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EDITOR

District 6000 Board affirms RI statement on inclusion

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

Diversity has long been a Core Value of Rotary – along with Fellowship, Leadership, Integrity and Service.

At its June meeting, the RI Board of Directors, with guidance from the DEI Taskforce, took additional steps to ensure our organization values and lives the principals of diversity, equity and inclusion. The result is a new commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion adopted in June 2021.

Recognizing that organizations thrive when they value diversity and seek inclusion, your District 6000 Board of Directors, meeting Aug. 5, unanimously affirmed the RI statement:



Bill Tubbs

At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.

We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.

Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.

We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong.

With a focus on our Core Values, let us individually, and in our clubs, Serve to Change Lives.

Bill Tubbs, District Governor 2004-05
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DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Rotary rolling fast amidst the 'new norm'

**Dear Family of Rotary,
YOU ROCK!**

We are already in the first quarter of the new Rotary year. It truly has been rolling fast amidst the “new norm” that seems to be here to stay! COVID-19 has not completely eclipsed itself from our planet Earth!

On a positive note that has never stopped the very active team of Rotarians to return to having in-person meetings, trying out new methods, having great fundraisers (virtual and in person).



Alka Khonalkar
District Governor

Slowly but surely Rotarians are ready to overcome challenges that the pandemic has posed in the last two years.

As Kiran and I are visiting clubs and participating in the events, I have found each club to be unique, different and just so special! Thank you all so much for all your “Service Above Self” and also the very warm welcome that has been extended to us.

Rotarians think creatively

Both Kiran and I have enjoyed visiting the clubs, meeting our esteemed and inspiring service minded members who are constantly thinking of ways to be creative, thinking outside the box of new ideas and how they can be implemented. Keep up the great work!

We are so delighted and impressed by our younger members who are dynamic, people of action and doing non-profit projects that are very different from the rest! Kudos to you all!

During my visits I have had the opportunity to talk to our very inspiring, dedicated, committed and valued members who are very experienced, and longtime members and are the main driving force, their leadership experience and guidance continues for clubs to be successful!

First, I want to congratulate and thank all the clubs in District 6000 for overcoming the challenges, evaluating where

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With a focus on The Rotary Foundation's new Area of Focus, the environment, DG Alka Khanolkar and 2020-21 District Governor Steve Dakin plant a tree at Victory Park in Keokuk during the District 6000 changeover, June 27. A report about the day is on page 29.

Contributed Photo



The District 6000 Family of Rotary kicked off 2021-22 District Governor Alka Khanolkar's year of leadership at the changeover event Sunday, June 27, at Keokuk. That's Alka, on the grass, front center, flanked by PDGs Steve Dakin and Chris Knapp.

DISTRICT 6000

Polio, environment, trafficking among goals

GOVERNOR, *continued*

their clubs stand, being adaptable, flexible, creative and wanting to begin anew with great enthusiasm, and on a very positive spirit of 'Service above Self' in this New Rotary Year!

Thank you to all the members for not giving up in spite of all the challenges that the pandemic has posed! I personally want to express my gratitude to the amazing Change maker presidents who have had to handle some challenges right on the onset of their year of leadership. You have shown that, "Wen the going is tough the tough get going."

I am just so appreciative that everyone is so deeply committed, as so much of preparation and planning is being done to get the projects completed whether it's a bike trail, planting of trees, fundraising event or participating in Global Grants. You continue to "Serve to Change Lives," do more and grow more and spread the message of Positive Peace.

Membership

Some of my main initiatives and goals for this year align with RI President Shekhar Mehta's goal of increasing membership from 1.2 million to 1.3 million people.

Let's each one of us bring a new member to Rotary. This year increasing membership is one of the top goals for our Change Maker presidents. There have been many new members that have joined the 66 clubs, and many more prospective members wanting to do so! One of my goals is to see at least the minimum of a 10 percent increase in membership in each of the clubs in Rotary District 6000.

There are many many needs in our world today. Let us partner with other organizations in our own communities and other districts to do local and global grants. Let's DO MORE AND GROW MORE and do sustainable projects that have a lasting impact for meeting the needs of our communities.

Polio

We are this close to ending polio from our planet. There are only two endemic countries left, Afghanistan and Pakistan. There have been only two cases since the beginning of the year. Let's continue to double our efforts now and join RI President Shekhar Mehta's goal of seeing the last case



At the June 27 changeover, District Governor Alka Khanolkar welcomed District 6000 Rotarians on a Mississippi River cruise.

Provided by Kiran Khanolkar

of polio, ending and eradicating it from the face of our planet by June 30, 2022.

Environment

Environment is one of the newest and the seven Areas of Focus of our Rotary Foundation. Let us protect the Environment, not only for our generation but the future generations as every future counts!

Let's continue to give generously to



the Foundation and "Serve To Change lives." For every \$100 given to the TRF \$22.50 supports the District Community Grants, and approximately \$72.50 supports Global Grants.

Trafficking

Human Trafficking is a global issue and is prevalent extensively in Iowa,

too. Let's create the awareness and end this modern-day form of slavery from our world!

Let us continue to work with our youth, our future leaders, through Interact, Youth Exchange, RYLA, Global Scholars, and Rotaract clubs that can be started as either university-based or community-based. Involve them with our projects and have their representation on your committees, and in turn partner in Rotaract projects as well. This generates new and great ideas for exchange for all!

Support for clubs

District 6000 is here to support your club's initiatives in every which way. Please let me or our leadership know how we can help. Have a great rest of the year!

With best wishes to you and your family. Have a safe and great Thanksgiving holiday.

Till we meet again. It has truly been a great honor to serve as your DG and be part of this great Rotary family of Rotary District 6000!

With Best Wishes,

DG Alka Khanolkar

COVER PICTURE: Rylarians with District Governor Alka Khanolkar, from top down: Adam Pandian, Abby Mayo, Kathryn Saluk (Team Leader), Josie Hildreth, Madalyn Kinsella, Arya Karnik, Lorelei Wilson.



Youth Exchange: Questions and Answers

By Greg Probst/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Youth Exchange Chair

We are moving ahead with Rotary Youth Exchange restarting again for the 2022-23 school year. The RYE community and our partners abroad are excited to see some light at the end of the tunnel. Unfortunately, the pandemic continues to add uncertainty to the backdrop of Youth Exchange. While some countries and regions may not participate until after 2023, we remain hopeful that many others will. Here are a few answers to questions many will have regarding RYE:

What is the application process?

The application process with your club should roughly be the same, outside of any club restrictions you have regarding Covid. The applications will be due as they usually are on Nov. 1. Initial interview dates and whether in-person or online, has yet to be determined.

What should be the students, parents, and sponsoring clubs' expectations for RYE restarting in 22-23?

We have had two false starts over the past two years, and it's always a disappointment to all involved when a year is canceled. Our committee will do everything possible to participate in RYE, but we will not sacrifice student safety for an exchange. In addition to the health care challenges in many countries, some will probably experience economic unrest. If we have exchanges in 2022-23, we also need to be mindful that any one or all of them could end earlier than expected. Everyone involved should understand that this entire exchange process is a reboot from a playbook that has yet to be written and will have many moving goal posts along the way.

Will we be able to host an inbound student?

First, we must understand whether your local high school and district will approve and support potential inbound students for 22-23. If they are not and you have an outbound, we may have to place an inbound in a school in another district that will support exchange students. While it's unfortunate, some school districts do not want to manage the uncertainty and additional work associated with hosting a student while still challenged with CV19.

How many students will we send on exchange?

This year every RYE student should understand that acceptance into our district's exchange program will probably be more competitive than usual and will have fewer options.

In addition, we expect fewer placement options both for

our outbounds and inbounds. So, we are expecting a class size of approximately six students, about half the size of a typical historical exchange year. We would caution any student to avoid any preconceived notion on where they will be placed. This experience is more about the exchange itself versus where the exchange occurs. As clubs interview their candidates, please ensure they have this expectation going into the process.

What training will be provided to the outbound students?

Our district prides itself on a track record of success in its training programs. We will continue to develop our training around the constraints of the pandemic and include leveraging more online interactions with our committee and Rotex.

A vital part of the training is ensuring your sponsored inbound and outbound students participate in your club activities. They need to learn about Rotary through living it and not by lectures. There will be mandatory attendance events for candidates, including several in-person and online training sessions and district conference.

Will vaccines and quarantines be required?

We currently do not know how this will play out in the end and will more than likely vary from country to country. It is conceivable that some countries may require a vaccine to be a host student or visit the country. In addition, some may require a lengthy quarantine that could be an additional expense to the student during their travels.

Adding to the confusion is these travel restrictions and requirements could change with little to no notice. So far, Rotary International, our regional RYE associations (SCRYE and NAYEN), and our district have not formulated a formal vaccine policy. In the end, it's anyone's guess what will evolve in time for ourselves here in Iowa and the USA. At the risk of overstating the obvious, the expectation should be that there is a great deal of flux and uncertainty with the upcoming RYE restart, and vaccines are just one aspect of that.

What can you do to help RYE?

RYE is a never-ending year-after-year process, and more than ever, we need every Rotarian's help in recruiting new outbounds and district clubs, schools, and host families for our inbounds. Your district RYE team has not wavered from our mission during this pandemic. We continue to grow our team and increase our focus on Rotex, Rotary club involvement, and additional supportive programs with our RYE partners around the world.

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 will soon be posted at the District website and sent to clubs. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31, 2022. The nominations will be submitted to the

District 6000 Vocational Service Committee, and nominees will be recognized at the District Conference.

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.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Twenty-eight District 6000 clubs receive District Rotary Foundation grants for Community projects

By Norlan Hinke

Co-Chair, D6000 Community Grants

There were 27 Rotary clubs applying for 28 District 6000 Community Grants. All 28 grants were approved with seven grants adjusted, as requests exceeded available funds.

The 28 grant requests were scored individually by each committee member with the aggregate scores assimilated and discussed in-depth prior to the final decisions. The seven grants not receiving the total amount requested scored lower total points based on the tier score schedule:

Benefit to others, up to 30 points; subdivided up to 20 points based on Community Benefit; and 10 points based on underserved/disadvantaged;

Rotary's Public Image, up to 20 points;

Club Engagement, up to 20 points;

Club Support of Annual TRF (Foundation), up to 30 points.

The seven clubs with the grant requests adjusted scored lower with Foundation support. This is a critical category as the District cannot award funds unless clubs and Rotarians contribute to support the fund.

The 2021 - 2022 District 6000 Community Grants:

Ames AM: Small Talk @Home: Intervention project addressing the learning loss of vulnerable school-age students, **\$5,000.**

Ankeny: Equipment for New Horizons Adult Daycare. Purchase an array of items for a local service organization to support opening a new facility, New Horizons Adult Day Care. **\$4,300.**

Bettendorf: Community Showers. Provide warm showers and restroom facility for the homeless, **\$5,000.**

Boone: Welcome Train Phase 2. Install sidewalks and benches to provide locals and visitors a place to walk around the train, take pictures, and sit on the benches to enjoy the landmark. **\$5,000.**

Chariton: Grand Street Pocket Park. Provide a leisure location in historic downtown by adding benches and flower/planters for visual appeal, **\$2,500.**

Coralville North Corridor: North Liberty Family Park. Provide a developmental framework and comprehensive model for family-centered library services, **\$1,776.**

Decatur County: Modern Tables/Chairs Pioneer Hall. Replace tables and chairs at Pioneer Hall, which is utilized by 4-H Clubs and local youth, **\$4,988.**

Des Moines AM: Harvest Academy. Support a two-year residential academy whereby students learn pro-social, vocational and life skills to assist them to emerge with a healthy life, **\$5,000.**

Fort Madison: Renovating Richmond Stadium. Paint the main bleachers, locker rooms, bathrooms and fencing around Richmond Football Stadium in cooperation with the local football not-for-profit organization. **\$4,500.**

Grinnell: Learning Center. Supplement equipment and materials for the local Early Learning Center; cots, cot carriers, cot clips, cot sheets, plus replace broken tricycles, **\$1,125.**

Iowa City AM: Warm Soles. Provide new, well constructed athletic style shoes for low-income youth, **\$4,555.**

Iowa City Noon: Growth Through Trees. Plant replacement trees destroyed by the derecho storm, **\$5,000.**

Iowa City Downtown: Domestic Violence Solar Panels. Install a system of solar panels on the roof of the Domestic Violence Intervention Program shelter, **\$5,000.**

Jefferson: Rotary Outdoor Classroom. Restore an outdoor classroom constructed 25 years ago which is utilized as an effective teaching-student learning center. **\$2,724.**

Knoxville: Knoxville Trail Blazers. Place trash receptacles and benches along a newly established biking-hiking trail, **\$2,760.**

Marshalltown: Shop With a Cop. Support city police to work with at-risk youth to purchase Christmas presents and create a positive experience, which otherwise the youth would not be able to do, **\$4,000.**

Mount Pleasant/Mount Pleasant Evening: Childcare Center/Outdoor Learning/Play Area. Develop a learning area in the local Childcare Center to support motor skill development and educational support, **\$3,802**

Nevada: Shoes for Kids. Provide shoes to community youth that otherwise would not have decent shoes to wear, **\$1,000.**

Nevada: Evergreen Lane Restoration. Assist community to repair a historical home built by Nevada's founding president as the club's 100th anniversary project, **\$4,000.**

North Scott: North Scott Rotary Adventures. Partner with local family services agencies and local police departments to provide underserved children opportunities they may not otherwise experience, **\$5,000.**

Norwalk: Great Western Trail Bike Fixit Stations. Install two bike fix-it stations along the Great Western Trail Connection, **\$4,000.**

Oskaloosa: Bike Rodeo. Instruct youth to learn the correct way to wear new bicycle helmets and learn bike safety, **\$3,200.**

Ottumwa: Rotary Acoustic Panel Project. Installation of acoustic panels in Jimmy Jones Shelter to enhance and improve the quality of audio output in a popular heavily used shelter house, **\$3,523.**

Perry: Inclusive Playground. Construct an inclusive playground to provide opportunities for children of all ability levels to play together and learn from each other as their 100th Anniversary project, **\$4,000.**

Tipton: Tree Restoration Project. Replace trees damaged on City Right of Ways from the August 2020 Derecho Storm, **\$4,500.**

Washington: Century of Service Pavilion. Construct a pavilion in Wellness Park for families, organizations and the community to gather for various purposes, **\$5,000.**

West Liberty: Beautification of Friendship Park. Beautification of Friendship Park which has not been updated in 20 years, in conjunction with the city providing playground equipment, benches and trash receptacles, **\$5,000.**

Winterset: Accessible Parking in City Park. Install two AD compliant parking spaces for side loading for handicapped wheelchair and walker access to a maze entrance for Bocce Ball Courts and picnic-public events, **\$5,000.**

2021-2022 Total Community Grants: \$111,252.

COVID-19

What's the status of Xicotepec Project Team?

Since 2003, District has sent project teams with Rotarians, family members and youth to the mountain village of Xicotepec, Mexico, to build friendships and provide service. More recently, students from the University of Iowa have participated as part of a service learning course for credit.

Teams have been coordinated by Iowa City AM Rotarian Jim Peterson, assisted the last years by co-team leader PDG Tom Narak of West Des Moines.

Due to Covid, the trip was suspended just weeks before departing in March 2020, and Covid prevented the project team from happening in 2021, as well.

District 6000 News asked longtime project chair, and now co-chair, about a Xicotepec Project Team for 2022. Here is what Jim said:

Due to uncertainty and risk stemming



District Governor Alka Khanolkar was on the Xicotepec Project Team in 2018.

Photo by Jim Peterson

from Covid-19, there will be no trip for high school or university students in March 2022

The usual fall planning trip by a small team of D6000 Rotarians may or may not take place in early November, depending on conditions for travel and the pandemic's trends here and in Mexico as we approach that time

if there is a spring trip, it will be for Rotarians only, and it may or may not be during spring break week. The main focus of such a trip would be working together with Xicotepec Rotarians to envision and plan for the future of the Xicotepec Project

That's about it for now. The pandemic has made any advance planning nearly impossible and we're in a "wait and see" mode.

Polio case counts look promising, BUT ...

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

District 6000 PolioPlus Chair

In 1985 there were over 350,000 cases of the three strains of the Wild Polio Virus and thousands of children were crippled and died. Parents were terrified when their children spiked a fever. No one knew what caused it or how to prevent it. As a nation, we shuddered in our homes, afraid to go out in crowds or to the community swimming pool.

Now we are in 2021, and as of this date in September, there have only been two Wild Polio Virus cases IN THE WORLD and those two cases have occurred in January of this year in the only countries that still have polio present – one in Pakistan and one in Afghanistan.

There is only one strain of polio in existence and we now know what causes the disease and how to prevent it. And not only are we approaching the day when we can celebrate the end of only the second disease to ever be eliminated from our planet, small pox being the only disease to have ever been eradicated, we have been able to lend aid in training the world how to track and eradicate the latest virus to threaten to wipe out our population.

So...let's work together to put polio in the history books! The job will not be finished until we reach the point where there have been NO polio cases in the world for three years. Then we



Ride To End Polio

Join us for the Indoor Ride to End Polio, a fundraising effort that D6000 has used as an outstanding fundraiser since 2017. Our District has won the fundraising race one year and finished second two years, so there is a tradition that not only raises a lot of funds for polio but also gives D6000 an elevated status in the Rotary world.

D6000's goal this year is to raise \$25,000 which when matched by the Gates Foundation would add \$75,000 to the fight to end polio! Any money raised for polio can be submitted to The Rotary Foundation up to Dec. 3 to be added to the Ride to End Polio funds.

The job will not be finished until we reach the point where there have been NO polio cases in the world for three years. Then we can declare polio eradicated and move on to another great challenge.

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World Polio Day is Oct. October 24 and this will offer many opportunities to educate our communities about how close we are to freeing all the countries in this world from the threat of this crippling, killing disease.

Many people have no knowledge of how easily we could fall back beneath the threat of polio. Until we are all working together to be sure that the Wild Polio Virus never strikes another child, we still live under the shadow of this disease.

So, every Rotarian and every Rotary club should work to educate your family, friends and community that their donations to PolioPlus are still vital to the eradication of Polio!

If you are looking for ideas about how to approach your community, check end-polio.org. Their resources are endless.



OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION: Who's on first? Who ya gonna call?

By PDG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Rotary Foundation Chair

One of the great comedy routines is the Abbot and Costello "Who's on first?" Costello is trying to understand the players of a baseball team. The names are not conventional and Costello becomes increasingly frustrated as Abbot tries to explain Who is on first.

A favorite one liner that I often think about when asked for help or guidance is "Who ya gonna call?" from "Ghostbusters."

Below is a list of District 6000 Rotary Foundation Services that focus on ways that Rotarians can serve their community and the world we live in.

Additionally, a primary contact is listed who can answer your questions or guide you the right person.

USING OUR FOUNDATION FUNDS

Community Service Grants – Making a difference in our communities!

Norlan Hinke, Clinton, 563-219-5020

Todd Wheeler, Des Moines, 515-344-1476

Global Grants – Making a difference in our world!

Brock Earnhardt, Davenport, 563-343-6304

Bradford Helgemo, Northwest Des Moines, 515-689-0004

Peace and Conflict Resolution

Ron Heideman, Indianola, 515-979-7470

Rotary Global Scholarship Grants

Jim Patton, Ames, 712-830-3736

Vocational Training Teams

Loring Miller, Decatur County, 641-344-0105

GIVING TO OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION

Annual Giving – Helping Rotarians and our Clubs to achieve their giving goals!

Jacque Andrew, Jefferson, 515-370-8358

William Koellner, West Liberty, 319-631-9783

Chris Bertelson, Winterset, 515-371-6179

Mark Ruggeberg, Iowa City Downtown, 319-331-0820

Endowment Fund – How to leave the gift that keeps on giving!

Doyle Sanders, Northwest Des Moines, 515-771-1997

Paul Harris Society – Be an inspiration, Be a leader in your club!

Verne Folkmann, Iowa City, 319-331-0974

PolioPlus Fund – We will change the world!

Susan Herrick, Boone, 515-298-1536

Foundation Team Leader & club programs

Chris Knapp, Iowa City AM, 319-621-4977, email: knappc1@mchsi.com

AMES

ZOOM in, join us Nov. 16 for Global Grants conversation

By Mary Wells/Ames

Since 2013, Rotary clubs and non-Rotarian partners have created sustainable water and sanitation systems in northern Tanzania. Our four Rotary Foundation Global Grants were each around \$250,000, comprised of club and personal donations that Rotary districts and The Rotary Foundation matched. Our two clubs hold partnership meetings to provide updates on the projects and to obtain partners' feedback on the projects.

We began with 12 Rotary club partnerships from four districts. Today, in 2021, and now in our fourth project, we have grown to 16 Rotary partnerships and numerous personal donations spanning eight Rotary districts in four nations and three continents. Our

grant proposals and projects have been praised more than once by The Rotary Foundation and the Tanzanian government.

For many thousands of Tanzanians, living conditions have been uplifted and improved. The Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania, in concert with the Rotary Club of Ames, works tirelessly to bring sustainable water and sanitation systems to villages nearby.

On Nov. 16, the two clubs will inform you about our current projects and future water plans for three additional villages. We will also share with you news of a development project that will equip a milk processing plant.

As an individual or member of a Rotary club, please contact Mary Wells if you would like to learn more about our projects in Tanzania. The Rotary Club of Ames will send you a link to our ZOOM meeting. There is no cost to attend, only a commitment of an hour or two of your time.

We would be pleased to have you join our cause!

Foundation Dinners rescheduled

By PDG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Rotary Foundation Chair

The district leadership has decided, out of an abundance of caution, both medically and financially, to postpone the Foundation Dinners which were scheduled for Oct. 29 in Davenport and Oct. 30 in Des Moines.

We are planning to hold one dinner on April 21, 2022, which is the night before the All-Iowa District Conference in Coralville.

A major benefit of the Foundation Dinner is the opportunity to recognize Rotarians who have recently stepped up, and longtime contributors.

ROTARIANS! Check your club's 2020-21 Foundation and Polio giving on the table at right, and give yourself and encourage your club to give until it feels good. Rotary Changes Lives!

Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

(Members: July 1, 2015-16-17-18-19-20)	(1) 20-21 Goal	(2) % of Goal	(3) Per capita	(4) Thru 6-30-21	(5) PolioPlus	(6) Other (*)	(7) TOTAL
Adel (37-37-34-32-28-24)	\$ 2,400	180	\$ 179.63	\$ 4,311	\$ 250	\$ 0	\$ 4,561
Albia (22-28-28-24-24-29)	750	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ames (224-226-217-206-186-172)	20,000	108	125.48	21,582	6,595	25,502	53,678
Ames Morning (55-55-59-59-52-46)	6,000	170	221.20	10,175	1,500	0	11,675
Ankeny (61-77-85-86-83-101)	13,600	115	155.35	15,690	8,040	125,225	148,955
Atlantic (58-58-58-56-62-62)	2,000	176	56.92	3,529	0	0	3,529
Bettendorf (103-101-102-105-93-100)	10,000	123	122.75	12,275	0	0	12,275
Bloomfield (10-10-10-11-12-12)	1,100	193	177.08	2,125	290	250	2,665
Boone (42-34-41-51-50-46)	4,000	786	683.55	31,443	7,568	0	39,011
Burlington (80-79-80-80-76-73)	2,500	36	12.47	910	0	0	910
Carroll (46-44-43-44-42-26)	3,500	94	90.97	3,275	300	0	3,575
Centerville (50-46-45-46-45-38)	4,500	65	76.97	2,925	0	0	2,925
Chariton (41-41-34-30-39-40)	4,000	193	193.25	7,730	555	0	8,285
Clinton (98-97-94-90-91-80)	5,000	149	93.96	7,469	1,640	100	9,209
Coon Rapids (27-31-34-30-29-28)	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coralville-N. Corridor (20-21-22-24-23-22)	2,000	159	144.32	3,175	500	0	3,675
Corning (34-33-32-32-31-30)	1,252	90	37.40	1,122	1,000	0	2,122
Corydon (18-15-15-17-16-18)	1,800	61	61.11	1,100	0	0	1,100
Creston (23-19-17-18-21-21)	200	50	4.76	100	50	0	150
Dallas Center (27-29-26-25-28-30)	3,000	83	82.67	2,480	100	0	2,580
Davenport (112-113-110-107-101-94)	10,000	105	112.02	10,530	450	5,800	16,780
Decatur County (30-32-31-30-30-28)	6,000	78	167.86	4,700	1,600	0	6,300
Denison (x-x-x-x-x-31)	2,000	100	64.52	2,000	0	0	2,000
Des Moines AM (170-170-179-189-194-200)	7,000	183	64.00	12,800	110	0	12,910
Des Moines (276-270-269-255-240-227)	21,000	89	82.49	18,724	2,550	18,500	39,774
East Polk County (34-31-29-29-27-22)	2,500	79	89.55	1,970	530	1,000	3,500
Fairfield (74-60-57-56-47-41)	4,000	52	50.98	2,090	100	22,172	24,362
Fort Madison (49-53-55-51-48-42)	4,000	66	63.10	2,650	196	0	2,846
Greater Des Moines (12-12-11-13-26-17)	1,000	5	2.94	50	425	1,250	1,725
Grinnell (38-40-35-38-36-34)	5,000	118	173.38	5,895	0	1,010	6,905
Indianola (54-53-54-47-39-37)	4,000	151	163.77	6,059	1,050	0	7,109
Iowa City (312-329-333-317-293-271)	50,000	66	121.07	32,810	2,623	5,597	41,030
Iowa City AM (66-69-74-71-74-79)	15,000	124	234.56	18,530	31,667	31,880	82,077
Iowa City Downtown (23-21-23-25-22-24)	3,500	73	106.25	2,550	930	3,000	6,480
Iowa Quad-Cities (41-42-38-42-38-36)	2,000	38	20.83	750	100	0	850
Jefferson (59-59-56-60-59-55)	5,500	107	107.27	5,900	1,825	0	7,725
Johnston (60-49-52-43-49-44)	5,000	37	41.93	1,845	0	0	1,845
Kalona (42-41-43-40-38-38)	1,500	15	5.92	225	2,000	0	2,225
Keokuk (66-71-57-53-45-41)	2,500	88	53.54	2,195	300	105	2,600
Keosauqua (24-22-23-24-26-26)	1,200	129	59.62	1,550	0	0	1,550
Knoxville (61-58-48-53-45-34)	3,200	80	75.74	2,575	2,422	0	4,997
Lenox (29-28-27-25-25-25)	900	2	.80	20	350	0	370
Manning (19-25-21-23-22-22)	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marengo (11-10-10-11-10-10)	250	80	20.00	200	0	0	200
Marshalltown (150-147-145-133-127-117)	7,500	46	29.53	3,455	2,295	0	5,750
Mt. Pleasant Noon (52-55-47-51-56-53)	2,500	56	26.42	1,400	0	0	1,400
Mt. Pleasant (20-20-18-18-16-15)	1,400	164	153.33	2,300	1,000	0	3,300
Muscatine (79-77-69-66-67-62)	10,000	77	123.61	7,664	2,635	0	10,299
Nevada (71-69-61-53-54-48)	8,000	162	270.00	12,960	2,425	0	15,385
Newton (60-55-49-40-36-38)	1,500	25	9.87	375	2,075	0	2,450
North Scott (85-86-89-88-88-95)	15,000	109	171.35	16,278	2,520	17,500	36,298
N'West Des Moines (34-40-36-37-36-37)	8,000	122	262.70	9,720	264	2,100	12,084
Norwalk (0-0-20-24-18-18)	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Osceola (28-29-25-22-22-21)	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oskaloosa (56-55-57-54-59-59)	4,000	104	70.36	4,151	500	0	4,651
Ottumwa (97-98-92-89-82-75)	7,500	240	240.33	18,025	300	0	18,325
Pella (29-30-29-29-26-26)	3,000	47	54.49	1,417	1,300	0	2,717
Perry (26-26-26-23-23-22)	800	123	44.55	980	670	0	1,650
Tipton (30-26-27-22-28-23)	1,500	321	209.52	4,819	830	3,000	8,649
Washington (49-48-43-42-43-41)	4,200	119	121.95	5,000	250	0	5,250
Waukee (58-64-69-64-68-73)	8,500	97	112.81	8,235	1,030	12,400	21,665
Wellman (36-34-30-29-26-23)	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Des Moines (62-63-52-51-50-45)	5,000	91	101.56	4,570	2,290	750	7,610
West Liberty (43-44-46-41-38-36)	12,500	147	511.67	18,420	1,600	1,000	21,020
West Polk County (31-18-19-20-24-21)	500	100	21.81	500	0	0	500
Winterset (25-30-33-29-28-30)	3,500	194	226.57	6,797	5,338	250	12,385
Total (3,854-3,853-3,793-3,693-3,580-3,464)	\$ 355,552	111.43	\$ 114.38	\$ 397,201	\$ 110,546		\$ 800,775

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

MARCO CUEVAS MEZA

Peace Scholar with Xicotepec ties seeks paths forward for poor and vulnerable populations

By Linda Muston/Iowa City

The connection joining District 6000 with Xicotepec, Mexico, has grown strong during the past 20 years with hundreds of Rotarians and their families participating in the Xicotepec Project. They personally engaged with the Rotarians, people and community of Xicotepec, creating a strong partnership and bond.

With that history and attachment understood, it is a special joy to celebrate the success of Rotary Peace Fellow, Marco Cuevas Meza, a 2021 graduate of Duke University who grew up in Xicotepec with a Rotarian father.

While Marco has not lived in Xicotepec since 2001, he appreciates the Iowa connection and the bond that has formed through work projects and the exchanges that have evolved through the years. He especially remembers the health and dental activities as well as the first fire truck and school bus.

"I believe that this partnership has been very beneficial for my town since it has contributed to improve the well-being of the most vulnerable populations in Xicotepec," he said.

Path to Peace Scholar

For Marco, his path to and qualification for the Peace Fellow program, was based on distinguished academic and professional experience. He was an honors undergraduate from Universidad de las Américas-Puebla in International Relations and he received masters' degrees in Political Science from El Colegio de México, and in International Affairs from the University of California-San Diego. The Duke Master's Degree received this year focused on International Development Policy with concentrations in public finance and peace and conflict resolution, the Peace Fellow dimension.

Marco's Rotary connections prior to the program at Duke included a year in Brazil as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. He actually learned about the Peace Fellows program and was coached by a former Rotary Peace Fellow from Mexico.

His application to the program was influenced by his former supervisors in the Mexican federal government who valued U.S. graduate education and the skills that would provide his career.

Work experience helped Marco qualify for the graduate studies. He served as head of the national employment service in the state of Tlaxcala, Mexico, promoting new employment for young professionals and issuing loans to businesses employing at-risk populations. Marco also administered the Seasonal Agricultural Workers program between Mexico and Canada, a program where more than 2,000 Mexican farmers obtained Canadian jobs for two to six months annually. This position followed initial work in the federal government – first, as a junior staff advisor to the Minister of Public Safety, then served as director of policy planning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and finally as a senior staff advisor to the Minister of Social Development.

Facing criminal violence

Based on this professional experience, the certificate program in International Peace and Conflict Resolution offered at the Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center felt like a perfect fit. Since his country has faced intense criminal violence in the past two decades, Marco felt it needs experts with policy tools necessary to tackle this issue.

"Duke University, in general, and the Rotary Peace Fellowship, in particular, exceeded my expectations," Marco said. "Before coming to the United States, I only thought about the academic rigor of this higher learning institution and its world class faculty," he added. He found Duke and its beautiful campus and surroundings had much

more to offer, citing the North Carolina natural beauty and vibrant cities, all the athletic traditions, national parks and amenities that are unique to that area.



Peace Scholar Marco Cuevas Meza (r), who grew up in Xicotepec, Mexico, visits the World Bank, where he is studying the impact of financial crimes on vulnerable populations.

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Peace Scholars

One of the most significant experiences was the Geneva Challenge, a contest for graduate students organized by the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. "My team analyzed the impact of gender-based violence on economic development in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, one of the states with highest crime rates" he said. "There exists a lack of research on gender-based violence and basically on its economic effects."

Interaction with Peace Fellows

Interaction with Peace Fellows from many countries and cultures helped Marco enhance his creativity and problem-solving capacity. He also has high praise for this professors and mentors at Duke. He cited, as an example, the International Financial Institutions course where they analyzed the main binding constraints to economic growth, poverty reduction and development. They also, most importantly, reviewed effective policies to relieve developing countries from these constraints: conditional cash transfers, universal basic income and microfinance. This is especially relevant to Marco because over 40 percent of the Mexican population lives below the national poverty threshold.

While COVID-19 cancelled some internship opportunities, he was able to meet with Duke alumni on a Washington, D.C. trip and visited the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Working with the World Bank

Since graduation in May, Marco has been working as a short-term public sector consultant for the World Bank country office in Malaysia. His responsibility was to carry out a diagnosis on the causes that prevent Malaysia from having a merit-based civil service and to offer different policy options that can help to mitigate these issues.

Family circumstances pull him home to Mexico at the completion of this short-term stint in Malaysia, but he plans to next pursue a PhD in Public Policy in the United States, to study the impact of the cancellation of Conditional Cash Transfer programs on disadvantaged populations in Mexico's Southeast.

District 6000 Rotarians and their families salute Marco Cuevas Meza on his accomplishments and look forward to continued connection to their Xicotepec friends.



Peace Scholar Marco Cuevas Meza at the Duke chapel with his cousin, Lucia.

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Peace Scholar Marco Cuevas.

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Peace Scholars visit the Civil Rights Center.

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PEACE SCHOLARS

Two from D-6000 have been chosen

By Linda Muston/Iowa City

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centers.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals or practitioners to become experienced and effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.



Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz

Since the program began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,400 fellows who now work in more than 115 countries. Many serve as leaders in governments, NGOs, the military, education, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank. Learn more at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>.



Peace Scholar Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz studied at the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan.
District 6000 File Photos

District 6000 History and Rotary Peace Fellows

When the Peace Centers were being established, District 6000 submitted a proposal in 2001 to become a Peace Center using a consortium of Iowa universities, Stanley Center for Peace, Borlaug Food Prize Foundation, Grinnell Peace and Conflict Studies Program and others. Though not selected to be one of the original six world wide, District 6000 has remained active in the selection process and supporting the Peace Fellows Program.



In 2008, Wendi Boxx (r) met with German president Angela Merkel.
District 6000 File PhotoS

Two Peace Fellows have been selected from District 6000, six other candidates have been nominated and an additional nominee is under current consideration. Both District 6000 Peace Fellows selected the International Christian University Rotary Peace Program in Tokyo Japan.

In 2013, Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz was nominated by the Rotary Club of Fairfield. She was a graduate of Iowa State University. She completed her studies in the International Christian University School of Social Research and Public Policy in 2015.

Environmental Law Enforcement and Compliance: Challenges in Prioritizing Environmental Crime and Wildlife Trafficking in Colombia (Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz) in May 2015. She has continued her work as a Commission Aid to Office of the Mayor and Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, on issues including Emergency Management Policy and Human Rights. In 2004, Wendi Boxx was selected to pursue work in Human Trafficking. She was a graduate of the University of Iowa and completed her Master's of Public Administration degree at the International Christian University in 2005. Her study, "The Demand for Sex: What Drives Human Trafficking Today" was a springboard for continued international work in the German Center for International Peace Operations, and graduate teaching in Germany and India.



Wendi Boxx

YOU CAN DO IT

Leave an impact that lasts forever!

By Doyle Sanders/Northwest Des Moines
District 6000 Endowment Fund Chair

With **ROTARY, YOU** can make an impact that lasts forever!
Let's start with the **IMPACT** that Rotary makes.

It is easy to understand how The Rotary Foundation (TRF) makes Global Grants and IMPACTS people in faraway places. But **TRF** also **IMPACTS** us here in Iowa, District 6000, and even in our own communities.

How does The Rotary Foundation IMPACT our own communities?

Your club can request a Community Grant for projects in your community and receive a portion of the money that **YOU** give to **TRF**.

In 2021-2022, the 28 District 6000 Community Grants totaled \$111,252, including \$5,000 to build Community Showers in Bettendorf to provide warm showers and a restroom facility for the homeless, and \$2,500 for the Chariton Grand Street Pocket Park to provide a leisure location in historic downtown by adding benches and flower/planters for visual appeal.

So, The Rotary Foundation not only **IMPACTS** around the world; it **IMPACTS** your neighbors and **YOU** as well. (All 28 Community Grants are named on page 6.)

How do we MAKE an IMPACT?

We do that with gifts to the **TWO** Rotary Foundation funds, the **Annual Fund** and the **Endowment Fund**. It is easy to understand how we **MAKE AN IMPACT** with the Annual Fund. The gifts we **MAKE TODAY** to the **Annual Fund** are used for projects that are funded annually.

Through the **Endowment Fund**, the gift **LASTS FOREVER**.

How does it **LAST FOREVER**?

The **Endowment Fund** differs from the **Annual Fund** in that the money received today is not spent. It is held and invested **FOREVER**.

If it is invested FOREVER, how does that IMPACT anything?

While the gifts that we **MAKE** are invested, the **FOREVER** in-

come from those invested gifts joins the Annual Fund money to support the Rotary projects including projects here in District 6000 and in your own community.

Consider how **YOU CAN** help.

Say that **YOU** currently give \$100 per year to TRF as a Sustaining Member. If the **Endowment Fund** gets an investment return of 5 percent per year and if **YOU CAN** make a one-time gift of \$2,000, **YOU CAN** continue, as you are now, to **MAKE AN IMPACT** of \$100 per year **FOREVER** to Rotary projects in your community, in District 6000, and around the world. That \$2,000 becomes part of your legacy carrying on what you are doing now. In some years, the return on your investment may not be as much as 5 percent or it may be more. The point is that **YOU CAN** do it.

The best part is that **YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT THAT LASTS FOREVER** without any out-of-pocket cost.

YOU simply include The Rotary Foundation **Endowment Fund** in your estate plan. **YOU CAN** do that in your will or in the beneficiary designation of your life insurance policy or retirement plan.

YOU CAN MAKE it deferred during the lives of both **YOU** and your spouse or another loved one so that it does not even affect your direct survivors. And, it literally costs **YOU** nothing.

How much should be designated for a FOREVER IMPACT?

YOU CAN become a **Benefactor** by including The Rotary Foundation **Endowment Fund** as a beneficiary of \$1,000 or more in your estate plan. **Benefactors** receive wings to wear with their Rotary pin.

YOU CAN join the **Bequest Society** by including the **Endowment Fund** as a beneficiary of \$10,000 or more in your estate plan.

YOU CAN designate any amount, but you receive special thanks at any **Bequest Society** level from the \$10,000 Level 1 through Level 6. The right amount is where **YOU** are comfortable. And of course, **YOU CAN** change it as your situation changes.

That's how...

ROTARY AND YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT THAT LASTS FOREVER!



Help find Rotary Scholar candidates

By PDG Jim Patton/Ames
District 6000 Scholarship Chair

Rotary District 6000 awards a scholarship annually to an outstanding student seeking to pursue graduate work in a university outside of the USA. The selection process is competitive, requiring a minimum 3.50 GPA, letter of acceptance from a selected university, a chosen course of study in one of the six Rotary Areas of Focus, and letters of recommendation from the Global Scholarship Committee and host Rotary club.

The application process is lengthy, especially attaining an acceptance letter from the international university and the details of a student visa. Our experience suggests identifying

a student before Dec. 1 to allow the application process to be completed for Fall '22 enrollment.

The Rotary Global Scholarship, of up to \$30,000, is coveted as an honor and opportunity to enrich a student's academic background, professional credentials, and the experience of a year abroad.

We invite Rotary 6000 clubs to assist in identifying potential student candidates and to contact the Rotary 6000 Global Scholarship subcommittee for more details. For more information contact Jim Patton, email: jlpattson.rotary@gmail.com, or call or text: 712-830-3736.



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



RAG4Clubfoot

By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport

District 6000 Global Action Team Chair

In the seven years since formation of the Rotary Action Group for Clubfoot, our organization has supported six training projects to advance the skills of orthopedic surgeons in Latin America and the Caribbean in the Ponseti Method for treatment of clubfoot.

The Rotary Foundation approved Vocational Training Team Global Grants to fund five of the training projects. The sixth project involved a small number of physicians and was funded with other Rotary support since its budget was not large enough to qualify for a Global Grant.

An Action Group goal is to have enough orthopedic surgeons trained in the Ponseti Method in every country so that every child born with clubfoot can have his or her feet straightened shortly after birth. Statistically, clubfoot afflicts one child in each 750 births, so the numbers of physicians needing to be trained is readily calculated with demographic data.

The Action Group has made significant progress toward the goal in the six countries where trainings have been accomplished or are in progress. As the table shows, grants exceeding \$525,000 have financed fundamental training and mentorship for 152 physicians. Additionally, the grants have provided for advanced training in the practice and teaching of the Ponseti Method for 30 physicians who already had experience with the method.

Since Rotary clubs coordinate training activities, and volunteer professionals provide much of the instruction and mentoring, the costs of our Action Group's projects are moderated.

The effectiveness of the training approach was confirmed

by Dr. Astrid Medina Cañon and Dr. Amparo Buendía Hernández, both members of the Rotary Club of Bogotá, Colombia, Centenario. Dr. Cañon was one of the principal trainers for the Colombia project and Dr. Hernández was the primary contact for the grant.

In the report to The Rotary Foundation they wrote, "The trained orthopedists had very flattering words since none of them had had a teaching "hands on" with respect to the Ponseti Method. They also congratulated the team and thanked Rotary for providing the tools to carry out this course. Having enough time to learn something new and do it first on plastic models and then on patients was invaluable."



Colombia grant trainees, Dr. Ariel Gonzalez (l) and Dr. Norberto Lambert (c) learn about casting techniques from country trainer, Dr. Astrid Medina.

Provided by Tomeka Peterson

Rotary Action Group for Clubfoot Ponseti Training Support

Country of Training	Year of Grant	Amount of Grant	Newly Trained Orthopedists	Cost per Orthopedist	Patients Benefitted *	Cost per Patient
Brazil	2016	\$ 193,591	50	\$ 3,872	50,000	\$ 3.87
Mexico	2017	\$ 81,916	30	\$ 2,731	30,000	\$ 2.73
Bolivia	2017	\$ 79,876	20	\$ 3,994	20,000	\$ 3.99
Colombia	2019	\$ 105,765	30	\$ 3,526	30,000	\$ 3.53
Argentina	2021	\$ 49,749	14	\$ 3,554	14,000	\$ 3.55
Dominican Republic	2019	\$ 14,276	8	\$ 1,785	8,000	\$ 1.78
Total		\$ 525,173	152	\$ 3,455	152,000	\$ 3.46

* Estimated patients benefitted is based on orthopedists treating an average of 50 new patients per year and practicing for an average of 20 years.



RAG4Clubfoot

PARTNERS

Rotary and Blessman Ministries empower women in South Africa

By Jim Blessman/Waukee

Founder, Blessman Ministries

In a country where poverty is rampant, as high as 70 percent in many South African villages, women need a hand up to establish themselves as leaders in their communities.

Rotary has long partnered with Blessman International on a number of projects, including farming and drilling wells for water. Now, Rotary is working on a new initiative with BI to further empower women in Africa.

One key Blessman International ministry component is helping young African girls compete in the educational arena. All too many girls stay home from school during the days of their menstrual periods because they are unable to afford feminine hygiene products. Oftentimes, they never complete their formal learning.

BI became aware of this need and aligned with Days for Girls, an international nonprofit to sew washable, reusable menstrual health kits.

Over the last four years,

with the help of hundreds of North American volunteers, they have distributed over 13,000 of these kits. During each of these distributions, the young ladies are given motivational talks, encouraging them to work hard in school as a path to success. They are also instructed in women's health issues and Christian values.

'Celebrate Recovery'

In planting two churches in Limpopo Province, Blessman International has collaborated to offer guidance and support for young women, where they can turn in troubled times.

Celebrate Recovery – trauma counselling and fellowship – meets every Friday evening at their Del Cramer Children's Campus in a small village outside of Mokopane. There, BI creates a safe space for young woman to share, heal, and grow in their Christian faith.

A second vital program to empower women, Blessman International employs five ladies in their sewing microenterprise. This last year, The Rotary Club of Haenertsberg, South Africa joined with BI to take the program to a much larger scale. Their FemKit Grant enables more women to become entrepreneurs, as a means of creating self-reliance and financial security.

The grant provides for training 25 African ladies in sewing, trained by BI's experienced employees, and business management to prepare them to establish their own sewing business. The funding provides access to sewing machines, along with the materials to complete 10,000 new menstrual health kits to be distributed over the next 18 months.



A group of schoolgirls receiving their menstrual health kits.



Four ladies with Blessman Ministries working at our Lethabo Sewing Center.

Maya Angelou said, "Each time a woman stands up for herself, without claiming it, she stands up for all women." It is a great cooperation, offering new skills for adults that, in great measure, directly provide a hand up to the next generations of young South African women to stand up even more proudly. Blessman International and Rotary are uniquely partnered to help make this happen.

"Each time a woman stands up for herself, without claiming it, she stands up for all women."

Maya Angelou



Head counselors Ally O'Meara of Indianola and Ben Stutting of North Scott in front, with RYLA students, youth leaders and Rotarian coun

YOUTH SERVICE

RYLA returned with 129 student

By Wayne Steen/West Liberty

Iowa RYLA Board Chairperson

Iowa RYLA 2021 was held Sunday, July 18 through Friday, July 23 at Coe College in Cedar Rapids.

129 high school students from around Iowa attended the Rotary leadership conference. Usually we have 240 students at RYLA, but due to concerns about COVID-19, our number of attendees was lower this year.

Ally O'Meara of Indianola and Ben Stutting of North Scott were the Head Counselors at this year's Iowa RYLA. They did an outstanding job in this challenging year of leading the conference.

Wayne Steen of West Liberty was the Iowa RYLA 2021 Conference chair and Dave Kutter of Cedar Rapids was the chair-elect and registrar.

Next year Dave Kutter will be the Conference chair and Patt Englander of Davenport will be the chair-elect. Next year's head counselors will be named in early November of this year.

The Iowa RYLA 2022 Conference will be held Sunday, July

17 through Friday, July 22. The location for Iowa RYLA 2022 had not been decided on when this article went to press.

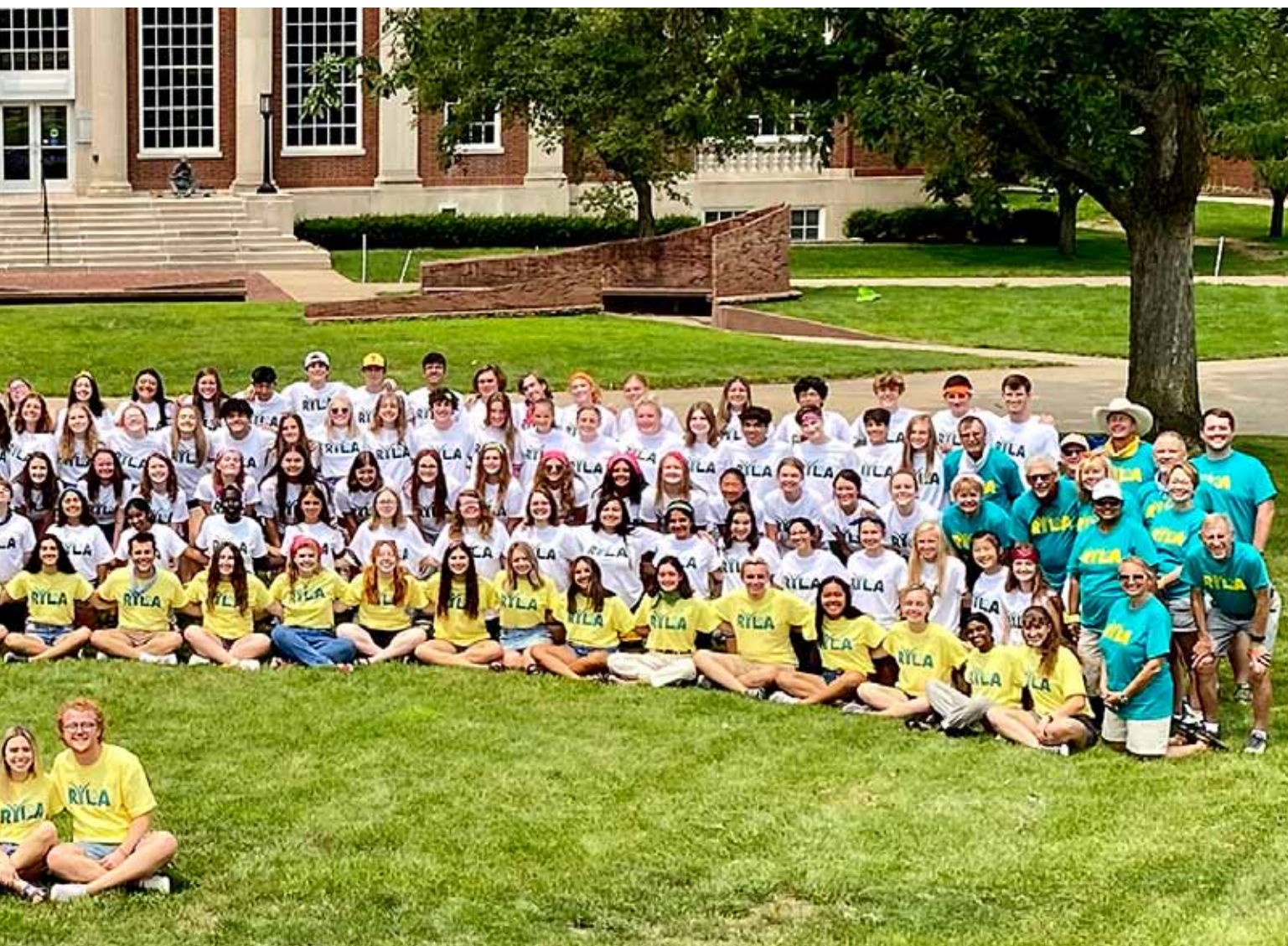
Linda Nudd of Bellevue, the past Iowa RYLA board chairperson, had this to say, "RYLA 2021 happened in spite of Covid concerns and thanks go to Coe College for providing the site to the staff and Rotarian volunteers who were prepared and enthusiastic."

"Chair Wayne Steen and head counselors Ben Stutting and Ally O'Meara deserve praise for planning the conference and keeping the focus on leadership."

"RYLA is one of the main reasons I love Rotary. It gives me an opportunity to work with high school students in a positive, impactful way. I wish every high school student and Rotarian could experience this life-changing week."

A life-changing week

RYLA is definitely a life changing week for the high school students, the team leaders and the Rotarians. We are always



mentors at Coe College.

Photo by Jodi Kelly

RYLA at Coe College, July 18-23

looking for Rotarians to volunteer for Iowa RYLA. Please mark Sunday, July 17 through Friday, July 22, 2022 on your calendars and join us and find out what RYLA Magic is all about!

I will be trying to visit as many Rotary clubs in the coming months as I can to discuss Iowa RYLA 2022. Please contact Wayne Steen at pythagoras78@hotmail.com if you are interested in having me come to your club, or scheduling a Zoom meeting.

As Linda Nudd said if you want to have a week where you will have a positive, impactful week with Iowa high school students, please volunteer for Iowa RYLA 2022!

We also need your clubs to send high school students who will be sophomores or juniors in the 2022-23 school year to Iowa RYLA 2022. The cost to the Rotary Club is \$450 per student.

I wish Iowa RYLA had existed when I was in high school. It would have been an outstanding experience for me to help me overcome my shyness and help boost my self-confidence and leadership skills.

"RYLA is one of the main reasons I love Rotary. It gives me an opportunity to work with high school students in a positive, impactful way. I wish every high school student and Rotarian could experience this life-changing week."

Rotarian Linda Nudd, Bellevue

Past Chair, Iowa RYLA

2021 Iowa RYLA participants

RYLA STUDENTS

DISTRICT 5970

Bellevue: Alexandria Caughron, Daniel Otting

Cedar Rapids Sunrise: Lorelei Wilson

Cedar Rapids West: Emily Clemen, Allison Hayes

Clarion: Paige German

Dubuque: Justine Bies, Olivia Breitbach, Gable Brooks, Allison Burgess, Emily Davidon, Kloie Eitter, Rachel Garrett, Saanvi Munigela, Zoe Schultz, Jasia Sibok

Forest City: Keevan Jones, Raina Miller

Independence: Sophie Brown, Ceraphine Franck

Manchester: Lydia Heims

Marion-East Cedar Rapids: Carl Rathje, Grace Selfridge, Christopher Shipley

Mason City-River City Sunrise: Peter Knipper

New Hampton: Isaiah Eike, Aydin Ries

Rockwell City: Tyler Lightner

Spencer: Madison Pick

Storm Lake: Nyalib Chambang, Ma Sha Hser

Waverly: Averie Freeman, Elizabeth Frerichs

Webster City: Allison Oswald

DISTRICT 6000

Adel: Sarah DenHerder, Matt Dufoe

Albia: Ellie Cloyed, Ella Hutchinson

Ames Morning: Wyatt Dittman

Ankeny: Claire Anonson, Charlotte Brink, Bryce Byford, Alexa Gunn, Abby Mayo, Jaci Menke, Raimundo San Martin, Naomi Schrader Bachar

Atlantic: Charlotte Saluk, Bryan York

Bettendorf: Leila Assadi, Lydia Wilson, Alyse Zuiderveen

Bloomfield: Olivia Grove

Boone: Josie Hildreth, Amelia Schroeder, Emily White

Carroll: Ayak Dut, Sophia Polking

Chariton: Delaney Caudill

Clinton: Anna Current, Jillian Frye

Creston: Madalyn Kinsella, Aileen Villalpando

Dallas Center: Garrett Bond

Decatur County: Reese Potter, Jaida Rhea

Des Moines: Anika Busick, Nathaniel

Connolly, Susanna Shenouda, Lucille Winters

Fairfield: Giteeka Adhikari, Tess Paton, Saraswati Quevedo-Valls, Yeabtsega Taffesse

Fort Madison: Tyler Horn

Indianola: Adam Pandian

Iowa City: Matisse Arnone, Ariel Collins, Ava Cross, Daniel Donald, Santiago Fajardo, Francis Mawanda, Mary Cate Pugh, Adelyn Sittig, Matthew, Staber, Grayson Wills

Iowa City AM: Jennifer Alden, Sanket Deshpande, Jonathan Fan, Joseph Polyak

Iowa City Downtown: Jose Monestina, Lillian Santillan.

Iowa Quad Cities: Braden Like, Maycen Zimmerman

Jefferson: Brianna Blasnitz, Veronica Johnson

Johnston: Gabriella Michalski

Kalona: Madelyn Bender

Knoxville: John Buttell, Kailan Ethell, Hayden Hudson, Johanna Leonard, Jordan



RYLA leaders Wayne Steen of District 6000 (West Liberty) and Dave Kutter of District 5970 (Cedar Rapids).

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Student leaders Allie O'Mears of Indianola and Ben Stutting of North Scott.

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Swartzendruber
Marshalltown: Haley Reed
Nevada: Josephine Kelly, Kent Sponselle
Sponselle

North Scott: Caelan Engelbrecht, Taylor Mayhue

Northwest Des Moines: Ethan Boes

Ottumwa: Kaitlyn Baeza, Lillian Mitchell, Lydia Swarney

Pella: Maylei Ruggles

Perry: Misty Gomez, Alejandra Ruiz

Tipton: Ashley Hatland, Dylan McCall, Alyssa MenteLyss

Waukee: Alyssa Giles, Arya Karnik, Payton Strobel

Wellman: Peyton Freeman

West Des Moines: Avery Galloway, Mason Lind, Mary Shenouda

West Liberty: Beatrice Goldberry

West Polk County: Rachel Becker

Team leaders

DISTRICT 5970

Algona: Ethan DeGroot

Cedar Rapids West: Johanna Hayes

Dubuque: Erin Bughman, Lucy Conlon

Forest City: Jasmine Sanasinh, Calvin Aberg

Humboldt: Sydney Savery

Spencer: Grace Hamilton

Storm Lake: Evie AlSaffar

DISTRICT 6000

Ankeny: Natalia Portal, Benton Renaud, Elise Wilson

Atlantic: Kathryn Saluk,

Bettendorf: Mitchell Winterlin

Davenport: Clémence Guyot, Jacob Hansen, Maddison Smith

Fairfield: Jaiden Jarmosco, Amiritha Kumar, Devika Pharasi

Indianola: Allison O'Meara

Iowa City Noon: Jeremiah Collins, Nathaniel Nelson

Mount Pleasant Noon: Piper Wiley

North Scott: Ben Stutting

Waukee: Piper Carroll

Rotarian leaders

DISTRICT 5970

Algona: Billie Wille

Bellevue: Linda Nudd

Cedar Rapids West: David Kutter (RYLA Chair-Elect), Elizabeth Kutter

New Hampton: Michael Babcock, Kathy Babcock, Susan Kolbet, Lynn Kuethe

DISTRICT 6000

Ames: Park Woodlee

Ames Morning: Alan Hermanson

Boone: Steven Dakin

Chariton: Zachary Fisher

Davenport: Patrick Engelhaupt, Patt Englander

Iowa City: Christopher Peters

Iowa City AM: Greg Probst

Keokuk: DG Alka Khanolkar

Marshalltown: Dennis Drager

Northwest Des Moines: Bradford Helgemo, Mark McAndrews

West Liberty: Jodi Kelly (photographer), Wayne Steen (2021 RYLA Conference chair), Lisa Truong

Promote peace in your daily living

By Ron Heidemann/Indianola

District 6000 Peace & Conflict Resolution Committee chair

Christopher Peters, Iowa Director of Braver Angels, continues to make himself available for presentations about Rotary and Braver Angels.

Braver Angels seeks to depolarize American politics. Its work is rooted in grassroots organizing. From the grassroots, however, their volunteer leaders (supported by a small staff) leverage Braver Angels' programs and unique organizing structure to impact community life and American institutions. The Braver Angels Pledge:

As individuals, we try to understand the other side's point of view, even if we don't agree with it.

In our communities, we engage those we disagree with, looking for common ground and ways to work together.

In politics, we support principles that bring us together rather than divide us.

International Day of Peace

We recently celebrated the United Nations' International Day of Peace. Some clubs celebrated with activities. The Rotary Club of Indianola wrote cards of peace to individuals with whom we don't have much in common. Cards are available from Russell Hampton.

Civility pledge

By signing the Civility Pledge, I acknowledge that, "Everyone has the right and the responsibility to improve his or her community, and if we all work together – in a well-planned way, addressing the factors that affect all our lives – we can make a difference for all families, our community, and our country. As members of society, we are all resources and agents of change."

In all my daily interactions I pledge to do my best to:

View everyone in positive terms;

Work on building common language;

Build strong relationships of trust;

Remember our shared humanity



Write cards of peace to individuals with whom we don't have much in common. Folders like this are available from Rotary supplier, Russell Hampton

Look both inside and outside for guidance.

To help revive civility and respect in my community and country, I will make a conscious effort to:

Seek out a variety of reliable news sources with different perspectives to learn more about the forces that divide - and also unite - our country.

Listen respectfully to people who have views different than my own, be mindful to avoid stereotyping and not use language that is insulting or derogatory.

Encourage and support efforts to bring people of different points of view together in our community to have civil and respectful conversations

Invite other people to join me in Braver Angels (<https://braverangels.org>) and get involved in helping to connect people across political divisions.

INTERACT: Check this list; help update district records

By Steve Hanson/West Liberty

District 6000 Interact Chair

We are in the process of updating our contact information for Interact club advisers and Rotary club liaisons. The list below contains information about Interact clubs in our district that have been active anytime within the past few years. We are asking Rotary club presidents, or other designated individuals, to check the list and send Steve Hanson any updates or corrections: stevehanson@iowa@gmail.com. If your club would like to start an Interact club in your community, please contact Steve Hanson for instructions on how to get started.

Legend: (IA = Interact Adviser); (RL = Rotary Liaison)

Bettendorf: Pleasant Valley. No contact information.

Clinton: Clinton HS. No contact information.

Coralville-North Corridor: Clear Creek Amana HS. IA = Marissa Moore; RL = Vicki Struzynski-Olson.

Corydon: Corydon HS. IA = Amber Cassidy; RL = Denise Gradeless.

Decatur County: Central Decatur. IA = Laci Erke; RL = None.

Des Moines: Hoover HS. IA = Mauree Griffin; RL = Eric Schnack.

Des Moines AM: Roosevelt HS. IA = Lupe Thomason; RL = Anne Roth.

East Polk County: Southeast Polk HS. IA = Gabriel Young; RL = Mike

Hamilton.

Fairfield: Fairfield. IA = Beth Alonso; RL = Beth Alonso.

Indianola: Indianola HS. IA = Michelle Lester; RL = Dave Tanner.

Iowa City Noon: IN SHOC. IA = Peggy Dolson; RL = Joe Vens.

Iowa City AM: Iowa City HS. IA = Jill Humston; RL = Pam Ehly.

Iowa City AM: Iowa City West 1440 Interact. IA = Jamie Sandhu; RL = Nancy Pacha.

Jefferson: Greene County. IA = Kelly Gray; RL = Susan Laehn.

Mt. Pleasant: Mt. Pleasant. IA = Sarah Krutsinger; RL = April Pforts.

Newton: Newton Rotary. IA = Abigail Lamont.

North Scott: North Scott HS. IA = Cherie Henningsen.

North Scott: North Scott JF. IA = Eugene Kreiter; RL = Jan Touney.

NW Des Moines: Urbandale HS. IA = Joanne Hale; RL = Mark McAndrews.

Oskaloosa: Oskaloosa. IA = Cory Sheeley; RL = James Feudner.

Ottumwa: Ottumwa HS. IA = (none); RL = Doug Anderson.

Perry: Perry. IA = Anne Horgen; RL = Kevin Videgar, Dirk Cavanaugh.

Tipton: Tipton. IA = David Brondyke; RL = David Brown.

Waukee: Waukee HS. IA = (none); RL = Tori Flattery, Mark Haddinger.

Waukee: Waukee 8-9. IA = (none); RL = Tori Flattery, Mark Haddinger.

Wellman: Mid-Prairie HS. IA = Edye Freeman; RL = Allen Leichty.

West Des Moines: Valley HS. IA = Shannon Johnson; RL = Brad Brown.

West Liberty: West Liberty HS. IA = Erica Jennings; RL = Anna Hanson.

NEVADA

Club recalls founders to kick off centennial year

By Liz Hertz/Nevada

On July 7, the Rotary Club of Nevada kicked off its year-long celebration of the founding of its club with a presentation by one of its founders, Frank Flack, the local manager of the Iowa Railway and Light Company, portrayed by local Rotarian, Dan Johnson.

Not unlike today, the people of the early 1920s were reeling from the effects of a global pandemic, involvement in foreign wars, and immigration issues. At the same time, it was also described as an "age of miracles" by author F. Scott Fitzgerald.

In this environment, five men laid the foundation for the charter of a local Rotary club, with a slogan of "He profits most who serves best." A founding principle was the use of "classifications" to ensure a membership representing the diversity of businesses and professions in the community.

After nearly 100 years, the club continues to include a broad cross-section of the community and operates under the international motto of "Service Above Self."

Throughout the next year, the club will reflect upon not only its own history, but the global forces that have shaped our world and daily lives in each decade since its founding.

In addition to special monthly programs, the club will augment its celebration through additional matching grant applications, contributions to The Rotary Foundation and support of local projects.

Monthly centennial news stories are being featured in local publications as well as online. Readers are encouraged to get more information about the Rotary Club of Nevada and its ongoing commitment to local involvement, global service, and fellowship by visiting www.nevadarotary.org.



Nevada Rotarian Dan Johnson portrayed Rotary Club of Nevada founder Frank Flack.

Provided by Liz Hertz

ADEL

Clubs sells water for 10,000 at Sweetcorn Festival



The Sweetcorn Festival in Adel draws more than 10,000 visitors. Selling water for the Rotary Club of Adel this year were (l-r): Van VanBuren, Paul Zietlow, and Bob Halverson,

Provided by Shirley McAdon

By Shirley McAdon/Adel

Club Public Relations Chair

It has been a long standing tradition that the Adel Rotary Club sells water at the annual Sweetcorn Festival.

The Rotary Club would like the public to know that when you buy water the profits help Rotary fund 20 good projects and organizations. There are too many to list all so we have listed just five of the 20 you will see on our "Service Above Self" posters.

**ADM Scholarship Foundation
Adel Bike Safety Rodeo
Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
Good Samaritan Food Pantry
Worldwide Polio Eradication**

We hope everyone enjoyed the Sweetcorn Festival on Aug. 14.

If you have questions or would like to know more about Adel Rotary Club, ask any member volunteer or our current president, Ryan Morford.

DISTRICT 6000

Literacy team receives grant; challenges clubs

By Carol Narak/West Des Moines

D6000 Literacy Promotion Co-Chair

The Literacy Promotion Team met via Zoom to discuss possible projects for this year.

We asked District Governor Alka Khanolkar for her specific goals for this year and added some of our own. They include:

- Promote literacy** initiatives by each club;
- Continue the distribution of books**, including those which are inclusive and diverse;
- Empower girls' literacy** in other countries; and,
- Volunteer to help Afghan refugees** with literacy.

DG Alka sent us a grant proposal entitled, "Together We Read: Community Engagement Project Template." The grant proposal was sent to Rotary clubs from "Save the Children."

Team member Carolyn Jons wrote most of the grant, and she sent it out to other team members for their additions and corrections. Once the final grant was received, DG Alka and

co-chair Carol Narak signed it and sent it off.

Since only 10 grants will be awarded, if we are not a recipient, we plan to revise the proposal and present it to all clubs.

Clubs are reminded to view the ideas found on the flash drives that were sent to each club's president last year. Also, team members are available for literacy presentations to clubs, preferably by Zoom.

If your club has a Literacy Chair, please send the name and contact information to: cdnarak@gmail.com.

Team members this year are: Carol Narak, co-chair; Jerri Heid, co-chair; Carolyn Jons; Bill Morain; Tom Narak; LaDonna Wicklund; Fred Maharry; Elizabeth Miner; and, DG Alka Khanolkar.

HOORAY!! Our grant proposal to Save the Children was approved. We will be contacting all D6000 clubs about how to apply for funds from this grant. We will receive \$10,000 and will distribute it to clubs which decide to participate in this literacy initiative. More information will be sent to clubs soon.

JOHNSTON

Rotarians fire up for Smokin' Harvest barbecue

By Lu Ann White/Johnston

The Rotary Club of Johnston played a key role in the Third Annual Smokin' Heroes barbecue and smoking competition at Johnston's Green Days celebration June 18-19.

Rotary members assisted with the smoking competition that involved teams with representatives of fire and police departments, and the military. Smoking of meat began Friday night, with free tastings on Saturday afternoon. Rotary members worked at the event, assisting with the smoking set-up and clean-up, providing materials for the tastings and judging, assisting the judges, seeking sponsorships and contributions, requesting free will donations for the tastings, running a raffle, and announcing the winners of the competition and the raffle.

The money raised supports Johnston High School students' cultural learning and service trip to an international camp in Kosovo, and Rotary Community Service Projects.

Johnston Rotary members also volunteered at the Johnston Chamber's Green Days celebration serving beer.

Johnston Rotary fired up with their Cy-Hawk challenge, bringing food pantry and personal items and monetary donations for the local Johnston Partnership food pantry to their morning meeting before the big Iowa-Iowa State game.

Johnston Rotary has hosted noted speakers, including Iowa State's Athletic Director Jamie Pollard in

August, U.S. Senator Jonie Ernst, and Johnston's Mayor Paula Dierenfeld.

Johnston Rotary meets in person Tuesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. at Hyperion Golf and Country Club in Johnston. The group held hybrid meetings through June.



(l-r): Johnston Rotarians Steve Grasso, Al Meyer and Neil Hyde.



President John Waldron welcomes ISU athletic director Jamie Pollard.

IOWA MILES OF SMILES TEAM

Covid changes mission for 2022

By Deb Dunkhase/Iowa City AM

Team Leader, Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team

It's been almost two years since the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team (MOST) team traveled to Guatemala to perform cleft and cataract surgeries for the people living in the remote Western Highlands.

To help prepare for a 2022 medical mission, a small (100 percent vaccinated) Iowa MOST Planning Team traveled to Huehuetenango in August to meet with the local Rotary club, doctors at the private Salus 1 Hospital where we work, the Huehuetenango Department of Health, the Guatemalan Military Base in Huehuetenango, and leaders of the U.S. Army Guatemalan Humanitarian Mission.

For Iowa MOST, it's all about building and nurturing relationships that help us help others and these August meetings have been instrumental in making positive changes to Iowa MOST!

Those key meetings resulted in the changes listed below that are being implemented to enable our District 6000 Rotary Iowa MOST team to travel to Guatemala in 2022 to fulfill our Rotary mission to Serve to Change Lives.

1) Our dates have changed from January to March, 2022 to allow for potential spikes in covid cases to decline after the winter holidays when many large family gatherings occur.

2) We're reducing the size of our team by 15 percent to help minimize covid risk.

3) Thanks to Huehue Rotarian, Dr. Juan Francisco Robles who is now the director of the Ministry of Public Health for the department of Huehuetenango, the Department of Public Health will recruit our patients from the most remote villages in the Western Highlands. This is made possible due to their standing



Iowa MOST leader at the military base (l-r): Juan Francisco Fernandez (MOST In-Country Liaison), Sandy Kessler (nurse), Comandante Vinicio Fuentes, Dr. Juan Fran Robles (Huehue Rotarian and Chief of Huehue Department of Health), Deb Dunkhase (MOST Team Leader), Pat Wehrle (nurse), Cassye Dunkhase (Outreach Coordinator), and Assistant to the Comandante.

relationships with communities, established lines of communication, and trust with indigenous Mayan people. What a tremendous opportunity for Iowa MOST to help the most vulnerable children.

4) Dr. Juan Francisco Robles has also

committed to administering Covid tests to all our potential patients and their accompanying family members the day before Screening Day at his department's expense. *Great news for our mission!*

5) Generally, entire families come to Huehue during our mission, packing the hospital with people which is great for relationship building but not during a pandemic. So this year, we're allowing each patient to be accompanied by just one adult.

6) Our new friend, Comandante Vinicio Fuentes, leader of the Guatemalan Military Base in Huehuetenango, has very generously offered the use of his medical clinic to host our Patient Screening Day and his dormitories to house our families. This will not only allow the families to remain socially distanced, but also keep them isolated from the community between their covid test day and surgery day. *More great news!*

7) Because of our concern to be potential asymptomatic carriers of the Covid virus, we won't be conducting any of our normal outreach activities to schools or orphanages. However, we will as always bring books, toothbrushes, and fluoride treatments to distribute to our outreach friends.

8) This year, our Outreach Coordinator has arranged with the Comandante to hold an outdoor socially distanced music performance on the military base grounds with performances by local youth and the military band. Should be an experience! Local Interact high school youth have committed to making enough polar fleece blankets for every patient family to have one to use during the concert and then take home as a gift.

9) Our 10-day schedule has changed somewhat by adding an additional surgical day rather than spending an R&R day in Antigua...again Covid precautions.

10) Lastly, our Iowa MOST team is dedicated to taking every precaution possible to not only keep ourselves safe, but to also protect our Guatemalan friends.

There's no question that Covid has turned the world upside down, but with true Rotary spirit and commitment to making the world a better place, Iowa MOST pushes forward with plans for a medical mission in 2022!

If you and/or your Rotary club want to help support the Iowa MOST medical missions to Guatemala, you can donate on our website at www.iowamost. It certainly takes a village to enable this work to happen and belonging to the Rotary village is something the Iowa MOST team is both very proud of and tremendously grateful for.



The private hospital where the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team performs life-changing surgeries in Guatemala.

BURLINGTON

Beheading in Beirut:

Rotarians seek peace through service after

By **Bob Bartles/Burlington**

The Rotary Clubs of Burlington (District 6000) and Beirut Cosmopolitan (Lebanon) have partnered on Global Grants for the past few years. There's a Rotary programs story behind how that came to be which would likely be of our interest to our District Rotarians.

My son, Andrew Bartles was selected to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange program and ended up being placed in The Netherlands. He came back a year later, fluent in Dutch and fully enamored with that country and ALL of its cultural mores.

'We decided to respond, through Rotary, in a way that makes it harder for murderous extremists to recruit vulnerable people into their ranks. We reached out to our own clubs and the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan to see if we could partner with them'

The successful Rotary Youth Exchange placement experience helped him get into the college of his choice. That college gave him a scholarship worth 10 percent of his tuition costs, renewable for all four years. He then completed a graduate program at the American University of Beirut, located in the country of Lebanon. A Rotary

Club international scholarship grant helped defray the costs of his education there.

One of Andrew's former college classmates was an adventurous sort who also shared his appreciation for middle eastern culture and language. The classmate began working as a photojournalist in San'a Yemen, was kidnapped and transferred to the custody of Al Qaeda. Once they got ahold of the former classmate, Al Qaeda's spokesperson threatened to behead him. The American military located his former classmate and sent the Navy Seals to rescue him. His captors murdered the classmate as the Seals closed in and were subsequently themselves killed during the rescue operation.

How do we respond?

Andrew and I REALLY didn't like this. We decided to respond, through Rotary, in a way that makes it harder for murderous extremists to recruit vulnerable people into their ranks. We reached out to our own clubs and the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan to see if we could partner with them.

The result is lots of badly needed medical equipment going to worthwhile Lebanese recipients, all with plaques identifying the American Rotary clubs who contributed to the purchasing of the equipment. It's a truly virtuous partnership that has benefitted Palestinian refugees, Syrian refugees and low income Lebanese citizens.

It's hard for vulnerable people to hate an America whose Rotary clubs have donated the equipment that's protecting the health and lives of their families.

That's our story. These global grants only occur with the participation of several local Rotary clubs and the wonderful



American and Lebanese Rotarians join in peace and friendship after a tragedy.



This is the medical equipment from our last project.

leadership and resourcefulness of our District volunteers. It's good to be a Rotarian!

International partner speaks

Burlington's international partner, Mounir Jabre, said the project highlights the friendly, warm relations and ties between Americans and Lebanese and the role of American University in Beirut. "These projects have strengthened these relations."

OTTUMWA

Human Trafficking training 'eye-opening'

By George Belitsos/Ames

District 6000 Prevent Human Trafficking Chair

On Aug. 12, a community Human Trafficking training was held at the Bridge View Center in Ottumwa. The Ottumwa Rotarians sponsored and also covered the venue rent. The event was also sponsored by SE Iowa CASA, Wapello County Children's Alliance, and Resilient Communities.

The event was the second in a series of three Human Trafficking trainings. This series is being organized by Children Alliance board members Cara Galloway, Megan Logan, and Lt. Jason Bell. Lt. Jason Bell is a trained trainer in Human Trafficking and participated in the first training series which was to train local professionals.

On Aug. 12, Lt. Bell was the presenter. The Ottumwa Rotarians were at the door greeting community members as they arrived and also providing handouts of educational information about Human Trafficking, which were very helpful as they were referenced during the presentation.

Lt. Bell brought awareness to what human trafficking is and what it is not. He gave examples and explained that this



Tom Lazio
Mayor of Ottumwa

is not only happening in Iowa, but in Ottumwa, and gave specific examples of cases. Many of the audience identified that this information was eye-opening. The training ended with a call for action, about passing the information on and continuing the conversation.

Due to the success of the event and more community members reaching out about if there will be another training. There is a discussion about having regular community discussions about Human Trafficking.

The Ottumwa Rotarians are to be commended for their work to bring awareness to human trafficking. Rotarian and Mayor Tom Lazio took leadership in promoting the events, sponsoring the events, and attended both Human Trafficking training. Mayor Lazio is also a member of the District 6000 Prevent Human Trafficking Action Team.

WEST LIBERTY

Fundraiser boosts Network Against Human Trafficking

By Tom Barr/West Liberty

District 6000 Human Trafficking Committee member

July 30 was the Rotary Club of West Liberty's third annual fundraiser in support of **Fighting Human Trafficking**. Serving meals of hamburgers, bratwursts, chips and drinks was another great success, thanks to the overwhelming generosity and willing donations of those who attended.

All donated funds will go to the **Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking and Slavery** for their use in developing materials and programs to fight human trafficking.

Those attending learned of **Operation Underground Railroad's** worldwide extraction operations and anti-child trafficking efforts by team members of former CIA, past and current law enforcement members. Two of their T-shirts were on display.

Truckers Against Trafficking is also a nonprofit organization that trains truck drivers to recognize and report human trafficking. This national organization was formed in Oklahoma in 2009 and teaches truck drivers about the results of human trafficking. Truckers are the eyes and ears of our nation's highways. They provided posters and handout pamphlets highlighting red flags to look for and what to do when you see these.

Also present was **Braking Traffick**, a division of Family Services of Davenport. Annie was present to explain and hand out materials in Spanish and English regarding this horrific crime against our children and to show a video of three IOWA human trafficking survivors. Annie was able to share that their organization is currently working with approximately 50 individuals who are attempting to make a transition from trafficking in their lives.

In addition to good food, most of those in attendance also learned the international hand signal for a victim to let others know that he/she needs help. I would LOVE to see this hand signal taught to all the children in our West Liberty community and for adults to learn so they can notify authorities when seen.

West Liberty Rotary Club also is grateful for the donation of hamburgers from Nollman Ag and Cattle, Co., Simpson Home for donation of ice, and the many volunteers who cooked and served all day.

Message connects Iowa, India

By George Belitsos/Ames

District 6000 Prevent Human Trafficking Chair

Two groups from India recently learned about Iowa's fight against human trafficking. Iowa District 6000 Governor Alka Khanolkar arranged a Zoom training between Iowa and India on July 30 in honor of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Alka has made the prevention of human trafficking one of her major goals as our new Rotary district governor.

The two-hour virtual meeting connected Iowans with the Rotary Club of Seven Hills Dharwad, India. Three U.S. presenters spoke about the progress being made to end trafficking in Iowa. The speakers included Teresa Davidson, vice-chair of the Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking (NAHT), Karen Walkowski, president of the Rotary Club to End Human Trafficking, and George Belitsos, board chair of the NAHT and vice-chair of the Rotary Action Group Against Trafficking (RAGAS).

Alka informed the Seven Hills Dharwad Club that she has formed a District 6000 Prevent Human Trafficking Action Team to engage Rotary clubs in sponsoring anti-trafficking projects. Shirlee Reding, NAHT board member and chair of the Central Iowa Service Network Against Trafficking (CISN) made a second virtual presentation on human trafficking.

Chief David Lorenzen spoke about the various anti-trafficking projects at the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Going green:

District 6000 Environmental Protection Committee chair Bill Koeller reports that several clubs in the district planted trees during October, Environmental Protection Month, and before and after.

Districts 5970 and 6000, which encompasses most of Iowa have signed a resolution to recognize the critical importance of pollinator habitat both restored and maintained on public and private lands, particularly found within our Districts. Through our districts' collaboration and outreach, an interconnected mosaic of pollinator habitat will be developed to help restore and maintain populations of pollinator species throughout this region.

– Bill Koellner

200 trees just a start in Iowa City

By Barbara Thomas/Iowa City

District 6000 Public Image Committee

Many of us in Iowa know of the impact of the August 2020 derecho. As this powerful and unique storm hit our state, it had a tremendous impact on our communities. Many of our communities were decimated with the loss of tree cover and the Rotary Club of Iowa City has taken the steps to expand on the tree cover in their area.

The club is sponsoring a tree planting grant which has been matched by District 6000.

Within the 2021-22 Rotary year, the Rotary Club of Iowa City is partnering with other clubs in the Iowa City area to plant approximately 200 trees. The club has partnered with the city of Iowa City to determine where these trees can be planted. Locations will provide visibility to Rotary's efforts in Iowa City and to the good work that Rotarians do.

Watch for the next issue of our District Newsletter for photos from our October tree planting.



Going green in Indianola ...

During DG Alka's visit to the Rotary Club of Indianola, members invited her to plant a tree. "A huge thank you," she said, "for the opportunity and honor of planting a tree as we are continuing to help protect the environment."

from District 6000 Facebook



Congratulations, Ken!

At the Rotary Club of West Liberty changeover June 29, Past District Governor 1995-96 Ken Noble (c) was recognized for 42 years of perfect attendance. At the meeting, Ken delivered a passionate speech about his years in Rotary, and announced he and Jo will be leaving West Liberty and moving to Muscatine. Present to honor him were (clockwise) DG 2021-22 Alka Khanolar and PDGs Mike Ruby, (soon-to-be) Steve Dakin, Bill Tubbs and Chris Knapp.

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TRAINING

One Rotary Summit report

By PDG Jacque Andrew

Assistant Editor, District 6000 News

Eighty-six District 6000 Rotarians registered for the One Rotary Summit held on Wednesday, Oct. 20 via Zoom. The theme for the online event was "Let's Talk Rotary – Serve to Change Lives." Applying Rotary's Strategic Plan, the attendees jointly developed and shared creative ways to achieve and sustain membership growth along with engagement/retention, to increase giving to The Rotary Foundation and to achieve enhanced public image in their communities and clubs.

Setting the stage were DG Alka Khanolkar and a panel of Dave Cook of Boone, District Membership Chair; Ryan Bell of Iowa City, District Public Image Chair; and Chris Knapp of Iowa City A.M., District Foundation Chair; moderated by Bill Koellner of West Liberty, TRF Annual Funds co-chair.

Cook cited members as those who can tell the story of Rotary and drive efforts to improve the world. Bell noted that enhanced public image empowers every member to share excitement and enthusiasm using a BIG MEGAPHONE! Wrapping up, Knapp said the Rotary Foundation delivers projects and results made possible by members who can then tell the story of Rotary's impact on the world.

Attendees were moved into breakout rooms facilitated by the Assistant Governors to share ideas which were then reported back to the whole group. District Trainer Gretchen Nollman of West Liberty and District Administrator Carolyn Scharff of Pella handled the online moderating duties.

The event ended with commitments to "move into action" shared, recorded and reported to the group.

Wear your Rotary pin with pride!

NORTH SCOTT

'Momentum is tremendously high'

By Pat Olsen/North Scott

Club President

A lot is happening with North Scott Rotary! We have inducted three new members during the 2021-22 Rotary year: **Marcie Ordaz**, **Salvador Castaneda**, and **Ken Rohwedder**.

One of the themes for this year is "Each One Bring One." Rotary International Shekar Mehta president has asked that each Rotarian do his or her best to bring one guest to their Rotary club to spread the mission of Rotary.

We awarded the past three years' **William F. Tubbs Honor Rotarian Awards** recognizing a new Rotarian each year who embodies all things Rotary. It is hard to select only one to recognize. The past three years were no exception. The 2018-19 award winner is **Sara Somsy**. The 2019-20 award winner is **Sara Diericx**. The 2020-21 award winner is **Mindy Leahy**.

Our club continues to show up and get to work on our projects to "Serve to Change Lives." We hosted our **Youth Harvest Party** and what a day it was for 127 local kids in after school programs to spend an afternoon at Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch. Twenty volunteers from North Scott Rotary and 14 from Davenport Rotary participated.

We also:

Purchased 240 Student Dictionaries to hand out to all 4th-grade students in the North Scott School District.

Welcomed students at North Scott Junior High School on Welcome Wednesdays. Rotarians show up at 7:30 a.m. to greet the junior high students and encourage them to have a good day.

Hosted three Davenport Police Officer and Staff lunches and more are planned.

Held another successful Walter Fahrenkrog Golf Outing at Glynn's Creek Golf Course.

Participated in three parades, and the Homecoming parade was an absolute blast promoting Rotary in the community!

Volunteered at the International Softball Congress Championship Tournament Beer Tent in Eldridge for an entire week to raise money for our programs through tips.

Were an integral part in the 150th Celebration for the City of Eldridge and raised over \$3,100 for the North Scott Food Pantry.

Volunteered at the water stop for the 4-Mile Moonlight Chase night road race at the Eldridge Summer Festival.

Planted flowers and cleaned flower beds on LeClaire Road in Eldridge.

Held another Corn Boil at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds with tremendous attendance and member engagement.

Re-engaged our Interact Club at North Scott Junior High.

Upgraded our piano,

Created a North Scott Rotary store to buy NS Rotary gear.

Were awarded the maximum (\$5,000) for the District Matching Grant Program for North Scott Rotary Adventures, which will take children from after school programs to the Pumpkin Patch, the Family Museum, and the Quad City River Bandits.

Celebrated our club's 48th birthday on Oct. 10.

International service

Two weeks ago we heard from our member, Merle Anderson, about the Imbabazi Centre for Women and Children in Kisoro, Uganda, Africa. Merle has spearheaded this project for our club for many years. Many of our members, and members from other clubs, sponsor a child to give them a better life, an education, a real shot at a future, one that doesn't consist of sex



Six-year-old Paige Allen, a student at Neil Armstrong Elementary in Park View, was pleased with the pumpkin she picked at the Youth Harvest Party.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

trafficking, slavery, and unsanitary living conditions.

After hearing about the program, Merle informed us that there are currently eight spots available for additional children to be sponsored. Those spots are now filled!

Our vision is to empower women and children to overcome poverty, disease and injustice. A Rotary Foundation Global Grant provided health and sanitation, small business enterprises, and a water system for 10,000 people.

The momentum of North Scott Rotary is tremendously high. The work we are doing in our community, our region, and our world is simply remarkable.

DES MOINES AM

Bingo Bash fundraiser, and an In Memoriam for a founding member

By Erwin Moynihan/Des Moines AM

Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Club of Des Moines AM is busy planning a big BINGO Bash fundraiser in February.

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for our foundation and local non-profit organizations. The all-day event will take place on Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

Three of our past presidents, John Bouslog, Tamara Kenworthy and Chris Korte, and our long-time board treasurer Mark Schaul, are all co-chairing the event. Many of our members plan to volunteer and are serving on various sub-committees leading up to the Bash.

Membership

Our club membership remains strong as we continue to navigate the changing conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. We are currently offering a hybrid option for members and our tech committee has been working hard to ensure our virtual option remains engaging for those who attend online.

In memoriam

Finally, past president and well-beloved member of our club, **Kevin McLaughlin**, passed away on Sept. 5. Kevin was one of 12 charter members and served as president from 1998-1999. He was a proud Paul Harris Fellow and was always one of the first people to introduce himself to new members.

Active in politics, Kevin was a fiscal conservative who worked and volunteered for organizations that aimed to cut taxes and privatize Social Security. Kevin was incredibly patriotic and after 9/11 he began clipping the obituaries of fallen soldiers. He carried those in his breast pocket and prayed for them every day. Kevin is survived by his wife, B.J., and three sons. Our club will miss his enthusiasm for life, wit and humor.



IOWA CITY DOWNTOWN

Fundraiser for shelter

By Mark Ruggeberg/Iowa City Downtown

Enjoy Rotary Founders 1905 coffee while supporting Iowa City's Domestic Violence Intervention Program and protecting the climate.

The Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown is selling Founders 1905 Coffee, developed especially for Rotary, to raise money to put solar panels on the Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) building.

This project supports two of Rotary's goals: Saving mothers and children, and protecting the climate. A full system will cost \$80,000. Thus far we have received a \$5,000 District 6000 Rotary Foundation grant for the project and a Community Climate Action Grant from Iowa City for \$10,000.

With additional contributions from the club and individual Rotarians, as well as coffee sales, we have raised a total of \$33,800. A \$36,000 system will prevent the emission of 16.6 metric tons of carbon dioxide, and the money saved on utilities can be used to further the mission of DVIP.

Our goal is to fill the roof. All Rotarians who drink coffee can help by ordering Founders 1905 coffee. A 12-ounce bag of ground coffee is \$12.99 and a box of 24 k-cups is \$19.99. Coffee can be ordered at the following website:

<https://founders1905.com/ref/IowaCityDowntown-64957/>

Enjoy your morning coffee while helping people and helping the planet.

If you would like to donate directly to the solar panel project you can do it at the following link.

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/domestic-violence-intervention-prog/solar-energy-for-the-dvip-emergency-shelter>

'Women In Rotary' make international connections

DG Alka Khanolkar is a member of WIRI (Women in Rotary International) and is a coordinator for the United States.

This group includes women Rotarians from many countries around the world. The international convener is Rotarian Jjulia Gangwani from District 3011 in Delhi, India.

Members meet online by Zoom to learn about Rotary focus areas and to learn from each other about effective ways to address issues. They use WhatsApp to communicate.

Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, the topic was "Rotary Uniting the World in Literacy." Presenters included representatives from Brazil, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mauritius, Reunion Island, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Maldives, Singapore, and the United States.

Ames Morning Rotarian Carolyn Jons joined DG Alka to share a five-minute presentation about how District 6000 clubs promote literacy, including the literacy promotion resources on the District 6000 website: <https://www.rotary6000.org/SitePage/literacy-promotion>.



To learn more about Women In Rotary, contact Carolyn Jons at 515-708-0008, or DG Alka Khanolkar at 319-504-9857.

ATLANTIC

An active summer

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Executive Secretary

The Rotary Club of Atlantic has been active this summer. On July Fourth, the **Pancake Breakfast** was held at the Atlantic Airport. The proceeds from the event are used for the Fourth of July Fireworks. Over 800 people were served. It takes many Rotarians to make this breakfast happen. People help clean the airport hanger and set it up the evening before. Rotarians are needed to fill syrup bottles, cut the butter into chunks, make and serve coffee, serve sausage and milk, mixing the pancake batter so the Pancake Man can keep up grilling for the crowd.

The **Cass County Fair** was held July 28-Aug. 3. The fair is entirely free to attendees. The fair food stand proceeds and volunteers that work it are what makes this possible. The Atlantic Rotary Club helped by working in the kitchen preparing food, serving the customers, making sure there was plenty of desserts in the serving cases and of course cleaning tables.

Another tradition of the Cass County Fair is the **Rotary Watermelon Feed** held the day of the cattle show. This event has been going on for over 35 years. There are parents and grandparents that make sure their children and grandchildren stop for the free watermelon. In just a short time we cut and serve 25 watermelons for the fair attendees.

In August, we recognized the new teachers in the Atlantic Community School District. We hosted 15 new teachers at the luncheon on Aug. 17. Nine of the educators will teach at the high school level, four new teachers at the middle school, and two of the new instructors will teach at the elementary.

Also, in August the Atlantic Rotary Club held its annual **family picnic**. It was a little warm but was well attended by the Rotarians and their families.



Teachers, front (l-r): Matthew Best, high school physical education and weight training; Holly Esbeck, high school social studies; Rebecca Bird, 7th grade social studies; Mikayla Schuler, kindergarten; Katie Hedegaard, 7th grade English; and Even Adamon, high school vocal. **Back:** Tori Dolch, 4th grade; Guy Somers, Iowa Job's for America's Graduates program; Robert Astuni, high school English; James Todd, high school chemistry and physics; Bryce Smith, CCEOC staff/grade 11 aviation teacher; Jon Peterson, 8th grade English; Michelle Fritz, middle school special education; Cayleigh McBee, high school special education and Chery Andersen, English second language. Unable to attend was Jesse McCann

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FELLOWSHIPS

Have more fun with Rotary!

By Nenu Piragine/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Rotary Fellowships Chair

Rotary International describes the objectives of the RI Fellowships as groups to build international communities within Rotary around shared professions, hobbies, skills, interests, and identities. Rotary Fellowships are independent entities that need to follow RI policies while remaining autonomous in their governance, administration, and activities.

To belong to one (or more) of the Rotary Fellowships group is to do Rotary in a fun way: to meet Rotarians or non-Rotarians in activities that are dear to you, that are fun, and maybe do good in the world at the same time. There are over 100 Fellowships groups recognized by RI. And there may be more if you do not find the one that fits your interests, and you organize one.

In our D6000 Rotary Fellowships Team, there are members of the RV, the International Skiing, the Flying Rotarians, and the Rotarian Musicians groups.

During a meeting, the team members decided to contact all D6000 clubs to see whether they would like to have a RI Fellowships presentation. Another point that was discussed was to invite any Rotarian who would like to join the Team, to come forward.

Please, get in touch with Allyson Walters, vice chair (allysonwalter2747@gmail.com), or Nenu Piragine, chair (nenu-piragine@hotmail.com).

Right now, the Team consists of eight members, but it will be fun to count with more members!

Change party held at Keokuk

By Joyce Taylor/Keokuk
Club Secretary

It was a warm and pleasant summer day when the Rotary Gavel for District 6000 passed from Steve Dakin, 2020-2021 District Governor, to Alka Khanolkar, 2021-22 District Governor.

The event began with a luncheon for the Past District Governors at the home of Ty and Julia Logan of Keokuk. The celebration continued at Victory Park near the river front where Rotarian Kirk Brandenberger provided music on his fiddle prior to the ceremony.

Following the "welcome" provided by Dr. Kiran Khanolkar, and the introductions made by Alka Khanolkar, Steve Dakin provided the review of the 2020-21 year. He highlighted the many accomplishments and challenges of leading the district during the pandemic.

This was followed by the gavel passing ceremony and the banner presentation. Alka then shared her vision for her upcoming term as district Governor with her presentation of "We Help to Serve and Change Lives."

One of the focuses of Alka's term is the environment, so the next activity was a tree planting ceremony in Victory Park. With assistance from Bill Koehler, a maple tree was planted in the park. This was followed by refreshments and a river boat excursion.



Literacy walk

During her visit to Decatur County, DG Alka toured the Story Walk Literacy Project with PDG Loring Miller. Stories can be read by the children the first half, and on their return from the trail the second half of the story can be read. This project was started by PDG Erna Morain's brother-in-law, Bill.



Among the attendees at the World Polio Day celebration in the Quad Cities were (l-r): AG Tim Lane (Bettendorf), Larry Thein (Bettendorf president), Pat Olsen (North Scott president), Josie Cochuyt (North Scott president-elect), District Governor Alka Khanolkar, Dr. Bud Phyllis (Rock Island Rotary), Dr. Bob Benson (Iowa Quad Cities Rotary), and Dr. Kiran Khanolkar.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

QUAD CITIES

World Polio Day news: Taliban will join door-to-door effort in Afghanistan

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott
District 6000 News Editor

District 6000 District Governor Alka Khanolkar extended a special greeting when Rotarians from 11 clubs in the Iowa-Illinois Quad Cities celebrated World Polio Day together at the Quad City Botanical Center on Oct. 20. She told about the joy of giving the polio "drops of life," ensuring a polio-free life for that child.

The Rotary Clubs of Bettendorf, Davenport, Iowa Quad Cities and North Scott were well represented.

A 25-minute video of the history of polio and Rotary's role in eradication was "eye opening" for Rotarians of an age who did not experience the fear of

polio in their youth.

Two doctors, both of whom had had polio, spoke: Dr. Bob Benson, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary, and Dr. Bud Phyllis, Rock Island Rotary.

The big news that day was a report in the *New York Times* that the Taliban in Afghanistan have agreed to go door-to-door to deliver the polio vaccine to 11.8 million children. Women workers will be on the front lines.

This is huge, because polio eradication has been set back by the Taliban opposing vaccine campaigns and, in some cases, killing the health workers delivering vaccines.

The event received media coverage in Quad-City newspapers and local TV.

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 ideal of service.

NEWS NOTES

NCPETS WILL BE VIRTUAL

The board of NCPETS, including DGE Steve Wieneke and DGN Dennis Drager and past NCPETS chair, PDG Chris Knapp, determined at its Oct. 18 meeting that training for 2022-23 Rotary club presidents will be held virtually with dates in February 2022 to be determined. NCPETS includes clubs from Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin (Districts 5950, 5960, 5970 and 6000). District 5580 including North Dakota and parts of Canada will be a guest district in 2022. Club leaders should watch for communications from District 6000 and check the NCPETS website, www.northcentralpets.org.

DISTRICT MEETING

DGE Steve Wieneke is providing an opportunity for 2022-23 club presidents and leadership to meet in person at the District 6000 Spring Training Assembly, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the DMACC Center in Newton. Immediately following the training, the annual business meeting will be held. All Rotarians are invited to attend. DGE Wieneke is asking incoming club presidents and AGs to meet at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss, goals, priorities and expectations for the coming year.

INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Rotary International Assembly, at which 530 incoming District Governors from around the world meet with the incoming RI president and leaders to prepare for the upcoming year, will be held in person from Jan. 16-20 at Orlando, Fla. A virtual options has been offered, but DGE Steve Wieneke and Brenda are planning to represent District 6000 in person.

ALL IOWA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Rotarians from District 5970 (northern Iowa) will join us for the first shared District Conference April 22-23, 2022, at the Coralville Hyatt (formerly Marriott). See the promotion for this on page 28. This is the first shared District Conference in 75 years. DG Alka Khanolkar and District 5970 DG Jeff Hassman are conveners. Look for registration at www.rotary6000.org

RI CONVENTION IN HOUSTON

Registration has been open since June for the 2022 Rotary International Convention, which will be June 4-8, 2022, in Houston, Tex. The theme is "Discover New Horizons." Information and registration: <https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston>.

MEMBERSHIP SOCIETY

Rotary International has a new recognition program for new member sponsors – the Membership Society for New Member Sponsors. To be a member of the Membership Society you have to be a Rotarian that has sponsored 25 or more new members into your Rotary club. The Membership Society for New Member Sponsors started in June. on 23 June 2021, and includes the following recognition levels **Bronze** for 25-29 members, **Silver** for 30 to 49 members, **Gold** for 50 to 74, and **Platinum** for 75-plus. Rotary recognizes up to two sponsors for each member. If your club has some who might be eligible, contact PDG Jacques Andrew.

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Rotary Leadership Institute program is active in District 6000 with training scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 30 at First United Methodist Church in Mount Pleasant. RLI is intended for all members, new and experienced alike, with the mission to engage and empower members, and to energize and strengthen your Rotary clubs. To learn more, contact DGE



Blast Off, Launch Rotary!

District Governor-Elect Steve Wieneke and Brenda, of Ankeny, were introduced as District Governors in the Class of 2022-23 at the Zones 25B and 29 Rotary Institute Sept. 7-12 at the Royal Sonesta Houston Galleria, Houston, Texas. Theme of the Institute was "Blast Off, Launch Rotary." The paired Zones cover 23 districts in the upper Midwest and Texas. Attendees from District 6000 were District Governor Alka and Kiran Khanolkar, DGE Steve Wieneke and Brenda, DGN Dennis Drager and Heidi, and PDGs Chris Knapp, Susan Herrick and John Ockenfels. John is pictured below receiving Rotary's International Service Award for a Polio-Free World from RI Director Suzy Howe (I) of Friendswood, Texas. Attendance at the Institute required proof of Covid vaccination or recent negative Covid test.

Photos Provided by Alka Khanolkar



NEWS NOTES

Steve Wieneke, District 6000 RLI Chair: swieneked6k@gmail.com, or 515-250-0507. The next training date is April 9, 2022, at a central Iowa location to be announced.

CARROLL ROTARY HOSPICE BENEFIT

The Rotary Club of Carroll hosted 12 total teams on two fields for the 24th Annual Field of Teams Rotary Hospice Benefit Softball Tournament in July. It was a day of fun for Rotary members, hospice volunteers, 14-inch and 16-inch players, fans, and concession stand workers all helping to collect funds for St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll. The project raised \$4,126 for hospital patients and volunteers. Robert Fashender reports all Rotarians enjoyed a fun-filled day. "Just one of many Carroll Rotary Club projects." The club's Rotary Radio Auction was Oct. 30.

WALK FOR THE DOGS AT WINTERSET

The Rotary Club of Winterset sponsored a Dog Jog 5K run/walk for local dog owners to compete with their pups. Contestants walked two laps around the park. Water stations were set up for humans and dogs. Entry fees were \$35 advance and \$40 the day of the race. Proceeds benefited Paw Pantry, the Winterset Rotary Scholarship Fund, and youth projects.

KEOKUK CENTENNIAL

The Rotary Club of Keokuk turned 100 in May of 2021. However, due to the pandemic the centennial celebration was postponed until 2021-22. This year, the Rotary club is going to honor their centennial birthday throughout the year. Watch for a report in a future newsletter.

LETTER

Dear Bill,

I just read my District 6000 News from PDG Bill Tubbs and wanted to extend my thanks and congratulations to now-PDG Steve Dakin and best wishes to DG Alka Khanolkar as she begins the 2021-2022 Rotary year and encourages Rotarians to "Serve to Change Lives."

Congratulations to the International Award recipients of 2020-2021:

TRF Distinguished Service: Corliss Klaassen.

TRF Citation of Meritorious Service: Terry Geiger.

Regional Service for a Polio Free World: Peggy Geiger.

International Service for a Polio Free World: John Ockenfels.

Service Above Self: Carolyn Jons.

Congratulations to all the award recipients and to all of the Rotarians in District 6000 - you are amazing and certainly live a life of "Service Above Self."

Thank you, Bill, for the outstanding newsletter. It is always filled with outstanding info on Rotarians and the work District 6000 does.

Pat Merryweather-Arges
RI Director-Elect, Naperville, Ill.

OBITUARIES

DORIS GOERING

Doris Anne Cassens Goering, 83, of Ames, spouse of DG 1998-99 Don Goering, died at home with her family by her side on Aug. 5. Doris was born in Sigourney, graduated from UNI, and was a beloved second-grade teacher at Meeker Elementary in Ames much of her adult life. For decades, she was an ever-present attendee with her husband where Rotarians gathered "around the Rotary wheel" (her favorite expression) at district, zone and international meetings. She traveled to six continents with Rotary and was awarded RI's Rotarian Spouse/Partner Award.

Doris devoted her life to serving others through her family, her church, her community, 4-H, Rotary, P.E.O., and wherever there was a need. Even after losing her sight in January 2020, she continued to serve. The love and respect she paid others was abundantly evident at her Aug. 22 memorial service at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Ames, attended by Rotarians across the district, colleagues, friends, and Iowa State University president Wendy Winerstein - with music by the UNI brass ensemble.

- Bill Tubbs



Doris Goering

CORRINE LAMBERT

Former Assistant Governor Corrine Lambert, 69, a member of the Rotary Club of East Polk, died peacefully Sept. 8 following a stroke. A graduate of Hoover High School and Iowa State, she had worked with United Way, Girl Scouts, ISU Extension, and as a massage therapist and healing coach. She found joy in Rotary service. A celebration of life will be at a later date.



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Rotary's goal is a polio-free world! There were 173 cases of polio in 2019. As of June 17, 2021, there were two new cases: one each in Pakistan and in Afghanistan, the most recent Jan. 27. Could this be the year?

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Rotary Opportunities!

ENGAGE MEMBERS and choose projects to support District Governor Alka Khanolkar's goals for **Membership, PolioPlus, Literacy, the Environment** and **Human Trafficking**.

NOMINATE a deserving member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** (p. 5).

ROTARY FOUNDATION: Work to increase your giving to The Rotary Foundation programs and PolioPlus (p. 8-9, 13).

PARTICIPATE in the **Ride to End Polio** and encourage member to do the same (p. 7).

PROMOTE PEACE: See the list of possibilities on page 19 and encourage members to take positive action.

WATCH FOR information from District 6000 to register your incoming president for **NCPETS** and your president-elect and other members for the **District Meeting** (p. 30).

DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Watch for information about the All Iowa District Conference, April 22-23 at Coralville, and encourage members to participate (p. 28, 30).

RI CONVENTION: Register now to get best rates for the June 4-8, 2022, Rotary International Convention in Houston.

SUBMIT NEWS of your activities by Feb. 20, 2022, for the next issue of District 6000 News to PDG Bill Tubbs at btubbs@northscottpress.com. Send text or a Word file or in the body of the email; and free-standing, high resolution .jpg images.

MOKOPANE, SOUTH AFRICA 2022

A photograph of two young children, a boy and a girl, smiling and looking towards the camera. They are wearing a red shirt. The background is slightly blurred, showing an outdoor setting.

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