



District 6000 News

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Gary Welch, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

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Governor's comments . . .

What will you choose?

By DG Gary Welch/Ankeny

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"Building Communities, Bridging Continents" is the theme that RI President Ray Klinginsmith chose to express the history and future of Rotary. He wants us to become "Bigger, Better and Bolder" as we move into the future. The theme encompasses Rotary's Core Values of Diversity, Service, Fun and Fellowship, Integrity and most of all, Leadership.



Gary Welch
District Governor

You are the leaders who make a difference in your community and in the world. Without you, your community would not have the quality of life that it does. What you choose to do daily makes a huge difference.

President Klinginsmith said, "Much of our success will be dependent on the time, talent and persistence that each of you is willing to commit as a friend, counselor and cheerleader for the clubs..."

Rotary International is focusing on six areas of sustainable activities:

1. Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution.
2. Disease Prevention and Treatment.
3. Water and Sanitation.
4. Maternal and Child Health.
5. Basic Education and Literacy.
6. Economic and Community Development.

With this in mind there are four district goals that lay the foundation to accomplish the areas of focus.

They are:

Foundation (EREY): By June 30, 2011, every Rotarian in District 6000 will contribute something to The Rotary Foundation with Every Rotarian Every Year (\$100 per year) being the goal. The contribution that you make to the Foundation improves your community through District Simplified Grants and saves women and



Leading a breakout on "Integrating Service and Learning" at the RI Convention in Montreal were, front (l-r): Angelina Wurts, Hazel Seaba and Kierstan Hanson; and back: Jaime Wurts, Jim Peterson and PDG Ray Muston.

Xicotepec's 'Service Learning Model' shared internationally

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Editor, District 6000 News

A new model for international service in which the University of Iowa is a partner with Rotary District 6000 in Xicotepec, Mexico, got its overdue day in the sun at the RI Convention in Montreal on Monday, June 21.

Since 2007, students of pharmacy, nursing, education, engineering and business and urban planning have received college credit as they studied Mexican culture and provided humanitarian service with Rotarians in the mountains of eastern Mexico.

"Working with Iowa has been a success and I have more Rotary clubs in (the state of) Puebla waiting for your club," Xicotepec Rotarian Jaime Wurts said to 95 worldwide Rotarians and academics whose curiosity led them to the session. He explained how his



University partners

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club's partnership with District 6000 served the people of Xicotepec through schools, medical facilities, libraries, orphanages, water purification systems and more.

For PDG Ray Muston, of Iowa City, the Xicotepec partnership is the fulfillment of a vision dating to 2002 when he and district leaders were looking for a long-term international relationship that involved youth. "Their kids will listen to our kids," he said of the scores of Interactors, Rotaractors and youth whose lives have been changed by spending their spring break in another culture.

One such student was Kierstan Hanson, who is now an assistant professor in the College of Pharmacy at Ferris State University in Michigan. "I became a whole new person," she said, with conviction. "I can't wait to begin a service learning program now as a professor."

But Rotary's standing, even with the University of Iowa, didn't come easily, explained Hazel Seaba, associate dean of the College of Pharmacy. She said academics were skeptical of awarding credit for a partnership with a service organization – but now that she's seen it, she is the program's biggest advocate – including traveling to Montreal to tell others. "Rotary is a full partner with the University, and it's amazing to see them work together (students, Rotary, Xicotepec residents)," she explained.

The Xicotepec experience teaches the competency goals of knowledge, skills, attitudes and values, Seaba said. The World Health Organization says one third of the world's children suffer from parasites and last year, for example, students assisted in deworming 3,400 school children. "Our faculty are committed to a long-term relationship with Rotary."

A key cog in the Xicotepec Rotary wheel has been Iowa City AM Rotarian Jim Peterson who has been the project coordinator annually since 2003. His leadership has earned him adjunct faculty status with the university.

"What meaning does this project have for Rotary?" asked PDG Muston.

"Rotary-university partnerships are a terrific, untapped potential," Peterson declared. Audience members, who included college professors and deans, appeared to agree, and asked many questions. Only time will tell if the seeds that have been scattered will bear fruit and new long-term partnerships will be formed elsewhere.

The model has been created. The world is waiting.

And, for the ninth consecutive year, two Project Teams of Rotarians and youth will head to Xicotepec in 2011: March 5-13, and March 12-20. Information: rotary6000.org, or contact Peterson at (319) 214-0102, or jim-peterson@mchsi.com.



Jaime Jesús Wurts Martínez (I) of Xicotepec, Mexico, had fun showing his tissue paper animals to Beth Peterson, the wife of Rotarian Jim Peterson, at the RI Convention.

International friend's death shocks District 6000 Rotarians

Jaime Wurts, a member of the Rotary Club of Xicotepec, Mexico, who had been a longtime partner with District 6000 in international projects and who traveled to Montreal, Canada, in June to tell about them, died Aug. 16 of stomach cancer that was discovered shortly after he returned to México from Canada.

He had begun chemotherapy treatments and Rotarians had been asked to send donations to his sister in Apex, NC, at the time of his death. The news of Jaime's death came as a shock to District 6000 Rotarians.

"Today I received the sad news that Jaime Wurts passed away yesterday evening (Sunday evening)," Xicotepec project coordinator Jim Peterson wrote on Aug. 16. "His body was cremated this afternoon. Jaime is survived by his wife Angelina (Ange) Santos Espinosa de Wurts, his three children, Denisse, Jaime and Alejandro, his mother and (I am not certain how many) siblings.

"If you would like to send an e-mail to Jaime's wife and/or children, Ange's e-mail is angesantos70@hotmail.com, you should feel free to send your message in either English or Spanish. Jaime was a great asset to his Rotary club and to his entire community and will be sorely missed by many friends, neighbors, employees, customers and others. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers." Peterson said the new artisan's school that has been started in Xicotepec by Jacobo Domínguez will be named after Jaime.

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Leadership by Rotarians matters!

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children's lives through Matching Grants. It is only 28 cents a day (\$102.20) to save a child. Is there anyone who cannot afford 28 cents a day?

Never doubt how important your contributions are. As Rotarians, the money donated to The Rotary Foundation will give your community an opportunity for improvement, and improve lives internationally. You will not only improve your community, but provide medical care, education, clean water and economic opportunities to people for a better life.

Membership: By June 30, 2011, every Rotarian will induct at least one new member – each. I first thought this was a bodacious goal until I considered my responsibility to the club, community and internationally. I know that I can introduce one new member into my club over the next 365 days.

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– District Governor Gary Welch,
Ankeny

Rotary is the best at helping people, and who would not want to make their community better and save women and children? As we add members, it brings additional resources, ideas and energy to improve lives. I am challenging you to personally commit to bring in one new

member over this next year. Do not expect George, Jane or Pete to do it. It is not about Rotary, but is about what you do. Rotary is how we get it done and we are best at it! When Rotarians make up their mind, it gets done.

Public Image: By June 30, 2011:

1. Each club will provide six Public Image events to local media.
2. Each club will provide at least one article for *District 6000 News*.

It use to be that we could do good works because it was the right thing to do; however, now we need to tell the story of all the things we do to improve our community and help others. So tell your story.

Polio Plus: By June 30, 2011, each club will complete their commitment of \$25 per member per year. For every 50 cents that you contribute, a child will be able to walk and not become "sand crawlers." If this is not a worthwhile purpose, I do not know what is!

As you serve with a purpose, your leadership is more important than ever to help your club become stronger, more vibrant and to grow. You will determine the future of your club.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has...."

– Margaret Mead

You can choose to "Serve With a Purpose" or not.
What will you Choose?



Fall seminars provide training, fellowship

District Governor Gary Welch and the District Training Committee, chaired by Maggie Mowery and Michael Schmitz, welcome and encourage Rotarians from all clubs to attend one or more of five regional evening seminars for fun, fellowship and training on these dates and locations:

Tuesday, Sept. 28:

Iowa Western Community College, Cass County Center
705 Walnut Street, Atlantic
* * *

Wednesday, Sept. 29:

DMACC - Ankeny Campus
2006 South Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny, Building No. 7
* * *

Thursday, Sept. 30:

Third Reformed Church
708 E. 13th Street, Pella
* * *

Tuesday, Oct. 5:

First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
309 N. Main Street, Mt. Pleasant
* * *

Wednesday, Oct 13:

West Liberty Community Center
1204 N. Calhoun Street, West Liberty

The cost of the seminars is pre-paid for all who attend with district dues, but your pre-registration at www.rotary6000.org will help with planning. A light supper will be served at each location. The agenda for the seminars is below.

District committees will facilitate breakouts in four areas:

- **Rotary Foundation** (PDG Corliss Klaassen and committee);
- **Membership Development** (Membership co-chairs Mike Ruby and Tom Licea and committee);
- **Public Relations** (PDG Bill Tubbs and committee);
- **Rotary Youth Exchange** (Chair Chris Knapp and committee). There will be a separate training session for Youth Exchange officers and counselors. To register for the Youth Training, please call Carolyn at (877) 976-9279 or email dis-6000admin@Lisco.com and specify "RYE Training."

The schedule for the evenings:

6:00	Registration, sandwiches, table talk
6:15	Welcome DG Gary Welch
6:35	Transition Time
6:45	Breakout Sessions Begin
	Appoint a reporter for large group session, use chart, paper and markers to capture important dialogue points.
7:50	Breakout Session Wrap-up; Chart paper to reporter
8:00	Breakout Session ends
8:10	Reconvene in Large Group
	Reporters to report out - Share ideas generated with the large group; District Announcements and door prizes.
8:45	Adjourn

YOUTH EXCHANGE:

D-6000 Rotarian leads 36-District SCRYE organization

By Loring Miller/Decatur County
President/SCRYE

District 6000 had a strong district representation at the 2010 South Central Rotary Youth Exchange meeting in Little Rock, Ark., July 23-25.

SCRYE is a multi-district youth exchange organization comprised of 36 Rotary districts in 15 states. District 6000 is a member district.

A celebration luncheon kicked off the event with keynote speaker RI President Ray Klinginsmith. Music and an international flag ceremony set the mood for events to follow.

Loring Miller, Rotary Club of Decatur County, was installed as SCRYE president at their annual board meeting.

"District 6000 had 14 representatives honoring Loring Miller and his installation as their new president. It was great," said Rotarian Peggy Geiger of Miller's home club of Decatur County.

"It was an awesome weekend," commented Rita Perea of the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines.

The informational meetings that followed are required procedure by Rotary International and the U.S. State Department.

Youth Exchange training was the focus of the meeting and interspersed activities made the event enjoyable for all participants.



District 6000 attendees at the SCRYE meeting are front (l-r): SCRYE President Loring Miller, DG Gary Welch, Vernetta Knapp, RI President Ray Klinginsmith, PDG Susan Herrick, Colleen Welch, Phyllis Miller, Rita Perea; Row 2: DGN Terry Geiger, Bob Herrick, Ernest Perea, D-6000 RYE chair Chris Knapp and RI Director Fred Hahn. Back: Peggy Geiger, Gary Anderson, Mary Anderson and RI Vice President Tom Thorfinnson.

RI Vice President Tom Thorfinnson of Eden Prairie, Minn., opened the meetings with an inspirational address on the future of Rotary and its application to youth services. RI Director Fred Hahn of Kansas City also spoke about how the world has been introduced to him through Rotarian travel opportunities.

Emphasis was directed to the new Fifth Avenue of Service, New Generations, and how it will effect club focus. SCRYE inbound students will serve as flag bearers and entertainers at the opening ceremonies at the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans. This meeting initiated SCRYE preparation for that event.

Thirteen students to be hosted in D-6000

By Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM
D-6000 Rotary Youth Exchange chair

The Youth Exchange Committee has been busy placing students around the district. We placed 12 students this year. We hopefully will have a 13th student coming to our district from Soweto, South Africa, in January. The Winterset club will host this student. This is a very special exchange for our district and Rotary International.

We were unable to place two students from France in our district. This was most unfortunate. However, our Rotarian friends in other United States districts came to our aid and helped place these students. We are very appreciative of their help.

We have several events in the coming

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— Chris Knapp,
Youth Exchange Committee chair

months. On Sept. 25, the Iowa City AM club will host the Fall Kickoff Training Seminar for Inbound Students, their host families and club counselors and Youth Exchange Officers. Almost 100 people will be in attendance for this special event.

The next event is the October Pumpkin Carving Party. This event will be hosted in central Iowa. We always look forward to the opportunity to showcase the many

wonderful communities of Iowa and their wonderful hospitality. There will be almost 60 people at this party where we will carve pumpkins, have a barbecue and enjoy Rotary fellowship with host families, the students and the Youth Exchange Committee.

Thank you to all of the Rotarians and citizens of Iowa who have opened their homes and hearts to these international youth ambassadors.

A student's perspective on Youth Exchange

Marilyn Smith of Muscatine submitted a letter from Muscatine's 2009-10 exchange student, Audrey Dwyer, who spent her year in Sweden. "Somehow we need to preserve her thoughts for future students to read, listen and learn," Marilyn wrote.

By Audrey Dwyer/Muscatine

Youth Exchange to Sweden, 2009-10

In news articles, magazines, school papers, and word of mouth, one always hears how life is for a foreign exchange student. Have you ever thought how life is for the host family and friends of the exchange student? This article is about the people that I have been acquainted with while on my exchange in Sweden.

For family and friends, hosting a foreign exchange student has been said to be fun, exciting, and at times challenging. According to Eva/Mats Johansson, "Hosting an

exchange student is a great experience and everyone should do it once in a lifetime." For Maria Sterup (another host parent) she treated her students as part of the family, "I have learned a lot about myself and my own family by having an exchange student."

Even with this new family member there can be different feelings about having a stranger in the home. Marilyn and Norm Smith, who have hosted many different exchange students, know the ups and downs that come with an additional family member. "Some students were a challenge and others fit right in. Students come with an agenda of his/her own and we need to work with that." As for Eva/Mats Johansson, "We were so focused on the fact that there was someone new coming, there were no worries. We just wanted the student to have a great start, meeting many new people and having a positive experience."

The key to having a great exchange is keeping an open mind and staying positive. Host families have a huge responsibility in making the exchange a good experience. It's always hard to leave what one may be accustomed to. Having a family that treats you as one of their own is crucial.

In addition to having a great family, friends play a vital role in an exchange student's life. The social aspects change from culture to culture so it is hard to just base this article for every exchange student.

"It was really exciting to have a foreign exchange student in our class. We have never had that before," says Frida Gustafsson. My classmates have never had to speak English every day with someone from another country. It was hard at first because we wanted to include you in our conversations but the way of expressing myself is not the same in English." This was a challenge for both the host families and friends. Not just for my exchange, but Marilyn/Norm Smith had the same issues: "Definitely learn the language; it's part of the experience."

After much confusion and frustration, the barrier with language can be broken. Connections, friendship, and life-long ties are made between the exchange student and those he/she interacts with. "It's really fun to hear about common things that you see in movies like the traditions, rules at home, school, what you do in your free time. It's like we are different but the same, its so interesting!" says Frida Gustafsson.

One thing that my friends and I realized is that we really are the same. Maybe not the same culture or traditions, but we go through the same experiences any other teenager would. Meeting someone new



Audrey Dwyer at Muscatine Rotary in June upon her return from Sweden.

Youth Exchange in District 6000, 2010-11

INBOUND ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN 2010-11 (Chris Knapp, Iowa AM, Inbound Coordinator)

Luisa Almendra, Brazil.....Waukee
Raluca Bianca Abrudan, Spain.....Marshalltown
Pedro Bicalho Bueno, Brazil.....Grinnell
Gabriella Bizzocchi, Italy.....Iowa City AM
Nicholas Cabot, France.....Corydon
Donna Cmkovic, Croatia.....Newton
Felipe Darque Jijon, Ecuador.....Boone
Sara Froebe, Germany.....Fairfield
Valeria Guevara Gonzalez, Mexico...Bloomfield
Jeremy Heinesch, Belgium.....Muscatine
Maria Luzzi Vianconi, Paraguay.....Nevada
Isabela Melo, Brazil.....Decatur County
Student from South Africa.....Winterset

OUTBOUND ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN 2010-11 (Paul Kalainoff, North Scott, Outbound Coordinator)

Sharon Adasme, Muscatine.....France
Mary Agnoli, North Scott.....Italy
Jonathan Ellis, Newton.....Taiwan
Tanner Liechty, Mount Pleasant.....Brazil
Amelia Rose Loew, Grinnell.....Ecuador
Angela Nicole Nelson, Pella.....Argentina
Eli Price, Muscatine.....Spain
Indigo Shelton, Tipton.....Germany
Katelyn Marie Simon, Waukee.....Germany
Allysa Spear, Indianola.....Germany
Matthew Michael Thoma, Newton.....Brazil
Natalia Trimnell, Des Moines.....Mexico
Samantha Wechsler, Fairfield.....Belgium

who may not live his/her life the same way I would is very interesting. "We always heard about people we knew traveling abroad and have never thought about doing it ourselves. I thought it would be too scary. But, now that we have been friends with you we realize, it's not so hard. Just go for it and things will work out somehow," say Frida Gustafsson and Denice Wijk. They are right. Having an experience abroad or meeting someone from a foreign country makes the thought of another culture not so intimidating.

In addition to learning about another culture, one becomes more aware of his/her own culture and daily life. For Eva Johansson, "I'm more patient with younger people. It's easier with your own kids to be strict but now I look at it in a different way."

As for Frida Gustafsson and Denice Wijk, they are more appreciative of the things in their lives. Comparing Sweden with the United States, Sweden is more liberal. School in Sweden doesn't cost anything for the students. School is less strict. "We don't have to ask for a pass to use the toilet," says Denice Wijk.

Some things we do in our daily routine can be completely different from what someone does in another country. But, we would never be able to see the differences and experience unique cultures without going into the world to see for ourselves what is out there. Meeting an exchange student or hosting one can make an individual think on a more global scale and say, "Hey, there really is more to life than what I am used to." Not just getting the education of other cultures and traditions, but, making lifelong connections with friends around the world.

'New Generations' becomes fifth Avenue of Service

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

D-6000 Delegate to the Council on Legislation

What an interesting experience to represent our District 6000 at the Council on Legislation. There were 527 voting delegates from the 531 authorized delegates and at least that many observers, past RI officers and RI staff stuffed into the Hotel Marriott ballroom for the better part of five days, April 25-30.

We considered and debated proposals to amend the constitutional documents of RI, The Rotary Foundation and/or those of the Rotary clubs, or resolutions requesting actions by the RI board of directors.

Our sessions were essentially two hours in length with a 30-minute morning and afternoon break with an hour-and-a-half lunch break for nearly five days. The council chair had us in session on Thursday until 6:50 p.m. due to the perceived lack of progress,

The results of the Council on Legislation deliberation were as follows:

- 66 enactments or resolutions were adopted (15 were amended prior to passage).
- 101 enactments or resolutions were rejected.
- 42 enactments or resolutions were withdrawn prior to consideration.
- 8 enactments or resolutions were "considered withdrawn" (no presenter).
- 3 enactments or resolutions were referred to the RI board without debate.
- There were 219 total enactments or resolutions.

For the first time in many years, District 6000 submitted two resolutions, by the Rotary Club of Decatur County, that were accepted for debate. The first resolution was entitled Resolution 10-49. It proposed a Legacy Membership where a Rotarian could propose for membership a child or grandchild with the individual's dues to RI to be 50 percent for the first year. This resolution was the seventh in a series of resolutions all dealing with attempts to increase membership. In each case the resolutions were defeated, as was Resolution 10-49. The vote was 108 for and 378 against.

Many of these proposals included some change in dues to RI, which with the financial picture that was given to us on Sunday

evening, weighed heavily on the delegates.

Prior to presenting our second resolution submitted by the Rotary Club of Decatur County, the Council on Legislation adopted Resolution 10-87, adding a Fifth Avenue of Service: Service to Youth. It later was amended to read Service to New Generations. This is the first time that the Avenues of Service have been changed in many years. (The other Avenues of Service are Club, Community, Vocational and International.)

Prior to presenting our second resolution, the Council on Legislation adopted resolution 10-94 which requested the RI board to consider recognizing "EarlyAct" clubs.

Our second resolution, 10-96, dealt with encouraging the RI Board to designate Rotakids as an official program of RI. Our resolution turned out to be a "compromise" resolution with District 2440, Brazil. The Brazilian delegate asked if I would present the resolution and they would support it from the floor.

I presented Resolution 10-96 to the Council on Legislation after the above actions (10-87 and 10-94). The Brazilian delegate did not come forward. The resolution was defeated 205 for, 295 against.

While we lost this battle, since the Avenue of Service: New Generations and "EarlyAct" were adopted, perhaps we should consider that we won the war.

In addition here are a few of the Council on Legislation adopted resolutions:

1. Increasing RI dues \$1.00 per year for the next three years.
2. Adding the office of Past President to the Standard Rotary Club documents.
3. To preclude clubs from limiting membership based on sexual orientation or disability.
4. Amended rules for the transferring of membership to assure that there are no outstanding financial commitments by the transferring member.
5. Provided a process for handling of election disputes (a real problem in India).
6. Making e-clubs official Rotary clubs.

It was most interesting and rewarding for me to attend the Council on Legislation. Thank you for the opportunity.



Nearly 300 Rotarians, family members and guests attended the 25th annual Rotary Club of North Scott Corn Boil July 29 at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds in Davenport. Above, Rotarians Glen Keppy and Mike Auliff boil some of the 800 ears of corn that were picked that day and



served with Iowa Pork Chops, tomatoes and the trimmings. Special guests (photo at right) included 2007-08 Rotary Youth Exchange student Arthur Camara and his sister, Andressa, of Brazil, who spent two weeks in the Eldridge home of Arthur's former hosts, Susan and Paul Kalainoff.

GUARDIAN OF INTEGRITY:

New award named in honor of Paul E. Hellwege

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

D-6000, Vocational Service chair

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

A nomination form has been sent to clubs and is posted at the District website. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31, 2011.

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

The award will be presented annually to a Rotarian in District 6000 who has been a member for a minimum of three years who 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. It 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.

Although there will be only one award winner at the District level, a nomination by a club in and by itself is a significant recognition and should be treated as such.

The Guardian of Integrity Selection Committee shall choose the recipient from the individual Rotarians nominated by the Rotary clubs in District 6000 (one nomination per club per year).

The district award will be presented at the annual District Conference. The name of the recipient will be inscribed on a plaque that will be on display at the district office and at special events.

PDG Bill Tubbs was inspired to create the award when he and Linda were official representatives of RI President John Kenny and his wife, June, at the April 2010 District 6910 Conference in

Jekyll Island, Georgia.

The featured presentation on the night of their biggest attendance was the Robert E. Stubbs Guardian of Ethics Award. It was a solemn, almost sacred, occasion and a marvelous way to create awareness of integrity, which is needed so desperately in our society. It is a way of getting clubs to think about and say Thank You to members who call us to our higher angels, who have persevered, sometimes in the face of great adversity, who have made sacrifices and taken risks to live their values, and made a difference in our lives and the lives of our communities and world.

The award also puts the spotlight on Rotary's Third Avenue of Service – Vocational Service – the Avenue of of Service which often troubles clubs who don't have activities in that area. However, Vocational Service is a statement of who we are as much as what we do. If integrity is a part of who we are, our actions will always be consistent with Rotary's Four-Way Test, regardless of the consequences.

That is what so many of us saw in the life of Paul Hellwege, who died Jan. 28, 2010, at the age of 97 after having been a past district governor for 55 years – more than half of Rotary's existence!"

Judge Hellwege's love was the law. His fellow judges described him as "an able and respected judge." The Iowa Supreme Court in affirming a criminal case presided over by him observed, "Trial court throughout displayed that patience and insight which characterizes competent management of criminal cases."

When the idea for the award was shared with DG Gary Welch and members of the executive

committee, it was immediately and unanimously embraced.

District Vocational Committee members – PDGs Bill Tubbs (North Scott), Dale Belknap (Des Moines), Susan Herrick (Boone) and Cal Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant) – and Nancy Pacha (Iowa City AM) will review nominations received by Jan. 31 and make a recommendation to the executive committee prior to District Conference.

We know there are individuals – sometimes unsung heroes – whose lives of integrity should be recognized, and we thank clubs for giving this recognition the conscientious consideration it deserves.



PDG 1954-55 Paul Hellwege of Boone (l) received The Rotary Foundation's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, in 2007 in Davenport from RI President Bill Boyd.

Four selected for Ambassadorial Scholars

By Jeff Bremer/Northwest Des Moines
D-6000 Ambassadorial Scholars chair

The Rotary District 6000 Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce our recommendations to Rotary International for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Once again, the committee found the applicants very qualified and competitive and our decision at the end of the day was not easy. Because one of our scholars could not fulfill her scholarship opportunity this year, we were able to recommend four students for this scholarship opportunity. The committee extends their thanks to the clubs and sub-committees who recommended and interviewed the students to qualify them for the application process.

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships, The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947. Since then, nearly 38,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today, it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarship program. Nearly 800 scholarships were awarded for study in 2005-2006. Through grants totaling US \$500 million, recipients from about 70 countries studied in more than 60 nations.

The recommendations for the Ambassadorial Scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year are:

Jenny Smith is the owner of Butcher Crick Farms in Carlisle. She raises organic tomatoes and sells them to area restaurants. She is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. Jenny graduated from Iowa State with a bachelor of liberal studies degree and plans to study at Massey University in New Zealand. She was also a Rotary GSE team member in 2009. Her goal is to study agri-business with a focus in sustainable agricultural practices.



Jeff Bremer

Jessica Klyn de Novelo is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pella. She is a graduate of Central College with a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish and art. Currently she is the study abroad coordinator at Central College in Pella. Jessica plans to attend the Pontificia Universidad in Lima, Peru. Her goal is to gain further understanding in the areas of international studies and international relations.

Nora Tobin is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ames. She is a graduate of Iowa State University with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and international studies. Nora plans to attend Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. Her goal is to pursue a career focused on international development in conflict and post-conflict zones which complements Rotary's mission to further world understanding and peace.

Sharon Benzoni is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Iowa City. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a bachelor of science degree. Sharon plans to attend Ghana University to pursue practical action in water and other sustainable development issues with advocacy research and education.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarship program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country.

The deadline for applications for the 2012-2013 academic year is April 4, 2011. Questions can be sent to Jeff Bremer at (515) 249-5366, or e-mail: jeffbremmer@mchsi.com.

Committee members are: Jeff Bremer, chair, Northwest Des Moines; Joe Walt, Indianola; Richard Johns, Iowa City; Susan Christensen, Ames; Jason Summers, Albia; and Cindy Mays, West Liberty.

Ames Rotarians celebrate Tanzanian water project

By Carole Custer/Ames
Club Public Relations chair

During the 2009-10 year, District 6000 committed the funding to allow a \$25,000 Rotary Foundation humanitarian grant for a clean water distribution project in Hedaru, Tanzania, to move forward. The Rotary Club of Ames worked with host partner, the Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania, to complete the project.



The sign that was delivered to Dedaru to be posted at one of the prominent clean water distribution points.

The Hedaru water project was dedicated with great fanfare on Aug. 11, 2010. Tumaini Chambua and Joas Mpinda, leaders of the Same Rotary Club, were recognized for completing the project at the Rotary Club of Ames meeting on Aug. 16. This project was the first international humanitarian grant for the Same club, which was chartered in August 2009.



Celebrating the completion of a WCS Matching Grant at the Rotary Club of Ames on Aug. 16 were (l-r): Gerald Klonglan, chair, World Community Service Committee, Rotary Club of Ames; Tumaini Chambua, chair, World Service Committee, Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania; Joas Mpinda, secretary, Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania; and Sarah Buck, humanitarian grant project director, Rotary Club of Ames.

FAMSCO volunteer says 'gratitude' of recipients validates Rotary's efforts

By Linda Muston/Iowa City
FAMSCO Secretary

Putting used but useful medical and fire equipment to work in third world countries is what FAMSCO is all about. In its 20th year, the Fire And Medical Supply Company of District 6000 has again touched countless individuals and communities. The most recent is the 13 tons of equipment shipped to El Salvador in May of this year.

Don Hampton, Indianola Rotarian and FAMSCO board member, visited El Salvador in July and saw firsthand the impact that the shipment had made. He observed the gratitude and had the humbling experience of visiting the recipient institutions and seeing their proficient ability to put everything sent by FAMSCO to work.

"For me it was a very personal validation of the work that FAMSCO is doing and the need that it filled," Don said.

The receiving institutions were two public hospitals, one in La Union and the other in San Francisco Guetero. Some of the items shipped such as exam tables went to an orphanage in San Miguel. The clients of a senior center in the same town received the walkers.



University of Iowa first year medical students started their professional preparation Aug. 18 with a Medical School Orientation "Day of Service." Twenty students worked for more than two hours at the FAMSCO (Fire And Medical Supply Company) warehouse in Coralville, inventorying and packing 13 gaylords (huge packing crates) with donated medical supplies. The activity was organized by Gerald Wickham, West Liberty Rotarian, who is the co-chair of clinical experiences for the Carver College of Medicine. Second year medical student Priyanka Rao, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and frequent Xicotepec participant, served as group leader for the new students in this special community volunteer work. The 150 new medical students were dispatched to nine local organizations.

Fire, school supplies shipped to Guatemala

By Linda Muston/Iowa City
FAMSCO Secretary

An early September shipment from FAMSCO was sent to Huehuetenango, Guatemala. This is the latest in a long established relationship with this Central American city including past MOST (Miles Of Smiles Team) missions and ongoing involvement with the Huehuetango firefighters and emergency responders.

This shipment included equipment for the firefighters (some of whom received training in Iowa and were recipients of a fire truck through FAMSCO last year). It also included school supplies for Nuevo Eden, medical supplies for Casa Colibri and a dental chair that the Iowa MOST participants will use next February in their mission there.

Once loaded, this shipment was made up of 35 pallets and 12 stretchers, gurneys and backboards. The shipment was received by the Asociacio Club Rotario de Huehuetenango. Although FAMSCO has a long relationship with Guatemala shipments, this is the first one to benefit from the new Guatemalan law that allows shipments of humanitarian goods to Rotary clubs to enter duty free.



District Governor Gary Welch and his wife Colleen were in Iowa City to witness the loading of a FAMSCO shipment for Guatemala. Pictured with the Welch's are John Ockenfels, driving the fork lift used for loading, and Bernie Cremers, Iowa City club president.

Dick Kennedy retires as treasurer

The new treasurer of District 6000 HEF and FAMSCO as of June 30 is Sandy Pickup, 818 3rd Avenue, Iowa city, IA 52245. Sandy is a member and immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown.

All contributions, requests for distributions and any other HEF treasurer's matters should be directed to Sandy from now on. Her phone numbers: (319) 338-5516 (H); (319) 331-4891 (C); or (319) 337-9727 (B); and she can be reached via e-mail at: spickup3@mchsi.com.

Sandy replaces longtime FAMSCO treasurer Dick Kennedy. "I have enjoyed working with you all very much, and wish you continued success with your many worthwhile HEF projects," writes Dick. *On behalf of Rotarians and the many beneficiaries of our service projects, Dick, we thank you for your years of dedicated service!*

Oct. 1 deadline for District Simplified Grants

By Douglas Flournoy/Fairfield

Chair, District Simplified Grants Committee

A District Simplified Grant (DSG) is a grant to District 6000 from The Rotary Foundation. In Rotary year 2010-11 the district will receive \$45,223. These monies are in turn distributed to local Rotary clubs through a granting process administered by the D6000 District Simplified Grants Committee.

It's time to begin putting together a District Simplified Grant application for your club. Detailed information about the process and printed copies of the application were given to President-Elects at PETS; electronic copies of all materials may be downloaded from the district website on the DSG page under Community Service.

Completed applications must be delivered to the D6000 DSG chair by Oct. 1, 2010. Members of the District Simplified Grants Committee will then evaluate each application and meet on Oct. 17 at the district office in Pella to make award decisions.

We are looking forward to the review of many new proposals by clubs and we hope your club will be among those that apply. If your club has not submitted a DSG application in the last two years, please consider doing so this year, as one of the goals of the district is to have every club within the district to participate in the DSG process over any over any three-year period. The process is not complicated, but does require time and commitment.

During our meeting last year the committee made several significant decisions that will impact future award decisions and of which clubs should be aware. Remember, a District Simplified Grant is a grant from The Rotary Foundation. In light of this, the DSG Committee often looks to practices of the Foundation for guidance in decision making. Here is a summary of the changes we decided upon.

1. Only grants executed wholly within the geographical boundaries of D-6000 will be funded. The appropriate venue for international projects is the Matching Grants program. *Rationale:* The Matching Grants program has a much larger pot of money to work

with than does the DSG program, both the District (with DDF) and TRF fund the Matching Grants program. This will make more funds available to local clubs and their projects and as a result create a significant Rotary Foundation presence in Iowa communities.

3. The DSG Committee will no longer fund recurring projects. *Rationale:* One of the key issues for the Rotary Foundation is sustainability. How are funded projects to be maintained when grant money is no longer available? The committee concluded that the Foundation would like to see grant funds used to initiate projects that are self-sustaining and not in need of continued support. Also, there was a concern that projects that are highly rated and submitted annually would receive repeated funding year after year and this may block other worthy projects from being considered.

4. The DSG Committee will continue to require original signatures on applications but will encourage clubs to submit applications electronically. *Rationale:* The Rotary Foundation does not accept electronic signatures on grant applications. In keeping with this practice, D-6000 will do the same. Clubs are encouraged to submit applications and supporting documentation as a PDF file or as a Word document. In the case of Word documents, electronic submission would need to be followed by then mailing of a hard copy of the signature page and supporting documentation.

5. We have decided to increase the weighting given to the criterion "benefit to disadvantaged people." This criterion will in the future be given twice the weighting of other categories. *Rationale:* In accordance with Foundation guidelines, the committee would simply like to see humanitarian projects receive higher priority. This action formalizes the decision made by the committee at last year's meeting.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me by phone at (641) 472-0216 or by email (best) at: dsflournoy@hotmail.com.

Working together to make Centerville attractive



Pete Lind with Centerville Greenhouses installed wall at the Centerville Post Office for a flower display.

By Kyle Merry/Centerville

Club President

The Centerville Post Office was selected for beautification by the Rotary Club of Centerville as their latest community service project. Rotary was assisted by Centerville Garden Club members. Money for the project was supplied by the Rotary club.

The project began in the fall of 2009 with tree trimming on the east side. Additional plantings were scheduled for late August and new funds will be used for new trees and lawn care. Anyone interested in donating to the project can contact Rotary President Kyle Merry at (641) 856-8651.



Centerville Rotarians and Garden Club members Johana Grenko, Paula Gray and Deb Robinson plant flowers at the Post Office.

Ames Morning Rotarians promote literacy with Senator Grassley

By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning District 6000 Literacy Chair

On Aug. 18, U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley was the featured speaker at the Rotary Club of Ames Morning. He signed the "Baby Faces" book which the club donates in honor of each speaker and which is given by a doctor to a 6-month-old child at his well-child checkup. Rotarian Corey Metzger brought his 5-month-old son, Benton, to the meeting as a guest, and Sen. Grassley had the privilege of personally sharing the book with Benton. Benton will receive this book at his 6-month checkup.

During the past decade, both Sen. Grassley and the Ames Morning Rotary Club have actively promoted early literacy. At the federal level, Sen. Grassley has been a strong leader in supporting the national Reach Out and Read program.

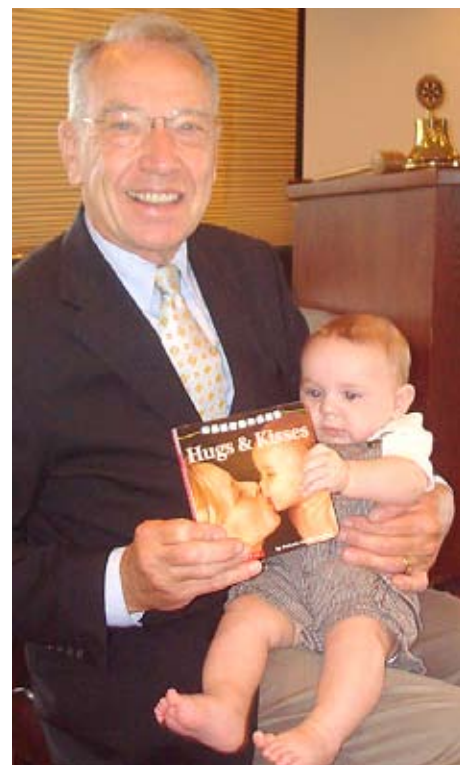
In 2003, Ames Morning Rotary installed a reading corner in the pediatric waiting room and donated \$500 to fund the first 166

books given by pediatricians to 6-month-old children. Ames Morning Rotary now gives an annual contribution of \$3,000 to provide all the Reach Out and Read books given at the 6-month checkup.

The Ames Noon Rotary Club and United Way of Story County are also lead sponsors of Reach Out and Read books in Story County. The nonprofit organization, Raising Readers in Story County, administers the local Reach Out and Read program. Children and families benefit from this national-local collaboration.

By sharing a book with Benton this morning, Sen. Grassley also made a personal contribution to the national Reach Out and Read "Summer of a Million Books Campaign." The goal is to distribute more than a million new books and inspire adults to read to the children in your life every day.

Carolyn Jons is vice president of Raising Readers in Story County.



Sen. Charles Grassley enjoys reading a book with Benton Metzger, son of Rotarian Corey and Rebecca Metzger at the Rotary Club of Ames Morning.

How does Rotary handle political requests?

By DG Gary Welch/Ankeny

I have recently been asked by several clubs how to handle political requests. Since I am in politics I understand the need to get your name before the public to be

elected. Rotary International has taken a position of being accepting of all religions and being nonpolitical.

Below are quotes from the Rotary International Manual of Procedure and the RI Constitution pertaining to political activity.

As you are faced with the multiple requests for "face time" I would request that you follow the RI Policy and share it with your membership. At no point may they ask for political contributions at a Rotary club meeting.

Many clubs have decided to offer the candidate the opportunity to present their information after the election. Not surprisingly, most have declined.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Page 24: "RI and its member clubs must refrain from issuing partisan political statements. Rotarians are prohibited from adopting statements with a view to exerting any corporate pressure on governments or political authorities. However, it is the duty of Rotarians:

1. In their clubs, to keep under review political developments in their own communities and throughout the world insofar as they affect service to their vocations and communities as well as the pursuit of the Rotary objective of world understanding and peace. They are expected to seek reliable information through balanced programs and discussions so that members can reach their own conclusions after a fair, collective examination of the issues.

2. Outside their clubs, to be active as individuals in as many legally constituted groups and organizations as possible to promote, not only in words but through exemplary dedications, the awareness of the dignity of all people and the respect of the consequent human rights of the individual."

Page 154: "Rotarians may not use the name and emblem, Rotary club member-



Rotarian John Maxwell (l) hosted "Dinner With Bruce Braley" (c) as a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of North Scott. Braley is U.S. Representative from the 1st District of Iowa. Several couples enjoyed an evening in April with the Congressman at Maxwell's farm near Donahue. Also pictured: Lisa Metz and her children, Faith and Lexi.

Rotary Foundation Matching Grants: 450 percent return on investment

By Rotarian/Club

Office/Position

Where can any Rotary club in District 6000 get a guarantee of at least 450 percent growth in their investment?

Answer: By investing in a Matching Grant, an international humanitarian service project.

The district's World Community Service Committee recently approved plans to provide a \$1.50 match of District Designated Funds (DDF) for each \$1.00 that clubs contribute to international projects. On top of that, The Rotary Foundation will provide a one-to-one match for DDF contributions and a \$0.50 match for every new

\$1 cash contribution that clubs commit to projects.

So each \$1.00 clubs contribute to matching grants can accomplish at least \$4.50 worth of humanitarian service through the multiplication of Rotary's generosity.

The Rotary Foundation Trustees were able to restore the budget for Matching Grants this year largely because Rotarians and other friends of Rotary donated a record amount to the Annual Programs Fund, and because the Foundation's investment income stabilized.

The Matching Grant application form and instructions and some project suggestions are available in the "International Ser-

'Every project accomplished assures that someone, somewhere, will live a better life.'

— Brock Earnhardt
WCS Committee chair

vice" section of the District 6000 website.

Clubs seeking or preparing projects should contact a World Community Service Committee regional coordinator: Rachel Litwiller for Asia; Jim Peterson for Latin America and the Caribbean; and PDG Denny Skinner for Africa and Europe.

The DDF available to District 6000 clubs for matching grants this year can support at least \$440,000 international service projects.

DDF and Rotary Foundation funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis so clubs are urged to prepare their applications early in the Rotary year.

Of course, counting the humanitarian benefits, the return on the investment in matching grants is much greater than 450 percent. Every Rotary international service project assures that somewhere, someone will enjoy better health or economic improvement, or educational opportunity, or better understanding. Every project accomplished assures that someone, somewhere, will live a better life. They will be able to read and write, be able to draw water from a new well, or have their disabilities lessened so they can earn a living and become self-sufficient.

Besides benefitting people in need, matching grants advance international understanding and goodwill as Rotarians from two countries work together to plan, implement and complete needed projects. Matching grants are an incentive to work together, to get to know each other, and to understand each others' cultures.



World Community Service Committee members toured the FAMSCO warehouse in Coralville during their Aug. 11 meeting (l-r): PDG Cal Litwiller and Rachel (Mt. Pleasant), PDG Denny Skinner (Nevada), chair Brock Earnhardt (Davenport), PDG Gary Pacha (Iowa City), Larry Nash (Fairfield), John Tone (Des Moines), Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM), Bill Burrell (Davenport) and DG Gary Welch (Ankeny). Present but not pictured were DGN Terry Geiger (Decatur County) and photographer PDG Bill Tubbs (North Scott).

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ship lists or other lists of Rotarians for the purpose of furthering political campaigns. Any use of the fellowship of Rotary as a means of gaining political advantage is not within the spirit of Rotary."

Page 260 in the RI Constitutional Documents Article 13, Section 2, No endorse-

ments: "This club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office and shall not discuss at any club meeting the merits or demerits of any such candidate. "Section 3 Non-Political a. "Resolutions and Opinions. This club shall neither adopt nor circulate resolutions or opinions, and shall not take action dealing with world affairs or international policies of a politi-

cal nature." b. Appeals. This club shall not direct appeals to club, peoples, or governments, or circulate letters, speeches, proposed plans for the solution of specific international problems of a political nature."

Most clubs have adopted the RI Constitutional as their own Club Constitution which has the above Articles. If you have any questions let me know.

Nominations accepted for District Governor 2013-14

On Aug. 25, the following letter was sent to clubs by PDG Gary Pacha, who chairs the District 6000 Nominating Committee.

Dear District 6000 Club Presidents,

District 6000 invites you to nominate a past president from your club for District Governor for the year 2013-2014. The Rotarian you nominate must be in good standing as a member of your club, have at least seven years of Rotary membership by the time they take office as governor in 2013, commit to be available for Rotary district activities in preparation for the office, and be able to arrange their affairs for the time demands of the governorship. Term of office for District Governor is a single year, but there will be additional training and experience in the years leading up to the year in office.

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

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

2. Meet with your board to nominate a candidate.

3. Have your club adopt a resolution proposing your candidate. Candidate shall complete the Governor-Nominee Data form (enclosed).

4. Both your club secretary and the candidate need to sign the statements on the Governor Nominee form.

5. Mail to: Carolyn Scharff, Rotary District 6000, P.O. Box 122, Pella, Iowa 50219. Must be received no later than Oct. 1, 2010.

6. Candidate interviews will be scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010. Candidates must be available on the scheduled date.

Thank you for participating in this important process.

Sincerely,
Gary Pacha
District Governor 2002-03



Displaying children's books that the Rotary Club of Muscatine gives to the library in honor of speakers are (l-r): children's librarian Betty Collins, Rotary club president Tom Ward, and librarian, Rotarian Pam Collins.

Children's books honor speakers at Muscatine

The Rotary Club of Muscatine thanks the speakers at its weekly luncheons by placing a children's book in Muscatine's Musser Public Library in honor of the speaker.

A sticker with the Rotary emblem and the speaker's name is placed in the front of each book purchased by the Muscatine Rotary Club and gifted to the library.

Club president Tom Ward commented, "You can see the look of surprise and appreciation in the face of each speaker when informed of the gift in their name."

'Love and Valor' raises funds for Decatur County

On Aug. 14 and 15 the Rotary Club of Decatur County sponsored the viewing of the documentary, "Love and Valor," in Lamoni and Leon as fundraising events for Lamoni's Eighth Annual Civil War Days reenactment.



Joe and Rotarian Marcia Stephens, owner of the theatre, welcome moviegoers.

The movie, based on the book of the same name, chronicles the exchange of letters between Union Captain Jacob Ritner and his wife Emeline during the campaigns of Vicksburg and Sherman's march.

In the audience was Decatur County Rotarian Lee Elson, great-great grandson of the Ritners. Also shown were two short Civil War movies, whose producer was present to address the audiences.



Rotarians Lynn Milnes, Phil Metcalf and Loring Miller promote the club's sponsorship of the movie, "Love and Valor," as a fundraiser in Leon and Lamoni.



Des Moines AM Rotarians were on air with WHO Radio on July 23 (l-r): Bonnie Lucas and Van Harden of WHO with Rotarians Chris Korte and Bill Burma.

Des Moines AM meeting broadcast live on WHO

By Janette Larkin/Des Moines AM

Club Public Relations chair

WHO's Van & Bonnie morning radio program broadcasted live from the Des Moines AM Rotary Club meeting on July 23.

In addition to some lively chatter about what was happening during the club's hour-long meeting, the two popular radio personalities also interviewed several Rotarians at various segments throughout their entire four-hour radio show. Topics covered on-air included Rotary International's Four-Way Test and its eradication of polio initiative, as well as some highlights of the DMAM club's 20-year history and its community and international service projects.

WHO selected DMAM Rotary from numerous applications from area breakfast clubs after the two radio personalities put out a call for applications for the live remote, saying they wanted to learn more about how breakfast clubs work.

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The WHO broadcast was one of many PR projects of Des Moines AM Rotary:

- Full page in *Des Moines Business Record* with a full color photo of the board of directors and an outline of club's significant initiatives (March 1, 2010).
- Full color photo and article in *The Des Moines Register* on the club's international service project, a recycling center in Bolivia (April 9, 2010).
- Submissions to District Newsletter in both Dec/Jan/Feb and Mar/Apr/May.
- Article in *The Des Moines Register* on 2009-10 grants to six non-profits (June 16, 2010).
- Full page in dsm Magazine with a full color photo of two club members profiling the Bolivian recycling project (August 2010).
- Launch social media strategy (February 19, 2010).
- Facebook page with 61 fans to-date.
- Twitter account.
- Social Media 101 training for members not yet involved with Facebook or Twitter.
- On-air promotion for three weeks prior to WHO broadcast.
- Live interviews with club members.
- Review website option with ClubRunner & make recommendation to board.
- Creative fliers to members and committee chairs soliciting happenings for PR review of potential coverage (February 2010).
- Develop milk carton visual to execute board idea for members with attendance risks (June, 2010).

The club will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2010-11.



Rotary on wheels at Wellman

Pat Freeman, president of the Rotary Club of Wellman, rode a little go cart that belongs to the club in the Wellman Fourth of July parade, as have many men presidents before her. It rained a little bit, but trooper that she is, she drove it through the parade route making Rotary a visible presence for the community.

— Submitted by Bill Kinneer, Bulletin Editor



Corning Rotarians serve a meal to school staff members.

Corning Rotary goes to school

By Chris Nelson/Corning

Club Public Relations chair

The Rotary Club of Corning hosted a welcome luncheon for teachers and other school staff at Corning Elementary School on the first back-to-school workday, Monday, Aug. 16.

In this local project, Corning Rotarians organized, cooked and served the noon meal in the school cafeteria as support for quality public education in the community.

During the luncheon, Rotary club president Nancy Turner introduced the Rotary club to the school staff and offered support for other school projects. High school, junior high and elementary school principals then introduced new staff in each department of the school.

Another school project that the Corning Rotary club is involved with is reading to Corning elementary students in the spring. For more information about this project and other Corning Rotary Club activities, contact Nancy Turner, Corning Rotary Club president, at ahturner@mchsi.com.

Are we in the country now?

Gabus Memorial Ride benefits bike camp for YMCA children

By Dan Boes/Northwest Des Moines

Club Public Relations chair

The second annual Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride was held on June 20. One of the beneficiaries is the Des Moines Bicycle Collective (DMBC). They chose to use their donation to sponsor a Teen Summer Bike Camp with the Grubb YMCA of Des Moines. Carl Voss of the collective recognized Northwest Des Moines Rotary in the DMBC newsletter. (For more information about DMBC go to www.dsmbikecollective.org.)

"Are we in the country now?" In July, we experienced five busy days with nine kids from the John R. Grubb YMCA – our first bike camp. Got the kids out of the neighborhood and all about town, most for their first experience riding beyond familiar streets and in a group. Des Moines Senior Police Officer Yanira Scarlett wrote "You Got Caught!" citations for all kids wearing their helmets. The citation earned each a Wendy's ice cream treat.

Friday's big ride included downtown, Great Western and Bill Riley trails and Ingersoll Avenue – 25-plus miles. For fun, we stopped for 90 minutes at the Ashworth Pool and capped off the day with ice cream at Smokey Row. It was so cool to watch them double up for traffic lights, then single up through downtown; the kids learned a lot in a short time.

Just beyond the airport on the Great Western Trail, one of the kids asked, "Are we in the country now?" It was a magical moment. We have to do this again.

How did we do this? Collectively! This wouldn't have happened without the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, which allowed us to underwrite pre- and post-camp childcare at the Grubb Y, snacks, lunches, camp T-shirts, and disc golf drivers and putters. Steve Hanel helped with an assessment and repair of bikes before the camp (six kids showed up with unrideable bikes; another hand up from the Rotary club). Bike-friendly Woody Wasson provided Monday's lunch at his barbecue joint, Woody's Smoke Shack. The kids were in awe of the BMX bikes at Patrick Schoolen's Flatland Fuel, just off the Bill Riley Trail extension. Brenda Hall, a teen specialist at the Central Library (downtown) showed off book and computer services (several girls searched for Justin Bieber CDs).

There's more. Tim Lane created a digital camera scavenger hunt at the Iowa State Capitol. Former disc golf pro Angie McBride gave free lessons at the Grandview Disc Golf Course. Angie and Todd McBride also rode with us on Friday. Chad VandeLune mapped a great route from the Grubb neighborhood and through downtown. Jen and Ed Vaske at T-Shirt Graphix provided a bike-friendly discount for the camp T-shirts. The Brain Injury Association of Iowa donated helmets. The Des Moines Cycle Club provided backpacks and bandanas; Bike World donated water bottles. DART stopped by to show the kids how to load bikes on a transit bus.

And then there's Kittie Weston-Knauer: Retired school principal, BMX racer, and awesome collective volunteer. She rode four days with the kids. Kittie was on the mark with the right words and the appropriate principal look when discipline was in order.



Rotarian Ann McCurdy and daughter, Mary, enjoy the food stand supported by Rotarians at the Cass County Fair.

Atlantic Rotarians active at the Cass County Fair

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Public Relations chair

An annual event in many communities is the county fair. It is no different in Atlantic. Members of the Rotary Club of Atlantic participate in the Cass County Fair in two very special ways.

The first is the annual watermelon feed. This event is held the same day as the cattle show. The Rotarians set up near the cattle showing and distribute watermelon free to everyone who stops by. This event has been going on over 20 years and is very well received by the fairgoers! Everyone loves watermelon, especially on a hot day in August.

The second way the Atlantic Rotarians support the fair is by having breakfast at the 4-H food stand as their weekly meeting. By eating at the food stand, everyone is helping the fair continue as a free event to the community. The proceeds from the food stand are used to pay for entertainment at the fair along with other expenses associated with the running of the fair.



Rotarians Steve Livengood (l) and Warren Hutchinson serve watermelon at the Cass County Fair.



Four years of leadership in District 6000: DG Cal Litwiller and Rachel (2009-10), Peggy and Terry Geiger (2012-13), Gary and Colleen Welch (2010-11) and Becky and Don Patterson (2011-12).



District PR chair PDG Bill Tubbs (r) met with D-5970 PR chair Linda Moeller of Waverly (l), her husband, PDG Richard Moeller, and Jane Lawicki (c) of Rotary's PR Division to discuss the two Iowa districts' PR plan for 2010-11.

MARVELOUS MONTREAL:



Dennis "Chuck" Burke, a Rotarian from Mason City, leaves no doubt as to his loyalties at the Opening Ceremony.

By PDG Bill Tubbs/NorthScott
Editor, District 6000 News

Every Rotarian should attend a Rotary International Convention gavel-to-gavel sometime in their lifetime. You will have no idea of the width and breadth of your great organization until you do!

I wrote those words in 2007 and they are still true. The only things that compare might be a United Nations meeting or an Olympiad. But unlike the political and sports emphases of those events, Rotary's focus is to bring people together to celebrate our worldwide oneness and build our "global network" for humanitarian service.

An RI Convention is inspiring and uplifting, and the key to better Rotarians – and better Rotary clubs.

Experience has shown that clubs whose incoming presidents attend the RI Convention are lifted to higher service and have better years.

Approximately 45 Rotarians and part-

ners from District 6000 were among the 18,500 at the 100th annual RI Convention, June 20-23 in Montreal, from most of Rotary's 200-plus countries. Ask what they saw or who they met and you'll get 18,500 different responses.

For me, this was my ninth convention. Here are some highlights that I hope will spark your curiosity enough to attend a future convention (the 2011 convention May 22-25 in New Orleans will be the last one in North America until 2016).

Above all, Rotary is about relationships, and an RI Convention is where our "Global Network Of Community Volunteers" makes friends, plans new projects, and follows up on previous projects. At Montreal, I did just that for two projects that involved my club:

- It was fortuitous that I was able to reconnect with PDG Saliu Ahmed of District 9120 where we co-sponsored a matching grant for sanitary facilities at a school in Ka-



Deepa Willingham (second from left) with PDG Bill Tubbs and DGN Terry Geiger and Peggy.



President Joey Bosch of the Lethbridge, Canada, Urban Spirits Rotary Club.



Meeting with our project partner, PDG Saliu Ahmed, District 9120, Nigeria.



Queen Noor of Jordan



Author Greg Mortenson

18,500 Rotarians celebrate at 100th annual RI Convention



duna, Nigera, from which girls were dropping out when they reached puberty. Connections like these ensure that projects are done well and our money is wisely spent!

• It was also wonderful to reintroduce myself to Andrew Schoop, the author of the marvelous children's book, "Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure," which teaches Rotary's Four-Way Test. I first met Andrew at the Salt Lake City convention in 2007 and was so impressed with his book that I shared it with my club, which bought 440 copies last year for 71 second-grade sections in North Scott and Davenport. Club members loved the project, so it was nice to be able to tell Andrew – in person! (see www.andyandelmer.org)

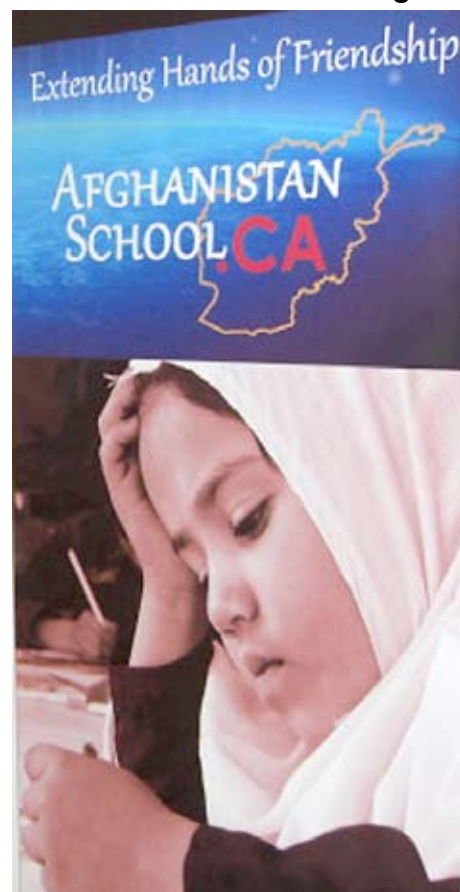
People are seated at random at an RI Convention, so like Forrest Gump's box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get – but you know it will be good, because every Rotarian is a man or woman of goodwill and each person has a story to

tell. Two were especially inspiring for me:

• Deepa Willingham is the current District Governor in District 5240, northern California, and is determined to make a difference. A woman of Indian heritage, she founded PACE Universal, which is building schools for girls in third world countries, and has partnered with the convention's keynote speaker, Greg Mortenson, who is internationally known for his work in Afghanistan. I first met Deepa at the International Assembly last January in San Diego and delighted to see her again in the House of Friendship on Day No. 1 in Montreal. Our own DG Gary Welch and DGN Terry Geiger and Peggy met Deepa, too, so who can tell where the friendship will lead and the lives that will be changed? You can learn about Deepa at www.paceuniversal.com.

• At the other end of the spectrum, I was inspired by 26-year-old Joey Bosch, who

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One of hundreds of projects on display in the House of Friendship celebrates Canadian Rotarians' support of schools in Afghanistan.



The 120-foot long "Quilt of Belonging" in the House of Friendship is a stunning, collaborative textile art project whose 263 blocks portray the rich cultural legacies of all the first peoples and ethnic groups of Canada.



"Andy and Elmer" author and illustrator Andrew Schoop and his wife, of the Rotary Club of Fairborn, Ohio.



The District 6000 Breakfast at the Montreal RI Convention, front (l-r): Terry and Peggy Geiger (Decatur County), Glenn and Carrie Hummel (Davenport), Jeff Hassel (Bettendorf), Becky Patterson (Washington), Gary Welch (Ankeny) and Cal Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant). Row 2: Kriss Phillips (Boone), Marilyn Lawson (Indianola), Jo Philips (Boone), Virginia Johnson (North Carolina), Julia Jenkins (Osceola), Donna Burr (Georgia), Linda Muston (Iowa City), Cherie Cremes (Iowa City), Anne Botha (South Africa), Rachel Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant) and Don Patterson (Washington). Standing: Bill Tubbs (North Scott), Tom and Judy Ward (Muscatine), Blair Lawson (Indianola), Colleen Welch (Ankeny), Don and Doris Goering (Ames), Don Johnson (North Carolina), Karen Babin (New Orleans), Tom and Kathy Klahn (Clinton), Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen (Chariton), Steven Howell (Ames), Ray Muston (Iowa City), Shane Burr (Georgia), Pat and Roger Borup (Wellman), Bernie Cremes (Iowa City), Jim and Beth Peterson (Iowa City AM), Herman Bothe (South Africa), and Barb and Roger Kueter (Cedar Falls).

Rotary's network: Building bridges of understanding

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was the first president of the Rotary Club of Lethbridge Urban Spirits in Alberta, Canada. His club of young, urban professionals was chartered in June 2010 with 32 members. The club is growing, has great projects locally and internationally, and every member gives to The Rotary Foundation. *Many clubs could use that energy and enthusiasm – we are talking about the future of Rotary!*

A highlight in the 21,273-seat CentreBell Arena, home of the Montreal Canadiens, was the always impressive opening plenary, with the flags of the Rotary world presented ceremonially by Boy Scouts, in honor of RI President John Kenny. Rotarians with many faces from many lands rocked to the rhythm of “He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands” as Kenny waved to the crowd.

Kenny reminded us that, “What we are is God’s gift to us. What we do with it is our gift to Him ... often simply caring helps others most of all.” Rotary is growing in the emerging democracies of eastern Europe, like Latvia, he said, even as membership in North America is declining. The global audience gave its biggest applause when Kenny said that Rotary’s newest club, in Palestine, was formed with the cooperation of Israeli Rotarians.

Queen Noor of Jordan’s message evoked applause often, including her vision of a shared Jerusalem with Jews, Muslims and Christians working together, and her statement that, “Polio eradication will be a building block for peace.” She praised the Ottawa Treaty that bans land mines and provides humanitarian aid to victims, and promoted the King Hussein Foundation (rated No. 1 in the Mideast), named for her late husband, which focuses on poverty eradication, micro-credit finance and the arts.

Two “clear and present dangers,” the queen said, are global climate change and nuclear proliferation. She asked Americans to urge the U.S. Congress to ratify the START Treaty, which limits nuclear arms. The worldwide audience gave its spontaneous and sustained applause when she added, “Seventy-six percent of the

world supports this!”

The queen got a standing ovation when she concluded, “We have for the first time in human history, the capacity to unite people in prosperity, community and peace.” The most powerful agent, she said, is people-to-people diplomacy where Rotary leads the way.

The audience was also stirred by Greg Mortenson, who said the two most powerful desires in Afghanistan are education and security. His video, “Stones Into Schools,” is dedicated to girls in Afghanistan who were denied education from 1981-2000. He quoted an African proverb, “*If we educate a boy, we educate an individual. If we educate a girl, we educate a community.*”

“There are 118 million children in the world who are not in school and the majority are girls,” he said. A commitment of \$6 billion a year for 12 years would send every child to school.

Mortenson’s book, “Three Cups of Tea,” was on the *New York Times* best-seller list 170 weeks. The first time you have a cup of tea with an individual he’s a stranger, the second time a friend, and the third time he’s family, explained Mortenson, whose non-violent approach is so radical that his safety has been threatened.

These speakers and programs scratch the surface of what you’ll experience at a Rotary International convention. My experience included the Zones 28-29 cruise on the St. Lawrence Seaway with our RI Director, Tom Thorfinnson, the Centennial Governors reunion with Past RI President Glenn Estess, the District 6910 dinner with DG Shane Burr and Georgia Rotarians, the District 6000 Breakfast (above), the Multi-District PETS reception, the All-Africa Breakfast, the President’s and President-Elect banquets, volunteering with the Public Image Resource Group, the fabulous presentation by the District 6000 Xicotepec team (pp. 1-2), a city tour, and more!

Through it all – the networking in the hotels, on sidewalks, buses and cafes, and in the House of Friendship with its endless booths promoting humanitarian service – bridges of understanding among the people of the world are built – exactly as founder Paul Harris dreamed!

Polio: An unprecedented opportunity!

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone
District 6000 PolioPlus chair

The defeat of the polio virus has been Rotary International's top priority since 1982 when the RI Board officially made the decision to immunize "all of the world's children against polio by the time of the 100th anniversary of Rotary International in the year 2005." Although we weren't quite there in 2005, Rotary's resolve to eradicate polio from the planet remains strong.

With the PolioPlus \$200 million challenge before us, District 6000 is well on the way to honoring its portion of this effort to bring polio to its knees. The July 31, 2010, report shows our district having raised \$275,827.13, from \$208,227.90 in contributions from clubs and the district, plus \$67,599.23 in District Designated Funds authorized by district governors.

This summer our most immediate past district governor, Cal Litwiller, of the Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant, rode his way across Iowa on RAGBRAI, raising funds for PolioPlus. At last count, \$649 was added to the Polio Plus Challenge from his ride (see p. 24).

So, how are we doing in our war against the Wild Poliovirus? With only four endemic countries remaining – Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan – and a handful of non-endemic countries that have been affected by importation of the virus from the four remaining countries, the end of July reported 576 cases year-to-date globally. Last year at this time the count was at 730 cases.

Outbreaks following importation account for 503 cases to date this year, whereas endemic countries report only 73 cases. Tajikistan represents 437 of these cases – 75 percent of global cases this year, foreshadowing the impact of not stopping polio in endemic areas.

While the Horn of Africa had an outbreak that began in 2008, following the reappearance of the wild poliovirus type 1 in the border area of southern Sudan and Ethiopia, and spread in early 2009 to the northern Sudanese city of Port Sudan and to Kenya and

Uganda, as of July 30, the Horn of Africa is again polio-free, with Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda having reported no wild poliovirus cases for more than a year. That date marks a step toward achievement of a major objective of the Global Polio Eradication initiative's new strategy – stopping polio in Africa. A combination of a series of multi-country immunization campaigns, increased technical support, and strong political engagement by the affected countries proved to be the backbone of the successful outbreak response.

We are in the final moments of seeing only the second disease eradicated from our planet, and we can stand with great pride alongside our partners the World Health Organization, the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF when it is announced to the children of the world that they need never fear the ravages of polio again!

But let us be very clear that the battle is not yet won and that we must maintain our efforts at this time to assure that we will be able to celebrate the end of this crippling killer.

The District 6000 Polio Plus Challenge Committee is counting on your Rotarians to continue to inform your communities that polio still exists and invite them to join us in contributing to this fight.

This is an unprecedented opportunity to finish the job and eradicate polio. The greatest challenge in the battle against polio today is financial. Despite enormous resources already committed, more money is urgently needed to reach the children in the remaining polio-endemic countries. If your club and your members are looking for speakers or materials to carry on this last effort, please feel free to contact any member of the committee and we will help you locate what you need to stay involved in Rotary's No. 1 priority.

And thank you to each and every Rotarian and friend of Rotary who has helped us to this point where we are 99 percent of the way to our goal.

Music, corn on the cob and a community fund raiser

By AG Ginny Hughes/Fairfield

The Rotary Club of Fairfield recently celebrated its 90th Anniversary in style. The club teamed up with the Fairfield Elks Lodge and the Fairfield Eagles Lodge, who were both celebrating their 100th Anniversary, for a community celebration.

They worked together for months to plan what turned out to be one of the top events in Fairfield this summer. The event was held Saturday, July 24 on the Fairfield Square. There were two bands, one local band (Full House) featuring a Fairfield Rotarian, Myron Gookin, and the headline band was One Night Stand from Des Moines.

Each club was responsible for a different food item and the bands and the event were organized by the Fairfield Live on the Square committee. The chairperson of that committee, and the originator of the celebration idea was Tammy Jones, a Rotarian.

The Rotary club was responsible for corn on the cob. We purchased, cleaned, cooked and prepared 600 ears of corn. What teamwork that took!

The Eagles took care of the beer garden and the Elks sold pork chops. It was a night of great food, families and friends getting together and dancing in the streets. It was a great way for these long-



Fairfield Rotarians Jim Pedrick, Doug Flournoy and John Loin promoted a community celebration of service groups.

standing Fairfield organizations to team up and celebrate together. There are already plans for doing it again next year.

The Rotary club proceeds for PolioPlus exceeded \$800.



Jeremy Kaiser (l) was the recipient of the William F. Tubbs Honor Rotarian Award which is presented to an outstanding new member of North Scott Rotary. He is pictured with club president, Charlie Jones. The club's annual Installation Dinner was held at Steven-ton's overlooking the Mississippi River at LeClaire.

Greater Des Moines installation

Guests of honor PDG Susan Herrick and her husband, Bob, helped the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines celebrate the newly-chartered club's first change-over night. Twenty-six members were in attendance for the social and dinner event. PDG Herrick celebrated charter members and awarded club member, Dr. Ernest Perea, his first Paul Harris Fellow. Charter president, Rita Perea, presented to the club the RI Presidential Citation award. She also started a new club tradition by handing over a "box" filled with fun Rotary club president reminders to President-elect Drew Engelbrecht and President-elect-elect Joseph Jones. A wonderful evening of fellowship was enjoyed by all.



President Drew Engelbrecht (l) with past president Rita Perea and president-elect Joseph Jones.



In one of the more rustic places for a change-over, members of the Rotary Club of Tipton enjoyed a picnic along the banks of the Cedar River at the home of 2010-11 president Diane Waltz (r), who was installed by president Rick Fleshin.



Mark Nagin (r) was honored as Rotarian of the Year by the Rotary Club of Iowa Quad Cities. Dave Borchering, 2009-10 president, presented the award. Nagin promoted a water purification system in Tanzania.



Larry Barker (l) was named Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club of Iowa Quad Cities. Presenting the award was 2009-10 president Dave Borchering. Barker is retiring as longtime Scott County Health Department director.

Vocational, service awards presented by Rotary Club of Des Moines

By Kitte Noble/Des Moines

Club Executive Secretary

Pat Wright was named the 2009-2010 Rotarian of Year of the Rotary Club of Des Moines for upholding and furthering the principles and ideals of Rotary and for her tireless efforts in overseeing the club's good governance projects this past Rotary year. She has been a member of our club since 2005 and has served on the board of Directors.

The Roger T. Stetson Rotary Lifetime Service Award was given to Tom Carpenter in recognition for his outstanding service and dedication to our club, Rotary International and the Rotary way of life. Tom has been a member of Rotary Club of Des Moines since 1979. Tom is a past president and has prepared our club and Foundation 990's for 30 years.

Congratulations to our 2010 Police Officer of the Year - SPO Jerry Lovejoy. SPO Lovejoy is photographed with his wife SPO



Tom Carpenter
Rotarian of the
Year

Erin Lovejoy and their daughter Mallory along with Police Chief Judy Bradshaw. SPO Lovejoy will receive \$1,000 to donate to the charity of his choice. The Police and Firefighter Awards and donation to their charity of choice is made possible because of the RCDM Foundation.

Congratulations to Mary Davis, our 2010 Firefighter of the Year. Mary was the first female firefighter in the City of Des Moines.

The honored Police Officer and Firefighter will be featured on a traveling billboard around the city starting sometime in September.

Two members of the Rotary Club of Des Moines are being honored as the Business Record Women of Influence for 2010. Congratulations to Sandy Hatfield Clubb (Drake University) and Denise Essman (Essman Companies). Denise has been named the Business Owner of the Year.

Des Moines Rotarian Dennis Goering received the Iowa 4-H Alumni Award by ISU Extension for his vision, dedication and unselfish sharing of his time, talents and treasures to build a strong foundation for the future of 4-H youth.

GSE team aided bush-fire affected areas that received D-6000 financial aid in 2009

By Rita Perea/Greater Des Moines

GSE Team Leader

I was privileged to lead a team of four young women to “the land down under” during the 2010 Group Study Exchange with Rotary District 9790 in Melbourne, Australia. The team experienced 11 different home stays during the 28-day exchange and presented to more than 20 Rotary clubs plus the more than 900 District Conference attendees.

Drought-ridden D-9790 suffered from devastating bush fires in February 2009. In addition to their vocational and cultural experiences, the D-6000 GSE team requested participation in a local service project in the bush-fire affected areas. Team members were delighted to roll up their sleeves and assist with the building of an irrigation system for vegetable gardens in the town of Marysville, Victoria. Residents of Marysville have received relief and support from the Rotary Club of Alexandra since the ravaging fires occurred. District 6000 contributed \$5,000 towards the disaster relief efforts in 2009.

The non-Rotarian 2010 Group Study Exchange team members, ages 25-35, included: Cara George of Des Moines; Kyla Keister of Des Moines; Natasha Boland of Iowa City; and Julie Pollock of Iowa City.

Members selected for 2011 GSE team to New Zealand

By Karin Franklin/Iowa City

D-6000 Group Study Exchange committee

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) Outbound Committee spent Saturday, Aug. 28 interviewing applicants for the 2011 GSE with District 9910 in northern New Zealand. Of the many well-qualified applicants, four team members and an alternate were chosen to make the trip March 18-April 15, 2011.

The team members selected were:

- **Christina Fernandez-Morrow**, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Des Moines, who is a recruitment coordinator of foster parents for Lutheran Services of Iowa;

- **Colleen Rogers**, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ames, who is associate director of development for the Iowa State University College of Design;

- **Darren Fife**, sponsored by the Rotary Club of West Des Moines, who is a project manager and certified groundwater professional for Barker Lemar Engineering;

- **Ginger Shaw**, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Keokuk and Keosauqua, who is Early Childhood Iowa director for Lee County.

Alternate is Lori Eiserman, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Iowa City, who is a Study Abroad advisor for international programs at the University of Iowa.

The team will be led by **Jeff Anderson**, Rotarian from the Boone club. Jeff is an optometrist in private practice and president of the Boone School Board. Kitte Noble of the Rotary Club of Des Moines and its executive director, serves as alternate team leader.

The team is very excited about their pending trip and will be immersed in preparation over the next few months. Kudos to Lynn Hicks for leading this effort in his role as District GSE chair.



This playground was dedicated with funds provided by Rotary Club of West Liberty, the Joe and Ed Ryan Trust, the Carver Trust, and the HNI Charitable Trust. Dr. Nancy Gardner, principal, cut the ribbon with members of Rotary Club of West Liberty and cooperating agencies present.

Growth, service at West Liberty

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty

The Rotary Club of West Liberty has had four new members join since July 1. The club members submitted 35 names as potential members, following Gov. Gary Welch's suggestion that each Rotarian invite a member to join.

In August, Loring Miller and Bob Herrick presented a program on RotaKids and many of the suggested names were in attendance. The club is strongly considering a RotaKids club, and the school principal will also be in attendance. President Tom Brooke has already received a commitment of five new members even before Aug 24. Tom said “It is easy to do, just Ask!”



The Rotary Club of West Liberty presented a DVD player and screen projector to the Simpson Memorial Home on Aug. 12. Administrator Shelley Wicks accepted the gift commenting that “there are not words to express the depth of our appreciation for this club's generosity.” Pictured with Shelley are Rita Dykstra, director of activities, and Jan VanDusen, of Simpson. Rita noted several uses for this equipment. They include projecting programs for the every Thursday reading and reminisce activity, the popcorn at the movies activity, the men's' club meetings and slide shows as well as computer input capabilities. Also pictured are Rotarians Tom Brooke, club president (r), and Steve Hinkhouse, Simpson Home volunteer in the Activities Department (second from right).

Hotdog Day a challenge for Rotary club, but not for special ballplayers

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

It was rained out on June 5, and again on June 12. But, facing an 0-2 count, the Rotary Club of Iowa Quad Cities hung in there and, on Saturday, June 19, held its 14th annual Hot Dog Day for Davenport's Challenger Little League – a program for mentally and/or physically disabled youth to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation in an athletic environment structured to their abilities. During the 2010 season, approximately 100 kids participated in the program, and families drive from Clinton and Muscatine to participate.

The Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Club has supported Challenger Little League for over 20 years. In fact, the idea to establish a Davenport chapter of the league came from Steve Jacobs, who was a member of the club at the time. And Bruce Katz, also a member, was involved as a coach and later as an administrator from the league's inception until his death.

The club sponsors a team in the league and many members remain intimately involved in the league in the form of coaches, volunteers, and even board members. In 2006, the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities raised \$11,000 and then built a large picnic shelter at Junge Park where the Challenger games take place. The shelter was dedicated to the memory of Bruce Katz.

What started as a breakfast back in 1996 eventually evolved into Challenger Hot Dog Day, and on Saturday, June 19, after two failed attempts, the 14th annual event went off without a hitch. Rotarians brought hot dogs, buns and all the fixins and held a good



Though they can't run, hit or throw like the big leaguers, the thrill of the game is the same for athletes in the Challenger Little League, sponsored by Iowa Quad Cities Rotary.

old-fashioned hot dog cookout for the Challenger Little Leaguers and their families.

The value of Challenger Little League is in the proven therapeutic and socialization benefits of participating in sports, the strengthening of participants' self-esteem, and the disciplines of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play which are critical for all children, regardless of their abilities.

Those same values are held and taught by Rotarians around the world. The Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities is proud to put the words into action every Saturday morning throughout the summer with Challenger Little League. And young and old alike look forward to that special Saturday each year when we all learn once again the value of a good hot dog.

Talking turkey 20 years at Washington!

By Sue Wellington/Washington
Club Public Relations chair

The Rotary Club of Washington will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the "Turkey Dinner." This annual fundraiser was started 20 years ago by longtime Rotarian Bill Sitler. He recognized the need to have an annual fundraiser that would promote a team-building atmosphere in the club. The menu continues to be built around a great grilled turkey breast. Local cook, Ione Burham, has organized Rotarians for the last 20 years.

Proceeds from the fundraiser are used to award two \$1,500 scholarships annually to local graduating seniors. The dinner has become a place for club members to build camaraderie and get to know each other better. Every club member is expected to sell tickets as well as work at the fundraiser.

'Building communities' in Keosauqua

The Rotary Club of Keosauqua has selected a modification of the international Rotary theme, "Building Communities," as the theme for the annual Scenic Festival Parade theme for 2010. The parade will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9 and will form at the school as usual beginning at 8:30 a.m. Our grand marshals for this year's parade will be the Scouts of the county. Scouting is observing its 100th anniversary.

Rotary Volunteer success story

By Merle Anderson/North Scott
D-6000 Rotary Volunteers chair

My buttons are bursting with pride. The Vita-Lact Cooperative in Ignatei village, Moldova, is continuing to grow. I helped them develop and charter in May 2001 and returned there in December 2001 and helped them develop a Strategic Business Plan. I have visited them at least five times since then to check on their progress. They are quite a success story.

CNFA, Inc. has been very good for them. They have provided Vita-Lact management and the board of directors with several volunteers who have given them excellent advice over the years. But, the key ingredient to all of their success has been their leadership and their commitment to cooperative principles.

They have faced many challenges and they will face many more. Practices and business environment change. But, principles never change. They always stick to cooperative principles which have guided all successful cooperatives for generations.

Vita-Lact has a new website at www.vita-lact.md. It has Romanian, Russian and English versions. Some of the translation is not perfect, but it is very good. I encourage you to look at their site.

For information on how you can be a Rotary Volunteer, contact Anderson at (563) 343-1912 or mla24@aol.com, or www.rotary.org/volunteers.

Friendship Exchanges planned with New Zealand, England

By Al Orsborn/Ottumwa

D-6000 Friendship Exchange chair

The District 6000 Rotary Friendship Exchange Committee is working on two Friendship Exchanges for 2011. An exchange is being planned with District 9910 in New Zealand. This exchange will occur in March of 2011. The committee is currently recruiting a leader for this exchange. If you are interested in leading this trip or participating in it, contact Al Orsborn at acokmo@yahoo.com.

A second trip is being planned to District 1290 in England. This trip is tentatively planned for Sept. 10-22, 2011. If you are interested in participating in this trip, you can contact Al Orsborn at acokmo@yahoo.com.

We are also expecting an inbound exchange from District 1290 in May 2011. If your club would be interested in hosting the group from District 1290, please contact Doug Peterson at louannandoug@mediacommbb.net.

Three new members have joined the committee. They are Jack Schreiber of the Rotary Club of Des Moines, Donna Cowan of the the Rotary Club of Ames, and Doug Peterson of the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities. Past District Governor Cal Litwiller has agreed to serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.

If you have questions, please call District 6000 RFE chair Al Orsborn at acokmo@yahoo.com or call (641) 682-5447.



District Governors of the districts who will be involved with the Multi-District President-Elect Training Seminar March 4-5, 2011, in Dubuque, held a reception for Rotarians of their districts at the Montreal RI Convention (l-r): Gary Welch (D-6000, Ankeny, Iowa), Larry Zilliox (D-5950, Minnesota), Roger Kueter (D-5970, Cedar Falls, Iowa), and Craig Leiser (D-5960, Minnesota-Wisconsin).

Clubs should plan for changes for 2011 PETS

By DGE Don Patterson/Washington

District 6000 has joined three nearby districts to conduct our President-Elect Training Seminar for the club presidents who will serve in 2011-12. The other districts are 5970, northern Iowa; 5950, southern Minnesota (Minneapolis west); and 5960 south-western Wisconsin (St. Paul east). The training session will be in Dubuque, Iowa, at the Grand River Center on Friday and Saturday, March 4-5, 2011.

In the past, the training has been in Newton, Iowa, and last year at Ankeny, for only District 6000. Registration was paid through District 6000 dues, and travel and lodging were minimal expenses. This year will be different. There will be a registration fee (under \$250), and for most of us, additional travel and lodging expenses. District 6000 is asking the clubs to pay this expense for the presidents elect. Since this expense may place a financial burden on some clubs, the district is prepared to assist if needed.

I will be asking our assistant governors to speak to all of the clubs this fall to get a commitment from our presidents elect and have 100 percent attendance. If your club needs financial assistance, please discuss your needs at this time. Training is a Rotary International requirement, and we should do our best to participate.

This is our first year in the North Central Multi District PETS. Let's have outstanding participation!



Among the Rotarians volunteering with "Meals from the Heartland" were Tom Friedman and Mary Jean Cochran of Ankeny (l), and Pam and Steve Wieneke of Johnston (r).

Teams of Rotarians pack 'Meals for the Heartland'

Teams of 10 members from Rotary clubs in the Des Moines area volunteered with "Meals From The Heartland" Saturday, Sept. 4. The Rotary Club of Des Moines AM had two teams and the Rotary Clubs of Des Moines, Johnston and Ankeny each had a team of volunteers to prepare packaged meals for Haiti and other places with need. And this was on the first big college football Saturday.

Talk about Service Above Self!

Talk to your local newspaper!

Districts 6000 and 5970 will learn in October if an RI Public Image grant is approved to place Humanity In Motion ads in Iowa newspapers in the first quarter of 2011.

If approved, to qualify for the 3-col. x 8" ad, newspapers will be required to work with the Rotary club in their community to publish one page or more of Rotary articles. A Rotary media kit will be provided by the district, as well. Learn about this cooperative program at the Fall Seminars!

RIDING RAGBRAI FOR ROTARY:

Litwillers and California family raise funds for PolioPlus

By PDG Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

RAGBRAI, the Des Moines Register's Great Bike Ride Across Iowa, began on Saturday, July 24 with the drive to Sioux City amidst all of the other RAGBRAIers who were migrating to the starting point of the 2010 ride. Once in Sioux City, our first job was to locate our overnight host. We had been able to connect with Doug and Lou Peterson, Rotarians from Bettendorf, earlier and arrange for our group to stay with a relative of the Petersons at their condo in Sioux City. That night proved to be the last indoor accommodation for the next week. Our group consisted of three riders, myself, our son Tony, and nephew Steve Litwiller from near Wellman. The support crew was composed of Rachel Litwiller, our daughter Cherie, from the United Arab Emirates, Tony's wife Madeline, and Steve's wife, Brenda. In Sioux City we were joined by the Peterson's son, Greg, who lives in New York City, and two of his friends, Renee and Cheryl Kingan, who were from Virginia and New York City. The trio were joining us on the ride.

After a night's sleep on good beds, Sunday morning came and all were up and ready to go bright and early. After some breakfast we loaded everything into the vehicles and were off to the official dip site in Sioux City. The tradition is to dip the rear wheel in the Missouri River to start and the front wheel in the Mississippi river at the end of the ride. After taking the official photos to mark the beginning of the ride, we were all off and going on our first day for this year's RAGBRAI. We had a few hills on this, the first day of RAGBRAI, as we all knew we would, coming out of the Missouri River valley and across the Loess Hills. The roads were full of bikes, as the first day usually is, because riders are anxious to get out and going early causing a congestion of riders. Since I was on a tricycle, my speed was usually slower than the rest, so I was not able to get ahead of the pack as I usually do. We did not have head winds, so the day of 69 miles moved right along. We were all able to successfully locate our hosts, Storm Lake Rotarian Charles Larson and his family. The camper was up and food ready when I arrived. Later that evening we went uptown to the food vendors



PDG Cal Litwiller pedaled 450 miles across Iowa on this tricycle and connected with Rotarians at every stop. He raised \$649 for PolioPlus from sponsorships by his club and District 6000 Rotarians.

for our evening meal.

Monday dawned bright and clear with the temperatures nice for another day on the bike. We had 79 miles from Storm Lake to Algona, but had no hills and no head winds. Our route took us through West Bend and the incredible Grotto. This is a must see for anyone who finds themselves near West Bend. This is also the day of the optional John Karres Loop which makes the day's ride at least 100 miles, or a century day. Except for not being able to coast down any hills and having to peddle every mile, the day moved along smoothly. I arrived at our host before everyone else, with questions as to what had happened to the rest. My nephew arrived about an hour later and our son about two hours later. After inquiring what had happened to Tony, since he had left earlier than I had in the morning, he informed me that he had ridden the loop four times and had a total of 156 miles for the day. He informed me that he had now equaled his Dad's 150-mile sesquicentennial ride which he had missed out on when Iowa celebrated its Sesquicentennial. Little did I know that he intended to equal something like that this year on RAGBRAI. What an accomplishment! Our host turned out to be a Kiwanian who also lived next door to a Past District Governor for their Kiwanian district. The neighbor had the Kiwanian flag flying on his flag pole, for which I could not resist teasing him.

Tuesday took us 60 miles from Algona to Clear Lake on fairly level roads with good towns to stop in and plenty of nourishment along the way. Each day we were presented along the way with many food stands in the towns through which our route traveled. Many church and service organizations were able to raise money during RAGBRAI. I stopped in the city park at Garner where I enjoyed pie and ice cream with the local Rotarians, who seemed to be doing very well with their stand. Britt had a hobo theme

RAGBRAI/continued on next page



The Steve Wallace family of Lake Elsinore, Calif., and Iowa City, Iowa, rode RAGBRAI to raise funds for PolioPlus. They were challenged by the Herculean effort of their daughter, Chrissy, who hiked 2,658 miles from Mexico to Canada in 2007-08 and raised over \$70,000. Wallace said around \$2,000 was raised for polio, but it will be more because there are some who had yet to report.

Rotarians roll out the red carpet for riders

RAGBRAI/continued

to go along with their Hobo Museum, as well as an emphasis on Mayberry RFD, the TV program. You could have your photo taken with a person impersonating Andy Griffith and a local jail cell. In Clear Lake, we were hosted by current Clear Lake Rotary president, Tammy Orte, and her husband for the night. We were able to cool off in the lake and enjoy a beautiful sunset over the lake.

Wednesday took us from Clear Lake to Charles City, 52 miles. This day proved to be another day of very few hills and smooth riding with few head winds. As I walked my bike through Cartersville, I watched the swing-and-drop into the local lake. Five dollars paid for a chance to swing on a rope out over the lake and drop into the water. All were on good behavior while I was there. Later when I made a rest stop along the road, I noticed a person with a vest that said "Blind Rider" on her back. After looking closer to those who were around her, I realized they were the Rotary family from California who were raising money for polio during RAGBRAI. Each person had the "End Polio Now" logo on the back of their shirts. They said that the shirts raised some good conversations while on the road. I saw them one other time and was able to get a photo of them with their Polio shirts.

Thursday was a ride from Charles City to Waterloo, 82 miles. The ride was mostly south, with the most prominent stop being Parkersburg. It was very obvious where the tornado had hit the town, including the high school. Riders were able to visit the Ed Thomas football field, named after the recently deceased high school football coach and ESPN-honored family, where high school team plays its games. It was a long and hot day, but we were hosted by Waterloo Rotarian Dave Buck and Ruth, PDG for 5970, and 2009-10 PR chair for 5970. Dave was treasurer for the Waterloo RAGBRAI effort so we did not see him until the next morning. Ruth prepared a wonderful dinner for all of us. By this time we were happy to have a home cooked meal.

Friday morning dawned with thunder and rain. Waterloo Rotarian Steve Carrigan and his wife, a neighbor of the Buck's, prepared a wonderful breakfast for the whole group. Breakfast consisted of eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, scones, fruit and coffee. We decided to wait the rain out at the Bucks' residence. By 10:30 we were packed and ready to head out for the day. Since we were so

late, there were not many riders on the route. Many towns were closing shop when we arrived so we continued, getting what food we could. Not having the usual amount of food stands was not a problem thanks to the bountiful breakfast we enjoyed in Waterloo. Our route took us through Delhi, where we could see where the water had raised nearly to road height after the recent dam break. We also went through Quasqueton, where we were told about the legend of Wapsi and Pinicon, after whom the river is named. After 62 miles we were in Manchester, where we were hosted by a Mike and Mary Kay Rolfes, whose boss was a Rotarian in Manchester. As always, it was great to get in and have a nice warm shower and clean up. Showers are never any better than during RAGBRAI.

Saturday, the final day, finally arrived. We had 48 miles of eastern Iowa hills ahead of us. Our route took us through Dyersville, where I was finally able to see the Basilica. What a beautiful church! Our route also went past the "Field of Dreams." I missed the Ghost Players, but the line of people waiting to hit the ball was very long. After Dyersville the road took us to Graf, and the much talked about Potter's Hill. Potter's Hill is one mile long, with markers at every tenth of a mile to let you know how much more you had to go to get to the top. I had ridden the biggest hills around Mt Pleasant, so I thought I was ready for Potter's Hill, but little did I know what was ahead of me. The first half mile took me down to where I only had two gears left on my bike, and then the hill really kicked up in earnest. I was immediately in my bottom gear, peddling for all I could before I hit five-tenth-of-a-mile to the top. A call from my son encouraging me to push on was helpful, but it was tough peddling to make the top. I succeeded without stopping, my German determination drove me on, but it was one very tough ride, to say nothing about Potter Junior, which was the next hill. Potter Junior was shorter but it seemed to be just as steep. We were soon in Dubuque and all of its hills before we finally made it to the river and the dip site. This is always an exhilarating experience, reaching the end of another RAGBRAI. Everyone successfully completed the ride with no mishaps, for which we are always grateful. The only thing left was to dip the tires in the Mississippi river, load the bikes on the trailers, and head home for a good bed, shower and some rest. For me, RAGBRAI No. 11 was another successful endeavor. We met new people along the ride and had some great family time during the weeklong experience.

Pitching for polio in the Quad Cities

Rotary clubs of the Iowa-Illinois Quad Cities raised funds for Polio-Plus with Rotary Night at the Ballpark Aug. 4 for the game between the Quad City River Bandits and the Clinton Lumberkings. Throwing out the first pitch were club presidents, including Tim Perkins for J.D. Walls of Iowa Quad Cities (third adult from left), Charlie Jones of North Scott (c), and to his left: Glenn Hummel of Davenport, Tom Hammar of Rock Island and Tom Ward of Muscatine. Fans saw Rotary messages on the Jumbo-tron and displays on the mezzanine.





Kathy Ewing and club president Bill Stammerman.



Tyler Lindsay, his parents and Bill Stammerman.

Student volunteers recognized

By Jim Fox/Dallas Center

Club Membership chair

The Rotary Club of Dallas Center has recognized three more student volunteers:

- Anna Ewing is the daughter of Dave and Kathy Ewing of Dallas Center. Anna is an eighth-grader at Dallas Center-Grimes Middle School. She has earned the recognition of "Service Above Self" as a Dallas Center Rotary Student Volunteer of the Month by participating in: CoLTs (Character Leadership Team) member, PALS member, volunteering at Teen Center and volunteering in church activities. Anna's volunteer activities have included developing a CoLTs pamphlet, assisting with sixth-grade orientation, assisting with the skills development program, volunteering for Meals on Wheels, volunteering with Character Counts! in Iowa at the Iowa State Fair and organizing the 2009 Veteran's Day assembly. Anna recognizes the need to not only assist, but also to lead in her community. She looks for community service in her school, community, state and in the world. Anna consciously leads her life

by example modeling the pillars of character in all aspects of her life.

- Claire Fitzgerald, daughter of Shawn and Heather Fitzgerald of Dallas Center. She is an extremely enthusiastic, dedicated, hard-working student who strives to do her best in everything. She is an excellent recipient of this honor due to her volunteer efforts toward collecting pop tabs school-wide for the Ronald McDonald House. Claire and her parents are wonderful examples of the Character Counts pillars!



Claire Fitzgerald, her parents, and Bill Stammerman.

- Tyler Lindsay, son of Dan and Robin Lindsay of Grimes. Tyler volunteers at Child Serve every Friday after school. He plays with the children, takes them for walks and often reads to them. Tyler's excitement for volunteering is very apparent when he talks about his friends at Child Serve. He grins from ear to ear and his voice reflects the enthusiasm and passion he has for what he does. It is refreshing to see a young person take such joy in volunteering.

Rotarian receives National Service Award

Ames Rotarian Glen Mente (bachelor of science degree in animal husbandry from Iowa State in 1961 and a master's degree in animal nutrition in 1963), and his wife, Mary Jo, are recipients of the National Service Award from the ISU Alumni Association.

Miles Of Smiles Team plans trip to Guatemala

By PDG Gary Pacha/Iowa City

Iowa Miles Of Smiles chair

The D6000 Iowa MOST (Miles Of Smiles Team) trip to Guatemala will take place Feb. 17-27, 2011, in Huehuetenango. This will be the sixth Iowa MOST mission to Guatemala and the fourth time the District 6000 team will partner with the Rotary Club of Huehuetenango to carry out cleft lip and palate surgeries for children and adults who cannot afford this surgery that is life-altering.

There are openings for volunteer participants to act as photo-journalist, record keeper, recovery room assistant and pediatric ward assistant. Volunteers generally incur costs of approximately \$1,500, depending on airfare costs. All those who have volunteered in an Iowa MOST mission have considered it a life-changing experience. To apply, download an application form from the D6000 website at rotary6000.org. Send the completed application to PDG Gary Pacha at gpacha@aol.com by Nov. 1, 2010.

Funding is secure for 2011, however, beyond that it would appear we will not be able to continue with an annual trip. As generous as clubs have been, average club contributions have funded approximately 25 percent of the mission costs and reserves have had to be used. Contributions of any size from individuals and clubs will help to continue these missions. Iowa MOST contributions are tax deductible. It is important that checks be made out properly to District 6000 HEF, Inc., with Iowa MOST on the memo line, and should be mailed c/o: Jim Lane, treasurer, 303 Highland Drive, Iowa City, IA 52246.



The Rotary Club of Ames donated \$10,000, as the lead donor, to the Octagon Center for the Arts in downtown Ames to renovate space for a street level gallery to attract visitors to the Octagon's most outstanding displays from area artists, and especially the work of Iowa State University's fine arts students. The gallery, now completed, showcases the abilities and efforts of individuals and groups young and old, and will spearhead more networking among artists throughout the Ames and Story County. The exhibits in the new space already enhance the the community's Main Street Cultural District, providing recreational enjoyment and education to the general public. A special reception for Rotarians to view the renovated space was held (above).



'Let me call you Sweetheart'

What in the world did I do to deserve this?" asked Dorothy White, when told by Davenport Chordbusters president Dennis Johns that she was voted the Barbershop Harmony Society chapter's "Sweetheart of the Year" for 2010.

The honor, bestowed on Mrs. White with a serenade at the March 5 meeting of the Rotary Club of North Scott, said Johns, was because music has played such a big role in Dorothy's life – and she has shared her music and enriched the lives of countless Quad-Citians in a lifetime of service.

Since March of 1993 Dorothy has played the piano for hours each week at VonMaur at NorthPark Mall in Davenport.

At the age of 96, she still drives her car from Grand Haven in Eldridge to the Steeplegate Inn in northern Davenport, to play her beautiful music every Friday for the Rotary club. "Members and guests who come to our meetings rave about the music," said 2009-10 club president Chuck Briegel.

Because of her dedication and love for music, the club created the \$2,000 "Dorothy White Performing Arts Scholarship," which is awarded annually to a graduating senior from North Scott, Davenport North or Davenport Assumption who plans to pursue a career in the performing arts.



The Chordbusters named Dorothy White their Sweetheart of the Year for 2010. The quartet, "Possible Side Effects" (Bill Tubbs, Dave Knapp, Russ Hartwig and Dr. Greg Garvin) sang to her at the North Scott Rotary meeting on March 5.



Dorothy White

Pianist extraordinaire at North Scott Rotary since 1985
– at 96 years young – and Davenport Chordbusters'
2010 Sweetheart of the Year

In presenting Mrs. White with a rose and certificate, Johns explained that the Chordbusters typically name their sweetheart in January to promote the chapter's "Singing Valentine" program. "But Dorothy wasn't in town during that time and was enjoying a warmer climate for six weeks in California." It was her first extended absence since she began playing for Rotary in 1985 at the invitation of then-president Roy B. Keppy.

Dorothy has been an active member of Newcomb Presbyterian Church, Davenport, since joining the church in 1951, where she is an ordained elder and past organist. She occasionally still plays the church organ for special functions. Her granddaughter, Nicole, the daughter of Rotarian Rob and Pam White of Eldridge, was Miss Iowa 2003.

At Rotary, the quartet, "Possible Side Effects" sang "Heart of My Heart" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," with the club membership joining in the latter.

– reprinted from *The Eldridge North Scott Press*
story by Bill Tubbs; photos by Dave Haase and Bill Tubbs

Carroll Rotarians raise money for hospice

The Rotary Club of Carroll partnered with St. Anthony Regional Hospital to raise \$3,562 for hospice in the Field of Teams softball tournament Aug. 15. That was the largest amount in the event's 14-year history, breaking the previous record of \$2,500.

Rotary club member and tournament director Bob Fasbender said all fund-raising efforts during the day paid off. "It was everything," he said, "The raffle, the donations at the gate, the little donation canisters throughout the complex, the concessions ... and the nice weather. People hung around because it was nice."

Eight teams competed in the business-coed, 14-inch division, which was won by Carroll Auto Salvage, and five teams in the church/service club/family division, won by the Rotary Club of

Carroll. The number of teams was up from the previous year. The entry fee was \$50 per team.

The tournament supports St. Anthony Regional Hospice and its patients and families. The tournament has raised more than \$41,000 over 14 years.

"It was just fantastic. It's one of the Rotary club's service projects, and it's nice to have Rotary and hospice work so well together and for such a worthwhile cause. I think it touches everybody and people open their hearts a little more when it's something like this. We enjoy doing it," said Fasbender.

– from an article in the *Carroll Daily Times Herald*,
provided by Bob Fasbender

Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

(Members: Jul 09/Jul 08)	(1) 09-10 Goal	(2) Thru 6-30-10	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (29/29)	\$ 2,600	3,153	121	\$ 108.72
Albia (32/33)	1,860	1,425	77	44.53
Ames Morning (63/69)	10,000	9,700	97	153.97
Ames (247/264)	38,250	29,228	76	118.34
Ankeny (60/60)	10,650	7,857	74	130.95
Atlantic (67/66)	5,175	6,451	125	96.28
Bettendorf (92/88)	10,560	17,850	169	194.02
Bloomfield (15/14)	1,400	225	16	15.00
Boone (58/62)	5,400	6,690	124	115.34
Burlington (97/96)	10,100	8,599	85	88.65
Carroll (59/59)	6,000	5,840	97	99.00
Centerville (39/40)	4,000	3,140	79	80.51
Chariton (53/54)	5,500	6,575	120	124.06
Clinton (119/124)	9,400	9,005	96	75.67
Coon Rapids (26/27)	2,400	1,000	42	38.46
Coralville-North Corridor (30/33)	5,704	3,625	64	120.83
Corning (47/53)	2,450	2,500	102	53.19
Corydon (15/15)	320	650	203	43.33
Creston (21/18)	475	520	109	24.76
Dallas Center (25/22)	2,500	2,550	102	102.00
Davenport (168/174)	16,500	18,344	111	109.19
Decatur County (19/17)	4,000	4,885	122	257.11
Des Moines AM (143/134)	15,000	13,025	87	91.08
Des Moines (331/345)	24,000	10,950	46	33.08
East Polk County (40/37)	3,900	3,805	98	95.13
Fairfield (68/68)	7,770	7,700	100	113.24
Fort Madison (54/55)	5,500	5,735	104	106.20
Greater Des Moines (40/0)	2,800	5,100	182	127.50
Grinnell (31/32)	3,000	1,838	61	59.29
Indianola (52/51)	5,720	4,711	82	90.60
Iowa City AM (56/57)	8,250	9,113	110	162.73
Iowa City Downtown (19/26)	2,500	1,165	47	61.32
Iowa City (298/308)	28,458	35,900	126	120.48
Iowa Quad-Cities (48/53)	65,000	2,802	114	58.38
Jefferson (56/57)	5,700	6,150	108	109.82
Johnston (49/47)	5,000	5,790	116	118.16
Kalona (46/45)	2,500	2,600	104	56.52
Keokuk (83/82)	8,500	4,725	56	56.93
Keosauqua (24/28)	1,950	1,977	101	82.38
Knoxville (64/68)	2,450	5,750	235	89.84
Lenox (26/26)	2,700	2,564	95	98.63
Manning (17/17)	1,800	600	33	35.29
Marengo (14/15)	1,350	179	13	12.79
Marshalltown (174/175)	10,000	10,000	100	57.47
Mount Pleasant Noon (39/34)	2,010	1,571	78	40.28
Mt. Pleasant (30/25)	2,500	2,772	111	92.40
Muscataine (123/131)	18,900	29,564	156	240.36
Nevada (64/61)	6,500	8,450	130	132.03
Newton (79/80)	9,205	6,514	71	82.46
North Scott (104/99)	11,330	15,950	141	153.37
Northwest Des Moines (54/58)	11,700	9,262	79	171.53
Osceola (31/34)	2,560	700	27	22.58
Oskaloosa (55/58)	4,125	2,454	59	44.62
Ottumwa (110/112)	12,540	10,925	87	99.32
Pella (41/39)	4,400	4,990	113	121.71
Perry (26/31)	1,600	525	33	20.19
Tipton (26/32)	2,900	2,175	75	83.65
Washington (62/62)	7,150	6,240	87	100.65
Waukee (47/57)	5,500	5,100	93	108.51
Wellman (36/33)	3,910	4,215	108	117.08
West Des Moines (80/81)	9,085	5,750	63	71.88
West Liberty (32/33)	7,425	12,950	174	404.69
Winterset (31/31)	1,860	2,400	129	77.42
Total (4,184)	\$ 431,672	\$424,602	98.36	\$ 101.48

Foundation briefs

A good year ...

By John Kleinschmidt/Ames

D-6000 Annual Giving chair, 2009-10

Greetings one and all:

Some of you may already have this information, but in case you haven't accessed the final report for 2009-10, here she is!!! Though we missed the district goal of \$431,672, we can't be ashamed of the \$424,602 that was given to APF.

When we realize that an additional \$178,245 was given to the Permanent Fund and \$142,979 in Restricted Giving, that total of \$745,827 is a number that all clubs and the entire district can be proud of.

When we consider the state of the economy, the nervousness of everyone regarding jobs, etc., we really have to feel pretty good about the year. From year 97-98 onward, we've been over the \$400,000 every year.

Try TRF-DIRECT

Encourage Your Fellow Rotarians to Sign Up for TRF-DIRECT for Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund.

The Rotary Foundation offers TRF-DIRECT as an easy way to contribute by credit card or electronic funds transfer. TRF-DIRECT can boost a club's annual giving contributions and can help your club gain new Paul Harris Society Members or become a 100% Sustaining Member Club.

Once enrolled, a donor can choose whether to give to the Annual Programs Fund (to support the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative) or PolioPlus (to support Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge). Once enrolled, a donor no longer needs to remember when to make a contribution. All transactions through TRF-DIRECT are secure and will eliminate the worry of checks getting lost or delayed in the mail.

One tax receipt is issued at the end of the calendar year for easy accounting. All contributions count toward Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, and Major Donor recognition. However, only Annual Programs Fund contributions count toward Sustaining Member recognition and a club's annual giving goal.

Please contact Annual Programs Fund Chair Bill Koellner, or District Foundation Chair Corliss Klaassen for further assistance. Here are some helpful resources:

TRF-DIRECT enrollment form. E-mail enrollment form to trfdirect@rotary.org.

THE REAL MEANING OF HOPE:

Your gifts to The Rotary Foundation change lives

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty

D-6000, Annual Giving chair

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is an important issue with all clubs since these funds allow Rotary to provide all the outstanding programs of service.

District Governor Gary Welch, on his official visit presentation, will share the importance of the contributions to the Annual Fund.

The funds that are contributed grow safely and the interest earned over the subsequent three-year period covers the entire cost of operation of TRF; then the principal funds are divided equally – one half to the World Fund and one half to District Designated Funds (DDF). These DDF are returned to the District to be used by district leadership.

How has District 6000 contributed historically?

2005-06 (\$430,570);

2006-07 (\$482,457);

2007-08 (\$452,457);

2008-09 (\$437,218);

2009-10 (\$424,602).

Although our membership has decreased in District 6000, the average contribution still exceeded \$101 per member last year. At President-Elect Training (PETS), all presidents submitted an estimate of Annual Fund giving for 2010-11. The estimates provided DG Gary Welch totaled \$409,008. Giving has exceeded \$100 per

member now for four years.

The good news is that nearly 70 percent of Rotarians give to the Annual Fund in District 6000. We have the highest giving percentage in zone 28. In fact, 51.5 percent of those giving to the Annual Fund give more than \$100.



“Service Above Self” epitomizes the efforts of 1.2 million Rotarians around the world who bring hope to those they serve. As you may know, Rotary’s quest for world understanding and peace has led us to some extraordinary achievements. We are on the verge of eradicating polio in the world. We have provided clean and safe water to communities in developing countries, and we have helped educate thousands of children

who now have a promising future. Together, we bring hope to people who benefit from Foundation programs each year, most of whom we will never meet.

The Rotary Foundation was able to spend some US\$167.6 million dollars directly on Foundation programs in 2008-09. This tremendous sum of money is making a huge impact on our world and we are better for it.

Thousands of Rotarians, like you, work behind the scenes to bring these projects to successful conclusions. But the numbers alone do not show the joy of those who can now walk again because of new prosthetic limbs or the comfort and peace of mind in parents who can now provide safe, clean, drinking water to their children. That is the real meaning of hope.

D-6000 40th in world for Foundation giving

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Zones 28

As The Rotary Foundation books are in final stages of review and auditing, reports are being received that Rotarians once again have supported our foundation, The Rotary Foundation, in big ways, even with the economic wows around the world.

The Good News for the year ending June 30, 2010: Total Contributions to Annual Programs Fund were \$98,782,019 (0.10 percent higher than last year). Overall total contributions were \$175,637,020 (10.52 percent higher than last year). As your Zone 28 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, I sincerely thank each and every Rotarian who supported The Rotary Foundation.

However, the giving record for the 12 Rotary districts in Zone 28 is somewhat of a mixed bag. Overall giving to The Rotary Foundation totaled \$5,813,250 (9 percent decrease). With the 2009-10 total giving, Zone 28 ranked fourth in the world out of 34 zones.

Support to the Annual Programs Fund totaled \$3,7740,964 (5 percent increase) and resulted in per capita giving of \$109, or a 7.8 percent increase. By Zone 28 Rotarians giving as they did to the Annual Programs Fund, the Zone 28 per

capita ranking was 10th out of the 34 zones in the world.

Contributions to the Polio Challenge resulted in \$1,199,019, or a 15 percent increase, while other Restricted Fund giving resulted in \$659,000, or a 65.9 percent increase.

However, giving to the Permanent Fund saw a significant decrease from the 2008-09 Rotary year with giving totaling \$412,663 (74 percent decrease).

The following were the top districts from Zone 28 in total contributions in the world: District 5950 ranked 7th; District 6000 ranked 40th; while District 6440 ranked 46th.

The following are the top districts in Annual Programs Fund contributions in the world: District 5950 ranked third while D6440 ranked 38th in the world.

On behalf of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, I extend to each and every Rotarian and Zone 28 Rotary leader my very sincere appreciation for your support of The Rotary Foundation. There is no way to determine how many lives will be changed and improved when in three years edu-

cational and humanitarian programs and projects will be supported because the Rotarians of Zone 28 contributed to our Foundation during the 2009-10 Rotary year. Thank You!!

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News Briefs

Conference: Mark your calendars and plan to attend District Conference April 28-30, 2011, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny. Watch for information on the terrific speakers and the program being planned by DG Gary Welch and the committee, co-chaired by Sue Gibbons and Cathy Spencer!

Haiti: DG 2009-10 Cal Litwiller sent the last of contributions by District 6000 Rotarians and clubs to Haiti. "I just sent \$3,087 to World Vision, which along with the \$25,000 we gave them at District Conference comes to \$28,087, which they matched for a total of \$56,174. That, along with the \$3,000 we gave each to 'Meals from the Heartland' and 'Kids Against Hunger' comes to total of \$34,174 of District 6000 money. Thanks to all who supported these initiatives!"

Pakistan: Rotarians can provide aid to the millions of Pakistanis whose lives were devastated by floods this summer through the Pakistan Flood Recovery Fund that has been established by The Rotary Foundation. Information: www.rotary.org.

2012-13 President: Sakuji Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2012-13. Tanaka will become the president-nominee on Oct. 1 if there are no challenging candidates. For 32 years, Tanaka was president of Tanaka Company Ltd., a wholesale firm that went public in 1995 and later merged with other leading wholesalers in Japan. Kalyan Banerjee of India will be president in 2011-12.

Adventure: Des Moines Rotarian Charlie Wittmack, who spoke at District Conference, is in the midst of his global triathlon. He swam the English Channel and is bicycling across Europe and Asia en route to Mt. Everest, which he will climb. For-

mer D-6000 Ambassadorial Scholar and journalist Andy Stoll was with him at the beginning and will rejoin him at the end. Follow Charlie's adventures at: <http://www.theworldtri.com/archives/1058>. You can also send him a text message of encouragement. Be sure to sign it so he knows who it is from: 323.205.6382

Zone: "Picture the Future" is the theme for the Oct. 7-10 Zones 28-29 Rotary Institute in Rochester, N.Y., that will be attended by DG Gary and Colleen Welch and District 6000 leaders. Zones 28-29 includes 29 districts in the upper Midwest USA and southwestern Ontario, Canada.

Rotaract: The ISU Rotaract Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ames Morning, is starting up again for the new academic year. Past president Jane Acker writes, "To help the club recruit new members, we are urging those District 6000 Rotarians who are connected to ISU students to encourage their sons and daughters, nephews, nieces, neighbors and friends to check out the Rotaract Club and consider joining. Those interested can contact club president Heather Sinclair (granddaughter of PDG Don Goering) at heather.a.sinclair@gmail.com."

Nigeria: Three Rotarians will continue District 6000's relationship with Nigeria in November. DGE Don Patterson (Washington), DGN Terry Geiger (Decatur County) and WCS chair Brock Earnhardt (Davenport) will visit project sites and participate in polio immunization days.

Hunger Summit: Rotarians are invited to the 2010 Iowa Hunger Summit, sponsored by the World Food Prize Foundation, that will be held Tuesday, Oct. 12, as the official kickoff to the week of World Food Prize events. In its fourth year, the Hunger Summit will once again be a free, day-long event open to all Iowans involved or interested in the fight against hunger, both at home and abroad. An audience of over 500 grassroots and community leaders is expected. The highlight of the day will be the unique "Hunger Luncheon" featuring Nobel Peace Prize nominee Ambassador Tony Hall. Iowa community leaders, organizations, and interested citizens are encouraged to save Oct. 12 and check iowahungersummit.org for updates and news.

Corrections: We regret an error and an omission in the previous issue of District 6000 News: The Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines received the 2009-10 Presidential Citation, and J.D. Walls is the president of the Rotary Club of Iowa Quad Cities.



Doyle McCully,
Bettendorf



Ruth Laning,
Indianola

Faces from the past

PDG Cal Litwiller and Rachel hosted the Past District Governors' picnic at the Button Factory in Muscatine in July with horse-drawn carriage rides and a cruise on the Pearl Button. Do you recognize these faces from the past?



Denny & Kathy Skinner,
Nevada



Linda Tubbs, Linda and Ray Muston, Janice Wilson, Mary and Dale Belknap, Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

February 2010 - July 2010

CLUB	FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	71.00 %	20	61.00 %	35	68.00 %	29	64.00 %	33	61.00 %	35	61.00 %	36
Albia	51.60 %	48	54.40 %	45	57.80 %	46	56.30 %	41	51.90 %	48	48.40 %	49
Ames	54.00 %	46	57.00 %	41	58.00 %	45	62.00 %	38	59.00 %	39	57.00 %	42
Ames Morning	59.00 %	39	58.70 %	38	57.00 %	48	54.30 %	42			50.40 %	47
Ankeny	76.29 %	15	76.21 %	11	79.24 %	15	78.30 %	13	84.28 %	4	73.22 %	13
Atlantic	48.02 %	51	46.83 %	52	53.97 %	51			40.31 %	55		
Bettendorf	75.40 %	16	76.17 %	12	79.00 %	16	76.21 %	14	79.00 %	12	80.00 %	8
Bloomfield					87.00 %	7	75.00 %	16	79.00 %	11	70.00 %	21
Boone	55.00 %	44	52.00 %	48	59.00 %	44	69.00 %	26	57.00 %	42	61.00 %	35
Burlington	82.40 %	8	79.00 %	8	84.30 %	9	87.50 %	5	78.40 %	13	71.40 %	15
Carroll	67.16 %	26	67.20 %	25	65.00 %	34	66.02 %	29	57.97 %	40	70.00 %	20
Centerville	65.00 %	32	60.00 %	36	60.00 %	43	61.00 %	39	63.00 %	33	50.00 %	48
Chariton	68.00 %	25	68.00 %	24	73.00 %	19	70.00 %	24	65.00 %	32	64.00 %	28
Clinton	53.98 %	47	50.48 %	50	55.64 %	49	40.94 %	50	49.03 %	51	51.70 %	45
Coon Rapids												
Coralville-North Corridor	91.00 %	2	100.00 %	1	90.00 %	5	84.00 %	7	82.00 %	8	86.00 %	5
Corning			78.70 %	9	77.00 %	17			71.20 %	24		
Corydon	54.00 %	45					51.00 %	45				
Creston	62.00 %	37	62.00 %	32	71.00 %	23	63.00 %	35	51.00 %	49	64.00 %	27
Dallas Center	62.00 %	36	69.00 %	23	62.00 %	39	69.00 %	25	75.00 %	18	72.00 %	14
Davenport	24.10 %	54	45.45 %	54	47.55 %	55	31.25 %	52	57.12 %	41	42.21 %	51
Decatur County	78.00 %	13	71.00 %	18	83.00 %	11	79.00 %	12	86.00 %	3	75.00 %	11
Des Moines	47.00 %	52	44.00 %	55	60.00 %	42	54.00 %	43	53.83 %	44	52.97 %	44
Des Moines A.M.			53.00 %	47					61.00 %	34		
East Polk County	56.88 %	42	56.88 %	42	60.26 %	41	72.44 %	21	56.61 %	43	56.76 %	43
Fairfield					64.41 %	36	46.61 %	49	47.42 %	53		
Fort Madison			56.00 %	44	67.00 %	31			60.00 %	38		
Greater Des Moines							81.00 %	10	76.00 %	17	60.00 %	38
Grinnell	75.00 %	17	70.00 %	21	83.00 %	10			77.00 %	16	68.00 %	23
Indianola	58.00 %	41	51.00 %	49			50.00 %	47	48.00 %	52	70.95 %	17
Iowa City	80.00 %	11	31.50 %	57	40.00 %	56	35.23 %	51	37.46 %	56	32.38 %	54
Iowa City A.M.	72.00 %	18	75.00 %	13	75.00 %	18	73.00 %	20	74.00 %	19	75.00 %	10
Iowa City Downtown	85.90 %	6	84.60 %	7	80.00 %	14	87.10 %	6	90.80 %	1	86.80 %	3
Iowa Quad-Cities	62.05 %	35	61.98 %	33	69.17 %	27	71.88 %	22	70.31 %	25	62.87 %	31
Jefferson	68.00 %	24	65.00 %	29	63.00 %	37	62.00 %	37	73.00 %	20	63.00 %	30
Johnston	71.59 %	19	70.45 %	19	71.63 %	22	73.51 %	18	71.35 %	23	67.23 %	24
Kalona	77.10 %	14	73.70 %	14	91.20 %	4	94.70 %	3	65.80 %	30	70.89 %	18
Keokuk	49.42 %	49	47.13 %	51	48.72 %	54					40.69 %	53
Keosauqua	65.00 %	31	57.10 %	39	70.10 %	24	62.50 %	36	52.40 %	47	61.40 %	34
Knoxville	69.24 %	22	65.90 %	27	67.46 %	30	59.99 %	40	60.62 %	36	60.38 %	37
Lenox	70.00 %	21	71.00 %	17	72.00 %	21	81.00 %	9	70.00 %	27	93.00 %	1
Manning	69.00 %	23	72.00 %	16	69.00 %	28	66.00 %	30	83.00 %	7	66.00 %	25
Marengo	85.00 %	7	92.00 %	5	81.00 %	13	74.00 %	17	78.00 %	15	83.00 %	7
Marshalltown	33.82 %	53	46.46 %	53	51.02 %	53	50.15 %	46	44.09 %	54		
Mount Pleasant Noon	65.44 %	29	57.06 %	40	64.62 %	35	66.90 %	27	72.13 %	21	61.59 %	33
Mt. Pleasant	82.00 %	9	85.00 %	6	86.00 %	8	80.00 %	11	83.00 %	6	69.00 %	22
Muscatine	48.45 %	50	42.67 %	56	55.19 %	50	48.77 %	48	50.20 %	50	45.30 %	50
Nevada	64.45 %	33	61.92 %	34	72.77 %	20	73.12 %	19	71.56 %	22	70.55 %	19
Newton	63.00 %	34	66.00 %	26							64.33 %	26
North Scott	95.74 %	1	93.47 %	2	95.53 %	1	88.53 %	4	80.29 %	9	83.54 %	6
Northwest Des Moines	88.29 %	4	72.55 %	15	92.00 %	3			78.33 %	14	74.87 %	12
Osceola	66.00 %	28	56.34 %	43	66.35 %	32	64.42 %	32	67.69 %	28	41.35 %	52
Oskaloosa	59.80 %	38	64.30 %	30	62.80 %	38					51.40 %	46
Ottumwa	58.30 %	40	58.71 %	37	57.34 %	47	63.03 %	34	53.03 %	46	59.00 %	40
Pella	78.00 %	12	65.00 %	28	61.00 %	40	65.00 %	31	65.00 %	31	62.00 %	32
Perry												
Tipton			69.44 %	22	70.04 %	25	66.30 %	28	60.03 %	37	63.00 %	29
Washington	55.74 %	43	53.28 %	46	53.77 %	52	53.23 %	44	53.63 %	45	58.60 %	41
Waukee	81.63 %	10	76.72 %	10	94.24 %	2	76.04 %	15	83.42 %	5	79.12 %	9
Wellman	90.04 %	3	92.30 %	4	89.86 %	6	95.40 %	2	90.50 %	2	91.22 %	2
West Des Moines	66.08 %	27	62.15 %	31	65.56 %	33	99.18 %	1	66.45 %	29	59.24 %	39
West Liberty	65.00 %	30	70.00 %	20	70.00 %	26	70.00 %	23	70.00 %	26	71.00 %	16
Winterset	86.31 %	5	93.30 %	3	82.77 %	12	83.40 %	8	80.12 %	10	86.71 %	4

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Club leaders' checklist

From DG Gary Welch . . .

- Register club members to attend one or more Regional Rotary Foundation/Membership/PR seminars (p. 3).
- Ensure that your RI and district dues are paid, including voluntary contributions to FAMSCO and M.O.S.T. and the Youth Services Fund.
- Determine significant community projects that might be aided with a District Simplified Grant and apply by the Oct. 1 deadline (p. 10).
- Nominate a worthy club member for the Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award (p. 7).
- Observe Rotary's policies regarding political requests (pp. 11-12).
- Encourage and support your 2011-12 club president's participation at Multi-District PETS (p. 23).
- Encourage members to attend the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans (pp. 16-18).
- Consider nominations for district governor (p. 13).
- Encourage attendance and report your attendance monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 31).
- Plan programs and activities to observe November as Rotary Foundation Month (pp. 28-29).
- Plan membership development activities, and personally invite a member to Rotary (p. 3).
- Help Iowa M.O.S.T. make Huehuetenango, Guatemala a safer place for its citizens (p. 26).
- Notify the GSE Committee of your interest in hosting a team from New Zealand in April 2011 (p. 21).
- Explore your club's involvement with Youth Exchange, (pp. 4-5).
- Talk to your local newspaper about a Rotary promotion in the first quarter of 2011 (p. 23).
- Lead by example, and ask members to increase giving to The Rotary Foundation, including Sustaining Members (\$100/year); Paul Harris Society Members (\$1,000/year); Major Donors (combined personal outright or cumulative giving to the Annual Programs Fund of \$10,000); Benefactors (minimum \$1,000 to the Permanent Fund as an outright gift or in an estate plan); and Bequest Society Members (\$10,000 or more for The Rotary Foundation in an estate plan) (p. 28-29).
- Submit news of your club's successes or upcoming events by Nov. 15, 2010 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacque Andrews (Jefferson).

What will you choose?