

Gerald Klonglan, CMS



One of the highest honors of The Rotary Foundation, the Citation of Meritorious Service, recognizes the work and dedication of a Rotarian who has, over time, shared the mission and focus of The Rotary Foundation with others. Only one nomination may be advanced from the District Rotary Foundation Chair and endorsed by the District Governor.

The 2020 District 6000 recipient of the Citation of Meritorious Service is Gerald Klonglan of the Rotary Club of Ames. His award was presented by Zoom at a club meeting on June 8.

Excerpts from Gerald's nomination submitted by DG Erna:

District 6000's CMS honoree, Gerald Klonglan of Ames, reflects the good that the Foundation does worldwide to improve the lives of others. When the Rotary Foundation's new grant model "Future Vision" was introduced in 2013, Klonglan took a deep dive into the details of the grant process learning all of its nuances.

In 2014, he developed a TRF Grant for an operational water supply/delivery system for Kigogo Sub-Village, Tanzania. The 1,500 residents had no local source of water or electricity.

Thanks to his grant,

- a deep water well and delivery system were built; electricity was brought to the village.
- villagers and the water committee were educated on use, repair, and maintenance of the system for sustainability; and
- follow-up appraisals showed that their lives were significantly improved with access to clean, safe water.

Gerald worked tirelessly to develop partnerships with 10 different US Rotary clubs in four Rotary Districts and numerous third-party donors (including Hy-Vee and Rewerts Well Drilling) to work hand-in-hand with the Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania.

Success yielded more projects. Construction of the \$250,000 deep well, pump house, storage tank and piping to multiple distribution points around the village of 378 households of Masandare, Tanzania was his next.

As a grant trainer and District grant committee member for nearly a decade, he has generously shared his expertise and inspired countless Rotarians to improve the lives of others through the Rotary Foundation grant process.