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FRIDAY—AT THE STEEPLEGATE

## Merle Anderson

Rotary Volunteers Committee  
Registered Rotary Volunteer

### Merle L. Anderson

Merle was born and raised on a farm south of Galva, IL. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves as an Infantry Drill Sergeant. He spent over 35 years working in Farm Supply and Grain Marketing Cooperatives in Illinois and Iowa. Merle worked in Operations, Sales, Sales Management and as General Manager in Galesburg, Jacksonville and Jerseyville, IL. He was also on GROWMARK, Inc. staff as Western Illinois Regional Marketing Director. In 1992, Merle moved to the Quad-Cities to manage S/M Service Company, now River Valley Cooperative.

Merle has been active in Rotary for over 20 years. He served as President of North Scott Rotary in 1999-2000. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a Mel Heiler Fellow and a member of the Rotary RV Fellowship. Merle serves on the District 6000 Group Study Exchange (GSE) Committee and Chairs the District Rotary Volunteers Committee. He is a Registered Rotary Volunteer. He has attended three Rotary International Conferences.

Merle and his wife, Mary Lou, have been married for forty years and they are the parents of three grown children. Eric lives in Florida, Brent is in New Jersey and Amy is in Texas. They also have two grandchildren.

Since taking early retirement in 2000, the Andersons have spent about 5-6 months of the year traveling. Other hobbies include gardening and genealogy. Merle has been on eight 3-4 week assignments as a Rotary Volunteer in the former Soviet Union countries of Ukraine and Moldova. His work there includes Cooperative Development and Strategic Business Planning.

### Would You Like To Be A GSE Team Leader?

Be a diplomat for District 6000. We're seeking candidates to lead a rigorous, four-week exchange to **New Zealand**. Consider applying if you're passionate about discovering a culture, meeting Rotarians and leading a group of young professionals.

Location: District 9910 includes a portion of the capital, Auckland, the northern tip of New Zealand, and the islands of New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Norfolk Island.

**Exchange dates: March 18-April 15, 2011**

Qualities: We're looking for someone with proven leadership skills, a strong record of Rotary participation and international travel experience. Team leaders must show flexibility, perseverance and resourcefulness.

The position: Duties include helping recruit four young professionals to make up the team, inspiring them with a sense of mission, and preparing them to represent District 6000 and the United States. The team leader will also work with Rotary hosts to help plan the trip and ensure its success.

Deadline to apply: noon, Friday, June 18. Applications are available on the district web site <http://www.rotary6000.org> in the left column under FOUNDATION, then Group Study exchange. Send applications to Lynn Hicks, GSE outbound chairman, at [lynhyx@gmail.com](mailto:lynhyx@gmail.com).

Interviews will be Monday, July 12, location to be determined.

For more information: Contact Lynn Hicks, GSE Outbound Chairman, at (515) 556-0747 or [lynhyx@gmail.com](mailto:lynhyx@gmail.com) or Merle Anderson, GSE Committee Member at 285-4625 or [mia24@aol.com](mailto:mia24@aol.com).

**Rotary International President**

**John Kenny, Scotland**

**Governor, Rotary District 6000**

Cal Litwiller; Mt Pleasant

Ass't Governor: Becky Eiting, Davenport

**Officers, Board of Directors**

July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

President—Charles I. Briegel

Vice President, President-Elect—Charles Jones

Vice President—Becky Bray

Secretary—John Maxwell

Treasurer—Steven C. Fahrenkrog

Sergeant-At-Arms—Gene Hoth

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Executive Secretary—Dennis Peterson

**DIRECTORS:**

(Term expires 6/30/10).....(Term expires 6/30/11)

Nancy Glawe .....Eric Langan

Bob Grove ..... Serge Pasheev

Carolyn Scheibe.....Jan Trimble

Steve Swisher ..... Kim Wilkins

**Makeup's at nearby Rotary Clubs**

Monday, Noon .....Clinton, Rastrelli's Restaurant, Lyons

Monday, Noon .....Davenport Outing Club, 2109 N. Brady St.

Monday, 12:10 pm.....Muscatine, Hotel Muscatine 101 W. Miss Dr

Monday, Noon .....Moline, Christ The King Church

Monday, 6:00 pm..... Quad Cities Illinois, 1530 5th Ave, Moline

RT's Italian Village

Tuesday, 7:15 am ..... River Cities, Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City, IL

Tuesday, noon .....Rock Island, QC Botanical Center

Wednesday Noon ..... Bettendorf, Fortune Garden

Wednesday, Noon ..... Maquoketa, Eagle's

Wednesday, Noon ..... Tipton, Cedar Lanes Red Pin Lounge

Wednesday, 4:30 pm ..... Ridgcrest, 4134 Northwest Blvd, Davenport

Wednesday 5:00 pm .....Davenport Mini-Meet at Lunardi's

Thursday, 7:00 am..... Iowa Quad Cities, The Lodge, Bettendorf

Thursday, 12:15 pm.....East Moline, Christ United Methodist Church

Thursday, Noon ..... Milan, Milan Community Center, Hwy. 67

Friday Noon .....North Scott, Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

**ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Friday, May 21:** Program: Merle Anderson: Rotary Volunteer Experiences and Opportunities throughout the World.

**Wednesday, May 26:** Adventure Day at the Putnam Museum, for disadvantaged children of the QC. 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. Jeremy Kaiser, Chair. Sign up on green sheet to help!

**Friday, May 28:** Program: Nick DiGioia: Teaching Art in the QCA as an Artist: Dave Schnorrenberg & James Patten, Program Hosts

**Friday, June 4:** Program: Quad Cities Honor Flight, Bert Vigen, Host. June Birthdays Celebrated.

**Thursday, June 10:** Board Meeting 7:00 A.M. Steeplegate

**Friday, June 11:** Program: Personal Economics; Scott Kurtz, program host.

**Friday, June 18:** Program: TBA

**Friday, June 25:** Meeting offsite at Scott Community College: Tour New Facilities: More details at a later date.

**Friday, July 2: No Meeting: Holiday Week**

**Thursday, July 8:** Installation of Officers at Steventon's, LeClaire, IA. Attendance awards presented. Jody Johnston-Mohr, Chair

**Friday, July 9:** No Meeting (Thursday installation)

**Thursday, July 29:** Annual Corn Boil

**Wednesday, August 4:** River Bandits Baseball Game: Fund Raiser for Polio Plus

**MAKE-UPS TURNED IN**

May 8: James Patten: River Bandits Game with Rock Island Rotary; celebrating Veterans

May 10: James Patten: Davenport Rotary Club

May 11: James Patten: Rock Island Rotary Club

May 12: James Patten: Davenport Mini Meet

May 12: Margo McInnis & Richard Golinghorst: Bettendorf Rotary Club

May 12: Nancy Glawe, Bert Vigen, Chuck Briegel:

Scholarship Committee Duties

May 13: Chuck Briegel, Charlie Jones, Becky Bray, John Maxwell, Steve Fahrenkrog, Gene Hoth, Dennis

Peterson, Bob Grove, Carolyn Scheibe, Steve Swisher,

Serge Pasheev, Jan Trimble, Kim Wilkins, Bill Tubbs,

Cody Allen, Randy Zobrist, Brad Burt, Scott Case, Steve

Suiter: Board of Directors Meeting

May 14: Joy Rasche: Rotary Eclub

**ASSIGNMENTS**

May 21: Set up/Tear down: Don Brandt; Greeters: Adam

Kerns & Mardy Morrow; Song Leader: Mike Thavenet;

Invocation: Jim Koehler; Sergeant: Anita Wubbena

May 28: Set up/Tear down: Dick Cole; Greeter: Leroy

Paustian; Song Leader: Angela Reese; Invocation: John

Maxwell; Sergeant: John Maxwell

June 4: Set up/Tear down: Don Brandt; Greeters: Joy

Rasche & Elza Sager; Song Leader: Kelly Meyer;

Invocation: Scott Case; Sergeant: Jeff Ashcraft

June 11: Set up/Tear down: Lee Ittenbach; Greeter:

Carolyn Scheibe; Song Leader: Jody Johnston-Mohr;

Invocation; Steve Powell; Sergeant: Mike Thavenet

June 18: Set up/Tear down: Don Brandt; Greeters: Roger

Amhof & Jeff Helms; Song Leader: Jeff Ashcraft;

Invocation: Jan Trimble; Sergeant: Eric Langan

June 25: Meeting offsite at Scott Community College

**THANK YOU'S RECEIVED**

To the Rotary Club:

Thank you very much for purchasing the soccer clothes and equipment that I needed for the season, and for the generous graduation gift. I have enjoyed my time spent with the North Scott Rotary Club. Thank you very much for your sponsorship and support.

Jaime Ruiz – Youth Exchange

Also:

Jack Schinckel received a packet of thank you's in late April from some John Glenn (Donahue) students. The children especially enjoy Jack & Jean reading to them in German.

**SIGN UP'S FOR PUTNAM ADVENTURE  
WED., MAY 26, 2010 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.**

Cody Allen from the North Scott Rotary club is coordinating all the helpers for the Putnam Adventure. The following people have signed up so far. Please contact Cody at [callen@northwestbank.com](mailto:callen@northwestbank.com) if you have questions about your assignment. Thanks in advance to all the helpers!

Becky Bray  
Julia Blazevic  
Jan Trimble  
Pete Wislander  
Merle Anderson  
Mike Auliff  
Ken Tank  
Bill Tubbs  
Regen Johnson  
Fred Mulch  
Charlie Jones  
Mary Macumber-Schmidt, Jake & Sam  
Rich & Mary Golinghorst  
Adam & Kim Kerns  
Chris Connolly, Kieran & Aidan  
Scott & Nancy Case

**SPEECH NOTES – SOMMNIENG**

May 14, 2010 – North Scott Rotary Club  
(His actual notes from last Friday, reprinted at the request of Dick Cole)

First of all, I would like to express my deepest thanks to Mr. President and the committees of this club. My very special thanks to Richard Cole as he said previously that we met accidentally at the Best Buy while a monk was shopping. Deeply thank to everyone here for giving me this opportunity to share my works in Cambodia.

Before talking about my works, let me tell you briefly about myself. The Vietnam War, the Khmer Rouge, the foreign occupation and the extended civil war, Cambodia was in ruins when I was born in 1980. The war permeated everything. It was a time of anarchy and fear. No one was untouched by the fighting. Bombs were dropped with regularity, destroying schools, homes, and lives. As a child I victimized, endured beatings and family violence as well as constant danger from living in a war zone. And when I was 12, a man threw a grenade at my adopted family, killing the water buffaloes, and I was also critically injured.

Although most schools were destroyed and the teachers were killed until late 1990's. I was lucky enough to attend primary school. But my luck ended when I returned to my biological family in 1995 and it was time to take the examination that would advance me to Junior High, because my family was very poor and didn't have the money and we didn't have any way to get it, \$5 to pay for if I want to pass the exam. So, I lost my education.

I felt ashamed, but I refused to give up. Then, I did what the boys from poor families do and pursued the only option available to me. I entered the temple in my village staying as a temple boy and began studying with the monks. My desire to learn and to excel was strong. I worked hard, and just few months later I passed the temple examination, and two

other examinations in following months, and then I was ordained as a novice monk at the age 16, in 1996. A year after becoming a novice monk, I was accepted as a student at Wat Damnak in Siem Reap where the curriculum was more intense and more advanced, that was the beginning of everything, my education and social works.

Tomorrow (May 15), I will get my unexpected, only-dreamed-of degree from the most influential country in the world. Remember – before 2005, I had never dreamed of even seeing the United States of American, but now not only seeing, I will also get a degree. So, let me invite you to join the celebration of my graduation tomorrow at 3 to 6 PM in downtown Rock Island, see more information at the table there.

The pains, the suffering and hunger that I knew as a child still exist and keep spreading out even more in every part of world. The pains of the poor, the sadness of the powerless is beyond description, I know as I had personally experienced when I was young. So that-my education must serve for those suffered. I must thank St. Ambrose University; especially Dr. Edward Rogalski for granting me a scholarship, this education will enable me to speak louder and more effective, representing the voice of the poor and the powerless. So, I am determined, although I know I cannot do great things, but I can definitely do little things with great love. This was the motivation that led to the journey of my social works in early 2000's and the creation of the Life and Hope Association (LHA).

Though, the Life and Hope Association in not a great organization, but it was created by the great hearts in May 2005. It has grown from one single project in 2005 into six projects, including Food for Education, Vocational Sewing Training Center, Foreign Language School, The Children's Development Village-orphanage, the Angkor Peak Sneek Jr. High School, and program advancing girl's education-PAGE. With these projects, we serve directly to more than 1000 children and the disadvantaged. Their lives have changed and being changed every day, change them from un-skillful to skillful citizens, we change them from life outside school into the life in-schools, and we change them from scary, lonely and unexpected future into the warm families and a hopeful future.

As Buddha said "Avijaa Paccayaa Sankharaa Dukko, the ignorance is the root of all suffering", this is true in every aspect. We also believe that a loving care and good education can provide a way out of poverty and suffering. Thus, responding to this belief, the LIFE AND HOPE ASSOCIATION is strongly committed to breaking the cycle of poverty by providing a loving, compassionate support and access to education especially the poorest and most vulnerable in Cambodia.

To the end, Once again, on behalf of my team, children and the girls of Cambodia, I thank you all so much for your kindness and goodness of your beings!! Thank you!!!

Ray Klinginsmith, the President-Elect of Rotary International, will be the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Iowa City on Wednesday, May 26, at noon at the UI Athletic Club at 1360 Melrose Avenue in Iowa City. Any Rotarian who would like to attend, please contact Bill Tubbs at 285-8111 by Friday, May 21.

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## YOUTH DAY MAY 14, 2010

The celebration of youth associated with North Scott Rotary was the theme on Friday, May 14. Although Nancy Glawe was to lead the introductions (and she was hospitalized), Bert Vigen, chair of the scholarship committee did a wonderful job!

Scholarship winners Stacy Phipps and Chloe Gumpert from North Scott and Kelsey Overmire from Davenport North were all present, along with parents Gary & Paula Phipps, Tami Gumpert and Julie Overmire. Each of these ladies will receive a \$2000 scholarship from the North Scott Education Foundation.

RYLA students present were Abby Saladino, North Scott, Caitlin Walton, Davenport North and Hannah Zinger & Patrick Smith from Davenport Assumption. Parents present were Tony Saladino and Joan Walton. These students, selected by each schools counselor's went to Des Moines (on a bus) for a day long leadership and team work conference in April.

Jaime Ruiz, inbound youth exchange student, North Scott and Mary Agnoli, outbound youth exchange student, Davenport Assumption also were introduced. Counselors present were Julie Fulton from Assumption and Kim Foley-Sharp from Davenport North.

Graduating seniors were also recognized! Erika Vigen, daughter of Bert & Julie Vigen, Jordan Ashcraft, son of Jeff Ashcraft, Tyler Bylund, son of Tom Bylund and Brandon Messer, son of Tom Messer were all congratulated as they told

of college plans. Andrew Troje, son of Rachelle Troje and Davenport Rotarian, Ralph Heninger rounded out the guest list.

Dick Cole had a very special guest, Somnieng Hoeurn, from the Kingdom of Cambodia, gave a brief speech describing his Life and Hope Association. Dick just recently returned from Cambodia and met Somnieng at the camera counter at Best Buy. Somnieng graduated from St. Ambrose and will be retuning to Cambodia in the very near future.

May birthdays were celebrated and Sergeant Randy Zobrist collected \$51 for the education fund with his interesting trivia questions. Jeff Ashcraft promoted the HDC Auction and Golf Outing to be held Sunday, June 6. For reservations, call the HDC office at 391-4834 or email Carol Foster at [cmf@hdcmail.org](mailto:cmf@hdcmail.org).

### **The 4 Way Test** **Of the things we THINK SAY or DO**

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