

WDM ROTARY CLUB HISTORY -- FROM THE ROTARY WHEEL

B(date) = FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

AR(date) = FROM ATTENDANCE REPORTS

June 1955 Say it with flowers,
 Say it with sweets,
 Say it with eats,
 Say it with jewelry,
 Say it with drink,
 But always be careful
 Not to say it with ink!

When I quit the mortal shore,
And mosey 'round the earth no mor,
Don't weep, don't sigh, don't sob,
I may have struck a better job.

Don't go and buy a large bouquet,
For which you'll find it hard to pay.
Don't mope around and feel all blue,
I may be better off than you.

Don't tell the folks I was a saint,
Or any old thing that I ain't,
If you have jam like this to spread;
Please hand it out before I'm dead.

If you have roses, bless your soul,
Just pin one in my button hole,
While I'm alive and well today
Don't wait until I've gone away.

1970 Joke from Howard Amick

Little lad (at zoo): "Mommy, how do lions make Love?"

Mommy: "I don't know dear. Most of your father's friends are Rotarians."

Nov 25, 1975 Club Money-Making Proposal

Mayor Murray Drake, working very closely with Mayor Joe Freeman of Urbandale, has come up with a plan to make some money for our local Rotary Club. They are trying to organize a bunch of Rotarians to invest in a large cat ranch near the Farm Bureau building and close to Howard Amick's retreat. It is their purpose to start rather small with about one million cats. Each cat averages about twelve kittens each year; skins can be sold for about twenty cents for the white fur and forty cents for the black fur. This will give our Rotary members twelve million cat skins

per year to sell at an average price of around 32 cents, making the revenue about \$3,000,000 a year. This really averages out to \$10,000 a day (excluding Sundays and Holidays). A good volunteer Rotarian can skin fifty cats per day, but we would have to pay the lunch tab at about \$3.15 per man per day. It will take 663 men to operate the ranch so the net profit would be over \$8,200 per day.

Now the cats would be fed on rats exclusively. Rats multiply four times as fast as cats. President Don then suggests we could start a rat ranch on either the Walter Giles or Lyle Smith farms and then have a rat ranch close to our cat ranch. If we start with a million rats, we will have four rats per cat each day. The rats will be fed on the carcasses of the cats that we skin. This will give each rat a quarter of a cat. You can see by this that this business is a clean operation, self supporting and really automatic throughout. The cats will eat the rats and the rats will eat the cats and we will get the skins.

Richard Clary has been suggested as the Chairman of this project but states he is not satisfied with the lunch tab for the volunteers at a cost of \$2,088 daily for skinning the cats, and is thus trying to cross the cats with snakes, for they will skin themselves twice a year. This will save the labor costs of skinning as well as giving us two skins for one cat.

Anybody interested in volunteering, sign up with Bill Reese, our Treasurer, but every member absent today will be automatically assigned the clean up crew.

1978 FROM ATTENDANCE REPORTS

ARJune 27 **Conley Biddle** installation as District Governor. Dinner at the Farm Bureau Building.

Nov 27, 1979

New meeting place at Drawbridge Restaurant beginning Nov 27, 1979

1979 FROM ATTENDANCE REPORTS

ARMay 29 New member - R. Christopher - Hospital Administrator
ARJune 12 New member - James R. Frey - Accounting Manager
ARApr 3 Charles J. Raffay - Sales Manager Moon Lithograph Co.
ARApr 24 Guests included Phillip & June Boobyer, Rotary Exchange couple from England
AROct 2 New member - James D. Cleere - Telephone sales
ARNov 27 William R. Vierling - Executive Recruiting

1980 FROM ATTENDANCE REPORTS

- ARJan 22 Guests: Julie Hoier, our foreign exchange student to Australia
Margaret Culshaw our exchange student from Australia
Miguel Hernadez, Urbandale exchange student from Mexico
- ARFeb 5 New member - Robert DeWaay - Loan Management
- ARMay 20 New member - Noel G. Brown - Elevators & escalators
- ARMay 27 Commencement speakers from Valley High School. Peter Hedges won the award
for best speaker, Brenda Jensen won the Rotary scholarship
- ARJune 17 New members - Len R. Golke - Fraternal Insurance
Allen Anderson - Insurance advertising
T. Paul Calkins - Adult Educ. & Training
James Homan - Stockbroker
- ARJune 24 James P. Ryan - Exec. Sec. Des Moines Construction Council
- ARJuly James A. Smidt - Computer Systems
Timothy Eldredge - Office Furniture
- ARNov 3 Fireside chat at King Arthur's Castle in the evening with Rotary Anns
- ARNov 4 Tour of Moon Litho Plant
New member - LeRoy Veale - Pastor - Christ's Church
- ARDec 9 Tom Burlingame - Corp Attorney
John Carlson - Telephone service
Steve Givens - Accounting
Greg Kenyon - Domestic Relations
Ed Strunce - Employment Services

Note: Club History written by Conley Biddle was up through May of 1981

1981

- June 2 New meeting place at Walnut Creek YMCA
- June 23 Rotary Fellowship
 "Just grin – when you come in,
 And make it wide – not tight and thin
 Say 'Hello Bill,' and 'Howdy Jack,'
 And slap the other fellow on the back;
 Stick out your mitt, and crack a joke;
 If no one laughs, there's no bones broke,
 And by and by you will make our club
 A sort of happy sunshine hub
 That radiates good cheer and vim,
 Because – you grin when you come in."

Jun 30, 1981 It was one of our usual fine Installations, – Rotary Ann Night at the Farm Bureau. The food was excellent, the atmosphere delightful, the companionship loveable, and the program unusual. Terry Aikins, we understand, was instructed to get an interesting program – what else but a “belly-dancer”, and no one can say that we aren’t a swinging club. Incidentally, she was good and entertaining, although the new president didn’t take too well to the routine.

Our new District Governor, Don Koch performed the installation honors with outgoing President Bill Reese performing admirably as “emcee”. Incoming President Larry Hoier performed well his “closing remarks”, stating that Rotary’s new President, Stanley E. McCaffery of Stockton, California and his theme, “World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary” will set the tenor for his year.

Jim McCarl became our newest Paul Harris Fellow.

Jul 7 The new revised, updated edition of the Club’s History – by Conley Biddle – is now available.

Jul 21 Rotary night at the State Fair with Barbara Mandrell will be Aug 19

Aug 4 Our Rotary Exchange Student, Carsten Johansen, from Denmark, will arrive on Aug 9. He will have the opportunity to live with 6 WDM Rotarian families. Many thanks to hosts Bill Reese, Larry Hoier, Lee Minear, Lawrence Wilcox and Don Rogers.

All of the Club flags obtained over the years by members have been mounted on 6 large pieces of blue felt. Chuck Raffay and Jim Brown spent many hours of their time working on the display.

Sept 22 Pres. Larry Hoier has placed his application to be the team leader for the Group Study Exchange to Australian District 978. He will be interviewed in October.

Sept 29 Oct 4 will be a family outing to Living History Farm. The afternoon will end with a pig roast.

Nov 10 We are proud that our Pres. Larry was selected to be the GSE team leader to Australia. We will have several weeks next spring with Mike Canady at the helm.

Nov 24 Christmas party will be Dec 8 at DMG&CC.
We will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Dec 19 at the same locations – Dahl’s on Grand and Woolco on 22nd.

Dec 1 By now each Rotarian should have sold nearly all of the allocated fruitcakes. If you need more there are still some available.

Dec 22, 1981 Joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Des Moines. Entertainment by The Noted Four from the Sweet Adeline's.

Merry Christmas Carsten

At our Club meeting on December 15, President Larry Hoier presented an envelope to our Rotary Exchange Student Carsten Johannson. It contained money to help him enjoy a skiing trip he will be taking with his host family Bill and Joyce Reese. Have a great trip Carsten – don't let Bill fall and break anything.

Dec 29 Bob Waddill reports Club members have sold a total of 716 boxes of fruit cakes. There are still 100 boxes to sell. Waddill encourages all members to pick up a few more fruit cakes and help get them all sold. He has also contacted the Valley West mall management about setting up and selling the cakes this Wednesday and Thursday during regular hours which are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. A list will be circulated at this meeting for volunteers to help man the booth.

1981 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

BJuly 13 Approved one \$500 scholarship to be awarded next year to a Valley High School Student.
Hoier recommended as GSE team leader next year to Australia

BAug 10 BBQ to be held at Living History Farms in September
Approved \$75 to International Food Fair
Banner box transported to the closet at the YMCA

BSept 14 BBQ moved to October 4
Approved the purchase of a used piano from the East Des Moines Club for the sum of \$150 which will be donated to the YMCA if they will keep the piano in tune.

BOct 12 Approved \$250 to assist Amanda the Panda in her work

BNov 9 Add'l \$35 collected for Amanda the Panda from club members and forwarded.
Christmas party to be at DMG&CC on Dec. 8
The fruit cakes should be here by Nov. 16 for distribution
Bell ringing on Dec. 19

BDec 13 Joint meeting with DM club on Dec.22. Sweet Adelines will provide quartet
Sale of fruit cakes going good with only 160 left.
\$500 to YMCA as in the past
\$200 to Carsten Johansen exchange student for expenses on trip to Colorado

1981 FROM ATTENDANCE REPORTS

- ARFeb 10 The day of the big blizzard. 35 members and 4 guests in attendance
- ARFeb 14 20 of our members attended the Rotary International 75th Anniversary dinner held at the Elbon Club, 8th & Locust
- ARFeb 17 Valentine Party. 41 Rotarians and 21 guests
- ARFeb 24 New members -- James R. Coil - Bldg. Materials
Robert Albright - Walnut Creek YMCA
Jack L. Crain - Gynecologist
- ARApr 7 Robert D. Coleman - Residential Property Rentals
Ronald Achilli - Hospital Administration
- ARMay 12 Kenneth E. Westerbeck - Investments
- ARMay 19 Kevin S. Olson - Tax Sheltered Investments
- ARJune 2 WDM club moved to the Walnut Creek Family YMCA
New member - Charles Gustaveson - Banking
- ARJune 23 Installation of Officers at the Farm Bureau Building. Rotary Ann party. The new WDM Rotary Club History will be distributed at that time.
- AROct 20 A guest was Carsten Johansen, our Rotary Exchange Student
- ARNov 10 Christmas party will be held Dec 8 at DM Golf & CC
- ARNov 17 New member - Anthony Romano - Data Processing Administrator
We will be ringing bells at Dahl's in WDM and Woolco on 22nd St. on Dec. 19

1982

- Jan 26 Speaker was our exchange student Carsten Johansen.
- Feb 2 Valentine party will be at Charlie's Showplace on Feb 17. The show will be "Any Wednesday.
- Feb 16 Music is the order of the day with "The Raccoon River Boys" of Urbandale High School presenting a program of barbershop singing.
- Feb 23 Goodbye to Pres. Hoier. Larry is leaving to lead the GSE team to Australia. Mike Canady will were as Acting President until Larry returns.
- Mar 23 A reprint from the bulletin of the Rotary Club of Manning.
The Enemy is Us
A young man attended public school, rode the Free bus and participated in the subsidized lunch program. He entered the Army, and then upon discharge, retained his national service insurance. He then attended the State University on the G.I. Bill.
Upon graduation, he married a Public Health Nurse and bought a farm with an FHA loan, and then obtained an RFC loan to go into business. A baby was born in the County Hospital.

Later he put part of his land in the soil bank and the payments helped pay for his farm and on their Social Security. REA lines supplied him with electricity. The government helped clear his land. The County Agent showed him how to terrace it. Then the government built him a fishpond and stocked it with fish.

Then one day after hearing that President Carter's \$500 billion budget for 1980 added up to \$2,000 for every man, woman, and child, he wrote his Congressman:

"I wish to protest these excessive governmental expenditures and attendant high taxes. I believe in rugged individualism. I think people should stand on their own two feet without expecting handouts. I am opposed to all socialistic trends and I demand a return to the principles of our Constitution and of State Rights."

Could this be a "looking glass" view of "Service Above Self?"

- Apr 13, 1982 First annual WDM Spring Golf Event is scheduled for May 6 at Willow Creek.
- May 25 The District 600 Conference last weekend was well attended with 15 of our members in attendance. Conley Biddle was elected to attend the R.I. Council on Legislation in Monaco as representative for District 600.
- June 15 District 600 Assembly will be held June 19 at Indianola in the Great Hall at Simpson College.
- June 29 Installation dinner for the 1982-83 Board at the Farm Bureau Building. The entertainment was impressive – a barbershop quartet comprised of Rotary Club members Mike Canady, Gene O'Neil, Noel Brown and Bob Waddill put on quite a good show. I think they should consider keeping the group together! Incoming President Mike Canady was surprised when his brother Bob gave him a roast! Among those celebrities (impersonated by Bob) were many United States Presidents who gave Mike some good pointers about his upcoming year in office. District Governor Don Koch was on hand to induct new Club officers.
- Sept 21 Just in Jest: A school is a place that has windows, doors and walls — and tomorrow inside.
- Had a fireside chat for new members at Walnut Creek Inn on Sept 15.
- Fellowship activity will be at Jester Park Barn on Oct 24
- Nov 9 Speaker is Frank Diephuis, our Rotary Exchange Student from Holland.

Nov 23 It has been proposed that our club engage in the sale of fresh fish as a fund-raising project. The fish would be purchased from Stroller Fisheries in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Dec7 Annual Christmas party at the Embassy Club. Santa Claus appeared and passed out gifts to members NOT present. The included an honorary PhD from the School of Quick Comebacks for Mike Sinks for his fascinating repartee with ex-pres. Larry Hoier; a season's supply of golf balls for Larry Lockridge so he can have money to buy a new denim suit; for Bob DeWaay a new name for his bank; for Murray Drake a term without redistricting; for Jim Fleming a short warm winter, or a long cold one in a room without windows; and for Harry Beardsley and Preferred Risk, an ex-governor as chief executive. Wonder what those who were THERE got?

Dec 21 Program by Valley Singers from Valley High School

1982 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

BFeb 12 \$500 to Smouse School
Conley Biddle nominated as District Representative to Council on Legislation
Robbie Reese approved as an out-bound exchange student

BMay 12 Approved exchange student from Denmark, Frank Diephuis

BJune 30 Year end financials show:

Piano	\$150
Amanda the Panda	250
International Food Fair	75
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	350
Scholarships	500
Smouse School	500

BOct 8 \$200 approved for Camp Fire Girls
\$100 approved for International Food Fair

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ARJan 5 New members -- Don Wagner - Real Estate Counseling
Roger D. Peterson - Banking

ARJan 26 Speaker was Carston Johansen our Rotary Exchange Student
Noel Brown announced the Spring Rotary Ann Party will be held at Charlie's Showplace on Feb. 17

ARFeb 9 New member -- Darrell Ball - Commercial Construction

ARFeb 16 Robert Hovey - Gas Industries

- An excellent presentation was made by the Urbandale Bell Choir from Urbandale High School directed by Doug Mason. Further music was furnished by "The Sugar Cookie", a Sweet Adeline Group.
- ARFeb 23 New member--David Murtha - Culligan Soft Water
- ARMar 23 Quote on attendance report, "Too much of the world is run on a theory that you don't need good road manners if you have a five ton truck."
- ARMay 18 Fifteen of our members attended the district Conference last weekend. Conley Biddle was elected to attend the RI Council on Legislation in Monaco as representative of District 600.
- ARMay 25 New member -- E. Patrick Leader - Insurance-Bonds
- ARJune 1 David L. Finch - Pork Promotion
- ARJune 29 Installation of Officers at Farm Bureau Building
- ARJuly 6 New member -- Dr. Ahmad Y. Al-Shash - Internal medicine and Allergies
- ARAUG 3 Guest: Robert Reese, our Exchange student departing for Columbia
- ARAUG 24 New member -- Roger L. Henren - Management Consultant
- AROCT 24 Picnic at Jester Park barn. Brisket of beef with all the trimmings.
- ARNOV 9 Speaker - Frank Diephuis, our Rotary Exchange student
- ARDEC 7 Annual Christmas Party at the Embassy Club

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- Jan 18 Big fish sale will be Feb 11.
- Feb 22 Jim Smidt reported that the net proceeds from the Fish Sale would total about \$1,000. Jim and John Carlson are to be commended for their efforts in this activity.
- Mar 15 Don't Shoot The Piano Player! (By Allen Anderson)
Months ago when Greg Kenyon volunteered, and I emphasize volunteered, to play the piano and accompany our singing, I don't think he realized what he was getting himself into. Since then he has taken a lot of razzing but still he plays on. This guy's got guts or no brains! Anyway, I just want to take a few words to say I think his accompaniment for the most part has gotten better each week. Last week his lead in to one of the songs was absolutely marvelous and I think Greg could go all the way to becoming a famous piano player. But I must admit, I laugh just as hard when he flubs up. Anyway, I for one appreciate Greg's efforts. So let's not shoot the piano player just yet!
- Apr 26 According to reports, the club will not be taking on more roofing projects in the near future. Sounds as if the roofing project done on the 16th was an effective and exciting (exhausting?) experience.
- May 3 On February 8, 1983, a California court confirmed that Rotary's male-only membership rule conforms to California law. The rule was challenged by the

former Rotary Club of Duarte whose charter was withdrawn by Rotary International in 1978 after it admitted three women as members. Subsequently, the club brought suit in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles. It contended, essentially, that women, through being denied Rotary club membership, were impeded in entering or pursuing their businesses or professions.

A key finding of the Court: Rotary is not a “business establishment”...and that women “merely were denied the privilege of joining with individuals from other vocations, professions and businesses in a community service organization.” Rotary’s policy with regard to business and professional relations is that a Rotarian should not expect – and far less should he ask for – more consideration or advantage from a fellow Rotarian than the latter would give to any other business or professional associate.

May 10 Conley Biddle gave a report on the proceedings of the R. I. Council on Legislation which he attended in Monte Carlo, Monaco - March 7-10, 1983.

Just in Jest: Hiring a good accountant to do your income tax may save some time — even a year or more!

May 17 THE PREZ SEZ, by Mike Canady – I was very gratified by the effort of the membership in making our 100% day a 100% success. Keep it going guys!

May 31 Speaker was Dr. John Bardole who spoke on the topic of “Surgical Management of Impotence”. The slides were interesting. The attention and questions shown by the members and guests indicated this was a topic that was interesting and informative to the group.

June 7 June 11 will be the day when Rotary Club Members will paint the Valley Opportunity Center. Don Wagner is in charge.

June 28 Installation dinner at the Farm Bureau Building. The food was again ample and excellent. The program planned by Greg Kenyon was changed due to his unfamiliarity with the keyboard instrument available there. So we had to forego the premiere performance of the Kenyon Concerto. In place of that treat we were entertained by Mr. Poof! and his attractive assistant – and incoming president Charles Raffay who sacrificed his \$10 bill – almost. Outgoing President Mike Canady gave a thorough and interesting resume of the years’s activities, indicating among other things that our programs had ranged from “5 Reasons Why Jack Daniels Won’t Make It” to “Surgical Management of Impotence.”

Incoming President Charles Raffay and the Board for 1983-84 were installed with great elegance and élan by Conley Biddle.

Joe Van Winkle and Rotary Ann Fran looked proud and happy as he was presented his Paul Harris certificate, medallion and pin. And rightly so, he's a "good Joe" & Rotarian.

Jul 12 Speaker was our Rotary Exchange Student Frank Diephuis.

President Chuck Raffay presented a \$1,000 check to Susan Bearman from the Day Care Service Center to be used for the purchase of playground equipment. The money was raised at last year's fish sale.

A special thanks goes out to all those people who helped with the recent cleaning and painting project at the Day Care Center in West Des Moines.

Sept 20 Golf outing involving our club and the Northwest Des Moines club will be on Oct. 10.

Meaning behind our emblem: Rotary's emblem originated in 1905 as a simple wagon wheel representing "civilization and movement." The cogged version was made official by a 1919-20 Board decision. A keyway was added in 1929 to signify that the wheel is a "worker" – not an "idler." To this is added a note from another Rotary Club Bulletin: "Our wheel will not act alone. It needs energy...a force to set it in motion."

Nov 1 Speaker was Robbie Reese, son of our own Bill Reese. Robbie was an exchange student to Columbia last year and he showed slides and talked about his experience there and in Ecuador and Peru.

Nov 22 Salvation Army bell ringing will be Dec. 10 at Dahl's and the ½ Price Store. Christmas party will be at the Embassy Club Dec. 13.

Dec 27 Speaker was David Baskerville, who was an exchange student in Japan last year.

It amuses me to think that your organization spends so much time looking for new members – when I was there all the time. Do you remember me? I'm the fellow who was asked to join and was accepted. I paid my dues and then I was asked to be a loyal and faithful member. I'm the fellow who came to every meeting, BUT nobody paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have his own friends to talk to and sit with. I sat down among some unfamiliar faces several times, but they didn't pay much attention to me. I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of the committees or somehow to participate and contribute – But – no one did. Finally, because of illness, I missed a meeting or two. When I returned, no one asked me where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much whether I was there or not. Next meeting date, I decided to stay home and watch a good television program. When I attended the next meeting,

again, no one ask me where I was the week before. You might say I am a good guy, a good family man, and I hold a responsible job and love my community. You know who else I am? I'm the member who never came back.

1983 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

- BJan 14 Fish sale to be held Feb 11 and 12 at the intersection of 22nd St. & University
\$600 approved for YMCA youth program
- BFeb 18 Approved donation of playground equipment to Day Care Services, Inc. Cost will be up to \$1,000 and equip will be installed by the membership.
Approved donation of \$500 to Children's Healthcare Foundation , Inc. which is Dr. Sahu's hospital project.
- BMarch 11 Profit on the fish sale was approx. \$1,137
Roofing project sponsored by the club will be tentatively held on April 16
Fireside chat on May 4 at Walnut Creek Inn
- BMay 15 \$300 to Fellowship for Christian Athletes
- BJune 30 YE financials:
Camp Fire Girls 200
Fellowship of Christian Athletes 300
Children's Health Care Fund 500
- BAug 12 Established goal of \$15,000 to be used to establish the Saheb Sahu hospital
- BNov 12 Tour to be through the Rheems Noodle Plant on Nov 22

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- ARJan 11 New member -- Kurt Brewer Deferred Compensation
- ARMar 15 Rev. Obid O. Hofland United Church of Christ
Steven Bassman Limited Partnership Syndication
- ARMar Phillip L. Risley Computer processing
Dean Wenthe Auditing service
- ARApr Earl E. Caudill J. C. Penney manager
John R. Wright Tree Service
Gerald Vokolet Brandeis Store
- ARMay 17 The Fireside Chat was well attended with 14 members and 11 Rotary Anns
- ARMay 31 New member -- Mike Coury Education-Parochial
- ARJune 21 Timothy Goldman Trade Association - Banking
- ARJune 28 Installation of Officers at Farm Bureau Building. Joe Van Winkle was presented with his Paul Harris Fellow award and pin.
- ARJuly 12 New member -- Thomas George Trial lawyer

President Raffay presented a check for \$1,000 to Susan Berman for the Day Care Service Center. This was receipts from our fish sale last winter.

AROct 11 New member -- Bryon M. Cox Computer sales & service
 ARNov 1 Jack A. Rogers Banking - Trust planning

Speaker was Robbie Reese, exchange student returned from Columbia
 Guest of Reese was Takahiro Hosojima

ARNov 29 New member -- G. Eric Hockett Medical - Family Practice
 ARDec Eric Mahnke Investments - Stock
 Paul E. Campbell Psychotherapist

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Jan 3 Raffle Results: The committee which worked so hard to raise money for the hospital in India are to be commended for their efforts. The winner was Vern McDonough, Landman Realty, Inc. The winning ticket was sold by Steve Bassman and rightfully so. It seems fitting for the top salesman to have one of his ticket holders win the trip to Mexico. Bassman sold \$509 worth of tickets; Suku Radia sold \$466; and nine Rotarians sold \$200 or more. The WDM Rotary Club, after expenses, netted \$2,457.

Feb 14 Valentine Day party at Charlie's Showplace.

Feb 28 We will be contributing \$500 toward purchase of a van for Human Services to transport elderly and handicapped to doctor, shopping, etc.; \$1,000 to the Family YMCA with \$600 going to Partners With Youth program and \$400 toward the parking lot costs; \$100 to camp expenses for local Campfire Girls chapter; \$500 for Dowling scholarship fund similar to the one we have for Valley; and on Apr 14th we are joining with COG and St. Marks Lutheran Church to pay for and help serve lunch to senior citizens. Also we are planning to have our March 13 meeting at Hillhaven West.

Mar 6 More detail on our Community Service involvement: In addition to our luncheon there next week we shall be contributing \$500 to Hillhaven West for the construction of a gift shop. Through the raffle we shall be contributing \$2,560 to the Orrissa, India, project. All these contributions and involvements should amount to some sort of a record for our club, President "Chuck".

May 22 Speakers were the student speakers for the Valley High School Commencement. The winner was Dennis Ryan who received a \$75 check from the club. Other contestants were Diane S. Garner, Grant D. Goodman and Jay P. Hatch. Each of them received a certificate of recognition for their communication skills.

June 19 Installation dinner at the Farm Bureau Building.

- Jul 3 President Radia's goals:
1. 10 percent minimum membership increase.
 2. 85 percent minimum attendance record.
 3. Average annual giving of \$20 per member to The Rotary Foundation.
- July 24 Club Assembly Day
- July 31 Second Club Assembly Day
- Aug 28 Special Club Honor: Past District 600 Governor Waldo Wegner visited the club on August 21 and presented Past President Raffay and the club members with a Presidential Citation plaque for several accomplishments during the past Rotary Year. The West Des Moines Rotary Club was one of 11 clubs in District 600 who was successful in completing enough goals to be eligible for this recognition. Past President Raffay accepted the plaque on behalf of the club and thanked the club members for their efforts to make this award possible.
- A joint golf outing with the Northwest Club is scheduled at the Urbandale Country Club for September 19.
- Sept 11 Speaker was Governor Terry Branstad.
- Sept 25 A district-wide dinner honoring RI President Carlos Canseco will be held at Boone on Sept. 28.
- Oct 9 Which kind of member are you?
- With his thumb, a hitchhiker says:
- “You furnish the gas, attend to repairs and upkeep, supply the insurance – and I will ride with you. But, if you have an accident I will sue you for damages.”
- This sounds pretty one sided, but one wonders how many hitchhikers there are in many organizations and clubs. Many members seem to say:
- “You go to the meetings, serve on the board, serve on the committees, do the paperwork, study the issues, take care of things that need doing, and I will just go along for the ride! If things don't suit my fancy, I will complain, criticize, and probably get out and hitchhike to another group.”
- Hitchhiker or driver...which one are you?
- Oct 30 Christmas party will be at DMG&CC on December 18. Entertainment by a vocal group from Dowling.
- Nov 6 Speaker was Susanne Asberg, our Exchange Student from Sweden.

Club Fish Sale: At the last meeting a plan was presented for a Club fish sale beginning immediately. Our goal is to sell \$15 thousand and each member is asked to do their best. Fish is initially being pre-sold with pickup on November 17 in the parking lot just south of the First National Bank of West Des Moines on 22nd Street. Prizes are being offered to the person with the highest sales as well as to the person with the least sales. Rumor has it, the loser must wear a fish costume at a public event!.

Nov 20 Our appreciation goes to Steve Bassman for the excellent job he and others did in organizing the fish sale. Even though we did not make our goal, over \$5,000 worth of fish was sold earning our Club about \$1,100.

1984 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

BMar 31	Financial statement:	
	Smouse School	100
	WDM Camp Fire	100
	Human Services of WDM	500
	Hillhaven Convalescent Center	500
	Mercy Hospital Foundation	2,560
	Day Care Service, Inc.	1,000

BOct 5 Approved \$500 to WDM Human Services to assist in purchase of a bus.

1984 FROM ATTENDANCE REPORTS

ARJan 17	New member -- David A. Ashe	Designer, Interior and Exterior
ARJan 24	Larry A. Wood	Real Estate Counselor
	Dick Herbert	Commercial Loans
ARFeb 7	Chuck Sweeny	Human Services Investigator
ARFeb 24	David J. Harrison	Building design
	Thomas J. Lundy	Security Services
ARMar 27	Michael Eberle	Veterinarian
ARApr 10	Jack Rudkin	Realtor
ARApr 24	John Miksick	Circulation Manager
ARMay 8	Don Stackhouse	Building Construction
ARJune 12	Richard Rupert	Agency Manager
ARAUG 14	Guest Suzanne Asberg,	exchange student from Sweden
ARAUG 21	New member -- Stephen R. Wilcox	Investments
ARSept 4	Edward Wright	Stockbroker
	Guest of Bill Reese - Ichiro Ozaki	
ARSept 25	New member -- Robert A. Britson	Consulting Engineer
AROct 23	Chuck Fletcher	Auto dealer
AROct 30	Penn Berens	Share Health Plan of Iowa

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| ARNov 6 | Douglas Peterson Nursing Service Manager
Joseph Wilkinson Health Care
Buce Pichler Podiatrist |
| ARDec 18 | Dowling High Singers provided entertainment with a series of excellent musical selections. |

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| Mar 9 | Meeting on Mar 19 will be at Hillhaven West.
Fireside meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Inn March 20 |
| Mar 26 | Donations greatly appreciated: During the past month The WDM Rotary Club has made five donations to the community. The first was made to the Walnut Creek YMCA (where we hold our weekly meetings). The next donation was made to the Scouting organization. The third donation was to the WDM Police Department. The fourth donation went to Amanda The Panda. The most recent contribution was to Hillhaven Convalescent Center. |
| Apr 16 | Thanks to the several members who helped serve the Senior Citizens lunch on Apr 13. |
| June 4 | Installation dinner will be at the Des Moines Golf & Country Club on June 25. |
| June 18 | Goodbye Suzanne: Its been great to have that lovely young lady from Sweden with us for the past year, and Suzanne Asberg was with us for the last time last week. The big winners of this last year with Suzanne were the Ruperts, Lockridges, Reeses and Wagners who hosted Suzanne in three month stints. God speed, thou lovely Swede. |
| Jul 2 | Just in Jest: With all of the new mergers we heard about, the latest proposed merger with a religious twist which will include Mary Tyler Moore productions, the Yale Lock Company, Fuller Paint and E. R. Grace, and will be called Yale-Mary-Fuller-Grace.
Installation dinner at Des Moines Golf & Country Club. Conley Biddle inducted the board. New Paul Harris Fellows were Tom Fredregill, Doug Hillman, Sahib Sahu and Suku Radia |
| Jul 23 | Each Tuesday after the Pledge of Allegiance, we recite the Rotary 4-Way Test. This procedure was begun by Chuck Raffay when he was president 2 years ago. |
| Aug 13 | <u>Children's and Women's Hospital - Orissa, India</u> The State of Orissa, in Eastern India is slightly larger than the state of Iowa, but has 9 times more people (27 million). There is only one Children's Hospital in the whole state. It may take as much as 2 days of travel time for some sick children to reach |

the hospital. Dr. Saheb Sahu, and the WDM Rotary Club have been working together to build a Children's and Women's hospital in Orissa, India since 1978. Their original goal was to build a 100 bed hospital at an approximate cost of \$300,000. Because of lack of funds, the goal was revised to build a 50 bed hospital at a cost of about \$100,000. So far, Dr. Sahu has donated \$38,000, the West Des Moines Rotary Club has raised about \$5,000 and Rotary International has given \$3,000 and promised to give \$33,000 more, bringing the grand total to \$79,000. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 this Rotary year.

There are six Rotary Clubs in Orissa, India, who are taking this hospital as their joint community service projects. They have received the land free. Dr. Sahu is hoping that they will raise enough local resources, both in money and in kind, to pay for at least 50% of the hospital cost. Our money will be used mostly for equipment and some construction cost.

- Aug 20 Thought for the day -- Ideas are funny little things. They won't work unless you do.
- Aug 27 Stephanie Johnson, a Dowling student is the winner of a \$150 scholarship from the WDM Rotary Club
- Oct 8 Steve Bassman and Jim Flemming are doing an excellent job of organizing and promoting the FISH SALE which will be Nov 16 in the parking lot of the True Value Hardware at 63rd and Grand
- Nov 19 Club will ring bells for the Salvation Army at Dahl's Food Store on Grand and The Half-Price Store on 22nd Street on December 14
- Dec 17 **WHAT KIND OF A ROTARIAN ARE YOU?**
1. SOME ARE LIKE WHEELBARROWS - no good unless pushed.
2. SOME ARE LIKE TRAILERS - no good unless pulled
3. SOME ARE LIKE CANOES - they need to be paddled
4. SOME ARE LIKE KITES - if you don't keep a string on them, they will fly away.
5. SOME ARE LIKE BALLOONS - full of wind and likely to blow up unless handled carefully
6. SOME ARE LIKE A GOOD WATCH - open face, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works!
This is a self-test. How did you score?
- Dec 31 The Jan 14 meeting will be at The Lodge of Ashworth

From the Governor's newsletter (Paul McNutt):
 A \$35,000 Rotary Foundation Special Grant for the construction of a women's and children's hospital in Orissa, India, has been awarded to the West Des Moines Rotary Club. The \$35,000 amount was matched by the WDM Rotary Club, thus bringing the total to \$70,000. The \$70,000 will be used for the purchase of medical equipment for a women's and children's hospital in the area of India where no such facility currently exists. Infant mortality is very high and this a much needed facility. The hospital facility is currently under construction phase of the project. Dr. Sahu, a local physician who is a neonatologist, has been instrumental in this project and without his able support, the project would not have been undertaken. The \$70,000 will be used for the initial medical equipment that is required and the physician residents from a medical college in India will staff the facility.

1985 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

- BJan 11 Bassman reported on results of fish sale
- BFeb 8 Approved \$300 each:
 - Camp Fire
 - WDM Police - Safety Town equip
 - Day Care Service - Child restraints for transportation equip
- BMarch 8 On behalf of Rotary International, the Club accepted a check for \$32,875 from Dr. Sahu. This check was for the purchase of all of the Sahu Inc. common stock that Dr. Sahu had previously donated to Rotary on the basis of a valuation of \$32,875. The proceeds will be used in our support of a women's and children's hospital in India. We will attempt to have Rotary International match this contribution.
- BMay 17 In light of the large donation made by Saheb Sahu, approved that the club finish his payments on his Paul Harris Fellow and present same to him at the installation on June 25th.
- BJune 14 Radia advised he had received announcement that Rotary had approved the matching of funds for the hospital equipment for Saheb Sahu's hospital in India. This will mean that the new total for this project is \$70,000.
- BDec 13 Discussion held about the funds we are holding for the Sahu project in India. This can only be used for the purchase of hospital equipment. There is \$32,875 in the bank plus about \$3,000 of accrued interest.

1985 FROM ATTENDANCE REPORTS

- ARFeb 19 New Member Robert Tait Grocery Store

ARFeb 26 Alan Austin Banker
 Fireside chat to be held at Walnut Creek Inn on March 20

ARMar 12 New member - - Jim Von Bon Distinctive Packaging

ARApr 9 John C. Edwards Internal Revenue Service

ARApril 16 Ralph (Pat) Patterson, PDG 1976-77

ARMay 7 13 of our members attended the district conference at Hotel Fort Des Moines

ARMay 14 New member David G. Triebes Hospital Administration

ARJune 18 Monte Roumpf Insurance Admin.

ARJul 23 Douglas W. Rushing Agronomist

ARAug 6 Dennis J. Malloy Radio

ARAug 13 Jim Vogel Insurance

AROct 20 Stan Engel Banking

ARNov 19 Bill Bruett Rental Properties

ARDec. 5 Christmas Party - Sweet Adeline Quartet

1986

Mar 4 Recently a team of Rotarians consisting of Dave Harrison, Greg Kenyon, Dick Rupert, Mike Eberle and Alan Austin went to Valley High School to talk with high school students about employment. Their goal was to help seniors better understand what to look for in an employer.

Mar 18 PIANO PLAYER WANTED: I know how difficult it will be to replace Greg Kenyon at the piano, but being president and the piano player is asking too much. Now we have to find a new piano player. The pay is good and the harassment continuous – the perfect club commitment for the individual who wants recognition! In all seriousness, we have a tradition at our club – singing. And it sure would be nice for one or more of you to volunteer your talents and accompany our great singing.

Apr 15 THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: To get the full value of joy, you must have someone to divide it with. Mark Twain

May 27 June 10 meeting will be at Hillhaven West Convalescent Care Center

Jun 3 Scholarship awards:

Rebecca Ann Lowe	Valley	700
Jill Marie Best	Valley	500
Tamara Kadlec	Valley	400
Sheri Ann Pearson	Dowling	150
Michelle Ann Moore	Dowling	150

Jun 10 Listing of the 15 Paul Harris Fellows in WDM Club in order of award:

1. Earl McClaren	6. Conley Biddle	11. Tom Fredregill
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| 2. Carl Ripper | 7. Bill Reese | 12. Doug Hillman |
| 3. Raymond Kirk | 8. Jim McCarl | 13. Dr. Saheb Sahu |
| 4. James Newsome | 9. Don Groves | 14. Suku Radia |
| 5. Joe Van Winkle | 10. Pat Patterson | 15. Stan Ver Ploeg |

Jun 17 Bob Britson will be our new Rotary pianist and promises to do as fine a job as Greg Kenyon did – perhaps even finer.

1986 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

- BJan 10 Approved increase in scholarships from \$1,000 to \$2,000 with 85% to Valley and 15% to Dowling
- BJan 24 Signed contract with LaVal, Ltd. to provide Club meals at the Walnut Creek YMCA at a cost of \$5.26 for each person served.
- BApril 14 Approved \$200 to WDM Police Dept. to be applied to cost of the Robot used in classes for children.
- BMay 9 Fredregill reported he had four persons to work on the Jordan House cistern “dig”.
 BJuly 11 Stan Ver Ploeg and Jim Brown are the club’s latest Paul Harris Fellows
 BSep 9 Announced fall outing on Oct 19 at Living History Farms. The picnic area would be reserved and Bob Tait will do the catering.
- BDec 12 It was reported that the piano needed repair. Leg is broken. It was suggested we look into the purchase of a keyboard instead which is portable.

1986 FROM ATTENDANCE REPORTS

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| ARFeb 18 | New member--John C. Pollak | Admin. YMCA |
| | Tom Rotherman | Accounting |
| | Timothy Treese | Hardware |
| ARMar 18 | Larry Ites | Savings & Loan Manager |
| ARJun | Installation of Officers - dinner at DM Golf & CC | |
| ARSep 26 | Guest: Edu Hartog, Foreign Exchange Student from Holland | |
| ARDec 2 | Speaker was Edu Hartog | |

1987 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

- BJan 9 Board decided not to buy a keyboard due to price and ask Don Stackhouse to look at fixing the broken piano leg.
- BFeb 13 Received our gambling license for the raffle which is being developed by Jim Fleming. The license is good for 2 years.

- BMar 13 Approved following donations:
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| Chemical People | 200 |
| WDM Human Services | 300 |
| Living History Farms | 100 |
| Children's Convalescent Home | 200 |
| Amanda the Panda | 200 |
| YMCA (Walnut Creek) | 600 |
- BMay 15 The recent Supreme Court decision indicating that California Rotary Club which admitted women and its effect on our club was discussed. It was determined that there will be a great deal of information about this disseminated at the international convention and that we should wait until such time as John Hintze has returned from the convention and the board would make decision on this matter at the June board meeting.
- BJune 24 Some clubs in Iowa have already admitted women. Hintze expressed his feeling that our club should also accept women and try to obtain sound women business leaders before they are obtained by other clubs. Hintze will make an announcement at the meeting and installation dinner about the Rotary International President's statement about women. The board basically agreed with this direction. We will make a statement and then allow the members to vote.
Club will again distribute 5 cash scholarship awards for students at Valley and Dowling High schools. There will be a \$600 award, \$400 award, and three \$300 awards.
- BNov 13 Christmas party will be Dec 8 at the Country Club with entertainment by Mt. Olive Lutheran Handbell Choir
Will have a new location for ringing bells for the Salvation Army - Valley West Mall
- BDec 11 District Conf. scheduled for Blackhawk Hotel in Davenport. A feature will be a cruise on a riverboat with an auction to be held during the cruise. Each club is asked to contribute something for the auction. A suggestion was that we give the horse collar that was passed along from president to president until it was retired by Fredregill. First should check with Bill Reese who started the tradition.
- (Note by Bill Reese — no one checked with me. I didn't know this was done. I tried to find this horse collar a few years ago, but no one seemed to remember what had happened to it.)
- BDec 13 Club will meet Dec 22 at the Hillhaven West Convalescent Center
All agreed the trip to the Super Value Warehouse as a meeting was a good experience and we should visit more member locations next year.

1987 FROM ATTENDANCE REPORTS

ARJan 13	New member -- Robert P. Dyer	Securities
ARMar 24	Daniel Maddox	Agronomist
ARApr 14	Michael Schnoes	
	Steve Jacobs	
	Scott Porter	
ARMay 12	Kim Yap	Health Accounting
ARMay 19	William Duma	Commercial Banking
ARJune 30	At the installation dinner, Harry Beardsley was surprised by his wife, Winefred, with the presentation as a Paul Harris Fellow.	
ARJuly 7	NM David W. Meyers	Health Agency
ARAUG 25	Dr. John Wagner	Chiropractor
ARSept 8	Temporary meeting places: Rest of September — Super 8 Motel at I-35 and 74 th St. October – Billy Joe’s Pitcher Show, 1701 25 th St. WDM	
ARNov 17	By a vote of 31 -20, the membership in attendance at the meeting voted to make the Des Moines Golf and Country Club the new home of the West Des Moines Rotary Club.	
ARNov 24	Presented check for \$200 to JoAnn Zimmerman, “Amanda the Panda”	
ARDec 8	Thirty spouses and guests, including 2 past president’s widows (Iva Kirk and Marjorie Newsome) attended the annual Christmas Party.	
ARDec 15	Greg Kenyon gave a report on the Club’s progress toward reaching the Polio Plus Financial Goal of \$15,000. To date we have commitments for \$14,800 and there are still several Rotarians who have not been reached. Next meeting Dec 22, will be held at Hillhaven West Retirement Home at 1211 Vine St., WDM	

1987 ROTARY WHEEL??

1988 ROTARY WHEEL??

1988 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

BFeb 12	The club has a podium and microphone which it does not need. It was recommended that these items along with the horse collar be donated to District 600 as an auction group of items for the district conference.
BApr 8	Coleman reported 7 new members and spouses attended the New Member Orientation dinner Beardsley was asked to see that the podium and horse collar which we are donating to the district conference get there.

- BMay 13 Plans made for the installation dinner. Entertainment will be by the Des Moines Ballet - Junior Corps
Exchange student for next year will be Roberto Figueroa Rueda from Mexico
Last meeting in May will be at Pioneer Hi-Bred International
Polio Plus pledges have now reached \$17,500 and the original goal was \$15,200
- BJune 10 Both Valley and Dowling declined to accept the exchange student from Mexico. Brad Peyton will attempt to place him in Urbandale. Problem seems to be his ability to speak English
\$500 available from Van Winkle program — It was discussed that we should honor Conley Biddle who will be moving to Arizona this summer. We will take this money plus donate another \$500 and set up a scholarship fund named after Conley.
- BJuly 8 Peyton reported the student from Mexico had been accepted at Urbandale
Scholarships will be presented in 2 weeks. Five scholarships will be presented in Conley Biddle's name.
- BNov 18 Dec 20 meeting will be at the Financial Information Trust Building
- BDec 9 Approved donation of \$250 to Iowa Children Family Services

1988 FROM ATTENDANCE REPORT

- ARJan 5 Doug Peterson was recognized at the last meeting as our Club's newest Paul Harris Fellow
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| NM | Carlie Pool | | |
| | Mick Compiano | | |
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| ARFeb 23 | NM | Dave Hosman | |
| ARMar 1 | | JoEllen Myers | Residential Real Estate |
| | | Johannah Kline | Mortgage Banker |
| | | Patricia Thompson | Bank Manager |
| | | Peter Taggart | Marketing |
| ARMar 8 | | Darlene Thompson | |
| | | Katie Roth | |
| ARMar 22 | | Don Crank | Podiatrist |
| ARMar 29 | | Robert Peters | Long Distance Sales |
| | | James Dowdle | Principal, Dowling High School |
| ARApr 26 | | Dr. Bob McNurlen | |
| | | Larry Brandt | |
| | | Jim Robinson | |
| ARMay 24 | | Dean Burtch, Jr. | |
| ARJune 7 | | Tom Bradley | |

Merlie Howell

- ARJune 28 At the installation dinner, Norm Pogemiller and John Hintze were introduced as new Paul Harris Fellows.
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| ARNov 1 | NM | Mike Mansmith | Mobile Communications |
| ARNov 8 | | Susan Ritchie | Interior Design |
| ARDec 27 | | Wayne Hoffman | Pastor, Westkirk Presbyterian Church |

1989

- May 30 Winners of \$400 scholarship awards were Kathleen Masteller, Dowling; and Stacey Plughaupt, Heather Worley and Jason Fredregill from Valley. Also, Heather Worley, Nicole Ehlert and Christa Holmes won \$100 scholarships for their award winning commencement speeches. And finally, Jason Fredregill won the \$200 scholarship for his award winning speech.
- June 6 President Bob Coleman presented foreign exchange student Roberto Figueroa with a check for \$250. Roberto returned home last week.
- June 20 The members of the Club ratified action taken by the Board to establish a local foundation.
- A letter of appreciation was read from the Historical Society thanking our club members for work done at the Jordon House. Copies of the letter were presented to Tom Fredregill, Tom George and George Thompson in appreciation for their time and effort.
- June 27 Installation dinner at DM Golf. Entertainment: A Broadway Musical Review.
- Sep 5 Katie Roth announced that on Oct 4 a joint golf outing is scheduled with the NW Rotary Club at Willow Creek
- Sept 19 Vocational program: Participants were David Black, Bob McNurlen, DDS, Kitty Metzger, JeEllen Myers, Brad Peyton and Joe Willis. Winners were Bob McNurlen, best talk; JoEllen Myers, best table favors; Kitty Metzger, best display.
- Oct 24 The annual WDM/NW Rotary Golf Outing was a spine chilling event with the golfers playing in early December weather on the fourth of October. Congratulations to the team of George, Leader, Brudage & Dell for their HIGHEST SCORE. Bill Reese had the longest putt and Bob Peters had the longest drive. (We won't talk too much about Paul Grodt's shortest drive for which we're told he received a gift.)
- Nov 28 Speaker was Willem Kruythoff, our exchange student from Holland.

- Dec 5 Salvation Army bell ringing will be on Dec 9
- President Risley presented a \$100 check to Phyllis Raffey for the WDM Dept. of Human Services.
- Club Christmas Party at the DM Golf & CC. 43 members plus spouses and guests were in attendance.
- Dec 12 Conley Biddle has relocated back to WDM and has been proposed for membership by Don Groves.

1989 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

- BJan 20 Valentine Party planned. The play is entitled, "Right Bed-Wrong Husband"
- BMar 10 Approved donation of \$300 to the Walnut Creek YMCA to help buy swimming pool equipment
- BMay 12 Peyton reported that Willem Kruythoff from Holland will be our exchange student next year. Bill Reese will be his host counselor
Batavia Khyati will be here from India for the summer staying with various families

1989 FROM ATTENDANCE REPORTS

- ARFeb 14 There were 21 spouses and guests who attended the Ingersoll Dinner theatre function on Valentine's Day.
- ARApr 18 NM Dean Mohr
 Michael Welch
- ARApr 25 Tom Hughes
- ARMay 2 Mark Stadtlander
- ARMay 16 John Bednarz
- ARMay 30 Kitty Metzger
 Dave Black
- ARJune 13 David Bodensteiner

1990

- Jan 30 Conley Biddle, "Mr. Rotary", who recently rejoined us again, shared some of his personal life story. Born in Bondurant, Iowa in 1907, he attended Drake University starting in 1925, studied for the ministry, served his first pastorate as an 18-year old student in 1926, was ordained in 1927 in the Disciples of Christ, and married that year also to Chloris. Sang in glee club and quartet at Drake. He served 45 years in the active ministry, retiring as pastor of The West Des Moines Christian Church. He and Chloris moved to Branson, Mo. where she died in

1970. Conley came back to Des Moines and married Vera, a math teacher at Roosevelt in 1974. He joined WDM Rotary in 1957, was president in 1958-59, secretary from 1972-77, was also District Governor in 1978-79. Wrote 3 books, one on his life in the ministry, and two on the WDM Rotary Club history, 1976 and a 1982 update.

- Feb 13 Al Anderson introduced Krista Reed. Krista, a high school senior was honored for her efforts as a community service volunteer at Iowa Methodist Hospital.
- March 6 Vocational program: Speakers were: Tom George, David Harrison, Tom Hughes, Lottie Magill, Dick Rupert, and Pat Thompson.
- May 8 Speaker was Willem Kruythoff, our Rotary Exchange student.
- June 19 Installation dinner. Entertainment by comic/magician Lee Cole. Phil Risley was presented his Paul Harris Fellow pin.
- July 17 Club assembly. President Bob Tait told the club that deceased grocers were now being buried seventeen feet underground instead of the more traditional six feet. It seems that deep down, they are really nice people.
- Aug 14 Bulletin editors this year are Joe Van Winkle, Jim Noyce, Norm Popemiller, Harry Beardsley, Greg Kenyon and Kitty Metzger
- Sep 4 Meeting held at Westridge Elementary School. Speaker was Iowa State Governor Terry Branstad
- Sep 25 Brad Peyton announced that we have an inbound foreign exchange student from Brazil, Carlos Alberto Chaui, who will be attending Valley High School from January to December, 1991.
- Oct 2 Vocational program speakers are Steve Churchill, Dr. Dale Grabinski, Paul Grodt, Candy Metschke, Jim Noyce and John Wright.
- Winners were John Wright, best talk; Steve Churchill, best table favors; Dr. Dale Grabinski, best display.
- Nov 13 Speaker was former Iowa State Governor Robert D. Ray
- 3 minute speaker was Robert McNurlen whose delivery of witty comments could make him a star at the Comedy Theatre. He joined our club in 1988 and has seen three presidents in action. Robert Coleman was always serious-looking for fear of laughing at the wrong time. Phil Risley wasn't present enough to characterize, and present President Robert Tait always looks down so his high forehead can be used as a reflector screen for the lights.

Dec 4 Christmas party at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Entertainment provided by the Des Moines Youth Chorus.

REESE THROWS HAT IN RING!

Another of our past presidents, Bill Reese, has announced that he will be seeking the post of District Governor at the District Conference in the spring. This requires a major commitment from Bill, and would be a great honor for Bill as well as the Club if he receives the nod.

1991

Jan 29 Dr. George Thompson announced his retirement from the drilling and filling business. One is to assume that the "George Thompson Award" will now be re-named the "Mike Canady Award" since Dr. will no longer have an excuse for being late.

Mar 19 Announced that Joe Van Winkle, a long time member of the club, will be recognized as West Des Moines Citizen of the Year at a dinner on April 17.

Mar 26 Vocational program speakers are: Chuck Fletcher, Frank Harty, Robert Peters, Art Pizzano, Katie Roth and Dr. John Wagner.

Winners were: Katie Roth, best speech; Art Pizzano, best display, Bob Peters, best table favors.

Apr 30 President presented Paula Lampe of the Cancer Society a donation which will help send a child with cancer to summer camp.
Because Don Wagner's job responsibilities will make it impossible to serve as Club President during the 1991-92 Rotary year and because Al Anderson prefers to remain as President-Elect, it will be necessary to elect another President. The Board of Directors have suggested Tom George to serve, and the nominating committee has met and will nominate Tom George to serve as president during the 1991-92 year.

May 21 In lieu of a 3-minute speaker, Bill Reese brought us up-to-date with some statistics about the Rotary Foundation.

June 4 Katie Roth introduced Aaron McNerney, a Dowling sophomore who won the Peace Through Understanding essay contest (over 34 contestants) sponsored by our club. Aaron's essay was based upon his personal experience in international understanding resulting from a recent trip to the Soviet Union.

Speaker was Carlos Chau, our exchange student from Brazil.

Jun 18 Installation dinner at the Des Moines Golf & Country Club. A hearty thanks to President Bob Tait for a great year. Bob challenged all of us to be the best

Rotarian you can be and closed his remarks by paraphrasing JFK in saying that Rotary does not owe him anything, he owes Rotary. Nicely put Bob!

The incoming slate of Officers and Directors was inducted by PDG Conley Biddle. Conley posed the question to the club to determine “what is the image of the WDM Rotary Club?” Is it a knife and fork club or a meaningful part of WDM. Incoming President Tom George echoed this sentiment. He challenged us to look beyond ourselves. His expectations for the board are high. He expects us to volunteer, to be involved in the community and to say “yes” when asked to pitch in. Well said.

New Paul Harris Fellow awards were Tom George, Paul Grodt and Bob Tait.

July 2 Bob “give me all your money” Coleman, presided at Sergeant At Arms. This is only the second time Bob has had this job since he's been with Rotary (so he says) and to make up for all his past fines, he really put it to the club. He reveled in fining all members other than those that either drive Mercedes and/or have anything to do with selling reputable life insurance. Bob was still going strong when he asked for liberal Democrats to stand. Only one individual confessed and for this confession and a \$1 fine, that person (Bob Peters) received a photo of Rush Limbaugh. Good job Bob!!

July 23 Joke of the day:
A woman shopping in Tait's bent over to pick up some grapes. Her back gave out, she froze in that position and shrieked in pain. Another shopper happened along, saw her plight and said, “If you think those grapes are high, wait until you see the price of his apples – better shop at HyVee next time.”

July 30 Thought for the day: Just remember, no matter where you go, there you are.

Here is a quote from Albert Schweitzer which might be worth contemplating as you make your decisions: “I do not know what your destiny will be; but one thing I know: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.”

Aug 13 Thought for the Day: REPUTATIONS will continue to be made by many acts and be lost by one.

Aug 20 Speaker was Carlos Chau, our Rotary Exchange Student

Sept 3 Meeting held at Commtron Corporation, 7900 Hickman Road

Sep 24 Vocational program speakers were Brett Bosworth, Rosalie Cushman, Lottie Magill, Bonnie Reed and Bill Reese. Winners were: Bonnie Reed, best talk;

Lottie Magill, best table favors; Rosalie Cushman, best display. These were all terrific participants with every participant receiving votes in all categories. This group had among our very best displays compared to previous programs and there were plenty of votes for several of those participating.

- Oct 15 Sally Ortgues of the Park Department told about the Meadowview Park and the ROTARY GARDEN, which she will be planning soon. The seven acre park will be a neighborhood park south of Ashworth on Prairieview Drive. A basketball court and a picnic shelter are being developed now and OUR PARK will be close to the shelter, comprising about 700 square feet, planted with perennial flowering plants.
- Dec 3 No noon meeting today as we reaped the fruits of the labors of the Auction (Christmas Party) Committee. There was a silent auction, a live auction, and of course, the drawing for the Tait's Raid and Run won by that serendipitous shopper Joe Van Winkle. There were many highlights during the evening beginning with the performance of the professional auctioneer imported from San Antonio. He was ably assisted throughout the evening by Ex Presidente' Roberto ("Call Me Thumbs") Tait, and during the second half of the auction, Chuck ("What are we bidding on?") Fletcher. Much thanks to the auction committee and special thanks to spouses Michelle Dupey and Shari Paule for keeping track of the details. Also of note was the auction purchase of six hours of Norm Pogemiller's time for "personal services" and purchase of a chain saw by the same club member. Wonder what Norm will be doing? Also of note was the purchase by Mike Canady of the 7 3/4 place setting of dishes. For explanation of the missing 1/4 see "Call Me Thumbs" above. Nothing was safe from the auctioneer's gavel as Brad Peyton and John Paule conspired to sell a jacket that belongs to my better half. A great time was had by all. Let's do it again in 1992. – Greg Kenyon

1992

- Mar 3 Vocational program speakers were: Alan Beck, Mike Canady, Gordon Graham, Doug Hillman, Ann Wagner-Hauser and Ed Wright. Winners were: Ann Wagner-Hauser, best speech; Alan Beck, best table favors; Gordon Graham, best display.
- Mar 10 Meeting was held at the Amoco Credit Card Center
- Apr 7 Mike Canady was Sgt at Arms and took this opportunity to get back at all who had fined him... One member finished reading War & Peace during this segment of our meeting.
- Apr 21 The first work for the Meadowview Park was April 11. Participating were: Bob Peters, Ruth Peters, Arlen Pence, Art Pizzano, Al Lichty, Jim Niemeyer and George Thompson.

Many thanks to Bill Reese for organizing the 1992 District Conference in Des Moines.

May 5 Tom George read a letter from WDM Human Services thanking our club members for serving meals (in a record time of 16 minutes) to senior citizens at their annual event.

May 12 Larry Lockridge was our Sgt at Arms and fined everybody who had been Sgt at Arms and had previously fined him. He also collected for the May birthdays and from three gentlemen who coughed during Mike Canady's invocation.

A special thank you to Tom Bradley, Sam DeHaii, Joe Buechner, Norm Pogemiller, John Wright, Mark Lyons, Katie Roth, Kathy Fliehler, Art Pizzano & Son, and Arlen and Bonnie Pence. On May 2 these club members planted 280 perennials and 20 shrubs at the WDM Rotary Club garden located in Meadowview Park.

May 26 Arlen Pence gave a special thanks to the club members who served at the Literary Festival at Valley West Mall. Participants were Rosalie Cushman, Candace Metschke, Jim McCarl, Ed Wright, Mike Canady, Paul Dupey, Dave Myers and Don Smith.

Dave Myers introduced two outward bound Rotary exchange students. Carrie Lynn Klipfed is a Valley Senior who is headed for Spain. Sarah Roe is a Dowling Sophomore who will be studying in Sweden for her Junior year.

June 2 Gordon Graham presented Sam Cree's \$50 as the essay contest winner. The Dowling Sophomore wrote an essay on Breaking Boundaries. Environmental problems can only be solved internationally and the future holds more and more need for international solution to problems.

The high school volunteer award was presented to Heidi Soethout. With a 3.7 grade point Heidi is a hospital volunteer besides her numerous high school activities.

Heidi was also a winner of one of our scholarships. There were four \$400 scholarships awarded and one for \$200. Mary Conratt was the winner from Dowling. Channon Hawbaker was another winner.

The Valley High commencement speakers were Kevin Carroll, Nicholas Craig and Sara Pace.

- June 9 Arlen Pence recognized seven club members who assisted with the Senior Citizen Picnic on June 6. They were: Allen Anderson, Mike Canady, Bill Duma, Greg Kenyon, Arlen Pence, Chuck Raffay and Joe Willis.
- June 23 Annual installation of officers with entertainment by a string quartet consisting of Roosevelt and Valley High students.
- Bill Reese gave some comments on the importance of the The Rotary Foundation program and the many activities supported by the funding provided by members who contribute to the Foundation. Reese recognized 25 members who are Paul Harris Sustaining Members. These members are on a program of paying an amount on a regular basis with the intent of becoming Paul Harris Fellows. Allen Anderson and Mike Schnoes were recognized as the most recent to become Paul Harris Fellows.
- President George presented some comments on the 1991-92 Rotary Year. He thanked the officers and directors for a job well done. Many, many projects were undertaken this year and substantial growth was noted in the amount of funding raised by the several projects. President George thanked the club members for the opportunity to serve as president and how much he appreciated the support given to him by the membership.
- Greg Kenyon performed the duty of installing the officers and directors for the 1992-93 Rotary year.
- President Allen Anderson thanked the members for the confidence they placed in him to serve as president. He stressed the importance of good attendance by the members and to continue and improve on the number and quality of projects undertaken by the club next year.
- July 7 Brett Bosworth announced a golf outing is being planned at Waveland Golf Course for members of the DM AM club, NW club and WDM club on Aug 28.
- July 14 Club assembly. Pres. Elect Katie Roth reported that last year our membership held even at 81 and that we are seeking to increase the total by 10.
- Paul Dupay will once again chair the Rotary Auction on Dec. 1.
- Aug 25 Sept 8 meeting will be held at Meadowview Park, with a picnic lunch catered by Tait's. The program will include the dedication of a tree in memory of Harry Beardsley.
- Oct 27 Vocational meeting participants were: Al Anderson, Kathy Fliehler, Tom Fredregill, Thadeu Goncalves, Gordon Graham and John Paule. Winners were:

John Paule, best speech; Kathy Fliehler, best table favors; and Al Anderson, best display.

Dec 1 2nd annual auction held at the West End Diner. Winner of the Tait shopping spree was Jim Noyce. The club raised over \$5,000 gross, with the expectation that there will be over \$4,000 available after expenses.

1992 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

BJune 11 Approved purchase of a tree at a cost of not more than \$145 to be planted at Meadow View Park in honor of Harry Beardsley.

Approved motion that a letter be sent to Dr. Sahu along with a check for approximately \$35,000 stating the club no longer supports the Orissa Hospital Fund Project in India.

Financial statement - donations:

Mid-City Library	100
WDM Human Services	400
WDM Park Project	3,350
Hospital Assn. Of Greater DM	293
Walnut Creek YMCA	300
WDM Police Dept.	200
Scholarships	1,800
Commencement speaker awards	300

1992 Year end report from Arlen Pence

Youth Committee

1. Selected scholarship recipients from Valley and Dowling High Schools. A total of \$1,800 was distributed. Selection for scholarships was based upon 40% financial need, 20% Scholarship, 20% leadership and 20% service.
2. Selected a Youth Volunteer of the Year who received a \$100 award.
3. Four Valley commencement speakers were judged and a total of \$300 was awarded.
4. Selected high school essay winner who was awarded \$100
5. Donated \$300 to the YMCA for their Partners With Youth campaign.
6. We had several programs that were youth oriented, one of which was the local West Des Moines Police efforts on combating drug abuse and another combating AIDS.

Handicapped Committee

1. Awarded \$50 handicapped award to a deserving community member.
2. As part of our program and service to senior citizens, many of whom are handicapped, we have supported financially and with appropriate manpower at luncheons, picnics and at special meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas.
3. Emphasis was placed this year on functional literacy as a result of the goal of our national

organization. Two of our club members were members of West Des Moines' Coalition for Community Literacy. Many hours of committee meetings and planning went into a functional literacy awareness program which was capped off with a literacy festival held at Valley West Mall. Many of our Rotarians were involved with assisting in the setting up of booths and the tearing down of same. Two of our members provided the manpower support needed for the entire two day festival.

4. Two programs were provided to acquaint members with the new Americans with Disabilities Act.

Senior Citizens Committee

1. Provided \$200 for a Life Line service for one of the WDM Human Services senior citizens.
2. Contributed another \$100 to the annual church opportunity group senior citizen luncheon.
3. Contributed another \$100 to the annual Thanksgiving dinner to help with the food expense for the senior citizens.
4. Provided manpower in the serving and clean up for the church opportunity group senior citizen luncheon and also for the WDM Human Service/WDM Parks annual senior citizen picnic.
5. Provided manpower for the Christmas bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

Environmental Protection Committee

1. Provided \$3,350 to the WDM Parks in the establishment of the Rotary garden in Meadowview Park.
2. Provided the manpower for soil preparation and planting.
3. Our club has been placed on the waiting list for the "Adopt a Highway" sponsorship.

BJuly 13 Brad Peyton presented latest on the Orissa Project. As per Rotary International there are still several options available. The matching grant is still available and RI states that we could possibly use the base \$32,000 for Paul Harris Fellow designations. The interest earned thus far has been given to Dr. Sahu and he will deliver to help complete construction on the hospital. There was discussion on the options and how Dr. Sahu would like the \$32,000 used. Several questions surfaced as to our ability to designate such funds. Peyton to follow up on finding out further information.

BSept 11 Peyton reported Dr. Sahu has returned from India and he presented pictures of the hospital. RI has said that matching funds are not now available. Other options are being explored.

BNov 6 Reviewed letter from RI Foundation re India matching grant. Peyton reported the \$9,614 has been sent to RI for the Orissa project.

BDec 6 Preliminary results of the Holiday Auction show total proceeds of \$4,975. After estimated expenses, the net amount raised for the club is approx. \$3,800.

Paule presented a case of a WDM family with a handicapped child in need of some assistance to build a ramp over the steps for wheelchair access. Approved donation of \$200 to purchase needed materials.

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Feb 2 Bulletin contained a picture of a handicap ramp built with funds donated by the WDM Rotary Club.

Mar 16 Just for today:
I will live through the next 12 hours and not try to tackle all of life's problems at once.
I will do a good turn and keep it a secret. If anyone finds out, it won't count.
I will have a program. I might not follow it exactly, but I will have it.
I will save myself from two enemies: hurry and indecision.

Mar 23 Pres. Allen presented a \$300 donation to the YMCA Partner With Youth Program.

Seconds anyone? Two pieces of pie? Was that famous grocery magnate Bob Tait snagging that extra piece of pie? How does he do it and stay so trim?

Mar 30 June 29 meeting will be at Norwest Card Center.

Vocational meeting participants were Carla Clark, Rosalie Cushman, Tom Davidson, Greg Kenyon, Bob Start and Teri Wood

WDM Rotary Club has adopted a mile of highway near Willow Creek on Army Post Road.

Apr 13 New member orientation meeting at the Country Club at 5:30 pm. Over 17 new and recent new members attended in addition to the board.

Apr 20 Highway cleanup scheduled for May 22.

May 11 Our club hosted 6 men on the Group Study Exchange from France. Two were lawyers, two were in banking, one was an engineer and one was a teacher of English in a state university.

June 1 Program was the Valley High student commencement speakers along with the scholarship winners and Volunteer of the Year. Stephanie Kuhn was named Volunteer of the year for here efforts as a nurses aid at Iowa Methodist. The scholarship awards of \$500 each were presented to Angel Zulae, Valley High; Jennifer Nobisch, Dowling High; Dung Huynh, Valley; and Tom Heger, Dowling.

The commencement speakers were Brandon Hufford, Lindsey Aiken, Nate Krell and Brent Schiedeman. The club will donate \$200 to the Heart Connection on behalf of the speakers.

Jun 15 Evening picnic at Living History Farms. Special thanks to Paul Dupay who was responsible for seeing that the food and preparation equipment made its way to the picnic. Assisting in the cooking were Bob Tait and Tom Fredregill.

District news:

Bill Reese of our Club is nominee for District Governor. Bill will be the second member of our club to be allowed to serve in this post. Conley Biddle is our other member who served. This is quite an honor for Bill and will keep him busy. Good luck Bill.

Special thanks! A record crowd was in attendance at this year's Senior Citizen's Spring Picnic. Helpers were: Barry Milton and daughter, Art Pizzano and daughter, Bill Duma, Bill Frence, Bob Start, Allen Anderson, John Paule, and Chuck and Phyllis Raffay

June 22 Installation of officers. Katie Roth was installed as our first woman president.

President Allen Anderson had the following remarks: "Katie is being installed as the first woman president of our Club which certainly is an outstanding achievement for anyone and has historical significance in itself. But what is really important today during her installation is to understand that while she will be recognized and praised as being our first woman president, Katie has earned that right by demonstrating since becoming a member of the club that unique Rotary spirit, leadership, work ethic, commitment, drive and personality to successfully keep the West Des Moines Rotary Club moving forward as a positive force in the community and the great District 6000."

Excerpts from Pres. Anderson's review of the year: "...the difference between being a Rotary Club member and a Rotarian. There is a difference! You, too, will feel the difference inside by volunteering and opening your heart to others." "...we added 24 new members to our club...for a total of 92 members...we had a net gain of 14 Rotarians." "...overall club attendance...has been 90% consistently. We even had one week of 100% attendance." "Being president is a most enjoyable job when you have a board like I have experienced. It is these Rotarians that provided the leadership that made it possible for me to say to you today, West Des Moines Rotarians...we had a great year!"

June 29 Meeting was at the new Norwest Card Center.

- July 6 Bulletin editors are Joe Van Winkle, Terry Wood, Jim Noyce, Norman Pogemiller, and Doug Peterson
- July 13 Rotary Kids Day. Entertainment by Magician John Van Gillirn of West Des Moines.
- July 27 Big Flood News: Four of our members were hit by the flood. President Katie and husband Luke's furniture refinishing business all but got wiped out down in the Bell Avenue industrial area, and Tom Fredregill's office building sustained major damage over on the East side. John Wright's multiple state tree service business was right in the middle of the Valley Junction area as was Paul Dupay's business. Paul needs crafts people in like carpentry or electrical work, while around 10 people, we understand went to the Roth business on Saturday to help with the grimy cleanup work.
- The club gave \$1,500 to Phyllis Raffay's Dept. of Human Services to help flood victims in the Valley Junction Area.
- Aug 17 Arlen Pence presented a fact sheet about our incoming exchange student, Gertrude Wagemans from Heerman, Limburg in the Netherlands.
- Aug 31 Thanks a lot!!! On an early Saturday in August, club members arrived to help Paul Dupey remove the floor of a rental house in Valley Junction damaged by the flood. Many thanks to Bob Peters, Bob McNurlen, Bob Start, Stan Ver Ploeg, and Russ Ver Ploeg for a fine effort on a muggy Saturday morning.
- Sep 7 Meeting was held at the new WDM Police Department. An oriental lunch was catered by Tait's Grocery.
- Oct 12 Highway cleanup was held on Oct. 9.
- Oct 19 Speaker was Gertrude Wagemans, Rotary Exchange Student from The Netherlands.
- Oct 26 Vocational meeting speakers were Randy Ehrhardt, Karl Giese, Carl Johnson, Jim Simmons and Joe Van Winkle. Winners were Randy Ehrhardt, best speech; Jim Simmons, best display; and Joe Van Winkle, best table favors.
- Nov 16 Foundation meeting. Speaker was PDG John Dasher. District Governor-Elect Bill Reese introduced the following club members who became Paul Harris Fellows during 1993: Paul Dupey, Robert Hovey, Bob McNurlen, Jim Noyce, Eugene O'Neil, John Paule, Dale Pearson, Arlen Pence, Brad Peyton, Katie Roth, Bob Start and Joe Willis.

The meeting closed with Greg Kenyon recognizing Dr. Saheb Sahu with a plaque for his generous offering of some funding to help club members become Paul Harris Sustaining members.

Dec. 7 Rotary Auction meeting at the West End Diner.

Dec 21 Announced that DM Golf & CC will be closed the months of January, February and March for remodeling. We will be meeting at the West End Diner. Same time, same day.

Annual Christmas lunch. Many members brought their spouses, their children, grandchildren or other relatives as their guests. Prior to the lunch, an instrumental trio consisting of Greg Kenyon, Bob McNurlen and Bob Start played appropriate Christmas music. Meeting closed with a visit from Santa Claus giving gifts to the children present.

1993 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

BJan 15 The amount of \$9,614 sent to RI has been matched and the total amount sent to India for the Orissa hospital.

BMar 12 Mike Schnoes led discussion of some old business concerning the local foundation. It appears the reason the foundation has not been approved is because of some terminology concerning scholarships on the application. A motion was made and approved to accept the IRS ruling and drop the scholarship portion at this time. Schnoes and Kenyon to follow up.

BJune 14 Update on Orissa Hospital. The club received a letter from RI stating that the project will be terminated July 1 and that RI will no longer provide support because of the extraordinary duration. Furthermore the participating club in India has experienced political problems and has discontinued the project and tried to pass it to another club. RI does not allow this. Our club must decide if we will "own" the project and find another club in India to assist us. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made that a letter be drafted to Dr. Sahu explaining the situation and the club has decided to send a letter to RI canceling the grant and would consider reapplying according to RI rules if Dr. Sahu can find another club by August 1.

(Note – See letter of Sept. 27 from Katie Roth to RI stating in part
Dr. Sahu, who originally donated the money to our Club, informed me that he did not wish to reapply and instead wanted us to release the balance of funds in the account directly to the clinic. We have honored his wishes and just wanted to let you know what had happened..)

BDec 20 The results from the auction were very good. Club raised approx. \$4,000.

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Jan 20 An evening reception was held at the Des Moines Club for all current Paul Harris Fellows. Six new Fellows are: Bill Duma, Dean Wenthe, Chuck Fletcher, Larry Lockridge, Dale Grabinski, and Bob Eilts.

Feb 15 Mardi Gras party at the Best Western Des Moines West. The prize winners were: Dean & Sue Wenthe, two nights at the Ritz Carlton in Kansas City; Lottie Magill, billboard provided by Outdoor Advertising; Jim & Shelly Noyce, tickets to the "sold out" Drake relays.

Feb 22 Flood News: According to the Prez., our club has received gifts of nearly \$3,000 from other Rotary Clubs from Roseville, MN, Rochester, MN, Summit County Club in Frisco, Colorado, and Greater West Chester Sunrise in Pennsylvania. The money was used for the four families for whom we provided food, clothing, gift certificates and toys at Christmas.

Mar 8 Bonnie Reed announced the Mardi Gras party was a financial success and netted proceeds of about \$850.

A check for \$1,500 was presented to Phyllis Raffay of the WDM Dept. of Human Services

Apr 5 After 3 months at the West End Diner, the WDM Rotary Club returns to the newly remodeled Des Moines Golf & Country Club.

Vocational meeting speakers were Joe Coy, Dorene Laurent, Mark Lyons, Arlen Pence, and Russ Ver Ploeg. Winners were Joe Coy, best speech; Dorene Laurent, best table favors; Russ Ver Ploeg, best display.

Governor-Elect Bill Reese presented Katie Roth with a butterfly Rotary pin for her presentation of "A President's Viewpoint" at the recent district President-Elect Training Seminar.

May 10 Highway clean up will be May 14.

Jun 7 Four students were selected to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. They were: Chad LoVan, Danielle Morlan, Mary Scigliano and Matthew Van Dyke. John Theiler received the Youth Community Service Award in an amount of \$100. Chris Nelson received the Don Conrad Memorial Scholarship Award in the amount of \$250

The Valley High Commencement speakers were Jackie Jones, Beth Keller, D. J. Nieman and Spencer Springer. The students decided to give the money they would have received from the Club to the American Diabetes Society.

Jun 21 Meeting today is being held at the Courtyard by Marriott on 114th Street in Clive. The meeting was held in a large white tent behind the building. The event is being sponsored by the Marriott and Cookie's BBQ. The food will be cooked by the president of Cookie's BBQ and the program will be presented by representatives of the Marriott Corporation.

Jun 28 New officers and board inducted by Joe Van Winkle

Next week's meeting will be held at Meadowview Park, and the occasion will be honoring two of our Past Presidents, Dr. George Thompson and Sheldon Goreham, both of whom passed away this past year. We shall plant two trees in their remembrance. The picnic meal will be catered by Tait's Super Value.

Jul 5 Larry Lockridge gave a report on the District 6000 Bunny Harper Golf Tourney at Beaver Run. The Tourney was jointly hosted by our club and the Des Moines AM club. The Ottumwa club won the team title with our club finishing a close second. Mark Lyons and Gary Fredricksen won prizes for long putts and Paul Weilage for closest to the pin on a par three.

Jul 26 Sgt. Bob McNurlen shared some of his favorite Rotary dishes. The "better" ones include Resthaven's Bob Brooks "mystery meat" dinner; Bob Tait's deli platter (there's never any hair in it); Katie Roth Waldorf Salad (three bites and you volunteer for the Republican Party); Bonnie Reed's BLT(Black Leather & Stiletto heels); Greg Kenyon Rice Pilaf (you sign a liability waiver before you're served); Joe Willis lasagna (its never on time, but the women love it) and finally the Canady Special of the Day (it takes so long to describe, the diners all lose interest).

Aug 16 Volunteers are needed for the Root Beer Float Day sponsored by the Special Olympics Organization at the WDM 35th Street HyVee on Aug 20

Aug23 On Sep 24 our club will be providing 20 servers for the WDM Elder Fair Luncheon at Valley High School

John Donald reported the Zoki Milenkovic has arrived as our new foreign exchange student from Yugoslavia

Aug 30 Next week the meeting will be held at the Glen Oaks Country Club

- Oct 25 Thanks to Paul Wielage and the ten club members who helped with the highway ditch cleanup
- Nov 15 The WDM Rotary Club is extremely pleased and proud to introduce one of its own members, Bill Reese, as the speaker today. Mr. Reese is serving as District 6000 Governor for the 1994-95 year. He will present his thoughts and goals for the year and how Rotarians can become more involved in service.
- Dec 20 Santa will be present next week and you should bring children and grandchildren

1994 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

- BFeb 21 Mike reported that we still have approx. \$2,800 of flood relief funds available that was received from other clubs.
- BMar 21 Mike reported that the progress on the local foundation is no farther than before. The IRS representative who had our case has left and a new person has been assigned.
- BApr 18 Katie Roth reported that 26 flood relief application had been received from Phyllis Raffay and sent on to PDG John Dasher for District review.
- BMay 3 The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recent flood relief requests the club had received since the last regular board meeting. The club had received a request from club member Tom Fredregill and from a non-denominational church in West Des Moines. The latter request had come through Joe Van Winkle and Randy Ehrhardt as the West Des Moines Christian Church had been involved in supporting the subject church since the Flood of 93. Club member Tom Fredregill had also been hit by the Flood but to this point has been unable to get any relief through any of the other channels. A motion was made to split the remaining flood relief funds the club has to each of the two causes. The motion was seconded and approved.
- BMay 16 Mark Lyons reported the WDM Parks will be putting name plate on the back of the Meadowview park sign listing the club's deceased members and the respective trees dedicated to them
- BJun 2 Mike Schnoes reported that no money has been distributed to Tom Fredregill and the West Des Moines church yet. There was some discussion on how best to disburse those funds. It was decided \$1,300 would be given to each party.
- BDec 12 A few years ago, Dr. Sahu presented the club with a check for \$30,000 to be used towards a special project in India. The matching grant for this gift did not go through. Dr. Sahu has asked us to resubmit his request for a matching grant.

Paule will contact Barbara Kramer at RI to reactivate thjis gift/grant. John Donald motioned to resubmit Dr. Sahu's project, with the stipulation that our club would not put forth any additional money.

1995

- Jan 17 The second annual Mardi Gras will be held on Feb 28
- Feb 14 Congratulations to Joe Van Winkle and his bride to be! Joe having just returned from a cruise and other travel adventures announced the upcoming announcement of his marriage (stay tuned for more details). To celebrate his return the club sang all four verses of Clementine. Welcome back anyway, Joe.
- Feb 21 Joe Van Winkle announced his recent marriage, which occurred on the high seas aboard the Royal Princess at 10:30 a.m. on January 27, 1995. Joe happily contributed \$5 in making his announcement. Congratulations, Joe! – and thanks for making the Sergeants job an easy one.
- Feb 28 2nd annual Mardi Gras party at The Best Western on Hickman Road in Clive.
- Mar 21 John Hannah will chair the Senior Citizens Luncheon on April 22 and is looking for servers. Will be held at St. Marks Church in West Des Moines.
- Apr 4 Vocational service program was held last week. The winners are: John Busbee, best talk; Jim Stafford, table favors; Bill Sprague, display.
- Apr 18 Meeting was held at the Resource Learning Center of the West Des Moines Community School District
- May 2 From John Donald, appreciation to members who worked the Special Olympics held at Williams Field on Apr 24
- May 9 No meeting held so that all members can attend the District Conference at the Des Moines Holiday Inn/Airport on May 5-7
- May 13 Army Post Road highway cleanup
- June 6 **CONGRATULATIONS!!**
Last week past District Governor Conley Biddle honored current District Governor Bill Reese with presentations of a club gift of art work (A Maynard Reece print) and a special lapel pin for his service as Governor this last year. A special personal gift from Conley was passed on to Bill. It was the Rotary ring that Conley had received years ago when he had served in the same capacity.

Bill Reese recognized Conley and Saheb Sahu for having become Rotary Foundation Benefactors through their pledges to the Rotary Permanent Fund.

Sahu was further recognized a District Service Award and it was announced that after years of effort through Rotary and with Sahu's gift that a medical facility in India has indeed been approved and will come to fruition.

Rotary fellowship event will be at the Iowa Cubs on June 13

- Aug 22 Sept 5 meeting will be at the new Hy-Vee headquarters in WDM
- Sept Bill Lyon will be forming a committee along with Les Omatoni to pursue the possibility of an Interact Club with Valley High
- Sept Road cleanup will be October 28
- Oct 28 Last week's vocational service day winners:
Best speech, Doug Hillman; best display, Al Cross; best favors, Chuck Fletcher
- Nov 7 PDG Bill Reese recognized the WDM Rotary Club as one of the three clubs who met his challenge of a minimum of 5% growth in members who became benefactors to the Rotary Foundation during his term of office. Club members who contributed were: Conley Biddle, Mark Lyons, Katie Roth, Dr. Saheb Sahu and Joe Van Winkle. Congratulations to these members!!! Also, thanks to PDG Reese for his interest and effort to promote this Rotary Foundation program.
- Bill Lyon has agreed to serve as temporary club secretary, replacing Kitty Metzger.
- Nov 14 Phyllis Raffay, chairperson of the WDM Human Services was presented a check for \$1,500 for use during the upcoming holiday season to help needy families and other worthwhile community activities.
- Nov 21 The WDM Rotary Club is beginning the creation of an Interact Club at Valley High School. Brett Bosworth is serving as the liaison between the Club and the organizational operation at Valley High School. The Interact Club will be the only one in District 6000 at this time.
- Dec 5 Good turnout reported to help serve the Thanksgiving dinner at the WDM Dept. of Human Services

1995 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

BJan 9 Norm Pogemiller will make a new badge box for the club. The current badge box is not only too small, beat up, but also was intended for a different type of badge. The new box will have more room.

On Dec 22, Phyllis Raffay contacted Paul Dupey with a special request for a needy family in old West Des Moines. A single parent, mother of two teen age boys, was in need of help at the holiday time. The WDM Rotary came forward with a donation of \$250 in merchandise from Target, which included clothing and other essentials and a very few toy items. The family was very grateful to the WDM Rotary for their generosity. (Thanks to Paul Dupay for doing the shopping.)

BFeb 20 Approved donation of \$300 to Kobe, Japan, for their earthquake relief efforts.

BMar 13 Decided to order 250 vinyl portfolios to give out with the registrations at the District Conference.

District Governor Bill Reese addressed the board on the district "Manual of Procedure". This is something that needs to be changed as nothing has been changed since 1992. He also noted that nothing should affect the operations of the club. Bill related that we have had three different "Manuals of Procedure" during his time with the club. The Manual of Procedure needs to be updated periodically as it provides guidelines on how we handle the district administration and finances. Bill or Conley Biddle will address this at the March 14th meeting as well as providing information at the tables. DG Reese asked us to make a motion to bring this before the club so changes could be made prior to the District Conference. Motion carried.

BMay 11 Check sent to Japan for earthquake relief came back as undeliverable. We will get a correct address and resubmit. Club also decided to send a \$500 check to Oklahoma City (Bombing) and to Mississippi.

The club will donate a piece of art (around \$500) in honor of Dale Grabinski's retirement as Superintendent of Schools.

Paule reported that Phoenix School has made a request to our club for funds for books for their Headstart program and K-3 (which includes 136 children). We will present a \$500 check to Doug Stillwell, Principal.

Fall of 1995 Info from the District Annual Giving Coordinator---- Total "Unrestricted" contributions to the Rotary Foundation:
6-30-95 \$2,750

6-30-94	\$5,125
6-30-93	\$5,709
6-30-92	\$3,225
6-30-91	\$1,025

BAug 3 After conducting normal business, the meeting adjourned to the parking lot to load up their cars with sweet corn from Dave Harrison's garden. (You see, it pays to attend Rotary Board Meetings and stay until the end.)

BEnd of Dec Club donations for the period 7/1/95 to 12/31/95:

Caring Foundation for Children	640.00
Easter Seals	250.00
District 6000 – Safe Water (RI)	500.00
Bettendorf Rotary Club (India)	500.00
District 6000 – FAMSCO	500.00
WDM Human Services	1,000.00
YMCA – Partners in Youth	300.00
Kelley Mason Fund	<u>200.00</u>
	\$ 4,390.00

1996

Jan 26 Third annual Mari Gras party will be held on Feb 20 at Ramada Inn - Westmark Convention Center

Mar 12 Interact Inaugural dinner was held Mar 3 at the Tavern on 50th Street. 27 Interact students, 5 parents and 15 Rotarians attended the dinner. Jim Vickery, the District Governor-Elect was also in attendance.

Apr 9 Brett Bosworth reported on activities of Interact. They have 35 kids involved with attendance of 70%. Upcoming events for Interact are:

- Apr 13 Food Drive at Dahl's on University with proceeds to go to the food pantry
- Apr 27 Raccoon River Valley clean up project
- May 5 March of Dimes Walk
- Aug 19 Easter Seals Root Beer Floats

Apr 16 Tom Carey has scheduled highway clean up for May 4

- Apr 23 Melinda Weisner, President of Friends Library Group was presented a check for \$1,000 for the WDM Library which is relocating.
- A \$500 scholarship fund has been presented to the Interact Club. The Interact Club has elected to use \$300 to help two students who are going to New York for a choir event.
- May 13 Club hosted seven members of the Interact Club. They were Alison Hemp, Sarah Opit, Azure Eddy, Tami Coover, Jody Lambert, Nate Haines and Mica Jester.
- May 21 Dave Carlson displayed and described a plaque containing the names of the 18 charter members of the Interact Club. The plaque will be placed in a trophy case at Valley High School.
- May 21 The 2nd meeting in June will be a special event at Sec Taylor Stadium to see an Iowa Cubs game.
- May 28 The WDM Rotary Club and members were recognized at the District 6000 Conference held on May 17-19, 1996. Bill Reese was given the Rotary Vision Award to commemorate his service as District Governor. The Club was recognized with the Community Service Award with the creation of the Interact Club. Also, the Club and John Paule were recognized with having the largest number of benefactors (10) signing up this year to participate in the Rotary International Foundation Permanent Fund program.
- We also won the "Firecracker" at the District Conference. A dubious award for the club that lost the most members during the fiscal year. This was due, at least in part to the attendance crackdown by the board. Arlen Pence used it as a reminder to keep working on membership.
- Thought for the Day: Some days you are the pigeon and some days you are the statue.
- June 18 Last week we were visited by the Valley Commencement speakers and the Valley and Dowling scholarship winners. Chris Gunnare explained that we give 4 \$1,000 scholarships for the first year of post high school education. 40-50 applications were received for the 4 spots. The scholarship winners are based upon scholarship, leadership, service and financial need. The winners are: Elizabeth Speak, Dowling; Robert Tuttle, Dowling; Stephanie Waage, Valley; and J.R. Wymer, Valley.
- The Valley High student commencement speakers were: Nicole Leniton, Anders Hendrikson, Courtney Crawford, and Ted Van Deventer.
- Larry Lockridge, designated golfer, announced that the Bunny Harper golf tourney was canceled/postponed because the course was under water. Since the

tourney always used carts, the tourney was canceled when the Evinrude dealer shut down.

June 18 meeting was held at the NEW WDM Library.

July 2 Installation day for the new club officers and board with Past District Governor Bill Reese doing the installing and issuing the charge.

In accepting the office of President, Mark Lyon repeated his coaches 3 rules:

1. SHOW UP!
2. BE ON TIME!
3. COME READY TO PLAY!

Arlen Pence gave an excellent "year in review summary". Our special giving set a record topping \$6,300. Arlen closed by posing the question "Is Service Above Self Possible", answering with a resounding YES!

Past District Governor Bill Reese presented pins to six Paul Harris Fellows and to six new Foundation Permanent Fund Benefactors.

The Paul Harris Fellows are Ed Wright, Stan Ver Ploeg (2), Jim McCarl (2), Krista Kramer, Mark Lyons, and Roger Rinderknecht. That makes a total of 44 Paul Harris Fellows in our Club.

The benefactors are: Mark Critelli, Mike Herting, Greg Kenyon, John Paule, Arlen Pence, and Mike Schnoes. That makes a total of 20 WDM Rotarians as Benefactors.

July 9 Meeting was a pool party at the home of Kay and Mary Kramer.

July 23 Current bulletin editors are:
Terry Wood, Doug Peterson, Joe Willis, Norm Pogemiller, Joe Van Winkle and Greg Kenyon.

Aug 6 Volunteers needed for the Special Olympics Root Beer Float Day on Aug 24.

Aug 20 Governor Jim Vickery's official visit. Joe Van Winkle was presented a Governor's Special Award for the club's bulletin.

Aug 26 Meeting was at the WDM Schools Learning Resource Center.

Sept 3 Meeting was at the National Pork Producers Council in Clive.

Sep 10 Volunteers needed for the Elder Fest on Oct 5 at Valley High School.

- Sep 17 Happy Birthday!! Special recognition goes to Conley Biddle who celebrated turning 89 and did so by contributing \$100 to our club scholarship fund in keeping with New Generations Month which spotlights youth.
- Oct 9 Vocational program – winners were: Kay Kramer, best talk; Chris Caswell, best table favors; Gary Scott, best display.
- Oct 22 Conley Biddle announced that nominations were being sought for Rotary International's Council on Legislation. A Rotarian must be a Past District Governor to be eligible. Conley nominated PDG Bill Reese to serve on the council. The seconds were too numerous to count and the club unanimously voted to nominate Bill for this post. If elected, he will attend the Council on Legislation in Delhi, India, in January of 1998.
(Note from Bill Reese: I was unopposed in the election at the District Conference in May of 1997 to serve as the delegate to the Council. In July of 1997, I had heart surgery resulting in six bypasses. In October 1997, I felt that I was not sufficiently strong to make a trip to India in January and requested Governor Roger Borup to appoint someone in my place. His appointment was PDG Ken Noble.)
- Oct 22 Speaker was Susan Paterson-Nealson, Director of the WDM Dept. of Human Services. At the conclusion of her talk, President Mark Lyons presented her with a check for \$1,500 to assist in funding special projects of the Dept.
- Bob Tait renewed his attempts to capture (and perhaps retire) the coveted Reichardt trophy for sartorial splendor. His lovely (!) sweater turned many a head. For those who missed it, imagine a mural of a lovely sunset with a generous smear of spilled paint. Bob's sweater looked nothing like this, but it's and interesting image don't you think.
- After receiving a thunderous (?) ovation, Sgt. at Arms Greg Kenyon fined everyone in the club for something.
- Nov 5 Acknowledgment was given to Roger Rinderknecht for serving as host to a recently held new member get-together.
- PDG Bill Reese was the speaker today with his talk on the subject of The Rotary Foundation. What Rotary becomes tomorrow depends on what Rotarians do today. The Rotary Foundation's biggest accomplishment was, of course, Polio Plus, and Reese stressed two points:
1. Make the Foundation a "PREFERRED CHARITY".
 2. Becoming a Paul Harris Fellow should not be an exit to giving but an entrance.
- Nov 19 John Donald introduced Susanna Vierre, our Finnish exchange student.

Dec 10 Annual Christmas party at DM Golf & Country Club. Entertainment by the Dowling High School Choir.

Announced that Tom Cunningham had a good crew helping and serving Thanksgiving Dinner at the Dept. of Human Services. Some whole families chose to give up part of this special day to do a significant community service.

1997

Jan 7 Elections for term starting July 1, 1997:

Jim Noyce	President
Bob Start	President-Elect
Roger Rinderknecht	Vice-President
Mike Schoes	Treasurer
Al Cross	Secretary
Bill Lyon	International Service
Dana Petrowsky	Vocational Service
Paul Wielage	Club Service
Mark Rice	Community Service
John Donald	Sergeant at Arms

Following some brief parliamentary maneuvering designed to prevent the nominees from backing out, nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot was cast for the nominees.

Sgt. At Arms: Bob McNurlen apologized for recent absences contending he was dealing with emergency abscesses. He shared some recent advice he gave to fellow member Joe Willis after completing some new fillings. Dr. Bob advised Joe to stay away from “old maids”, to which Joe responded “but its all I can get.” Bob also explained a few other mysteries of the season including the reason white precipitation on the ground is called snow – “all the other four letter words were taken.”

Tom Cunningham was recognized for his efforts as Chair of the WDM Chamber and Kay Kramer was wished the best of luck as incoming Chair. Tom also announced that the WDM Citizen of the Year was longtime club member Stan Ver Ploeg.

Jan 14 Pres. Mark Lyon inducted new member Mark Roth. Pres. forgot his “oath” for new members but improvised nicely having Mark and the club exchange “I do’s.” John Paule threw rice.

Jan 21 Tips for a great speech: First you need a dynamic beginning. You also need a thought provoking ending. Then, put the two as close together as possible. *The Rotarian Jan. 1997.*

- Jan 28 Norm Pogemiller used his two minutes to enlighten the group on the Raccoon River Regional Park Nature Lodge project.
- Feb 11 Congratulations to Vic Ganoë for being named the Clive Entrepreneur of the Year.
John Paule has joined the MIS Department at Farm Bureau.
- Feb 18 Guest speaker is Iowa Senator Mary Kramer.
New member --- Mike Hamm
Fireside Chat at the home of Kay Kramer.
- Mar 11 New member – Tami Cline
- Apr 8 New member – John Susich
- Vocational Day Speakers:
Kevin Burggraaf, Tammy Cline, Kitte Dormady, Vic Ganoë, Dana Petrosky, John Stites. Winners: Talk: Kevin Burggraaf, Table Favors: Kitte Dormady, Display: Vic Ganoë.
- Apr 15 Speaker was club member Johnny L. Boyd talking about his experiences in Japan as a member of the District 6000 Study Exchange Team.
- May 13 1996-97 District 6000 Governor Jim Vickery had a record breaking attendance at the District Conference held at the Marriot Hotel in Des Moines. Entertainment included the world renowned opera singer Iowa’s own Simon Estes.
- Bill Reese was presented with a bronze bust of Paul Harris for being an “exceptional mentor” to DG Jim Vickery during his term of office.
- Bill was also elected as the D-6000 representative to attend the RI Council on Legislation in New Delhi, India in January 1998.
- May 20 Robert S. Hovey, a club member since 1982, passed away on May 13. Honorary pallbearers included Mark Lyons, James McCarl, Norman Pogemiller, Bill Reese, Joe Van Winkle, and Stan Ver Ploeg.
- New Paul Harris Fellows were announced: Mike Canady, Mike Schnoes (2nd).
- May 27 Susanna Vierre, our foreign exchange student from Kiikka, Finland presented comments about her year at Valley High School.
- Our exchange student for the coming year will be Clemence Cachet from Niort, France.
- Bowling party held on May 17 was a huge success.

- June 3 No meeting on June 10 as the club will be attending the Iowa Cubs – Nashville Sounds ballgame at Sec Taylor Stadium.
- Russ Ver Ploeg chaired the meeting where the four recipients of Rotary Club scholarships. They were: From Valley---Lacia Wimer and Sarah Isley
From Dowling---Amy Pims and Beth Costanzo
- June 24 Dr. Randy Ehrhardt was recognized for having earned his PHD in religion from the University of Chicago.
Greg Kenyon displayed the nice plaque we received from the WDM Department of Human Services for our outstanding volunteer service.
Bill Reese has just returned from a trip to Denmark with our District Friendship Exchange.
Larry Lockridge was second at the District 6000 golf tournament with a scintillating 78.
- July 15 Congratulations to the Sergeant at Arms Committee. Fines raised \$5000 last year to support our programs.
Gary Scott announced that the Biddle Rotary Shelter at Raccoon River Park should be ready for use in September.
- Joyce Grabinski and her husband, former member Dale Grabinski presented a program on the WDM Historical Society. Joyce talked about the rich history of the Jordan House and about the Bennett School.
- July 22 Susanna Vierre, our exchange student gave a review of her recent trip around the United States with the other Rotary exchange students.
John Paule announced plans to run for WDM School Board.
On July 29 Kevin Burgraff will present the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- Just For Fun: A politician was speaking to a large gathering. “In conclusion, my opponent has been stealing you blind for eight years. It’s time to give me a chance.”
- July 29 Randy Ehrhardt reported that Past President and Past District Governor Bill Reese is undergoing multiple bypass surgery. At last report all was going well. The club extends its best wishes for a speedy recovery.
- No meeting on Sept. 2 as Kay Kramer will host an evening pool side gathering at his home on Ashworth Road.
- Three new members: Mike Hughes, Linda Jenkins and Steve Rovane

- Aug 1 Thank you to Dave Harrison for the wonderful home grown sweet corn. Dave sold his corn for \$3 per dozen and donated the proceeds to the Rotary Foundation. Nice gesture, Dave!
- Thank you to Joe Van Winkle for his generous contribution to the start-up funds for WDM'S RYLA
- New members: Dana Ramundt, Steve Lemmerman
- Aug 26 Welcome to District Governor Roger Borup from the Rotary Club of Wellman.
- Sept 16 Conley Biddle has celebrated his 90th birthday with a donation to the Rotary Scholarship Fund. Happy Birthday Conley.
- Sept 30 Congratulations to John Paule for his recent election to the WDM School Board.
- Oct 14 New members: Mike Rooney, Jeff Russell, Aaron Bangsrud, Todd Millang, Morris Wolfe
- Oct 21 A program to dedicate the Conley Biddle Rotary Shelter House in Raccoon River Park was held last Tuesday, October 14, 1997, at 5:00 p.m. President Jim Noyce and Past District Governor Bill Reese gave brief speeches regarding naming of the shelter in recognizing Conley Biddle as a past president of the club and past district governor of Rotary International. Conley was given a small plaque which is a replica of the plaque that will be placed on the shelter house. Approximately 25 members and friends of Conley attended this dedication ceremony.
- Oct 28 Sheryl Start, wife of President-Elect Bob Start, was recognized and presented a Paul Harris Fellow for her work and interest with children and music with opera programs in Kansas City and Omaha. Sheryl was recognized and presented with this special recognition by Burdett Start, her father-in-law.
- Nov 4 Vocational Day Speakers: Aaron Bangsund, Larry Graham, Mike Hamm, Bob Start, Todd Treese, and Morris Wolfe.
Winners were: Best speech – Morris Wolfe, Best table favors—Aaron Bangsund, Best display—Bob Start
- Bulletin Editors are: Joe Van Winkle, chair, Teri Wood, Joe Willis, Doug Peterson, John Paule, Greg Kenyon, Norm Pogemiller
- Nov 11 New member: Chris Bates
- Dec 2 Meeting held at the WDM Learning Resource Center.
New member: Jim Sandanger
In Memoriam: Long time member Dale Pearson passed away.

- Dec 9 Bored Rotarian's Prayer:
 Now I sit me down to sleep,
 The speaker's dull,
 The subject deep.
 If he should stop before I wake,
 Give me a poke, for goodness' sake.
- Dec 16 Holiday party last week was GREAT!
- Dec 23 All of the Sergeant at Arms proceeds today will be dedicated to the Phyllis Raffay Memorial Caring Fund. This is a fund that long time member Chuck Raffay established in memory of his wife Phyllis. Phyllis was also special to our club because of her activities with the WDM Human Services. The fund is an endowment trust. The money can be used only for outreach. As Chuck said, "This fund is an extension of the unselfish giving and reaching out to people who were dependent on Phyllis, and the less fortunate that she served so well."

1998

- Jan 20 Proposing a new member? Bottom Line:
 Contact our Secretary, Al Cross,
 And he will help you out.
 Uncle Al is our pal!
- Feb 10 3 min. speaker was Linda Jenkins, Executive Director of the WDM Chamber of Commerce.
 Dana Petrowsky is the new COO of the Iowa Ass'n of Homes & Services for Aging.
- Feb 17 New member: Van Spitzer
- Feb 24 Past Pres. and New/Old Member Larry Hoier provided a Rotary Foundation talk. Larry shared the many benefits of a Rotary Exchange Team. He speaks from first hand knowledge as he led a team in 1982 to Australia. He described it as nothing short of a life changing experience. He has returned 13-14 times since. Of course part of that is due to his daughters marrying Aussies. Thanks for sharing Larry, and thanks for the photo of your younger brother in 1982...
- Mar 3 Johnny Boyd briefly reviewed his experience as an exchange student in Japan.
- Mar 31 Our Club was the host to a group of Russian insurance personnel who are visiting in District 6000 for several weeks.
- Apr 7 Meeting at Camp Dodge for the first Rotary Youth Leadership Award session for District 6000, sponsored by the WDM Rotary Club. We have anticipated 68 young people from 16 clubs across the District.

- Apr 8 Past Pres. & PDG Bill Reese has completed the task of collecting the District 6000 history of District Governors, District Conferences and Rotary Highlights. This is all compiled in a book titled, ROTARY...the IOWA Influence. We recognize Bill once again for his contributions to our club and to District 6000.
- May 5 New member: Bob Goldhammer
- May 19 Our outbound exchange student to France will be Keri Gramlich
- Vocational Program participants are:
 Shirley Chenchar, Bob Goldhammer, Larry Hoier, Joel Johnson, Van Spitzer, and Larry Welder
- Winners were: Best Talk – Van Spitzer
 Best Favors – Shirley Chenchar
 Best Display – Larry Hoier
- Jun 7 District 6000 golf tournament is in Ottumwa on June 19. Cost \$65.00
- Speaker was Lynn Sprague, wife of Bill Sprague, and President of Toastmasters. “The mind typically works just fine until the moment we must provide a speech. Public speaking is the number one fear. Death is a close second.”
- Jun 23 Bill Reese inducted new member Dr. Joe Schupp. Joe is in general practice at the Diagnostic Clinic on Grand Ave. in DSM.
- Kay Kramer made us “view” his life through an imaginary slide show with only his voice and a clicker.
- June 30 Catered lunch and memorial program at the Raccoon River Regional Park (Conley Biddle Shelter). In 1976, club president Don Groves presented to Conley Biddle (Pres. ’59-60) a gavel. Today Conley presented that same gavel to President Jim Noyce “for the archives”.
- Conley spoke and helped us all to honor recently deceased Rotarians Robert Hovey and Donald Groves. Gary Scott directed our attention to the 2 young swamp oaks planted in honor of Don and Bob.
- New member: Merle Baumhover
- July 7 Installation of officers:
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| President | Bob Start |
| Pres. Elect | Paul Wielage |
| Vice President | Bob Tait |
| Secretary | Al Cross |
| Treasurer | Mike Schnoes |
| Past President | Jim Noyce |
| Directors: | |

Club Service	John Donald
Vocational Service	Dana Petrowsky
Community Service	Mark Rice
International Serv.	Kevin Burggraaf
Sgt. at Arms	Larry Graham

- July 28 New member: Bill Kalianov
- Aug 18 Our newest foreign exchange student is Oscar Gramer from Soderhamn, Sweden.
- Speaker was Congressman Greg Ganske. He spoke about his parting with the Republican Leadership over the health bill. He praised President Clinton as being a very talented and capable person, however, he thinks that much legislation has slowed because the President is tied up with the Lewinski affair. Many issues will go unresolved this year.
- Sep 1 New member: Jeff Pomerantz, City Manager
- Several members were praised for assisting in the fund raising event for Special Olympics on August 29.
- Sep 8 Meeting at the Outback Steakhouse. Meal provided by Manager Vic Ganoe.
- Sep 15 John Donald announced that the club will be involved in the Art Festival in Valley Junction on Sept. 20. The club will be selling slices of pie for a fund raising event.
- Sep 29 John Donald & Kitte Nobel reported that the pie sale raised a total of \$210.00.
New Member: Andy Lashier
Tom Carey announced the next Road Clean-up Project will be Oct. 17.
Thanks to Gene O'Neil for the piano background music at last weeks meeting.
- Oct 6 Congratulations to Roger Rindernicht who is President-Elect of the Iowa Bankers' Association.
We now have a formal "Music" committee: Joe Van Winkle, Chair, Kevin Burggraaf, Kitty Noble, Norm Pogemiller, and Bob Goldhammer
New member: Roger Reed
- Oct 13 John Donald announced a club family BBQ at the Raccoon River Park on Oct. 18.
- Nov 3 RYLA was held at Camp Dodge last week. The National Guard did their part by delivering a piano for use by the group. I can safely say that it is the first time I have seen a forklift used to move a piano.
Attendance was 112 students from 51 clubs. WOW!

Nov 10 We were doubly honored last week when Past Club Presidents and Past District Governors Conley Biddle and Bill Reese presented the club with a new bell to ring in and ring out the meetings. Conley explained that the old bell being replaced had been in service nearly 40 years. It was purchased when the prior bell was stolen...(probably some rogue Kiwanians). Much thanks to both Conley and Bill not only for the bell but for their continued service and enthusiasm for the club.

Nov 17 Two new member orientation sessions planned at Kay Kramer's home and Bob Tait's home.
A "Magical Evening" annual Rotary Holiday Party is planned at DMGCC, Dec. 8.

To celebrate Rotary foundation month, long time member **Dr. Saheb Sahu** presented a program on the hospital project in his native India. He started the project in the late 1970's, a few years after starting his own practice in the U.S. After attempts at funding the project through a private foundation did not meet his expectations, he began working with Rotary. RI would pay for bricks and mortar but not operating expenses. Dr Sahu made an initial contribution, as did our club, which RI matched. After much red tape a decision was made to build a clinic with supporting structures (housing etc. for staff) instead of a hospital. Through a school friend, several acres of land were acquired and the Mother's and Children Institute was established. In addition to the clinic, Dr. Sahu and family helped establish a school in the area six years ago. In a large cultural change, approximately 1/2 of the 200 students in school are female.

The clinic currently operates on an annual budget of \$10 – 12,000 and serves 15 villages. Dr. Sahu hopes to expand the services of the clinic to reach 100 villages. To do so, it is necessary to build a 20-30 bed hospital. The estimated cost of the building is \$20-30,000.

Dr. Sahu believes RI will match gifts for this purpose. Individually and as a club we can help with this project by making donations to the RI Foundation and designating the funds for the Erisa India Women's and Children's Hospital.

Nov 24 This is the day for the official visit from District Governor Don Goering. He and his wife Doris have been doing the "road show". So far this make their 56th club that they have visited in our district.

Pres. Allison Neswold and other officers of the Valley HS Interact Club joined us for lunch.

Dec 1 Meeting was at Hy-Vee's new headquarters in WDM.
Tom Carey thanked those members who walked the ditches to clean up debris along Army Post Road.

Dec 15 Officers slated for 1999/2000:

President	Paul Wielage
Pres. Elect	John Donald
VP	Katie Roth
Treas.	Mike Schnoes

Sec. Al Cross
Directors: Kevin Burggraaf, John Busbee,
Larry Graham, Kay Kramer, Kitte Noble

Dec 22 All the way from the North Pole, **Santa Claus** will be here to see who's been naughty or nice.

1999

- Jan 4 Last meeting Saint Nicholas paid a visit to the club handing out snacks which were fun, if not healthful. Bob McNurlen insists that his sponsorship of this activity and the ensuing cavities are mere coincidences.
- Jan 12 Feb 13 will be the date for the Penguin Parade Ice Golf Invitational at the Raccoon River Regional Park.
- Jan 26 The Tavern has donated chili for the Penguin Parade Ice Golf Invitational.
- Feb 2 Bob Start gave an update on the ice thickness for the Penguin Parade Ice Golf Invitational. He assured us that 12" to 14" should support "most of us".
- Feb 9 Speaker was Dan Quayle, former Vice-President of the United States.
- Feb 23 Pres. Bob Start recognized several of our members who participated in the Ice Golf Meet. Jim Herrington was recognized with having the longest and most dangerous drive. Dave Carlson had the longest putt. Steve Fry had the lowest score with a zero (0). (It was later discovered that he failed to show up for the event.)
- Mar 2 Vocational Day speakers were: Mike Herting, and Todd Millang
- Mar 30 New member: Ronald Hanser
- Apr 27 Crime does not pay: A story off the internet (so it must be true). A would be crook help up a convenience store. Disappointed with the "take", he decided to tie up the clerk, and work the store himself for a couple of hours. Police arrested him after a couple of hours "on the job."
- May 21 The Bunny Harper golf outing will be held on June 21 at Lake Panorama.
- May 25 PDG Bill Reese spoke to us about The Rotary Foundation. "*Man must sit in chair with mouth open for a very long time before roast duck fly in.*" You have to go after it. This is one of Bill's favorite fund raising quotes to encourage each of us to part with some of our disposable income for a good cause.
- June 1 Four graduating orators gave us their commencement speech. They were: Joshua Zagoran, Matt Zimbach, Mike Brooks, and Ross Hyser.

- June 15 Jim McCarl was acknowledged for his consistent Service Above Self. Jim is the silent volunteer who sets up and puts away all of our Rotary “trappings” each Tuesday. Thank you Jim.
- June 22 Conley Biddle was presented with his second Paul Harris Fellow pin. He is also a Foundation Benefactor.
- June 29 Club will be sponsoring a beer tent at the Fourth of July celebration at Raccoon River Park.
- July 1 Officers and Directors for 1999-2000:
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| President | Paul Wielage |
| Pres. Elect | John Donald |
| Vice Pres. | Katie Roth |
| Past Pres. | Bob Start |
| Secretary | Al Cross |
| Treasurer | Mike Schnoes |
| Club Service | Kevin Burggraaf |
| Community Service | Larry Graham |
| International Serv. | Kay Kramer |
| Vocational Serv. | John Busbee |
| Sgt-At-Arms | Kitte Noble |
- July 13 Tom Carey hosted our club at his place of business – Ramsey Pontiac, Mazda, Subaru, Porsche.
- Aug 3 Our Club’s annual Root Beer Float fund raiser was July 31 at the Hy-Vee store on 35th Street.
- Aug 31 John Boyd introduced Rachael Simms who will be our exchange student to Sweden this year.
- Oct 5 Oct. 25 is RYLA at Camp Dodge.
- Nov 16 President Paul presented a \$5000 check to Lori Diebel of the Valley South Wood Leadership program last week.
Volunteers needed to help serve Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the West Des Moines Human Services.
Rotary night out on Nov. 19th at the Marriott.
- Dec 21 Club had their holiday party at DMG&CC last week. Entertainment was provided by the Top Hat carolers.

2000

Jan 4 Roger Rindernecht recognized all the members who volunteered to collect money for the Salvation Army.

Jan 18 Social hour is at the WDM Marriot Hotel every 3rd Friday of the month.

Jan 25 The Ice Golf event had about 35 people.

Feb 8 Next week Vocational Fellowship breakout meeting will be at 6 different locations:

First Realty	Jerry Reno
Freedom Fin. Bank	Roger Rinderknecht
Hanser & Assoc.	Ron Hanser
Heart of Iowa	Shirley Chechar
True Value Hdw.	Todd Treese
WDM Chamber	Linda Jenkins

Feb 29 New member: Tom Hamilton Jr.

Mar 9 Buffet and auction (both silent & competitive) was held at the University Park Holiday Inn for fund raising to benefit the RYLA program. Approximately 150 members & spouses attended from WDM, Ankeny, East Polk, Johnston, NW Des Moines and Waukee.

Apr 25 Sam Dehain reported approx. 15 Rotarians and about 40 students at the Interact meeting on Apr. 16.
Ditch cleanup on Army Post Road scheduled for Apr. 29.
Bunny Harper golf tourney scheduled for June 26 at Elmwood CC, Marshalltown
Senior Citizens Luncheon hosted by WDM Human Services was held Apr. 15.

June 13 WDM Rotary Club had over 70, including family members and guests, at the Iowa Cubs Thursday evening game.

Commencement speakers from Valley were:
Clint Carroll, Monica Ghali and Shira Simon. On behalf of these three speakers, Rotary will donate \$100 each to a charity of their choice.

The Scholarship Committee gave out six scholarships totaling \$6,000:

Tara Lynn Ripple – Dowling
Candace Newton – Dowling
Abigail Reser – Valley
Dree Colopy – Valley
Rebecca Owens
Hana Boccela

Out of 46 applicants, these kids were the winners, based on their grades, outside interests and service to humanity.

- June 27 Meeting at Hy-Vee Conference Center jointly with WDM Chamber of Commerce.
- July 18 New member: Tom Larson. Tom explained that although he is from Fairfield, he is not a “floater”.
- Aug 1 Installation of Officers & Directors:
President John Donald
Pres. Elect Kevin Burggraaf
Vice Pres. Greg Kenyon
Secretary Al Cross
Treasurer Mike Schnoes
Community Serv. Kitte Noble
Intn’l. Serv. Johnny Boyd
Vocational Serv. Kay Kramer
Sgt. At Arms John Busbee
Club Service position is not filled at this time.
- Aug 15 New members: Tony Paustian, Rob Laycock
Randy Ehrhardt sworn in as Club Service Director
- Aug 29 Our new exchange student is Johanna Pamela Pfahl from Argentina. Our outbound student is Melissa McGowan going to Argentina.
- Sep 5 Picnic at the farm home of Mike Schoes on Sept. 17.
New member orientation Sept. 15 at Bob Tait’s home.
New Editor added to the Bulletin Team: Bill Kalianov
New member: Terry Feldt
- Sep 25 Congratulations to John Donald, Greg Kenyon, Kay Kramer and Bob Tait for their 3rd place finish in the Northwest Rotary Gold Outing.
- Oct 3 Vocational Day offsite meetings:
Dave Carlson – Superior Printing
Bob Start – American Moving Services
Steve Fry – Spindustry Industries
Phil Bolger – Briggs Corporation
Kitte Noble & Tammy Kline – Career Services Assn.
Connie Beaver – Muzak
Kay and Mary Kramer – State Capitol President’s Office
Dean Honnold – IMT Insurance
- Oct 17 Christmas Wreaths: Over 100 have been sold.

Social gathering WDM Marriott on Oct 20
RYLA at Camp Dodge on Oct 24

Dec 5 Thank you to the following people who helped the Dep. Of Human Services serve Thanksgiving dinner: Kay Kramer and his wife, Bill Reese and his wife, John Hanna and his daughter.

2001

Jan 5 Ice golf will be Jan 13

Jan 30 New member: Jason Wolf
Bob Start has a \$1500 check for WDM Human Services as the proceeds from the ice golf event. Greg Kenyon was congratulated for the low score of 36 and Kevin Burggraaf for the longest drive (from Johnston).

Mar 6 The 75th Anniversary Party for the WDM Rotary Club will be held on April 7 at the Des Moines Golf & Country Club.

Mar 13 Bob Tait has been named as an Assistant Governor for District 6000.

Apr 3 John Paule and family were passengers on the Amtrak Train derailed a week ago in Southern Iowa. Fortunately, no one in John's group was injured.
Roadside cleanup on April 14. Our new stretch of highway is the north side ditch on I-235 near the Waveland Golf Course.

Apr 7 **REPORT ON 75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**
The event kicked off with an invocation by Bob Start. Joe Van Winkle led us in singing "Happy Birthday" to the club. Joe also recalled that he had been invited to join Rotary by Paul Grodt. Paul Grodt, Joe Van Winkle, Bill Reese, Conley Biddle, Norm Pogemiller, and Chuck Vandenberg represent some of the longest term members of the club. Stan Ver Ploeg, another long term member, was in Europe and had not yet returned from that trip. Conley Biddle, past president of the club and past district governor of Rotary District 6000 was unable to attend due to health concerns of his own and his wife. The current District Governor Dale Belnap and his wife were present, as was Governor Elect, Herb Wilson and his wife. Also introduced was Assistant Governor Bob Tait and administrator for the district, Pat Crose.
Bill Reese reflected on his 29 ½ years in the club, and the accomplishments and challenges, not only of Rotary International, but our own club. Quoting Conley Biddle, he stated that the story of Rotary is rewritten with every new member and the activities of each new member. Their actions and service describes who Rotary is and who we are. Bill reflected on the many roles he has held in the club, including committees, officer positions and numerous other capacities before serving as President and then later, following his mentor Conley Biddle, as District Governor in 1994. The opportunities that he received through Rotary to

travel and learn, for which he says he can never repay Rotary. He reflected on his year as District Governor. Especially his concerns about visiting his own home club during that year and wondering how it might stack up. He reread his notes from that visit. He had been impressed with his home club and its development, maturity and energy. Bill closed with a couple of poems about building with care and taking active roles.

District Governor Dale Belnap made brief comments about the growth of Rotary in Iowa and that our club was the 31st, established in 1926. He made special mention of RYLA, sponsored by our club and led by Kevin Burggraaf, and what an incredible event it has become. He thanked other members of our club for their rolls in the upcoming District Conference, including Bob Start, Bob Tait and Johnny Boyd. He closed with a favorite saying from an article by RI President Frank Develin, "Go not where the path leads, but go where there is no path and leave a trail."

Entertainment for the night was presented by Lynn Deitz, a professional hypnotherapist and entertainer. Several "willing" volunteers participated.

May 8 Doug Hillman reported that the wreath sales raised \$1500 and the Club has given \$500 of this to the Special Olympics program. Several club members participated in the WDM Elderly Appreciation Luncheon

May 29 District 6000 Golf Tourney will be June 4 at Atlantic Golf & Country Club.

Jun 12 WDM took home the Bunny Harper Trophy!! Bolger, Carey, Hammond Kenyon, Tait and Wielage represented us. They just beat out Ottumwa.

Program was 12 Rotary Friendship Exchange visitors from South Africa.

June 26 Installation of Officers and Directors:

President	Kevin Burggraaf
Pres. Elect	Kitte Noble
Vice Pres.	Mark Lyons
Past Pres.	John Donald
Secretary	Al Cross
Treasurer	Mike Schnoes
Club Serv	Johnny Boyd
Community Serv.	Randy Erhardt
International Serv.	Linda Jenkins
Vocational Serv.	John Busbee
Sgt. At Arms	Tom Carey

Jul 24 The club sponsored a Golf Ball Contest for the members to pay and guess the number of golf balls in a bowl. A total of \$80.00 was raised with the money directed to the Scholarship Fund. Patricia Kueter won the contest with a guess of

153 balls, which was the exact number. Thanks to Kay Kramer for his interest and time spent in this event.

- Aug 14 Club presented WDM Human Services a check to purchase a snow blower attachment for their utility tractor.
- Aug 21 Sept. 4 will be our “trip to the trees”. A bus will leave promptly at 11:45 AM for a picnic at the site of our tree planting on the farm of Mike Schnoes.
- Sept 11 Speakers are the Rotary GSE team that returned from their trip to Argentina this past spring.
Our meeting was short and reflective given the events of September 11, 2001, a day that will be remembered by all of us for the rest of our lives.
- Sept 25 Bob Goldhammer gave us an updated regarding the function of the emergency management systems that he oversees and how they were utilized during the events of 9-11.
- Oct. 9 RYLA is scheduled at Camp Dodge on Oct. 16. Art Dinkin is in charge.
Highway cleanup scheduled for Oct. 20.
Literacy Program is set to begin Oct. 25.
A Fireside Chat was held on Oct. 2 at DMG&CC for orientation of new members.
- Oct 30 Alicia Smock graced us with her presence and shared harp music prior to the meeting.
Jim Sandager was recognized for being named one of the 100 top financial planners in the country in a recent mutual fund publication.
- Nov 6 Greg Kenyon served as host speaker in a special event honoring Rotarian Luke Roth and his wife Katie Roth. Jason Wolf, District Director of the Boy Scouts of America, presented the “James E. West Fellow” award to Katie & Luke for outstanding service to Scouts. Kitte Noble presented roses to Katie and gave her recognition for being the first woman President of the West Des Moines Club. Assistant District Governor Bob Tait presented Paul Harris Fellow awards to the three Roth children.
- Nov 20 WDM Rotary will hold their annual Christmas Party at DMG&CC on December 11. The Adel Rotary Club has been invited to join us.
- Dec 4 Rotarian Kay Kramer has been named WDM Citizen of the Year.

Thanksgiving Volunteers: 14 members helped serve 100 meals at the WDM Community Center and sent out another 50 to shut-ins.
- Dec 18 8 members participated in ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

2002

- Jan 15 Kevin Burggraaf hopes to begin planting walnuts at the WDM Rotary tree Farm in the next 1 ½ to 2 weeks.
- Jan 22 Kathy Skinner, Nevada Rotary Club, and leader of the GSE team to Argentina, presented a program about the GSE trip.
- In the Adopt a Class program, our club donated \$500 for the purchase of books in the WDM schools.
- Feb 5 Kay Kramer was named West Des Moines Citizen of the Year.
We welcomed back the return of honeymooner Jim McCarl.
- Feb 12 Linda Jenkins has agreed to serve as Treasurer for the remainder of this year.
- President Kevin opened the meeting with a speaker-phone conference call with club member Joe Van Winkle, who is recovering from kidney ailments in Corpus Christi, TX. District Governor Herb Wilson tied into the call as well. The District Governor granted Joe special dispensation and leave of absence to preserve his 35 years of perfect attendance. The record of the meeting should reflect that a motion was made and seconded to enter into the lease with Mike Schnoes and his wife Jean for 100 years for the purpose of timber cultivation and harvesting. The motion was made on behalf of Joe Van Winkle by Paul Grodt. The motion unanimously passed.
- Feb 26 The club presented a check for \$2,750 to Des Moines Area Community College, West Des Moines Campus, for Tony Paustian to purchase a defibrillator.
- Rotary District 6000 Golf Tournament has been scheduled for June 10 at the Harvester Golf Course near Marshalltown.
- Mar 2 Luke Roth passed away Tuesday, February 26.
- Mar 19 Member Steve Fry has been recognized as one of Iowa's future leaders by the Business Record.
- Mar 26 Member Ellen Moore has been recognized as one of Iowa's future leaders by the Business Record.
- Apr 2 Finally, President Kevin received the long awaited Presidents Pin from John Donald via Paul Wielage. Someone (we won't say who) lost it.
- Apr 9 IN MEMORIAM:
Past President Joseph S. Van Winkle passed away on Monday, April 1, 2002. Services were held Friday, 4/5/02 with a number of Rotarians in attendance

honoring his memory and extending our sympathies. Also in honor of Joe, President Burggraaf led the club on April 2, 2002 with the song "Smile".

The Drake Rotaract Club held their first meeting Friday. There are 5 founding members and about 20 students who will attend the club.

May 7 Vocational Day hosts were: Merlea Schultz, Ed Wright, Dave Harrison, Ron Hanser, and Bill Sprague.

May 21 The walnut tree project will have seeds sown on the afternoon of May 21.
May 28 The tree seeding project was delayed to a future date because the soil was not tilled and prepared for seeding due to unfavorable weather conditions.

June 4 Walnut tree seed planting will be TODAY. Kevin donated 40 Walnut and 60 Black Oak seedlings to the club.

June 18 Scholarship recipients recognized:
Nathen Lyken Valley
Ethan Grundberg Valley
Stephanie Pizinger Dowling
Ashley Mickle Valley

June 25 Norm Pogemiller was recognized for this work with the Dollars for Scholars program. Kevin presented him with a \$1,000 donation from Dr. Les and Barb Omotani.

July 2 Bill Reese installed these new officers and directors:
President Kitte Noble
President-Elect Johnny Boyd
Vice President Arlen Pence
Past President Kevin Burggraaf
Secretary Linda Jenkins
Treasurer Tom Larson
Club Service Tom Carey
Community Serv. Dave Carlson
Intn'l. Serv. Jason Wolf
Vocational Serv. Bill Kalianov

Kevin described our tree planting, cultivating and harvesting project which is intended to be a one hundred year process. It includes his goal of exposing school aged children to Rotary as least five times during their school years. In showing his commitment to completing the project, Kevin made a gift of \$1,000 to the club. It is to be used to help transport the children back and forth to the farm.

Bill Reese presented to Kevin a treasured rotary coin which has the four-way test imprinted on it and asked that Kevin treasure it the same as he had for many years.

- July 9 Meeting was held at Kitte Noble's new store, Teacups and Tiaras.
- Aug 20 Our foreign exchange student from the Netherlands, Bart-Jan Hoorneman, joined us for lunch along with his current host, Al Cross.
- Sep 17 RYLA is scheduled for October 22.
- Sep 24 Kevin Burggraaf announced that he and his wife have donated in excess of 18,000 walnuts for planting at the club land leased for growing walnut trees. There will be a mass planting project at the site in October.
- Oct 15 Off-site Vocational Day hosts were: Bob Goldhammer, Greg Kenyon, Richard Ellis and Doug Peterson.
- Nov 12 Holiday wreaths are back by popular demand. Last year we raised over \$1000 for our Literacy Program.
- Dec 10 Holiday Party at Des Moines Golf & Country Club.

2003

- Jan 7 Last week, Randy Ehrhardt was Master of Ceremonies for a fine music program. The performers were: Alice Cooper, Scott Stillwell, Tomi Hamilton, Mark & Luke Ehrhardt, and Ron Townsend.
- Jan 14 January 21 is Vocational Day. Off-site hosts will be: Janet Nelson, Doug Hillman, Connie Bever, and Tom Rupprecht.
- Jan 21 New members: Rebecca Van Wyk and Ed Minnick
- Mar 18 Congratulations to Bob Tait whose son won an appointment to the U.S. Navy Academy.
- Mar 25 Doug Hillman has established a Rotaract Chapter at Drake University. Todd Millang is helping to coordinate this effort.
- Apr 29 Bart, our foreign exchange student, introduced his father, mother, and sister. His father spoke of how happy he was that the Rotary gave his son such a warm reception and helped him to grow from a boy (albeit a big one) to a man. His father also gave the club a gift as a gesture of appreciation.

May 13 Todd Millang introduced eight Drake students that are heading up the new Drake Rotaract Club. Currently, they have 25 members.

Tom Cunningham is back after a nasty fall from the roof of his home. He is on crutches but recovering just fine.

Jun 24 Off-site vocational meetings hosted by: Dave Carlson, Bob Start, and Jason Wolf.

Jul 1 Installation of Officers and Directors:

President	Johnny Boyd
President-Elect	Tom Carey
Vice President	Tom George
Past President	Kitte Noble
Secretary	Linda Jenkins
Treasurer	Tom Larson
Vocational Serv.	Connie Bever
International Serv.	Todd Millang
Club Serv.	Jason Wolf
Community Serv.	Bill Kalianov
Sgt. at Arms	Tom Cunningham

Greg Kenyon reported that a team of six battle-tested veterans made the trip to Ottumwa in an attempt to win the coveted Bunny Harper trophy. Although the team came up just short, finishing second to the host club of Ottumwa, it was a good showing by our club. Todd Wishman finished third in medal play and Bill Kalianov won the low net (his gross score less his handicap). Dean Wenthe was second low net. Other players were Larry Lockridge, Joe Willis and Greg Kenyon.

New Members: Charles Schneider, Dave Bridgewater, and Terry McClain.

July 8 New Members: Camille Urban, Jamie Bunn

July 22 Some wisdom or wit from George Carlin:

If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

“I am” is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that “I do” is the longest sentence?

July 29 District 6000 is sponsoring a booth at the Iowa State Fair. Our club is hosting on Thursday, August 14.

August 16 will be the annual root beer float day at the 35th St. Hy-Vee. Proceeds raised are for the Special Olympics.

Aug 12 Kevin Burggraaf and Bob Tait are both serving as Assistant District Governors.

Martin Zidadinovic, our student from Ecuador visited our club for the first time. Bob Start and his family are hosting Martin for the first few months.

Sep 23 Terry McLane and the West Des Moines Marriot hosted our meeting for September 2. The food and facilities were top notch.

Sep 30 A new member orientation luncheon was held Sept. 26 by Tom Carey.

Oct 14 will be the 7th annual RYLA with our club having hosted all 7. We have 122 students and 42 of 62 clubs participating.

Dec 9 175 Christmas wreaths have been ordered for the Valley Junction fund raiser. The price is \$18.50 each.

The club has made a commitment to build a picnic shelter at Raccoon River Nature Park by the summer of 2005.

2004

Jan 23 **Jamie Bunn** chaired the annual Holiday Party. Tim Grimes of Glazer Wines provided running commentary throughout the evening. Mr. Grimes was NOT able to suggest an appropriate wine for **Joe Willis** to match with a favorite delicacy, corn chips. Some in attendance, who will remain nameless, received more “education” than others, as a good time was had by all.

Jan 27 Vocational Day was Jan. 13. Off-site hosts were Roger Peterson, Tom Carey and Dana Petrowsky.

Feb 10 Todd Millang introduced Jennifer Rockwell who will be our outbound student to Argentina.

The club will be “on the road” in March due to remodeling at the country club.

March 2 The Sportsplex West

March 9 Blank Park Zoo

March 16 West Des Moines City Hall

Apr 6 Apr. 20 Vocational Day off-site hosts will be: Larry Lockridge, Dave Carlson, and Pierce Coady.

May 11 Long-time member of the West Des Moines Rotary Club, **Gene O’Neill** passed away last week. Gene had served the club in many capacities including most recently as the piano player. He was an accomplished and respected architect and also an artist. He loved to travel and held a private pilot license. Even though he traveled a great deal, he was able to maintain perfect attendance for approximately 20 years as he made up in clubs all over the world.

June 1 The Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from District 4180 in Mexico visited our club last week.

July 6 Installation of Officers and Directors:

Tom Carey	President
Al Cross	President-Elect/Membership
John Paule	Vice President
Johnny Boyd	Past President
Linda Jenkins	Secretary
Tom Larson	Treasurer
Todd Millang	Club Service
Jason Wolf	Community Service
Russ Ver Ploeg	International Service
Connie Bever	Sgt. at Arms
Janet Nelson	Vocational Service
Pierce Coady	Foundation

July 13 District Governor **Bill Tubbs** and his wife Linda visited our club. As part of his presentation, Bill offered the Rotary Beatitudes for our consideration:

Rotary Beatitudes

Blessed is the Rotarian who changes his eating place at each meeting, for he shall make more friends.

Blessed is the Rotarian who creates wholesome conversation at the table, for people will desire to sit with him.

Blessed is the Rotarian who can take a little kidding, for he is a good sport.

Blessed is the Rotarian who has more than just business or professional interest in the club, for he will last longer.

Blessed is the Rotarian who carries his enthusiasm and friendship away from the dinner table to use it in the ways of life, for he will not be called a hypocrite.

Blessed is the Rotarian who knows how to stop when he makes a speech, for he is an unusual man.

By Charles G. "Buzz" Tenneut

Aug 17 Aug. 16 was the make-up date for the June rainout of the historic Bunny Harper District Golf Tournament. Our team traveled to Elmwood Golf Course in Marshalltown and captured the coveted trophy.

Aug 24 Mithila Jariwala, our Youth Exchange Student from India, joined us for lunch today.

Aug 31 **Linda Jenkins** introduced her mystery fiancé. It is none other than Nevada Rotarian **Harold Hulleman**.

John Donald mentioned the very successful Root Beer Float Fundraiser. \$225 was raised for Special Olympics.

Sept 7 **Van Spitzer** hosted the club at University Park Holiday Inn. Van announced that the hotel was changing flags to Sheraton and would be going through a major renovation.

New member: Tom Narak

Oct 5 New members: Dan Lopez and Blake Harms
Al Cross held a new member orientation meeting in September that was well attended.
Kay Kramer is still assisting three Rotary Clubs in the Barbados Island area for hurricane relief. More funds are welcome.

Oct 26 RYLA was a huge success thanks to **Ed Minnick** and his cast of characters that assisted . Attendance was a record with about 175 youth in attendance.

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The web site for the West Des Moines Rotary Club was started in July, 2005. For reasons unknown, the Rotary Wheel newsletters for 2005 & 2006, either in paper or electronic form, cannot be located.
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2005 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

BJuly 7 Use of a head table at meetings was discontinued.

Cost of the web site is \$32/mo for club runner plus a set up fee of \$200.

BAug 4 OctoberWest will be chaired by Todd Millang and will be held Oct. 22 behind the WDM City Hall.

BSep 1 Donated \$100 to Hope Lutheran Church in memory of the recent passing of Rotarian Van Spitzer.

BOct 6 Centennial Project drawings were submitted to R&R to develop construction plans.

BNov 3 Another record setting year for RYLA.

BDec 1 Approved the following:
\$150 to RI for Rose Parade Float
\$1,000 to WDM Human Services
\$200 to Fairmeadows for library books
\$500 for Bunny Harper Golf Tourney seed money

2006 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

- BJan 5 GSE outbound to the Philippines. WDM is sponsoring 3 out of 4 members of the team.
- BFeb 1 Approved support of Drake Rotaract to the extent of \$250 a year for the next 3 years.
- BApr 13 Approved purchase of one dictionary per 4th grader in WDM schools.
- BNov 21 Pancake Breakfast fundraiser was considered a success.

Considered need to upgrade the web site.

2007 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

- BJan 24 Amended by-laws for the year 2007-2008 were accepted.

Xicotepec Trip, those attending are, Tom Narak and wife, Tom George. Date is March 10 – 18.
- BFeb 20 2007 Club Party will be March 3 at WDM Marriot.

Discussed Stan Ver Ploeg's funeral and approved \$100 donation to his church.

2007

- Jan 23 Last week the program was a “throwback” to the origins of Rotary, as members shared 2-3 minutes about themselves in a round table discussion. It provided an opportunity to learn something about members that we would otherwise not have known. For instance, at our table, we learned that Melanie Roe grew up as an avid horsewoman, that Art Dinkin flies airplanes and let people jump out (ok, they are skydivers), and that Larry Lockridge has spent nearly 50% of his adult life on the golf course (!!).
- Feb 6 New member meeting will be Feb. 22 at Trostel's Dish on University in Clive.

Dana Petrowsky and Janet Nelson are co-chairing a party to celebrate our club's 80th anniversary.

Bunny Harper Golf Tournament scheduled for June 18 at the Indianola Country Club. The Bunny Harper Trophy is still buried in Greg Kenyon's back yard. If we do not retain title, volunteers and metal detectors will be needed to determine its location.

- Feb 20 Funeral services for Stan Ver Ploeg will be Feb. 23 at Covenant United Presbyterian Church at 2:00 pm.
- 80th Anniversary Club Party will be March 3 at 6:00 pm at the WDM Marriott. Live music before dinner furnished by Bob Start and his Band of Renown. Entertainment after dinner: Illusionist, David T. Williamson.
- May 1 Todd Treese is going to chair the RYLA event.
- May 8 Tom George and Tom Narak gave us great program detailing their trip to Xicotepec, Mexico.
- May 15 President Jason Wolfe announced the kickoff of our spring raffle. Prizes will be a flat panel big screen TV and a stainless steel gas grill.
- May 29 Ed Minnick was Master of Ceremonies recognizing the RYLA scholarship award winners, who each read their essay to the Club. The winners were:
 1st Place - \$1,000 scholarship – Kendra Bland – Waukee
 2nd Place - \$750 scholarship – Alex Carl – Muscatine
 3rd Place - \$500 scholarship – Ajeet Singh – West Des Moines
- Jun 12 The raffle brought in approximately \$11,000.
- Jun 19 Greg Kenyon displayed the trophy from the Bunny Harper Golf Tournament, which is the third victory in a row. Congratulations to the team!
- Jul 10 For those that sometimes don't get noticed: Thanks to **Charles Vandenberg** and **Jim McCarl** for always setting up the room for our club meetings. While some may not realize who does this, it is noticed and appreciated by everyone that attends. Thank you Charles & Jim.
- Jul 17 Dave Carlson is coordinating our day at the Iowa State Fair on Aug. 15.
- Jul 24 District Governor Diana Reed will attend our offsite meeting at the West Des Moines Sheraton on Aug. 7.
- Aug 7 Congratulations to Merlea Schultz, our newest Paul Harris member. The award was presented by Past President Al Cross.
- Aug 28 Thank you to Janet Nelson and her volunteers (Linda Leave, Doug Hillman and Charles Vandenberg) for pushing this product and raising \$110.
- Sep 4 Monthly evening social gathering at the Waterfall Grill inside the WDM Sheraton Hotel on Sep 6.

Sep 18 Last week: Kay Kramer introduced his wife Mary Kramer, who was the U.S. Ambassador to Barbados. She was Ambassador to 7 islands in the area and was sworn in at all 7 with some unique rituals for the various appointments.

Nov 13 Speaker was former Iowa State Governor Terry Branstad who is currently President of Des Moines University.

Thought for the week: "Life may not be the party we hoped for, but once we're here, we should dance!"

2008 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

BMar 4 Dr. Narak and Tom George each to be given \$2,500 to support projects and activities connected with Xicotepec.

Holiday Party was held at Rube's Steak House on Feb, 29, 2008. Approximately forty members attended along with a number of spouses and guests.

BOct 28 New members approved: Dr. Michael Foss, Ken Kramer

Audit firm of Corwin, Reichter & Company P.C. engaged to conduct a review of the records of the club for the time period July 2007 through June 2008.

FAMSCO Work Day at Coralville, IA on Nov. 1, 2008

Dr. Tom Narak, International Service Director, gave some information on the 2009 trip to Xicotepec. It will be a Spring Break opportunity for students living in District 6000 to participate in the activities. School classrooms are being built to offer an opportunity for children living in the part of Mexico where the Xicotepec program will continue. Dr. Tom Narak and Tom George have been involved for two (2) years in this project.

2008

Jan 29 Past President Al Cross has been named citizen of the year for the City of Urbandale. Congrats Al!

Quiddity Committee presented the slate of proposed officers and directors for the fiscal year beginning 7/1/08:

President	Tom Larsen
Pres. – Elect	Linda Hulleman
Directors	Jamie Bunn, Joe Willis, Tom Narak, Linda Leave
Treasurer	Todd Wishman
Secretary	Todd Treese

Vice President Bill Reese
Past President Todd Millang

- Feb 12 “Leap Day Holiday Party” will be Feb. 29 at Rube’s Steakhouse.
Pancake breakfast will be May 3.
Thursday social gathering was Feb. 7 at Winestyles.
- May 13 The pancake breakfast was held on May 3 with about 400 people attending and an estimated \$3,200 profit for the club.
- President Todd Millang announced that a \$250 scholarship was given to Destination Imagination and a \$250 scholarship to attend summer camp was given to Augsberg Syndrome.
- May 20 Our club will host foreign exchange student Gordillo “Harumi” Yomoguita, from Comitan, Chiapas, Mexico.
- May 27 Bunny Harper Open is June 9 at Lake Panorama Golf Course. Our club is 2 time defending champion!
- Jun 10 Our club will be donating \$500 to the Parkersburg, Iowa, Rotary Club for tornado victims, and \$500 to the Boy Scouts, to be used to help scouts attend camp. A total of \$5,400 was given in high school scholarships , with three \$100 donations given to the charity chosen by each of the commencement speakers.
- The high school scholarship winners were: Daniel Huhn and Abbey Cooney (Dowling), Rich Branscom, Jery Inbarusco, and Carl Kripes (WDM Valley), and Emily Moor (Walnut Creek).
- Jun 17 Greg Kenyon announced that our club retains (for the third year in a row) the Bunny Harper golf trophy. Way to go!
- The social outing for June was held at Granite City. For the first time, ladies outnumbered the gentlemen, five to one. The lone guy in attendance is still wondering how he got so lucky!
- Jun 24 Past District Governor and Past President Bill Reese presided over the installation and gave the oath to new officers and directors for the year beginning July 1, 2009.
- Jul 22 WDM Human services is conducting a drive for school supplies. Al Cross is coordinating our club’s involvement with this project.
- New member: Chris Nelson, a mechanical engineer with Shive-Hattery.
- Aug 5 Regular meeting will be at the Sheraton Hotel on Aug. 5.

Social/make-up will be at the Club Car in Clive on Aug. 7.

Aug 12 Al Cross presented three Paul Harris Fellow awards: Linda Hulleman, Ed Minnick and Tom Narak. Al also presented a Paul Harris Fellow award to Virginia Ver Ploeg on behalf of her deceased husband, Stan Ver Ploeg.

Nov 4 Social get together will be Nov. 6 at the Gateway Market, WDM.

2009 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

BJan 20 Approved a raffle fundraiser with prizes of a \$3000 grill from True Value and a 42 inch flat screen TV from Travis.

Allocated \$5,000 for the Xicotepc project this year.

Holiday Party set for Feb. 28. This will be a wine tasting event.

BFeb 24 Donation to Red Cross approved for \$500.

Approved award of a Paul Harris Fellow to Todd Treese for his donation of two grills in our two recent raffles.

BMar 24 Date to raise funds for Polio Plus at an Iowa Cubs Game set for May 26.

BApr 28 Narak made note that the money donated by the club for disbursement in Xicotepc was used for uniforms and shoes for schoolchildren, as well as a donation to a child needing open heart surgery.

Al Cross will present Honorary Paul Harris Fellowships to Todd Treese and Ken Angersola in recognition of their recent contributions to the club.

BMay 26 Approved presentation of Paul Harris Fellow Award to Harumi (exchange student). She has been an excellent exchange student and ambassador for Rotary.

BJune 23 Approved donation of \$500 to the Boy Scout Summer Scholarship Program.

BJuly 14 Club assembly scheduled for Aug 4 at Fleming's Steakhouse.

BSep 15 Approved purchase of Quick Books to use as a financial program for the club.

Approved purchase of dictionaries for WDM third & fourth graders. In the future they will only be given to third graders.

Reported the arrival of exchange student Yuki Pedroso.

Pogemiller received an old Rotary booklet from the widow of a former West Des Moines Rotary member. It was suggested that this be given to Bill Reese who is the unofficial club historian.

(Editor's note: Someone else will need to take over this "unofficial" position! I've run out of storage space!)

BOct 13 Approved donation to Emerging Leaders Rotary Club in the amount of \$100.

2009

Jan 13 Website: President Tom and Past President Todd Millang both encouraged members to use the website. A tutorial was threatened.

Chris Nelson (3 min. speaker) posed an intriguing question: How many people should be invited to a party in a 3000 square foot house where the temperature is currently 29 degrees so it is not necessary to operate the furnace? The answer was 80 people, plus or minus a few if they bring along a crock pot or two.

Jan 20 We were privileged to have many former Boy Scouts and leaders join us to honor our fellow Rotarian **Jim Noyce** as a Distinguished Eagle Scout. This award acknowledges Eagle Scouts who have distinguished themselves in business, professions, and service to their community. Only Eagle Scouts who earned the Eagle Scout rank a minimum of 25 years previously are eligible for nomination. The award is given by the National Eagle Scout Service upon the recommendation of a committee of Distinguished Eagle Scouts. Bruce Kelly and Walt Smith presented the award to Jim.

Feb 24 Winners of the raffle were Russ Ver Ploeg (the grill) and Heather Malchow (TV).

Mar 17 Several "toasts" were presented in the "Wheel" for St. Patrick's Day, the best *(in my opinion)* are:

An old Irish recipe for longevity:

Leave the table hungry.

Leave the bed sleepy.

Leave the bar thirsty.

May you live to be a hundred years, with one extra to repent.

May you never forget what is worth remembering,

Or remember what is best forgotten.

May 26 Our exchange student this fall will be Luis Ricardo Granja Proano from Ecuador.

July 7 Past President Doug Hillman presided over the installation of new officers and directors:

President Linda Hulleman

Pres.-Elect	Todd Wishman
Vice Pres.	Doug Hillman
Past Pres.	Tom Larson
Secretary	Harold Hulleman
Treasurer	Linda Leave
Membership	Joe Willis
Club Service	Todd Saftner
Club Admin.	Jamie Bunn
International	Tom Narak

- July 21 A Paul Harris Fellow award was presented to Harumi, our exchange student.
- July 28 Aug. 4 meeting will be held at Fleming Steak House.
- Oct 20 Vocational Day offsite hosts were: Mark Luke, Chris Nelson, and Mary Inbody.

2010 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

- BFeb 9 Approved sending \$2,500 each with Tom Narak & Tom George for Xicotepec. They pay their own expenses so all these funds go to benefit that community.
- BMar 9 15 Club members plus several guests were in attendance at the wine tasting Holiday Party.
- RYLA will be held April 22 at the Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines.
- BApr 13 Approved donation of \$100 to the Valley After Prom Committee.
- Approved donation of \$300 to the Iowa National Guard Officers Auxiliary for support of their “Bear Hug” project.
- BOct 12 Regular meeting on November 30 will be offsite at Broadlawns Hospital.

2010

- Jan 5 First social meeting of the year will be Jan. 7 at Winestyles.
- Feb 9 Haiti Contribution: WDM Rotary raised \$2,300 and RI matched it for a total contribution of approximately \$4,600.
- Apr 6 President Linda Hulleman initiated 5 new members: Tyler Price, Tyler Brady, Shahna Janssen, Jody Sours, and Dan Withrow.
- Apr 13 No meeting on Apr. 20 --- attend RYLA at Lutheran Church of Hope.

Thanks to those that served lunch at the Senior Lunch last Saturday: Todd Meiners and his wife, Harold and Linda Hulleman and Roger Petersen.

- May 4 Raffle winners were: TV – Jim Noyce, Grill – Jamie Bunn, Mark Luke won the \$100 Flemings gift certificate.
- May 18 Tom Narak and Tom George reported on their trip to Xicotepec.
- Jun 1 Bunny Harper Golf Tournament will be June 7 at Tournament Club near Polk City.
- July 13 Past District Governor and Past President Bill Reese installed the incoming officers and directors for the year beginning July 1, 2010.
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| President | Todd Wishman |
| Pres.-Elect | Jamie Bunn |
| Vice Pres. | Bob Coleman |
| Past Pres. | Linda Hulleman |
| Secretary | Harold Hulleman |
| Treasurer | Linda Leave |
| Membership | Chris Nelson |
| Club Service | Larry Everett |
| Club Admin. | Ed Minnick |
| RYLA | Ken Angersola |
| International | Tom Narak |
| Assistant Sec. | Norm Pogemiller |
- July 20 Last week was the Club Assembly at Flemings Steak House.
- July 27 Speaker on Aug. 17 will be Senator Charles Grassley. Meeting will be at the Sheraton.
- Sept 14 Thanks to all who helped Brad Wittmuss's Eagle Scout project get under way. We helped him raise \$112 to get his project started.
- Oct 12 Nov. 30 meeting will be at Broadlawns Medical Center.
- Nov 9 Chris Nelson reported on the cleanup at Wildwood Ranch and thanked all those who participated.
- Dec 12 The Valley Singers entertained the Club with Christmas music.
- Dictionaries are ready for pickup and delivery to WDM 3rd graders. Tom Narak pointed out that many students remember their free dictionary all the way to their junior high years.

2011 FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

- BFeb 8 Discussion was held about a bicycle project. Hulleman will head up the investigation of this idea.
- BMay 10 There were 130 attendees at RYLA.
- Farmers Market began last Saturday. Gross was \$1247 and netted \$842. Start-up costs should be covered in three weeks.
- BJun 14 An article with pictures about the Bicycle Giveaway at Phenix Elementary appeared in the West Des Moines section of the Des Moines Register.
- BOct 18 Total net to WDM Rotary from our orange juice stand at the Farmer's Market is \$3,688.
- Ed Minnick, President Elect, has asked to defer his move to the President's position for one year. Chris Nelson has agreed to become the current President Elect. Vote by the membership will be at the regular meeting on Oct. 25.
- New member orientation was held on Oct. 3.
- Our current year exchange student is Karoline Deckers from Belgium.
- BNov 15 Approved sponsorship of a session of the West Des Moines Leadership Academy for \$375.
- BDec 13 The committee to select a nominee for the Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award recommended the nomination of Bill Reese for this award.

2011

- Jan 11 Kay & Mary Kramer invited the members of the Club to Mary's book launch party on Jan.14 at WDM City Hall.
- Jul 6 President **Todd Wishman** presided over the annual meeting and installation of officers. Past President and former District Governor Bill Reese conducted the installation proceedings.
- President **Todd** reviewed the accomplishments of his year at the helm and highlighted three major new projects the club took on, the backpack of food project, the bicycle project and the orange juice stand. All have been very successful and well received, supporting Todd's quote that with shared commitment much is possible.
- Todd also thanked many club members for service to specific committees and the club during the year.

New President **Jamie** talked about his great experience at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans and the theme for this year “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”. Jamie also mentioned a credo he had heard about and shared his thought that we might use it this year

“is it fun?”

“will I get hurt?”

“will anyone find out?”

New Members in 2010-2011

Don Hartley October 2010

Sean Honts June 2011

Jeff Jones October 2010

Tom Nelson April 2011

Phyllis Staplin January 2011

Orange Juice Report: On a beautiful July 2nd Saturday the club “sold out” of all product by 11:30 AM. Great job everyone. Jamie and Ed Minnick both reminded club members that we need to staff the orange juice tent for the rest of the downtown farmers market season. For those who have served, THANK YOU. For those who have not, it is a great time of fun and fellowship, so please sign up. It’s easy.

Jul 12

This was our club assembly day. Each of the directors spoke briefly about their responsibilities as well as the opportunities for others to participate through the committees. The directors and committee chairs, and a short summary of their comments are below.

Larry Everett, on Community Service Projects. Because Rotary is a service organization, this was a great place to start. The projects which are on the agenda for the club during the 2011/2012 fiscal year include:

May / October – Hiway cleanup

April – senior citizens luncheon, the dictionary project, and the reading program

August – root beer floats for Special Olympics

November – serving Thanksgiving dinner

December - Salvation Army bell ringing, the adopt a family holiday gifts

And new projects that were commenced last year and will be continued:

Wildwood Ranch – timber removal

The bicycle project

Booster packs for school age children

The orange juice stand at Des Moines Farmers Market.

The Xiacotopec project in Mexico

Inbound exchange students - we are looking into hosting one, and maybe two, inbound students in the Fall.

Outbound student – our club is sponsoring **Jerrin Crowell** of WDM. Jerrin is going to Brazil.

Mike Foss is chairing **Club Administration**. Mike highlighted the following items:

1. Continuing our tradition of having outstanding speakers at the meetings.
2. Communication with members through the web page and the bulletin
3. Continuing to develop internal relationships among club members through service activities, including, but not limited to the orange juice stand at the farmer's market.

Adam Nelson addressed membership issues including:

Recruiting new members (each current member is encouraged to invite at least one new member to the club)

Keeping current members engaged, and communication of members of expectations (i.e. this is service club, so we expect everyone to serve)

Encourage attendance at meetings, participation in service projects and consider a mentor program for new mentors.

Nov 8 Workday at Wildwood Ranch was a success. Thanks to all participants.

Veterans were recognized and thanked for their service.

Nov 15 Greg Kenyon introduced the Honorable Mark Cady, Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court. Justice Cady has been a judge since 1998 and became Chief Justice last year.

Dec 6 Harold Hulleman announced a bike workday on Dec. 27 at American Moving hosted by Bob Start. Objective will be to inventory bikes on hand and evaluate them for repair. The next bike giveaways are scheduled for Crestview and Clive schools in March, 2012.

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BFeb 14 Approved \$2,500 each for Tom Narak and Tom George for their projects in Xicototec this year. These funds will be used for student uniforms and shoes, schools supplies, water equipment and other technology.

BMar 13 Have not identified a club member or members with any interest in chairing RYLA next year. Or Club has initiated and has been hosting this event for several years. Board members agreed that it was time for one of our other metro or central Iowa Rotary Clubs to step up to this task. The incoming District Governor will be contacted about our decision.

Interest was expressed in re-activating an Interact Club at Valley High School.

Approved a contribution of \$400 to the DM Bike Collective for bicycle helmets they have provided for our bicycle giveaway program.

BJun 12 Our first corporate application has been received from Mercy Hospital. They will have three members.

RYLA --- Our obligations have been completed other than to provide information.
WDM Parade --- We will have an entry in the WDM 4th of July Parade.

Our next exchange student will be Gloria Barbarino from Italy.

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Feb 12 The Mar. 6 meeting will be held at Glen Oaks.

Feb 21 \$600 has been collected so far toward uniforms for Xicotepec.

May 1 A new round of bikes are almost ready to be distributed at Phenix and Clive Elementary Schools.

Bunny Harper Golf Tourney is June 4 at the Preserve at Honey Creek.

May 22 Three weeks in a row we have sold out the Orange Juice stand at the Farmers Market. As of last weekend we are \$230 in the black.

May 29 Our exchange student this year has been Karo Deckers from Belgium.

June 5 After holding the Bunny Harper Trophy for the past several years, our team had to relinquish it to the Des Moines AM Club.

We have completed our first full year with the bike project. During that time, we have collected nearly 200 bicycles and 102 have been given to students in four WDM Elementary Schools. Thanks to Harold Hulleman for heading this project, and to all the volunteers who repaired and cleaned bikes, helped present them to students, and photographed our events. Thanks also to Bob Start who has been storing our tools and the bicycles.

Doug Hillman announced our 2012 high school scholarship winners. They are: Micheong Lee (Valley), Matter Manzer (Dowling), Zachary McEntee (Dowling), Tarin Phillips (Valley), and Smantha Wipperman (Valley).

June 19 The Rotary Club of Jefferson gave \$500 to be used for our Xicotepec project.

July 9 After paying our one-time licensing fees and other related matters, we have netted a profit of over \$2,000 from the orange juice stand.

Past President and Past District Governor Bill Reese conducted the installation of the new officers and directors for the year beginning July 1, 2012:

President	Chris Nelson
Pres.- Elect	Tom Narak
Vice Pres.	Al Cross
Secretary	Harold Hulleman
Assist. Sec.	Norm Pogemiller
Treasurer	Doug Hillman
Club Service	Adam Nelson
Administration	Tyler Price
Membership	Mike Foss
International	Tom Narak
Past President	Jamie Bunn

Jul 24 Many thanks to Harold Hulleman and others who participated in the WDM 4th of July parade.

It was also reported that the book, Rotary... the Iowa Influence, authored by WDM member and Past District Governor Bill Reese in 1997, is now available on the District 6000 website.

Jul 31 President Chris Nelson and his wife, Robin, presented a program with photos and commentary regarding their experiences at the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand. The presentation was informative and shared with all in attendance the international aspects of Rotary that many of us might not otherwise get to witness in person.



**A stopping point must be chosen for any recitation of an organization’s history.
History never stops but continues on day by day.**

An excerpt from the second edition of “Rotary in West Des Moines”:

In 1935, just 30 years after the beginning of Rotary, Paul Harris the founder of Rotary wrote, “This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again.”

In a real sense, the story of Rotary is re-written each time a new member is inducted into a Club, and each time a new Rotary Club is chartered. Each individual Rotarian writes their own definition of Rotary, and each Club writes a chapter in the total history of Rotary International.

During my year as District Governor (1994-95), along with all the other duties, the Governor was expected to write and distribute a monthly newsletter. Since nominating and supporting a District Governor is part of our Club history, I would like to close this “compilation of information” with two items from my June 1995 Governor’s Monthly Letter. These are (1) A Thank You Letter and (2) portions of the State Of The District address at my district conference.

My sentiments expressed therein are as pertinent today as they were in 1995.



THANK YOU MY FRIENDS

It now seems a short time ago that I was presented with the District Governor’s pin. Along with the pin came responsibility, challenge, pride, long working day, frustration, humility – and I could go on. The point is, through-out this year I have had many experiences – almost all of them good. It is obvious to me that it is I who have grown during this year, benefited from the many opportunities made available, and enjoyed the results of the efforts and talents of so many who have worked so diligently for the good of District 6000 and Rotary.

I wish that I could stand face to face with those who have meant so much to my life this year and tell each of them, individually, how much I sincerely appreciate serving as Governor. I am proud of the 1994-95 Club Presidents, the Governor’s Group Representatives, the District Officers, Committee Chairs and members, and the Past District Governors. Had I not had the opportunity to serve as Governor, I would not even know many of these great people – not to mention that they are now valued friends.

The Governorship is an honor. Likewise, the Governorship is demanding. Fortunately for me, there were those who provided guidance, who assisted in so many ways, and who carried me when I needed them most. I am especially thankful for an understanding wife during those times when dedication became an “obsession”.

It has been a joy, and a thrill, to help spread the word of Rotary’s 1994-95 theme, **BE A FRIEND** – it was a perfect fit for me – how fortunate can one be – I couldn’t have asked for better.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to enjoy the office of District Governor, and believe I did my very best to serve every Rotarian in District 6000 with pride and humility.

Your Rotary Friend,

Bill Reese



STATE OF THE DISTRICT
(Excerpts from District Conference Presentation)

One year ago, in March, -- I was nervously getting ready to conduct a President-Elect Training Seminar. It just happened that our Granddaughter Jessica had stayed with us the previous night. She was eating breakfast when I came downstairs dressed in my brand-new Governor's jacket. She looked at me and said " GRANDPA -- YOU LOOK LIKE THE CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP!"

Well -- in a way -- I guess I have been Captain of District 6000's good ship BE A FRIEND for the 1994-95 year.

This nautical theme seems to be recurring in the district this year. One recent speaker closed his session of advice to new club presidents by distributing a picture of a sailing ship in the midst of a storm. The inscription on the picture was -- "The world is not interested in the storms you encountered -- but whether you brought in the ship!" . . .

So -- my report to you today is that the good ship BE A FRIEND is nearing port -- the voyage has been successful -- the crew and cargo are in good condition -- even though some maintenance remains to be done. There have been a few minor storms -- we have weathered them well--and in the big picture -- they are of no consequence.

My first official day in office -- I was in Beijing, China -- and I plan to spend my last official day in the Netherlands visiting the family of one of our favorite exchange students.

This voyage actually started about 24 months ago. There have been some exciting adventures along the way -- some treasures discovered -- and it is these that I want to tell you about today.

I received the nomination to be District Governor at the Conference in Ames during April of 1993. I recall saying at the time that I believed Rotary to be a growth experience -- but I didn't realize how much horizontal growth there would be.

Rotary Clubs generally eat very well -- it shows on me -- and this is not one of the treasures I just mentioned. It's a good thing that Rotarians are measured from the chin up -- and not from the chin down --- or from side to side.

My real growth from Rotary is in mental outlook -- I've gained a new perspective as to what Rotary is all about -- and what it is not!

It is not the answer to all the ills in the world -- no organization can feed all the hungry - or prevent disagreements between nations. Rotarians are volunteers -- busy people -- but dedicated to improvement of their communities --and to improvement of conditions for their fellowman.

That is why I believe this year's theme of BE A FRIEND is so appropriate. When you

think about it -- it says it all! This is the purpose of Rotary -- to make friends at home and abroad -- and to demonstrate our friendship! You don't allow a friend to go hungry! You don't drop bombs on friends! You don't just give a friend a fish -- you teach him how to fish!

So how are we going about that in District 6000? You are going to hear about that today - - - - - about how we are trying to BE A FRIEND through the Rotary Foundation -- through our Group Study Exchange -- the Friendship Exchange -- Youth Exchange -- The Scholarship Program -- World Community Service -- and our own home-town community service.

The Chairmen of each of these areas -- and others -- will give their reports -- and I don't want to steal their thunder -- they deserve all the credit we can give them. So in the meantime --- back to the voyage!

In June of 1993, Joyce and I attended the International Convention in Australia. We were part of a tour group of Rotarians from our District -- and it was on this trip that we observed the Friendship Exchange Program in action. John Dasher, Bill Cameron and myself put our heads together and decided the time was ripe to initiate this program in District 6000.

On our return, the Friendship Exchange idea was discussed at a PDG picnic -- and the decision was made to abandon our old Paul Harris Couple Exchange -- which was unique to our District -- and expensive -- in favor of the Friendship Exchange. I believe this program will pay countless dividends in friendship to all Rotarians who participate.

October of 1993 was the start of my Rotary training -- along with 26 other DGN's from Zones 3 and 9 -- at the Zone Institute held in Dearborn, Michigan. It was here that I first met our President Bill Huntley and became tremendously impressed with his depth of Rotary knowledge, his speaking ability, and his compassion for mankind.

There was some time for fun and games. Part of the activities was a Halloween costume party where a witch -- dressed in a flowing black robe -and a full-face mask -- paraded the hall with a cackle you have to hear to believe. She won first prize in the costume contest -- but refused to reveal her identity. You might ask Joyce about that too--there are days when the role seems to come to her naturally!

Then came the Main Event -- the International Assembly at Anaheim, California. All 506 incoming District Governors from around the world were there for 8 days of intensive training at plenary sessions and discussion groups. It was here that President Huntley revealed the 1994-95 theme of BE A FRIEND -- and many of you saw a video tape of that excellent presentation at the last District Assembly.

It is a custom for incoming District Governors to exchange Rotary business cards -- and small gifts as tokens of friendship. We came home with two boxes full of "friendship" and these are just the pins! I also have enough key chains to last me into the next century and beyond along with numerous small items unique to the country in which they were produced.

There are two things that are important in this symbolism---Friendship and Common Cause.

I know now -- that as a Rotarian -- I can go anywhere in the free world -- and find a Rotarian friend that shares our concerns -- and is striving to achieve the Object of Rotary. The Assembly is truly an unforgettable experience.

Upon our return -- the reality of the work involved in this job began -- as plans were finalized for the President-Elect Training Seminars. The decision was made to hold two separate sessions- -on alternate Saturdays -- in an attempt to improve attendance.

It is extremely important for incoming presidents to attend this session --- because it is here that they get their first exposure to the annual theme, the programs and goals of the new

Rotary President, and -- usually -- their first impression of the new District Governor. I'm happy to say that this approach was successful -- as over 90 percent of the new presidents were in attendance. The same approach was used this year -- and 57 out of 59 new presidents attended. A new record for our district!

The next event was District Assembly in May, 1994. I was impressed with the turnout --- -and the fellowship -- as club officers, district committee members and district staff came together for information, inspiration and -- hopefully- -motivation. Judging from the outstanding number of clubs that have met their goals -- and achieved the Presidential Citation for Community Concerns -- I believe that the purpose of Assembly was achieved. As they say -- the proof is in the pudding!

In June, Joyce and I left for the International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan. We spent 4 whirlwind days visiting friends in Japan---then on to Taiwan. It is at the International Convention that the incoming directors and officers of Rotary International are elected. For District Governors -- since there are so many -- it is rather informal. They simply vote approval of a previously published list.

So much for election -at this stage -- the training and much of the work has already been done. The election of DG's is an informal formality.

There is nothing in the world like a Rotary International Convention. You have to see it to believe it. This is where Rotarians find out what "International" really means. If you have never been -- I urge you to attend. This year it is in France, next year is Calgary, Canada, 1997 is in Scotland, and 1998 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

THREE English speaking countries in a row --- you don't even have to learn how to say tongue-twisting foreign words!

Of course -- all the conference sessions are conducted in English regardless of the location of the Convention.

After side trips to Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong, and mainland China --- Joyce and I returned home on July 8th and started our official club visits on July 18th.

59 clubs later --- we finished on November 21st. Can you imagine what it is like to give the same basic speech -- day after day -- 59 times! After the 10th or 12th -- I didn't need my notes anymore --- but kept them as kind of a security blanket anyway.

But it was out here at the clubs that we discovered the "treasures" that I mentioned earlier. Friendship just poured out -- as Joyce was hosted in the community -- and as I visited with the club officers. I was tremendously impressed with the wealth of caring, Rotary work being done in our District 6000 clubs.

Any idea I ever had -- that most clubs were just pocket-book clubs when it came to community service -- was quickly laid aside as I learned about successful fund raisers, hands-on projects, work with Special Olympics, mentoring programs, 1st offenders programs -- and many, many more worthwhile and caring community service projects.

It is at the clubs that the work of Rotary gets done. Nothing really happens in Rotary without strong involvement at the club level by individual Rotarians. The strongest RI President or District Governor can accomplish NOTHING without the participation of the club organization.

Some Governors -- on an ego trip -- may think that they RUN the District -- when in truth -the activities and organization of the District exist ONLY to help its individual Rotary Clubs and to advance the object of Rotary.

It is you --- individual Rotarians -- and your clubs --- that have made this a successful

year -- and made District 6000 into the GREAT district that it really is.

Unfortunately -- we still have too many RINOs -- Rotarians in Name Only. 10 percent of the Rotarians do 90 percent of Rotary's work.

Imagine what we could accomplish if that 10 percent became 20, 30, or 50 percent!

We need your help --- and I challenge you - to help that Rotarian friend of yours catch a little more of the Rotary spirit! Together, we can change the world!

Well -- the voyage of 1995-94 will soon be over. ... Joyce and I will attend the International Convention in Nice, France --- and while we are that far away --- will visit friends in the Netherlands, Ireland, Wales and England.

I'd like to close now by sharing a verse from a plaque that my oldest daughter made for me. This has hung in my office for many years -- and has meant a lot to me. I used this at District Assembly to help kick off this year:

There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to
fortune.
Omitted, all the voyage of their life is
bound in shallows and in miseries.
On such a full sea are we now afloat;
And we must take the current when it
serves,
Or lose our ventures.

The current is serving right now -- this is **YOUR TIME** -- and **MY** time -- Rotary's time.
Let's start now on a **NEW** voyage with **FOND MEMORIES** for a **LIFETIME**.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

--- Bill M. Reese