



Your August Newsletter It gives me a great sense of joy, honor and pride to belong to Rotary District 6000. July 2021 has been eventful and productive in terms of visiting clubs. Thank you all very much for extending a very warm welcome and generous hospitality to Kiran and me. It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to visit the clubs as each one is unique. It is great to see that we are hopefully coming out of the pandemic and also from a very challenging year! You are taking steps to start anew with dynamic, dedicated members continuing to serve their clubs communities with great zeal, enthusiasm and new ideas. Clubs are interested in expanding their reach by starting new clubs, forming Interact and Rotaract clubs, and increasing membership. It's truly all very exciting!

Last month was a great and a busy month for me. Volunteering for RYLA, signing on a VTT partnership project, and a global grant project (the applications are in the process of being reviewed for approval by RI). The money donated for the covid 19 pandemic in India is going to orphaned children (whose parents have passed away in the pandemic). Thanks to the Rotary Club of Ames Morning, East Polk County and personal donations. We will be able to 'Serve to Change Lives' and make a difference for these children.

RYLA 2021 was a huge success. The magic of RYLA unfolded throughout the week. A huge thank you to this year's Chair Rotarian Wayne Steen Rotary District 6000, The RYLA Board, the entire team of conferees, team leaders, head counselors, staff, Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, the parents and Coe College. There was a lot of positive energy, including developing leadership skills, personal growth including team activities and it was a lot of fun. This is a leadership conference with a difference. It was a very intrinsically rewarding experience for me and I know many who participated felt the same. Please consider volunteering for RYLA next year. This was my fifth year to volunteer and would love to do it again next year too. Our youth are our future leaders!

MEMBERSHIP MONTH August is membership month. This year, every club that I have visited and met our changemaker Presidents whose number one goal is that of increasing membership and membership retention. One request I heard was to have an Entry-survey for new members who have joined. The Education team, Membership Team and Albia Rotary Club have volunteered to help create the digital survey. Thank you so much for helping out with this digital survey format. If any member would like to work on this, please contact Carolyn at the district office.

'EACH ONE BRING ONE' Let us give the gift of Rotary to someone else too! Let's invite potential non-Rotarians to come to our meetings, volunteer for our service projects, social meetings and see if they would like to join Rotary (and make sure it was the right fit for both). Another way could be to Invite family and friends to join too. Let's also increase the diversity in our clubs. According to the latest membership report I have received for July the initial numbers for membership has reduced slightly. The final numbers are yet to come. I know we have had a challenging year but I am also very hopeful that we are in one of the best districts for several reasons. We also do great service projects that are hands-on and make a difference in our local and global communities. So, let's try our best to each take up the responsibility of bringing one or more new members to our clubs that represent a diverse group of members that are reflective of the communities they live in. We can even recommend joining Rotary to our friends living in other parts of the world too and help grow Rotary's membership (from 1.2 million to 1.3 million members)! Let's not forget to do the 'ask!' To the shakers and movers in the clubs, let's not wait! Let's get moving and take action! I want to take a moment to congratulate all the clubs that have already inducted new members! Thank you! Thank You! Thank You! During my club visits I would love to meet our new members and we could be present for their installation.

Any new members and sponsors will be recognized with a personalized letter from RI President Shekhar Mehta. Please let the District Membership Chair Mr Dave Cook know if your club has inducted any new members starting in the month of July and August. We would like to recognize and spotlight them on our District 6000 FB page too. Please check the District 6000 FB page as I post a number of presentations, club postings, virtual fellowships and much more. Thank you to Chair Dave Cook, PDG Steve Dakin and Co-Chair Scott Naumann for setting the ball

rolling for increasing and promoting membership via their fantastic presentations to clubs. Please contact them to schedule a program for your club if you have not done so already.

Goals Please If any club has not entered their goals, please do so ASAP! Goals are your GPS and put you in the direction you want to lead your club and accomplish what you and the club members have set out to achieve for the year. If you need any help please reach out to your AG and the Foundation team. We are all here to support you.

AGs I want to say a huge thank you to all the AGs who have taken the time to visit all their clubs and have visited with me and given me an update. I am ever so grateful to the AGs who have given me a background of the town I am visiting and an insight to the clubs too. It truly has been very helpful. A special thank you to T. Waldmann-Williams and Travis Dvorak. Thank you very much for joining me during my club visits. I am trying to find a convenient location for all of our AGs to meet in person. Please let me know of a possible location or Restaurant in Newton for our Meet and Greet in the Fall (as we will continue to follow the CDC guidelines).

Global Grants If any club would like to participate and partner with Global Grants please let us know. I will include the GG requests on the District website as well. We have received requests for 'Human Milk Bank' project for premature babies and undernourished babies, Dialysis project, Education for girl empowerment, sneakers for children in Liberia, Happy Hearts etc.

Speakers for Programs If you have great speakers, please contact Carolyn to add them to the District list so that other clubs can invite them to have the opportunity of listening to them as we continue to use the virtual /and/or HYBRID platform too. Please let us know how we can help further with the technology aspect. We will be happy to help serve your needs.

District wide Speaker Sessions and Service Projects We just completed a district wide initiative World Prevention of Human Trafficking Day with a club in India and had our very own expert speaker Dr George from Ames Rotary Club (Noon) as one of our esteemed speakers. We will be setting an H.E.F account to help with the prevention of Human Trafficking initiative too. Congratulations and thank you to West Liberty club for dedicating the day and holding several events for the Prevention of Human Trafficking. Many such District Wide initiatives will be coming up with details to follow.

Change Maker Presidents Please print out the Rotary Days of Service brochure [at this link](#), and kindly follow the guidelines. Please also print out the Presidential citation as it is easy to look over it every month and add a checkmark to the 13 of 26 goals that are completed. (Not difficult to do I promise)!

Events and Meetings coming up One Rotary Summit (plans are underway), PETS 2022 (plans are underway), RLI Dates are set. Please check the District website. Zone Training is to be held in Houston from 7th to 12th of September. If you are interested in Future Leadership Development, I am looking for a young professional Rotarian who is very interested in furthering leadership development in Rotary. Please look out for more details. The training will be for two days 9th and 10th of September 2021. More information to follow.

The Rotary Foundation Please continue to give generously to 'The Foundation' as the money comes back to our District to be used for our local community and global grant projects.

Club Visits Unfortunately there will be no more changes for the scheduled DG official Visits at this time. I hope you will understand. There have been so many clubs asking and I have accommodated as many as I could early on but unfortunately my schedule is full. Unless there is an emergency or an extraordinary reason that calls for a change, the schedule will remain as presented. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

As always you can reach out to me and our leadership team and district, we will do everything we can to help and support you. If we don't have the answers, we will get back to you with an answer after consulting the right sources! Wishing you all continued success in everything you do. Be safe and healthy. Let's take up the challenge of 'EACH ONE BRING ONE"! That's all the news for now. Till we all meet again! Thank You for all your 'Service above Self and all that you' do for your club, District 6000 and Rotary!

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