

Funds Established for Residents Affected by Iowa Floods

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Iowa RI districts 5970 and 6000 established funds to help relief and recovery efforts for thousands of flood victims. Photo by Brian Ray/The Gazette 16 June 2008

Funds have been established to assist Iowa residents who have been battered by this month's record-setting floods, which have caused billions of dollars in damage and forced the evacuation of nearly 40,000 Iowans from their homes.

Iowa RI districts 5970 and 6000, as well as the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation, have established funds to help with relief and recovery efforts. Contact information is listed below.

"The flooding, it's been devastating," said Dan Baldwin, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids and president of the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation. "This has actually gone outside the 500-year flood plain. A hospital 10 blocks from the river had to be evacuated. The entire downtown was underwater, some areas with 9 [to] 10 feet of water right in our central business district. Our community has never faced anything of this magnitude in terms of an emergency and rebuilding effort."

Floods have also ravaged other parts of the Midwest, including Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri. The disaster has disrupted rail service in the Midwest and forced portions of interstate highways in several states to close, according to news reports.

The floods in Iowa coincided with a tornado that killed four Boy Scouts at an Iowa camp and just weeks after another tornado killed six people and nearly leveled much of the community of Parkersburg.

"Rotarians in Iowa responded in a magnificent way to the E5 tornado in Parkersburg, where 288 homes were destroyed," said Ken Kolek, a past governor of District 5970 and its current Rotary Foundation committee chair. "Now we turn around and are faced with 1,300 city blocks flooded, between 3,000 and 4,000 residences either partially or totally destroyed, close to 1,000 businesses destroyed."

The donor advised fund being set up by District 5970, covers the northern part of Iowa, including Cedar Rapids, Kolek said. He said he's been inundated with "incredible offers of help from all over the world."

District 6000, which serves southern Iowa including Iowa City and Des Moines, is earmarking an account for flood relief within its Humanitarian and Educational Foundation Inc., established after devastating floods hit the region in 1993. District Governor Diana Reed is encouraging Rotarians who want to volunteer to help out with immediate relief efforts to go through channels in their communities, such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army. She asks that those who want to help with future Rotary projects in the recovery process contact the district office, where they will be put in touch with the appropriate point person.

"Iowans are resilient," she said. "We'll come back."

District 5970 Fund
Make checks payable to "Rotary 2008 Flood Relief" and mail to:

Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation
200 First St. SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 - More ways to donate can be found on www.rotary.com



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MEETING OF JULY 22, 2008
Minutes of Meeting of July 15, 2008

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. Allen Anderson offered an invocation and Valerie Sartin led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We thank Annie Wimbish and Terry Miller as today's greeters. Heath Hillman welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests.

David Owens was a guest of Gene Owens.

Nancy Guice was a guest of John Guice.

Hope Braley was a guest of Susan Light.

Mark Satterlee was a guest of Richard Topp.

Jerome Brown was a guest of Mike Ratliff.

Christen and Mary B Riley was guests of Bob Riley.

Milton Wheeler visited from the Petal Rotary Club.

Today was Heath Hillman's first day as Sergeant at Arms. Job well done Heath.

Steve Ramp received a Paul Harris Fellows award for his contributions over the year. Thank you Steve for your continued support of the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation auction received a \$25.00 increase for "The Festival of Swans" book donated by today's speaker, Jack Kyle.

President Richard asked if anyone knew of a storage area for the Rotary Club's belongings. The club is in need of storage for things that are not memorabilia.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Kris King introduced Jack Kyle as today's speaker. Pinebelt in Bloom is the second initiative Jack has launched with the ADP. The Festival of Swans project was very successful. Pinebelt in Bloom is looking for everyone to plant trees. The project is to enhance our community and encourage tree planting. The Ginkgo tree is the tree of choice for this project which they are calling the "Streets of Gold". The hope is to have planted 100,000 trees over the next year. You may participate by creating an Oasis.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Dr. Angie Godwin – President of the Area Development Partnership is our speaker.

[Bio for Dr. Angeline Godwin](#)

EXPERIENCE

- President, Area Development Partnership, Hattiesburg, MS, 2004-present, the chamber of commerce and economic development organization for Forrest, Lamar and Perry Counties, City of Hattiesburg and City of Petal
- President, The University of Southern Mississippi Research Foundation, 2002-2004
- Vice President of Research and Economic Development, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2002-2004
- CEO/President, Mississippi Technology Alliance, Inc., 2000-2002, a non-profit organization promoting science and technology-based economic development in Mississippi
- Institute for Technology Development, 2000-2002 [concurrent with MTA]

- CEO/President, Ashland Community College, Ashland, KY, 1997-2000
- Dean of Arts and Sciences, Jackson State Community College, Jackson, TN, 1994-1997
- Program administrator, technology developer, and faculty member, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI, 1990-1994

CIVIC and PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- State Science and Technology Institute (National technology-based economic development organization) board member, 2006-present
- Mississippi Economic Development Council board member, 2006-present
- Innovation and Commercialization Park Steering Committee, 2002-present
- Homes of Hope board member, 2005-present
- United Way of Southeast Mississippi board member, 2005-present
- National Association of Call Centers board member, 2004-present
- ADP, Executive Committee board member and strategic planning chair, 2004
- Blue Print Mississippi Statewide Economic Development Task Force, 2003-2005
- Mississippi Polymer Cluster Organization, founding member, 2004
- Southern Technology Council, board member 2001-2004, 2001-2002, Co-Chair

EDUCATION

- Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, MI J.D., Cum Laude 1994
- Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL Ph.D. English, 1989 / M.S. English Education, 1984
- University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL M.A. English, 1985
- Troy State University, Troy, AL B.A. English, Summa Cum Laude 1979
- Gulf Coast Community College, 1977

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Tuesday 7/29 Club Assembly
Tuesday 8/05 Kellie Bischoff & Mary Jane Guidry - Topic Vaccines

Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Bay Springs - 12:00 City Hall	Columbia - 12:00 Jessie's Restaurant	Clinton - 12:00 Baptist Health Plex	Madison-Ridgeland - 12:00 Steam Room Grill I55 N Jackson
Bolton - 7:30 Methodist Church	Flowood - 12:00 River Oaks Hospital	Gluckstadt - 12:00 Parker House Restaurant	Taylorville - 12:00 MS Power Co. Building
Collins - 12:00 Cedars Restaurant	Laurel - 12:00 Laurel Country Club	Hattiesburg Sunrise - 7:00 Wesley Medical Center Cafeteria	Wiggins - 12:00 Gulf Coast C.C. Cafeteria
Ellisville - 12:00 J.C.J.C. Cafeteria	North Jackson - 12:00 St. James	Heidelberg - 12:00 Library	
Jackson - 12:00 MS Museum of Art	Episcopal Church	Poplarville - 12:00 Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria	Friday Rankin County - 12:00 Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex
Lucedale - 12:00 MS Gulf Coast Community College Cafeteria		Richton - 12:00 Magnolia Restaurant	Slidell, LA - 12:00 Pinewood Country Club
Petal - 12:00 Civic Center		Waynesboro - 12:00 Western Sizzlin	
South Hinds County - 12:00 BoDons Catfish & Seafood		Prentiss - 12:00 Country Fisherman	
