downs (Traffic Jam in which I had no voice and lost the use of my arms, so I went completely unheard), but we had many more ups to recuperate (All Aboard/Maui Kauai in which we were literally closer than ever, and Biohazard, which by far felt like our greatest achievement as a team). I truly felt like I had known my group for a long time and had complete and total trust in each and every member. In our Wednesday wrap session we were so close we were telling these people we had never even known existed four days ago secrets we had never told anyone else, knowing they would all be incredibly supportive, and that our own secrets were completely safe in their hands. There, it felt like there were no closer people than us 15 individuals.

Like I said in the beginning, I thought coming to RYLA was a mistake. Looking back now, I would have to say this was the best “mistake” of my life. It makes my heart break to know that we are all leaving and won't be seeing each other for quite some time, possibly ever. But even then I know that, without seeing them, they will have my back; and I will have theirs. Always and forever.

Thank you all so much for giving me the most exhilarating, emotional, and life-changing roller coaster ride of my life. It was truly worth coming here.

Austin Davis, 2015

2016 Rotary Districts 6000-5970 RYLA rosters

DISTRICT 6000

Adel: Olivia Anderson.
Ames: Connor Moore, Sarah Evans, Benjamin Tulp.
Ames AM: Victoria McMullen, H. Downs, Anna Humphrey.
Ankeny: Bailey Caskey, Abigail Denner, Ryan Gross, Adriana Gunn, Abigail Hartzler, Jenna Jensen, Marshall Johnson, Austin Moeller, Megan Primrose, Madeline Volk, Rachel Leon, Claire Weatherwax.
Atlantic: Emily Hohenberger.
Bettendorf: Aina Sepanski, Benjamin Tinsman, Andrew Del Vecchio, Eleanor Drexler.
Bloomfield: Collin Allen.
Boone: Katelyn Mehlihaus, Sarah Schrupp, Colbey Wadsworth.
Burlington: Mary Roundy.
Carroll: Tyler Lux, Grant Meiners.
Centerville: Grant Kelly.
Chariton: Lucas Hoeger, Megan Schultz.
Clinton: Andres Alvarez, Lex Hinke, Riley Hubbard.
Coralville-North Corridor: Quinn Baker, Mariah Roller, Jordyn Chomycia, Andrea Roller, Zach Ring, Hieu Nguyen.
Corning: Taylor Villhauer.
Corydon: Katie Gassman.
Creston: Kali Cavin, Sara Williamson.
Dallas Center: Elizabeth Kruse.
Davenport: Mackenzie Curran, Isabelle Vasquez.
Decatur County: Adeline Frank, Eric Dowler.
Des Moines: Katherine Bickel, Phillip Cunniff, Emma Hildebrandt, Tiffany LeMaster, Andrew Van Nice, Ha Ho, Charlesa Thompson.
Des Moines AM: Benjamin Nelson.
East Polk: Nicholas Currant.
Fairfield: Hermela Gebremariam, Jivani Rodriguez, Isabella Unger, Brandon Winkelman, Beatrice Winn Bousquet.
Fort Madison: Madeline Sadler.

Grinnell: Jaimeson Hicklin.
Indianola: Christine Gim, Abby Green, Joseph Mathieu, Alexis O'Meara.
Iowa City AM: Kelsey Baller, Ethan Seylar, Hannah Boer, Allie Biscupski, Hieu Nguyen.
Iowa City Downtown: Angela Zirbes, Cecilia Thomas.
Iowa City: Ava Otoadese, Laney Loveless, Savannah Yauk, Rachel Schmit, David Keffala-Gerhard, Callie Dains.
Iowa Quad-Cities: Tyler Brewster, Ashlyn Haack, Emma Horsfield, Andrew Witters.
Jefferson: Kenna Marquardt, Caitlin Schaben.
Johnston: Jimmy Le, Jack Lucas, Mark Nagel.
Kalona: Cary Schaefer.
Keokuk: Olivia Gibbs, Allison Morgan, Kyler Rippenkroeger.
Keosauqua: Tiffany Cochenour.
Knoxville: Quinlan Robuck, Jeremiah Dilliner.
Knoxville: Trevor Poundstone, Brooke Wilardson.
Lenox: Trenton Barnette, Hannah Davis, Reginald Morehouse.
Manning: Austin Ahrenholtz, Cassidy Branning.
Marengo: Page Scott.
Marshalltown: Cole Wilson.
Mount Pleasant: Leah Johnson, Hanna Schinstock.
Mount Pleasant Noon: Riley Kempker.
Muscatine: Isabella Alvarado, Lauren Kundel, Natalie Noll.
Nevada: Isabelle Kapustka, Elizabeth Wessels.
Newton: Bradley Portner.
North Scott: Karly Britt, Sydney Kuhel, Ben Stutting.
Northwest Des Moines: Kathleen Heller.
Osceola: Andres Hurtado.
Oskaloosa: Malia Williams, Melissa Moorman, Joshua Vanderhyde.
Ottumwa: Erin Sheehy, Elizabeth Kearney,

Olivia Bohlmann.
Pella: Molly Rietveld.
Perry: Devon Archer, McKinley Thompson.
Tipton: Rebekka Falkers, Mara Jauron, Zoe Rezac.
Washington: Owen Horak, Kyle Schindler.
Waukee: Jared Johnson, Olivia Gagnon, Kaiwal Patel, Unnati Kayastha.
Wellman: Ada Hulseberg, Ryan Slaubaugh.
West Des Moines: Austin Bray, Anna Correa, Katherine Sullivan, Anirudh Bidar.
West Liberty: Luz Martinez, Samantha Kelley.
West Polk County: Kimberly Becker.
Winterset: Katharine Bertelson, Jacqueline Kgothloane.

DISTRICT 5970

Algona: Camryn Shaw, Morgan VanZante.
Anamosa: Jaden Oldham, Kaci Ginn.
Bancroft: Karissa Rasch.
Belle Plaine: Kalli Greider, Courtney Beck.
Bellevue: Megan Litterer, Robyn Stillmunkes.
Cedar Falls: Allison Eagan, Lauren Williams, Allaire Taiber, Aastha Chandra, Nicholas Coloff.
Cedar Rapids Downtown: Claire Schneidermann, Rahel Nhmirimana, Sierra Osborn, Grace Bryant, Ethan Lowder.
Cedar Rapids Metro North: Regan Shey.
Cedar Rapids Sunrise: Megan Lenss.
Cedar Rapids West: Clayton Linge, Spencer Moore, Samuel Gingrich.
Charles City: Tauna Mayhorn, Mackenzie Teeter, Rosa Gastelum.
Dubuque: Rebecca Tigges, Lilly Ries, Hannah Zapp, Lela Udry, Marcella Anderson, Kerry Houlihan, Kayla Felderman, Grace Jackson, Dorthy Mae Anderson, Jenna Springer, McKenna Johnson, Hannah Jackson, Samantha Erickson, Chantea England, Jesse Hilbun.
Ely: Grace Ehle.
Forest City: Madeline Sarasio Meyer, Madison Kleveland, Emily Banken, Jacyl Wellik, Jason Mielke, Ryan Theel, Spenser Larson.
Fort Dodge: Caryn Dawson.
Garner: Lydia Seelhammer, Katelyn Bierle, Keegan Clark.
Guttenberg: Haley Heitman, Eric Ihde.
Independence: Josie Fischels, Dylan Erdelt.
Manchester: Kendra Offerman, Leah Philipp.
Maquoketa: Courtney Becker, Brady Neth.
Marion-East: Kara Gavin, Cameron Kraklio.
Mason City: Garrett Barloon.
Mason City Sunrise: Gwentyth Wollner, Natalie Scholl, Kyle Calaguas.
Mt. Vernon-Lisbon: Micah VanDuesen, Yves Cotterill.
New Hampton: Brianna White, Grace Denner.
Oelwein: Megan Rex, Alec Zander Hirsch.
Pocahontas: Malary Koob.
Rockwell City: Katie Decker, Meghan Dietrich.
Spencer: Austin Crew.
Storm Lake: Amber Chrishilles, Alexis Huddleston.
Waterloo: Molly McLaughlin.
Waverly: Anne Liberko, Andrew Newell.
Webster City: Kyle Porter, Brian Borkowski.



Indianola Rotarians are working with RYLA students to start at Interact club.

RYLA inspires Interact at Indianola

By Jennifer McCurdy/Indianola

This school year Indianola High School will begin a new Interact club initiated with the Rotary Club of Indianola. Included in the planning of the club were six RYLA students, all who returned from their experience with an increased desire to improve their community.

The Interact club will provide them a platform to further apply what they learned and will help them accomplish their goals with an outlet for their projects.

Rotarians Dave Tanner, Jim Clandaniel, Ron Heideman, Drew Gocken, and Terry Pauling were all an encouragement in the RYLA students desire to make a difference.

SPONSORING CLUBS NOT KNOWN:

Cedar Rapids: Sydney Barlow, Stephanie Clore, Hannah Fusselman, Tyler Hewitt.
Coralville: Zach Ring.
Marion: Andrew O'Neill.
Salem: Sierra Howardson.
Waterloo: Kyle Knight.



Clinton Rotarians cut the ribbon to dedicate the refurbished Eagle Point Lodge – a \$1 million project which they spearheaded.

Rotarians celebrating non-stop at Clinton!



The refurbished Eagle Point Lodge.

By Jennifer Graf/Clinton

Club Publicity Chair

The Rotary Club of Clinton has been celebrating non-stop!

Recently, we held the ribbon cutting of our magnificent 100-year anniversary project – refurbishing the Eagle Point Lodge. In conjunction with this event, we hosted the traditional “passing of the gavel” from our club president, Jim Dobbyn, to our newly elected 2016-2017 club president, Jim Bruhn.

Injecting some new ideas for our club, president Bruhn has established a quarterly evening meeting in lieu of our Monday luncheon, beginning in September. On Sept. 26, our club is not only honored to host District Governor Chris Knapp and his wife, Vernetta, as our luncheon speaker, but prior to our luncheon, local news affiliate, KWQC-TV, will be taping a feature news segment on our Eagle Point Lodge project.

Project chairman Dee Willoughby and past president Libby Goodman will be on hand with president Jim Bruhn to describe the many changes and enhancements made possible by this project. District Governor Knapp and his wife will be given a tour of the Clinton community highlighting the various projects the Rotary Club of Clinton has provided.

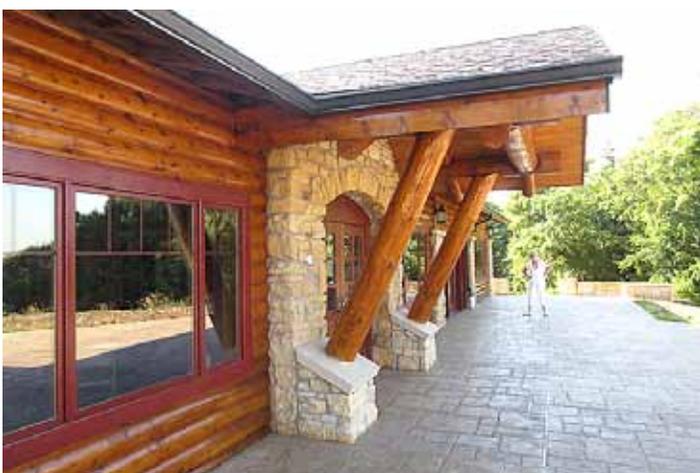
Great things happening in Clinton with our Rotary Club of Clinton!



Jim Dobbyn (l) hands club leadership to Jim Bruhn.



Jim Bruhn



The back entrance of the lodge (above) and new stone wall (right) overlook the mile-wide Mississippi River.





Iowa City Rotarian Sara Sedlecek, who is development director at the Iowa City Crisis Center, presents the Traveling Food Fight Turkey to Iowa City AM Rotary president Deb Dunkhase (r) in appreciation of the club's donating the most food during July in the friendly Rotary Food Fight! competition.

'Food Fight!' stocks shelves of Crisis Center

By Deb Dunkhase/Iowa City AM Club President

Food insecurity exists in Johnson County, Iowa, just as it does all over the world. Many of our neighbors and community members go to bed hungry each night, including children. The Crisis Center Food Bank distributes 106,000 pounds of food each month to help alleviate hunger in Johnson County. (Nearly 1.3-million pounds annually!) Thanks to the generosity of individuals, churches, organizations and businesses, 70 percent of that amount is donated.

Local Rotarians heard the call for help this summer and took action when the four Iowa City area clubs held a friendly "Food Fight!" to restock the shelves of the Crisis Center as part of the Center's annual Thanksgiving in July. Rotarians set a lofty goal of donating 10,000 pounds of food to the Crisis Center in this inaugural year of the food drive. The results were immensely better than expected!

Clubs donated food items and money to help support local fami-

lies in need. For all monetary donations, each dollar donated was counted as four pounds of food. For competition purposes, clubs were ranked based on pounds per club member, allowing the small Rotary Club of Downtown Iowa City to compete with the far larger Iowa City club.

Over the course of July 2016, 5,899 pounds of food, largely fresh produce, were dropped off at the Crisis Center to be distributed to community members in need. Monetary donations of \$3,011 were also made, which is the equivalent of an additional 12,046 pounds of food.

Exemplifying the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," these four Rotary Clubs donated the equivalent of 17,945 pounds of food in a single month. The Food Fight worked! The winning club of the Food Fight was the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM, with a total equivalent of 9,361 pounds of food and 148.6 pounds per member. The club was the recipient of the coveted, very glittery, Traveling Food Fight Turkey. The AM Club will proudly keep the golden turkey until next year, when it may move on to whichever club wins the Food Fight! and helps alleviate hunger in our community.

Thank you, Iowa City AM Rotary Club, Iowa City Downtown Rotary Club, Iowa City Noon Rotary Club, and Coralville-North Corridor Rotary Club!



RI Spouse Award ...

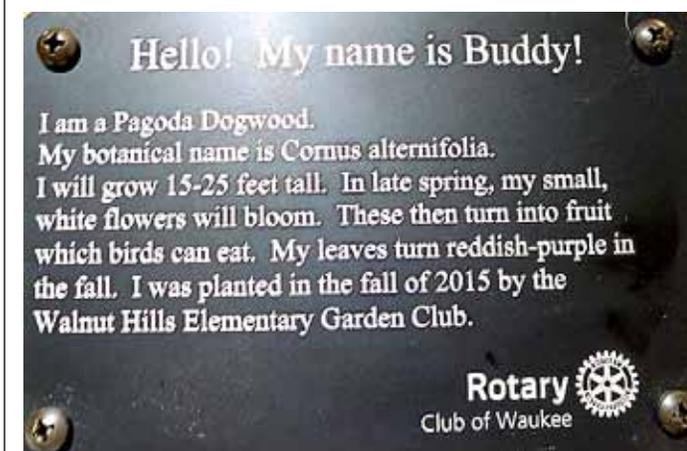
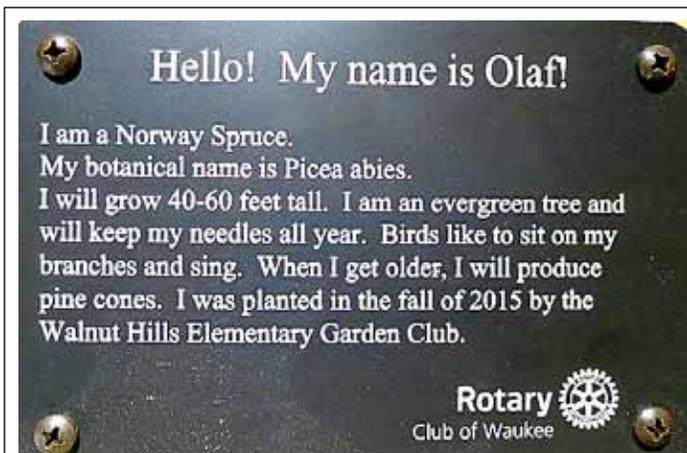
At the Aug. 16 meeting of the Rotary Club of West Liberty, Jo Noble was presented the RI spouse award that was announced at District Conference, by 2015-16 District Governor Loring Miller. Jo's husband, PDG Ken Noble, is at left.

Photo by Phyllis Miller

Rotary 

The Four-Way Test
(of the things we Think, Say or Do)

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Rotary Club of Waukee president Matt Olson with the tree markers that will be placed at Walnut Hills Elementary School.

Waukee Rotary provides tree markers at school

In the fall of 2015 the Walnut Hills Elementary Garden Club planted 50 trees along the elementary campus. These trees were provided through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources "Trees for Kids" grant. The Garden Club wanted to leverage these trees to extend the students' learning to outside of the classroom, so they partnered with the Rotary Club of Waukee, who donated their time and financial support to create 16 different tree markers like the ones in these pictures. The club hopes to have the tree markers installed before the beginning of the school year. Provided by Erna Morain



Rotary Club of West Des Moines celebrates 90 years

Members of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines celebrated the 90th Anniversary of their club on June 17. The event, held at the West Des Moines Marriott, featured several displays of various club artifacts, and a video highlighting club members and activities and service projects from the past. Entertainment was provided by the CJC Big Band, led by West Des Moines Rotarians Bob Start and vocalist Diana Weishaar. The special celebration was attended by nearly 50 members and their guests.

Provided by Linda Hulleman



From India to Indianola ...

Sadagopan Govindan from the Rotary Club of Chennai IT City, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India (District 3230), visited Indianola during the 2016 National Balloon Classic. While visiting, he met fellow Indianola Rotarians who were volunteer parking for the Classic and was invited to an Indianola Rotary Club meeting. Mr. Govindan works as an Advocate (attorney) in India. While visiting family in the U.S., he has also had the opportunity to visit the Rotary International Office and meet our current RI President. Provided by Jennifer McCurdy



Northwest Des Moines Rotarians "Rolled Up Their Sleeves" and packed backpacks for students.

Northwest Rotarians forgo speaker, pack backpacks

By Mark McAndrew/Northwest Des Moines
Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines kicked off the new club year enjoying a new style of Rotary meeting. We "Rolled Up Our Sleeves" and performed a very quick service project in the time that would normally be devoted to a speaker.

Our club assembled backpacks containing all of the required school supplies for students in need in our district. The backpacks were distributed at the Back to School Immunization Clinic hosted in partnership with the Polk County Health Department, the Johnston Partnership for Community Health, and the Urbandale and Johnston Community School Districts. Rotarian Laura Holms coordinated this project through the Urbandale Community Action Network by gathering all of the backpacks, requirements from the schools and supplies.

Our club helped local students to get their academic year off to a great start and had good fun in the process. President Brenda Auxier-Mailey has promised we will have several more "Roll Up Your Sleeves" meetings in the upcoming year.



Iowa City AM sponsored these students for the World Affairs Seminar and RYLA, front (l-r): Allie Biscupski, Molly Liu, Esme Rummelhart and Kelsey Baller. Back: Hieu Nguyen, Michael Moonjely, Hannah Boer, Kasey Baller and Ethan Seylar.

Iowa City AM Rotary sends students on new adventures

By Dave Parsons/Iowa City AM
Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM showed its support of youth by sponsoring these students for the Rotary World Affairs Seminar at Carroll University in Waukesha, Wis., and for District 6000 RYLA.

The World Affairs Seminar is designed to build global leaders and citizens through an international seminar with an academic program focusing on current global topics and trends. The theme this year was "Water: A Global Resource to Share and Protect." Students from 22 countries participated.

World Affairs Seminar students sponsored by Iowa City AM were Molly Liu, Michael Moonjely, Kasey Baller and Esme Rummelhart. Nove Meurice is not pictured.

RYLA students were Hieu Nguyen, Kelsey Baller, Allie Biscupski, Hannah Boer and Ethan Seylar.

Adel Rotary seeks grant to get matching funds for library

The Rotary Club of Adel regularly funds a number of local projects each year. This year, for the first time ever, we are pursuing a Community Service Grant to get matching funds for our library.

If granted, the library will be able to purchase "educational I-pads" for children (called Playaway Launchpads), new staff computers (current ones are 10 years old!), and add additional shelving to allow future growth in volumes.

Our library serves 4-5,000 patrons every month (population of Adel is 4,000-plus)! It has significant children/adult programs and has 75,000-85,000 "checkouts" of volumes per year! Additional assistance is needed to maintain and improve service levels in challenging financial times.

Three members of the club proposed and worked on the grant request, which was unanimously approved by all club members.

Wear your Rotary pin with pride!



Carroll Rotarians have raised more than \$60,000 for St. Anthony Regional Hospice over the last 20 by sponsoring a Field of Teams softball tournament.

'Field of Teams' tourney raises \$60,000 for Hospice

By Tom Louis/Carroll
Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Club of Carroll hosted and sponsored the 20th annual Field of Teams Softball Tournament on Sunday, Aug. 14. The tournament is a fundraiser for St. Anthony Regional Hospice. This year 10 teams participated in two slow pitch divisions. The Church/Service Club/Family Division used a 16-inch ball and the Co-ed/Business Division used a 14-inch ball.

Each team is asked to contribute a \$50 dollar entry fee as well as raise contributions for Hospice from the team members and friends and family. Many of the teams will bring in \$100-300 over and above the entry fee. Prizes are given to the team that raises the most in each division. All concessions and gate contributions are also given to the St. Anthony Regional Hospice program.

Carroll Rotarian Bob Fasbender spearheaded the inaugural Field of Teams tournament when he was Rotary club president and has been tournament director ever since. He says this year's tournament raised approximately \$3,000, pushing the total amount raised for Hospice over the last 20 years to more than \$60,000.

While Bob is the driving force behind the tournament, St. Anthony volunteers and Carroll Rotarians also contribute to its success. Rotarians and volunteers sell admission tickets, make and sell concessions, keep score, announce, and even umpire as well as any other job that needs doing.



The Carroll Rotary softball team.



Ames Morning Rotarians were in costume for their annual Step Into Storybooks event.

Ames Morning Rotarians 'Step Into Storybooks'

By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning

The eighth annual Step Into Storybooks event was held Saturday morning, April 16, at Ames Public Library. The Rotary Club of Ames Morning, the Ames Public Library and Raising Readers in Story County co-sponsor this free community event. The 2016 theme was "Imagination Stations where Rhymes and Tales Come to Life!"

The event features children's books and hands-on activities designed especially for babies, toddlers and preschoolers and their families. This year participants explored interactive stations with the three little pigs, a tortoise and hare, a Wild Thing and the boy Max, a little engine that could, princesses, and more. Rotarians dressed as storybook characters added to the festive atmosphere. Every child chose a book to take home as a gift from Rotary.

Because the event is free, families from all walks of life attend. The financial support from a District 6000 Rotary Foundation community grant and in-kind contributions from local organizations, businesses and individuals were publicly recognized.

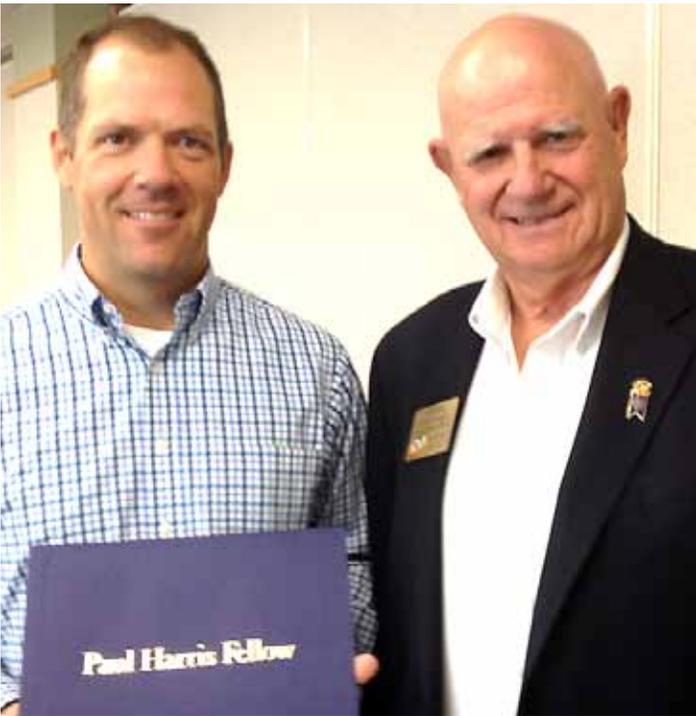
Volunteers donated over 337 hours, including 30 Ames Morning Rotarians labeling books and 42 Rotarians and family members volunteering at the event. Well over 2,000 children and adults attended in Ames.

For two years now, the program has also been replicated in Nevada as Step into Storybooks for Eastern Story County. If your Rotary club is interested is hosting a similar event in your community, please contact Carolyn Jons at carolynjons@gmail.com or Jerri Heid at jheid@amespubliclibrary.org for more information.

Rotary's Core Values

- Fun and Fellowship
- Integrity
- Service
- Diversity
- Leadership Development





Creston contributes ...

District Foundation Chair PDG Terry Geiger (right) attended a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Creston to give special recognition to the club's newest Paul Harris Fellow, Wayne Pantini. Terry also spoke to club members about the Rotary Foundation.

- Submitted by AG Mary Ellen Stanley



Sanitation for South Africa ...

Thank you to Waukee Rotarian Roger and Marge Schlaefer for their generous \$7,500 donation to the Blessman Ministries for the enviro-loo toilets at schools in South Africa. Currently, many of the rural schools in South Africa use pit toilets, and the enviro-loo toilets are a clean and simple solution. With this donation, a block of four enviro-loo toilets will be built to serve approximately 160 students. Pictured are (l-r): Jim Strauss, club president Matt Olson, Roger Schlaefer and Lee Holmes.

Provided by Mark Heffernan



DG Chris Knapp (c) helped Rotarians Doug Peterson and Dave Borchering at Iowa Quad Cities' Ribs for Kids.

Ribs for Kids raises funds for Iowa Quad Cities Rotary

By Sigrid Zaehring/Iowa Quad Cities

On Friday, Aug. 19, the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities hosted its annual Ribs for Kids event at Kelly's Irish Pub in Davenport. The weather was sunny and humid, and once again, the club hosted nearly 400 guests who enjoyed fantastic barbecued ribs and side dishes and the chance to win a number of exciting raffle prizes generously donated by local businesses and organizations.

Guests were entertained by local band Wicked Liz and the Belly Swirls, and families and children were happy to partake in a new addition to the event - a bounce house, which was donated by QC Jumps & More.

Proceeds of \$16,500 will support local child-oriented organizations and causes. In the past the club has used funds to support Challenger Little League, Lids for Kids (a bicycle helmet and safety education program), the SAU Dance Marathon, Rick's House of Hope, and many other worthy programs.



Governor Chris with the lead vocalist from the band Wicked Liz and the Belly Swirls. Photos by Vernetta Knapp



A healthy good time was had by Iowa Quad Cities Rotarians Lisa Arndt, a chiropractor; Linda Frederiksen, director of Medic EMS; and Larry Barker, retired director of the Scott County Health Department.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

'Kites over Grinnell' returns, thanks to Rotary!

By Effie Hall/Grinnell
Club President

Kites Over Grinnell is coming back, thanks to the Rotary Club of Grinnell. This popular family activity will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ahrens Park (driving range only), corner Penrose and 10th Avenue.

About a dozen professional kite flyers of the American Kite-flyers Association (AKA) from Iowa, Kansas and Illinois will come to fly their kites. The public is invited to come and fly their own kites, and those interested will be provided with kits to make their own. Free kite kits will be given to the first 200 kids who come. Instructors will be available to guide kite-making sessions. There will also be kites for sale. Separate areas will be designated for professional and amateur kite flyers.

Kite contests with prizes will be held for different age groups. Dave Crawford, of Grinnell, will provide music all day and a variety of games are planned. Rotarians will sell hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks. Some chairs will be provided but attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

Bruce Blankenfeld, past president of the Grinnell Rotary Club and overall coordinator of this year's event, said that the idea to revive Kites Over Grinnell first occurred to the Rotary club when Dick and Sis Vogel, longtime residents of Grinnell, came to speak at a club program last year about their experience organizing Kites Over Grinnell in the early 2000s.

"A Rotarian at my table reminisced about his own experience as a young kid winning ribbons during a kite-flying contest. I thought to myself, 'Our Rotary club is all about family. What better way can there



Kites of all sizes, shapes and colors will fill the skies in Grinnell on Sept. 24, thanks to Rotary.

Photo by Dick and Sis Vogel, American Kite Flying Assoc.

be to bring the kids of Grinnell together with kites and the Rotary to create years of memories,'" said Blankenfeld. The Club mulled the idea over and the board and members approved its sponsorship earlier this year.

Kites Over Grinnell was first introduced in 2002 by the late Rev. Dan Ogata, a retired local minister, who had a passion for flying. The Grinnell Kiwanis Club, of which Ogata was a member, sponsored the event then. In 2006 Ogata invited the Vogels, who shared Ogata's passion for kite-flying and are AKA members, to help organize the annual event. At its height Kites Over Grinnell drew 2,000 spectators and 52 professional kite flyers from across the nation

and Canada, according to Sis. A variety of service organizations and local businesses helped support the event through donations. In 2009 Kites Over Grinnell became a three-day event.

"I am glad that the Grinnell sky will once again be dotted with colorful kites," says Sis. "I encourage everyone to come, breathe in the fresh air, enjoy the day with friends, and feel the joy of 'flying!'"

Blankenfeld said the Rotary club is starting on a small scale this year to see if there is community interest and to learn the intricacies of running Kites Over Grinnell. In time, Blankenfeld hopes that the event will grow and become another tradition. "Come join our club for a great day of free family fun," said Blankenfeld.

In addition to the Ahrens Park Foundation which is providing the venue, the Rotary club has received a grant from the city of Grinnell and donations from Grinnell Mutual.

For more information about Kites Over Grinnell, contact Bruce Blankenfeld at (641) 236-5939.

'Mr. Sam' (Owori) of Uganda nominated for RI President

Sam Owori of Uganda, who has been nominated for RI President 2018-19, helped the Rotary Club of North Scott with a Global Grant in Kisiro, Uganda (p. 33). Rotarian Merle Anderson met Sam and his wife 10 months ago in Uganda. On Aug. 25, Merle received this email from Ugandan Rotarian Byaruhanga, Bens:

Hullo Mr. Merle, Yesterday day I was listening to online radio news back in Uganda, I heard a recorded voice of the incoming Rotary nominee for president Mr. Sam, he gave maiden speech on topical subject of "peace" while soliciting funds to complete a blood bank building in Kampala where he challenged the rich people who choose to cash politicians than helping out their poor neighbors through extensive services, like clean water, food security, he warned them that building perimeter faces around their mansions only provide them with temporary peace but they will face danger when they ignore the outcry of their needy neighbours. Urged them to join charitable organisations, Rotaries to cause desirable change amongst their communities. He sounded bold, smart and well informed, his presidency might be of great significance to the Rotary fraternity, may he meet Rotorians' expectations.



Sam Owori (r), a businessman from Kampala, Uganda, has been nominated RI President for 2018-19. Sam and his wife, Norah, met Rotarian Merle Anderson earlier this year. Sam will be RI's second president in 114 years from Africa.

Rotary voted 'Best of the Best' in Marshalltown



Times-Republican publisher Mike Schlesinger (l) presents Marshalltown Rotary president Bill Fitzgerald the Best of the Best award in the Service Club category based on voting in its reader's poll.

By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown

The *Times-Republican (T-R)* is the local daily newspaper for Marshalltown. For the last dozen years or so the T-R has sponsored a Best of the Best contest that solicits reader input.

The paper includes ballots in its publication in the month of May, asking Marshalltown area readers to vote for their favorite in a variety of categories.

Without any formal campaign, the Rotary Club of Marshalltown won the Best Service Club category, according to results just released by the T-R.

Given the number of service clubs in the area, this is a notable achievement. Club president Bill Fitzgerald accepted the certificate by saying the recognition is certainly something the Marshalltown club can be proud of.

"Clearly, our dedication to leadership and service and the visible efforts of our club locally are being acknowledged," said Fitzgerald.

Times-Republican publisher Mike

Schlesinger, himself a former president of the club, presented the award to Fitzgerald, noting that over 163,000 ballots were turned in.



The "Best of the Best" insignia.



New member honor ...

Brian Williams, pictured with his wife, Lisa, is the recipient of the Rotary Club of North Scott's "William F. Tubbs Honor Rotarian Award" that has been presented to an outstanding new member annually since 2003.



Governors support Boone 'Luau for Rotary'

The Rotary Club of Boone's Auction on June 17th was attended by a number of district governors (past, present, and future). The auction theme was "Luau for Rotary." From left: Bob and PDG Susan Herrick (2008-09), DGE Chris and Vernetta Knapp, Colleen Welch (wife of PDG Gary Welch 2010-11), and 2015-16 District Governor Loring and Phyllis Miller. The auction is the club's biggest fundraiser and includes live and silent auctions, games, music and a pulled pork dinner. Proceeds will support scholarships for area students, AEDs (defibrillators) in the Boone schools and buses and a host of international, district and local projects. Thanks, governors, for your support!

Submitted by Jeff Anderson

Rotary Foundation gets highest ranking from Charity Navigator

In August, Charity Navigator announced the launch of a new platform called the CN Advisory System which classifies alleged wrongdoing at charitable organizations into one of three levels of concern: Low, Moderate and High. The Rotary Foundation's rating has been updated and it remains 4 stars – Charity Navigator's highest rating. It is in the top 10 of more than 5,000 charities rated by Charity Navigator. Click here to see the evaluation: <http://tinyurl.com/jr3veve>.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Manning Rotarians are raising a racquet(ball)

By Jean Behrens/Manning

Club Public Relations Chair

The Manning Recreation Center now offers the ability to exercise by enjoying a game of racquetball played on the newly refurbished racquetball court.

A Rotary District 6000 grant was secured for \$2,500 and additional financial support from the local club enabled the remodel. Rotarians Todd Stadlander and Kevin Boyle spearheaded the project with city of Manning employees helping with a substantial amount of the physical labor. Old flooring was removed; underlay placed and new oak flooring put down. The floor was then painted and sealed. The walls also received a fresh coat of paint.



A District 6000 Rotary Foundation Community Grant helped with the Manning racquetball court remodel. Players include (l-r): Mike Massey, and Rotarians Kevin Boyle and Todd Stadlander. Boyle holds a plaque listing contributors to the court remodel.



Assistant District Governor Ruth Freeman of Jefferson presents district awards to Manning Rotary 2015-16 president Kevin Boyle.

Assistant governor presents awards at Manning meeting

By Jean Behrens/Manning

Club Public Relations Chair

Assistant District Governor Ruth Freeman presented three prestigious Rotary awards at a recent Manning Rotary meeting.

The Rotary Presidential Citation is presented to a Rotary club that is growing stronger, creating positive change in the community and enhancing the public image of Rotary.

The District Governor Citation was administered only by District Governor Loring Miller and each recipient club must complete requirements in several areas of service. Out of 64 clubs only 19 achieved the Governor's Citation.

Kevin Boyle received the prestigious "Club Builder Award." This award was presented exclusively by Governor Loring Miller during his Rotary year. It is awarded to up to 10 Rotarians who went above and beyond Rotary Service to significantly support and strengthen their clubs and District 6000 and to aid Rotary in changing lives.

The awards received indicate the Rotarians of Manning strive to promote the Four-Way Test of Rotary which is recited weekly at the Tuesday noon Rotary meetings: *"Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"*

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Presented by the Rotary Club of West Des Moines

Let's all stand behind our Rotary brand!

By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County

District 6000 Public Image Chair

What do these brands all have in common?

The Nike swoosh, Kansas City Royals, Iowa Hawkeyes and Iowa State Cyclones all have brands that are easily identified. Those brands in turn influence the consumer to purchase their products. When we see these brands on clothing, hats, shoes, etc., we know right away who's company they belong to. Their branding is a "sales & marketing" tool.

Rotary International feels branding has also become very important. Branding is an excellent "membership tool" to not only identify our projects, but to recruit members. It is because we want the world to see the good that Rotarians are doing so others will want to join and also do good in their club, community and world.

By identifying our projects, whether it is on a bike shelter,



dictionaries for youth, park benches, or an outdoor exercise gym, Rotary branding is a must. It shows the world who is behind our events, Community Service Grants, Global Grants, and other humanitarian projects.

As our District Governor Chris and Vernetta Knapp tour our district looking at our local Rotary projects, be sure they are all branded. It's not too late to brand any previous Rotary project. And, it's never too late to rebrand if the previous branding has weathered off or broke.

Let's ALL stand behind our Rotary brand!

Rotary hospitality for 25,000 at Leon

By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County

Club President

"We Survived RAGBRAI XLIV."

A perfect opportunity for a fundraiser was held in Leon, Iowa, on Tuesday, July 26, when over 25,000 bicyclists and their support crews stayed overnight in Leon. Proceeds are going towards our Community Service Grant project at the Savannah Hills Learning Center which we plan to build this fall at Little River Lake.

Big tent, money takers, kitchen staff, and lots of pasta were all on board. I was very proud of this entire club. If you didn't find our members working the food booth, they were helping out in many other ways. They were working at the local hospital, at the RAGBRAI hospitality booth, at the high school that was turned into sleeping headquarters with air conditioning, with local press coverage, and/or hosting bicyclists inside and out of their homes.

We even had a club member ride the entire RAGBRAI route – Bill Morain!

The pasta booth was a success, the entire community had pulled together, and the town of Leon was back to order in no time.



Among the visitors at the Rotary booth was District Governor Chris Knapp, with club president Peggy Geiger.



Kitchen chair Rotarian Beth Saxton, with Janet Busch (formerly from Leon), Rotarian Kim Konz from D5650 (Nebraska), Rotarian Phyllis Miller, Rotarian Peggy Geiger, and at right front is JoAnn Dean (formerly of Leon).



Working the front table were Rotarians Jack DePond, PDG Terry Geiger and Seth Fulton. Standing is Marta Calsamiglia (YE student 2013-2014) who happened to be visiting in Leon. Perfect timing!

Teachers receive Rotary welcome at Atlantic

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Club of Atlantic welcomed the new teachers to the community on Aug. 16. Atlantic superintendent Dr. Michael Amstein (a Rotarian) thanked the members of Rotary club for holding the luncheon, but more importantly he wanted to thank the club for the continued support of the school district. He said, "Rotary has been such a strong supporter of educating our children. What you do doesn't go unnoticed." He also said, "Our group of teachers that have been chosen to come to Atlantic is a very good group, a very diverse group and very talented group."

Dr. Amstein introduced the principals of each of the schools who in turn introduced the new teachers at each school building. This year 20 new teachers have joined the Atlantic School District, six at the high school, three at the middle school, four at Schuler Elementary and seven at Washington Elementary.

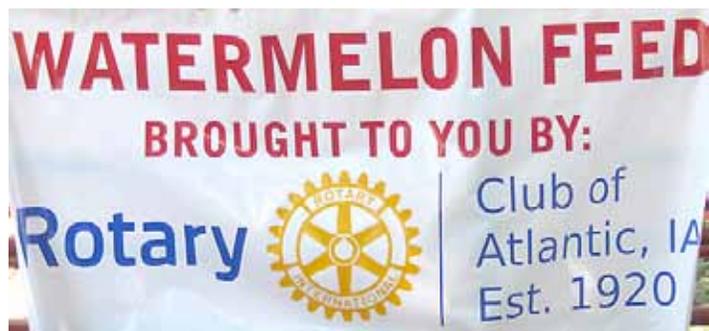
Jodie Hogue, recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award in May 2016, thanked the Rotary club for the award. She also advised everyone where she had spent some of her award money. She purchased an I-Pad for the Washington Elementary Library, gave some to the YMCA STEM program and to the police department kids program. She didn't know what she would be doing with the remainder of the award.

Jodie told the new teachers, "You are about to give the kids the best gift you can; your time, your attention for the next nine months.



New teachers, front (l-r): Ryan Henderson, Jill Miller, Beci Reinig, Hillary Zellmer, Chelsie Van Ert, Whitney Hoegh and Tucker Weber; middle: Rachelle Lipp, Kelly Northwick, Michaela Kundsén, Sierra Johnson, Lisa Sonntag, Lenzi Robinson and Christine Skog; back: Corey Bartz, Amber Knudsen, Jedd Sherman, Jade Walter, Joe Brummer and Nora Walker.

But you'll also get to help all of these kids that are coming to us find their gift because all of them really do have something to offer our community, our state, our country."



Branding: The new Rotary sign at the watermelon feed at the Cass County Fair.

Rotary and watermelon go together well at Fair

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Public Relations Chair

The Atlantic Rotary Club served watermelon at the Cass County Fair. The annual watermelon feed is held the same day as the cattle show which is held at an outdoor ring. The Rotarians set up near the cattle show ring and distribute watermelon free to everyone who stops by. The weather was great for eating watermelon! The Rotarians served 25 melons in an hour.

This year a new sign was added to the event so those attending knew who was serving the watermelon. Many people stop by to enjoy the watermelon and always comment about how they come to the cattle show each year just for the watermelon. They started attending when they were kids participating in the cattle show and now they have kids or even grandkids involved.

Making time for families

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Public Relations Chair

Instead of the regular Tuesday noon meeting on Aug. 23, the Rotary Club of Atlantic held an evening meeting which included family. This year the event was held at the newly renovated Kiddie Korral shelter at Sunnyside Park in Atlantic. The event was well attended by Rotarians and their families.

The kids love all the "toys" available to them at the Kiddie Korral. The opportunity to have families attend is the best thing about this event. It was a nice evening for the picnic, there was great food, great conversation, little wind and the temperature was just what you want for a picnic.



Family of Rotary: Kids of Rotarians played at the Kiddie Korral during the Rotary Club of Atlantic's family night at Sunnyside Park.



Returning to District 6000 ...

David L. McPherran from Oskaloosa, 87, who was District Governor in 1979, moved back to Iowa City from Arizona with his wife, Dee, and now to Heath Manor in West Liberty. He came to Tom Brooke's home and said, "I remember you when I was DG in 1979." In fact, Tom and David lived next door to each other in 1950 at the University of Iowa, and graduated the same year. He is alive and well and wants to rejoin Rotary. He will be the second oldest PDG in D6000. Welcome back to District 6000!

– Bill Koellner, West Liberty



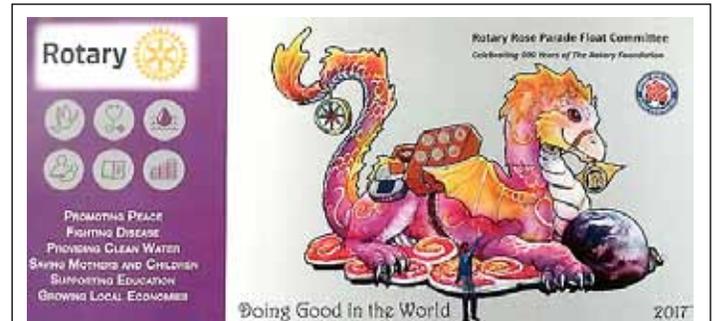
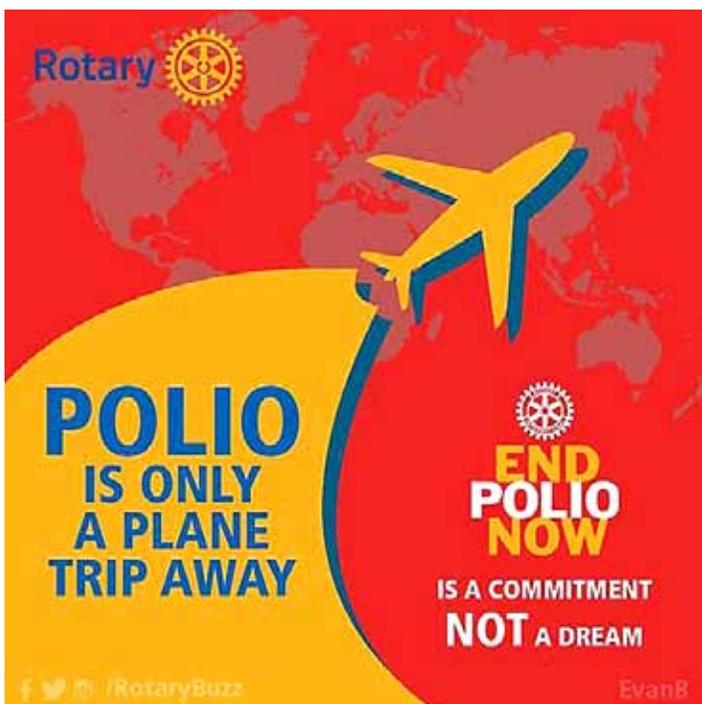
Fellowship is a core value ...

On Aug. 17, the four immediate past presidents of the Rotary Club of West Liberty had a Boys Night Out at the Thunder Bay Grill with DGN Mike Ruby, who was their AG during those four years. "Lots of fun, lots of beer, lots of laughs," reports Mike. From left: Steve Hanson, Ethan Anderson, Wayne Steen, Jim Carey and Mike Ruby. Provided by Mike Ruby



Getting a head start in Seoul ...

Rotary Club of Ames president 2017-18 Don Borchering (l) began preparing for his year of leadership early by attending the Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea. He joined 2015-16 District Governor Loring Miller and Phyllis (at right) and District Governor 2016-17 Chris Knapp and Vernetta at the Great American breakfast – an event hosted by Zones 28-29 from the upper Midwest USA and southern regions of Canada. Provided by Phyllis Miller



Rose Bowl? Rotary will be there!

We don't know if the Hawks will go to the Rose Bowl this year, but Rotary will be there, as always, and the Rotary Rose Bowl Float Committee invites clubs and Rotarians to support our float which will celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation. West Liberty Rotarian Tomeka Petersen connected with float committee member Randy Pote at Seoul and promised to spread the word. Learn more: RoseFloat@RotaryFloat.org.



District 6420 Conference ...

District Governor Chris Knapp and Vernette, who served on the District 6000 Youth Exchange Committee with Jim Nelson when he was at Newton, joined Jim at his District Conference April 29-May 1 at Clocktower Resort in Rockford, Ill., where Chris engaged with Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students.

Photo by Jim Nelson



Friendship Exchange ...

Jim Nelson of Rockford, Ill. (l), formerly of Newton, who was district governor in 2015-16 in District 6420, northern Illinois, spoke to the Rotary Club of North Scott in July about his Friendship Exchange experience in Pakistan in April. Jim is pictured with club executive secretary Dennis Peterson, with whom he served on the Youth Exchange Committee while in District 6000. Jim can be contacted at (815) 742-8993, or email: Jimwnelson46@gmail.com. Photo by Bill Tubbs

Global Grant underway for orphanage in Uganda

By Merle Anderson/North Scott

The Rotary Foundation approved, and work is underway, on an \$81,007 Global Grant based around "God's Mercy Orphanage Center" Uganda. We will be providing classroom supplies and furnishings and kitchen equipment. The largest portion of the grant will go towards bringing in clean water to a village of 4,000 people who currently have no clean water. This \$23,000 portion of our grant is funded by HyVee. We will also be providing rain-harvesting equipment, toilets and hand-washing facilities.

Another major portion of the grant will go towards producing food on a sustainable basis. We have rented additional land to be used for planting crops such as Irish potatoes, maize and edible beans. Selected individuals will be provided with quality seeds, plant food, pesticides and tools. We will also be supplying 60 meat goats and six milk goats plus 500 chickens. The farmers will be trained on crop production, proper care of animals, expanding the number of animals in the community and marketing skills.

This Global Grant is sponsored by these Rotary District 6000 clubs: North Scott, Tipton, Iowa Quad-Cities, Davenport, Fort Madison, Mount Pleasant Noon and Iowa City AM. Beside funding from these seven clubs, we received funding from the host club of Masaka, Uganda, in District 9211 and from HyVee, District 6000 and The Rotary Foundation. Information: mla24@aol.com.



The last piece of a Global Grant for the God's Mercy Orphanage in Kisiro, Uganda, fell into place at North Scott Rotary on June 3 with the presentation of a check for \$23,117 from HyVee. Joining PDG Gary Welch (r) were club president Glen Keppy, grant writer Merle Anderson and PDG Bill Tubbs.



Huge crowd expected for historic RI Convention

Our District 6000 Breakfast at the June 10-14, 2017, Rotary International Convention in Atlanta will be held at the Double Tree Downtown Atlanta on Monday, June 12, 2017.

More information and a registration form will be sent out early in 2017. Be sure to mark the date down now in your calendar and plan to attend. It is a great time to connect with all of the Rotarians and others attending the convention from our District.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom or Carol Narak at tom.carol@msn.com. – DGN Tom Narak, West Des Moines

In an email in June, DGN Tom Narak said the Atlanta convention will be historic, and could match the Chicago 2005 convention. Already in June, 18,000 – that's 18,000 Rotarians had signed up. Seventy-seven so far have registers from District 6000. The best hotels will be in short supply for last minute sign ups! One club, Suburban in Omaha, has a goal of 50 members going – one giant party! He said Zones 28-29 are looking for 3,000 Rotarians to attend. What a party for a great cause! Information: <http://www.rotaryconvention2017.org/>.

News briefs

FAMSCO: The District 6000 Fire and Medical Supply Company (FAMSCO) was begun in 1991 to receive used medical and firefighting equipment and ship it to villages in Mexico and Central America. The model worked successfully for two decades, but it is now more cost-effective to purchase on site than to ship across international borders. Five years ago, FAMSCO's 501c3 status was expanded to embrace many District 6000 humanitarian funds. So FAMSCO continues, but with a new mission. In 2016, for the first time in many years, clubs were not asked to make a financial contribution.

Zone: District Governor Chris Knapp and Vernetta and District 6000 leaders will attend the Rotary Institute for Zones 28-29 from Sept. 29 to Oct. 2 in Cleveland. The Institute will be preceded by Governor-Elect Training for DGE Mike Ruby and JoAnne.

Centennials: In addition to 2017 being the centennial of The Rotary Foundation, it is the centennial year of Lions International, founded in Chicago in 1917. Congratulations to our friends and neighbors who serve through Lions International and the Lions clubs in our communities. Rotary salutes all who provide "Service Above Self."



Presidential Citations: Three District 6000 clubs qualified for RI President Ravi Ravindran's Presidential Citation in 2015-16: Ankeny, Northwest Des Moines and West Liberty. The recipients were not known at the time of District Conference.



Transition time in District 6000 ...

The theme flags showed the transition to a new Rotary year at the changeover event attended by Rotarians, including these PDGs, June 24 at the Iowa City Airport, front (l-r): Susan Herrick, David Piersel, Herb Wilson, Bill Tubbs, Gary Pacha and DG Chris Knapp. Back: Gary Welch, Del Bluhm, Dale Belknap, Loring Miller, Ken Noble, Terry Geiger, Ray Muston, John Ockenfels, DGN Mike Ruby, Cal Litwiller.

Community Grants: The District 6000 Community Service Grants Committee reviewed proposals from clubs on Aug. 27, but has no news to report until The Rotary Foundation approves the spending plan, according to committee chair Doug Flournoy.

Friendship Exchange: A Friendship Exchange is being considered with District 3011 in India sometime in April through June 2017. Call John Helgerson of Ottumwa for information: (641) 799-1190, or email: johnhelgerson@gmail.com.

RLI: The next RLI training will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 15 in Omaha. Infor-

mation: PDG Terry Geiger, (641) 442-5559 or email: tlgeiger@grm.net.

Rotary and UN: Rotarians are invited to Rotary-United Nations Day in New York City on Saturday, Nov. 12. The day will feature presentations from senior UN staff, affiliated NGO's and Rotary leaders, including RI President John Germ. Information: PDG Doug Vincent, (519) 537-3753; email: DougV@DougVincent.com.

Rotarian: Look for the great article by DGE Mike Ruby about Rotary's "cup of water" in the letters section of the September issue of *The Rotarian*. Good job, Mike!



Hard working volunteers ...

DG Chris Knapp (l) recognized Jack and Jeannie Brockway of Pella for 10 years of service on the District 6000 Youth Exchange Committee at the Aug. 27 orientation gathering in Newton. The hard working Rotary Youth Exchange volunteers are pictured above (l-r): Greg Probst, Edna Probst, DGE Mike Ruby and JoAnne, Bob Herrick, Peggy Geiger, PDG Susan Herrick, John and Rebecca Schultz, Paul Kalainoff (front), Liz Nichols, Dennis and Deb Peterson, DG Chris Knapp, PDG Gary Welch and Colleen, Mary Anderson, Gary Anderson, Jeannie and Jack Brockway, and DGN Tom and Carol Narak.

Provided by Chris Knapp

Obituary

Obituary: Patricia Lea (Braymen) Borup, 77, of St. James City, Fla., a longtime resident of Wellman, Iowa, and wife of PDG Roger Borup (1997-98), passed away on June 14 in Fort Myers, Fla., of heart failure.

Pat grew up with her nine brothers and sisters on a farm outside of Shenandoah, Iowa, and graduated from Shenandoah High School in 1957, and received her nursing degree at St. Luke's School of Nursing in Cedar Rapids. She worked as an RN for many years in the Veterans and Mercy Hospitals in Iowa City.



Pat Borup

She was a longtime volunteer with many charitable and civic organizations, including Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, Wellman Heritage Society, Girl Scout Troop Leader, Wellman-Scotfield Public Library, and the Wellman Baseball Club. She also found joy in sharing her home and life with many Youth Exchange students.

Pat enjoyed traveling with Roger, her husband of 55 years, by private airplane as licensed pilots and later in their RV including group RV trips. She enjoyed bird watching, crafts, museums, music, shelling and the fine arts. A celebration of life service was June 28 at Wellman United Methodist Church. *May light perpetual shine upon her.*



A helping hand ...

District administrator Carolyn Scharff and her husband, John, celebrated the completion of DG Loring Miller's year at the Past Governor's outing June 24 at Amana. Carolyn will provide assistance to District 6000 in 2016-17. Photo by Bill Tubbs

Polio eradication airs on Pakistan TV

On July 1, 2016, Rotary International officials, along with World Health Organization officials, were interviewed in a 40-minute program on Pakistani National TV about Rotary and polio eradication.

Host Omar Khalid Butt sat down with four delegates from Rotary International:

- Michael K. McGovern (Rotary Foundation Vice Chair, International PolioPlus Committee Chairman);
- Carol A. Pandak (Director PolioPlus, Rotary International);
- Judith Diment (Chairman Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force, Rotary International); and
- Aziz Memon (National Chair, Pakistan PolioPlus Committee, Rotary International).

They talked about what Rotary International is doing in different domains, as well as its work in Pakistan including for the eradication of Polio from the country. The program was excellent. It can be viewed here: <http://tinyurl.com/h7j8pv8>.

World Polio Day

World Polio Day is Oct. 24. The District 6000 PolioPlus Committee urges clubs to educate members, especially new members, of the importance of polio eradication, and to tell the polio story to the public. Contact any committee member or chair PDG Susan Herrick, (515) 298-1536; s.herrick@mchsi.com.

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

CLUB	APRIL 2016		MAY 2016		JUNE 2016	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	57.00%	35	57.00%	36	49.00%	38
Albia	51.90%	41	44.20%	48	50.00%	37
Ames	51.68%	42	59.23%	30	58.08%	27
Ames Morning	50.70%	45	51.70%	40		
Ankeny	74.62%	11	73.85%	10	86.50%	2
Atlantic			38.30%	49	50.50%	36
Bettendorf	56.00%	37	51.70%	40	62.70%	20
Bloomfield	70.00%	16	70.00%	16	64.00%	19
Boone	63.00%	26	54.00%	38	62.00%	21
Burlington	86.70%	2	85.10%	3	83.80%	4
Carroll	63.97%	25	66.18%	21	50.74%	35
Centerville			59.00%	31	51.00%	34
Chariton	69.76%	18	58.91%	32	27.06%	47
Clinton	51.34%	44	49.45%	44	47.01%	41
Coon Rapids	70.00%	16	69.00%	17	69.00%	13
Coralville-North Corridor	75.00%	10	79.00%	6	64.00%	19
Corning	72.00%	14			0.62	21
Corydon	42.00%	48	46.00%	46		
Creston	57.00%	35	58.00%	34	59.00%	25
Dallas Center	76.00%	9	72.00%	12	75.00%	9
Davenport	51.66%	43	45.74%	47	46.97%	42
Decatur County	64.00%	24	67.00%	20	59.00%	25
Des Moines	57.79%	34	57.52%	35	51.30%	33
Des Moines A.M.	85.00%	3	78.00%	7	70.00%	11
East Polk County	55.65%	38	59.68%	29	58.71%	26
Fairfield	40.68%	49	34.54%	51	31.56%	45
Fort Madison	55.00%	39	54.00%	38	54.00%	32
Greater Des Moines			54.00%	38	48.00%	40
Grinnell	81.67%	8	76.32%	8	79.05%	7
Indianola	59.00%	32	50.52%	42	60.14%	23
Iowa City	31.94%	51	31.60%	52	28.65%	46
Iowa City A.M.	82.32%	7	80.29%	5	78.68%	8
Iowa City Downtown	83.33%	4	89.19%	1	89.04%	1
Iowa Quad-Cities	68.45%	21	67.26%	19	68.22%	14
Jefferson						
Johnston	72.67%	13	72.00%	12		
Kalona	69.90%	17	74.87%	9	66.67%	16
Keokuk	35.89%	50	35.89%	50	38.57%	44
Keosauqua	61.30%	28	58.90%	33	51.30%	33
Knoxville	52.10%	40			0.4862	39
Lenox	83.00%	6	65.00%	23	68.00%	15
Manning	69.00%	19	72.00%	12	71.00%	10
Marengo	83.00%	6	72.00%	12	83.00%	5
Marshalltown	45.51%	47	48.44%	45		
Mount Pleasant Noon			60.00%	28	61.00%	22
Mt. Pleasant	69.00%	19	78.00%	7	71.00%	10
Muscatine	50.00%	46	52.60%	39	46.56%	43
Nevada	71.88%	15	65.32%	22	55.03%	30
Newton	68.75%	20	68.56%	18	69.19%	12
North Scott	90.61%	1	88.98%	2	83.98%	3
Northwest Des Moines	73.85%	12	71.70%	13	64.36%	18
Osceola	50.00%	46	51.00%	41	49.00%	38
Oskaloosa						
Ottumwa	56.32%	36	61.78%	25		
Pella	61.00%	29	71.00%	15	65.00%	17
Perry	58.00%	33	56.00%	37		
Tipton	60.00%	31	61.00%	27	59.00%	25
Washington	60.50%	30	50.50%	43	55.38%	29
Waukee	67.19%	22	61.29%	26	57.76%	28
Wellman	85.00%	3	85.07%	4	82.42%	6
West Des Moines	83.26%	5	71.27%	14	54.30%	31
West Liberty	67.00%	23	70.00%	16	60.00%	24
West Polk County	61.50%	27	64.47%	24		
Winterset	72.00%	14	73.00%	11		

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Club leaders' checklist

From DG Chris Knapp . . .

- Make plans to meet or exceed the requirements of the **District Governor's Citation** (p. 4).
- Register member(s) to attend a **One Rotary Seminar** (p. 5).
- Encourage members to attend the **District Rotary Foundation Dinner** (p. 3).
- Send hurricane relief money for **Xicotepec** (p. 6).
- Encourage club leaders to register for the **Rotary Leadership Institute** training (p. 5, 34).
- Consider nominations for **District Governor** (p. 14).
- Nominate a worthy member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** (p. 13).
- Show members the opportunities to support **Ponseti clubfoot repair** (p.10-12).
- Make plans to meet or exceed your **Rotary Foundation** goal and to support **PolioPlus** (p. 3, 8-9).
- Educate members and the public about **polio** (p. 3, 35)!
- Invite a **RYLA** student to speak at your club and invite member(s) to volunteer next year (p. 18-20).
- Invite quality **new members** to grow the fellowship and service that you enjoy in your club!
- Encourage members to register early for the **RI Convention in Atlanta** (p. 33).
- Mark March 10-11, 2017, for **NCETS** at Ames (p. 16).
- Watch the **District website**, www.rotary6000.org, for updates and "save the date."
- **Submit news** of your activities by Nov. 21 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs at btubbs@northscottpress.com.



Iowa City past president Jody Braverman visited Rotary projects and participated in Polio National Immunization Days in India in February 2016. He visited the Taj Mahal with stepdaughters Cadiz Gomez and Rachel Gomez, too. Thank you for your service, Jody!