



District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Gary L. Welch, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –
Fourth Quarter (April-May-June, 2011)



A choir of students ages 16-19 from Capetown, South Africa, arranged by Simon Estes captivated audiences during performances at District Conference, the Des Moines Rotary Centennial, the Rotary International Convention, and more.

‘Great Adventure’ like a Mighty River

By DG Gary Welch/Ankeny

What a year!

It is hard to believe that the 2010-2011 Rotary year is almost over by the time you read this newsletter. I remember that as president of the Rotary Club of Ankeny, I was just beginning to understand how to be president, then it was over, and to be honest that is how I feel as district governor.

It has been one of the greatest adventures since I joined Rotary. It has been a privilege and an honor to visit all your clubs, see many of your projects, but, most of all, meet you and all the wonderful Rotarians who each day go about changing people's lives both in our communities and internationally.

It was a joy to visit with each club president several times throughout the year and watch each of you work toward your club goals. Thank you for living the “Service Above Self” motto.

As I reflect on this year, we have accomplished many things and I will just highlight a few:

- Training for presidents-elect and assistant governors with the best attendance ever.
- Received the district governor's pin from Cal Litwiller on July 6 and began our club visits on July 13 with Dallas Center until Nov. 30 at Rotary Club of Grinnell.
- Outbound Group Study Exchange team interviews for travel to



Gary Welch
District Governor

New Zealand.

- Zone Seminar for Membership, Foundation and Public Relations was held in Des Moines.
- South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) training in Little Rock, Ark.
- Rotarians packaging “Meals From the Heartland” for starving people.
- Zone training for district leaders in Rochester, New York.
- A fundraiser for Youth Exchange with RI President Ray Klingsmith and he flipped the switch to project the “End Polio Now” sign on the Marriott hotel in West Des Moines.
- Attended several club Christmas parties and fundraising events.
- The Past District Governors holiday social at the Salisbury House in Des Moines and its historical connection to Rotary.
- Developed public relations campaign in 75 newspapers with the Iowa Newspaper Association, thanks to PDG Bill Tubbs.
- Approved several District Simplified Grants for local Rotary clubs.
- Received inbound Youth Exchange students from other countries and interviewed outbound Youth Exchange students.
- Iowa Energy basketball games to raise money for PolioPlus.
- Several Matching Grants approved for international projects.
- Attended our first Multi-District PETS in Dubuque, with positive reviews from the attending presidents-elect.
- The Rotary Club of West Des Moines hosted RYLA again with students from District 6000.

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A Group Study Exchange team from District 9970 in New Zealand attended District Conference (l-r): DG Welch, Steve Knight, Cheryl Ford, Jim Scott, Cath Millar and Rachel Dodd.



PDG Gary Pacha of Iowa City (c) received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self award at District Conference for his service in many areas, including leading the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.). From left to right: Bill Koellner and PDG Diana Reed (awards committee), Gary and Nancy Pacha, and DG Gary Welch.



Technology whiz Michael Schmitz of Iowa City received a well-earned special citation and Paul Harris Fellow from DG Gary Welch.

Rotarians Build Communities ...

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- Our Outbound GSE team to District 9910 in New Zealand presented at the District Conference.
- We had almost 300 people attend the District Conference. We had an opportunity to "monkey around" while we had fun. I had more clothing changes than my wife did.
- Numerous awards were given to several deserving Rotarians i.e.: "Service Above Self" and "Distinguished Service" which are the highest honors that Rotary International awards.
- We had Simon Estes and his Simon Estes High School choir from Capetown, South Africa sing at the District Conference, as well as at the RI Convention.
- Started the Paul E. Hellwege "Guardian Of Integrity" award thanks to PDG Bill Tubbs.

- Rotary Clubs of Ankeny and Des Moines hosted an Inbound GSE team from New Zealand.
- Celebrated with Rotary Club of Des Moines first "Century" club on May 5 in District 6000 with RI President Ray Klingensmith.
- Celebrated Colleen's birthday in Muscatine on Sept. 27 and our anniversary with the Des Moines club on May 5.
- The Rotary Club of Coralville North Corridor started a new Interact club.
- Our Youth Exchange students attended the RI Convention for a total of 208 YE students from South Central Rotary Youth Exchange chaired by our very own Loring Miller from Rotary Club of Decatur County. RI President Ray Klingensmith recognized

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RI President Ray Klingensmith (r) thanked Loring Miller of the Rotary Club of Decatur County on stage at the RI Convention for bringing a choir of Youth Exchange students to New Orleans.



Rotary Youth Exchange students, as always, inspired with their parade of flags at District Conference, April 29-30 at Ankeny.



Rotex students Sherry Bender and Amber Hoffman were thrilled when PDG Susan Herrick honored them as Paul Harris Fellows at District Conference and said the certificates would be presented by Ray Klingensmith in New Orleans.



Youth Exchange students and Rotary volunteers packaged 10,000 "Meals for the Heartland" at District Conference April 29-30 in Ankeny.

... and Bridge Continents

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him on stage for his service.

- The Youth Exchange students presented their country flags and sang "We are the World" at the Rotary International Convention.

- PDG Susan Herrick won an award at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans for all her work with Polio Plus.

- We had several presidents-elect and leadership attend the RI Convention in New Orleans to truly understand the depth of Rotary.

- 100 percent of the clubs have either contributed to The Rotary Foundation or have committed to contribute to the Foundation before June 15, 2011.

- A number of clubs have successfully worked hard on increasing membership in their clubs.

These are just a few events that have occurred this year and you need to be proud of your accomplishments. There is more to Rotary than a social lunch. We must understand that each club is a small stream that

converges into a Mighty River that is Rotary, truly changing lives and making the world a better place for all of us.

Thank you, all, for a GREAT year!! Colleen and I look forward to being invited back for special events with your clubs.

More pictures from District Conference are on pages 4, 5, 11, 13, 14, 15, 21, 25, 29, 30, 31, and the awards insert.



District Governor Gary Welch was a man of many hats at District Conference.



Colleen Welch made sure there was "monkey business" at Conference.



Conference co-chair Cathy Spencer and auctioneer Bob McGlothlen raised \$5,078 for polio and Youth Exchange selling cakes made by DMAC students.

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District Governor Gary Welch and Colleen extend appreciation to RI President's Rep Jennifer Jones of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and her husband, Nick.



The Ankeny Community Choir under the direction of Steve Carstenson sang a variety of popular songs at the Saturday evening banquet that concluded District Conference.



Members of the Rotary Club of Nevada celebrated the moment with a photo with Simon Estes.



Administrator Carolyn Scharff is thanked for her service with roses.

District Conference • April 28-30

DG Gary Welch places the District Governor's pin on the lapel of DGE Don Patterson of the Rotary Club of Wsshington



Rotary pages, including these displayed at District Conference, appeared in 75 Iowa newspapers.



Iowa-born and world-renowned opera star Simon Estes entertained at the Friday, April 29 all-district Rotary luncheon.

KIA ORA!

GSE team enjoys Kiwi hospitality



DG Gary Welch (l) at District Conference with the D-6000 GSE team that traveled to District 9910 in New Zealand (l-r): Jeff Anderson (team leader), Christina Fernandez-Morrow, Ginger Shaw, Colleen Rogers and Darren Fife.

By Jeff Anderson/Boone

GSE Team Leader to New Zealand

The 2011 Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from District 6000 traveled to District 9910 located on the north island of New Zealand, departing from Des Moines on March 16th and returning home on April 15th.

The team was comprised of: team leader Jeff Anderson who is an optometrist and member of the Rotary Club of Boone; Colleen Rogers of Ames, who is a director of development for the ISU College of Design; Darren Fife, who is an environmental project manager from Windsor Heights; Christina Fernandez-Morrow of Des Moines, who is a foster care recruitment and retention coordinator with Iowa KidsNet; and Ginger Shaw of Keokuk, who works in early childhood funding as the director of Children First Early Childhood Iowa for Lee and Van Buren counties.

During our stay in New Zealand the team enjoyed tremendous Kiwi hospitality and experienced many fantastic vocational, cultural, and recreational opportunities. Members of the team had numerous opportunities to interact with professionals in New Zealand involved in the same vocational fields, which was very enlightening. Many good ideas were shared back and forth as a result of contacts made through the vocational component of the exchange.

The natural beauty of New Zealand was breathtaking and after a few days the team learned to qualify their statements when referring to something as being “the most beautiful thing I have ever seen” by adding the words “so far!” Whether it was the watching the sunrise over Rangitoto (the volcanic island located near Auckland Harbour), walking along amazing “iron sand” beach at Piha on the west coast of the island, visiting lovely green pastoral farms, or experiencing the otherworldly beauty of geysers and bubbling mud pools in the unique geothermal areas of Rotorua the team was constantly awed by the incredible range of natural beauty in New Zealand.

The team also had many unforgettable Kiwi cultural experiences including being welcomed onto a Maori marae with a Powhiri (welcoming ceremony), visiting “Hobbiton” (the location where part of The Lord of the Rings movies were filmed), shearing sheep, and attending a professional rugby match (we learned in a hurry that rugby is big part of Kiwi culture)!

In addition to learning about New Zealand, our team also made ten “formal” presentations at Rotary meetings where we shared about ourselves, our professions, and Iowa. Kiwis truly seemed to enjoy learning about our state and about life in Iowa! We had a slide in our presentation with a number of famous Iowans and we handed out Iowa quarters to those in the crowd who were able to

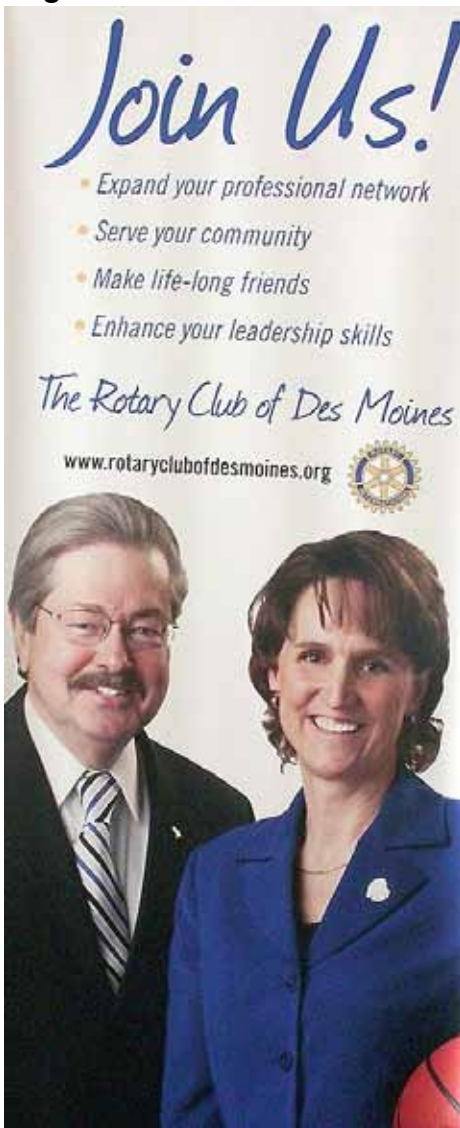
correctly identify one of them. While John Wayne and Glenn Miller “cost us” a few quarters – some of the other “famous” Iowans (like Shawn Johnson!) were completely unfamiliar to Kiwis!

While we experienced many beautiful things in New Zealand, the most beautiful thing we experienced by far was the warmth of Rotary friendship and hospitality that the Rotarians of District 9910 and their families shared with our team. We made friendships that will absolutely last a lifetime. It was a life changing experience for all of us and we can’t thank the Rotarians of District 6000 and 9910 enough for providing our team with this opportunity. Our team is already looking forward to the welcoming the GSE Team from 9910 that will be traveling to Iowa next year!

If you would like to learn more about our GSE experiences in New Zealand, we would encourage you to check out the blog we maintained during our exchange. The address for the link is <http://gse6000to9910.blogspot.com>. It has lots of pictures and a running commentary of what we experienced during our trip. It also includes profiles and email addresses for the team members – so if your club would like to hear (and see) more about our experiences in District 9910, please contact one of the members of the team in your area!.



Team members experienced “the most beautiful thing I have ever seen” many times!



Skywalk banners featuring Rotarians Gov. Terry Branstad and Drake athletic director Sandy Hatfield-Clubb promoted Rotary's Centennial in Iowa.



A stringed quartet at the Des Moines Convention Center set the mood.



A check for \$150,000 was presented to the World Food Prize Foundation (-r): President Skeet Wootten, Ambassador Kenneth Quinn, and Des Moines Rotary past president and Centennial chair Dick Lozier and Joyce Chapman.

Iowa Rotary's Birthday Bash



Rotary Club of Des Moines, Iowa's first, celebrates 100 years

By Sarah Trudeau/ISU Intern

Rotary Club of Des Moines

One might say that the May 4-5 celebration of the Rotary Club of Des Moines' 100th year was the event of the century. The club held two very successful events to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Children from the Des Moines area in grades 4 through 6 were invited to the Des Moines Public Library on May 4 for the first event, the Hands-On Book Fest for Kids. Rotarians worked tirelessly to make sure that the children in attendance would get an exciting and accurate demonstration of what goes into making a book, from the paper making to the publishing and marketing. Children's author Dori Hillestad Butler and children's book illustrator Paul Micich were both featured at the event, teaching the groups of youngsters what their part of the process looks like.

When the children were gone, Rotarians got their chance to experience the Hands-On Book Fest. They were then invited to a

reception where Centennial Committee chair Therese Wielage and city council member Christine Hensley unveiled the naming of 12th Street between Grand and Locust, Honorary Rotary Way. To finish the night, Butler and Micich were both recognized for their contribution to the event, along with president-elect DeAnn Thompson, whose concept of a book fest became a great success that day. The Hands-On Book Fest will be held as an annual event.

The next morning at the Polk County Convention Center, the All-Club Centennial Luncheon was held where more than 400 Rotarians from all over the district came to celebrate. The highlights of the presentation were many, including a performance by both international opera star Simon Estes, and 32 students from his music school in Cape Town, South Africa. Speakers included Des Moines mayor, and 39-year member of the Rotary club Frank Cownie, whose father was also a Rotarian, and Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, who remarked on Iowa's current



The Simon Estes Choir from Capetown, South Africa, that performed at District Conference and would sing at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans, provided inspiring entertainment.



President Klinginsmith with aides PDG Dale Belknap and Mary.



At the Bookfest (l-r): Author Dori Hill-estad Butler, Therese Wielage, DeAnn Thompson and illustrator Paul Micich.



The City of Des Moines designated a portion of 12th Street as Rotary Way.



RI President Ray Klinginsmith addresses 400 Rotarians and guests.

Rotarians celebrate with Book Fest, Banquet

financial situation.

Over nearly a decade, the Rotary Club of Des Moines has raised money and planned to give a large gift at the celebration of their centennial year. Because of their dedication to rewarding those who improve the quality, quantity, and availability of food in the world, the World Food Prize was the organization the Rotary club chose as the recipient. Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn accepted an oversized check for \$150,000.00

from the Rotary club.

The main speaker at Thursday's luncheon was Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith who inspired each and every Rotarian in attendance that day with his exuberant speech about the direct impact Rotary has had on the fight against polio.

The Rotary Club of Des Moines successfully celebrated and commemorated its centennial year, and looks forward to another 100 years of Service Above Self.



Rotarian Evie Johnson makes paper with children at the Bookfest.



PDG 1996-97 Jim Vickery (l) and John Cortisio (r), members of the Rotary Club of Des Moines, with Simon Estes and his wife, Ovida, renew their friendships that brought a 40-member choir from Capetown, South Africa, to Iowa as Rotary Youth Exchange students in 1998-99.



Rotary Club of Des Moines past president and Centennial chair Theresa Wielage, president-elect DeAnn Thompson, president Skeet Wootten, Simon Estes, RI President Ray Klinginsmith, District Governor Gary Welch, and DGND Rita Perea.



RI Vice President Tom Thorfinnson and Rotary Foundation manager John Osterlund (seated) smile as Gene Gabus relates poignant and humorous memories of his late father, Charles Gabus, during the Arch Klumph Society induction.



Past RI President Karl Wilhelm-Stenhammer of Sweden (second from right) presents the Arch Klumph Society award to Gene Gabus and his sister, Patricia Peterson, while RI Vice President Tom Thorfinnson watches.

MAJOR GIFT RECOGNITION:

PDG Charles Gabus and Frances inducted into Arch Klumph Society

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

A gift of \$250,000 to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation by the late PDG Charles Gabus of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines and his wife, Frances, was celebrated in style at RI Headquarters in Evanston, Ill., on April 13, with the Gabus' induction into the Arch Klumph Society, named in honor of the man who founded The Rotary Foundation in 1917.

Accepting the recognition on behalf of their father were Rotarian Gene Gabus of Northwest Des Moines and his sister, Patricia Peterson of Olathe, Kan. District 6000 PDGs Don Goering, Dale Belknap, Bill Tubbs, and Rotarian Bill Koellner were present.

Five other gifts of \$250,000 and greater were recognized at the

same time by John Osterlund, the general manager of The Rotary Foundation, and Past RI President Karl Wilhelm-Stenhammer, the chair of the Foundation's trustees. With pomp and circumstance, the honorees were introduced as they paraded into the auditorium and were seated on stage where their biographies were read by Foundation trustee Stephen Brown. The honorees, in turn, responded with inspiring words about the work and credibility of The Rotary Foundation and why it was their chosen charity.

After a reception at RI Headquarters, all present enjoyed dinner at the elegant Kenilworth Club in Wilmette with Foundation trustees and RI board members and past presidents. The District 6000 delegation was seated with Past President Bill Boyd and his wife, Lorna, and Karena Bierman, who is manager of gift planning for The Rotary Foundation. We also had the opportunity to meet the newly-hired RI General Secretary John Hewko and his wife, Margarita.

Trustee Brown's introduction of PDG Charles Gabus and Frances:

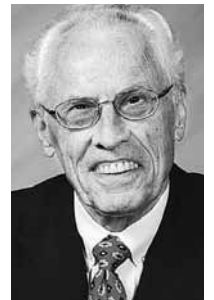
"Today I have the privilege of speaking about PDG Charles and Frances Gabus, a committed Rotary couple who we remember today. As John mentioned, their children Rotarian Gene Gabus and Patricia Peterson are here with us to honor and to remember this special couple.

"PDG Gabus was a member of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, Iowa, USA for 40 years when he passed away in 2008 at the age of 90. He was preceded in death by Frances, his wife of 57 years, who passed away in 1997.

"PDG Gabus started his professional career as an educator, worked as a painting contractor, and sold appliances, until he found



The portrait of Paul Harris on the 18th Floor at RI Headquarters was a gift to RI from Iowa Rotarians in 2005. Pictured (l-r): Bill Koellner, Gene Gabus, Patricia Peterson, and PDGs Dale Belknap, Bill Tubbs and Don Goering.



Charles Gabus



Welcoming District 6000 Rotarians Don Goering, Bill Kessler and Dale Belknap was Betsy Demaray of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., who will be our director on the RI Board for two years starting July 1.

his true calling. Frances encouraged him to sell Ford cars because her father always purchased them. Charles took her suggestion, and began working as a Ford dealer in 1953. Over the years, PDG Gabus built a car dealership empire that includes his flagship Charles Gabus Ford, which remains one of Iowa's top Ford dealerships. As his business grew, PDG Gabus employed nearly 400 people. He was known as a hardworking and fair supervisor. The members of the core staff at Charles Gabus Ford have worked for the dealership for tenures ranging from 25-44 years, a remarkable endorsement for PDG Gabus' ability as a leader.

"PDG Gabus loved the automobile retail industry. In an interview with *The Des Moines Register* in 2003, he remarked 'it's my life.' PDG Gabus was known for an unshakable work ethic. He often 'checked in,' even on his days off, and although he let the managers run the daily business, he was known to peruse his car lots even into his late 80's to evaluate the vehicles for sale. Gabus celebrated his 50th anniversary as a Ford dealer in 2003, returning to work after a hospital stay for treatment of a heart problem.

"In addition to his professional success, PDG Gabus was a family man with a compassionate side and a commitment to doing good work in the community, often anonymously. Whether it was providing aid for tornado victims, annually purchasing warm sweat shirts for the homeless at Des Moines' Bethel Mission, or contributing to the public library in honor of his beloved wife, PDG Gabus was a true Rotarian and a dedicated community leader. To speak more about PDG and Mrs. Gabus, I welcome Gene and Patricia."

In recognition of the gift, Gabus' portrait will be hung with other Arch Klumph Society donors in the gallery on the 18th floor of RI Headquarters.



A statue of a Rotarian administering the polio vaccine is at the entrance of RI Headquarters.



Arriving at RI Headquarters – an impressive building in downtown Evanston, and a very professional environment.



A portrait of Arch Klumph is projected while the Gabuses and inductees Jamil Elias and Suheila Hitti Dunia of Venezuela are introduced.



Newly hired RI General Secretary John Hewko (c) and his wife, Margarita, greet PDG Bill Tubbs.



The bore hole (well) that will provide clean water to 20,000 people was a partnership of the Rotary Club of Nassarawa, Kano, Nigeria, District 6000 in Iowa, and the Rotary Clubs of Muscatine, Ankeny and Nevada.

Bore hole will serve 20,000

By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport

D-6000 Matching Grants chair

Above is a photo PDG Denny Skinner received from Mariam Birma, Rotary Club of Nassarawa, Kano, Nigeria, of the completed Tsamiya Babba well project. While the application called for one bore hole well, a solar power array and a 3,500 gallon tank, it sounds like they got a couple extra wells in the deal.

I am mighty impressed with the Nigerians' ability to successfully accomplish ambitious matching grants projects. In Rotary year 2009-10, D-6000 clubs initiated three matching grants in Nigeria; all were completed in less than twelve months from their approval dates. This year we have applied for two more matching grants that DGN Terry Geiger has championed and the Nigerian sponsors have been thorough and very responsive.

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Good Morning Rotarians,

I am happy to pass on to you all the pictures that Mariam sent me. Your project is complete and is a huge success. I have the final report and can e-mail you a copy for your records if you like. This successful water project provides clean water to over 20,000 people.

PDG Denny Skinner, Nevada



Brock Earnhardt is pictured with the sanitary latrine that was built for a grade school serving 900 students in Kaduna. With sanitary facilities, girls will no longer out of school at the age of puberty. The project was sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Kakuri-Kaduna, Nigeria, and Northwest Des Moines and North Scott in District 6000.

Seven matching grant applications in 2010-11

By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport

D-6000 Matching Grants chair

Now that the March 31 deadline for submitting matching grant applications has passed, a quick review of our year's work on new international humanitarian service projects:

- Seven applications with six host partner Rotary clubs in four countries involving ten District 6000 clubs.
- \$150,614 total budgeted humanitarian benefit, much greater if host Rotary volunteer service were included.
- \$23,239 cash contributions by D-6000 clubs, leveraged 6.48 times with others' contributions.
- \$34,857 DDF contributions by D-6000, leveraged 4.32 times with others' contributions;
- \$144,272.96 remaining DDF.



Desks were provided for school children in Kaduna, Nigeria, through a Rotary Foundation Matching grant of the Rotary Clubs of Kakuri-Kaduna in Nigeria and the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. This photo was provided by PDG Saliu Ahmed of Nigeria. He is the district governor whose friendship with PDG Diana Reed led to District 6000's partnership with Nigeria.

'Strike up the band' for matching grants in 2011-12

Rotarians and clubs who are interested in partnerships for international projects should mark your calendar for the Jan. 26-29, 2012, Project Fair in Oaxaca, Mexico, organized by Districts 4180 and 4200 in México, as well as District 4170 (a Future Vision district).

Jim Peterson of Iowa City AM and PDG Bill Tubbs of North Scott attended the first Project Fair in Oaxaca in January 2011. Already, one grant resulting from this Fair has been approved, to form a children's orchestra for "children of the street" in Cuernavacca, Mexico. District 6000 sponsors include the Rotary Clubs of West Liberty, Greater Des Moines and North Scott.

A list of additional grants will soon be available from Peterson and posted on the District 6000 website. The Mexican Rotarians created a 6-minute Youtube video to promote the 2012 Project Fair. It can be viewed at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7y_urGkj7A



Simon Estes (c) helped East Polk Rotarians raise \$25,000 for Africa projects May 12 (l-r): Eric Borseth (club president), Ned Looney, Estes, Walt Mozdzer, Steve Mather, and Brad Miller (president-elect). Photo by Adam Wilson

East Polk's 'Auction Africa' raises \$25,000 for projects

By Ned Looney/East Polk

The Rotary Club of East Polk County held its first "Auction for Africa" night on May 12. More than 250 Rotarians and friends gathered at the Prairie Meadows Ballroom in Altoona and enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship.

Honorary Rotarian Simon Estes brought his South Africa High School choir to perform and these young men and women delighted the audience with their strong voices and native dances. Both silent and live auctions were held. Lucky winning bidders went home with fishing gear, spa packages, an Africa drum, wine, tuxedo rentals and an evening with Simon Estes giving a private concert in their home and many more fun items.

The featured auction item, a beautiful 2006 Pontiac Solstice convertible (red of course!) was driven home by our very own Rotarian Loring Miller from Leon, Iowa. The over \$25,000 in funds raised this evening will support several Rotary outreaches in Africa, including mosquito netting, food and feeding centers for orphans and vulnerable children, and eyeglasses for the public school children.

Rotarian Jim Blessman, founder of Blessman Ministries, splits his time between South Africa and Iowa and is in constant contact with our partners in the Polokwane and Moko-pane clubs there and has established strong relations with mutual respect between our two nations through Rotary. He invites all Rotarians of District 6000 to come and visit him there, to serve the children and to better international relations though the ideals of Rotary – Service Above Self!



This attractive back-lighted display featuring a local Rotarian welcomes shoppers at North Grand Mall in Ames. At District Conference, Ames Rotarian Shazia Manus told how they did it. For information, contact Carole Custer, (515) 294-3134, or e-mail: custer@netins.net.

Friendship Exchange to New Zealand slated for 2012

By Gary Murphy/Washington

What a great day to be alive! I would like to bring everyone up to date on our Rotary Friendship Exchange to New Zealand.

I contacted New Zealand and received the following information: The exchange will be with District 9910. The tour will start in Auckland, moving north to Whangaparaoa, Orewa or Warkworth. We would then travel to Whangarei and the Bay of Islands. We will stay approximately three nights with each club. They in turn arrange sightseeing in their local area. (We will have a test later on the spelling of the Maori cities!)

We have four openings left for this trip which will be from Feb. 28 until March 14, 2012. At this time it appears the cost will be approximately \$2,300 plus spending money while in New Zealand. We also have information on travel insurance.

The deadline to sign up for this trip is Aug. 15, 2011, and there is a maximum of ten people. We are exploring optional travel for extended stays for anyone who is interested. (Possibilities include Fiji Islands, South Island of New Zealand or east coast of Australia).

Please contact us and we will put you in touch with our travel agent. It is a great country with lovely people. Are you ready to go? If so, please contact Gary or Karen Murphy at (319) 653-5139 or e-mail: bandana319@yahoo.com.



Keegan Kautzsky (r), a native of Perry and an ISU alum, inspired at District Conference with a talk about his experience as an Ambassadorial Scholar to South Africa. He is pictured with Greater Des Moines Rotarians (l-r): Todd Wheeler, Kristy Bell, DGND Rita Perea and Ernie Perea.

Xicotepec: Another successful year for U of Iowa service learning students

University of Iowa students who participated in service learning projects in Xicotepec, Mexico, in a partnership with Rotary in March 2011 gave a formal presentation of their work on May 5 at the College of Pharmacy auditorium.

Service learning incorporates community engagement into academic coursework. "International Perspectives: Xicotepec" is a service learning course in which students bridge the knowledge and skills acquired in their university classrooms with practical applications in an international setting.

The course is coordinated by Iowa City AM Rotarian Jim Peterson, who has served as Xicotepec Project Team leader since District 6000 began its relationship with the village in the mountains of eastern Mexico in 2003. This year marks the fifth time that students and faculty members devoted their spring break to provide service in Xicotepec.

The projects are conducted under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Xicotepec through its well established relationship with District 6000. The concept of a university offering service learning in a partnership with Rotary was the subject of a breakout session led by District 6000 Rotarians and University of Iowa faculty members and students at the 2010 Rotary International Convention in Montreal.

In 2011, the teams provided de-worming treatments to more than 3,500 school children, conducted health care assessments in Xicotepec and surrounding communities, and provided dental care to school children. In addition, a faculty member from the College



Nursing students give their final report of their 2011 service learning experience in a partnership with Rotarians in Xicotepec, Mexico.

of Liberal Arts and Sciences and an instructor from the Career Center joined with community members to explore the possibility of developing new collaborations in 2012.

The service experiences not only have helped enrich students' understanding of nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, and the liberal arts and sciences, but also enhanced their understanding of themselves as citizens of the world.

Below is a list of students, faculty members, Rotarians, Rotary partners and others who were members of the 2011 Project Teams.

— Bill Tubbs

2011 Xicotepec Project Team members

Week No. 1 (March 5-13)

Kay Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Ted Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Christine Dimke (Cedar Rapids Kennedy Interact), Dennis Drager (Rotary Club of Marshalltown), Keith Hobson (Rotary Club of Nevada), Steven Levy (University of Iowa Service Learning, dentistry), Bob Main (Rotary Club of Newton), Marlene Main (wife of Bob Main, Rotary Club of Newton), Emily Mare (Cedar Rapids Kennedy Interact), Jim Peterson (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM), Julie Reynolds (University of Iowa Service Learning, dental), Abha Saxena (Cedar Rapids Kennedy Interact, parent), Sansriti Saxena (Cedar Rapids Kennedy Interact), Marcela Zamora (University of Iowa Service Learning, dental).

Week No. 2 (March 12-20)

Loyce Arthur (University of Iowa faculty, theatre arts), Richard Barajas (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Jody Braverman (Rotary Club of Iowa City), Kay Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Ted Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Christine Catley (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Tali Christian (Ames High School student, granddaughter of Nevada Rotarian), Miranda Connop (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Olivia Croskey (University of Iowa Service Learning, nursing), David DeMik (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), William (Bill) Doucette (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Jean Florman (University of Iowa Service Learning, center for teaching), Oscar Garza (University of Iowa

Service Learning, pharmacy), Tom George (Rotary Club of West Des Moines), Theo Gomez (son of Rotary Club of Iowa City member), Karen (Sunny) Kepler (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Kristen King (University of Iowa Service Learning, nursing), Kathryn Krei (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Stephanie Lukas (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Nikki Miller (Ames High School, granddaughter of Nevada Rotarian), Susan Murty (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM), Carol Narak (wife of West Des Moines Rotarian Tom Narak), Tom Narak (Rotary Club of West Des Moines), Stacy Narcotta-Welp (University of Iowa Service Learning, career leadership academy), DGE Don Patterson (Rotary Club of Washington), Rebecca Patterson (wife of Don Patterson, Rotary Club of Washington), Jim Peterson (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM), Nikilesh Rao (Iowa City West Interact), Rachel Rittgers (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Anne Jolivet Schulrick (Rotary Club of Iowa City), Hazel Hilton Seaba (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Phoebe Sebhata (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Kathy Mace Skinner (Rotary Club of Nevada), Rebecca Tekippe (University of Iowa Service Learning, nursing), Connie Trowbridge (University of Iowa Service Learning, nursing), Nhan Troung (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Anne Underwood (Kirkwood Community College, elementary education/art), Lam Vo (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Peter Wallace (Rotary Club of Iowa City), Pamela Wong (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy).

PDG Litwiller raising funds for polio, MOST with bike

By PDG Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

Some of you may wonder if being a district governor has permanently affected me when you hear what I am planning, but to use the phrase, "You Only Live Once," I want to tell you what Rachel and I are up to for our next adventure.

Starting May 29, 2011, I am planning to get on my Bicycle/Trike in northwest Washington, the state, and ride home and then on to the North Carolina Atlantic coast this summer. Notice I said planning; only time will tell how successful I will be.



PDG Litwiller

The reason I am writing is to give you the opportunity to join in on the ride by sponsoring us in our endeavor, and at the same time supporting either Polio- Plus or Iowa MOST. (To make a pledge, e-mail Cal at: crlitwiller@yahoo.com.) All of the proceeds will be going to District 6000 Polio Plus or Iowa MOST. I will inform you how far I get when the expedition is complete.

You can follow the progress of our adventure on our blog site at: <http://litwilleradventures.blogspot.com/>

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Charlie Wittmack: On a second note, some of you may remember Charlie Wittmack, the Mt. Everest climber who spoke at District Conference last year in Burlington. Hopefully you remember his plan for a "World Tri," swimming the Thames, the English Channel, riding his bike from France to Nepal, and climbing Mt. Everest again. He was successful with the Thames, the English Channel, and biking to Nepal (with a break for him to regain his health while he was at elevation during the winter). He came home for a month and half ending the end of January to regain his health, and also after his bike was stolen. There was an article in *The Des Moines Register* reporting that he has successfully summited Mt Everest to complete his World Tri. I can only imagine his feeling of accomplishment!!

If you would like to reference Charlie's World Tri website here is the link: <http://www.theworldtri.com/>



PDG Susan Herrick (r) gave a check for \$500 to District 5970 PDG Steve Thorpe of Waterloo for polio eradication at District Conference in Ankeny. The gift was in honor of scheduled speaker and polio survivor Doug Oberman, who was ill. Thorpe spoke with conviction about Rotary's global quest to eradicate the disease and showed video of Oberman.



Marcus Walta (fifth from left), a member of the 2010 GSE team from District 9790 in Australia, returned to the U.S. with his new bride, Anwyn, in April and reconnected with his home hosts from North Scott Rotary (l-r): Chris Connolly, Bill Puck, Dr. Brad Burt, Marcus and Anwyn, Marilyn Puck and Kieran Connolly.



The annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards day was April 22 at the Hope Lutheran Church in West Des Moines, sponsored by District 6000 and the Rotary Club of West Des Moines, with 150 youth and Rotary Youth Exchange students participating. Watch for more information in future issues of District 6000 News.

Photo by Paul Seelau/North Scott

Earnhardt receives inaugural 'Integrity' award

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

D-6000 Vocational Service chair

At the time of his death at age 97 on Jan. 28, 2010, Paul E. Hellwege had been a past district governor in District 6000 and its predecessor districts for 55 years, which was more than half the 105-year existence of Rotary. During those years, the Boone Rotarian provided continuity, consistency and credibility to Rotarians young and old in District 6000 as a friend, mentor, story teller and redoubtable source of the history and traditions of our district.

To honor Paul's many contributions, and to promote the ideals of ethics and integrity which his life exemplified, District 6000 established the Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award this year. Clubs were invited to nominate an individual who has been a member for a minimum of three years



Paul Hellwege

and whose life exemplifies the attributes and passion for ethics and integrity in his or her vocation, business and personal life that Paul exemplified.

This award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions that foster the development of integrity. The award singles out a person who has made contributions in business, media, academia or government and who has by his or her actions, writing, policies and public pronouncements strengthened and fostered development of integrity and ethical practices. Special consideration will be given to members who have made sacrifices and/or undertaken risks to uphold Rotary's Core Value of Integrity.

Nominations were received from 11 clubs in this our inaugural year. We are inspired by the examples of these outstanding men and women, nominated by their peers who, each in their own way, add a shine to the Rotary pins that each of us wear, and remind us why it is special to be a Rotarian. They are all winners, and the one district honoree is Brock Earnhardt of the Rotary Club of Davenport.

Thank you to the clubs who nominated these amazing Rotarians. Our wish is that next year the number of nominations will be many more and that the award can provide a perpetual memory of the life of this one incredible Rotarian – Paul Hellwege – and it will do that when others are inspired to follow his example, which is summed up



Nominated by their clubs for the Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award were these outstanding Rotarians (l-r): Vern Condon (Boone), Robert Walters (Nevada), Gary Foster (Clinton), Brock Earnhardt (Davenport), Jean Bartley (Iowa City AM), Jim Miles (Johnston), Scott Raecker (Des Moines AM), David Deuth (Bettendorf), and Jim Koehler (North Scott). Not pictured: Pete Knapp (Coralville-North Corridor) and Ann Harris (Washington).

succinctly in Rotary's Four-Way Test and Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions.

Below is a summary prepared Nancy Pacha of each nominee's recommendations. Note the diversity of vocations represented!

Bettendorf Rotarian David Deuth exemplifies a caring spirit. As a youth, David reached out to people in need, something he continues to do in his profession as a funeral director where he "has a gift of taking difficulty and changing it to serenity; of making adversity positive; of caring for all people selflessly." David contributes his time and energy to Elder Care Network and Senior Resource Alliance, to Ridgecrest Foundation, the YMCA, the Center for Aging Service and more. One of the hallmarks of his business is, "let your word be as binding as a written contract."

Boone Rotarian Vernon Condon's actions distinguish him as honorable and courageous. He has literally saved lives when he pulled people from a burning vehicle and he has quietly and privately helped

people who were in need of the most basic necessities of life. Vern spent 24 years in the National Guard, has been a Sunday school teacher, has served on the Boone County Transportation Board and many Rotary committees. At his 85th birthday party, the whole community turned out to help him celebrate. "It doesn't matter who you are or what you have, Vern treats everyone the same."

Clinton Rotarian Gary Foster is respected by his community for his "professional leadership skills and personal value system." Gary has served as United Way Treasurer, YMCA Board President and Treasurer, member of the US Bank Board and the finance committee of his church as well as many capacities in his community and his Rotary club. For two years, Gary doggedly pursued the details of the purchase and refitting of a fire truck and water tanker for the fire department of Patzcuaro, Mexico and, with other Clinton Rotarians, personally delivered the vehicles to the Mexican community.

Coralville/North Corridor Rotarian Pete Knapp "is a well-respected Rotarian on more than one continent." Single-handedly, Pete took the small Honduran community of Marcala under his wing and began to carry out projects to improve it. He established a Rotary club there so that international projects could increase the capacity to enrich Marcala. Back at home, Pete served as a deacon in his church. Through his work at the University of Iowa, Pete endeavored to promote farm safety and was often called upon as an expert witness to testify in lawsuits to improve safety on the



Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award winner Brock Earnhardt (c) with his wife Carol and daughter Mary, at District Conference.

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Peace Scholar Jamie Nagle will study in Buenos Aires

A young woman who grew up in Clarion, Iowa, and is the niece of Rotarian Dan Johnson of Newton, is District 6000's second successful nominee for the Rotary Peace Scholars program. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., where she received a bachelor of arts degree in religion with minors in biology and Latin American studies.

She then spent two years performing national service in the AmeriCorps program, first at a school in South Los Angeles, Calif., and then returning to Iowa to serve with the Iowa Legal Aid office in Mason City. She received her master of social work degree from the University of Iowa and currently works as a program officer with the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service in Des Moines.

As a Peace Scholar, she will study at the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. In a talk at District Conference, she said became aware of the need for increased understanding among the peoples of the world when her parents adopted a younger brother and sister from Guatemala.

She said her personal values reflect Rotary's values: volunteering, international service and peace building. Quoting Archbishop Oscar Romero, she said, "Peace is a product of justice, but justice is not enough. Love is needed, too."

Wendi Boxx of Ottumwa was District 6000's first Peace Scholar, in 2004.

Statistics show that the 522 Rotary Peace Scholar alumni in the program's first years are making a big impact in the world — thanks to our support of The Rotary Foundation!



PDG Ev Laning (Indianola) who chairs the Peace Scholars Committee for District 6000, introduced Jamie Nagle at District Conference.

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Davenport Rotarian Brock Earnhardt's integrity is demonstrated through his service and leadership. A retired water company manager and consummate community volunteer, Brock has served on many boards including the American Red Cross, Junior Achievement, Genesis Medical Education Foundation, Davenport Sister Cities, and his church, to name only a few. He also serves the international community, having traveled to Central America and Nigeria to share his vocational expertise. Brock's nomination states, "When an individual needs an honest and sincere opinion, Brock is who they would go to."

Des Moines AM Rotarian Scott Raecker has been "recognized as a fair-minded leader who promotes civility and character." As Executive Director of the Iowa Institute for Character Development, Scott promotes character education throughout Iowa. He co-founded the Shining City Foundation to help orphans in China. He serves on the board of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy Board, Drake University School of Education National Advisory Board, among many others. Scott also serves the citizens of Iowa as a member of the House of Representatives.

Iowa City AM Rotarian Jean Bartley is highly regarded in her community and profession. An Iowa City lawyer and

the recipient of the prestigious Iowa State Bar Association Award of Merit, Jean "exudes integrity and we are the better for it." She has served on the Board of Governors of the Iowa State Bar Association and the Board of Trustees of Iowa State Bar Foundation. Since 1995, she has been a Director of the Iowa Lawyers Assistance Program, which assists those unable to afford legal services. She has served on the Board of MECCA and auctions gourmet meals for many community fundraisers.

Johnston Rotarian Jim Miles "strives to effect positive change that reinforces principles of honesty and fairness and actions that will build good will and better friendships." Jim has been a Peace Corps volunteer in a Central American village, has led a Junior Achievement program in the Quad Cities and mentored high-risk students in Johnston. He has coordinated the United Way campaign, volunteered on a crisis hotline and served as a church lay leader. A financial consultant, Jim works conscientiously to model upstanding conduct in his industry and to serve his clients well.

Nevada Rotarian Robert E. Walters is characterized by his fairness and his commitment to his family, his profession and his community. A long life of service has been dedicated to the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, to his church, to his country as a wartime naval pilot in the Pacific, to building a respected business, to the YMCA, to the

Story County Hospital and to Rotary, beginning as one of the first Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars. In all he has done, "he was greatly appreciated for his vast business background and for his strong ethics and integrity."

North Scott Rotarian Jim Koehler personifies other-centeredness. A fair-minded businessman and founder of an electrical company, Jim has volunteered his expertise as the City of Davenport Electrical Commissioner for 30 years. In his community, he has supported Genesis Medical Systems as a member of several boards under the umbrella of Genesis. Whether raising funds for the Davenport Crisis Pregnancy Center, working on an international Rotary project, establishing the Heart of Mercy Fund, or chairing his club's fund raising auction, Jim is watching out for "the community's most vulnerable."

Washington Rotarian Ann Harris is a role model for others in her profession and for her fellow Rotarians. Ann has an active dental practice, but she also discharges duties as the Washington County Dental Officer, and she devotes volunteer time as advisor to a UI professional sorority, which is committed to matters of professional integrity. She volunteers for the American Cancer Society, has chaired community fundraisers and events and mentored students. Her fingerprints are ubiquitous on her Rotary club's projects. Ann "exemplifies the attributes and passion for Rotary ethics and integrity."



PDG Corliss Klaassen (l) and Jeanne (second from right) were greeted upon arrival in Slidell by Rotarian Don O'Bryan and his wife, Mary.



The \$1 million senior citizen center, rebuilt with \$85,000 from District 6000 Rotarians, is one of 13 institutions rebuilt under the leadership of Slidell-area Rotarians.

NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION:

District 6000 was involved in many ways, including a visit to Slidell where we helped rebuild a senior citizens' center

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Adapted from Eldridge North Scott Press

When Hurricane Katrina swept the Gulf Coast in August 2005, District 6000 Rotarians responded by raising \$85,000 under the leadership of PDG Corliss Klaassen. The money was entrusted to the stewardship of Rotarians in Slidell, where it would help rebuild a senior citizens' center.

On May 23, 2011, when the 102nd annual convention of Rotary International came to New Orleans nearly six years later, Slidell Rotarians threw a party to say thanks. It is but one story of thousands from the 2011 RI Convention, but

important in building better friendships and for donors to see that their gifts were used wisely.

For Linda and me, this was our first trip to the Big Easy, my 10th RI convention and her sixth. Overall, it was inspiring, and District 6000 had a big presence and impact, from the Youth Exchange choir arranged by Loring Miller with the help of Iowa volunteers, to the Simon Estes choir arranged by DG Gary Welch, to the biggest District 6000 Breakfast ever (65 in attendance) arranged by DGN Terry Geiger, to a special award for polio eradication for PDG Susan Herrick.

It is always inspiring to come together

with people of goodwill from around the world – in this case, 19,000-plus from 160 countries. The convention was supposed to be in New Orleans in 2007, but Katrina had other plans. Katrina was the fourth worst recorded storm in history, displacing 600,000 and forcing the largest migration ever in the U.S. An area the size of the United Kingdom (90,000 square miles) was declared a disaster.

I recall people being judgmental about New Orleans after Katrina, suggesting the city, parts of which are below sea level, should not be rebuilt. Obviously, the

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Hostess Sharron Newton (r) greets DG Gary Welch and busloads of Rotarians to say thanks for aiding Katrina relief.



As promised, RI President Ray Klinginsmith, joined by PDG Susan Herrick, presented Paul Harris Fellow awards to Rotex students Sherry Bender and Amber Hoffman.



PDG Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen, DGE Don and Becky Patterson, PDG Ken and Jo Noble and PDG Del and Georgia Bluhm were among the District 6000 Rotarians who enjoyed shrimp, crayfish, gumbo and jambalaya.



It's hard to believe that this very floor of the Newtons' elegant home on the bayou was under water during Katrina.

Slidell Rotarians rebuilt 13 civic institutions

message was not heard by residents who stayed and poured their sweat and toil into rebuilding their neighborhoods and community institutions.

It was our privilege to hear their stories and celebrate their successes, including a "Night on the Bayou" with shrimp, crayfish, gumbo, jambalaya and pontoon rides, that had been planned for two years – the kind of event that gives southern hospitality its fine reputation! Our wonderful hosts were Bill and Sharron Watkins at their picturesque home where the 1973 James Bond movie "Live and Let Die" was filmed. Bill, interestingly, once spent two years in Davenport with Firemen's Fund Insurance.

Among those planning this memorable evening was Don O'Bryan, a member of the Rotary Club of Slidell North. Slidell is a city of 30,000 in a region of 90,000 just north of New Orleans. Don and his friends were Katrina heroes.

"I lost 95 percent of what I owned," he said, "and we were two days from making a sale on our house." "But," he continued, "it's not the stuff that matters. We were OK."

Instead of wallowing in misery, O'Bryan, and many like him, turned his attention to helping others. We were humbled. How many of us could really do that?!

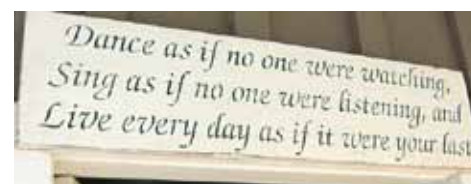
In a videotaped address to the convention, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said Rotarians helped raise \$19 million for Katrina. As impressive as that may be, I have to believe that it was the leadership of

people like O'Bryan that made the greatest difference. He and others knew his city could not recover without public services like daycare centers, and that's where they began. "We couldn't rebuild if the mothers didn't have a place to take their children," he said.

"We received \$2.5 million from Rotary," O'Bryan added. With that, and money from other groups, they rebuilt facilities: schools, a bridge, a residential home for high school students, a battered women's shelter, a food ministry, an adult daycare center, a safe harbor center, a volunteer kitchen, the local Boys' and Girls' Club, an independent living center, a senior citizen center and more.



"Night on the Bayou" included pontoon rides. NOLA Photo



The sign at the Newton residence says it all.

On a tour of the city, O'Bryan pointed to each one, including the \$1 million senior citizen center that was built with \$85,000 raised by Iowa Rotary clubs. O'Bryan and others provided stewardship of the money and, he said, "People just came and helped."

Another hero was Dr. D.H. Short, a man who gave his life, literally, to help New Orleans recover.

I met Dr. Short at a Rotary Institute in Springfield, Mo., in 2007. He was living in a FEMA trailer then and working tirelessly for the sick.

I was hoping to reconnect and hear more of his stories, but it wasn't to be. Instead, his widow, Kathie, was center stage in front of convention goers telling about her late husband's selfless service, including traveling to 120 Rotary clubs to create awareness. I was saddened and stunned. A terrible loss.

Dr. Short wasn't present to tell those

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Dr. D.H. Short – gave his life to aid Katrina victims



PDG Susan Herrick (third from left) who chairs the polio campaign for District 6000, was one of five who received the "International Service Award for a Polio-Free World" from the global campaign director, Dr. Robert Scott (r).



Loring Miller (l), who is president of South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) was recognized on stage at the RI Convention for arranging for a choir of 210 Youth Exchange students to sing at the New Orleans Convention.

With Rotary's help, New Orleans rebuilds

stories, but others did. Kathleen Koch, a broadcast journalist, was the only national correspondent on the scene when Katrina hit. For six days, she didn't know if her brother was alive, but she saw citizens making shelters and helping one another. "It's truly a myth that violence and disorder followed the disaster," she said. "Those stories are the exception."

Koch would write a book, "How My Mississippi Hometown Lost It All and Found What Mattered." She boasted that while Mississippi ranks 50th among the states in income, it is No. 1 in per capita philanthropy. *Impressive!*

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu called his city's recovery, "a great Ameri-

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— Kathleen Koch,
broadcast journalist

can story of resurrection and redemption." Of reconstruction, he said, "We want to build back not what we were but what we want to become." The schools that have been rebuilt – some, like Warren Easton High School, with leadership from Rotary – are better than before. With pride Landrieu reported, "The educational achievement gap between New Orleans and Louisiana decreased in the last three years."

The road to recovery remains long, but the city we experienced is alive and the spirit of the people is undaunted. Eighty percent of New Orleans was under water during Katrina, but it is coming back. A year ago, the number of uninhabited houses was 60,000. Today that number is down to 42,000. The streets are bumpy and some neighborhoods are only half occupied, but progress is being made. In the Lower 9th Ward, for example, we saw rows of avant-garde houses on stilts that are being built with \$5 million from Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

Uptown, in the French Quarter with its famous Bourbon Street and night clubs, life is a continuous party. In the Garden District with its antebellum mansions and street cars, it is peaceful and calm. They

were spared Katrina's severest wrath.

Nearby, the Mississippi River, nearing its banks but held back by levees, flows rapidly and the city is spared, thanks to the opening of floodgates that released water over vast expanses of farmland upstream in the Morganza spillway. The current is so swift that tugs headed to the Gulf carrying the payload of exports from Iowa farms zip by at breakneck speeds, but those headed upstream chug by very slowly.

Indeed, Old Man River is a force to be reckoned with. Near Blytheville, Ark., sandbags hold the water back and reduce Interstate 55 to a single lane. In Vicksburg, Miss., where we stopped to see historic sites, it's water, water everywhere!

But in downtown New Orleans, in the cavernous, 1.3-mile-long Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, we are barely aware.

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There are 42,000 uninhabited houses in New Orleans, but progress is being made. Last year, the number was 60,000. During Katrina, 80 percent of the city was under water.



The tallest pole on this monument to Hurricane Katrina marks the highest water level. Eighty percent of New Orleans was under water. Photos by Bill tubbs



A choir of 208 Rotary Youth Exchange students from 60 countries sang at the opening plenary on Sunday – and then got on buses, trains and planes to fly home to their separate countries on Tuesday – never to sing together again!



Among the Youth Exchange leaders who arrived in New Orleans a week early to chaperone the students were these District 6000 Rotarians and partners (l-r): DGN Terry Geiger and Peggy (Decatur County), Chris and Vernetta Knapp (Iowa City AM), Gary and Mary Anderson (Knoxville), PDG Susan and Bob Herrick (Boone) and PDG Ken Noble and Jo (West Liberty).

The levee holds the river back and our convention – and another almost as big – proceeds as usual.

Mayor Landrieu said the Rotary convention alone brought an economic impact of \$22 million. With 1.1-million square feet, the Morial Center provides for the city's No. 1 industry – tourism. Port services and oil and gas round out the top three.

All of which explains why people say New Orleans is the most unique city in North America. A tour leader called it, "An inevitable city on an impossible site."

The folks who live there swear by it. They say, "If you love New Orleans she'll love you right back." Indeed, the city known for its fine food and fantastic music didn't disappoint. I'm not a jazz aficionado,

but renditions of "When the Saints Go Marching In," "Wonderful World" and others by Ronnie Kole, the Irving Mayfield Septet and the Preservation Hall Band had us smiling and tapping to the rhythm.

As is always the case, the entertainment and speakers at an RI Convention are second to none. Michael Martin Murphy's "Cowboy Logic," the King'n Trio, Lacy Dalton and the Langley Ukulele Ensemble were delightful, but none surpassed the choirs of Rotary Youth Exchange choir and the Simon Estes youth from Cape-town, South Africa.

The news from the Midwest that drew attention at the convention wasn't good: our thoughts and prayers reach out to thousands displaced by massive tornadoes in Joplin, Mo. The opportunities for

service seem to never end.

As I said earlier, there are as many stories as there are attendees from an RI Convention. This one article merely scratched the surface. In the next issue of District 6000 News, we will hear from others.



The Simon Estes Choir that stirred our souls at District Conference did the same for a worldwide audience at New Orleans



The District 6000 Breakfast at The Foundry brought 65 Iowa Rotarians and guests together on Sunday morning.



Among those promoting the "I Can Read Songs" literacy project at the RI Convention in New Orleans were (l-r): Gary Wicklund, LaDonna Wicklund, Liz Keay, Bernie Cremers, Cherie Cremers and Verne Folkmann.

Iowa City literacy project attracts world-wide notice at International Convention

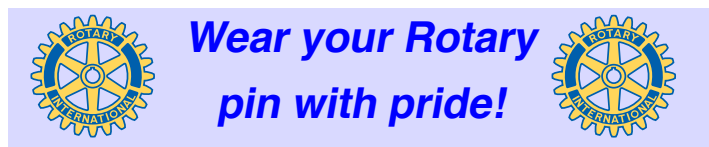
By LaDonna Wicklund/Iowa City
Creator/"I Can Read Songs"

What an honor! Our District 6000's own "I Can Read Songs" literacy project had a club project booth at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans, May 22-25. And we garnered lots of attention from attendees and literacy chairs looking for ways to do more with literacy in their communities.

After LaDonna follows up on the 200-plus inquiries, it is possible that this Iowa City-launched project may spread around the United States and to several foreign countries where Rotary clubs have projects for teaching English and reading to adults.

Many thanks to Rotarians helping in the booth, including two from the Vail, Colorado club (Liz Keay) who have spread the project to schools with immigrant families in the Vail Valley.

Information: Contact ldwicklund@aol.com for a presentation if your club would like to start an I Can Read Songs Literacy project.



Coralville-North Corridor charts Interact club at Clear Creek/Amana

By Vicki Struzynski Olson/Coralville-North Corridor
Club Public Relations chair

On Friday, April 29, the Clear Creek/Amana High School Interact Club was inaugurated under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Coralville/North Corridor. Club past president Vicki Struzynski-Olson worked closely with faculty advisor Mark Hovey over a period of several months to introduce Interact and Rotary to a group of students who already worked together on a variety of projects within the communities in their school district.

By aligning with Rotary as an Interact club, the Clear Creek/Amana students join with some 300,000 other young people internationally who belong to one of over 12,300 clubs in 133 countries. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but are self-governing and self-supporting. Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects each year, one of which will further international understanding and goodwill. These clubs emphasize the importance of developing leadership skills and personal integrity, demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others, understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work, and advancing international understanding and goodwill.

Members of the Rotary Club of Coralville/North Corridor will be available for guidance and mentoring, will attend monthly Interact meetings, and will encourage Interact members to join the club in its projects and events.

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There are 11 Interact clubs in District 6000:

- Ankeny
- Pleasant Valley (Bettendorf)
- Southeast Polk (East Polk)
- Fairfield
- Clear Creek/Amana (Coralville-North Corridor)
- Iowa City, City High
- Winterset
- Jefferson-Scranton
- Muscatine
- Mt. Pleasant
- Perry



The Clear Creek Amana Interact Club.

Photo by Olson Photography



This was a view of the old warehouse as the last things were removed. Gary Pacha, Arleigh Clemons and Dick Kennedy of the Rotary Club of Iowa City were present as shelving and supplies were moved to the new temporary location.

FAMSCO turns 21 years old and finds itself ...

HOMELESS!!!

By Linda Muston/Iowa City

FAMSCO Board

HOMELESS!

That's the best word to describe the predicament that FAMSCO (Fire And Medical Supply Company) is facing!

The more than 30 loaded gaylords (big cardboard containers on wooden pallets) of medical equipment and supplies are now "parked" in a temporary, borrowed warehouse at 3400 Second Street (Highway 6) in Coralville just west of the new Thiessen's. The temporary location is, like the borrowed warehouse spaces of recent years, just that—temporary!

FAMSCO is now 21 years old – a time when people often leave home for good. For FAMSCO it is just the opposite – it's time FAMSCO gets a permanent home in order to receive, inventory, and prepare surplus items for re-cycling with Rotary partners in central America.

The D6000 HEF/FAMSCO Board is pursuing all options to get a permanent home with the least cost to district and donors! The alternatives include collaborations with other non-profits and moving a donated building to land (hopefully secured at a discounted price). The option of buying an existing warehouse or building one might also be considered, but less costly options are being pursued.

In preparation for the move to the new temporary location, two shipments were sent to Uniendo America in Guatemala City for distribution to various clinics in Guatemala. More than 30 tons was shipped, including fire gear, medical supplies and special equipment such as mammography machines and a surgical microscope.

FAMSCO is not accepting any fire or emergency vehicles unless a receiving club/city and specifications are first identified.

Finding a permanent home for FAMSCO will have some costs associated with it, regardless of the ultimate solution. If you are moved to donate to this District project, checks may be sent to Sandy Pickup, Treasurer of HEF, at 818 Third Avenue, Iowa City, IA, 52245. Checks should be made out to D6000 HEF, to ensure tax deductibility, with the memo line indicating FAMSCO Building Fund.



The FAMSCO annual meeting at District Conference in Ankeny, April 30.

FAMSCO annual meeting held at District Conference

By Linda Muston/Iowa City

FAMSCO Board

Karin Franklin (back to camera in above photo), president of District 6000 Humanitarian and Educational Foundation/FAMSCO, chaired the group's annual meeting held during the 2011 District Conference. The District 6000 Humanitarian and Educational Foundation, Inc., administers charitable funds for special service projects for all clubs in the district. Currently there are more than 20 specific purpose funds in D6000 HEF, each directed by a designated trustee and sponsoring club responsible for a unique educational or humanitarian activity.

FAMSCO (Fire And Medical Supply Company) was the first district wide charitable (501.c.3) organization and assumed responsibility and new corporate identity as District 6000 HEF in 2009 when its role was expanded to consolidate all the charitable activity of the district. Consequently, the D6000 HEF board serves the complicated role managing the day-to-day activity of FAMSCO.

Elected to the D6000 HEF/FAMSCO board of directors for two-year terms ending in 2013 were returning members: Karin Franklin, Rotary Club of Iowa City; Don Hampton, Rotary Club of Indianola; Sandy Pickup, Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown; Bob Main, Rotary Club of Newton; and new member Becky Patterson, Rotary Club of Washington. Continuing on the board with terms ending in 2012 are Dick Kennedy, Rotary Club of Iowa City; John Ockenfels, Rotary Club of Iowa City AM; PDG Gary Pacha, Rotary Club of Iowa City; Brock Earnhardt, Rotary Club of Davenport; and Bill Burruss, Rotary Club of Davenport.

The incoming district leadership – DGE Don Patterson, DGN Terry Geiger, and DGND Rita Perea participated in the annual D6000 HEF/FAMSCO meeting as the future direction of FAMSCO was addressed.

CLUBS WHO SUPPORTED FAMSCO IN 2010-11:

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Davenport

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Des Moines

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Fairfield

Grinnell

Indianola

Iowa City

Iowa City AM

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Iowa Quad Cities

Jefferson

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Keosauqua

Manning

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Marshalltown

Mt. Pleasant Evening

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Muscatine

Nevada

North Scott

Northwest Des Moines

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President Amy Duncan (l) and Indianola Rotarians present a check for \$1,250 to Wee Care, a free nursery respite.

Rotary Club of Indianola aids Wee Care child abuse prevention

The Rotary Club of Indianola recently presented a check for \$1,250 to Wee Care, a free respite nursery in Indianola operated by the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Warren County.

Rotary members Chuck and Roberta Kerr of Indianola challenged all local Rotary members to donate to the club's "Coins for Kids" project, and he agreed to match up to \$500 if club members raised \$500. Club donations exceeded Kerr's challenge, raising \$750. Combined with Kerr's \$500, the club presented a \$1,250 check to Wee Care Director Lisa Gray and the organization's volunteer treasurer Susan Miller at the weekly Rotary luncheon on April 8.

Wee Care staff cares for and entertains area children during two-hour sessions, giving parents a much-needed break to run errands and attend to business that may be difficult to take care of with a child present. This year's funding for the Wee Care program has been cut by 25 percent, yet they continue to serve more than 260 children and 155 families in need.

Gray says Wee Care has already served more families this year than at this time last year, and they are seeing more families with greater financial need, so contributions to the organization like that presented by Rotary of Indianola are greatly appreciated.



The Rotary Club of Chariton is fortunate to have as its regular weekly meeting location Carpenter Hall, which has an electronic LED community sign. For one week each month, the club reminds the community of its activities and existence. The message displays every minute of every hour for a seven day period at a nominal cost of \$25.



The Muscatine Rotary Club donated a custom bike rack with the Rotary emblem to the City of Muscatine. It functions not only as a bike rack but as a piece of art and will be in use April through October each year. This idea came to life by partnering with Muscatine's local biking club, the Melon City Bike Club, which has all ready donated five racks to the city. Residents and visitors are able to utilize the functionality of these racks as a place to secure their bikes while visiting downtown shops and restaurants, but more importantly, the downtown area is lit up by these art pieces. A great way to show off Rotary's support of the local community. Come take a look!

Provided by Mike Ruby



The "G" String of District 6000 appeared at the Rotary Club of Nevada's fundraiser on April 2. Their table was decorated with a Nigerian theme and so were they. Attending were DG Gary and Colleen Welch, DGND Rita and Ernie Perea, DGE Don and Becky Patterson, and DGN Terry and Peggy Geiger. The evening included a silent auction, entertainment, and live auction of desserts and wines. The Nigerian table won first prize for the best theme table. The proceeds of the event went towards the Nevada School Foundation.

New meeting place for Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor

The Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor changed its meeting location effective May 4. The new location is Vesta's, which is located at 849 Quarry Road, Coralville, which is on the corner by the Marriott Hotel.



Dick and Sue Rasmussen help install new flooring.



Finished product of Pat's new kitchen

Rotarians are 'Rebuilding Together' in Waukeez

By Kim Stewart/Waukeez

Every year the Rotary Club of Waukeez participates in the national Rebuilding Together project. During one weekend club members volunteer their time to go into the home of an individual and help them make improvements.

These are usually homes of older adults who wish to remain living in their homes, but have had some maintenance projects that have gotten beyond their abilities.

This year the club worked with a retired educator who spends a great deal of her time serving others with mental and physical disabilities. Rotarians rebuilt the overhang above her entry way, which was falling off the house, sealed her basement, and refurbished her

kitchen. The kitchen project involved painting, staining cabinets, adding new custom built cabinets, and new flooring and baseboards. The club also helped her acquire a new full size refrigerator and a sump pump.

180 dinners served at first annual fundraiser for scholarships at Centerville

By Kyle Merry/Centerville

Thanks to all who participated in the Rotary Club of Centerville's first annual fundraiser dinner on May 14 at the 18/80 club.

The fundraiser is for annual scholarships the Rotary club sponsors. Many thanks to all who attended or purchased tickets for the event; over 180 dinners were served. The meal consisted of rigatoni, Italian smoked sausage and meat sauce, cole slaw, bread and cake.

The club also wants to recognize the following businesses and individuals who donated for the fundraiser: Lange Funeral Home, Bettis State Farm Insurance, Centerville Nursing and Rehab, Jim Irelan and Frank Caraccio. A special thanks to Gene Aldrich for organizing the event and cooking the wonderful food.

This year Allison Bieber is the winner of the Max Ellis Scholarship. This scholarship is for \$300 and can be used at any institution of higher learning. Megan Farley and Molly Thomas are winners of the Rotary scholarship. This scholarship is for Indian Hills Community College and is \$600 per a year, for two years. Congratulations from the Centerville Rotary Club.



Cleanup time at Ankeny

The Rotary Club of Ankeny Rotary again this year sponsored the Ankeny Clean-Up Days, on May 14-15. Rotarians have had this community service project for many years and it is something the residents have come to depend upon each spring. They filled nearly 23 dumpsters this year with everything imaginable!

Provided by Jody Savage



Children of the troops with a CH-47 "Chinook" helicopter at the 2010 Military Kids Camp sponsored by the Scott County Family Y with support from the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities. The number of campers is growing each year.

Rotary club raises funds for camp for children of military families, at-risk kids, and Hand-In-Hand

By J.D. Walls/Iowa Quad Cities
Club President

The Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities has announced \$9,000 in grant distributions to local organizations serving children, including the Scott County YMCA, Project Renewal, and Hand-In-Hand.

The centerpiece of the club's announcement is a \$5,000 grant to the Scott County YMCA's Military Kids Camp Program which provides a summer camp experience to area children with a parent deployed in military service.

Since 2009, YMCA's Camp Abe Lincoln, in partnership with many other community organizations, has been hosting Military Kids Camp for children who have an immediate family member who is deployed, will soon be deployed, or just returned from deployment. In 2009, the camp hosted 40 campers and that number grew to 56 in 2010. In 2011, a \$45,000 grant was enough to fund 90 campers but more than 200 registered, which put the YMCA in the tough position of having to turn kids away.

"We have had a lot of support from the community for this special program and we are especially excited to team up with the Iowa Quad City Rotary Club," says Scott County YMCA Executive Director Frank Klipsch. "Not only will their initial contribution help us send more kids to camp this summer but we look forward to a working partnership with the club that will help us continue this program well into the future."

To ensure that is the case, the Rotary club and the YMCA have also announced they will partner on a joint fundraising event scheduled for later this summer. RIBS FOR KIDS will be held on Friday, Aug. 12 at Kelly's Irish Pub & Grill. For just \$30, ticket holders will enjoy a full rib dinner and a night full of entertainment including a live band, silent auctions and raffles with a portion of the proceeds going to the YMCA Military Kids Camp program for Summer 2012.

"All Rotary clubs are committed to serving their community and our club has put our emphasis on area children and children's programs," says J.D. Walls, president of the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities. "With so many families in our area enduring the hardship and sacrifice that comes with having a loved one deployed in active military service, we felt providing some support, particularly for the children, was something we should really get behind, as a club and as a community."

The Military Kids Camp program is still some \$25,000 short of what is necessary to accommodate all the kids who have registered.

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The Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities also announced a \$3,000 grant to Project Renewal to help fund their summer program for at-risk kids. The program serves kids grades K-12 who otherwise do not have the financial or family support to be involved in these kinds of summer activities. The program provides a wide range of educational and recreational opportunities designed to enrich young people, building their academic, physical, emotional and social competencies.

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Finally, the club announced a \$1,000 grant to help fund the "Food, Friends & Fun" program at Hand-in-Hand, an organization that works with individuals with disabilities from six weeks to 21-year-olds and beyond. The "Food, Friends & Fun" program teaches independence and appropriate social skills using individual and group interaction with volunteer mentors.

Checks will be officially presented to representatives of these organizations at the regular meeting of the Iowa Quad City Rotary Club, Thursday, June 30 at 7:00 a.m. at The Lodge in Bettendorf.



District Conference Golf Outing held at Otter Creek

By Nate Burnham/Ankeny

A total of 32 golfers participated in District 6000's annual golf outing at Otter Creek Golf Course in Ankeny on Thursday, April 28 preceding the 2011 District Conference. After a cool, wet spring, the weather cooperated with clear skies and temperatures in the 60's, however, it was a very breezy day. In fact, it seemed like 16 of the 18 holes played were into the wind. Despite the wind, there was some great golf played.



The championship team from the District Conference Golf Outing in Ankeny) l-r): Brad Botos, Tim Cox, Damon Miller, and Jim Gocke.

There were two flights, a championship flight and a first flight. Using a 4-person best shot format, the team of Brad Botos, Tim Cox, Jim Gocke, and Damon Miller from the Rotary Club of Ankeny won the Championship flight with a score of six under par, 65. The first flight winner, with a score of one under par, 70, was Ed Arnold, of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, Terry Geiger of the Rotary Club of Decatur County, and Rita Perea and Ernest Perea of the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines.

Six pin prizes were also awarded. The winners:

- Longest putt on No. 1: Doug Peterson (Iowa Quad Cities);
- Closest to pin in one shot on No. 4: Mike Schocille (Johnston);
- Longest drive on No. 8: Dave Mercer (Ankeny);
- Longest putt on No. 9: Tom Hoffman (Ankeny);
- Closest to pin in one shot on No. 13: Gabe Glynn (Greater Des Moines);

- Longest Putt on No. 18: Carmen Davis (Ankeny).

Thank you to everyone who participated in the golf outing.

Clinton Rotary auction theme: 'Parks for Children'

The Rotary Club of Clinton held its third annual Parks for Children Auction May 6, at the Rastrelli's Tuscany Events Center in Clinton. The theme of this year's auction was "Parks for Children."

Events included silent and live auctions and a taste of Greece. Tickets were \$50/person. Items that were auctioned included a weeklong Florida get-a-way at a 3-bedroom, Sarasota home; a Mississippi cruise on a tug boat; a fall pheasant hunt for 3-4 people; Iowa Hawkeye football tickets; and many useful and fun items.

— President Kathy Klahn



Mark Jacobsen (l) received \$1,000 from Atlantic Rotarian J.T. Reisdorph for Personal Energy Transportation vehicles.

PET project is about transportation at Atlantic

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Public Relations chair

J. T. Reisdorph, vice president of the Rotary Club of Atlantic, presented Mark Jacobsen, a recent Atlantic High School graduate, with \$1,000 for the PET project.

Mark explained that PET is an acronym for the Personal Energy Transportation vehicle that is constructed and distributed to provide mobility to disabled children and adults worldwide. PET is a rugged wheelchair that is sent to the third world countries to help people in need. The recipients of the units are disabled or deformed primarily because of land mines or because of severe diseases. In many cases, their family has rejected them.

Mark has a goal to raise funds for 15 PETs. The cost to build a PET is \$250. To help raise additional funds a 5K race is will be held Saturday, July 2 in Atlantic.



A Personal Energy Transportation vehicle.

Marshalltown to honor Reese Gibbs

The Rotary Club of Marshalltown is planning an evening meeting at Elmwood Country Club on June 28 as Leon Lamer hands over his gavel to Scott Neff for the coming year. As part of the meeting, the club will be recognizing Reese Gibbs for serving as club secretary for more than 20 years.

Refreshments will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by a picnic supper at 6:15. The cost is \$10 per person. To make a reservation, contact Kathy Baker at (641) 352-2047 (B), or e-mail: kathy.baker@ubtna.com

District 6000 Club, Individual Awards

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

PDG Gary Pacha
Iowa City

RI SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD

PDG Susan Herrick, Boone

ROTARY FOUNDATION CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

PDG Denny Skinner
Nevada

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL AWARD

Michael Schmitz
Iowa City

PAUL E. HELLWEGE GUARDIAN OF INTEGRITY

Brock Earnhardt
Davenport

RI PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS WITH DISTINCTION

North Scott
West Liberty

RI PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

Bettendorf
Clinton
Iowa City AM
Marshalltown
Nevada
Washington

DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION SERVICE AWARDS

PDG Corliss Klaassen
Chariton
PDG Ev Laning, Indianola
PDG Ray Muston,
Iowa City
William Burriss, Davenport
Jeff Bremer, Northwest
Des Moines
Edward Arnold, Northwest
Des Moines

NEW ARCH KLUMPH SOCIETY Trustees Circle (\$250,000 to \$499,000)

PDG Charles H. and
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NEW MAJOR DONORS (LEVEL 2, \$25,000 to \$49,999)

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Marshalltown
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Ockenfels, Iowa City AM
Ernest and Rita M. Perea
Greater Des Moines

PDG Gary and Nancy
Pacha, Iowa City and
Iowa City AM

PDG Dennis R. and Kathy
M. Skinner, Nevada

100% EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR CLUBS

ROTARY FOUNDATION
Chariton
Decatur County
Muscatine
West Liberty

100% SUSTAINING MEMBER CLUB ROTARY FOUNDATION

West Liberty

100% PAUL HARRIS FELLOW CLUBS

Coralville-North Corridor
Decatur County
Iowa City AM
Iowa City Downtown
Nevada
Northwest Des Moines
West Liberty

ROTARY FOUNDATION, TOP THREE CLUBS, ANNUAL GIVING IN 2009-10

1. West Liberty, \$404.69
per capita
2. Decatur County,
\$257.11
3. Muscatine, \$240.36

\$200 MILLION CHAL- LENCE FOR POLIOPLUS (20% or More of Annual Fund Giving for Polio)

Ames
Ames Morning
Carroll
Chariton
Clinton
Des Moines
Indianola
Keokuk
Knoxville
Marshalltown
Muscatine
North Scott
Northwest Des Moines
Oskaloosa
Ottumwa

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS COMPLETING SERVICE

Gary Anderson, Knoxville
Ted Carpenter, Coralville-
North Corridor
Ros Dunblazier, Nevada
Becky Eiting, Davenport
Cathy Spencer, Ankeny
John Tone, Des Moines

BEST ATTENDANCE AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2010 (NO. MEMBERS x MILES TRAVELED):

Johnston

BEST MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OVER THREE YEARS

Greater Des Moines
(100.0 percent)
Corydon (33.3 percent)
Decatur County
(33.3 percent)
Manning (29.4 percent)
Bettendorf (20.2 percent)

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVMENT IN PUBLIC RELATIONS DISTRICT AWARDS

Ames
Muscatine
North Scott
West Liberty

OUTSTANDING CLUB NEWSLETTERS (Clubs 56 or more members)

1. Bettendorf
2. Iowa City

OUTSTANDING CLUB NEWSLETTERS (Clubs 55 and Under)

1. Boone
2. Chariton

OUTSTANDING CLUB WEBSITES

1. Greater Des Moines
2. Oskaloosa
3. Keosauqua

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS 2010-11

Andrew Boyles, Johnston
University of Wellington,
New Zealand
Margaret Fountain
Jefferson
King College, University
of London, England

NEW DISTRICT 6000 PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY MEMBERS (\$1,000 per year to TRF Annual Programs Fund)

Gerald Clausen, Carroll
Tim Terry, Iowa City
John Buchanan, Iowa City
Doug Flournoy, Fairfield

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(An updated list will be
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(Cumulative gifts of
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Kent & Loretta Angerer,
Iowa City
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Del & Georgia Bluhm, Ames
Cecil Bolsinger, Des Moines
Roger & Pat Borup
Wellman
Kent Dallmeyer, Washington
David Dickson, Ames
John R. & Lois Gambill
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Jeff & Mary Gibbons, Ames
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Harvey & Mary Kadlec
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Corliss & Jeanne Klaassen,
Chariton
John Norris, Marshalltown
William & Sharon Oglesby
Iowa City
James & Beth Peterson
Iowa City AM
Jeanne & Vern Reeder
Iowa City

Krishna & Saheb Sahu
West Des Moines
William Sitler, Washington
Bob & Virginia Stafford
Ames
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North Scott
Waldo Wegner, Ames
Margaret Wilson, Ames

ROTARY FOUNDATION MAJOR DONORS LEVEL TWO

(Cumulative gifts of
\$25,000 to \$49,999)
Stan & Corinne Barber
Iowa City
Tom & Mary Brooke
West Liberty
Ken & Atha Crist, Clinton
Richard Kautz, Muscatine
William & Janet Koellner
West Liberty

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(Cumulative gifts of
\$50,000 to \$99,999)
John & Linda Dasher
Ames
Stanley Howe, Muscatine

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(Cumulative gifts of
\$100,000 to \$249,999)
Paul & Phoebe Hellwege
Boone
Francis & Jeannette
Huyser, Pella
W. Floyd Scott, Muscatine
Charles Gabus,
Northwest Des Moines

ROTARY FOUNDATION ARCH KLUMPH SOCIETY Foundation

Circle
(\$1,000,000 or more)
Herb & Janice Wilson
Iowa City

ROTARY FOUNDATION BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERS (5-31-11)

LEVEL ONE (\$10,000 to
\$24,999)

Jacquelyn Andrew
Jefferson
Robert & Mary Baumann
Ames
Dale & Mary Belknap
Des Moines
Del & Georgia Bluhm
Ames
Roger & Pat Borup
Wellman
Jeffrey Brehmer, Northwest
Des Moines
Don & Phyllis Canfield
Iowa City AM
David Deuth, Bettendorf
Trent Frohock, East Polk
Don & Doris Goering, Ames
Bradford Helgemo
Northwest Des Moines
Susan Herrick, Boone
Lloyd Hill, Northwest
Des Moines
Philip Houle, Northwest
Des Moines
Marvin & Verona Johnson
Northwest Des Moines

Adam Keller, Northwest
Des Moines
Ev Laning, Indianola
Steve & Karen Laughlin
Coralville-North Corridor
Calvin & Rachel Litwiller
Mount Pleasant
Michael & Michelle Messier
Iowa City AM
Loring & Phyllis Miller
Decatur County
S.K. Nanda, Bettendorf
John & Deb Ockenfels
Iowa City AM
William & Sharon Oglesby
Coralville-North Corridor
Jack O'Leary, Nevada
David Parsons, Iowa City
AM
Ernest Perea, Greater
Des Moines
Rita Perea, Greater
Des Moines
Doyle Sanders, Northwest
Des Moines
Anthony & Kimberly Schau
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Denny & Kathy Skinner
Nevada
David J. Smith, Northwest
Des Moines
William Tubbs, North Scott
Margaret Wilson, Ames

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Corliss & Jeanne Klaassen
Chariton
Don & Rebecca Patterson
Washington

ROTARY FOUNDATION BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERS (5-31-11)

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Linda & John Dasher
Ames
Harvey & Mary Kadlec
Des Moines
Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM
John & Darlene Schwandke
Muscatine

ROTARY FOUNDATION BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERS (5-31-11)

LEVEL FOUR (\$100,000
to \$249,999)
Robert & Janice Anderson
Ames
Charles Gabus, Northwest
Des Moines
Jeff & Mary Gibbons, Ames
Michael & Jo Ann Ruby,
Muscatine
David & Dianne Suntken,
Ames
Herb & Janice Wilson,
Iowa City Downtown

(There are currently 203
District 6000 Rotarians who
are Benefactors to the Per-
manent Fund of The Rotary
Foundation.)



Speakers' books in Washington

The Rotary Club of Washington has been donating books to the Washington Public Library in honor of its program speakers for over 10 years. Speakers are thrilled to learn a book will be donated in honor of their Rotary program. The club donates one book per month and the speakers for the month are recognized with a card in the front of the book. There are currently 137 books in the collection that Rotary has donated to the library over the last decade. Pictured are librarian Patrick Finney and Washington Rotary president Nancy Rash.

Provided by Susan Wellington



Senior recognition in Atlantic

On April 26th, the Rotary Club of Atlantic held its annual Atlantic High School Senior Recognition luncheon. The Rotarians were introduced to the seniors who have participated in band, vocal music, drama and the top 10 percent in academics of the Class of 2011. A flute solo and vocal presentation were enjoyed by everyone. Students receiving the Rotary Club scholarships were introduced. Pictured is Bill Saluk, Rotarian and member of the Scholarship Committee, with Cody, Ihnen, Philip Iekel, Kaitlynn Wiley and Cynthia Freund. Kaitlynn and Cynthia are recipients of a Rotary Club \$1,000 Vocational Scholarship. Philip is the recipient of the Rotary Club \$2,000 Academic Scholarship and Cody is the recipient of the \$2,000 Rex Moorman Memorial Academic Scholarship. The Rotary Club Scholarship Committee consists of Bill Saluk, Gary DeGeest and Ann Pross.

Provided by Dolly Bergmann

Community service in Albia

The Rotary Club of Albia met at the city park (right) to plan its civic program for the summer. We had revitalized the park over the last two years with a new tennis court, basketball court, playground equipment and general cleanup, and working with the Boy Scouts. This month the club met at the city park to discuss more improvements we can make to this facility. We have cleaned up the park, added a basketball court, a frisbee course, and playground equipment.

The club enjoyed its noon meal at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Albia (below, right) and donated \$200 to the church's project, which is to raise money for the Lovilia Community Building Rehabilitation Project and the Oakwood Nursing Home Make a Wish Project.

Provided by Tony Humeston



Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2010 - June 13, 2011*

(Members: Jul 10/Mar 11)	(1) 10-11 Goal	(2) Thru 6-13-11	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (28/29)	\$ 2,800	1,891	68	\$ 67.54
Albia (32/32)	1,860	925	50	28.91
Ames Morning (61/63)	6,930	9,225	133	151.23
Ames (237/247)	35,700	21,420	60	90.38
Ankeny (63/60)	11,250	3,365	30	53.41
Atlantic (65/67)	5,025	3,870	77	59.54
Bettendorf (101/92)	11,000	14,175	129	140.35
Bloomfield (14/15)	1,500	200	13	14.29
Boone (54/58)	5,700	7,820	137	144.81
Burlington (90/97)	9,900	7,335	74	81.50
Carroll (56/59)	5,800	750	13	13.39
Centerville (40/39)	3,900	3,500	90	87.50
Chariton (57/53)	5,985	6,925	116	121.49
Clinton (115/119)	9,840	7,599	77	66.08
Coon Rapids (23/26)	1,250	1,250	100	54.35
Coralville-North Corridor (27/30)	3,080	0	0	0
Corning (49/47)	2,600	2,590	100	52.86
Corydon (17/15)	300	300	100	17.65
Creston (21/21)	525	75	14	3.57
Dallas Center (26/25)	2,500	2,500	100	96.15
Davenport (133/168)	14,300	9,215	64	69.29
Decatur County (20/19)	675	5,600	830	280.00
Des Moines AM (138/143)	12,000	6,700	56	48.55
Des Moines (306/331)	22,500	20,015	89	65.41
East Polk County (41/40)	4,000	2,067	52	50.41
Fairfield (65/68)	7,040	5,865	83	90.23
Fort Madison (58/54)	5,600	3,000	54	51.72
Greater Des Moines (44/40)	4,100	10,500	256	238.64
Grinnell (31/31)	3,000	800	27	25.81
Indianola (45/52)	5,060	2,675	53	59.44
Iowa City AM (55/56)	7,000	15,582	223	283.31
Iowa City Downtown (18/19)	1,600	1,460	91	81.11
Iowa City (297/298)	26,640	32,750	123	110.27
Iowa Quad-Cities (48/48)	2,940	4,250	145	88.54
Jefferson (54/56)	5,400	8,147	151	150.88
Johnston (49/49)	5,000	0	0	0
Kalona (45/45)	4,600	1,300	28	28.89
Keokuk (87/83)	9,000	5,225	58	60.06
Keosauqua (24/24)	1,650	1,980	120	82.50
Knoxville (67/64)	6,400	5,675	89	84.70
Lenox (26/26)	2,500	1,612	65	62.03
Manning (20/17)	1,700	1,525	90	76.25
Marengo (12/14)	1,500	50	3	4.17
Marshalltown (168/174)	10,000	2,600	26	15.48
Mount Pleasant Noon (37/39)	1,700	2,550	150	68.92
Mt. Pleasant (28/30)	3,200	550	17	19.64
Muscatine (125/123)	18,500	10,639	58	85.11
Nevada (61/64)	6,820	8,200	120	134.43
Newton (72/79)	7,800	3,680	47	51.11
North Scott (96/104)	12,600	11,745	93	122.34
Northwest Des Moines (51/54)	11,310	7,680	68	150.59
Osceola (30/31)	2,400	600	25	20.00
Oskaloosa (50/55)	4,125	1,186	29	23.73
Ottumwa (100/110)	11,880	11,250	95	112.50
Pella (39/41)	4,300	1,000	23	25.64
Perry (26/26)	435	275	63	10.58
Tipton (24/26)	2,600	3,112	120	129.70
Washington (61/62)	7,040	6,350	90	104.10
Waukeg (48/47)	5,500	3,075	56	64.06
Wellman (37/36)	4,248	2,465	58	66.62
West Des Moines (74/80)	8,970	3,380	38	45.68
West Liberty (37/32)	7,400	12,735	172	344.19
Winterset (30/31)	1,860	1,860	100	62.00
Total (4,053/4,184)	\$ 414,338	\$ 336,643	81.25%	\$ 83.06

(*) Interim Report

Foundation news

Annual Giving: As you can see from the table (left) District 6000 was \$77,965 short of our Annual Giving goal to The Rotary Foundation as of June 13. Club leaders, please take a look at your club's giving and use the time remaining until June 30 to ensure that your club meets or exceeds its goal. Giving to The Rotary Foundation is about changing lives and making a better world. The dollars we give this year will determine our level of service in Rotary Foundation programs in 2013-14. Thank you to the clubs who have already exceeded your goals!

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Changes: The RI Board agreed at its November meeting to phase out the World Community Service and Rotary Volunteers programs, effective June 30, 2011. This decision was made in light of the priorities of the revised RI Strategic Plan and the need for an overall shift in the way Rotary International administers its programs, moving to a "resource and support" model. The goal of the new model is to expand resources in a way that helps clubs connect and partner with greater ease, leading to an increase in the number and scope of significant international service projects.

RI staff will be developing and enhancing resources to foster connections for international service projects, fellowship visits, and international volunteer opportunities. This will include augmenting the current Rotary Friendship Exchange program.

Developments will be shared on the RI website and with Rotarians appointed to serve in 2011-12 district leadership positions.

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Summer Seminar: PDG Don Goering, who serves Zone 28 as Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, announces the date for the 2011-12 Zone Rotary Foundation Seminar. It will be Saturday, July 16 at Ames.

For the Foundation seminar, the DG, DGE, DGN, DRFC, Permanent Fund Chair, Annual Programs Fund Chair, Alumni Chair, and Polio Chair should plan to attend as well as any other Foundation committee members.

Districts included are 5650, 5970 and 6000. Additional meetings will be held Alexandria, Minn., and locations to be determined in Wisconsin and Illinois.

DGE Don Patterson's Official Club Visits

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DON & BECKY PATTERSON'S OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS AND OTHER DATES IN 2011-12:

July 5Pella (noon)
 July 7Washington (noon)
 July 12Ankeny (11:45 AM)
 July 13Adel (12:05 PM)
 July 14Waukee (6:45 AM)
 July 16.. Youth Exchange Outbound Picnic
 Indianola 10 AM-4 PM
 July 16 Zone Training, Ames (10 AM)
 July 18 Burlington (noon)
 July 19Fort Madison (noon)
 July 20Wellman (noon)
 July 21Keokuk (noon)
 July 25 Ames (noon)
 July 26 Dallas Center (12:05 PM)
 July 27Perry (12:10PM)
 July 28 Winterset (noon)
 Aug. 1 Davenport (noon)
 Aug. 2 Kalona (noon)
 Aug. 2 West Liberty (6:00 PM)
 Aug. 8 Carroll (11:45 AM)
 Aug. 9 Manning (12:05 PM)
 Aug. 12North Scott (noon)
 Aug. 15 Mount Pleasant (6:15 PM)
 Aug. 17Coralville-North Corridor (noon)
 Aug. 18Iowa City (noon)
 Aug. 22Ottumwa (12:10 PM)
 Aug. 23Albia (noon)
 Aug. 24Centerville (noon)
 Aug. 25Decatur County (noon)



DG 2011-12 Don Patterson and Becky

Aug. 29 Clinton (noon)
 Aug. 30Iowa City Downtown (noon)
 Aug. 31Tipton (noon)
 Sept. 1 Marengo (12:05 PM)
 Sept. 6 Newton (noon)
 Sept. 6-8 Zone Training, Lombard, Ill.
 Sept. 8-11 Rotary Institute, Lombard, Ill.
 Sept. 13Iowa City AM (7:00 AM)
 Sept. 14 Bettendorf (noon)
 Sept. 15 Fall Training Seminar
 Mount Pleasant (6:00 PM)
 Sept. 16 Fairfield (12:10 PM)
 Sept. 20 Johnston (7:00AM)
 Sept. 20 Fall Training Seminar
 Des Moines area (6:00 PM)

Sept. 21 Boone (noon)
 Sept. 22 Fall Training Seminar
 West Liberty (6:00 PM)
 Sept. 27 Oskaloosa (noon)
 Sept. 27 Fall Training Seminar
 Indianola (6:00 PM)
 Sept. 28 Knoxville (noon)
 Sept. 30 Indianola (noon)
 Oct. 4 Grinnell (6:00 PM)
 Oct. 5 Nevada (noon)
 Oct. 6 Coon Rapids (12:05 PM)
 Oct. 7 ... Northwest Des Moines (11:45 PM)
 Oct. 10 Creston (noon)
 Oct. 11 Lenox (noon)
 Oct. 12 East Polk (7:00 AM)
 Oct. 13 Des Moines (11:45 AM)
 Oct. 17 Corning (noon)
 Oct. 18 Atlantic (noon)
 Oct. 19 Mount Pleasant (noon)
 Oct. 21 Chariton (noon)
 Oct. 24 Muscatine (12:10 PM)
 Oct. 25 Keosauqua (noon)
 Oct. 26 Bloomfield (6:45 AM)
 Oct. 26 Greater Des Moines (5:30 PM)
 Oct. 31 Jefferson (noon)
 Nov. 1 West Des Moines (11:45 AM)
 Nov. 2 Ames Morning (7:00 AM)
 Nov. 4 Des Moines AM (7:00 AM)
 Nov. 8 Marshalltown (noon)
 Nov. 10 Iowa Quad Cities (7:00 AM)
 Nov. 15 Corydon (noon)
 Nov. 22 Osceola (noon)

Achievement of polio eradication goal is 'this close'

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

District 6000 PolioPlus chair

At the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans, Dr. Robert Scott reported that at that time the \$200 Million Challenge had reached \$173,525,000, or 86.76 percent, of our total Challenge amount!

The Challenge ends on June 30 of 2012. With the monies that we saw raised in New Orleans plus the amount that clubs internationally will be submitting to TRF in the few weeks remaining in this Rotary year, it is without a doubt that we will reach our goal

far before the Challenge deadline.

But please be reminded that just meeting our Challenge goal does not mean the end of polio in the endemic and nonendemic countries of our world. Being "this close" does not mean that we are finished.

The 2011 polio year-to-date count is 195 cases: 64 in endemic countries and 131 in nonendemic countries, primarily in Africa.

In 2010 there were 1,288 cases of polio and we are well behind the count at this time last year. However, the ongoing costs of finishing this race will remain until we

see the last case of polio.

I regret that each of you did not get to hear Bill Gates' speech at the Convention and regret even more that you did not see the video he showed at the end of his speech that showed we have NEVER quit just short of our goal...and we can't afford to quit now!

We have promised the children of the world that we would eradicate this evil killer and we are going to do just that! Please continue with us as we see this dreaded disease disappear from our planet.



These clubs were recognized at District Conference for giving at least 20 percent of their Annual Programs Fund giving for PolioPlus (l-r): Northwest Des Moines (Ed Arnold), Ames Morning (AG Ros Dunblazier), North Scott (Charlie Jones), Indianola (PDG Ev Laning), Muscatine (Mike Ruby), Ames (Allyson Walter), Keokuk (Ed Kiedaisch), Des Moines (PDG Dale Belknap), Clinton (Norlan Hinke), Ottumwa (David Wetrich), Chariton (Roger Strub), Knoxville (Gary Anderson), and District 6000 PolioPlus chair PDG Susan Herrick (Boone) and DG Gary Welch. Not pictured: Carroll, Oskaloosa.

News Briefs

Annual Meeting: In addition to approving a budget for 2011-12 with District dues remaining at \$30 per member, two actions were taken at the district annual meeting April 29 in Ankeny:

- A resolution was adopted to submit a proposal to the 2013 Council on Legislation to officially recognize Rotex clubs. Rotex students are former Youth Exchange students provide who valuable peer counseling services to returning exchange students, and generational understanding between exchange students and Rotarian adults.

- The district by-laws were changed to give the executive committee the discretion to use a portion of any unspent contingency funds for club extension (starting new clubs). Other options include the Humanitarian Services Fund for disaster relief, and the Youth Services Fund, for scholarships for youth to participate in Xicotepec Project Teams.

Centennial: Iowa's first Rotary club, the Rotary Club of Des Moines, celebrated its centennial in style on May 4-5. Iowa's second club, Davenport, is planning a centennial event the evening of the Nov. 11. Mark the date and watch for details!



In the District Conference "Olympics," the team of Nate Burnham, DGN Terry Geiger and President's Rep Jennifer Jones and her husband, Nick – pictured doing the elephant walk – won the first-place prize of \$125, and gave it to polio!



The second-place team of Chuck Briegel, Becky Bray and Paul Seelau of North Scott, tried to fling the monkeys into the baskets with slingshots.



District Conference co-chair Sue Gibbons of Ankeny looks for the best bid in the cake auction while Tom and Mary Pat Brooke of West Liberty dance to music of the Brewer Project Band.

RI Conventions: Thanks to a generous gift from PDG Herb Wilson, presidents of some small clubs in District 6000 were able to attend the RI Convention in New Orleans. Travel to future conventions will be much further:

- 2012: Bangkok, Thailand;
- 2013: Lisbon, Portugal;
- 2014: Seoule, South Korea;
- 2015: Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The next North American convention will be Atlanta in 2016. Vying for the 2017 convention are cities in Germany, Italy, South Africa and France.

Institute: The theme for the Sept. 8-11 Institute for Zones 28-29 convened by incoming RI Director Betsy Demaray is "Rally In Chicago." District leaders from North Dakota to Nebraska to Pennsylvania and New York will meet at the Westin Lombard Hotel. Information: <http://www.zones28-29.org>.

Notable: Dr. Bob Scott, the Canadian Rotarian who chairs Rotary's global campaign to eradicate polio, was the speaker at the Rotary Club of Des Moines meeting on June 16 at the Wakonda Club.



Muscantine Youth Exchange student Jeremy Heinesch (r) of Belgium tells outbound students Greta Hayer of Waukee and Brooke Beers of Oskaloosa about his country.



Baseball: Rotary clubs in the Iowa-Illinois Quad Cities will hold their fourth annual Rotary Night at the Ballpark on Wednesday evening, June 29, at 7:00 p.m. when the Quad-Cities River Bandits play the Cedar Rapids Kernels. There will be Rotary displays on the concourse and Rotary messages on the jumbo-tron. Proceeds of various fund raisers will benefit PolioPlus. All Rotarians are invited.

Volunteer Award: Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds notified Newton Rotary secretary Mo Lockwood that the club has been selected for the 2011 Governor's Volunteer Award for its outstanding commitment and service. Paul Trombino of the Iowa Department of Transportation made the nomination in recognition of highway cleanup efforts. The recognition ceremony will take place June 30 at Southeast Polk High School.

Correction: Our apologies that the name of Tom Andersen, the incoming Osceola club president, was misspelled in the last issue of District 6000 News.



Gerald Klonglan of Ames (r) talks about his club's water projects in Tanzania with Jim Koehler of North Scott and Donna Newbrough.

Obituaries



Ruth
Laning



Betty
Breckenfelder

District 6000 recently said farewell to two former first ladies who provided extraordinary support for their husbands who were district governors.

• Ruth Woolson Laning, 79, died March 23 at home in Indianola. She was a 1949 graduate of Clarinda High School and completed her education degree at Simpson College in Indianola. She taught at Altoona for one year before her marriage to Everett Laning in 1954. Ruth and Ev were active volunteers in mission both locally and internationally, including longtime involvement with Rotary Youth Exchange. Ev, who survives, served as district governor in 1991-92.

• Betty Jean Severeid Breckenfelder, 89, died May 10 in Muscatine. She was graduated from Ames High School and earned a bachelor of science degree in home economics from Iowa State in 1944. She studied voice at Drake University and the Boston Conservatory of Music, and received a master of arts degree from the University of Iowa and was a teacher in the Muscatine schools. Her husband, E.H. "Breck" Breckenfelder, was district governor in 1990-91 and she actively supported his activities in Rotary International. He died in 2000.

May light perpetual shine upon them.



Co-chairs of the 2012 District Conference, Cheryl Kurtz and Susan Wellington of the Rotary Club of Washington, ask you to save the date and join them on April 12-14, 2012 at the Riverside Casino & Resort in Riverside, Iowa.

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK February 2011 - April 2011

CLUB	FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	67.00 %	23	67.00 %	23	60.00 %	37
Albia	45.70 %	49	60.70 %	32	54.30 %	48
Ames	58.00 %	39	58.00 %	36	63.00 %	34
Ames Morning	56.50 %	43	56.30 %	38	58.80 %	39
Ankeny	71.24 %	17	72.88 %	15	78.41 %	13
Atlantic	45.00 %	50	56.00 %	39		
Bettendorf	79.67 %	9	79.73 %	8	78.00 %	16
Bloomfield	76.00 %	12				
Boone	59.00 %	37	52.00 %	45	63.00 %	33
Burlington	78.10 %	10	76.90 %	9	78.40 %	14
Carroll	59.90 %	35			57.29 %	42
Centerville	58.00 %	38	54.00 %	43	57.00 %	44
Chariton	63.00 %	30			71.00 %	23
Clinton	57.14 %	41	58.25 %	35	57.44 %	41
Coon Rapids						
Coralville-North Corridor	99.00 %	1	100.00 %	1	100.00 %	1
Corning	68.00 %	21	72.00 %	17	76.00 %	18
Corydon	43.00 %	54			50.00 %	50
Creston	64.00 %	29	60.00 %	33	75.00 %	19
Dallas Center	65.00 %	28	75.00 %	13	78.00 %	15
Davenport	43.15 %	53	41.52 %	48	57.12 %	43
Decatur County	80.00 %	8	83.00 %	5	81.00 %	11
Des Moines	60.11 %	34	57.63 %	37	64.07 %	27
Des Moines A.M.					64.00 %	30
East Polk County	46.15 %	48	48.50 %	47	50.31 %	49
Fairfield						
Fort Madison			54.00 %	42		
Greater Des Moines	74.00 %	15	73.00 %	14	84.00 %	8
Grinnell	92.00 %	3	84.00 %	4	88.00 %	6
Indianola	32.00 %	56	55.26 %	40		
Iowa City	25.49 %	57	34.64 %	50	38.13 %	53
Iowa City A.M.	70.28 %	18	70.19 %	19	77.83 %	17
Iowa City Downtown	88.24 %	4	80.46 %	7	79.45 %	12
Iowa Quad-Cities	60.45 %	33	64.76 %	26	74.85 %	20
Jefferson	62.00 %	32				
Johnston	74.07 %	14	71.19 %	18	73.28 %	21
Kalona	67.72 %	22	72.40 %	16	81.60 %	10
Keokuk	40.06 %	55			47.92 %	51
Keosauqua	48.90 %	47	62.70 %	28	60.40 %	36
Knoxville	65.03 %	27	59.34 %	34	65.08 %	26
Lenox	66.00 %	26	66.00 %	24	96.00 %	2
Manning	76.00 %	11	75.00 %	12	69.00 %	24
Marengo					73.00 %	22
Marshalltown	44.70 %	51				
Mount Pleasant Noon	57.38 %	40	52.68 %	44	58.93 %	38
Mt. Pleasant	75.00 %	13	76.00 %	11	86.00 %	7
Muscatine	43.48 %	52	39.87 %	49	45.41 %	52
Nevada	71.96 %	16	69.23 %	20		
Newton	69.18 %	20			64.00 %	29
North Scott	87.28 %	6	90.24 %	2	91.40 %	3
Northwest Des Moines	86.34 %	7	76.40 %	10	88.44 %	5
Osceola	55.43 %	45	50.43 %	46	60.42 %	35
Oskaloosa	56.70 %	42	61.90 %	31	63.70 %	31
Ottumwa	49.15 %	46	55.23 %	41	56.10 %	45
Pella	66.00 %	25	63.00 %	27	58.00 %	40
Perry			65.00 %	25		
Tipton	66.00 %	24	62.00 %	30	55.20 %	46
Washington	56.14 %	44			54.91 %	47
Waukee	88.02 %	5	82.72 %	6	88.78 %	4
Wellman	94.51 %	2	87.57 %	3	83.10 %	9
West Des Moines	59.51 %	36	62.07 %	29	65.53 %	25
West Liberty	62.00 %	31	69.00 %	22	64.00 %	28
Winterset	70.20 %	19	69.19 %	21	63.10 %	32

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Alumni: One of Rotary's best and least-used assets are our "alumni": GSE team members, Ambassadorial Scholars, Youth Exchange students. Watch next the next issue of District 6000 News for a rare and well documented rundown of Rotary alumni compiled by PDG Del Bluhm from his year as district governor, 2006-07.

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The Four-Way Test

(of the things we Think, Say or Do)

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

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Club leaders' checklist

From DG Gary Welch . . .

- 2010-11 club leaders: Make final payments to **The Rotary Foundation** as soon as possible to meet or exceed your club's goal for Annual Giving (p. 28).
- 2011-12 club leaders: Complete your **Club Planning Guide** and send copies to Governor 2011-12 Don Patterson and your Assistant Governor.
- Check the calendar and prepare for District Governor 2011-12 Don Patterson's **Official Visit** to your club (p. 29).
- Watch for your 2011-12 **district dues** billing after July 1, including voluntary contributions for Iowa M.O.S.T., FAMSCO and the Youth Services Fund.
- Ask your members to help **FAMSCO** find a new warehouse in District 6000 (p. 21).
- Plan activities to create awareness in your community of Rotary's campaign to **eradicate polio** and to raise funds to meet or exceed your club's commitment (p. 29).
- Identify projects and plan activities to achieve 2011-12 RI President Kalyan Banerjee's **Presidential Citation** (www.rotary6000.org).
- Tell your members of the opportunity to be part of a **Friendship Exchange** team to New Zealand (p. 11).
- Encourage attendance and report your **attendance** monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 31).
- Obtain the **'I Can Read'** DVD and ask your members to promote this literacy project in your community (p. 20).
- Watch for the **District Directory** that will be mailed to you soon and mark the date for the **Regional Rotary Foundation meeting** in your area and plan to attend (p. 29).
- Plan **public relations** activities at your community's summer fairs and festivals.
- Update your **membership lists** for accurate semi-annual reports that are due to RI in July.
- Implement a **membership development plan** to grow your club's membership and set the example by personally inviting new members to your club.
- **Submit news** of your club's successes or upcoming events by Aug. 29, 2011 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacque Andrew (Jefferson).

Rotary's Core Values

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



New Major Donors (l-r): Ernie and DGND Rita Perea (Greater Des Moines), John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM), George and Susan Christensen (Ames), Conrad Gregg (West Liberty), PDG Dennis Skinner (Nevada). Not pictured: Scott Neff (Marshalltown), Ed Barker (Iowa City).



PDG Dennis Skinner (Nevada), with his wife, Kathy, received The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, presented by DG Welch (I).

Rotary Foundation, other awards presented at District Conference



DG Gary Welch with District Rotary Foundation Service Award recipients (l-r): PDG Ev Laning (Indianola), PDG Corliss Klaassen (Chariton) and Annual Giving chair Bill Koellner. Not pictured: PDG Ray Muston (Iowa City), Jeff Bremer (Northwest Des Moines), Bill Burress (Davenport), Ed Arnold (Northwest Des Moines).



The top three clubs for per capita Rotary Foundation Annual Giving in 2009-10 with DG Gary Welch (l-r): 2. Loring Miller (Decatur County), \$257; 1. Tom Brooke (West Liberty), \$405; and 3. Mike Ruby (Muscatine), \$240.



Mike Messier (l) accepted the All Paul Harris Fellow award for Iowa City AM from DG Gary Welch and Annual Giving chair Bill Koellner.



Eric Dickinson (c) accepted the All Paul Harris Fellow award for Northwest Des Moines from DG Gary Welch and Annual Giving chair Bill Koellner.



Tom Brooke (r) accepted the award for the Rotary Club of West Liberty being a 100 percent Sustaining Member club.



DG Welch presented banners to clubs who achieved Every Rotarian Every Year giving to The Rotary Foundation (l-r): West Liberty (Tom Brooke), Decatur County (Phyllis Miller) and Chariton (Roger Strub). Not pictured: Pella.



DG Welch (l) and AG Coordinator PDG Diana Reed (r) recognized assistant governors completing their terms (l-r): Cathy Spencer (Ankeny), Ros Dunblazier (Nevada), Gary Anderson (Knoxville). Not pictured: John Tone (Des Moines), Becky Eiting (Davenport), Ted Carpenter (Coralville-NC).



Two clubs received Presidential Citations with Distinction and six received Presidential Citations (l-r): North Scott (Charlie Jones) and West Liberty (Tom Brooke), Presidential Citation with Distinction; and Washington (Cheryl Kurtz), Nevada (Lloyd Brown), Iowa City AM (Jean Bartley), Clinton (Gary Foster) and Bettendorf (Dave Deuth). Not pictured: Marshalltown.



DG Welch and Membership chair Mike Ruby (r) recognized clubs with the best membership growth in 3 years (l-r): Bettendorf, 89 to 107, 20.2 percent (by AG Bill Tubbs); Corydon, 15 to 20, 33.3 percent (by AG Jenn Pfeifer-Malaney); Greater Des Moines, 0 to 46, 100 percent (DGND Rita Perea); and Decatur County, 15 to 24, 33.3 percent (DGN Terry Geiger). Not pictured: Manning, 17 to 22, 29.4 percent.



The attendance award for the 2010 District Conference in Burlington (number attending x miles traveled) was won by the Rotary Club of Johnston, represented by Steve Weineke (l).



Awards were presented to (l-r), **Best Newsletters:** Chariton (2nd, 55 & under, Jeanne Klaassen), Boone (1st, 55 & under, Jeff Anderson), Iowa City (2nd, 56-plus, Bernie Cremers); **Best Websites:** Keosauqua (3rd, Ginger Shaw), and Greater Des Moines (1st, DGND Rita Perea). Bettendorf was first in newsletters for large clubs. Oskaloosa was second for websites.



District awards for achievement in public relations were presented to four clubs (l-r): Ames (Allyson Walter), Muscatine (Mike Ruby), West Liberty (Tom Brooke) and North Scott (Charlie Jones).