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Our excellent Foundation

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

One feature that is a part of every issue of *District 6000 News* is the table of club contributions to The Rotary Foundation (see page 19). This information comes directly from The Rotary Foundation and serves many purposes:

It challenges Rotarians and clubs to increase giving;

Clubs can track progress toward their goals;

Members can audit whether monies given through the local club reach the Foundation;

Club leaders can verify that monies sent have been properly credited.



Bill Tubbs

It's all part of the transparency for which Rotary is known, and why we can have confidence in the stewardship of our money given to the Foundation.

For the 12th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has achieved the highest rating from the independent evaluator, Charity Navigator. Michael Thatcher, the president and CEO of Charity Navigator points out that The Rotary Foundation demonstrates "...both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency" and its 4-Star evaluation testifies that The Rotary Foundation "... exceeds industry expectations and outperforms most charities ..."

This issue of *District 6000 News* is chock full of examples of our contributions to The Rotary Foundation changing lives and making a difference in our communities and our world: Community Grants, Global Grants, Scholars, Vocational Training Teams, Polio Eradication and more.

Read, enjoy, and give until it feels good.

Rotary truly does connect the world.

Bill Tubbs, District Governor 2004-05
Editor, District 6000 News

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Rotary connects the world for good

Dear Rotarians and Friends of District 6000,

What an incredible coincidence! Rotary International's president, Mark Maloney, made his theme for this year "Rotary Connects the World."

And this year you have a District Governor who grew up in the Netherlands and came to Iowa in 1983. Since joining the Waukee Rotary Club in 2006, I have experienced so many examples of the good works and the friendship Rotary and Rotarians have created that tied people together.



Erna Morain

President Maloney's theme is truly appropriate for our 2019-20 year. He is emphasizing growth of our clubs worldwide, making Rotary more family friendly, and creating a viable path to leadership for all Rotarians.

He is also reminding us – in the 75th anniversary year of the United Nations – that almost all the delegates of its founding nations were Rotarians.

I can't think of another organization which compares to Rotary's ability to tie together people here in Iowa and around the world.

Since joining Rotary, I have had the opportunity to become friends with hundreds of you in our District 6000 clubs, Rotarians in the U.S., and in so many of the world's countries. And we all share the common goal of "Service Above Self" to make the world a better place – one project at a time.

I want to spend my year making your club the best it can be. My husband, Steve, and the team we have assembled are supporting club and district activities to improve our public image with digital communication to tell the story of our service and good works. We hope to strengthen your club continuity and build membership to be the ideal club for YOUR community.

As we have visited your clubs this year, we are hearing what you have been doing and what the district can do to support your activities and reach your goals.

Tackling food insecurity

A basic need of people everywhere is adequate nutrition. Food insecurity is present in Iowa and throughout the world. We have been hearing about so many great projects clubs are doing to determine the level of food insecurity in their communities and completing at least one additional project to help alleviate it.

Keep letting us know your successes so we can celebrate and publicize them in our monthly D6000 NEWS. Together we can make a difference.

One of the true blessings of Rotary is the opportunity for fun and fellowship. That's the best reason to belong to Ro-



The District Governor's pin passed from Tom Narak to Erna Morain at the gavel passing June 29 at the Stine Barn in West Des Moines. Joining them were Steve Morain (l) and Carol Narak (r). Photo by Bill Tubbs

tary. Steve and I are delighted with the opportunity to share our time with you during our visits, and we look forward to visiting the rest of our clubs during the next few weeks.

District 6000 Rotary Festival 2020

We also hope you will mark your calendar for June 25-27, 2020, to attend the RD6000 Festival 2020 to celebrate your successes and the excitement we will have at Prairie Meadows Race Track and Casino in Altoona.

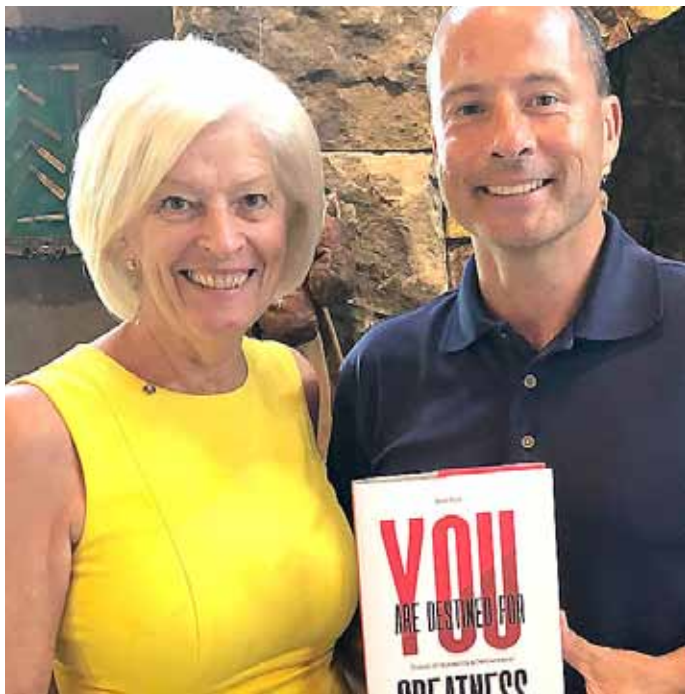
If you've never attended a District event in the past, make this your year, because we'll have time for you and your family to enjoy horse racing, Adventureland, Bass Pro Shop, and shopping, as well as time to enjoy the enthusiasm of fellow Rotarians and their families from District 6000.

Let's join Mark Maloney and all of District 6000 to make this the best Rotary year ever.

Erna Morain, District Governor



District Governor 2017-18 Mike Ruby and Jo Anne (l) thanked the Naraks for their service with a contribution to PolioPlus in their name. Photo by Bill Tubbs



Gavel passing keynote

Waukee Rotarian Aaron Putze, who is director of communications for the Iowa Soybean Association and author of "You Are Destined For Greatness," a book presented here to District Governor Erna Morain, keyed the June 29 gavel passing. "Greatness is a lot of small things done well every day," he said.



Major Donor recognition

At the gavel passing, District Rotary Foundation Chair Chris Knapp (l) and District Governor Erna Morain recognized PDG Ev Laning of Indianola as a Level I Major Donor, for gifts to The Rotary Foundation of \$10,000. Photos by Bill Tubbs

GOVERNOR'S D6000 NEWS

Podcasts and videos promote Rotary

District Governor Erna Morain's monthly emailed newsletter, D6000 NEWS, includes podcasts hosted by Des Moines Rotarian, past president and new district board member Shawn Mullen. The podcasts cover a variety of interesting and useful topics.



Shawn Mullen

Governor Morain was Shawn's interview guest, sharing her goals and vision in the July podcast, All Around Rotary.

The August podcast focused on "how to" Membership strategies with Waukee Rotarian Matt Olson and Ankeny Rotarian Steve Wieneke.

Watch for Shawn's interview with Rotary International President Mark Maloney and many other interesting and worthwhile subjects in future podcasts coming to Rotarians from Governor Morain.

Or you can tune in at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTWlkH2ARkArho-1pR26Qm9A/featured>.

The shorter URL below will direct you to a page where you will see videos produced in District 6000 featuring women in Rotary, the polio statue dedication, the Rotary Game, and more:

<https://tinyurl.com/y386moy5>.



An interview with RI President Mark Maloney, pictured here with his family, will be the subject of an interview on DG Erna Morain's All Around Rotary podcasts, hosted by Des Moines Rotarian Shawn Mullen. Photo from Erna Morain's D6000 NEWS.

Rotary Foundation Community Grants awarded to 33 clubs

The District 6000 Community Service Grants Committee co-chaired by Norlan Hinke of Clinton and Kris Ockenfels of Iowa City AM awarded grants for these projects in 2019-20.

These are Rotary Foundation dollars representing a percent of District 6000 contributions to the Annual Programs fund in 2016-17.

- Ames Morning:** Read with Rotary in the Summer, **\$5,000.**
Bettendorf: Sensory Pathway, **\$3,030.**
Boone: Second Grade Literacy Project, **\$1,416.**
Carroll: Carroll Area Child Care Center Equipment, **\$1,000.**
Centerville: Centerville North Park Shelter House, **\$5,000.**
Chariton: Halferty Park Playground Improvement Plan, **\$2,000.**
Clinton: Homerun Readers, **\$3,500.**
Coralville-North Corridor: Elementary School Buddy Benches, **\$3,140.**
Creston: "Buddy Benches" for school playgrounds, **\$584.**
Davenport: Trauma Informed Programming for Youth Affected by Violence, **\$5,000.**
Decatur County: Jefferson Highway Points of Interest Markers, **\$3,482.**
Des Moines AM: Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute, **\$5,000.**
East Polk County: 2020 Benches for Bus Riders, **\$5,000.**
Fort Madison: Central Park Updates, **\$5,000.**
Greater Des Moines: Beacon of Life Outdoor Space, **\$1,500.**
Grinnell: Laser Project for Grinnell's Public Safety Building, **\$1,145.**
Iowa City AM: RIGHT: Rotarians Intervening in Geographic Human Trafficking, **\$5,000.**
Iowa City Noon: Rotary Kerber HeartSafe Community Initiative, **\$5,000.**
Iowa Quad Cities: Bicycle Safety Program with Helmet Distribution, **\$1,850.**
Kalona: Pleasantview Home – Assisted Living Addition, **\$4,183.**
Keokuk: Library Park, **4,237.**
Knoxville: Literacy Project, **\$2,840.**
Marshalltown: Tornado Relief, **\$5,000.**
Nevada: Operation Warm Coats for Kids, **\$5,000.**
North Scott: Musical Instrument Addition to All-Inclusive Playground, **\$5,000.**
Norwalk: Veterans Memorial Freedom Rock, **\$5,000.**
Osceola: Operation Warm, **\$510.**
Oskaloosa: 100 Trees for 100 Years, **\$5,000.**
Tipton: Tipton Community School Greenhouse Program, **\$4,976.**
Wellman: Planting Shade Trees, **\$3,000.**
West Des Moines: Middle School Bicycle Project, **\$4,200.**
West Liberty: West Liberty Volunteer Action Center Community Pantry, **\$5,000.**
Winterset: Boots for Kids, **\$2,000.**

TOTAL: \$118,047
District Expenses: \$1,250
TOTAL: \$119,297

TWO EVENTS

Rotary Foundation Dinners Nov. 1 and 2

By PDG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Rotary Foundation Chair

Have Foundation. Will Travel!



Don't miss this opportunity to attend one of TWO Rotary Foundation Dinners. The guest speaker at each dinner will be Past Rotary International Director and Trustee of The Rotary Foundation, Mary Beth Growney-Selene, from Madison, Wis.

We would like more Rotarians to learn about The Rotary Foundation and enjoy Rotarians from across the District.

When: Friday, Nov. 1, 2019

Where: The J Bar, Holiday Inn and Suites, 4215 Elmore Ave, Davenport, IA 52807

When: Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019

Where: West Des Moines Marriott, 1250 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines, IA 50266

Please plan to attend one of these great dinner events. Registrations is open at Rotary6000.org.



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	Jan 16 - Jan 28
	Jan 30 - Feb 11
	Feb 13 - Feb 25
	Mar 05 - Mar 17
	May 07 - May 19
	May 21 - Jun 02
	Jul 09 - Jul 21
	Jul 23 - Aug 04
	Aug 20 - Sep 01
	Sep 03 - Sep 15 (leave for kids)
	Oct 15 - Oct 27



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DG Erna Morain, DGE Steve Dakin and DGN Alka Khanolkar were among District 6000 Rotarians at the Peace Pipe reception in Flensburg (Schleswig-Holstein, Germany) which was attended by 135 Rotarians from 21 countries. Photos provided by Yogi Reppmann

Peace Pipe project connects the world

In 1931, Keokuk Rotarian W.J. Fulton attended the first Rotary International Convention outside North America, at Vienna, Austria. There, he and other delegates grew concerned about rising nationalism which leads to war. Returning home, he sent letters to 496 Rotary clubs in 65 countries, inviting them to symbolically smoke a peace pipe in the tradition of his city's namesake, Chief Keokuk. Letters received back from those clubs have been remarkably preserved and are published in a 332-page book, "Die Peace Pipe Briefe." Members of those clubs were invited to a Peace Pipe reception at the Hamburg RI Convention. Keokuk Rotarian Tony Conn's report from that incredible event is presented here. One additional note: The peace pipe which Tony is holding here was delivered to German Chancellor Angela Merkel by her aide, Dr. Klaus Schueler, who is a friend of Rotarian Dr. Joachim (Yogi) Reppmann.

By Tony Conn/Keokuk

Northfield, Minnesota Rotarian, Dr. Joachim (Yogi) Reppmann, and his wife Gitta opened their Flensburg, Germany, home to host over 135 Rotarians at the start of this year's Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.



Dr. Klaus Schueler (r), a friend of Yogi Reppmann, delivered the peace pipe to German Chancellor Angela Merkel. The two are pictured in an earlier photo provided by Yogi Reppmann.

Attendees represented 21 countries and 68 Rotary clubs. Dr. Reppmann, a history professor at St. Olaf College, co-authored the newly released book, "Die Peace Pipe Briefe," which is a collection of letters from Rotary clubs around the world written in 1931-32. He and co-author, Keokuk Rotarian Tony Conn, organized this event to celebrate the release of this book, which celebrates an International Service Project of the Rotary Club of Keokuk in December 1931.



Keokuk Rotarian Tony Conn with the peace pipe.

After months of planning and sending out personal invitations to more than 500 Rotarians, the event nearly crashed before it got started. Attendees were instructed to load chartered buses at the front entrance of the Hamburg Convention Hall, to travel 1-1/2 hours north to Flensburg. When the buses arrived at the Convention Center, however, Hamburg police pushed them off to an open field nearly a half mile away.

Keokuk Rotarian and book co-author, Tony Conn, found DG Tom Gump (Minnesota) and quickly came up with a plan to gather the attendees. Tony walked the front of the convention center holding a Peace Pipe Letters sign among the 20,000 Rotarians entering and leaving the Convention Hall. Conn collected up those looking for the Flensburg bus, directing them to DG Tom, who had an identical sign held high, just inside the convention hall entrance. At 1:15 p.m., the two led their collected group off on a walk through the busy streets

PEACE PIPE, continued on page 7



The welcome sign shows how Rotary connects the world.

Nations come together



Yogi Reppmann

to the waiting buses.

Unfortunately, Rotarians from Johannesburg, South Africa, and Chennai, India, did not make the connection. Their seats were unknowingly filled by Rotarians from Singapore and California, who decided to join the friendly group following the guys with Peace Pipe Letter signs. Both parties were surprised where they ended up, and at the same time, thoroughly delighted they got to join this event.

Reppmann and Conn wanted to host a party at a location in Hamburg, but found meeting halls to be outrageously expensive. Refusing defeat, the two started to look at alternate sites. One option was to hold the reception at the Flensburg home of Dr. Reppmann, renting buses to get attendees to and from Flensburg. This was a plan which fit their modest budget, a fraction of the cost of a Hamburg room.

The "tour" included a 1-1/2 hour bus trip through the Schleswig-Holstein countryside, crossing the Kiel canal on the way to historic Flensburg. Buses stopped at the home of Dr. Reppmann for hors d'oeuvres and drinks, then off to the Flensburg seaport for a brief tour. Buses then reloaded and traveled a short distance into Denmark, stopping at the Danish Queen's summer castle and a world-famous hotdog stand. During the travel time, attendees were entertained by

a local historian. Buses ended up back at the Reppmanns' for more drinks and snacks before heading back to Hamburg.

District 6000 leadership supported this event as DG Erna, DGE Steve, and DGN Alka all made the trip. The bus trip and smaller crowd allowed attendees to make connections with international Rotarians. Many new friends were made and open invitations to come visit were set.

A true Rotary event!



MY FIRST RI CONVENTION

'Get ready to be blown away by the power of Rotary'

By Ryan Bell/Iowa City

For several years now, I've hinted to my wife that it'd be really cool to attend an International Rotary Convention. This year, as a surprise for my birthday, she came through! Colleen and I were bound for Hamburg!

As I delivered this news to my club the following Thursday, I was given lots of advice from club members who'd been to conventions in the past. "Get ready to be blown away by the power of Rotary" was the common theme. I was ready!



Ryan Bell

My main motivation for attending was to see Rotary from a wider lens. To immerse myself into the thoughts and traditions of Rotarians from all over the world just HAD to be a successful way to stoke my inner fire for all things Rotary. It turned out to be exactly that. Upon arriving in Hamburg, it was quickly apparent that Rotarians had overtaken this beautiful, historic city. It was amazing and inspiring to see the Rotary banners, pins, clothing and signage EVERYWHERE!

Now, to make sure my non-Rotarian spouse is as into this as I am! As it turns out, there were many sessions focused on empowering women to rise up the ranks and serve equally at the available leadership positions. Being a focused, independent working mom, Colleen was all ears and found many parallels to challenges faced in her industry of financial services.

The events and sessions of the convention were uplifting, but what really got me was the sense of optimism for a better future for all humanity. This optimism flowed from each of the session speakers and was evident from quick eye contact with anyone else in the room... these were people ready to improve the world for the benefit of others! Colleen and I were blown away with the thousands of people from over the world participating in learning from one another. Even when the rain was pouring down, each Rotarian we encountered was full of optimism for the opportunity that was unfolding.

The challenge post-convention is to harness all that energy and all those ideas and implement them so my club, our district and, in general, humankind can reap benefits. Game on!

This article first appeared in District Governor Erna Morain's July email newsletter, D6000 NEWS.

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IOWA MILES OF SMILES TEAM

Connecting the world for 15 years

By Deb Dunkhase/Iowa City AM

Iowa MOST Team Leader

When Iowa MOST team members heard Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney's call to action this year with the "Rotary Connects the World" theme, we could hardly contain our excitement knowing that the Miles of Smiles mission is a great vehicle to help inspire Rotarians to shape the future of the world through Service Above Self.

Right now as you read this article, children living in the remote Western Highlands of Guatemala are awaiting the return of the Iowa MOST team for its 15th mission. It's our Quinceanera celebration of providing free medical services to children born with cleft birth defects. Children who, without Iowa MOST, would suffer from serious health complications and isolation from their community, including not being able to attend school and get an education.

Iowa MOST truly changes the lives of these children. Instead of living lives of segregation and poor health, with the help of our District 6000 international project, these children are growing up healthy and happy with beautiful smiles on their faces. It's what every child deserves.

I'm proud to announce our 2020 team members who will join Iowa MOST to travel to Huehuetenango, Guatemala, Jan. 23 to Feb. 2. Our Quinceanera Team is made up of 36 volunteers of whom 33 percent are Rotarians and 28 percent speak Spanish.

New ways to serve

Every year Iowa MOST discovers new ways to better serve our partnership with the Rotary Club of Huehuetenango and this year is no exception! Last year, at the Rotarians' request, we launched a **Free Medical Clinic** for the children growing up in Fundación Salvación – an orphanage in Huehuetenango housing about 90 children from babies to age 18. Thanks to Rotarian Dr. Art Nowak, we were able to provide all of the children with dental supplies and fluoride treatments to last them until we return.

This year, we're planning to include a **Cataract Surgical mission** with our services. Cataracts are a serious problem in Guatemala, where the people don't have the resources to protect their eyes from the high altitude sun. We will be working with Dr. Carlos Solarzano, a Huehue ophthalmologist, to identify 60 to 80 patients who will receive the surgery in January. And as always, we're planning to provide health literacy outreach to the communities surrounding Huehuetenango where our Rotary partners currently are working on sanitation, education, water, and health projects.

For 15 years, Iowa MOST has returned to our Guatemalan family in Huehuetenango where we have built trust, friendships, and a huge extended wonderful family. We have listened to the Guatemalans and heard about the obstacles they encounter trying to travel to Huehuetenango for the surgeries that will change the lives of their children. Working with our Rotarian partners, we are able to increase accessibility to the Iowa MOST surgeries by providing transportation, housing and meals for the families. Working with the needs of the whole family is one way we've been able to build trust.

Iowa MOST cares and cares deeply. The dedicated volunteers who make this mission possible, both those who travel to Guatemala and those who remain behind raising funds and organizing supplies, are committed to doing whatever it



Fernando and Dr. Markt getting ready for a dental exam.

takes to ensure that for the 15th year ... Rotary will Connect the World.

When we see Bressley, Fernando, After, Jhon, and dozens more young Guatemalans, we'll be sure to give them a warm smile and hug from District 6000 Rotarians! You can follow our mission activities on our Facebook page (Iowa MOST – Rotary District 6000) where we'll post lots of photos!!

Muchisimo Gracias, Rotarian Amigos!!

Your help and support makes it possible for Iowa MOST to bring Miles of Smiles to so many beautiful children!

Iowa MOST Team Members

Medical Director: Dr. John Canady, Iowa City Noon Rotary

Team Leader: Deb Dunkhase, Iowa City AM Rotary

Past Team Leader: Gary Pacha, Iowa City Noon Rotary

Cleft Surgeon: Dr. Ross Zbar

Cleft Surgeon: Dr. Brian Andrews

ENT Surgeon: Dr. Dan Jorgensen, Spencer Rotary Club

Nurse Manager: Pat Wherle, Iowa City AM Rotary Recruit

Surgical Nurse: Sandy Kessler

Surgical Nurse: Jan Slaymaker

Surgical Nurse: Paula Saucedo

Surgical Nurse: Tina Maher

Recovery Nurse: Erin Steffen

Recovery Nurse: Laura Wittman

Recovery Volunteer: Nancy Pacha, Iowa City AM Rotary

Anesthesiologist: Dr. Martin Mueller

Anesthesiologist: Dr. Ajay Patel

Anesthesia Fellow: Dr. David Villanueva

Anesthesia Fellow: Dr. Khalid Sharif-Sidi

Dental Surgeon: Dr. Bill Gates

Dental Surgeon: Dr. Jeff Markt

Medical Student: Kathryn Marcus

Medical Student: Frank Canady

Pre/Post Doctor: Dr. Tom Novak, Iowa City AM Rotary

Pre/Post Doctor: Dr. Serena Arancibia

Pre/Post Nurse: Lindsey Weinschenk

Pre/Post Nurse: Haylee Wasson

Pre/Post Volunteer: Jenny Seylar, Iowa City AM Rotary

Pre/Post Volunteer: Alka Kanokhar, District 6000 Governor Nominee

Medical Engineer: Dennis Wilson

Medical Sterilizer: Rae Jean Hollowpeter

Interpreter: Raquel Hernandez

Outreach Leader: Cassye Dunkhase, Boulder Noon Rotary

Photographer/Blog: Thais Winkleblack, Iowa City Noon Rotary

Supply Master: Amy Nicholson, Iowa City AM Rotary

IT Support: Ryan Ramos

Three things you can do now to aid our polio effort

Dear D6000 Club Presidents and Secretaries,

I hope you are having a great start to your Rotary year! I am PDG Susan Herrick and I chair the D6000 PolioPlus Subcommittee. I want to alert you to some important events that are coming up during your Rotary year that are very important to Rotary International's No. 1 Goal: the eradication of polio.

Thursday, Oct. 24, is World Polio Day. Every club in the Rotary world should plan to do something to mark this day.

If you are looking for some suggestions for something to do on Oct. 24, I suggest that you go online - put in World Polio Day, and you can download the World Polio Day Toolkit. You may want to set up a Walk to End Polio. You may want to do something with your local media or on your social media page. Invite a speaker or go to the Polio Plus Video Resources and find the "Drop to Zero" videos that are new to RI. And if you are looking for some help, don't hesitate to contact your Assistant Governor or anyone who serves on the PolioPlus Subcommittee.

Then there is the Indoor Ride to End Polio that will happen the week of Nov. 16-23. Two years ago, District 6000 WON the indoor ride and our District name is on the Harris Trophy at RI Headquarters in Evanston, Ill. Last year we had 19 clubs with 172 riders that raised \$15,051 - with the Gates match, that was \$45,153 toward the eradication of polio.

We have set a goal of \$20,000 for this year. This is a fun way to meet your Polio goal. Ask your families, your fellow Rotarians, your exchange students, your Interact and Rotaract clubs

to join you - raise \$1/minute that your supporters can pledge to encourage your ride. You can ride together at a local Y or health club or just hop on your stationary bike at home and ride while you watch a movie!

And you don't have to worry about the paperwork. I can forward you the sign-up sheets and then you just send me the names and Rotary numbers of your riders with their checks and I will file all of them with The Rotary Foundation. If you have any questions, please contact your AG or me and we will be glad to help you!

And AG's - don't hesitate to reach out to your clubs and help them out!



And the last alert is this: PDG John Ockenfels will be doing a Flight to Fight Polio, an around-the-world flight by himself with District 5970 Rotarian Peter Teahen, beginning March 24 with a return date sometime in May. This will involve 136 flight hours covering 23,000 miles. This flight will be a 100-percent fundraiser. All funds that are donated will go to The Rotary Foundation designated for polio eradication.

John has set up a Facebook page at ATW4Rotary and I would urge you to like that page and keep an eye on everything being planned for the flight. Rotary clubs around the world will be involved with this project! Their goal is to raise \$100,000 and this will bring us toward the end of this devastating disease!

We are headed into a great year! Please guide your clubs into an understanding of Rotary's No. 1 Priority. We are all grateful for all that you do!

Signs designate Jefferson Highway in Decatur County

By PDG Loring Miller/Decatur County

Renewed visual awareness for the historic Jefferson Highway was chronicled the week of Aug. 6 on two murals, one in Leon, Iowa, and one in Lamoni, Iowa, painted by Moonlight Murals from Durant, Okla.

Decatur County, Iowa, residents were instrumental in early road development. Before the establishment of the Jefferson Highway, an Iowa road association known as the Interstate Trail organized a route that connected Des Moines and Kansas City, later extended to Mason City, Iowa.

A direct route between Fort Des Moines and Fort Leavenworth made a practical military road for transportation of troops. It also provided a lasting benefit for impacted communities along the route. On March 14, 1911, the Des Moines to Kansas City to St. Joseph Interstate Trail Association was organized in Lamoni. W.A. Hopkins, Lamoni banker, organized the meeting and was selected as the association general manager. The Interstate Trail route throughout Iowa was replaced by the Jefferson Highway.

Established in 1916, the Jefferson became the first distant transcontinental highway in the United States and Canada. The route ran 2,300 miles from Winnipeg, Canada, to New

Orleans, Louisiana, from Pine to Palm. Prominent Decatur County individuals were among officers of the Jefferson Highway Association organized in 1915. W.A. Hopkins of Lamoni was vice president and James F. Harvey, Leon attorney, became a director.

Named highways were replaced in 1926 when the United States established the highway numbering system. Eleven different numbers were assigned to the original Jefferson roadway and its historic name became lost until the rebirth of the Jefferson Highway Association in 2009. It became a mission of the revived association to preserve the name, history, and related artifacts remaining on the route.

The Rotary Club of Decatur County received a community grant from The Rotary Foundation to complement community awareness and identify

historic sites remaining on the Jefferson route, recently marked by Iowa Heritage Byway signs, within the county.

Dottie and Clay Moore, owner artists from Moonlight Murals, recently painted the two Jefferson Highway murals in Leon and Lamoni attracting the interest of tourists traveling the route.

Thank you, Moonlight Murals.

Thank you, Rotary Club of Decatur County.



Moonlight Murals created signs to designate the Jefferson Highway in Decatur County.

Apply now for 2020 Xicopetec Project Team

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

Xicopetec Project Team Leader

As in the past several years, applications for the 2020 Xicopetec Project Team will be made online by going to <https://xicoproject.org/apply>. The application webpage was expected to go live by mid-September and will remain active until the application deadline of Nov. 3. D6000 club officers and Xicopetec Project veterans will be advised by email when the webpage is ready to accept applications, and are asked to spread the word to their club members and to their sponsored Interact or Rotaract clubs.

As part of their application, all applicants are required to read and agree to the Conditions of Participation in the project. Also in the process of applying, applicants are asked to submit a brief bio and a short statement of purpose. It is recommended that these be prepared before beginning the online application – done in this way, the entire application can be filled out in a matter of minutes. A \$200 deposit, payable by credit card or via PayPal, is required for an application to be considered.

District 6000 Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and high school or college youth endorsed by a D6000 Rotary club are eligible to apply, as are their family members. In addition to their application, high school students are required to provide a reference from a principal, counselor, teacher or coach. First-time youth participants may be eligible for reimbursement of up to half of the expense for the trip.

The dates for the 2020 trip are March 14-22. The cost of the 9-day trip is \$1,850 for youth participants. The cost for Rotarians and other adults is \$2,000 (with double occupancy for one night in a Mexico City hotel; individual occupancy is an additional \$60), and includes a \$150 project fee, which goes toward project expenses. These trip costs include all airfare, ground transportation and lodging as well as all meals while in Xicopetec. Participants will buy one or two meals while in Mexico City and will pay for their own food en route from/to Iowa to/from Mexico.

Beginning in 2007, University of Iowa service-learning students and faculty have participated each year as part of the Project Team. Over the years, students from a variety of disciplines have carried out important service projects related to their areas of study.

2020 will be the 18th year in which a D6000 Project Team has traveled to Xicopetec to help carry out projects of the Rotary



In 2016 in Xicopetec, University of Iowa students from the Career Leadership Academy program and their instructor Stacy Narcotta-Welp (at far right) with PDG Tom Narak, his son Tom and a Xicopetec Rotaractor (second from left).

Club of Xicopetec. Past projects have included: deworming of school children; construction and rehab of school classrooms, libraries and playgrounds; painting murals in public spaces; promotion of good dental hygiene for school children and their parents; installation of water purification systems in schools and other locations; and many other efforts in support of the Rotarians of Xicopetec as they strive to improve their community and the lives of those who live there.

Anyone seeking general information about The Xicopetec Project should visit the project's website by clicking here and/or its Facebook page by clicking here. Specific questions can be directed to info@xicoproject.org.

These are the links:

<https://www.xicoproject.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/xicoproj>

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Nominate a member for 'Guardian of Integrity' award

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

District 6000 Vocational Service Chair

To encourage Rotarians and clubs to focus on Rotary's core value of integrity, and to honor the memory of the late Boone Rotarian, PDG 1954-55 Judge Paul E. Hellwege, District 6000 is asking clubs to nominate one member for the tenth annual District 6000 "Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity" awards.

A nomination form is available at the District website under Vocational Service. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31, 2020. The nominations will be submitted to the District 6000 Vocational Service Committee, and nominees



Paul E. Hellwege

will be recognized at the District 6000 Rotary Festival 2020.

The award will be presented annually to Rotarians in District 6000 who have been a member for a minimum of three years and who exemplify the attributes and passion for ethics and integrity in his or her vocation, business and personal life that Paul exemplified. This award recognizes individuals who have made contributions in business, media, academia or government and who have by their actions, writing, policies and public pronouncements strengthened and fostered development of integrity and ethical practices.



RAG4CLUBFOOT

Spreading the word about the cure for clubfoot

By Tomeka Petersen/West Liberty

RAG4Clubfoot was present at the House of Friendship in Hamburg for its fourth consecutive Rotary International Convention. The booth was situated in a prime location with three open sides allowing people an easy view of the new vibrant colorful banners. The banners promote the message that clubfoot is treatable and they are made of light-weight material, making packing and carrying to international locations more than ideal!

This year, many Rotarians from Iowa and Colorado helped greet and inform Rotarians about the Ponseti Method, the gold standard and non-surgical treatment of clubfoot.

RAG4Clubfoot seeks Rotarians to join the Rotarian Action Group. We also seek Rotary districts interested in hosting a global grant to provide training to enough orthopaedic surgeons in a specific country to treat all children born with clubfoot. Priority districts have District Designated Funds (DDF)



Rotarians from Bolivia learned about the Ponseti Method of treating clubfoot from Deb and PDG John Ockenfels, and Tomeka Petersen at the RAG4Clubfoot booth at the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany.

to contribute and they have experience in hosting a previous global grant.

RAG4Clubfoot partners with the Ponseti International Association at the University of Iowa to provide the training and technical expertise for healthcare providers to establish clubfoot treatment

programs. Contact info@rag4clubfoot.org if you have questions.

Overall, the RAG4Clubfoot team felt many contacts and potential leads were established in Hamburg and they are already planning for the 2020 Honolulu Convention.

FRIENDSHIP

Dakins connect with Exchange student in Croatia

After attending the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany, District Governor-Elect Steve and Lesley Dakin drove to Zabok, Croatia, to spend an extended weekend at the home of their 2017 Youth Exchange student, Matej Vukic.

In March 2018, Matej's family stayed in Boone during spring break, visiting Matej as he attended Boone High School. It was certainly exciting seeing Matej, his parents, sister, Marta, brother, Josip, and meeting his grandparents who also live in Zabok. Matej showed the Dakins around Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia. They enjoyed learning about the Croatian culture, visiting a nearby castle, hiking the hillsides, and talking to Matej about his future plans for the summer and next fall.

While there they also attended a BBQ held by the local Rotary club in honor of a Friendship Exchange from North Carolina. Both groups had attended the Convention in Hamburg, and the North Carolina group was winding up a couple weeks with clubs in Croatia before heading back to the USA.

As the Dakins headed back to Germany, they stopped in Moscenicka Draga to re-acquaint with Ezio and Carol Marcel from Adelaide, Australia. The Dakins had stayed with the Marcells while on a Friendship Exchange before the Rotary International Convention held in Sydney, June 2014. The Marcells spend their winters in Croatia, Ezio's homeland.



Steve and Lesley Dakin (at right) with friends in Croatia.

It was awesome to see them again, and see the Adriatic Sea from their balcony.

Rotary really does "CONNECT THE WORLD".

Connecting the World

District 6000 Global Grants benefit lives of 65,000

By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport

District 6000 Global Grants Chair

The Rotary Foundation approved nine Global Grants applications prepared by District 6000 and D6000 clubs in 2018-19.

The grants, totaling more than \$902,000, support six humanitarian projects to:

Provide water and sanitation, economic development, maternal and child health and basic education in seven countries;

Support a Vocational Training Team project to train 36 orthopedic surgeons in Colombia in the Ponseti Method of clubfoot treatment; and

Support two Global Grant scholarships for two extraordinarily qualified students to pursue graduate degrees toward careers in diplomatic service and public health fields.

These Global Grant projects will benefit more than 65,000 people. Following are more detailed descriptions of each of the nine Global Grant projects.

Global Grants

1. Water and Sanitation Improvements for the Community of Nuevo Edén, Barillas, Huehuetenango, Guatemala, a humanitarian grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM with support from the Rotary Club of Davenport in partnership with the Rotary Club of Barillas, Guatemala, District 4250.

The project provides improvements to an existing community water supply, two storage tanks and a distribution system, constructs a new pumping station and installs small supplemental water storage tanks for each family in this remote, impoverished 60-home village of about 450 Mayan people.

Also, the project provides improved latrines with biodigesters for each home and the village school. Training for community members in operation and maintenance of the systems, sound hygiene practices and assistance with development of a governing board is included in the project.

The \$110,838 project is funded with cash contributions of \$7,619 by the Rotary Clubs of Davenport and Iowa City AM and a \$13,000 DDF contribution by District 6000. The D6000 DDF contribution amount conforms to our district's standard funding model.

Additional \$28,648 cash funding is being contributed by District 6380 Rotary Clubs of Chatham, Tilbury and Wallaceburg, Ontario, and Rochester, Michigan, and D6380 is contributing \$14,000 DDF. Non-Rotarians are contributing \$1,708. The Rotary Foundation is matching the contributions with a \$45,863 World Fund contribution. This project was developed through relationships established by Davenport and Iowa City AM Rotarians that date back to 2001.

2. Refugee Training Project, a humanitarian grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Burlington in partnership with the Rotary Club of Vicenza, Italy, District 2060.

The project will train 12-14 refugees living in Vicenza,

Italy, in techniques of industrial welding. This skill will allow trainees to provide for themselves and support the local workforce. Participants will receive 120-160 hours of formal training followed by three-month internships with a local employer. The training and internships will be provided to the trainees at no cost to themselves. Trainees will also receive a small stipend to offset costs of attending the training.

The application explains that because of Italy's close geographic proximity to Africa, the country has received an historic number of migrants, many of whom are economic refugees who lack employable skills in both Africa and Italy.

The project's \$74,000 is funded with cash contributions of \$5,901 from three Italian Rotary clubs and \$10,800 from six D6000 clubs including Burlington, Fort Madison, Mount Pleasant Noon, Mount Pleasant, Keokuk and Iowa City; it is additionally supported by DDF contributions of \$5,901 from D2060 and \$18,598 from D6000. The D6000 DDF contribution amount conforms to our district's standard funding model.

3. Agriculture Training Program; South Africa, a humanitarian grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Waukee in partnership with the Rotary Club of Pietersburg 100, South Africa, District 9400.

The project will benefit more than 2,500 impoverished people in 10 South African villages. The project will provide training in agronomy and animal husbandry; provide tools, equipment and supplies to develop vegetable gardens at schools; provide nutrition education; and encourage development of commercial activities using sales of surplus food to provide financial resources to sustain the agriculture ventures.

The \$135,092 project is funded with cash contributions of \$13,288 from three South African Rotary clubs and \$10,000 DDF from South African D-9400; \$5,000 from the Rotary Club of Webster City, and \$2,500 DDF from D-5970; \$33,500 from six D6000 clubs including Waukee, Ankeny, Perry, Pella, Northwest Des Moines and Coon Rapids. D-6000 contributed \$16,500 DDF which was much less than the district's standard funding, but all the sponsors requested. The World Fund contributed \$54,614.

4. Water and Sanitation, Mhezi Village, Same District, Tanzania, a humanitarian grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ames in partnership with the Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania, District 9211.

The \$245,126 project will provide a water supply to a village of 285 households, 1,998 people, in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania where the Rotary Club of Ames has two other water supply projects in progress.

The project is being funded with cash contributions of \$20,200 from 13 D6000 clubs – the Rotary Clubs of Ames, Ames Morning, Ankeny, Newton, Des Moines AM, Waukee, Des Moines, Grinnell, West Des Moines, Indianola, Manning, Winterset and Tipton – and \$22,288 D6000 DDF, the maximum amount that our district policy provides for contribution to



FOUNDATION: District grants include two Global Scholars

a single project. Also, cash contributions have been made by five clubs in D5970, one in D5960, one in D5300 (California and Nevada), a non-Rotarian and \$51,500 from the Hy-Vee Foundation. D5770, D5960 and D5300 made DDF contributions. The Rotary Foundation matched the contributions with \$99,305 from the World Fund.

5. Ponseti Training in Columbia, a Vocational Training Team grant sponsored by District 6000 to provide training to orthopedic surgeons in the Ponseti Method for treatment of clubfoot in Colombia.

The project will first provide advanced training in the practice and teaching of the Ponseti Method to four Colombian orthopedic surgeons who already had some Ponseti experience. Those orthopedists will then provide training and mentorship to 32 additional orthopedic surgeons, enabling them to practice and later to teach the Ponseti Method.

The project will benefit an estimated 732 children in the first year-and-a-half after implementation and an estimated 36,000 in the lifetimes of the project-trained orthopedists, allowing that the 36 physicians can each treat 50 patients per year and will practice for 20 years.

The \$105,765 project is funded with cash contributions of \$200 from two Colombian clubs and \$2,500 DDF from Colombian D-4281; \$12,000 from the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids and \$18,000 DDF from D-5970; \$5,714 from the Rotary Club of Vail, Colorado, and \$6,000 DDF from D-5470; \$4,000 DDF from District 6960 in Florida; \$3,663 from the Rotary Club of Iowa City and \$6,308 DDF from D-6000, our standard match ratio. The World Fund contributed \$47,593.

6. Center for Excellence in Municipal Schools in Rajkot, India, a humanitarian grant proposed by the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant in partnership with the Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown, India, District 3060.

District 6000 clubs have accomplished a number of successful projects with Rajkot Midtown, including the 3-Hearthquake recovery project in partnership with Davenport Rotary.

The project will provide laptop computers and associated equipment, computer software, school furniture, and training for teachers to enable teaching the English language and mathematics in English to students in six municipal elementary schools, each with 380 students, about 2,300 total each school year. The application explains that the students presently receive instruction in Gujarati, the local language of Rajkot. That puts the Rajkot municipal school students at a disadvantage in competitive college entrance examinations and in college instructions which are in English. The application makes the further point that English proficiency is required for better paying jobs in India.

The \$87,510 project is funded with cash contributions of \$9,522 from the Rotary Clubs of Mount Pleasant, Burlington, Fairfield and Mount Pleasant Noon, and a \$16,400 DDF contribution by District 6000, our usual match ratio. The Rotary Club of Alexandria, Virginia, D7610, contributed \$95

and D7610 contributed \$3,000 DDF. The Rotary Club of Rajkot contributed \$10,000, and D3060 contributed \$10,000 DDF. The Rotary Foundation matched the contributions with a \$38,970 World Fund contribution.

7. Child and Mother Welfare Society Maternal and Dental; Beirut, Lebanon, a humanitarian grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Burlington in partnership with the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan, District 2452.

The project funds purchase of equipment to upgrade the Labor Room, Delivery Room and Dental Clinic of Child and Mother Welfare Society Hospital in Beirut, Lebanon. Last year the healthcare facility served 21,805 disadvantaged patients.

The \$57,484 project is financed with contributions of \$3,582 cash from the host club and \$7,000 DDF from the host district. Four D6000 clubs, including the Rotary Clubs of Burlington, Fort Madison, Mount Pleasant Noon and Mount Pleasant contributed \$7,695 cash. District 6000 contributed \$13,284 DDF, which conforms to our district's standard funding model. The Rotary Foundation's World Fund contribution was \$25,923.

8. Sydney Bergman Global Grant Scholarship sponsored by District 6000 in partnership with the Rotary E-Club of London Centenary.

Sydney, whose home is in Newton, is an honors graduate of Grinnell College. She will use the scholarship for the 2019-20 academic year to undertake a master of sciences degree in International Relations, focusing on Peace and Conflict, at the London School of Economics and International Relations. With her study and degree, Sydney will work toward employment in the U.S. Department State as a Foreign Officer in the Bureau of African Affairs. Her goal in the state department is to assist in peace resolutions, address humanitarian crises and work to spread democracy in north and east Africa.

The cost for Sydney's attendance at the London School is \$56,396. \$15,000 will be funded by D6000 DDF, matched dollar-for-dollar by The Rotary Foundation and \$17,597 is funded by cash from Sydney's sources, matched 50 cents to the dollar by The Rotary Foundation. Total TRF funding is \$23,799.

9. Kasra Zarai Global Grant Scholarship sponsored by District 6000 in partnership with the Rotary Club of Stockholm International.

Kasra, whose home is in Coralville, has multiple degrees from the University of Iowa. With the Global Grant scholarship for the 2019-20 academic year, he will be interrupting his work on an MD degree at Iowa to study in the Master's Program in Global Health in Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.

With the planned degree and completion of his medical schooling, Kasra's long-term professional goals involve providing medical and mental health care for people in need in Iowa and worldwide.

The cost for Kasra's attendance of Karolinska Institute is \$30,000. \$15,000 will be funded by D6000 DDF, matched dollar-for-dollar by The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus:

- ✓ **Maternal and Child Health**
- ✓ **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**
- ✓ **Disease Prevention and Treatment**
- ✓ **Basic Education and Literacy**
- ✓ **Community Economic Development**
- ✓ **Peace and Conflict Prevention**

RIP, POLIO

Monument to achievement in a different kind of war

By PDG Bill Tubbs

Editor, Zones 25B-29 News

Capitol grounds and courthouse squares across the U.S. notoriously feature monuments to wars. The Iowa State Capitol grounds, for example, has statues commemorating our state's participation in the Civil War and others.

Seldom, though, do we see monuments to other kinds of achievement that lift the human spirit.

Last Saturday Linda and I witnessed the dedication of a statue celebrating success in a different kind of war – a war against a disease, polio. The location was Unity Point Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines, and the celebrants were members of Rotary who have dedicated their time, talent and treasure to eradicating a disease which once paralyzed a nation and world, both physically and psychologically.

The year was 1943. While U.S. troops were in combat in North Africa and the Pacific, polio was menacing populations everywhere. In the U.S., resources for anything other than the war were rationed and scarce, but the hospital's founder, Mr. A.H. Blank, in a private meeting with President



Rotary commissioned this bronze statue at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines to tell future generations about the campaign to eradicate polio.

Franklin Roosevelt – himself a polio survivor – sought and received permission to build a children's hospital in Des Moines. It was the only hospital built in 1943.

Mr. Blank paid for construction of the hospital and paid for polio patients' care from his own pocket. The polio ward of that hospital was filled with 75-100 kids at its opening, and was expanded the next year.

An epidemic and a cure

The polio epidemic peaked in Iowa in 1952 with 3,564 cases and 163 deaths. Nationwide, it was 58,000 cases and 3,000 deaths. It was a scary time for parents, which I recall from my childhood.

Because the polio virus is highly contagious and typically spread through contaminated water, swimming pools were closed. Unlucky children who contracted polio were warehoused in iron lungs. One in 10 died. Survivors had reduced mobility, and later in life suffered a weakening of muscles called post-polio syndrome.

Then Dr. Jonas Salk produced an injectable vaccine from a killed virus in 1953. It was announced as effective and safe in 1955, and our parents breathed



District 6000 Rotarians and friends were on hand for the dedication of a statue commemorating the battle to eradicate polio on July 27 at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines. Photos provided by Bill Tubbs



Project coordinator, Rotarian Peggy Geiger of District 6000, with sculptor Dr. David Biehl, DVM, of Elkhorn, Neb.



RI Director Larry Dimmitt (c) dedicated the statue with (l-r): Sculptor David Biehl, DG Erna Morain, project coordinator Peggy Geiger, Dr. Steve Stephenson, and DRFC Chris Knapp.



Blank Children's Hospital COO Dr. Steve Stephenson.

POLIO: Blank was the only hospital built in U.S. in 1943

a sigh of relief. In 1961, Salk's vaccine was replaced by Dr. Albert Sabin's live-virus vaccine which is given orally, with sugar cubes, and by 1979 polio was gone from the U.S.

But polio was not gone. A thousand kids were contracting it somewhere in the world every day – 350,000 a year – when a trial campaign in the Philippines in 1985 went well and the leadership of Rotary decided to take action. No child anywhere should live a life of paralysis when prevention is possible, they said.

Logistical challenges

But how do you deliver the vaccine, which must be refrigerated, to the remote corners of the earth when there is no electricity?

Technical and logistical support came from the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Rotary provided the "boots on the ground" with clubs in 35,000 communities in more than 200 countries. Fund raising was provided by members of Rotary (\$1.8 billion – that's billion with a "b"), Unicef, governments of the world, and more recently the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Significantly, members have traveled to the ends of the earth to administer the polio vaccine to 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. I was one small part of a National Immunization Days team in India in 2012 when the vaccine was given to 172 million children under 5!

Think of it. 172 million!

The logistics were staggering, but successful. India has not had a case of polio since.

'Polio eradication is one of the most incredible stories in medical history.'

Dr. Steve Stephenson

COO, Blank Children's Hospital

In all, more than 16 million people have been saved from paralysis. The virus is in retreat. That's the good news. The bad news is that polio hasn't been licked – yet. Last year, 33 children in Pakistan and Afghanistan were afflicted, and 56 so far in 2019 in those same two countries. Most of the cases are in a border area between the countries where efforts to deliver the vaccines have been met with resistance.

This is a problem, but like others before it when ceasefires were declared to allow the immunization teams to enter a war zone to vaccinate the children, Rotary and its partners are determined to find a way. The governments in this case are backing immunization. It is a matter of time until the next case is the last case. Then we have to wait three years for no new cases before eradication is certified.

Then the world will celebrate!

Anti-vacs is deadly

Resistance to vaccines is deadly, says Dr. Steve Stephenson, COO of Blank Children's Hospital. "Unvaccinated children are like dry wood, combustible material," he says, warning that until the wild polio virus is eradicated everywhere, it can return anywhere. Unvaccinated children will not be safe until it is gone.

The doctor said the campaign to eradicate polio is, "one of the most incredible stories in medical history." Which is why we speak. Younger generations, including members of Rotary, have not experienced it.

Ed Futa, then the general secretary of Rotary International, in 2008, said at a committee meeting I was attending, "If we don't tell our story big and bold within five years of the eradication of polio, we will have failed from a public relations standpoint."

Toward that end, Rotarians in District 6000 (65 clubs in the southern half of Iowa), with leadership provided by Rotarian Peggy Geiger, commissioned Dr. David Biehl, a retired veterinarian and sculptor from Elkhorn, Neb., to produce a statue of a volunteer giving the oral polio vaccine – the "drops of life" – to a child, with other children looking on. It is a masterpiece inspired by the sculptor's own grandchildren to represent children of different races.

The inspiring bronze statue in a beautifully landscaped area at Blank Children's Hospital will remind all who go there that once there was a crippling disease called polio – but in the end it was no match for men and women whose vision did not exceed their grasp.

They will see, too, that monuments to humanitarian achievement are as important as those to military conquest.

This article first appeared in the Eldridge (IA) North Scott Press. The article was reprinted in the Sunday Des Moines Register on Sept. 15 and elicited statewide response.

On top of the world!

Rotarians celebrate with global partners in Nepal

**By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport
and Doug Flournoy/Fairfield**

Every year, District 6000 Rotary clubs sponsor Global Grants that help improve the lives of tens of thousands of poor people in developing countries.

Too seldom, however, do District 6000 Rotarians participate in one of the valuable opportunities that global grants offer – celebrating the inauguration of their completed projects with their host sponsors and the members of the benefitting community.

In May, members of the Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town in Bharatpur, Nepal, welcomed Fairfield Rotarian Doug Flournoy and Davenport Rotarian Brock Earnhardt and Brock's wife, Carol, to celebrate final completion of the Jaluke community water supply and sanitation project.

The Rotary Club of Fairfield partnered with Narayani Mid Town to develop the project to serve the people of Gaidakot Village, a rural community of low income wage earners and farmers. It replaced an old, failing pipeline from a contaminated surface supply. Since this was a fairly large undertaking, Doug Flournoy, primary contact for the international partner, decided to carry out the work in two phases to facilitate funding. The first phase went in service in 2013.

Water for 30,000

Two large wells, two pump houses, more than 14 miles of pipelines, a 100,000-gallon storage tank and four large public toilet facilities comprise the full project, completed at a cost of \$308,000. The system is intended to serve more than 30,000 people, more than three times the population of Fairfield, Iowa.

Flournoy commented that the "project would not have been possible without the support of other Rotary clubs in District 6000. Over 15 other Rotary clubs participated, several of them in both phases." He also expressed gratitude to Hy-Vee Foundation and Anheuser-Busch for their financial support of the project.

Thanking the Nepali hosts, Earnhardt said, "For Carol and me it was one of the great privileges of our lives to be invited by the members of the Rotary Club of Narayani Midtown, to

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Nepali and American Rotarians at Pump House #2, Brock and Carol Earnhardt, second and third from left, and Doug Flournoy, third from right.



Start of the parade through the village to the dedication and handover celebration.



Greeting on arrival in Kathmandu. Photos provided by Brock Earnhardt

NEPAL: Rotarians host Iowans on eight-day tour

be greeted by District 3292 Governor Chintamani Bhattari, and to be welcomed by the people of the Jaluke community to celebrate the inauguration and handover of the Rotary Jaluke Drinking Water Project. On the morning of the celebration, each step along the parade route through the community to the site of the new well was a humbling and emotional experience. The greetings of the people of Jaluke and the honor of the ceremony made us feel like celebrities.”

Sustainability

One of the hallmarks of a successful Rotary global grant project is that it gives the benefitting community the ability to sustain it. In that regard, Flournoy said one of the reasons he got involved in the project was evidence of strong community commitment. He saw from the first draft application that the Jaluke drinking water user community was well-organized, active, had their own office, a democratically elected executive committee and experience maintaining water supply facilities. “The outstanding contributions of the community to the successful outcome of this project motivated me to invest my own time and energy and I’m glad that I made such a good decision. Because of this combined effort the project is highly sustainable and will serve this community for many years,” Flournoy added.

After celebrating the successful completion of the project and handing over ownership to community leaders, the Nepali Rotarians hosted Flournoy and the Earnhardts on an eight-day tour of some of the highlight locations in their country: an elephant-back safari for spotting wildlife including endangered Indian rhinoceros; a fly around of Mount Everest; the ancient villages and temples in Kathmandu Valley; Hindu cremation ceremonies along a sacred river; Lumbini, the birthplace of Siddhartha Gautama, Lord Buddha, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; and Pokhara, the entrance to the Annapurna range of the Himalayas.

“I am certain all our global grant host sponsors would welcome visits from their District 6000 international partners and value the opportunity to celebrate Rotary friendships and cement international understanding and goodwill,” Earnhardt concluded.

Namaste!



Elephant safari.



Rotarians and community leaders at handing over ceremony.



Community members and Nepali Rotarians at handing over ceremony.



Community members at handing over ceremony.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Setting club goals is the key!

By PDG **Jacque Andrew**

District 6000 Annual Giving Chair

As the 2019-2020 Rotary year launches, it's time to look forward with anticipation for what can be accomplished through our Foundation as "Rotary Connects the World."

SUPPORT:

Your individual and club support of the annual fund of The Rotary Foundation helps good happen around the world and in our communities! In Rotary's six Areas of Focus – Water, Literacy, Peace, Maternal/Child Health, Disease Prevention/Treatment and Community/Economic Development – grants for global and community initiatives and polio eradication efforts are driven by the funds donated by Rotary members and clubs!

GOALS:

To keep us on track with member and club contributions, GOALS are KEY! Many clubs have yet to set their goals for the ANNUAL FUND and POLIO PLUS for the 2019-2020 year. Help is available! Club presidents, contact your Assistant Governor or the District Fundraising Chair, Jacque Andrew, at jeandrew@netins.net, for help in getting your goals entered online! This was a focus at NCPETS and needs to be completed. Please follow up on this as soon as possible!

THANK YOU:

During the Rotary year, club members reach new levels of giving recognized by The Rotary Foundation. We are so GRATEFUL for the consistent and dedicated support of all donors who help make "doing good in the world" possible.

Donations to The Rotary Foundation are recognized in

various ways: by the Foundation itself with pins and crystals, by the District at events such as the Foundation Dinner and District Conference and club meetings, and through publications of programs and newsletters.

Those who have achieved new contribution milestones in recent weeks include:

Doug and Louann Peterson, Major Donor Level 1, Iowa Quad Cities (sadly, Louann passed away on July 11);

Mark Ruggeberg and Robert Brooks, Major Donor Level 1, Iowa City Downtown;

Chris and Vernette Knapp, Major Donor Level 2, Iowa City AM;

Paul Kerkhoff, Bequest Society Level 1, Waukee;

Steve and Karen Laughlin, Bequest Society Level 4, Coralville-North Corridor.

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

Those who are Paul Harris Society members (contributing \$1,000 per year to The Rotary Foundation) help significantly in reaching our annual district goals. We appreciate their generosity! New PHS members in recent weeks include:

Janice Anderson, Ames Morning;

Robert Anderson, Ames Morning;

Steve Laughlin, Coralville-North Corridor;

Roger Christian, Iowa City AM;

Peggy Doerge, Iowa City AM;

Gretchen Nollman, West Liberty.

COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

Community service grants carried out in District 6000 are reported elsewhere in this newsletter. Funds from donations by clubs and their members make it possible to provide these grants to do MORE GOOD in Iowa!

With the support of the members of Rotary District 6000, its global projects help children around the world receive polio vaccine, doctors to be trained in the Ponseti Method of clubfoot treatment, mothers to have safe births thanks to mid-wife training, whole communities and regions to have access to clean water, schools to be built in which to teach children to read and ROTARY is working for a more peaceful world!

Please help us by setting and fulfilling CLUB GOALS for The Rotary Foundation!

THANK YOU!



Paul Harris Fellows at Mt. Pleasant

At the July 22 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant Evening, two members were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. Immediate past president Mersihda Dyer (I) became a brand new Fellow while longtime member, Larry Brenizer, was lauded for adding two more pins to his original medal. Presenting their certificates, past District Governor Calvin Litwiller explained how every Paul Harris fellow contributes to the overall success of The Rotary Foundation. Rotarian Dyer joined the club in 2013 while Brenizer became a member in 1976.

– by Olabisi Gwamna, submitted by Titilope Samuel



The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(Members: Jul 15-16-17-18)	18-19 Goal	% of Goal	Per capita	Thru 1-27-19	PolioPlus	Other (*)	TOTAL
Adel (37-37-34-32)	\$ 3,300	129	\$ 132.89	\$ 4,253	\$ 350	\$ 0	\$ 4,603
Albia (22-28-28-24)	1,000	70	29.17	700	52	0	700
Ames (224-226-217-206)	25,000	115	139.40	28,717	10,172	3,360	42,250
Ames Morning (55-55-59-59)	9,000	87	132.63	7,825	4,714	1,575	14,114
Ankeny (61-77-85-86)	13,400	96	149.42	12,850	4,620	5,250	22,720
Atlantic (58-58-58-56)	3,000	95	50.96	2,854	1,975	0	4,829
Bettendorf (103-101-102-105)	12,000	84	96.43	10,125	5,000	0	15,125
Bloomfield (10-10-10-11)	1,000	45	40.91	450	0	0	450
Boone (42-34-41-51)	3,500	76	51.96	2,650	4,308	0	6,958
Burlington (80-79-80-80)	4,000	59	29.56	2,365	750	5,089	8,204
Carroll (46-44-43-44)	3,500	33	26.14	1,150	100	0	1,250
Centerville (50-46-45-46)	5,000	120	129.89	5,975	0	0	5,975
Chariton (41-41-34-30)	3,000	108	107.50	3,225	1,100	0	4,325
Clinton (98-97-94-90)	10,000	39	43.35	3,902	1,264	125	5,291
Coon Rapids (27-31-34-30)	1,500	100	50.00	1,500	0	1,050	2,550
Coralville-N. Corridor (20-21-22-24)	1,000	268	111.46	2,675	525	0	3,200
Corning (34-33-32-32)	1,000	119	37.13	1,188	1,000	0	2,188
Corydon (18-15-15-17)	300	467	82.35	1,400	166	0	1,566
Creston (23-19-17-18)	250	242	33.56	604	250	0	854
Dallas Center (27-29-26-25)	2,500	112	112.00	2,800	601	0	3,401
Davenport (112-113-110-107)	13,000	86	104.63	11,195	4,535	7,175	22,905
Decatur County (30-32-31-30)	6,000	158	316.93	9,508	2,453	0	11,961
Des Moines (276-270-269-255)	21,000	114	94.00	23,969	2,226	3,150	29,345
Des Moines AM (170-170-179-189)	13,000	107	73.60	13,910	1,060	2,100	17,070
East Polk County (34-31-29-29)	2,500	112	96.21	2,790	2,116	0	4,906
Fairfield (74-60-57-56)	4,000	49	35.11	1,966	1,225	0	3,691
Fort Madison (49-53-55-51)	6,000	79	93.14	4,750	838	1,496	4,376
Greater Des Moines (12-12-11-13)	1,000	160	123.08	1,600	1,000	0	2,600
Grinnell (38-40-35-38)	4,750	154	192.11	7,300	1,010	1,050	9,360
Indianola (54-53-54-47)	7,000	61	90.43	4,250	1,205	2,100	7,555
Iowa City (312-329-333-317)	45,000	90	128.14	40,620	1,625	10,000	52,245
Iowa City AM (66-69-74-71)	10,000	124	174.58	12,395	11,062	4,902	28,359
Iowa City Downtown (23-21-23-25)	4,000	95	151.60	3,790	1,932	0	5,722
Iowa Quad-Cities (41-42-38-42)	3,000	91	64.90	2,726	0	0	2,726
Jefferson (59-59-56-60)	5,000	103	86.20	5,172	1,825	0	6,997
Johnston (60-49-52-43)	7,000	94	152.79	6,570	1,280	0	7,850
Kalona (42-41-43-40)	1,800	175	78.75	3,150	1,856	0	5,006
Keokuk (66-71-57-53)	3,250	80	48.96	2,595	2,165	0	4,760
Keosauqua (24-22-23-24)	1,200	104	52.08	1,250	0	0	1,250
Knoxville (61-58-48-53)	4,500	87	74.06	3,925	1,960	0	5,885
Lenox (29-28-27-25)	2,000	41	33.00	825	850	0	1,675
Manning (19-25-21-23)	2,500	98	106.52	2,450	250	1,050	3,750
Marengo (11-10-10-11)	200	63	11.36	125	0	0	125
Marshalltown (150-147-145-133)	7,500	97	54.68	7,273	1,874	0	9,147
Mount Pleasant Noon (52-55-47-51)	5,000	61	59.94	3,057	2,000	1,500	6,556
Mount Pleasant (20-20-18-18)	500	80	22.22	400	1,053	45,467	46,920
Muscatine (79-77-69-66)	12,000	67	121.78	8,038	1,550	0	9,588
Nevada (71-69-61-53)	10,000	109	206.13	10,925	2,525	0	13,450
Newton (60-55-49-40)	3,000	8	6.25	250	1,320	1,050	2,620
North Scott (85-86-89-88)	12,000	125	170.39	14,994	3,105	26,000	44,099
N'West Des Moines (34-40-36-37)	8,000	103	222.86	8,246	7,626	2,625	18,497
Norwalk (0-0-20-24)	500	0	0	0	60	0	60
Osceola (28-29-25-22)	800	64	23.24	511	60	0	571
Oskaloosa (56-55-57-54)	4,000	112	82.96	4,480	0	0	4,480
Ottumwa (97-98-92-89)	10,010	105	118.26	10,525	806	0	11,331
Pella (29-30-29-29)	3,200	108	119.31	3,460	770	0	4,230
Perry (26-26-26-23)	1,000	40	17.39	400	218	525	1,143
Tipton (30-26-27-22)	1,500	233	158.97	3,497	1,250	1,050	5,797
Washington (49-48-43-42)	2,000	215	102.38	4,300	750	0	5,050
Waukee (58-64-69-64)	8,500	90	119.89	7,673	3,785	27,400	38,858
Wellman (36-34-30-29)	2,850	92	90.41	2,622	1,019	0	3,641
West Des Moines (62-63-52-51)	5,000	98	95.78	4,885	2,625	1,050	8,560
West Liberty (43-44-46-41)	12,000	191	558.13	22,883	1,775	0	24,658
West Polk County (31-18-19-20)	500	80	20.00	400	1,810	0	2,210
Winterset (25-30-33-29)	2,500	148	127.72	3,704	3,235	3,150	10,089
District Contributions	0	0	0	200	45,279	55,679	1,615
Total (3,854-3,853-3,793-3,693)	\$ 383,310	100.90	\$ 104.73	\$ 386,762	\$ 168,228		\$ 725,178

(*) Other includes endowment fund and restricted giving for grants



Rotarian leaders, student counselors and RYLA conferees at Grinnell College, July 14-19. A list of participants is on page 22.

220 conferees engage in transfo

By Mark McAndrews/Northwest Des Moines

District 6000 RYLA Committee

Iowa Rotary Youth Leadership Award (Iowa RYLA) completed another successful conference at Grinnell College from July 14th-19th. Rotary clubs from all over Districts 5970 and 6000 sponsored 220 students for a week of learning and development that will have them return to your communities as better leaders, enthused to embrace an opportunity to serve their schools, Interact clubs, sports teams, bands, student government, church organizations, scouting organizations and any other organization they are a part of.

The Iowa RYLA Mission: *We believe leadership is a skill that can be learned and practiced and must be applied to have worth. We strive to improve judgment, personal responsibility, and awareness of key leadership traits, group needs, and the needs of the world. We value integrity, accountability, and humility in our leaders. Through personal interaction and firm teaching, we accomplish our mission of bettering the young leaders of our region.*

Every year as we pursue this mission, conferees are transformed during the week of RYLA. A Rotarian who transported their club's students to and from RYLA remarked, "The students I picked up on Friday were not the same students I dropped off on Sunday." In just a couple of hours riding in

a car he could tell the students had seen significant growth over the course of a week.

Learning through practice

One of the keys to RYLA is learning through practice. Each conferee is assigned to a team of 10-12 conferees – we do our best to be sure none of the conferees on a team know each other. The team is led by a former RYLArian and supported by a Rotarian. The teams spend a great deal of the week completing exercises designed to challenge their teamwork and leadership skills.

After each exercise, the team debriefs the experience – what went well, what went poorly, how was the communication on the team, how well did we work together. The team leader guides the team through the debrief process to be sure all available lessons are exposed. High performing teams will often take over the process as the week progresses. The Rotarian serves as a valuable resource by explaining how these same lessons learned often apply in situations they have experienced through the years.

The week is structured to take each conferee through a progression of increasingly interconnected lessons. The week starts with Real Colors, a personality survey based on the research behind the more familiar Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator. This survey helps conferees understand their preferences for:



ormative week at Iowa RYLA

How they focus on the world – through external input or driven by their own internal processes;

How they take in information;

How they make decisions; and

How they interact with the world.

Just as important as understanding each of these preferences about yourself is understanding how others who have different preferences perceive both the same task you may be faced with and how they perceive your contribution to the team.

Understanding perceptions

Understanding how your personality affects your perceptions of challenges and your team members, goes a long way to forming more effective teams. Struggling through exercises where teams don't fully communicate or appreciate each other's strengths presents rich opportunities for learning during the debriefing process.

As so often happens in life, exercises where the goal is not met are often where the most learning takes place. Learning to communicate effectively with people from different backgrounds, who are motivated by different values, who have different life experiences, and who approach problems differently from you is a skill that is essential to effective team work.

One of the key lessons I see embraced every year is the realization leaders are not perfect. Too often conferees have

an image of leaders being perfect, and are reluctant to lead because they don't perceive themselves as meeting that standard. As they realize no one meets that unrealistic standard, and leadership can look very different from person to person, they begin envisioning themselves as leaders and developing their own unique style of leadership.

Finding your passion

The final lesson of RYLA is to find your passion and use the leadership skills enhanced at RYLA to change the world. They learn about Rotary Youth Exchange, Interact clubs, and ongoing service projects undertaken by each district. Invite these students into your club service projects; they are ready and enthusiastic about serving others.

Serving as a team Rotarian at RYLA is the best job at RYLA. You have the opportunity to serve with an outstanding team leader who will lead the team as well as interacting with bright, engaging, talented, passionate students from all across Iowa.

Rotarians are key to creating the environment where conferees can embrace the leadership lessons presented at RYLA.

RYLA 2020 will take place from July 19th-24th on the campus of Grinnell College. If your club is interested in a program on RYLA, several Iowa RYLA Board members are available to make presentations.

Please contact Mark McAndrews at (515) 371-0863 or mark-mcandrews@msn.com to arrange a program.

2019 Iowa RYLA participants

District 5970

Rotarians

Bellevue: Linda Nudd, Barry Nudd
Cedar Rapids West: David Kutter (Registrar)
Dubuque: Pat Udzielak
New Hampton: Mike Babcock (Chair), Kathy Babcock, Lynn Kuethe

Staff and Team Leaders

Algona: Ethan DeGroote
Cedar Rapids Daybreak: Carson Utthe
Cedar Rapids Sunrise: Kevin Drahos
Cedar Rapids West: JoJo Hayes
Dubuque: Caleb Perreard
Iowa Great Lakes (Spirit Lake): Claudia Schimek

Mason City: Grady Gaubatz
Storm Lake: Zach Brown

Conferees

Algona: Evan Deal, Brooklynn Wille
Belle Plaine: Hannah Cook, Quinleigh Grimes
Bellevue: Emma Callaghan, Elizabeth Freiburger, Sarah Yeager
Cedar Falls: Will Coloff, Sabine Martin, Ryan Westhoff

Cedar Rapids: Candyce Bowers, Jenna Griffith, Flora Kafunda, Molly Kilker, Charles Lock

Cedar Rapids Daybreak: Quintin Gay, Jordan Kinch

Cedar Rapids Sunrise: Hollis Albrecht, Shanthanu Potheppalli

Cedar Rapids West: Anna Bosking, Sofia Burke, Kendalyn Herlocker, Raegan Zachman

Charles City: Kristin George, Mindi Neve, Cole White

Dubuque: Brianna Anderson, Samantha Birkett, Caleb Brothers, Lucy Conlon, Keegan Eitter, Olivia Fransen, Natalie Harbin, Jillian Less, Teagan Roush, Claire Schadl, Sydney Schuller, Anna Witthoef, Sophia Zebarth

Ely: Rachel Kaiser

Forest City: Calvin Aberg, Elijah Alsop, Olivia Gayther, Laura Harms, Lyndee Jones, Jasmine Sanasinh, Alyson Walker

Fort Dodge Daybreak: Tyson Powers

Garner: Isaac Bell, Brandon Englin, Adam Heflin, Eric Heitland, Ryan Kumsher

Guttenberg: Kaitlyn Koehn, Sonrae Saganitso

Hampton: Michael Rosenberg

Humboldt: Sydney Savery, Katie Wilhelm

Independence: Hailey Hopkins, Chloe Tudor

Iowa Great Lakes (Spirit Lake): Devin Amdahl

Manchester: Tanner Kelchen, Colby Samuelson, Leslie Connolly, Abbi Strathman

Mason City: Skylar Shannon

Mason City Sunrise: Brandilee Joyner, Lilly Stockberger

Metro North Cedar Rapids: Olivia Cannizzaro, Ethan Dix, Mia Henderson

New Hampton: Angel Antonio, Claire Quirk, Emma Rosonke,

Pocahontas: Rachel Passow, Jessica Sump

Rockwell City: Maggie Armstrong

Spencer: Grace Hamilton, Ethan Schmidt

Storm Lake: Evie AlSaffar, Oanh Lam

Waverly: Reagan Dahlquist, Mason Ellerbroek

Webster: City Teagan Gourley



RYLA leaders Wayne Steen of District 6000 (West Liberty) and Wayne Babcock of District 5970 (New Hampton).

Photo by Bill Tubbs

District 6000

Rotarians

Ames: Chuck Jons
Ames AM: Alan Hermanson
Boone: Steve Dakin
Chariton: Zach Fisher
Davenport: Patt Englander
Indianola: Ron Heideman
Iowa City AM: Greg Probst, Mark Patten, Liz Loeb
Keokuk: Alka Khanolkar
Knoxville: T. Waldmann-Williams (Registration), Park Woodle
Muscatine: Cath Hahn
Northwest Des Moines: Mark McAndrews
West Liberty: Jodi Kelly (photographer), Wayne Steen (Chair-Elect), Katalina Kutsch

Staff and Team Leaders

Ankeny: Shantal Hernandez, Benton Renaud, Ellie Wilson
Davenport: Lisa Truong, Jacob Hansen
Des Moines: Isabella O'Connor
Fairfield: Daniel Zhu, Melat Gebremariam (Head Counselor)
Indianola: Abby Camp, Tyler Jufferbruch, Ally O'Meara
Iowa City: Lucy Polyak, Nate Nelson
Knoxville: Quinlan Robuck (Head Counselor)
North Scott (Davenport): Ben Stutting
Northwest Des Moines: Brad Holland
West Des Moines: Omar Mustafa
West Liberty: Mariela Filerio

Conferees

Adel: Aaron Crow, Paige Jansen
Ames: Oliver Dreyer
Ames AM: Elliot Reason, Tony Rosser
Ankeny: Sophie Bergan, Natalie Doering, Mallory Leazer, Natalia Portal-Figueroa, Jesus Esteban Rojas Davila, Allison Su, Jordan Su

Atlantic: Bryer Rose, Kathryn Saluk
Bettendorf: Erica Johnson, Jessica Mouw, Jerry Vesey, Mitchell Winterlin
Bloomfield: Weston Shively
Boone: Akela Salter, Caroline Shelton
Burlington: Shelby Ryan
Chariton: Mikayla McCurdy
Clinton: Emily Frye, Emma Raab
Coralville-North Corridor: Lauren Lasswell, Lasya Yakkala
Corning: Marah Larsen
Corydon: Sarah Moorman
Creston: Jurnee Harvey, Brianna Hayes
Davenport: Winiboya Aboyure, Molly Dye
Decatur County: Leslie Guyer, Carleigh O'Dell
Des Moines: Elena Busick, Alexia Corwin, Eleanor King, Katherine Levy
Des Moines AM: Leslie Delgado, Freweini Kawaja
East Polk County: Riziki Mwiroti
Fairfield: Adriana Alonso, Jaiden Jarmosco, Ahillan Kumar, Amiritha Kumar, Devika Pharasai, Sai Pullapantula, Shristi Sharma, Yenet Tafesse
Fort Madison: Kylee Cashman, Ethan Deacon, Lily Scott, Madelyn Swigart
Indianola: Joseph DeWall, Avarie Hilton, Nicholas Jensen
Iowa City: Lucie Brennan, Sophia Cockerham, Jeremiah Collins, Emma Dreyer, Amerika Dunbar, Cristina Garcia, Lauren Garmager, Alana Just, Anna Knoche, Jacob Mascardo, Victoria Mattox, Jack Meis, Caden Piercy, Hannah Vogts, Victoria Weckmann
Iowa City AM: Errol Alden, Sarah Bigaba, Anya Emerson, Marta Leira
Iowa City Downtown: Francesca Brown, Kathleen Hagan, Sarah Martin
Iowa Quad-Cities: Ahmed Baig, Clare Basala, Ella Litchfield, Enrique Riojas Berazaluze
Jefferson: Sophia Ausberger, Kassie Lamoureux, Ellie Madson
Keokuk: Brent Merydith
Knoxville: Jayette Carter, Faith Hatch, Nash Linsley, Mason Murphy, Isabella Van Donselaar
Lenox: Skye Bartlett
Manning: Brody Swearingen
Marengo: Connor Gehring
Mount Pleasant Evening: Emma Pieper, Yorke Prough
Muscatine: Brian Prussman, Janelle Tapia, Dalani Weber
Nevada: Grace Cahill, Aubrey Gibson, Taylor Hall, Riley Loux
Newton: Annika Wilson
North Scott (Davenport): Abigail Jensen
Northwest Des Moines: Blair Liveringhouse, Christian Lopez, Chase McAndrews, Sophia Murphy
Norwalk: Isabel Hanson, Lillian Quade, Callan Randall
Osceola: Daniel Hill, Derik Hill
Oskaloosa: Sage Cochran, Nicholas Ingamells
Ottumwa: Rachel Lewman, Bailee Rominger
Pella: Joseph Beukelman, Austin Dart
Perry: Jose Guillen, Ainsley Marburger, Jasmine Shriver
Tipton: Zoe Stonebraker, Aubrey Vitense
Waukee: Piper Carroll, Jaelyn Nielson, Kristen Stone, Jazmin Terrell
West Des Moines: Zachary Halter, Saida Komjo, Samuel Lundberg
West Liberty: Ahtziri Aragon, Shantel Lopez
West Polk County: Molly Patterson



2019-20 Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students were welcomed by Rotex students who have spent a year in another country and are eager to assist with the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Photo provided by Greg Probst, D6000 Youth Exchange Chair

YOUTH EXCHANGE: 22 students in 2019-20

Outbound Students in 2019-20

Barry Jordan, Iowa City, Switzerland
 Skye Bartlett, Lenox, Italy
 Oliver Dreyer, Ames, Germany
 Kathleen (Kat) Hagan, Iowa City
 Downtown, France
 Taylor Hall, Nevada, Japan
 Zachary Halter, Des Moines, Germany
 Eleanor (Nora) King, Des Moines,
 France
 Riley Loux, Nevada, Belgium
 Brent (Tres) Merydith, Keokuk,
 Mexico
 Bailee Rominger, Ottumwa, Brazil
 John (JJ) SchraderBachar, Ankeny,
 Chile



Outbound Youth Exchange students from District 6000 in 2019-20 with District Governor Erna Morain. Photo from DG Erna Morain's August E-newsletter

Inbound Students in 2019-20

Javiera Gacitua, Chile, Des Moines
 Lara Nicoletti, Brazil, Iowa City AM
 Jules Mazen, France, Nevada
 MichaelHartle, Germany, DSM2 /
 WDM
 Bianca Spanedda, Italy, Decatur
 County
 Anna Meyer, Germany, Iowa City
 Misato Noda, Japan, West Liberty
 Adrien Mortier, France, Lenox
 Alejandra Martinez, Mexico, Iowa
 Quad Cities
 Luz Amanda Alcocer, Mexico, Ankeny
 Paskert
 Melisa Reyes, Mexico, Ankeny Rot-
 tinghaus



Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students, front (l-r): Anna Meyer (Germany), Misato Noda (Japan), Lara Nicoletti (Brazil), Bianca Spanedda (Italy), Javiera Gacitua (Chile), Melisa Valle Y Reyes (Mexico), Alejandra Martinez (Mexico), Amanda Alcocer (Mexico).

Back: Jules Mazen (France), Michael Haertle (Germany), Adrien Mortier (France)

Photo provided by Greg Probst, D6000 Youth Exchange Chair

JEFFERSON

Rotarians take kids to the top of the tower!

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

More than 2,000 youngsters, visitors to the Mahanay Memorial Carillon Tower in Jefferson, get a free ride to the top “for the view” thanks to sponsorship by the Rotary Club of Jefferson. Funds for the youth admissions to the Tower were raised at the club’s 2018 auction. (Friday, Nov. 8 2019, is the date of the club’s dinner and auction at the Wild Rose Casino and Resort in Jefferson.)

“With its focus on youth and supporting attractions in our area, the Jefferson Rotary Club’s sponsorship is the perfect opportunity to make a trip to the top of the tower accessible to all children, and truly the high point of a visit to Jefferson,” said Carol Durbin, chair of the 2019 auction.

The Tower’s team of seven full-time guides who staff the attraction from May through October are hosts to school, day care, church and library groups along with grandparents taking children on outings, youth looking for places to go with friends, and families looking for adventures. Special arrangements may be made for trips to the top of the tower by calling (515) 386-2155.

A smooth ride in the glassed elevator takes visitors of all ages to the enclosed observation deck 130 feet high. From there visitors can enjoy a spectacular view of seven communities, newly created rooftop art installations and other local attractions.

The tower’s bells were cast at the world-famous Petit & Fritsen Bell Foundry in the Netherlands and installed in 1966 when the tower opened. The bells strike every quarter hour

and music from the tower spreads throughout the community daily on the hour. At the tower’s 50th anniversary in 2016, the tower was enhanced to become a four-octave carillon with 47 total bells, a \$441,000 expansion that makes Jefferson’s tower only the fourth carillon in Iowa.

The tower’s structure was designed by District 6000 Past District Governor Dale Belknap, Rotary Club of Des Moines. It is the centerpiece of the county’s Bell Tower Festival held annually in Jefferson the second weekend in June. The weather camera at the top of the tower is featured regularly on central Iowa’s popular weather program on KCCI-TV in Des Moines.



Jefferson Bell Tower staff coordinator, Pat Richards, at right, holds the Jefferson Rotary Club’s sign noting its sponsorship of kids’ visits to the attraction. She is pictured with Tower guide staff Lynn Gunderson (l), and Shelly Berger, center.



Two young visitors are surprised by the Tower window washer visible from the observation deck 130 feet above the street!

Rotarians take kids to the top of the tower!

The Rotary Club of Winterset surprised DG Erna Morain with a shopping spree at the local Hy-Vee following her official visit to the club Thursday, July 11th. They collected donations from club members and collaborated with the Winterset Food Pantry for what it needed. Governor Morain then was given the requested list and assisted by club members to push and fill the cart, then deliver it to the food pantry.

“I had a lot of fun with the club members and real satisfac-

tion that we could make a difference for those who needed our help in the Winterset area,” said Governor Morain as she finished the delivery. “The Winterset Rotary Club is always finding ways to have a good time while they serve their community in so many ways. They even managed to encourage the Hy-Vee manager to join their club while we were there. I really appreciate their spirit.”

— from DG Erna Morain’s July 24th Email newsletter

Ames Rotarians lead the way for Miracle Field

By Karin Sevde/Ames
Club Executive Secretary

The Rotary Club of Ames will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2021.

In honor of that achievement we signed on to be part of the creation of a Miracle Playground and Field in Ames.

What impressed the board most about this project, was the fact that there are nearly 1,000 children with special needs enrolled in Story County schools. These children with intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities, and other mental health disabilities are our children.

They are our friends, family and neighbors. Rotarians believe that these children and those not yet in school, and adults should have recreational opportunities they too can enjoy, no matter what their abilities.

Because of the Miracle League Field, a child that has had to sit on the sidelines during organized sports because of a disability will soon be able to swing her bat, cross the bases and score runs on a team with her peers.

For the first time, a parent using a wheelchair will be able to play with his child on a playground. A teen will witness firsthand what a person living with a disability can do, instead of what they can't.

This is the reason our Rotary Club committed \$300,000 to the Miracle League Field, which will be named in honor of our club. We were honored to be one of the team members holding a shovel the day of the groundbreaking ceremony.

Jean Kresse, Ames Rotary president this year, was joined by club member and Past District Governor Don Goering in the ceremony. Construction is currently underway, and we look forward to being part of the dedication ceremony.



Ames Rotarians dig in to start construction of Miracle Field.



The Rotary Club of Ames gave a check for \$300,000 for Miracle Field. (l-r): Club president Jean Kresse, past president Brian Dieter, past president Don Borcharding, president-elect Chad Copley, past president and Ames Foundation board member Jeff Iles, Rotarian and Ames Chamber liaison Drew Kamp, Rotarian and Ames Foundation board member Lynne Carey, Rotarian and Ames Foundation board member Melissa Rowan, Ames Foundation board member Sheila Lundt, and Ames Foundation board member Jan Williams.



Club President Jean Kresse with PDG Don Goering at the ground breaking.



CLINTON

'Home Run Readers' touch all the bases

By Jill O'Neill/Clinton

The Rotary Club of Clinton has been very busy this summer! We welcomed our new club president, Brian Wright, on July 1 and thanked past president Jennifer Graf for all of her constant hard work and dedication to Rotary.

This summer, the club partnered with the Clinton Lumberkings for the first-ever "Homerun Readers" program. President Brian Wright went to all local elementary schools and met with children from K-5th grade and discussed how important it is to continue to read during the summer months.

We partnered with local businesses in the Clinton area to be able to give incentives to all of the children who participated in the program. Each child was given a reading log with a baseball diamond on it, with each base being a 200-minute goal. Each base the child reached would give the children incentives and prizes.

At first base, children received a Homerun Readers pencil and koozie.

Second base was gift certificates to local restaurants. Third base was a draw-string backpack with two books the child could pick out, and finally, when the children rounded third and went to home base to score a home run, they received a ticket to the Clinton Lumberkings game, a chance to participate in the parade around the Lumberkings field at the beginning of the game, and the kids got their names printed in the Lumberkings program.

We had much success with this program, with around 200 participants and a number of Rotarians helping along the way! We look forward to continuing this program with the Clinton Lumberkings and other businesses next year.

The Rotary Club of Clinton is also working on our next fundraiser – a Halloween "Boo Bash" scheduled for Nov. 1, with part of the proceeds going to help local food programs in the Clinton area. We are very excited about this opportunity to support our club, our community, and do it all with some "scary" fun and fellowship!



Two hundred Clinton youths were challenged to advance to every base by reading more books in the Clinton Rotary Club's partnership with the Clinton Lumberkings Minor League Baseball team.



Miracle Field dedicated in QCA

Sept. 5 was a day to celebrate in the Quad Cities with the dedication of the Miracle Field at Prairie Heights Park in northern Davenport. All 11 clubs in the QCA (seven in Illinois), Optimists, foundations and others, contributed to the \$860,000 inclusive baseball field. Rotarians present for the ribbon cutting included (l-r): Davenport Mayor Frank Klipsch, Nick Wagner (Iowa Quad Cities), Mike Hamann (Davenport), AG Tim Lane (Bettendorf), Sean Eckhardt (Davenport), Mark Horst (Davenport), Scott Nauman (Bettendorf), Judy Loss, Larry Minard (Davenport), Gary Loss (Davenport) and PDG Bill Tubbs (North Scott).

INDIANOLA

Food insecurity: Support for The Helping Hand

By Terry Paulding/Indianola

The Rotary Club of Indianola's Michael Kleene asked if our club would be willing to support The Helping Hand by collecting food items. When the answer was yes, he added, "would you be willing to collect food items during the 2019 National Balloon Classic Parade?"

Again the answer was yes, and an idea turned into a project. Posters were created and distributed around town with boxes for people to drop off food items, in case they would not be at the parade on July 27th. Social media advertising was used to bring awareness of the project to the community.

As members of the Rotary club gathered to participate in the parade, the mood was one of "we hope to get some food items" but more important to bring attention to The Helping Hand needs.

As the parade started, members walked alongside a vehicle and immediately began receiving donations from people lining the streets. Comments of, "Oh, I left mine on the kitchen table," or "I wished I'd known about this sooner," were heard from spectators throughout the parade route.

In the end, 300 food items were collected. A very successful project from a single idea.

The food items needed at Helping Hand change from time to time. Visit their website or their Facebook page to learn more about The Helping Hand and the ways they serve our community's individuals and families.

So, does it end there? NO!

The Rotary board voted to continue supporting The Helping Hand by asking for donations during the Indianola High School Homecoming Parade and the Warren County Log Cabin Days Parade, both in September. Plans are to continue with the same three parades in 2020. Watch for additional details before each of the selected parades by following the Rotary Club of Indianola Facebook page.

Polio fundraiser: PDG will fly 'Around the World for Rotary'

"Around the World for Rotary: The Flight to End Polio," is the theme of an adventure planned by PDG John Ockenfels of Iowa City AM and Peter Teahen. From March 24 to May 8, 2020, they will fly around the world, 136 hours and 22,600 miles, and are taking pledges with the proceeds to go to PolioPlus.



John Ockenfels

The itinerary starts in Cedar Rapids and includes: Cleveland; Bangor, Maine; St. John, Newfoundland; Santa Maria Azores, Portugal; MarraKech, Morocco; Sardinia, Italy; Crete, Greece; Aqaba, Jordan; Kuwait International; Al Ain Abu Dhabi, UAE; Karachi, Pakistan; Nagpur, India; Chiang Mai, Thailand; Bangkok, Thailand; Singapore; Kota Kinabalu, Maylasia; Clark Airport, Philippines;

Naha, Okinawa, Japan; Kobe, Japan; New Chitose Sapporo, Japan; Yzhno-Sakhalinsk; Magaden, Russia; Anadyr, Russia; Nome, Alaska; Fairbanks, Alaska; Watson Lake Yukon, Alaska; Edmonton, Canada; Grand Forks, North Dakota; and back to Cedar Rapids. To learn more, contact John at (319) 321-4601, or email: johnnockenfels@hotmail.com.



Membership

Chris Nelson (I) presented the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines the first place award for clubs less than 40 for a 92 percent increase in membership in 2018-19. The award was accepted by Tyler Phelps.

CLINT RILA, MOUNT PLEASANT

'A Rotarian and Renaissance Man'

By Olabisi Gwamna/Mount Pleasant Evening Club Secretary

On Monday, July 1, 2019, several people gathered at the front lawn of the Wesleyan University Chadwick Library for a special dedication.

The motley crowd represented various organizations to which, at different times of their lives, Dr. Clint and Willaina Rila claimed membership. Clint was a respected chemistry professor and an ardent gardener, while he and his wife, Willaina, were lifelong members of the Mount Pleasant Evening Rotary Club.

Along with the family of the Rilas, Mount Pleasant residents comprising retired faculty, members of the Presbyterian Church, and representatives of the Mount Pleasant Evening and Noon Rotary clubs were among those present at the ceremony, which was to dedicate a bench and two trees on the campus of the 176-year old Wesleyan University to the memory of Dr. Clinton Rila.

In her welcoming speech, former interim president and retired member of Mount Pleasant Evening Rotary, Carol Nemitz, gave a brief biography of Clint Rila, emphasizing

his immense contribution to the intellectual development of the entire community and his extreme love of knowledge and adventure. Ms. Nemitz highlighted his devotion to the local Rotary club which he joined in 1966, making him the oldest member of the Evening Rotary until his death in 2018.

In her own remembrance of Rila, Dr. Delores Poulter, professor emerita and one of the longest serving faculty on the scenic campus, described his attitudes as those of a "Renaissance Man": He had a thirst for knowledge, he was practical, a risk-taker, versatile and knowledgeable. Poulter reiterated the sharp sense of humor latent in the superbly witty mind of one of the greatest chemistry teachers Mount Pleasant was lucky to claim as its own.

Earlier on, at the host club of Dr. Rila, members recalled the various ways their elderly colleague had been influential in their lives, especially as Rotarians. He was remembered for his contribution to Rotary's Literacy Program which in



Mount Pleasant took the form of distributing dictionaries to elementary pupils. Mount Pleasant Evening Rotarians emphasized doing good "just for the heck of it." He was passionate about hunting, talked convincingly of his risky trips to Alaska and teased many a mouth with his spicy menus.



The Clint and Willaina Bench sits right in front of the Library, while their two trees are across the street from the bench.



Melanie Storural, Council member, Damon Clark, Rotarian, Dolly Bergmann, Rotary District 6000 Assistant Governor, Kaila Antisdell, Rotarian, Kate Olson, Rotarian and Council member, and Lora Kanning, Council member.

Card game teaches about child abuse

By AG Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic Club Secretary

"Family Table Talk" cards will soon be distributed in Cass County. The cards have been a collaborative effort between the Cass County Child Abuse Prevention Council and the Rotary Club of Atlantic.

The Council began the project as a way for families to put down electronic devices at mealtime, and what better way to begin that than while waiting for food at a restaurant. Many of the ideas on the cards are activities that families can do in restaurants, but are also ones that can be done while at home, too. The activities easily open communication between parents and their children and when talking to their parents is easy for kids, they are more likely to talk to parents when struggling with difficult issues as they get older. According to Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, "it's important to give all parents resources that allow them to bond with their children, gain parenting skills and manage stress."

"Family Table Talk" cards will help in each of these areas. Rotary clubs in District 6000 were encouraged to participate with their local Child Abuse Prevention Councils to work on a project. The Atlantic Rotary Club, being a member of District 6000, contacted the Cass County Child Abuse Council to find a way to work jointly on a project. The cards project was presented to the Rotary club and approval for participation was approved by the board of director.

For additional resources, check out the following: pcaiowa.org, rotaryinternational.org, [cass countychild abuse prevention council](http://casscountychildabuseprevention.org) on Facebook.



Sandblasting the exterior.

Boone Rotarians add sweat equity to Centennial project

By Lisa Mount/Boone

The Rotary Club of Boone has been working hard to kick the Centennial Welcome Train project into high gear over the summer. The passenger car was sandblasted in June and is currently waiting to be primed and painted along with the installation of 50 new windows to bring it back to tip top shape.

Boone Rotary members had the chance to put in some sweat equity twice over the summer months to clean out the inside of the passenger car, making it a big open area that will be given a fresh coat of paint as well. It was pretty impressive to see our Rotarians in action as we know how to WORK!!

Progress has been made on the final site plan, as well, as we have been given final approval from the city of Boone and are very close to receiving the same from the DOT. This is such a big step for the project and we are optimistic everything should be in place for the final approval by the DOT by the end of September.

Fox Engineering of Ames has been our right hand throughout this process and we wouldn't be this far along without their help so we want to give them a huge THANK YOU!

We are also pleased to announce that fundraising for the project has reached and surpassed the \$175,000 mark with many fellow Rotarians, community members, businesses and grant foundations supporting the project. A recent supporter of the project is the Prairie Meadows Foundation, which approved a \$20,000 grant in June of this year.

Boone Rotarians Lisa Mount and Dave Cook were honored to attend their annual luncheon for grant recipients and were able to see firsthand all the good work that the Prairie Meadows Foundation supports in and around the Des Moines area, including ours!

If this is the first you are hearing about the project and would like more information as we go full "steam" ahead, or are interested in helping us reach our fundraising goal, please visit our website at www.boonerotary.com. We hope to unveil the completed Welcome Train in the first half of 2020, so stay tuned for more updates!!!



Cleaning and restoring the inside of the train which will be a tourist attraction at the main entrance to Boone along Highway 30 were Rotarians Jeff Anderson, Dave Cook, Lisa Mount, Jane Hitsman, Lisa Cook, Graye Dierickx, Susan Herrick, Bob Herrick and Travis Dierickx. Some present at the work day did not stay for the picture.



Lesley Dakin with some of the trash.

FORT MADISON

Rotarians restore bandstand in historic Central Park

By Robin Delaney/Ft. Madison Daily Democrat

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Some may have noticed the orange fencing surrounding the bandstand in Fort Madison's Central Park and a few workers around it.

Yes, work on the bandstand has started and more improvements will be coming since the Fort Madison Rotary Club has reached its goal of raising \$100,000 for the park.

Rotary president Heather Heubner notified Rotarians late last week that still more donations had come in since reporting on Aug. 20 that the club was \$1,581 short of its goal.

The campaign began in March after Rotarians, who have been the caretakers of the park for several years, learned the aging of the bandstand was more than that – it was extensive termite damage. Larry Driscoll, who is a Rotarian as well as the city's public works director, says the damage can be found inside the pillars holding up the bandstand's roof, as well as in the storage area under the bandstand floor.

An estimate from Seither & Cherry Company of Keokuk states that about \$50,000 will be needed to repair the damage and install structural steel to prevent it from re-occurring.

Driscoll said steel will be placed in the center of each of the pillars and insulated.

The stairs on the bandstand are also to be replaced.

And, the replacement of lights in the park has been on Rotarians' to-do list for some time. The replacements and lighting improvements are expected to cost about \$30,000. The lighting equipment has been ordered.

Historical park

Multiple fundraising campaigns over the last 130 years have made Central Park what it is today.

A bandstand was first added to Central Park (which was then called Lower Park or Viele Park) in 1889 when the City of Fort Madison had one erected for the Fourth of July celebration. That happened soon after Samuel Atlee drilled an Artesian well next to the alley along Eighth Street south of Avenue E.

Shortly after that July 4 celebration, Captain J.W. "Cap" Campbell formed a committee to solicit support to build a water lake using water from the Atlee well. He was able to get a \$50 donation from the Fourth of July Committee and \$150 from the town council and residents to start excavation of the lake in mid-August.

Volunteers worked with mule teams, scrapers and shovels to make Campbell's dream a reality. In the end, the lake and fountain cost \$1,488, including materials and labor.

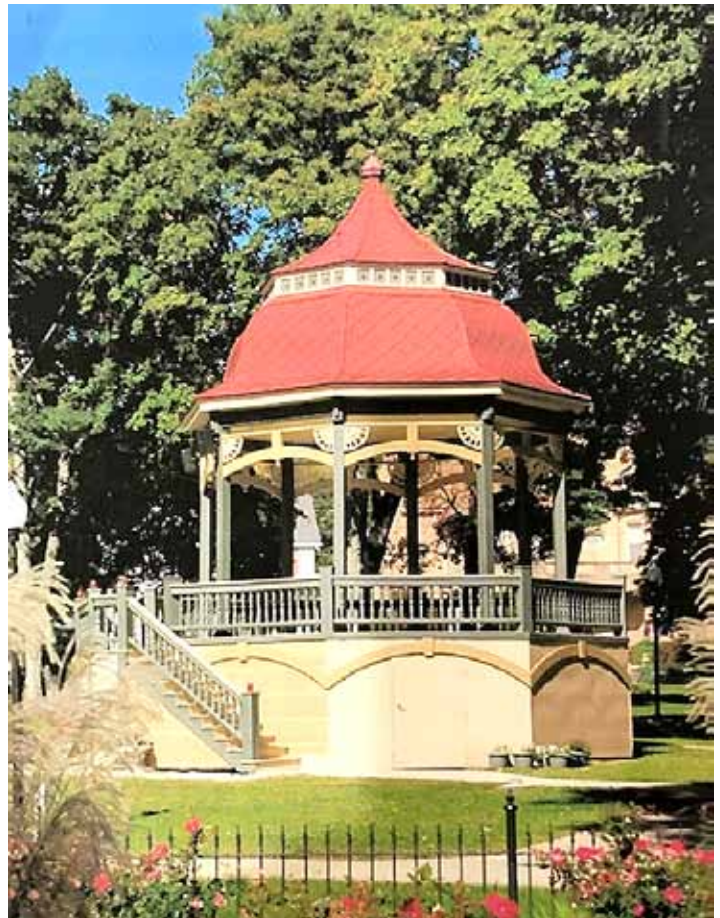
The fountain and lake were finished and dedicated at a ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 6, 1889, to Mrs. Samuel Atlee. It was also on this day that the park was formally named "Central Park."

The cast iron fence and the cherub and swan fountain head were added to the lake later – as the result of another campaign soliciting funds.

A new well had to be drilled in the 1920s and a massive reconstruction of the fountain and lake was done in the 1950s.

During the reconstruction, the lake was hooked up to city water, the cherub and swan were replaced, and the lake was made more shallow than its original 6-foot depth.

Central park has been the home of summer Sunday concerts of the Fort Madison Municipal Band since 1937 – a tradition that continues today.



The gazebo in the town square is a major project of the Rotary Club of Fort Madison. Article and photos provided by Heather Huebner



Workers for Seither & Cherry are removing pillars on the Central Park gazebo and putting in metal beams after termites damaged the structure. The pillars will be trimmed to look like wood. Lane Jensen (l) and Mike Johnson are among those working on the project. Democrat Photo by Chris Faulkner

KNOXVILLE

Knoxville Rotary co-presidents T. Waldmann-Williams (l) and Larry Formanek (second from right), presented the club's George H. Andrew Service Above Self Award to Steve Mott at the June 19 meeting. Past president Rick Hurt is at right.

Club members honored

By T. Waldmann-Williams/Knoxville

Club Co-President

Six members were recognized at the Rotary Club of Knoxville's annual dinner. Four received Paul Harris awards, including Mike Lane (2 sapphires), Gary Anderson (4 sapphires), Abie Davis (4 sapphires), and Jerry Jordan (1 ruby).

Will Prather was recognized as the club's Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity recipient for his 20-plus years of service to the club, community, and many organizations.

Knoxville Mayor Hatch declared June 30, 2016, as Will Prather Day, "... for all he has done to better the community organizations where he has worked for the betterment of lives in Knoxville and Marion County."

Prather cares greatly about the past and fervently about the future. He asks his children and others, "How are you going to make your community a better place?" – a question we should all ask ourselves.

Rotarian Steve Mott received the club's highest honor as the 2018-2019 George H. Andrew Service Above Self Award. Steve is a 40-year club member. He has served both Rotary members, club, community, and the world in many ways.



Rotary Club of Knoxville Rotarians surrounding Maureen Nichols holding the check given to Southern Iowa Honor Flight with President Tyler Christian to her right, and Rotary 6000 District Governor Erna Morain to his left. If you would like to learn more about Southern Iowa Honor Flight's work, please connect with Maureen Nichols by email: Moenick@mchsi.com, (641) 891-7095 or send a donation to Southern Iowa Honor Flights, C/O Maureen Nichols, PO Box 592, Knoxville, IA 50138.



Rotarians Cassi Pearson, Jim Butler, Kelly Kaysar and Tyler Christian at the ribbon cutting in June.

Park project supported

The Rotary Club of Knoxville continues financial support of parks during the THRIVE Spring into Parks drive to freshen and clean parks around the city. Tree planting started in 2017-2018 when RI President Ian Riseley asked clubs to plant a tree for every member. The club wanted to continue in this spirit and allocates dollars for each new member or an annual minimum sustaining financial support. Panther Park, which is named after the school district's mascot – the Panther – is a new park and on the city's school administration grounds.

The THRIVE project was co-chaired by Knoxville Rotary Club members President-Elect Tyler Christian and Superintendent Cassi Pearson. Other Rotarians provided physical support cleaning the parks and the club provided financial support to supply shrubs, flowers, etc. for Panther Park.

Governor Morain joins Honor Flight presentation

On Aug. 28, the Rotary Club of Knoxville presented a check to Maureen Nichols, a member of the Southern Iowa Honor Flight board of directors.

The organization is working to send World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans from southern Iowa to Washington, D.C., to see the World War II and other memorials. The club itself donated \$500 and presented the idea to its members at a regular Wednesday luncheon meeting hoping that others would get us to \$1,000.

Albia's Rotary member, Kathy Wauson, and owner of Kness Industries, was our presenter that day and donated in honor of her father and uncle.

In total, an additional 14 Rotarians added to the club's donation totaling \$1187. Many gave in honor of fathers, uncles, cousins, and just simply to honor those who defended the USA and other countries during World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

It was an honor also to have Rotary's District Governor Erna Morain and her husband, Steve Morain, to join us in the presentation.



North Scott School District superintendent, Rotarian Joe Stutting (l), and administrators and school board member, Rotarian Tracy Lindaman (third from right), got down and dirty in a "team building" exercise at the Rotary Club of North Scott's second annual Mississippi Mudder fundraiser Aug. 17 at Cave Creek Farm, Coal Valley, Ill. After crawling through the mud, they rose to spell L-A-N-C-E-R-S (sort of). The mudder engaged members in volunteer service and raised funds for the club's projects.

NORTH SCOTT

Habitat, sensory garden are Impact Grant projects

Enhanced fundraising of \$75,000-\$100,000 annually since 2015 has enabled the Rotary Club of North Scott to do big projects in addition to its charitable grants and annually supported programs. The club's first Impact Grant, in 2017, provided lead funding for the \$200,000 Rotary Inspiration Play Zone, a handicapped accessible playground in Eldridge.

The second Impact Grant, in 2018, gave \$15,000 for an outdoor classroom and sensory garden which provides a safe space for children in the pre-school program at Neil Armstrong Elementary School in Park View.

Club members added sweat equity to the project the weekend of June 29-30, 2019. The Sensory Garden and Play Area is a fenced 75x90-ft. space with a sandbox, kitchen area, garden area with real plants, water toys and a concrete path for tricycles and big wheels. It will have bird feeders, benches and other amenities. The shed will house books and other items out of the weather. The project included ADA compliant mulch, and a storage shed built by the North Scott Woods Department. Dirt and concrete work were done by Ihrig Construction.

The club's big annual fundraising auction, "North Scott Rotary Rallies for Youth," will be Friday evening, Nov. 22, at the Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University, Davenport. More than 400 are expected to attend. – *by Bill Tubbs*



Ground was broken for the Rotary Club of North Scott's 2019-20 Impact Grant project – \$15,000 sponsorship of a Habitat for Humanity house at 719 E. 6th St., Davenport. Club president Jeremy Kaiser (l) and Rotarian Jan Trimble (second from right), who is Family Services Director for Habitat QC, were joined by Davenport Mayor Frank Klipsch (r) and future homeowner Denessi Djibouti, an immigrant from Togo, and her children, Faith and Ruth. "This is my dream come true. Soon I'll be living in my own house," she said.



The Sensory Garden at Neil Armstrong Elementary School.



North Scott Rotarians build the fence at the Sensory Garden.

ATLANTIC

Bug spray eases pain from SW Iowa floods

By AG Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Public Image Chair

This spring has been difficult for many communities in southwest Iowa and other areas of the state with the flooding. The Rotary Club of Atlantic decided to step in and help in a unique way. The club sponsored a drive to collect much needed bug spray that was delivered to the community of Sidney and residents of Fremont County. According to Fremont County Emergency Management Director, Mike Crecelius, as the weather got warmer the standing water makes the bug problem worse. The donation of bug spray helps the residents focus on rebuilding their lives and homes.

Cappel's Ace Hardware in Atlantic worked with the Atlantic Rotary Club to purchase the bug spray at cost. Both the repellent to put on your body and that which is to be used in yards and buildings was purchased. Deter Motor Company assisted with the delivery of the bug spray to Sidney and Fremont County. Over \$400 of bug spray was delivered to the area.

Summer activities

Like many groups, the Atlantic Rotary Club has had a busy summer. July 4th the club served pancakes for the flight breakfast. Funds raised from the breakfast are used for the fireworks that evening. There were over 900 people served. The project will net about \$3,000 for the fireworks.

The Cass County Fair is held in July. Like many groups in the community, Rotarians volunteer to work in the 4-H food stand. This year was the first opportunity for the Rotarians to work in the newly air conditioned food stand.



Donations of bug spray eased the pain for SW Iowa flood victims.

Proceeds from the previous Rotary Auction helped fund the air conditioning.

There are many volunteers from the community that help with the fair. The Rotary club sponsors a free watermelon feed the day of the cattle show near the outdoor cattle ring. The weather was great for enjoying watermelons! In just over an hour, 25 watermelons were cut and enjoyed by those attending the cattle show. The people enjoyed the watermelons so much this year they were lined up before we even had the opportunity to start cutting the watermelons.

Rather than a regular Rotary club meeting, members eat breakfast on Tuesday morning at the county fair. The Cass County Fair is one of the last fairs in the state that is entirely free to those attending. The proceeds from the food

stand and other donations fund the fair so eating breakfast at the food stand is just one way the Rotarians can help keep the fair free.

Two annual events

August brought two annual events for Rotary. On Aug. 13th the family picnic was held at Camblin Addition in Sunnyside Park. The event was well attended by families. The kids love the area. There are several pieces of playground equipment available, but more importantly there is just a great space to run and have fun. Of course there is great food for all.

On Aug. 20th the club held its Teacher Recognition event. This year there are 13 new teachers and one new transportation director at the Atlantic schools. There are nine new teachers in the high school, two at the Middle School and two at Schuler Elementary. The teachers enjoyed a nice meal and were given a "goody" bag with items from many of the Rotarians' businesses. After all the introductions, the teachers were asked why they choose Atlantic to continue or start their teaching career. Many said the community was welcoming, it was a great place to start a family, they would be closer to their families, and there was a great sense of community.



Serving watermelon at the Fair: Dave Chase, Dolly Bergmann and Bailey Smith.



Atlantic's new teachers, front (l-r): Laura Vogel, Dexter Dodson, Vanessa Perkins, Connor Larson and Rebecca Wallace; back: Alyssa Dovenspike, Susan Wedemeyer, Katy Christianson, Mark Weis, Henry Hallgren, Ethan Pruismann, Hannah Ridder, Emily Krummel and Sarah Elm.



Serving pancakes on July Fourth, (l-r): Rotarians Jolene Roecker, Jennifer McIntaffer and Michelle Andersen

ROTARACT

New Des Moines club grows in membership and service

By DGN Aika Khonalkar/Keokuk

District 6000 Rotaract Chair

Rotaract Des Moines is the newest addition to Rotaract clubs in District 6000. The club was founded in September 2018 with the emphasis of service above self. Now nearing its first complete year, the club has grown in membership and has taken several steps to implement positive change within Des Moines as well as abroad.

Through an active and personal commitment to empower students and young professionals, Rotaract Des Moines has set its goals at growing individuals' professional and leadership skills through service. This has taken form through volunteering with local non-profits, fundraising and collecting donations for our international service project, as well as meeting with local business owners who include community involvement as part of their business plan.

Rotaract Des Moines has recognized that through service we are able to make direct change. Working with [Re]Building Together, the club has put time toward working with individual home owners who are disabled, which prohibits them from being able to maintain their homes. Rotaractors took time to go these locations and help maintain these properties.

Rotaract is able to give back while staying connected to our community through such service projects. With several other projects in the pipeline – the most immediate one is a partnering with Lutheran Service of Iowa – the club is constantly aiming to better the community.

Teaming with Drake

As part of our larger outreach to make a positive change, Rotaract Des Moines teamed with Drake University to collect soccer equipment for the Sure Prospect School in Entebbe, Uganda. The school is a safe retreat for children who have disabilities who might otherwise be shunned by their families or even killed.

Rotaract held multiple collection drives and met with individuals such as Dr. Bishop, a professor at Drake University, who helped foster the relationship between the two schools. It was with her and her students' efforts that the collected equipment and donations were delivered to the children at Sure Prospects.

In part of expanding Rotaractor's professional development and leaderships skills, the club frequently meets with

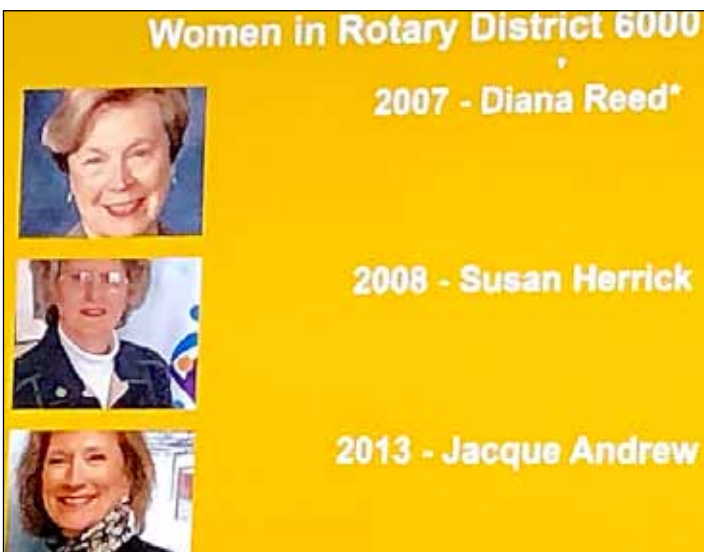


June Rotaract Event at The Hall, featuring the newly elected officers: President Aaron Fulton, vice president Chamindi Wijesinghe, secretary Kathleen McCracken, director of marketing Colt McDermott and past president and board member Austin Bittner.

local business owners who are both community oriented and passionate about their craft. Meeting individuals such as Nick Kuhn, owner of The Hall in Valley Junction, Rotaractors were able to tour and hear how he has built a not-for-profit kitchen as part of his business plan to help at risk teenagers. In creating relationships with business owners, we have been able to hold relevant meetings for our club members while staying connected to those who are help shaping the community.

Rotaract Des Moines looks forward to a strong finish to 2019 with multiple volunteer events, network opportunities, and meeting with more passionate leaders within the Des Moines area. Our next event will be held at St Kilda Surf & Turf, as we meet with owner Alex Hall as he shares his experience in the hospitality industry and in starting two restaurants in Des Moines. We are also looking forward to working with our sponsoring Rotary club, Des Moines AM, as we combine efforts in improving the community in the upcoming months.

If you know any students or young professionals between the ages of 18-30 who may be interested in joining or shaping this new club, please share this article, or have them reach out to current Rotaract president Aaron Fulton at afulton@rdgusa.com.



Nominate a past president for District Governor 2022-23

The District 6000 Nominating Committee chaired by PDG John Ockenfels of Iowa City AM has sent information to club presidents, inviting nominations of a past president for District Governor 2022-23, on or before Oct. 22.

Interviews will be conducted at the District Office in Pella on Sunday, Nov. 10.

The photo at left is a slide which was shown at the June 29 gavel passing of women who have served as District Governor in Rotary District 6000: the late Diana Reed of NW Des Moines (2007-08), Susan Herrick of Boone (2008-09) and Jacque Andrew of Jefferson (2013-14). And now, of course, Erna Morain of Waukee (2019-20).

INTERACT

Students engaged in communities, service

By Steve Hanson/West Liberty

District 6000 Interact Chair

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people. Made up of members ages 12-18 or secondary-school age, Interact gives young people an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects.

The minimum conditions for forming and operating a school-based Interact club are:

A group of students interested in service to others;

Support from the school principal (formal recognition of this service club as one of the school clubs);

A school staff member willing to serve as adviser.

The adviser is a school staff member who supervises and guides the students as they conduct their meetings and carry out their projects. Typically, an Interact club meets twice a month for 30 minutes, before or after school. The sponsoring Rotary club should appoint a liaison, a member of the local Rotary club who can attend the Interact meetings to listen, mentor and provide support.

Since advisers are school staff members, they have been screened and approved to have contact with the students. The club should follow school district protocol to screen adults who will have significant unsupervised contact with Interactors.

Community and international projects

Clubs should identify at least two projects to carry out during the school year: a local project and an international project. In 2017-18, some clubs participated in the Rotary District 6000 project to provide bicycles for people in developing countries. The **Perry High School** club carried out a project called "Soccer Balls for Malawi," which involved organizing donations of soccer balls and accessories, toiletries and first aid kits that a local resident transported to Malawi. Some Perry students offered a soccer clinic (for a freewill donation) to raise funds for the project.

In 2018-19, Interactors at **Iowa City Liberty High School** carried out a fundraiser, "Workout for a Cause," and donated money to benefit Mission Starfish Haiti. Students in **Fairfield** volunteered at the World Fairfield International Festival and various other community events in Fairfield. One of the members of the **Mid-Prairie High School Interact Club** was an international exchange student from Palu, Indonesia. Not long after she joined the club, an earthquake and tsunami struck her village, so the MPHS Interact decided to raise funds for the recovery effort in this Indonesian village. These are just a few examples of the service projects carried out by D6000 Interactors.

Members of the D6000 Interact team are Nancy Pacha, Joan Garrity, Wayne Steen, Vicki Struzynski-Olson, and Steve Hanson, in addition to PDG Mike Ruby, PDG Tom Narak, DG Erna Morain and DGE Steve Dakin. If your club is not yet sponsoring an Interact club, and would like to know more, please reach out and contact us! Steve Hanson: (319) 930-9827; stevenhanson@iowa.com.

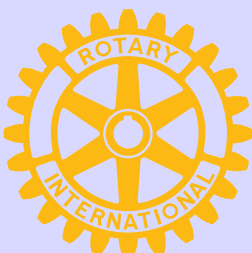


Rotarian Anna Hanson presents a check to Interactors Avery and Maya at West Liberty High School. The WLHS Interact Club earned funds this summer working at one of the Rotary club food stands at the county fairgrounds.



Iowa City Liberty High School Interactors raised money for a project in Haiti. Photos provided by Steve Hanson

Rotary



- ✓ **Join Leaders**
- ✓ **Exchange Ideas**
- ✓ **Take Action**



Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery (l-r): Mark Little, George Belitos and Clarissa Anderson.

Ames Rotarian a leader in Rotary's anti-slavery group

Ames Rotarian George Belitos met in London with the founder of the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery, Mark Little. He has been the chair of the RAGAS for the past 10 years. "He's an amazing man and I'm very honored to have been selected as the vice chair of the RAGAS board," said George.

Clarissa Anderson is one of many anti-human trafficking and slavery leaders in the UK. She leads the UK anti-trafficking organization known as You Can Free Us.

In the photo, Mark Little is holding a book that was recently published by You Can Free Us which includes school curriculum which will help encourage school-age children not to fall prey to traffickers. "I think this could be very helpful to schools in the USA and I'll be giving a copy to Iowa Teens Against Human Trafficking," said George.

—provided by Karin Sevede



Waukeee Rotarians celebrated the club's 20th anniversary and raised funds for the food pantry at DG Erna Morain's home.

Waukeee celebrates 20th with \$20 (per person) for food pantry

The Rotary Club of Waukeee celebrated its 20th Anniversary July 17th with a pool party at the home of District Governor Erna Morain and her husband, Steve, and promoted a \$20 per member donation by each club member in support of the Waukeee Food Pantry. The pantry is providing 50 weekend snack packs every week during the summer, and that number goes up to 270 during the school year. They are focusing on providing a piece of fresh fruit in every pack.

"We wanted to celebrate our 20 years of service and fun in the Waukeee community and show our support of our own Erna Morain as District Governor and her emphasis on food insecurity," said club president Brad Kobernusz. "The \$20 for 20 is a great way to do both. Our club has grown a lot during our 20 years, and we've always had fun while serving our community. I think the next 20 will be even better."

—from DG Erna Morain's July 24th Email newsletter

Governor Morain invents The Rotary Game, invites us to play

District Governor Erna Morain has invented a new game, aptly named "The Rotary Game" (TRG) and is delivering a copy of it to each club president in the district.

The card game can be played by up to eight club members, families and friends during the year at club meetings and social events.

The Rotary Game (TRG) is a perfect way to build friendships among Rotarians. Each round of TRG closes with the winner vigorously ring-ring-ringing the cowbell.

Governor Morain explained that, "It is easy to play for adults and children 8 and above." The louder you are and the more you laugh, the more fun you'll have and the better your chances of winning."

TRG is a non-stop action thrill ride!

"People really get into it, and the enthusiasm is infectious. I'm really looking forward to the year-end competition, like a world poker tournament, where one club player will become the District champ and take home big prize money for his or her club," said Frank Hayer, a member of the Rotary Club of Waukeee.

"This short video can only give you a little taste of the thrill, the rollercoaster and the excitement that is 'The Rotary Game.' It's a non-stop action ride that will keep you on the edge of your seat every time you play," said Igor Dimitrienko, videographer,

director and producer of The Rotary Game video.

Governor Morain invites Rotarians to follow all of The Rotary Game (TRG) updates and stories in her monthly newsletter, RD 6000 News, released on the last Wednesday of each month! And to please SUBSCRIBE to her YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0sUI_2WMzPI

—from DG Erna Morain's July 24th Email newsletter



MULTI-CLUB MEETING

Des Moines clubs focus on food insecurity

By Tamara Kenworthy/Des Moines AM

District 6000 Food Insecurity Chair

On May 29th, the Greater Des Moines Rotary Multi-Club Committee presented CIVITAS, its 4th annual event bringing Rotarians from metro Des Moines together for education and networking, while building momentum for Rotarians and community service. The May 2019 theme was focused on hunger and food rescue for those in need throughout greater Des Moines.

The keynote address was delivered by the Rev. Sarai Rice, (recently retired), executive director of the Des Moines Area Religious Community. As part of her remarks, Rev. Rice highlighted the amazing database that DMARC has developed to more effectively and efficiently serve those who go hungry in the central Iowa area.

The CIVITAS committee's goal was to shine a light on hunger from different perspectives. Following the keynote address, several panelists shared their organizations' work in the area of hunger, which was followed by a question/answer session.

Panelists included: Kim Alowitz, ESOL teacher, Hillside Elementary, West Des Moines; Aubrey Alvarez, executive director, Eat Greater Des Moines; Kathy Sibbel, president, Ankeny Service Center; and Matt Pertzborn, store director at the West Des Moines Hy-Vee Healthmarket.

For the community service component, prior to and after the program, attendees visited booths of 19 area non-profit organizations who work in the area of hunger and food insecurity. CIVITAS is proud to announce that it has donated \$4,750 to these non-profit groups – each non-profit group receiving \$250.



Speakers at the Des Moines multi-club meeting (l-r): Rev. Sarai Rice, DMARC; Matt Pertzborn, Hy-vee; Kim Alowitz, WDM Schools; Aubrey Alvarez, Eat Greater Des Moines; Kathy Sibbel, Ankeny Service Center. Provided by Tamara Kenworthy



Alyse Hardin and Austin McClain of Braking Traffik with West Liberty Rotarian Tom Barr. Photo courtesy West Liberty Index

West Liberty educates, supports Braking Traffik

By Gretchen Nollman/West Liberty

Club President

The Rotary Club of West Liberty held a celebration/recognition of the "World Day Against Trafficking in Persons" on July 30.

Our club was pleased to report that our dozen volunteers prepared and served hamburgers, bratwurst, chips and beverages for a "free will donation." We also made sure that our volunteers included Austin McClain and Alyse Hardin from Braking Traffik, a resource from Family Services of Davenport.

The Rotary Club of West Liberty previously hosted, a few years ago, a public forum with Braking Traffik to help educate our West Liberty residents. We hope to bring Braking Traffik back to our community for our educators as well. Also note that sometimes our club partners with the Iowa City Downtown Rotary Club on events, and their club also made a generous donation to our Human Trafficking cause.

We are thrilled to be able to send a check for \$1,500 for the Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking and Slavery.



West Liberty Rotarians in action. Provided by Gretchen Nollman

NEWS NOTES

Advertising: The first paid ad in *District 6000 News* appeared in our June issue, and there are two in this issue. Our thanks to Waukee Rotarian Jim Blessman and Blessman Ministries (p. 5) and Iowa City Downtown Rotarian Mark Ruggeberg, owner of Brown Street Inn (p. 39). Their ads here will be seen by many, and the fees reduce the cost of publishing. Please support these sponsors and call Bill at (563) 285-8111 or email btubbs@northscottpress.com if you would like to advertise.

Foundation: PDG Corliss Klaassen of Chariton has records of monthly Rotary Foundation giving from District 6000 for many years. Giving to the Annual Programs Fund (p. 19) was down 9.6 percent in 2018-19, but he reports that we had a GREAT month in August with \$47,146. Among the many ways Corliss supports Rotary, he is an Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator in Zone 29. Corliss reports that in 2018-19, District 6000 was third in Zone 28 in total giving (\$725,178), second in Annual Fund giving (\$386,762) and third in Polio giving (\$168,228). Thank you, Corliss!

New Zone 29: The new Zone structure approved by Rotary International in 2017 was implemented July 1. The old Zone 28 was renumbered Zone 29 and districts in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma



Larry Dimmitt

and South Dakota joined districts in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Upper Michigan and Ontario. Our paired zone for purposes of electing an RI Director is Zone 25B in Texas. The Rotary Institute for the new paired zones was Sept. 26-29 at Overland Park, Kansas.

Our new director on the RI Board is Larry Dimmitt of Topeka, Kansas. There is a separate Institute for districts in Zone 25A in Central America.

International Assembly: DGE Steve Dakin and Lesley of Boone will represent District 6000 at the Rotary International Assembly Jan. 19-25 in San Diego. District Governors for 2020-21 from 535 districts will meet RI leadership and receive training. Good luck, Steve and Lesley!



Polio warriors

Rotarians from District 6000 who have participated in Polio National Immunization Days who were able to attend the dedication of the polio statue at Blank Children's Hospital, front (l-r): Phyllis Miller and Peggy Geiger; standing: PDGs Loring Miller, Terry Geiger, Susan Herrick, Bill Tubbs, Gary Welch and DGN Alka Knanolkar.

versity in engineering, the first recipient of the Anson Marston Medal (Engineering), a member of Rotary Club No. 2 (San Francisco), a prominent engineer a designer of earthquake structures, world-traveler, and co-founder of the Brunnier Art Museum. On Sept. 20 his life of achievements was highlighted in the newly remodeled Brunnier Art Museum at Iowa State University. – thanks to PDG Jim Patton for this item

Denison: The Rotary Club of Denison, Iowa, presently in District 5610, has petitioned to join District 6000. A request for approval, which was affirmative in

both districts and has been submitted to Rotary International, is pending action by Rotary International.

Hawaii: "Aloha Rotary" is the theme for the 2020 RI Convention, June 6-10 in Honolulu, Hawaii. You can save \$100 if you register by Dec. 15. Registration: <https://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu>.

NCPETS: Clubs should plan now to register their 2020-21 president, and if possible, president elect for 2021-22, to attend North Central President-Elect Seminar March 12-14, 2020, at Rochester, Minn. Watch for details.



The energy of RYLA

The energy in the room at Iowa RYLA July 16 at Grinnell was palpable as the young people who represent our future engaged in exercises about leadership and service.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

Peace: District 6000 has an active Peace Committee chaired by Indianola Rotarian Ron Heideman. This newsletter came out too late to promote International Day of Peace, which was Sept. 21, but the work goes on. Rotarians are invited to learn the roots of radical violence Oct. 25-26 at a "Peace in the Street" symposium sponsored by the Wayne State University Center for Peace & Conflict Studies and the Rotary Clubs of Detroit, Ann Arbor and Windsor. Information and registration: <https://rotarypeaceinthestreets.org/>. On Jan. 17-18, 2020, the Rotary districts of southern California are sponsoring a World Peace Conference in Ontario, Calif. Information and registration: <https://peaceconference2020.org/>. Hats off to PDG Ray Muston who helped RI score applications for Rotary Peace Scholars this summer!

Peace Pipe Book: Anyone interested in purchasing a copy of the Peace Pipe Letters book, "Die Peace Pipe Briefe," for \$30 should contact Tony Conn, 3466265th Ave., Keokuk, IA 52732; (515) 418-5865, or conn.tony@conncommunications.com.

Polio: The reprinting of Bill Tubbs' polio statue dedication column by The Des Moines Register on Sunday, Sept. 15, elicited many responses. Here's one: Kudos on your *DM Register* editorial w/ Rotary's good works on behalf of polio. The statute is cool! While I'm an active member of Cedar Falls Lions Club (114 members; 2nd largest in Iowa), I've admired Rotary ever since my "daze" as a kid in Nevada, Iowa, where the Rotary ruled-the-roost. Keep up the good work!
Steve Corbin, Cedar Falls

LETTER

Appreciation

Editor:

The quarterly (now three times a year – Ed.) report for RI District 6000 arrived and I read it pretty completely. As I finished, it occurred to me that some of us may take some things too much for granted and your report may be one of those instances. We read it, either on line or in hard copy, and move on with other things, not taking time to reflect on how much time it must consume on your part and the great contribution you are making in producing it. It's inspiring that Rotarians around the district are doing great things and it's also great that someone like you is recording and sharing those pictures and stories with all of us. So thanks again and best wishes.

John Lewis

Rotary Club of Des Moines



District Governors

Past and future District Governors in attendance at the installation of DG Erna Morain June 29 at the Stine Barn, West Des Moines (front, l-r): Bill Tubbs, Dale Belknap, Susan Herrick, Jacque Andrew. Standing: Alka Khonalkar, Ray Muston, Terry Geiger, Mike Ruby, Ev Laning, Tom Narak, Jim Patton, Erna Morain, Corliss Klaassen, Steve Dakin, Loring Miller, Don Goering and Chris Knapp.

OBITUARY

Bettendorf civic and business leader Jim Slavens, 77, died Sept. 16 after a brief illness. Jim was the quintessential Rotarian, a University of Iowa-educated attorney and banker who was dedicated to mentoring, mediation and conflict resolution.



Jim Slavens

His club's nominee in 2016 for the Paul E. Hellwege Guardian

of Integrity Award, his life exemplified Rotary's Four-Way Test.

In the early 1990s, he led a District 6000 GSE team to India where he met Father Rafael and continued the relationship many years, inspiring clubs to support Father Rafael's work with children.

When Rotary brought visitors from other countries to the Quad Cities, Jim delighted in taking them on Mississippi River cruises and serving cuisine of their native countries.

In 2016-17, he was a regional captain in District 6000's Million Dollar Challenge for The Rotary Foundation. Online remembrances may be expressed by visiting www.hmdfuneralhome.com

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Let's keep our eye focused on the goal of a polio-free world! There were 33 cases of polio in all of 2018, and already 78 in 2019 as of Sept. 19 with 62 in Pakistan and 16 in Afghanistan.

Club leaders' checklist

PODCASTS: Learn about Rotary by listening to the All Around Rotary podcasts (p. 4)

FOOD SECURITY: Implement projects to tackle food insecurity (p. 3, 24, 27, 36-37).

FOUNDATION: Set a challenging club goal for Annual Giving to The Rotary Foundation; and encourage members to attend one of two Rotary Foundation Dinners (p. 5, 18).

XICOTEPEC: Encourage members to become a part of the 2020 Project Team to Xicotepec, Mexico (p. 10).

POLIO: Tell Rotary's story of polio eradication on World Polio Day, Oct. 24, and encourage members to participate in the Ride To End Polio (p. 9).

INTEGRITY: Nominate a club member for the Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award (p. 10).

NOMINATIONS: Ask past presidents to consider being nominated for District Governor 2022-23 (p. 34).

RYLA: Schedule your RYLA students as speakers (p. 20-22).

ROTARY GAME: Engage members in The Rotary Game (p. 36).

MEETINGS: Promote attendance at NCPETS in Rochester and the 2020 RI Convention in Honolulu (p. 39).

SHARE your copy of District 6000 News to show others what Rotary is about!

SUBMIT NEWS or your activities by Jan. 15 for the next issue of District 6000 News to PDG Bill Tubbs at btubbs@northscottpress.com. Send text as a Word file or in the body of the email; and free-standing high resolution .jpg images.



The Object of Rotary

The **Object of Rotary** is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the

The Four-Way Test (of the things we Think, Say or Do)

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