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EDITOR

Newfound ingenuity moves Rotary forward

Fellowship is wonderful; it illuminates life's pathway, spreads good cheer, and is worth the price.

Paul Harris, This Rotarian Age

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

NCPETS March 12-14 at Rochester, Minn., was the last in-person district Rotary meeting before shelter-in-place orders for COVID-19 were implemented on March 17.



Bill Tubbs

During the 2-1/2 days at Rochester, the 275 attendees (of 350 who registered) from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota observed social distancing as we saw the stock market tumble and learned of the cancellations of the Big 10 and Big Twelve tournaments, the NCAA basketball and wrestling tournaments, Major League Baseball, the Olympics, and school, church services and Rotary club meetings back home.

It was surreal, but as we now know, just a glimpse of how our lives would be changed in the weeks and months ahead because of a tiny virus, invisible to the naked eye but evil in its ability to wreak disruption.

One by one, events that would've brought Rotarians together face-to-face in fellowship and service were cancelled: Xicotepec, District Assembly, Grant Management Seminars, club centennials and fundraisers, Honolulu RI Convention, Flight to End Polio, District 6000 Festival, RYLA and more. Youth Exchange scrambled to keep students safe. Rotary International suspended paid travel through Dec. 31.

Yet Rotary is alive and well, adapting to change with newfound ingenuity, as you will see in this newsletter. The **Rotary Club of Des Moines AM** (page 10) saw no geographical limit for speakers through Zoom and is engaging the world – and growing (page 11). **Blessman Ministries** (page 30) raised \$525,000 with an online auction.



Boone Rotarian David Cook leads a session on club visioning at NCPETS, which was the last in-person district Rotary gathering before shelter-in-place.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

These stories, and more, provide a road-map for our future in our clubs, our district, and Rotary International. But our past is looking good, too, as the infrastructure that Rotary built for polio eradication is helping in the fight against COVID-19 (page 8). Investments in public health, as Rotary knows, **Connect the World**, and are the foundation of strong economies at home and abroad.

Bill Tubbs,
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DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Thanks to you, the world is a better place

Dear Rotarians and Friends of District 6000,

As we begin to open Iowa again from the limitations of the COVID-19 pandemic, my year as Governor is coming to a close. On July 1st, DGE Steve Dakin will officially take over as your new DG for the 2020-21 Rotary year. I'm sure you will give him your full support, just as you have done for me this year. Whatever happens, Rotary rolls on, and Rotarians step up to serve as they always have. Thanks to you, the world is a better place.

**Erna Morain**

This will be my last opportunity to communicate with you in editor Bill Tubbs' outstanding print edition of the happenings in District 6000. There are several thoughts I want to leave with you. I will have one more RD6000 NEWS digital issue to transmit before June 30th, but this will be my last letter in Bill's publication.

During this year I have learned so much and have so many of you to thank. First and foremost, I want to thank each of the 65 club presidents who served with me. Your support and hospitality as my husband Steve and I visited your club is something we will always remember. You have made your own club a successful and inviting organization, and I'm glad to have been your partner during this year. To the district board members who served with me, thank you so much. Your counsel and guidance was invaluable. Also, a big thank you to this year's Assistant Governors and Assistant Governor Coordinator. And to my committee chairs and the active committee members who do so much of the work to make our projects successful. Rotary wouldn't be successful without the work of volunteers like you.

Three emphases

I began this year with three primary areas of emphasis, in addition to the constant goal to improve each of our 65 clubs and maintain the high standards of the district.

First, I wanted to expand the involvement of regular club members – especially our younger ones – on the district board of directors. We accomplished that and have had the blessing of three dynamic younger leaders who will serve rotating terms and hopefully go on to more service at the district level.



Second, I wanted to support food assistance throughout the district, knowing that there are always those who, for whatever reason – and for whatever length of time – will have difficulty feeding themselves and their loved ones. WOW! Who could have known just how big a job that turned out to be this year with the onset of the pandemic. But what a massive show of support from the district and each of our clubs to step up this spring – and after a great outpouring of support for



District Governor Erna Morain and Steve delivered checks on behalf of District 6000 Rotarians and clubs to Michelle Book, CEO of the Food Bank of Iowa. Addressing food insecurity was a goal of Governor Morain. The check for more than \$70,000 will provide more than 400,000 meals. See story on page 4.

Photo provided by Erna Morain

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Over 400,000 meals! Thank you, Rotary!

WOW! Over 400,000 meals! A big Thank You to District 6000 clubs, Rotarians and friends for food assistance. You make a difference –but we're not done yet!

Rotary District 6000 Governor Erna and Steve Morain delivered checks to Michelle Book, CEO of the Food Bank of Iowa. District 6000 Rotary clubs, Rotarians and friends joined together and raised over \$ 70,000 for food supplies for the Food Bank of Iowa, which will be funneled to every food pantry in the communities in which Rotary District 6000 has clubs.

In addition to the direct contributions through the Food Bank network, district clubs and individuals have contributed over \$50,000 and many volunteer hours to their own local food pantries in just the past two months, on top of what they have been doing all year.

The Food Bank of Iowa and its sister food banks can provide four meals for every dollar contributed. The food supplies are distributed on an equitable formula to local food pantries in communities throughout roughly the southern half of the state.



A truck from the Food Bank of Iowa.

In total, Rotarians provided over 400,000 meals that our District 6000 has ensured for those who, through no fault of their own, are being hit hard by the impact of the virus. Governor Erna Morain said that "Service Above Self" has long been the motto of Rotarians throughout the world, and

local members saw the need to help their neighbors. "We know that with the closing of schools, children are not being fed," said DG Morain. "Senior citizens are having difficulty because of restrictions on leaving their homes. Normally, hard working adults have been laid off and are financially unable to provide for their families through no fault of their own."

DG Morain, a Waukee resident, expressed deep appreciation for the work of the local Rotary clubs, their members and friends. "The work is not done, and there is still a tremendous need for food assistance. We hope Rotarians

and others will continue to show their generosity, but we really are thankful for the help of so many to provide for food needs to people across this pandemic. When there is a need, Rotarians step up."

– District Governor Erna Morain

GOVERNOR: Increase use of digital communication

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their local food pantries prior to the COVID outbreak.

Third, I wanted to increase the use of digital communication by our clubs and the district to be more efficient with our members' time and to increase the involvement of more of our members. WOW AGAIN! Careful what you ask for.

We've all been using social media and virtual platforms almost exclusively for months now – and we've learned lessons we'll be able to use in the future. But it will be good to get back to doing it in person in the future, too.

Observations

With the benefit of a year's hindsight, I want to offer several ideas I think could improve our already outstanding district. These are strictly my own and not those of the district board – at least not yet.

One, circumstances have caused us several times this year to have to get approval of our clubs by votes when we could have had difficulty reaching a quorum. Since our only regular annual meeting is held at PETS, we have to do most of our necessary district business there. COVID left us hanging at this year's PETS until the last minute whether we could reach a quorum. Amending our bylaws to allow proxy voting would be a great tool to ensure each club's voice could be recorded, even if circumstances made personal attendance difficult.

I also have a suggestion regarding our Assistant Governor Coordinator position. Susan Herrick, the current AGC has done an outstanding job for several years, and she has agreed to serve again under Steve Dakin. This suggestion has nothing to do with her exemplary service, and I am honored she served so well as my AGC. Currently only a past

district governor can serve in that role. I encourage the District to look at whether it is necessary to require a PDG to hold the position, and to consider whether we should have a term limit on one person's service. Ideally, AGs serve a three-year term. After serving with the outstanding AGs who have and are now serving, I have no doubt that most all of them have the ability and the experience to be outstanding AG coordinators. The philosophy underlying almost all our leadership positions in Rotary limits the time any person serves in a particular spot to give more members the opportunity to serve and to create more future potential leaders. Our bylaws clearly disfavor a PDG to serve as an AG, so why not a similar rule for AG coordinators? A shorter term for AG coordinators could create more potential DG candidates and serve as a stepping stone to the DG role.

Finally, I again urge support for giving each of our members the opportunity to choose to receive this District 6000 News magazine digitally. From our surveys the past two years, there has been overwhelming support to allow members to choose which way they want it. Some prefer to read it digitally. Others want to save the environment, and others just don't want more snail mail. It can also save several thousands of dollars which can otherwise be spent on worthwhile projects. The decision has been made to continue with all hard copy delivery for the upcoming year. We all agree the contents are outstanding, and we are very fortunate to have Bill Tubbs volunteer efforts to produce it. But our members should have the final choice.

All three of these issues can be handled at the annual meeting of clubs held at PETS each year or at a special meeting called to deal with them. If we passed the proxy voting

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GOVERNOR: Zoom with us for big gavel passing

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issue, there would be no need to worry about whether a quorum would have to be present in person. If you agree with me on any or all of these suggestions, mention it to your incoming president and encourage your club to discuss the merits. Your AG can also be helpful in how to have your club raise the issue for a future vote.

Zoom to District Conference

I hope June 26th at 4:30 p.m. is on your calendar. That will be our virtual gavel passing ceremony. You'll want to be on Zoom to watch your club president turn over the gavel and the reins to your incoming president and me turn over the district gavel to Steve Dakin. We want to set a record for the largest digital gavel passing in history, so make sure you will join. We will hear brief words from prominent Iowa Rotarians, and some from Rotary International, as well.

We are disappointed that we cannot hold our District Festival in person at Prairie Meadows this year, but no sense mourning about it. This digital gavel passing and ceremony will be a fitting alternative. We'll also capture the tradition of honoring those Rotarians who died during the year with a digital ceremony led by Rotarian couple **Todd and Joyce Wheeler**. They'll have it on tape so that it can be viewed by members and clubs at a time convenient for them.

We'll also be honoring many of our living members who have performed outstanding service to their clubs, the district and – in some cases – to Rotary International and the world. How will we do it? Virtually on Zoom, of course. We'll be Zooming with clubs throughout the month to thank some of your members for their outstanding service, so check your club bulletins to see what's coming. We may be able to honor a few of our outstanding members with their awards in person, but all within social distancing guidelines.

Generous food assistance

Be sure also to read the story inside this edition about the generosity of District 6000 Rotarians in support of food assistance through the Iowa Food Bank network and local food pantries in the communities where all our 65 clubs are located. It's truly heartwarming to hear the way Rotarians step up to needs wherever we find them. In closing, I again want to thank all of you for your service to Rotary this year – whether at your club level or for District 6000. I am honored to have served you as Governor this year and hope to join you in person again soon. Share the good news and make a difference.

– **Erna Morain, District Governor**

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CASUALTIES OF COVID-19

RYLA looks ahead to 2021

By Wayne Steen/West Liberty

District 6000 RYLA Chair

Iowa RYLA 2020 was cancelled because Grinnell College will not reopen their campus until August 2020 due to COVID-19. We are currently planning for a great Iowa RYLA 2021!

Ally O'Meara, representing the Rotary Club of Indianola, and **Ben Stutting**, representing the Rotary Club of North Scott, have agreed to continue as head counselors for Iowa RYLA 2021. Both are students at the University of Iowa.

Wayne Steen of the Rotary Club of West Liberty will continue as Conference Chair for Iowa RYLA 2021. **Dave Kutter** of Cedar Rapids will continue as conference vice chair and registrar for Iowa RYLA 2021.

The dates for Iowa RYLA 2021 will be Sunday, July 18 to Friday, July 23, at Grinnell College. We will have more specific information for high school students who want to attend Iowa RYLA 2021 in the next issue of *District 6000 News*.

We will also have more information about Rotarians who want to volunteer for RYLA 2021 in the next issue. Please mark your calendars now for July 18-July 23, 2021. We are going to need many Rotary volunteers for 2021!

If you have any questions or are interested in more information about volunteering for Iowa RYLA 2021, please email Wayne Steen at pythagoras78@hotmail.com.

For District 6000 Rotary club presidents of the 2020-21 Rotary year, I would love to come and give a presentation to your club about Iowa RYLA 2021 when state social distancing rules are officially ended.

We are also planning to have a monthly Iowa RYLA four-minute video presentation beginning this fall that you can show at your club meetings.

I want to personally thank everyone who has supported RYLA in the past. RYLA makes a big difference every year in the lives of 240 Iowa high school students. We really need all Rotarians to help us to continue the great tradition of Iowa RYLA in 2021!

Youth Exchange impacted

As the impact of COVID-19 affected families around the world and schools were closed, Rotary Youth Exchange was likewise affected. Our Outbound students joined their host families, sheltering in place. Inbound students joined D6000 host families sequestering.

As of June 6, two Outbound students remain in Europe while others have returned to Iowa. All but one of our Inbound students have returned to their sponsoring districts. Our No. 1 concern was students' health and safety. Everyone had to adapt, and they handled the challenges well.

Because of the future uncertainty of COVID-19, District 6000, like many districts worldwide, will not participate in the 2020-21 RYE cycle. However, we WILL participate in the 2021-22 cycle.

Thank you to many Rotarians and host families who helped us through this challenge. Special shout-outs to RYE coordinators **Paul Kalainoff** and **Beth and Sean Saxton**, and to Rotarian **Elaine Shalla** of Meacham Travel.

– **Greg Probst and PDG Chris Knapp, RYE Co-Chairs**

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Loring Miller receives Rotary's highest honor

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

District 6000 Awards Co-Chair

The recipient of Rotary International's most prestigious individual honor, the Service Above Self award, is PDG Loring Miller of Decatur County. The award was presented during a Zoom meeting of his club's board on June 11 instead of at district conference due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The presentation, which was a surprise to Miller, was recorded and will be archived on the District website, www.Rotary6000.org.

The announcement was made by District Awards chair Bill Koellner and co-chair Jacque Andrew who said that RI receives about 350 nominations per year; no more than one may be nominated per district. This year just 143 Rotarians were chosen to receive the award, which recognizes those who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

"Recipients reflect Rotary's 'Four-Way Test'," Koellner said, "and they must be an inspiration to others, and have exemplary ethical and moral character." Koellner enumerated PDG Miller's extensive leadership in his community and state, Rotary club, many levels of Rotary Youth Exchange leadership, district and Rotary International, and invited DG Erna Morain to present the award.

Excerpts from PDG Loring's nomination submitted by DG Erna:

Personal biography: "More than a man of endless ideas, Loring breathes life into them with dedicated and continued service to his club, Rotary district, community, state, and the world. No challenge or problem is too large for him to conquer with his leadership skills to rally teams to join him in seeking solutions through service. As a PDG, his wide range of interests from Youth Exchange to polio to TRF have been the beneficiaries along with scouting, community theater, and highway history preservation, among countless others.

Rotary Service Activities: A commitment to youth led him to 25 years of service on the District Youth Exchange Committee, introducing him to the world of Rotary beyond community borders; 10 years as chair. He was president of the USA/Canada YE Network (NAYEN) and in 2010-11 was president of South Central RYE (SCRYE). He spoke at five RI YE pre-convention workshops and introduced "Tour USA" for RYE students to see the rest of the nation. He and his wife hosted five RYE students. He was founder of RotaKids in Iowa elementary schools. Was co-chair of a RYLA program serving two districts in Iowa. He served the world's children as Polio NID volunteers in India and Nigeria; helped build a school in Mexico and an orphanage in China. He received the RI Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He initiated a cataract surgery project in India and provided technology to a medical facility in Brazil. Coordinated the year-long home stays and education of 40 South African youth in Iowa and their statewide choral performances with opera singer Simon Estes as a district project in 1998-99.

Describe how this candidate embodies Service Above Self: As a third generation Rotarian, Loring followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps seeing their efforts to contribute to the common good of the community, and put Service Above Self. This concept was woven into his nature. Whether as business owner in Leon, as a parent or as a volunteer in Rotary or elsewhere, he chooses to serve no matter what.

His impact in scouting, Youth Exchange, RYLA and in the innovative elementary school program, "RotaKids," will be felt for generations to come as these youth experienced an exemplary model of Service Above Self. His generosity of resources shines brightly in his support of The Rotary Foundation as a Paul Harris Society, Major Donor and Bequest Society member as an inspiration to others to support the Foundation. Loring's service has been recognized by others with the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame award, Governor's Volunteer Award and the Leon Outstanding Citizen award. Finally, as another from Leon said, "Loring's mark on Decatur County is everywhere you look."



Service Above Self: Loring Miller and Phyllis

Service Above Self recipients from District 6000:

Bud Louis (Iowa City)	Bill Koellner (West Liberty)
John Cortesio (Des Moines)	Bill Tubbs (North Scott)
Don Goering (Ames)	Herb Wilson (Iowa City AM)
Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM)	Ray Muston (Iowa City)
Gary Pacha (Iowa City)	Jacquie Andrew (Jefferson)
Brock Earnhardt (Davenport)	Loring Miller (Decatur County)

POLIOPLUS PIONEER

Noble honored for early work for polio eradication

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

District 6000 Awards Co-Chair

The Rotary Foundation presents the PolioPlus Pioneer Award annually to Rotarians who performed exceptionally meritorious service to the ultimate cause of polio eradication PRIOR to Nov. 1, 1992. Truly a distinct honor, this year there were only NINE recipients worldwide who have received this award. These recipients were very early supporters of the global effort to rid the children of the world of this disease.

The recipient from District 6000, chosen as ONE of NINE in the world is PDG Ken Noble of the Rotary Club of West Liberty. His award was presented at his Rotary club meeting via Zoom on June 2.

Excerpts from PDG Ken's nomination submitted by DG Erna:

As an active member of the Rotary Club of West Liberty for 40 years (since 1979), Ken was an early adopter to devote time and resources to the Polio eradication efforts of Rotary International. He and his wife, Jo, participated in their first National Immunization Day in 1991 in Mexico. Following this trip, he was an outstanding and vocal advocate in his club and the district for participation in PolioPlus.

While all were not completed before 1992, Ken made a plan to participate in three more NIDs on three continents. One was even to the Philippines, where the polio effort began.

From the beginning of the PolioPlus effort, Ken was an ardent advocate throughout the district for giving to the

polio fund. He worked particularly closely with DG Doyle McCully who led the district at the time of the announcement of the campaign in 1987. Ken made many polio presentations to garner funds for the effort.

His attendance at multiple Rotary International Conventions prior to 1992 was driven by his desire to learn more about the eradication effort firsthand and even capped one convention with an NID.

What sets Ken's PolioPlus advocacy apart is his work with youth. As a member and leader of the Rotary District 6000 Youth Exchange Committee for many years, starting on the committee as a new Rotarian in 1979, Ken shared the story of the polio effort with young people.

In 1989, he began telling more than 30 inbound and outbound students EVERY YEAR about what Rotary was doing to eradicate polio. A PolioPlus message was always part of the required trainings for RYE students in District 6000. Often, the eradication effort was taking place in their own countries or the

ones to which they were traveling. This made a huge and very personal impact on these students and their inbound and outbound parents/host parents as well. Ken's passion for polio eradication shared with youth eager to learn and share the story was a magical and unique collaboration.

Ken is truly deserving of recognition of The Rotary Foundation's Polio Pioneer award and he continues to support the effort to this day!



Jo Noble and Polio Pioneer, PDG Ken Noble,

Gerald Klonglan receives Citation for Meritorious Service

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

District 6000 Awards Co-Chair

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



Gerald Klonglan

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

Excerpts from Gerald's nomination:

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

the grant process, learning all of its nuances.

In 2014, he developed a TRF Grant for an operational water supply/delivery system for Kigogo Sub-Village, Tan-

zania. The 1,500 residents had no local source of water or electricity. Thanks to this grant:

A deep water well and delivery system were built; electricity was brought to village;

Villagers and the water committee were educated on use, repair and maintenance of the system for sustainability; and

Follow-up appraisals showed that their lives were significantly improved with access to clean, safe water.

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

Success yielded more projects: Construction of the \$250,000 deep well, pump house, storage tank and piping to multiple distribution points around the village of 378 households of Masandare, Tanzania was his next. Now he has shepherded a total of four global grants of over \$1 million in funding to improve this region.

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

COVID-19

Rotary's polio infrastructure aids in fight

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

District 6000 PolioPlus chair

It has been the No. 1 priority of Rotary International since 1987 to eradicate the wild polio virus from the planet. Many of our Rotarians weren't born when polio was devastating communities and countries, and only know of polio through the education efforts of Rotary International.

Although our results have taken a few steps backward in this effort, Rotary has done amazing work since 1987, reducing the number of cases in the world to under 50 cases each year for the past three years. 19 million children have been saved from this crippling killer since 1988.



You may not remember the polio epidemic and the fear that gripped parents that their children might be exposed to the polio virus, but you only have to observe the fear that this latest COVID-19 pandemic is instilling in the citizens of the world to understand.

The world is facing another virus that is headed toward killing over 100,000 people in the U.S. since last March. You can take pride in the fact that the lessons that Rotary has learned fighting the wild polio virus were used to stop the Ebola epidemic a few years ago, and is stepping forward now to help the world fight the latest pandemic, COVID-19.

Because we have been working on immunizing children throughout the world for over 30 years, we have a polio infrastructure that can be replicated by those warriors who are testing people for COVID-19, tracing contacts of those testing positive for the virus, and eventually getting the COVID-19 vaccine to the world when it is developed. Our global communication network will aid the CDC and the World Health Organization who are already familiar with the success of Rotary International.

In the meantime, we need to stay vigilant regarding our priority to defeat the wild polio virus. Certainly we will continue to help stem the onslaught of COVID-19, but if we completely forget about the wild polio virus it will come back at us with the vengeance it has always exercised.

Educating our communities can still go on, with the advantage that the current pandemic should make it easier to understand the story of polio. And the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation match of \$2.00 for every \$1.00 given to polio eradication is still active. PolioPlus giving is ongoing in District 6000 and we should continue in our fight.

Of course, it is now incumbent on each of us to protect ourselves and the people that we love and come in contact with to do all of the things that are proving to protect us from COVID-19: practice social distancing, wash your hands often, wear a face mask when you are in public settings, and avoid being in crowds.

We want all of you back at our next Rotary meeting. Stay safe!

'We have a polio infrastructure that can be replicated by those warriors who are testing people for COVID-19, tracing contacts of those testing positive for the virus, and eventually getting the COVID-19 vaccine to the world when it is developed.'



In anticipation of the Flight to End Polio, which was to have taken off March 24, Cedar Rapids Mayor Brad Hart signed a proclamation and presented it to pilots Peter Teahen (fifth from right) and John Ockenfels (third from right, with Deb), who were to embark March 24 on a 51-day around-the-world flight to raise funds for polio eradication. District Governor Erna Morain and District 5970 DG Michelle Bell and PDG James Coloff were among the well wishers. Due to concerns about COVID-19, the flight has been postponed until May 28, 2021.

Photos from DG Erna Morain's March RD 6000 News



Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a proclamation on Feb. 24 naming March 7 as "Flight To End Polio Day." Several members of Rotary, including District 5970 Governor Michelle Bell and District 6000 DGE Steve Dakin, were present for the proclamation at the Capitol building.

POLIOPLUS

Iowa Wolves 12-year total: Over \$200,000

By PDG Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines

Iowa Energy PolioPlus chair

In November of 2008, sixteen Des Moines area Rotary clubs met with officials of the Iowa Energy D-League basketball team and formulated a plan to raise funds to assist in the worldwide eradication of polio.

The plan was relatively simple: Iowa Energy (now the Iowa Wolves) provided the mechanism (a D-League basketball game) to enable the Des Moines Area Rotary clubs to receive a 50 percent per ticket rebate to be sent to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication. This provided the clubs an opportunity to collectively raise funds in a social fun atmosphere, while providing positive public exposure of the Rotary brand, while at the same time giving non-Rotarians a chance to financially support eradication efforts in a fun and inexpensive family event. In 2017, the Minnesota Timberwolves acquired the Iowa Energy franchise, and enthusiastically embraced the polio eradication effort.

Largest turnout in 2020

Des Moines area Rotary clubs have actively supported the Global Polio Eradication Initiative effort. On Feb. 1, 2020, one of the largest crowds of the year witnessed the Iowa Wolves beating the Aqua Caliente Clippers in an exciting high-scoring explosion, 140-104. Rotary gathered much exposure to polio eradication efforts throughout the game by highly visible Rotarians collecting donations in yellow buckets and many PSA's shown on the Daktronics large screen video/scoreboard, and by on-the-floor announcements before the game and at the third quarter break.

More than \$13,000 was collected from donations and ticket sales. With the Bill and Melinda Gates matching 2 for 1 grant, that total became \$39,000; making the 12-year total collected over \$200,000, enough to immunize approximately 450,000 children. 1,202 tickets were purchased/sold by Rotarians (14,615 for the 12 years), including more than 350 tickets provided to local youth groups and other 501(c)3 groups who would not otherwise be able to attend a game.

Response to increased cases

Coincidentally, 2008, the year we started, was a year marked by increased polio cases in 15 African countries, as well as Pakistan and India, as the virus was imported into areas previously with little or no new activity. There was an increase of new cases to 1,652 from the previous year; where the previous 10 years has seen a steady decline.

So, the partnership of the area Rotary clubs and the Iowa Energy was consistent with the renewed collaborative efforts of the World Health Organization (WHO), the United States Center for Disease Control (USCDC), UNICEF, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, many governments, and Rotary International. Only four countries remained where polio was endemic: Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative continues to be supported by 145 laboratories, using new methods to test for existence of the virus, allowing improved responses to outbreaks. In 2014, we were able to announce to the basketball audience that India had gone three years without a new case of polio, leaving only three polio endemic countries. In 2016, Nigeria had gone two years without a new case, when four new cases were imported from Pakistan and Afghanistan, reinforcing the need to completely eradicate the virus from all parts of the world. Concomitantly, new cases were reported in Syria, Sudan, and Somalia, all previously polio-free.



Ed Arnold of Northwest Des Moines Rotary is ready for pregame announcements.



Present for the symbolic check passing were (l-r): Marie Pipes (East Polk), Vernet Riley (Perry), Alex Barker (Iowa Wolves), Bill W. Corwin and Ed Arnold (Northwest), Dr. Jeff Stickel (Des Moines) and Kevin McLaughlin (Des Moines AM). Committee members not available for the picture were Breanne Fortner (Greater Des Moines), Char Vukovich (Norwalk), Ron Heideman (Indianola), Brad Kobernusz (Waukee), Christopher Dean (West Des Moines), Luke Vogel (West Polk), Bill D. Corwin (Northwest) and Greg Baker/John Waldron (Johnston).

Since the 2016 outbreak was met with a quick and thorough response, the number of new cases has dropped dramatically. There were only 37 in 2016 and 23 in 2017; however, 2018 experienced a slight regression to 33 new cases; and in 2019, a disturbing increase to 173 new cases, highlighting the importance of completely eradicating the virus.

In August of 2019, Nigeria completed three years of being free of new cases of polio.

DES MOINES AM SPEAKERS

Zoom: Rotary Connects the World, virtually



President Mark Maloney

By Bev McLinden/Des Moines AM
Club Executive Secretary

Rotary International President Mark Maloney was our speaker at the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM meeting on Friday morning, April 17.

We invited the Rotary Club of Des Moines (Thursday noon club) to join us, and we also had several of our friends from the Uganda Kampala South club and the Sunrise Kampala club join us that day. We have partnered with the Kampala South Club in an ongoing clinic construction project in the rural village of Kikwanda, now in the final Phase III construction. DMAM Rotary is

looking forward to the possibility of visiting the area early in 2021. Building will be completed and operational by then.

Fun with Zoom meeting speakers

We've had fun with our Zoom meeting speakers. On May 22nd we had a former DMAM founding member and past club president, Steve Churchill, join us from China with Ambassador Terry Branstad. Steve is the Ambassador's chief of staff. Both were relaxed and enjoyed seeing friendly Iowa faces.

Embracing virtual meetings has allowed us to reach out beyond the metro area. We enjoyed professional speaker Bill Graham from Graham Corporate Communications, Inc., who spoke on the topic of, "Likeability Matters...Even on Zoom,"

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Ambassador Terry Branstad connected with the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM, pictured here with Chief of Staff, Steve Churchill, who was charter president of DMAM Rotary.

providing actionable advice and tips on how to improve your presence using virtual platforms. And on May 15th, Richard Kurin, a Smithsonian Scholar and Ambassador, gave a presentation on "the many endeavors of the Smithsonian around the world and beyond the museums in Washington, D.C."

Six new member inductions

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In May, we inducted three new members, and have three more scheduled for June 5th! We're delighted that the membership pipeline hasn't slowed down!

These are just a few examples of how DMAM leadership embraced the challenges imposed by the pandemic. Our hope is that other clubs have discovered ways to enhance their programs during this difficult time, too!

Presidents-Elect attend 'education' sessions

By Ron Heideman/Indianola
District Trainer/Educator

The pandemic has changed many things for Rotary in our district. A positive change is we have an "Education" Team, previously known as a "Training" Team. As DGE Steve Dakin says, "We train animals. We educate Rotarians."

Many Presidents-Elect and Presidents-Nominee couldn't attend PETS because of the pandemic. We had to scramble to design and implement an education plan at the direction of Rotary International and DGE Dakin.

We formed a new Education Team composed of DGE Dakin, PDG Chris Knapp, PDG and Assistant Governor Coordinator Susan Herrick, DGN Alka Khanolkar, DGND Steve Wieneke, District Trainer Ron Heideman, and District Trainer-Elect Gretchen Nollman.

We planned a four-week cram course for the soon-to-be

presidents. Each session was one hour long on Zoom. The sessions were:

"How to Stay Connected" using virtual platforms to conduct regular Rotary club meetings, board meetings, and social events;

"Rotary Club Goals" designed to help write Foundation, Polio and Membership goals and enter them at Rotary Club Central;

"Bringing Leadership Home" focused on leading your club; and **"Strategic Planning/Visioning for Clubs."**

Each session had a 15-minute overview with everyone, 30-minute discussion in small groups of Assistant Governors, PEs and PNs using Zoom Rooms, and a 15-minute review with everyone. We learned that Rotarians are flexible. We can be "Rotary" even during a pandemic.

Rotary District 6000 19-year club membership trends

(Table compiled by Editor PDG 2004-05 Bill Tubbs, June 2020, from official RI Membership records published in back issues of District 6000 News)

	Jan. 2001	Jan. 2003	July 2005	July 2006	July 2007	July 2008	July 2009	July 2010	July 2011	July 2012	July 2013	July 2014	July 2015	July 2016	July 2017	July 2018	July 2019	June 2020	19-yr. NET
Adel	29	22	28	29	26	29	29	28	26	26	27	27	37	37	34	32	28	24	-5
Albia	32	34	41	37	34	33	32	32	28	28	24	30	22	28	28	24	24	27	-5
Ames	258	260	273	263	268	264	247	237	230	230	235	232	224	226	217	206	186	185	-73
Ames Morning	57	67	72	66	70	63	69	61	61	61	54	56	55	55	59	59	52	47	-10
Ankeny	53	57	72	77	63	60	60	63	62	62	66	61	61	77	85	86	83	101	+48
Atlantic	62	56	61	61	63	66	67	65	64	64	55	56	58	58	58	56	62	62	-
Bettendorf	85	92	76	92	90	88	92	101	113	113	101	107	103	101	102	105	94	100	+15
Bloomfield	12	11	14	14	15	14	15	14	14	14	11	11	10	10	10	11	12	12	-
Boone	63	71	71	65	61	62	58	54	52	52	47	45	42	34	41	51	50	48	-15
Burlington	104	108	104	108	103	96	97	90	85	85	77	75	80	79	80	80	76	76	-28
Carroll	61	61	59	60	56	59	59	56	55	55	50	45	46	44	43	44	42	37	-24
Centerville	55	46	53	48	49	40	39	40	41	41	48	50	50	46	45	46	45	40	-15
Chariton	61	59	56	49	55	54	53	57	53	53	49	50	41	41	34	30	39	40	-21
Clinton	126	122	124	120	110	124	119	115	116	116	112	103	98	97	94	90	91	80	-46
Coon Rapids	24	24	25	25	26	27	26	23	29	29	31	27	27	31	34	30	29	28	+4
Coralville-N. Corridor	56	44	47	43	37	33	30	27	22	22	19	17	20	21	22	24	23	22	-34
Corning	63	57	59	56	53	53	47	49	48	48	43	36	34	33	32	32	31	31	-32
Corydon	30	23	20	17	18	15	15	17	20	20	21	21	18	15	16	17	16	18	-12
Creston	26	33	32	19	19	18	21	21	19	19	19	23	23	19	17	18	21	21	-5
Dallas Center	31	29	26	25	21	22	25	26	26	26	26	27	27	28	26	25	28	30	-1
Davenport	213	220	184	173	180	174	168	133	132	132	123	120	112	113	110	107	101	94	-119
Decatur County	18	17	19	14	15	17	19	20	25	25	25	26	30	32	31	30	30	28	+10
Des Moines	373	383	372	366	353	345	331	306	294	294	278	278	276	270	269	255	240	230	-143
Des Moines AM	118	134	143	139	127	134	143	138	139	139	153	160	170	170	179	189	194	200	+82
East Polk County	30	35	43	46	48	37	40	41	42	42	37	38	34	31	29	29	27	23	-7
Fairfield	62	74	71	69	75	68	68	65	60	60	63	58	74	60	57	56	47	42	-20
Fort Madison	52	46	46	49	49	55	54	58	52	52	42	45	49	53	55	51	48	43	-9
Greater Des Moines	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	44	37	37	19	16	12	12	11	13	26	17	+17
Grinnell	34	37	38	31	30	32	31	31	33	33	36	37	38	40	35	38	36	36	+2
Indianola	58	49	48	49	51	51	52	45	50	50	55	57	54	53	54	47	39	37	-19
Iowa City	281	273	311	309	300	308	298	297	303	303	304	302	312	329	333	317	293	285	+4
Iowa City AM	66	59	55	58	54	57	56	55	55	55	57	62	66	69	74	71	74	80	+14
Iowa City Downtown	-	-	21	27	28	26	19	18	19	19	19	19	23	21	23	25	22	23	+23
Iowa Quad Cities	41	41	54	51	54	53	48	48	47	47	44	40	41	42	38	42	38	38	-4
Jefferson	70	60	57	54	53	57	56	54	53	53	55	56	59	59	56	60	59	56	-14
Johnston	33	31	36	37	42	47	49	49	53	53	51	56	60	49	52	43	49	49	+16
Kalona	38	38	43	42	45	45	46	45	43	43	39	42	42	41	43	40	38	40	+2
Keokuk	93	89	90	87	78	82	83	87	84	84	77	68	66	71	57	53	45	42	-51
Keosauqua	26	33	29	29	31	28	24	24	26	26	21	23	24	22	23	24	26	26	-
Knoxville	63	70	65	65	66	64	68	67	63	63	59	61	61	58	48	53	45	37	-26
Lenox	38	35	35	32	28	26	26	26	23	23	27	27	29	28	27	25	25	26	-12
Manning	33	30	20	16	17	17	17	20	22	22	19	19	19	25	21	23	22	22	-11
Marengo	14	12	10	12	14	15	14	12	10	10	12	11	11	10	10	11	10	10	-4
Marshalltown	183	199	191	186	182	175	174	168	158	158	157	157	150	147	145	133	127	119	-64
Mount Pleasant Noon	39	35	34	36	36	34	39	37	51	51	58	55	52	55	47	51	56	53	+14
Mount Pleasant	27	34	31	30	28	25	30	28	24	24	25	22	20	20	18	18	16	15	-12
Muscatine	146	142	144	139	132	131	123	125	117	117	112	99	79	77	69	66	67	68	-78
Nevada	63	67	65	61	61	61	64	61	66	66	69	73	71	69	61	53	54	48	-15
Newton	99	111	91	91	91	80	79	72	72	72	65	57	60	55	49	40	36	38	-61
North Scott	88	94	102	102	101	99	104	96	91	91	81	81	85	86	89	88	88	98	+10
N'West Des Moines	67	87	76	69	70	58	54	51	49	49	41	43	34	40	36	37	36	37	-30
Norwalk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	24	18	18	+18
Osceola	47	40	40	40	34	34	31	30	28	28	31	30	28	29	25	22	22	21	-26
Oskaloosa	70	60	38	57	56	58	55	50	55	55	53	49	56	55	57	54	59	58	-12
Odyssey of Ottumwa	-	10	11	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ottumwa	124	119	108	110	111	112	110	100	98	98	104	105	97	98	92	89	82	77	-47
Pella	41	42	43	41	40	39	41	39	40	40	27	28	29	30	29	29	26	26	-15
Perry	33	40	32	33	33	31	26	26	29	29	29	26	26	26	26	23	23	22	-11
Tipton	34	32	30	34	32	32	26	24	28	28	30	31	30	26	27	22	28	25	-9
Washington	65	56	68	68	63	62	62	61	55	55	48	52	49	48	43	42	43	41	-24
Waukee	37	37	50	65	68	57	47	54	58	50	52	63	58	64	69	64	68	75	+38
Wellman	33	34	33	31	36	33	36	37	36	26	37	38	36	34	30	29	26	23	-10
West Des Moines	100	88	87	80	79	81	80	74	71	71	76	76	62	63	52	51	50	49	-51
West Liberty	38	43	36	36	36	33	32	37	39	39	39	36	3XX	44	46	41	38	38	-
West Polk County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	23	20	31	18	19	20	24	22	+22
Winterset	45	45	32	28	37	31	31	30	29	29	30	27	25	30	33	29	28	30	-15
TOTAL	4,421	4,451	4,462	4,384	4,307	4,234	4,184	4,053	4,015	4,015	4,015	3,917	3,854	3,853	3,793	3,693	3,580	3,514	-907

XICOTEPEC PROJECT

Service continues despite COVID cancellation

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

Xicotepec Project chair

On March 8, the first cases of novel coronavirus infections in Iowa were confirmed. In the following days, the likelihood of the rapid spread became evident, and as of May 26 over 18,000 Iowans had contracted Covid-19, the illness caused by the virus. Many events and plans were canceled, and daily routines were changed dramatically as the reality of the pandemic became clear.

The planned 2020 trip to Xicotepec Project was just one of many casualties of the pandemic. Originally planned for March 14-22, the trip was officially called off on March 5 when Iowa's Board of Regents canceled all university-sponsored international travel by Iowa students. All 35 project team members who had planned to go to Xicotepec were notified by email of the cancellation of the 2020 trip.

Unfortunately, with only nine days to go before departure for Mexico, many of the team's travel expenses such as airline tickets and hotel stays had already been paid, and only a portion of these funds were recovered after a great deal of effort by D6000 Rotarians. Special thanks go to Bob Main (Rotary Club of Newton) and Elaine Shalla (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM) for their help in this regard.

Funds that had been raised for projects in Xicotepec were transferred to the Rotary Club of Xicotepec so that the projects could proceed. Some of those projects are:

Roof for a new classroom at the Sebastián Lerdo de Tejada preschool in San Pedro Itztla;

Toilet replacement at the Clemente Vázquez primary school in San Pedro Itztla;

Help with construction of a dining area at the Emiliano Zapata primary school in Vista Hermosa;

Installation of security grilles at the Juan de la Barrera primary school in Duraznotla;

Construction of bus stops at the Hospital Integral and in El Tabacal;

School furniture for the Simón Bolívar preschool in El Tabacal.

In many cases, funds raised by the Xicotepec Project are supplemented by funds from parents' groups at the schools or from the municipal government.

School was first project in 2002

In 2002, the first project undertaken in the D6000-RC of Xicotepec collaboration was the construction of classrooms at the Rotary Club primary school in Los Tezontles. Since the Xicotepec Rotary Club began supporting this school in the mid-90s, it has evolved from its sticks-and-tarpaper beginnings into one of the best primary school facilities in Xicotepec.

For several years, a "final project" at the school – adding one more classroom and a multi-use room and reconstructing the school office – has been considered. Thanks to efforts by

While things remain uncertain at this stage due to the pandemic, the usual fall planning trip to Xicotepec and the March 2021 project team trip will go forward if safety concerns can be addressed and health risks eliminated or minimized.



The history of the Xicotepec Project was presented via Zoom to Rotaractors from all of District 4185 in Mexico, by team leaders Jim Peterson and PDG Tom Narak, and founders PDG Gary and Nancy Pacha and PDG Ray and Linda Muston.

Xicotepec and D6000 Rotarians, the municipal government headed by President Lupita Vargas has agreed to cover the construction costs, with the Xicotepec Project taking on the responsibility for purchase and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment for the new space. Once completed, no other major improvements for the school should be necessary.

Support continued where possible

Xicotepec Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors have continued, where possible, to help their community. The Xicotepec Rotaract Club recently proposed a small project to purchase PPE for health workers in Xicotepec, and Iowa City Interactors are considering getting involved in this project.

On May 15, **PDG Tom Narak** and **Jim Peterson** presented via Zoom to Rotaractors from all of District 4185 (Mexico); they were joined by project founders **Nancy and PDG Gary Pacha** and **Linda and PDG Ray Muston**, and the presentation was on the history and evolution of the Xicotepec Project.

Also attending the Zoom meeting were Xicotepec Rotary Club president Luis Arturo Arroyo and Vinicius Marques, who was a RYE student from Brazil who was in Xicotepec during the 2018-19 school year. The presentation and Q and A that followed was nothing like truly being in Xicotepec with so many close friends – but was nonetheless a great opportunity to see each others' faces and share news.

Would you like to be involved?

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If you would like to be on the Xicotepec Project's email list, or if you have inquiries or comments, please email to info@xicoproject.org. For more detailed information about the project or to donate to the project, see The Xicotepec Project's website at <https://xicoproject.org>. You can also check the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/xicoproj/> for current information.

Meet your Rotary Scholar

District 6000 is sponsoring two Rotary Scholars in 2019-20. Kasra Zarei is a graduate of Iowa City West High School and the University of Iowa who is studying Immigrant and Refugee Health at Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. His degrees at Iowa were bachelor of arts in psychology, bachelor of science in mathematics, biochemistry and bio-medical engineering. He also has master of science and Ph. D. degrees in bio-medical engineering. He speaks Farsi, French, Swedish and Arabic in addition to English. He is in the medical degree program at Iowa and hopes to work in global health. Here is Kasra's report. Our other scholar, Sydney Bergman, in London, England, was featured in the February issue of District 6000 News. Thanks to District 6000 Scholars Chair Liz Beck of Ames for procuring this report.

By Kasra Zarei

District 6000 Rotary Scholar

Broadly I am studying what is referred to as the “syndemic of despair.” To provide some background, an epidemic is a health problem that affects a large number of people that has increased beyond what was anticipated (some examples being the opioid epidemic, substance use, suicide, etc.).

A syndemic is a group of related epidemics that interact synergistically and have related causal factors, social determinants, and health outcomes. Adverse childhood experiences (psychological trauma) which have health implications so early in life, and are a component of many of the syndemics and epidemics we are seeing today, both in the United States and globally. Childhood adversity affects so many people and is an underlying element of many of the health conditions seen today locally and globally.

A large part of my research for my doctoral and post-doctoral studies focuses on understanding causes of psychological trauma, and developing tools and interventions to improve the health of people worldwide. An individual's health is influenced by so many factors – migration, community resources, genetic predispositions, and climate change.

One of my projects focuses on understanding the causes of a condition called Resignation Syndrome that affects asylum-seeking families and is unique to Sweden. I am also working on developing and validating psychological treatments for what are called “intrusive memories” related to trauma, and developing resources including educational modules and virtual patients to teach professionals about adopting culturally-aware, trauma-informed care and systems. Long-term, I plan to write a book that uses personal storytelling to tell the stories of refugees and Resignation Syndrome in Sweden, and include a research-based discussion about what sustainable immigration health and policy should be worldwide.

My research and studies don't deal a lot with some of the emerging and dangerous global viruses we've been hearing about in the news. I have some projects related to HIV and evaluating harm reduction interventions. I am researching some of the health impacts of climate change and pollution levels on maternal and child health, and doing some work with the World Values Survey to understand how cross-country/cultural values are impacting so many of the phenomenon we see in the world.

I'm also developing some digital/mobile health tools to help professionals with assessing health in low-resources settings or any global community. Sweden is the birthplace of so much innovation, and as a country they use technology and practice medicine and public health so well (among many other things). I enjoy pursuing all of these projects from an interdisciplinary lens including neuroscience, public health, epidemiology, medicine, engineering, and storytelling.

Think globally and act locally

Closely intertwined with my research is my involvement with various community organizations. Specifically, I have developed connections with the Transcultural Center and various clinics and non-governmental organizations in Sweden to gain a deeper understanding and expertise about cross-cultural care. The first-hand experience is what was my biggest motivation for applying for the grant in the first place.

I was hoping to do more work with a unique non-profit in Stockholm called Livstycket (<http://www.livstycket.com/>), a connection that was made possible through the Rotary Club of Stockholm International, but sadly the

organization closed at the end of 2019. However, I hope to use everything I observed and learned towards developing a similar organization in the United States that reaches communities and populations globally.

In short, I have not completed my projects yet – some of them are short-term projects with specific questions and answers as endpoints, but much of my work reflects my longer-term vision and desire to do something truly meaningful for the world. I've also had a bit of delay in relocating, but have used the time for extensive planning and preparations, continue building connections, and start researching topics.

One aspect that excites me about my research is I will be able to continue pursuing my work and longer-term vision well beyond my Global Grant period, and hopefully finish developing resources to inform, educate, and train people in the United States to think globally and act locally in their communities and on larger scales.



D6000 Rotary Scholar Kasra Zarei, in Sweden.

AMES AND OTHERS, FOR TANZANIA

Four Global Grants total more \$1,058,087

By Karin Sevde/Ames

Club Secretary

The Rotary Club of Ames is pleased to announce The Rotary Foundation approval of Global Grant 1981316 Water and Sanitation: Village of Mhezi, Same District, Tanzania Phase II, for \$323,749.

This is the fourth consecutive Global Grant for water and sanitation awarded to the Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania (host sponsor) and the Rotary Club of Ames (international sponsor) since 2013.

The four global grants have provided clean, reliable water systems to villages in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania, serving over 15,000 villagers and totaling \$1,058,087 in funding.

With each grant, more partners have joined the effort.

Below, at right, are proudly listed all the Rotary clubs, individual Rotarians and non-Rotarian partners for this Global Grant. The partners come from eight Rotary districts within four countries around the world.



The Mhezi Village Water collection site project of the Rotary Club of Ames, and others, is dedicated. In the photo, back, from left: ADG Chris Bertelson, Winterset; Karin Sevde, Ames; Laura Bertelson; Glen Rippke, Ames; with Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania members and Mhezi Village Water Committee members.



A mother and daughter walk up the road in Mhezi Village in the mountains of Tanzania.

Photos by Karin Sevde

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Rotary Club of Alta, Italy
Rotary Club of Este, Italy

Individual Rotarians

Tom Mott and Family, Rotary Club of Newton
Chris Bertelson, ADG, Rotary Club of Winterset

Non-Rotarian Contributions

Zion Lutheran Church
Ankeny Catholic Church
Janet and Chuck Eilers Family
Cinian Zheng Durbin
Donald Durand
Hy-Vee Foundation Water Fund

MOUNT PLEASANT

Global Grant provides computers, ventilators

By PDG Cal Litwiller

Mount Pleasant

The Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant has continued to collaborate with international Rotary clubs to address needs during the coronavirus pandemic.

Through the years, the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant has been involved with various Global Grants. These grants have been in South America, the Middle East, Africa and India. Most recently the club has been part of two grants with the Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown, Gujarat, India.

The relationship with the Rajkot Midtown club began when **Davenport Rotarian, Bill Ashton**, visited the area following the 2001 earthquake, at which time Bill met Vikram Sanghani, a member of the Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown.

A collaboration developed between the Rajkot Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Davenport, and District 6000 which developed a 3-H grant for nearly \$250,000 to build a village for the local people who were affected by the earthquake. This village has been subsequently visited by Rotarian Ashton and Mount Pleasant Rotarians Cal and Rachel Litwiller on several occasions.

The relationship between Mr. Sanghani and District 6000 has continued to develop over the years with additional Global Grants being completed. Most recently The Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown and the Rotary Clubs of **Mount Pleasant, Mount Pleasant Noon, Burlington** and **Fairfield** have completed a grant which purchased computers, headphones for each computer, servers, and routers for eight public schools in the Rajkot area.

The government runs 96 primary schools in the city of Rajkot. However, as the quality of education and management is not perceived to be up to expectations, parents who can afford fees opt for private schools. This mostly leaves only students from underprivileged families in government-run schools. It is observed that in these schools, students in higher grades are not conversant with basic English and mathematics.

In India, college education is primarily in English and competitive entrance examinations for higher studies test English and math skills. English proficiency is also a passport to good jobs; therefore, it is especially important to help these students become proficient in English and math to break their cycle of poverty.

Computers

The computers funded by the grant are set up in eight government schools where a total of 3,094 students are currently studying. The traditional methods used by schools to impart education have not been effective, hence, the computer project uses interactive software to educate students using sophisticated technologies, making education more effective and interesting. The school allocates around 180 minutes per week of class time to students in their regular timetable. Each computer classroom has 30 laptops to ensure that each



A child learns by using a computer at the government school in Rajkot, India.

student gets one-on-one access to a computer during their period. The classroom is backed with other essential equipment like servers, routers, a headphone for each laptop, etc. Each classroom also has a well-trained mentor.

The interactive software will first access the actual knowledge level of a student, which is independent to his/her current grade. Once the level is assessed, the software will interact with the student at their level. With the help of asking questions and animated explanations, the student is guided and tested for that level. Only when he/she is through with the knowledge of that level is he/she taken to the next higher level. The mentor ensures smooth working of the center and also studies the student's analytics and guides them appropriately.

COVID-19 ventilators

With the advent of COVID-19, Mr. Sanghani again contacted Rotarian Litwiller to see if the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant Evening would be interested in working with his Rajkot club to purchase ventilators for his region. Mr. Sanghani mentioned that his area has a population of 61 million people and between the private and public hospitals there are only 2,800 ventilators.

The Global Grant was developed and submitted for the purchase of 85 ventilators to be placed in the hospitals for a grant total of nearly \$120,000. The cost of the ventilators has been kept down because the company which was contracted by the Indian government to design and develop ventilators, has agreed to sell them to Rotary for cost of materials only with no overhead or labor cost.

From when Litwiller received the first email of inquiry until the grant was approved, the total time was only two weeks, which is a nearly unheard-of. The Rotary Foundation has said they will expedite Global Grants which are COVID-19 related.

This is another example of how Rotary can identify a need and make a difference in the lives of people affected.



The Rotary Foundation Global Grant provided 85 ventilators.

15TH ANNUAL MEDICAL MISSION TO GUATEMALA

True to Rotary's theme: Iowa Miles

By Deb Dunkhase/Iowa City AM

Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team chair

When RI President Mark Daniel Maloney announced his 2019-20 theme "Rotary Connects the World," District 6000 Rotarians heard the call to action loud and clear. Our area clubs not only devote themselves to local and national needs, but projects like Iowa MOST help us make the world a better place on a global scale.

When asked to "strengthen the connections that allow talented, thoughtful and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service," Iowa MOST responded with our typical Iowan "Can Do" attitude!

In late January 2020, an Iowa MOST team of 41 medical professionals and volunteers traveled to Guatemala to conduct our 15th medical mission in the remote Western Highlands community of Huehuetenango.

In partnership with Club Rotario Huehuetenango, Iowa MOST was able to bring better health and quality of life to 177 families through cleft lip/palate and cataract surgeries, changing the lives of our Guatemalan friends forever.

Why Guatemala? Why does Iowa MOST return to Huehuetenango each year in service above self?

Located in the heart of Central America, Guatemala is home to an estimated 14 million people, half of whom are children. Guatemala is the poorest country in Latin America. More than half of the population lives below the national poverty line of \$3.20/person/day. Poverty among Guatemala's indigenous groups of almost 5 million people is most severe with 40 percent living in extreme poverty (less than \$1.90/person/day).

Nearly one-half of Guatemala's children under age 5 are chronically malnourished; one of the highest rates in the world. Eight in ten indigenous children suffer from chronic malnutrition, a condition that weakens their immune system and does not allow their bodies to fully develop. But poverty and malnutrition aren't the only problems Guatemalan children face.

According to the Milken Institute for Public Health at George Washington University, one in 700 babies throughout the world are born with cleft birth defects. In Guatemala, one in 600 children are born with cleft birth defects. These children are often ostracized from their local community, not allowed to go to school, and hidden away from society for their entire childhood. They sustain severe dental problems, often have serious hearing difficulties, and their general health suffers from issues surrounding malnutrition.

At the core: Malnutrition

What causes cleft birth defects? Research from the Milken Institute strongly supports that 10 percent of cleft cases are exclusively environmental in origin, 26 percent exclusively genetic, and the remaining 65 percent are the result of a mixture of both. Malnutrition is a major cause of abnormalities in Guatemala. An estimated 50 percent to 75 percent of cleft defects are preventable with folic acid, zinc, and vitamin B6/A, all of which are inaccessible to the indigenous Mayan population.

In developed countries like the United States, babies born with cleft birth defects are operated on within the first few months after birth. In Guatemala, the opportunity to surgically repair the birth defect just isn't possible due to severe poverty and lack of medical resources, particularly for the indigenous Mayans living in the remote Western Highlands.

Iowa MOST has brought hope of a future filled with health and happiness into the lives of hundreds of children over the



Bresley pre-op



Bresley and her twin sister, post-op

past 15 years.

Meet Fernando and Bresley

One of our most beloved patients is Fernando. Fernando was born with severe bilateral cleft lip and palate. But that wasn't his only health concern. At seven months he had open heart surgery in Guatemala City. Fernando is the sweetest soul, always ready to give high-fives and hugs, but he's also a fighter. According to his dad, Fernando quickly recuperated from his heart surgery and came to Iowa MOST at 13 months for his first of several cleft surgeries from our team. Fernando is now 6 years old and in the process of having extensive orthodontic work completed so that he can return to

Of Smiles 'Connects the World'

us for what we hope is his last surgical cleft repair. Fernando (photos at right) will grow up into a healthy, happy young man ready to conquer the world with his hopes and dreams – thanks to Rotary.

Bresley is a beautiful young girl born with cleft lip and palate defects. She's unusual because Bresley is a twin and her sister was spared the problems that come with cleft. It's so difficult to imagine Bresley's life without the intervention of Iowa MOST. She'd have to remain at home while her sister got an education. She'd experience social isolation, struggle with speech development, have dental and hearing problems, as well as significant health and nutrition setbacks – all while watching her sister grow up with entirely different experiences. I'm happy to share that Bresley (photos at left) had her first surgery at 9 months, her second at age 2, and perhaps her last this past year at age 3. What a sweet, curious young girl Bresley is! Maybe now this bright young girl will grow up to be a doctor just like the doctors who changed her life.

80,000 blind from cataracts

In 2017, Iowa MOST asked the Huehue Rotarians if our team could help them with other health or education issues they were addressing and they told us about the severe problem their community has with cataracts. According to Seva, a nonprofit organization who has provided over 40 million underserved people with life-changing cataract surgeries and eye services around the world, .71 percent of Guatemala's population is blind compared to .15 percent in the U.S. At least 80,000 Guatemalans are blind from cataracts.

Dr. Carlos Solarzano, Rotarian, was the only doctor who performed cataract surgeries in Huehuetenango. He asked if Iowa MOST would put a team together and help bring sight to the blind in the Western Highlands. Again, with the intent of Rotary Connecting the World, a small cataract surgical team accompanied Iowa MOST in January and performed 53 cataract surgeries. If you've ever witnessed a person with zero vision due to severe cataracts have their bandages removed after cataract surgery, then you know the miracle that vision is for someone whose has lost so much of life due to blindness.

Juana, a 23-year-old young woman came to us from Barrillas, a 12-hour bus ride from her village. She arrived with a young child in a sling on her back, accompanied by her husband. They had left their other three children in the care of a friend. Juana had gradually begun losing her sight with the birth of her first child. By the time the babe on her back was born, Juana was completely blind. And she was pregnant.

As you can imagine, Juana was frightened and overwhelmed with her life. When her bandages came off a single tear ran down Juana's cheek. That tear contained so much joy and hope! Juana's life had changed dramatically in a 24-hour pe-



Fernando, pre-op



Fernando, post-op

riod. With the gift of vision, she would be able to care for her family and so much more! Juana will be first in line on our next mission to have the cataract removed from her other eye.

Gary Pacha reflects on 15 years

Fifteen years ago, District 6000 Rotarians Dr. Bill Olin, Gary Pacha, Dr. John Canady, and Dr. Pete Wallace heard the cry for help from Guatemala, and they answered with true Rotarian Service Above Self commitment. Their leadership has created a project that not only serves those most in need, but exemplifies Rotary's quest to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world.

Iowa MOST Team Leader Emeritus Gary Pacha reflects on the past 15 years, "It's gratifying to secure cataract surgical help as requested by our longtime Rotarian friends in Huehuetenango. And it's equally gratifying to witness the sustainability of the original cleft surgical mission as it changes to fit the needs of the Guatemalans. I'm grateful to the Iowa MOST team for carrying on the passion to serve."

How you can help

Inspired to help Iowa MOST prepare for our next mission? There are several ways you can contribute to help Guatemalans like Fernando, Bresley and Juana:

Ask your Rotary club to make a donation to Iowa MOST.

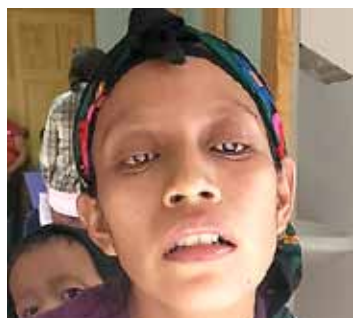
Contribute financially to help support the approximately \$50,000 annual mission expense at <https://iowamost.org/donate-now/>

Purchase the best fresh caught Alaskan salmon you've ever tasted to support our annual fundraiser with salmon shipped straight to your door in August, 2020 at <https://iowamost.org/order-salmon/>

Though a 2021 mission is not yet confirmed due to the pandemic, you can **apply to join the team** in one of the four non-medical volunteer positions, two of which require fluency in Spanish. Applications are found at <https://iowamost.org/2020-iowa-most-application/>

When the Iowa MOST team next sees Fernando, Bresley, Juana, and dozens more Guatemalans young and old, we'll be sure to give them warm smiles and loving hugs from District 6000 Rotarians knowing that none of the work we do is possible without you.

Muchisimas Gracias, Amigos Rotarios!!



Juana, before and after cataract surgery.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Our giving is making a difference

By PDG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

District Rotary Foundation Chair

It's our Foundation and we should be proud of what it helps us to accomplish. With our Community Grants, we improve our community parks, expand the outreach of food pantries, emergency shelters, hospital labs, advance literacy and improve the health and safety of communities and so much more. These grants, with a maximum district match of \$5,000, allow Rotarians to impact hundreds of individuals, to bring food, shelter and clothing, health care and educational materials to countless families in communities across our district.

With District Community Service Grants think: Warm coats, computers for computer labs and libraries, library reading room enhancements, books for toddlers and youths, equipment and food for food pantries and shelters. Think women and children, think families, schools and communities. Think what our district clubs have done and how much more we could and should do.

Our Foundation allows district Rotarians to reach out to people across the globe. The Rotary Foundation (TRF), through its Six Areas of Focus, thoughtful review of grant applications and completed projects, its superior stewardship (Charity Navigator 4-Star rating), and most importantly, the matching of district grant funds, provides one or more district Rotary clubs to engage in humanitarian and philanthropic outreach.

With Global Grants think: Wells providing clean water to hundreds of families, feminine hygiene health care training and materials, midwife training, composting toilets, Ponseti/clubfoot medical training, water and sanitation projects in Africa and Central America and so much more. These projects, supported by cadres of dedicated Rotarians, have changed the lives of over 300,000 people in Rotary district across our globe.

Our giving to TRF through our club's quarterly designated giving, through sustaining members, Paul Harris Society members, and Rotarians giving to The Rotary Endowment, has permitted us to change lives. Our giving to TRF and the

FOUNDATION DINNER 2020 WILL GO VIRTUAL

Foundation Chair Chris Knapp reports that this year the Rotary Foundation Dinner Committee is planning a virtual reception with leaders from The Rotary Foundation.

The date planned for this special event is Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020. More information to follow.



District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Chris Knapp (c) led the Grant Management Seminar at West Liberty on Feb. 22 with Todd Wheeler, Des Moines (l) and Norlin Hinke, Clinton. It was one of three seminars whose purpose is to ensure proper stewardship of TRF funds.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

matching of district funds by The Rotary Foundation has allowed Rotarians from every district club in D-6000 to have a huge impact on people who have never met us.

DDF for the Food Bank of Iowa

This year our Foundation took the extraordinary step to address the COVID-19 pandemic. It made \$1 million available in \$25,000 District Grants, on a first-come, first-serve basis, to address emergency community needs caused by the virus. Rotary clubs could address school and business closings and the impact of hospitalization, unemployment and much more.

Our District's Community Service Grant Committee made a special request of TRF to release to our district, nearly \$32,000 of unused 2019-2020 District Designated Funds to address the impact of coronavirus in District 6000. With the help of DG Erna Morain, the funds were directed to The Food Bank of Iowa (FBI). Because of the buying power of the Food Bank, our giving to The Rotary Foundation provided over \$128,000 worth of meals to Iowa families and individual impacted by the Coronavirus.

Our giving three years ago is making a difference today. Thank you!

Time is now to meet and exceed Foundation goals!

District 6000 is one three of 16 districts in Zone 29 with 100 percent of clubs having entered goals for giving to The Rotary Foundation in 2019-20. As of June 3, our clubs had achieved 88.12 percent of the goal with \$356,539 received for the Annual Programs Fund.

We urge clubs to check your progress in the table on page 19 and make a push in the final weeks to meet or exceed our goal of \$404,602!

In addition to the Annual Fund, Rotarians can support our Foundation with gifts to PolioPlus and the Endowment Fund. PolioPlus giving is reported in the table at right, as well.

Our third great opportunity to make a difference in the world is through our gifts to the Endowment Fund of The

Rotary Foundation.

Northwest Des Moines Rotarian Doyle Sanders is the Endowment Fund chair for District 6000. He notes that if we give \$1,000 to the Endowment Fund, we become Benefactors. And if we give \$10,000 or more, we are recognized as Bequest Society Members.

Rotarian Sanders explains that most of the money going to the Endowment Fund comes from planned gifts. These are gifts that only go into effect at our deaths, such as gifts that given in our wills or trusts or through beneficiary designations in life insurance, retirement accounts, or annuities.

Watch for more from Rotarian Sanders about the Endowment Fund in the next issue of *District 6000 News*.

Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2019 - June 3, 2020 (Interim Report)

(Members: July 1, 2015-16-17-18-19)	(1) 19-20 Goal	(2) % of Goal	(3) Per capita	(4) Thru 2-11-20	(5) PolioPlus	(6) Other (*)	(7) TOTAL
Adel (37-37-34-32-28)	\$ 0	68	\$ 104.91	\$ 2,938	\$ 150	\$ 0	\$ 3,088
Albia (22-28-28-24-24)	750	120	37.50	900	0	0	900
Ames (224-226-217-206-186)	25,000	93	124.49	23,156	10,328	15,784	49,268
Ames Morning (55-55-59-59-52)	6,000	111	128.08	6,660	661	1,050	8,371
Ankeny (61-77-85-86-83)	13,500	123	199.70	16,565	5,320	4,573	26,458
Atlantic (58-58-58-56-62)	1,975	108	34.47	2,137	0	0	2,137
Bettendorf (103-101-102-105-93)	9,000	124	120.43	11,200	0	0	11,200
Bloomfield (10-10-10-11-12)	1,000	0	0	0	280	0	280
Boone (42-34-41-51-50)	4,200	430	361.08	18,054	6,640	1,050	25,744
Burlington (80-79-80-80-76)	4,000	58	30.53	2,320	0	0	2,320
Carroll (46-44-43-44-42)	3,500	33	27.38	1,150	100	0	1,250
Centerville (50-46-45-46-45)	5,000	63	70.00	3,150	0	0	3,150
Chariton (41-41-34-30-39)	4,000	113	115.64	4,510	525	0	5,035
Clinton (98-97-94-90-91)	10,000	90	99.18	9,025	1,554	275	10,854
Coon Rapids (27-31-34-30-29)	1,500	100	51.72	1,500	0	0	1,500
Coralville-N. Corridor (20-21-22-24-23)	2,000	45	39.13	900	420	0	1,320
Corning (34-33-32-32-31)	1,252	178	71.74	2,224	1,000	0	3,224
Corydon (18-15-15-17-16)	1,200	25	18.75	300	0	0	300
Creston (23-19-17-18-21)	200	38	3.57	75	60	0	135
Dallas Center (27-29-26-25-28)	2,800	100	100.36	2,810	0	0	2,810
Davenport (112-113-110-107-101)	30,000	29	86.78	8,765	1,450	0	10,215
Decatur County (30-32-31-30-30)	6,000	109	218.63	6,559	1,496	0	8,055
Des Moines (276-270-269-255-240)	21,000	101	88.81	21,213	3,076	4,200	28,589
Des Moines AM (170-170-179-189-194)	14,000	66	47.29	9,175	1,204	0	10,379
East Polk County (34-31-29-29-27)	2,500	112	1-4.11	2,811	1,702	0	4,513
Fairfield (74-60-57-56-47)	4,000	59	49.79	2,340	1,220	0	3,560
Fort Madison (49-53-55-51-48)	4,000	63	52.08	2,500	398	0	2,898
Greater Des Moines (12-12-11-13-26)	1,000	55	21.15	550	0	0	550
Grinnell (38-40-35-38-36)	4,750	104	137.78	4,960	0	1,050	6,010
Indianola (54-53-54-47-39)	4,000	53	54.36	2,120	689	0	2,809
Iowa City (312-329-333-317-293)	50,000	80	136.86	40,100	7,750	0	47,850
Iowa City AM (66-69-74-71-74)	13,000	206	361.01	26,715	27,350	0	54,065
Iowa City Downtown (23-21-23-25-22)	4,000	77	140.68	3,095	1,170	0	4,265
Iowa Quad-Cities (41-42-38-42-38)	3,500	68	62.89	2,390	918	10,000	13,308
Jefferson (59-59-56-60-59)	5,500	84	77.95	4,599	116	0	4,715
Johnston (60-49-52-43-49)	8,000	90	146.33	7,170	1,560	0	8,730
Kalona (42-41-43-40-38)	2,500	52	34.21	1,300	2,000	0	3,300
Keokuk (66-71-57-53-45)	3,500	81	63.33	2,850	501	0	3,351
Keosauqua (24-22-23-24-26)	1,200	58	26.92	700	0	0	700
Knoxville (61-58-48-53-45)	3,400	49	37.22	1,675	2,875	0	4,550
Lenox (29-28-27-25-25)	1,200	69	33.00	825	0	0	825
Manning (19-25-21-23-22)	2,500	0	0	0	38	42	80
Marengo (11-10-10-11-10)	200	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshalltown (150-147-145-133-127)	10,000	36	28.17	3,577	2,241	0	5,818
Mount Pleasant Noon (52-55-47-51-56)	5,000	50	44.50	2,492	2,930	0	5,818
Mount Pleasant (20-20-18-18-16)	400	100	25.00	400	505	15,750	16,655
Muscatine (79-77-69-66-67)	13,000	65	125.41	8,402	400	0	8,802
Nevada (71-69-61-53-54)	8,000	98	144.44	7,800	2,250	0	10,050
Newton (60-55-49-40-36)	3,500	43	42.08	1,515	2,703	0	4,218
North Scott (85-86-89-88-88)	12,000	121	165.63	14,575	2,600	45,200	62,375
N'West Des Moines (34-40-36-37-36)	8,000	79	175.69	6,325	3,801	0	10,126
Norwalk (0-0-20-24-18)	500	400	111.11	2,000	0	0	2,000
Osceola (28-29-25-22-22)	700	36	11.36	250	0	0	250
Oskaloosa (56-55-57-54-59)	4,500	58	44.24	2,610	0	0	2,610
Ottumwa (97-98-92-89-82)	8,000	31	30.49	2,500	100	0	2,600
Pella (29-30-29-29-26)	2,800	68	72.80	1,892	2,096	0	3,988
Perry (26-26-26-23-23)	400	36	6.30	145	0	0	145
Tipton (30-26-27-22-28)	1,500	7	3.57	100	104	0	204
Washington (49-48-43-42-43)	4,300	50	50	2,150	0	0	2,150
Waukegan (58-64-69-64-68)	8,500	188	234.41	15,940	7,083	100	23,123
Wellman (36-34-30-29-26)	2,575	53	52.65	1,369	335	0	1,704
West Des Moines (62-63-52-51-50)	5,500	57	62.80	3,140	3,173	2,605	8,918
West Liberty (43-44-46-41-38)	11,000	123	356.58	13,550	3,095	0	16,645
West Polk County (31-18-19-20-24)	1,000	40	16.67	400	2,100	0	2,500
Winterset (25-30-33-29-28)	2,500	127	113.75	3,185	4,069	1,050	8,304
District Contributions				100	1,960	52,808	54,868
Total (3,854-3,853-3,793-3,693-3,580)	\$ 404,602	88.12	\$ 99.59	\$ 356,539	\$ 123,851	\$ 155,791	\$ 636,181

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



Rotarian Steve Gruba with the truckload of books for Kenya.

CORNING

Books bound for Kenya

By Steve Gruba/Corning

District 60

The Rotary Club of Corning, the Lions Club of Villisca and the Rotary Club of Meru, Kenya, joined together to provide two rural schools near Meru in central Kenya with school libraries.

With widespread community support and the enthusiastic efforts of the SW Valley Schools, thousands of used books and hundreds of DVDs were collected, sorted and repacked into 53 boxes weighing about 40 pounds apiece. They are on their way via ocean container ship and in three months, the 600 students and their teachers will have a new source of education and entertainment. Currently they have no TV, no computers, no internet and very few books.

Working together, as these three clubs did, will truly enrich many lives. Plus, the American school children are so proud that they helped their peers half way around the world!



Food security in Creston

Mark O'Riley and treasurer Jodi Rushing of the Creston Area Food Pantry accept donations from Ellen Gerharz (back right) on behalf of the Christmas Basket Fund, and Melissa James (front, right) of the Rotary Club of Creston. The donations are part of the new fund drive, "Food for Friends," a program of the Creston News Advertiser to help the local food pantry during the coronavirus pandemic.

From DG Morain's D600 News

CARROLL

Active club celebrates year of 'Service Above Self'

By Bob Fasbender/Carroll

Club President

For the Rotary Club of Carroll, the first ever "RADIO" Auction was the highlight of the year. What FUN! It was a great success with over \$10,000 raised in two hours on Nov. 2, 2019, using KCIM radio as partner in the event. We will do it again in 2020. Much of the money raised will go to Rotary causes.

Our monthly meetings centered on helping kids, New Hope Village, needy families, grads, and COVID-19 issues. Our club went to "ZOOM" in March for our weekly meetings/programs and board meetings. We continue to volunteer in the Carroll area and donate to worthy causes.

The club anticipates celebrating its centennial on Feb. 23, 2021, with a big gathering! Stay tuned for details! www.facebook.com/CarrollRotary.

A review of the club's projects for the year follows:

July: The club continued its commitment to Highway 30 ditch and in town clean up. The club received the Governor's 2019 Volunteer Award for 20 years of continuous DOT ditch clean-up in two areas of the highway done spring and fall each year. Followed by a picnic for the new president!

August: Donated \$300 for supplies for back-to-school backpacks in partnership with New Opportunities. For the 25th straight year, the club hosted a benefit softball tournament with all proceeds – \$3,128 – going to St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll.

September: Club received a District 6000 Community Service Grant to assist with new playground equipment for the Carroll Area Child Care Center (over \$2,000). Pledged \$10,000 over five years to the new cancer center at St. Anthony's Hospital.

October: Distributed 300 dictionaries to third-graders in Kuemper Catholic, Carroll Public, Glidden-Ralston and Ar-We-Va school districts (\$720 cost).

November: Hosted first radio auction raising \$10,000, held a canned goods collection drive for "Community of Concern Carroll Food Pantry," and donated \$250 to them.

December: Donated \$3,500 to New Hope Village for a new chair lift, an annual gift is made to them by the Rotary club. Hosted "needy children's shopping spree" with New Opportunities, funding \$300 donation for kids to buy presents for their family in partnership with Carroll Lions Club and Santa Claus.

January: President Bob sold \$1,600 in raffle squares for Super Bowl event, raising \$1,600.

February: Purchased two recycling bins for downtown from Kuemper eighth-grade class project, an \$800 donation. Provided \$1,200 in supplies for the Downtown Mall Restroom project sponsored by the club in 2013.

March: Bike helmet distribution postponed due to COVID-19. \$1,500 set aside for 2021. Since meetings are now via Zoom with no meal costs, \$250 more was donated to the local food pantry.

April: \$500 donation to the Carroll Police Department administered fund for families in need due to fire.

May: \$2,000 in scholarships awarded to local high schools, Kuemper and Carroll Public. Recipients were featured on the club's Zoom meetings as speakers. The club painted a two-story concession stand and four dugouts at our local softball park.

It's been a great year and I'm very proud to be a Rotarian and president of the Carroll Rotary Club; not once but twice (1998-99 and 2019-20.) We have a very active club with proud members and looking forward to our 100th year celebration!

WEST LIBERTY

Food security is a year-round project

By Gretchen Nollman/West Liberty
Club President

The Rotary Club of West Liberty took on the fight for food insecurity as their club's community service grant this 2019-20 year by helping to reduce food insecurity and promote healthy lifestyles to the residents of West Liberty, Nichols and Atalissa through the West Liberty Voluntary Action Center Community Food Pantry and planting a donation garden.

The project started with planting a garden for the community food pantry to use, which consisted of tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, onions and green beans. The garden was maintained by weeding and harvesting with the help of Rotarians throughout the growing season of June through September 2019.

There was excess produce that was harvested and donated to the Muscatine County Social Action Food Pantry that was also located in Muscatine County helping people with food insecurity.

Our Rotary club then reimbursed WL VAC for its monthly food expenses (July-May 2020) that they incurred to keep the food pantry stocked throughout a given month. During December 2019, Rotarians contributed items to the annual Christmas Box donation.

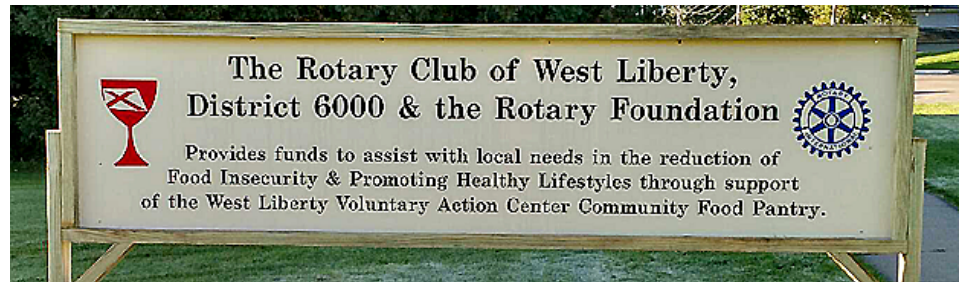
CSG funds were used to purchase and provide turkeys, potatoes, milk, feminine care products, laundry detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, toilet bowl cleaner, toothbrush and toothpaste, floss, dish soap, hand soap and bar soap, as well as disinfectant spray cleaner to help 106 families.

May through December

In May, Rotary purchased products to be stocked in the food pantry: laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, men and women's deodorant, as well as feminine care napkins. Seventy-five families (average five per family) per month at the community food pantry over a one-year time frame, so that would be 4,500 total people during this project.

In December, Rotary participates with many local community organizations to create a Christmas Box donation to needy families. This year, 106 families received a box with food items, clothing, toys for the children, personal hygiene products, etc.

People that benefited and were impacted by this project, were the residents of West Liberty, Nichols and Atalissa



Sign recognizes Rotary and The Rotary Foundation's support.

area who needed assistance to reduce their food insecurity and promote a healthy lifestyle and hygiene. These residents are low socioeconomic status, families with children in the free/reduced lunch program, immigrant families with children.

With the COVID-19 pandemic during March through May, the demographic of families showing up increased by 10 families each month. Funds were used to purchase food and hygiene products (laundry detergent, dish soap, etc.). Also, this project does meet a humanitarian need; it improves food security and access to healthy foods, healthy living and hygiene.

Planting and harvesting

One example of how the club's members helped with the project was the planning, planting, weeding, harvesting and preparing the vegetables from the garden that was planted for the com-

munity food pantry.

A second example was that members helped specifically during December during the Christmas box donations, in setting up boxes, packing boxes with food, bagging hygiene items and assisting with loading vehicles or walking boxes door to door for those who were receiving the boxes.

The WL VAC manages the local food pantry, orders food from the regional RiverBank distribution center, maintains records of beneficiaries, stocks shelves and provides staff. The food pantry hours of operation are Thursday evening and Saturday morning for one hour each shift.

The VAC Food pantry receives 1,000 family visits yearly from low-income families, approximately 20 percent of residents of West Liberty, Nichols, and Atalissa. Overall it was a great year that the club was able to help in a time of need within the community.

Rescue stickers aim to safeguard citizens

By Tom Barr/West Liberty

Our West Liberty Community approximates a population of 4,000 with 52 percent Latino population. We sit near several U.S. Highways which traverse our state making Iowa both a destination and a pass-thru for human traffickers.

Additionally, we are situated near Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Muscatine and the Quad Cities, making this an opportu-

nity for labor trafficking in the domestic servitude, construction and agriculture industries. We also have an unknown number of illegal or undocumented immigrants from multiple countries. This makes a potential vulnerability for both labor and sex trafficking.

Due to our diverse population and languages, our West Liberty Rotary Club developed a dual language Rescue Sticker (see at left) to assist potential victims in finding HELP.

Our goal is to post these rescue stickers in bathroom stalls in every public restroom, gas station, truck stop, convenience store, restaurant, library and local business. It is our hope that this will assist in the rescue of victims of this heinous, horrible human trafficking crime.



Human trafficking rescue stickers.



Rotary Club of Des Moines scholars (l-r): Nicole Marinero Cea, Jessica Cruz Hernandez, Ruth Bropleh, Priscilla Macias, Emily Adams and Nyana Robinson.

DES MOINES

\$48,000 awarded to six graduating seniors

By Kitte Morehead/Des Moines

Club Executive Director

The Rotary Club of Des Moines awarded six area high school students \$8,000 at a virtual Zoom meeting on May 21. This year's Rotary Scholarship recipients are:

East High School: Priscilla Macias

Hoover High School: Jessica Cruz Hernandez

North High School: Ruth Bropleh

Lincoln High School: Nicole Marinero Cea

Roosevelt High School: Nyana Robinson

Scavo High School: Emily Adams

The scholarship awards are supported by the organization's weekly tumbler program (member donations) and other

Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation funds. The selection process includes input from representatives at each of the six Des Moines public high schools as well as multiple interviews by the Rotary scholarship committee.

Look at this awesome video!

The Rotary Club of Des Moines has been meeting by Zoom and has had a series of "Rotary In Quarantine" videos produced by RCDM member, Graham Gillette. You can see them on Vimeo by using this link:

<https://vimeo.com/channels/1557352/406306363>



Oskaloosa's centennial

Eric Christensen (l), president of the Rotary Club of Oskaloosa, received a certificate from RI, presented by DG Erna Morain and Steve, in February in recognition of 100 years of service.

From DG Morain's D600 News

VISIONING

District helps clubs plan for the future

By AG Corrine Lambert/East Polk

Club Visioning Chair

How do you want your Rotary club to be remembered in five years? What is the vision your members have for the club? What great work in the areas of Club Service, Community Service, Youth Service, and International Service will you be known for? How will your work and fundraisers bring more members to Rotary and interest in The Rotary Foundation?

You can create the plan to move toward this vision by having a Club Visioning event. It takes about four hours on a Saturday or evening in the fall or spring. Your club members, or a good representation of your club members, will map out a vision. At the end of the process, you will know what is important to your club's membership and the outline of your plan.

The Rotary District 6000 Visioning Committee can work with you to set the time, location, and plan for the Visioning process. Contact Corinne Lambert at (515) 556-3679 (text/cell) or callingwisdom1@hotmail.com for more information.

STAY CONNECTED!

Membership matters

By Bonnie Lowry/Marshalltown

District 6000 Membership chair

Rotarians are known as go-getters—a group of networked individuals that get the job done—individuals that go above and beyond to promote service above self. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, these last few months have proven to be a challenge, setting barriers that could dampen efforts, but Rotarians have found a way to continue to support those in need around us.

Rotary International President Mark Maloney said, “As COVID-19 reached around the globe, we found ourselves in a world transformed. We have been forced to connect in ways we could never have imagined, testing our ability to adapt.”

With the inability to meet face to face, Rotary clubs have turned to Zoom meetings, continuing the networking opportunities to examine and support the needs of those less fortunate. Club members have reached out, providing assistance and aid to those who are less tech savvy to participate in zoom meetings.

Rotary now 1,217,399 strong!

Brian King, Rotary International Director of Membership Development, has reported that world-wide membership has now reached 1,217,399 members strong. This represents a growth of 27,933 members world-wide since July 1, 2019. Our challenge during this period of social distancing is to continue to provide networking opportunities; engaging members in meaningful activities that promote service above self.

It is easy to disconnect during this time of social distancing. The opposite is also true – there are opportunities to create new connections.

Continue to examine the opportunities in your own communities: Organize grocery delivery for individuals who are most at risk and need to remain in isolation, provide assistance at your local food bank by organizing a drop off food drive, or take a moment to connect with club members who are not seeing during your club's Zoom meetings.

As we move towards the end of the 2019-2020 Rotary year, finish strong; remain connected to your Rotary club and our Rotary Motto, Service Above Self.



Information and Referral

The Rotary Club of Clinton continues to serve our community by donating to Information and Referral Services and helping those with food insecurities. (l-r): Rotary club president Brian Wright, IRS Director Regan Michaelson, and Rotary club treasurer, Dale Dalton.

Provided by Jill O'Neill



Loading the food truck

Members of the Rotary Club of Albion assisted Helping Hands in unloading the Food Bank truck April 28. The club has also pledged to donate \$270 to Helping Hands. Thank you Tyler Boley, Kevin Kness, Wes Aeschliman, Adam L. Mick, Dan Tometich and Laura Teno for volunteering your time!

Provided by Laura Teno

BLOOMFIELD

Active, and back in business!

By John Schroeder/Bloomfield

Club President

After nearly three months of quarantine, the Rotary Club of Bloomfield resumed our meetings on Wednesday morning, May 27. Some things are different, but we remain active in our Rotary work.

We are supporting the Davis County Trails construction project. Last fall, we planted three redbuds and installed four heavy-duty wooden benches which were made by Rotarian John Schroeder. We have committed to four more benches and will also be placing distance markers along the trail.

Two local high school graduates each received a \$1,000 scholarship and will be heading to Central College and the University of Iowa.

Seeing the immediate need of a Davis County hog producer, we donated \$400 for processing two hogs with the meat being donated to the local food pantry.

Our club is a major sponsor of the upcoming Simon Estes concert. This concert has been rescheduled for April 25, 2021.

Our biggest fundraiser is the Bloomfield Rotary Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast followed by our annual Fourth of July Rodeo Parade, which we also sponsor. The Davis County Rodeo has been cancelled, but our Rotary club has decided that the community WILL support this annual event – everyone needs some normalcy!

The rodeo committee and Rotary are working together to see how we can best combine our events into something different but exciting and fun! After all, the fireworks have already been ordered! Anyone for pancakes for supper?

Finally, and please note – something DIFFERENT: The Rotary Club of Bloomfield will now be meeting from 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Rotary business and the program will be conducted from 7:30-8:00, followed by breakfast and a social time for those who can stay. We will continue to meet at Southfork Restaurant at the junction of Hwy. 63 and Hwy. 2 on the south side of Bloomfield.

Be mindful that different is neither bad nor good, it's just different.

NORTH SCOTT

Club provides \$63,465 aid; awards scholarships

By PDG Bill Tubbs

Club Publicity Chair

Food banks of Iowa and the Quad Cities, and 19 area organizations whose missions are to help youth and vulnerable people, are beneficiaries of grants totalling \$63,465 from the Rotary Club of North Scott.

Grants of \$5,000 to the River Bend Food Bank of the Quad Cities and \$1,600 to the Food Bank of Iowa are in response to greater needs because of COVID-19.

The club has set aside an additional \$9,200, to be designated for COVID-19 response. This will be the club's fourth annual Impact Grant.

Previous Impact Grant projects were a Habitat for Humanity house in Davenport, a sensory garden at Neil Armstrong Elementary in Park View, and the Rotary Inspiration Play Zone at Sheridan Meadows Park in Eldridge.



Jeremy Kaiser

Previously, \$13,880 from the club's November fundraising auction was directed to Mississippi Bend Trykes to build custom-made tricycles for differently-abled youths.

"We're pleased to be able to support all of these groups who perform excellent service in this time of great need," said Jeremy Kaiser, club president. "North Scott Rotary has been a force for good for 47 years, and we look forward to serving our community and world in the future."

The 98-member Rotary club, which in normal times meets weekly on Fridays at noon at the Steeplegate Inn and has conducted meetings by Zoom the last months, announced these 18 grants totalling \$33,785.

Camp Shalom: To support a summer camp for refugee youth, associated with Tapestry Farms. \$1,000.

Genesis Health Services Foundation: GO PEDS outpatient pediatric therapy language and literacy development. \$1,250.

North Scott School District: To support Circles Curriculum for Special Needs to teach relationship boundaries, interpersonal skills, and relationship-specific social skills curriculum for individuals with intellectual disabilities. \$1,800.

Project Renewal: To provide youth participants in grades K-12 with opportunities for experiential learning at Summer Youth Program 2020 at Health Science Adventure Camp at St. Ambrose and Nahant Marsh. \$3,000.

Family Resources: Vent hood that will meet fire code at Domestic Violence Shelter. \$3,000.

John Glenn Elementary, North Scott: Makerspace program which provides space where students can make, learn and explore using high tech to no tech tools. \$1,500.

Empower House: To purchase a commercial grade washer and dryer set for brain injury survivors to perform their clubhouse work assignment at River Music Experience. \$3,000.

Friendly House: To support a Family Night Program and SWELL (School Wellness) event to enrich lives and strengthen neighborhoods at the Friendly House in Davenport. \$3,000.

National TTT Society: To provide tuition and outfit girls from disadvantaged homes to attend Camp 2020. \$3,000.

Davenport North High School Food Pantry: To meet the ongoing needs of students and families with items that are not provided by the River Bend Food Bank. \$1,000.

Davenport North High School Mentors In Violence Prevention: To

help students develop options for interventions in situations that are abusive. \$500.

Project Lit: Provide Davenport North High School students with books and space to reignite or continue their love of reading. \$700.

Ecumenical Housing Development Group: To provide quality safe affordable housing to low and moderate income individuals and families in Scott County. \$2,355.

Vera French Foundation: To provide supplies for a school-based therapy program for students in the North Scott schools. \$2,000.

Handicapped Development Center: To purchase Fit and Fun Playscapes (large playground stencils and paint kits) to encourage physical activity for individuals with limited mobility. \$2,880.

Davenport Lutheran Home: To provide a stand-in table with electric patient lift for residents of the Davenport care facility. \$1,500.

Davenport North High School Art Department: To replace pottery wheels. \$700.

Milestones Area Agency on Aging: To provide Tai Chi and Falls Prevention courses for those 60 and older at Gilda's Club and the Eldridge Rec Center. \$1,600.

North Scott Rotary scholarships ...

Members provide volunteer service in the community, and last year contributed \$44,099 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for its work in the areas of youth, maternal and child health, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, basic education and literacy, economic and community development, and peace and conflict resolution.

North Scott Rotary also supports Rotary district and international projects, and awards \$17,000 in scholarships for high school seniors and second-career students.

Recipients of \$2,000 scholarships are Grace Sampson, Megan Triplett, Grace Bjuström, Paige Durant and Emma Hughes, all of North Scott. Nicole Blodig, also of North Scott, is the recipient of the \$2,000 **Dorothy White Performing Arts Scholarship**, in honor of the club's late, longtime pianist.

\$1,000 vocational scholarships in memory of the late **Keith Mattke**, were awarded to Myah Herrington, Mikayla Carlton and Luke Kroeger.

Cierra Millbrook is the recipient of one of two \$1,000 Rotary scholarships for non-traditional students at Scott Community College endowed by **Bill and Linda Tubbs**; the other to be named when staff returns to campus.



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Luke
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Cierra
Millbrook



The Mt. Pleasant Evening Rotary Club recently donated \$1,000 to The Fellowship Cup. The group plans to continue fundraising and supporting organizations across the state that are providing relief and assistance through the coronavirus pandemic.

Photo by Ashley Duong, The Union

MOUNT PLEASANT

Club contributes meal funds to 'Fellowship Cup'

By PDG Cal Litwiller

Mount Pleasant

Though the coronavirus pandemic has halted the Mt. Pleasant Evening Rotary's in-person meetings, it has not stopped the group from finding ways to serve the community.

The service organization chapter, which usually meets every Monday evening for dinner at Iowa Wesleyan University's dining commons, suddenly found itself with a surplus of funds when they no longer had to pay for meals with the university following closures. The group has moved its meetings to Zoom and continues to congregate each week.

We decided to donate the funds that normally go for our meals to our local "Fellowship Cup," a non-profit that provides meals to local people in need. "Since we're not paying for meals, it is just going into our treasury," chapter member Cal Litwiller said.

The 15-member club recently donated \$1,000 to "The Fellowship Cup." "We're small but mighty," Evening Rotary's president, Don LeBlanc, said. Ken Brown, executive director of the nonprofit, said the donation will help offset costs for the organization. Before the pandemic, volunteers of The Fellowship Cup ran and operated the store that sold second-hand clothing and other materials at the "Quarter or More Store." Proceeds from the store contributed to the nonprofit's expenses such as utilities and rent for office space.

"We're losing approximately \$1,000 a day every day while the 'Quarter or More' store is closed. This donation will help with expenses. It's a lot of revenue being lost while the store closed. The biggest thing is to offset the cost of the store being closed," Brown said.

In addition to local organizations, the Evening Rotary Club will be working with other chapters in the district to raise funds for food banks and nonprofits across the state that are providing relief and assistance during the pandemic.



Bettendorf Rotarian Joe Campion with Girl Scout staffer Nikki Habben picking up the cookies, which were delivered to The Fountains and other area beneficiaries.

BETTENDORF

'Win-Win': Girl Scout cookies find a new home

By Fred Anderson/Bettendorf

Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Four-Way Test took on a pretty sweet flavor in April when one member of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf learned that 216 boxes of Girl Scout cookies could not be sold because stay-at-home rules put in place to combat the coronavirus pandemic had halted their sales campaign.

When he learned of the Girl Scouts' dilemma, **Joe Campion** contacted **Nikki Habben** at the Scouts' office. In fairly short order, Joe had loaded his car with cookies. On his way home he delivered two cartons to The Fountains Retirement Home – accompanied by a sign he hurriedly made: **"Compliments of the Bettendorf Rotary Club – Enjoy!"**

To help deliver the cookies around the community, Joe enlisted other Rotarians. City manager **Decker Ploehn** coordinated deliveries to Bettendorf's police and fire departments. **Ann Kappeler** reached out to the other retirement facilities in Bettendorf – Palmer Hills Retirement Community, Masonic Health Facilities and Bettendorf Health Care Center. Joe also dropped off boxes at the Emergency Department of the Unity Point – Trinity hospital in Bettendorf.

Club President **Carol Foster** quickly convened the club's board – which approved an \$800 donation to the Girl Scouts.

After the last of the cookies had been delivered on April 30, Joe emailed the membership:

"This was a classic example of a WIN-WIN program. On the front side, we recognized the Girl Scouts with an \$800 donation that helped their cause since their annual cookie campaign was cut short by two weeks. On the back side, we continued the mission of the Bettendorf Rotary Club by helping and recognizing those in our community at a critical time."

Meanwhile, all of Bettendorf Rotary is supporting hunger relief in the Quad-City community by sending one-third of the portion of each member's dues that would have paid for lunches to the Riverbend Food Pantry. (Another third goes to the club's meeting venue to help it survive financially. The final third is designated to meet other community needs that result from the pandemic.)

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Nine honored as 'Guardians of Integrity'

By PDG Bill Tubbs

District 6000 Vocational Chair

Nine Rotarians who were nominated by their clubs are being honored by District 6000 as "Guardians of Integrity." This is the 10th year for the awards that were begun in 2011 to recognize individuals who have made contributions that foster the development of integrity.

The award honors 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, and who have made sacrifices and/or undertaken risks to uphold Rotary's Core Value of Integrity.

The awards are named after the late Past District Governor Paul E. Hellwege of Boone (1954-55) who, at the time of his death in 2010 had been a past district governor for more than half of the 105-year existence of Rotary, whose life exemplified integrity. These award scripts were prepared by Nancy Pacha:

Ankeny Rotarian James Ramsey is a former bank examiner and currently Vice-President of Commercial Lending at a West Des Moines bank, so he is a prime candidate to be the treasurer of an organization. It's a position he has filled for nine years for the Rotary Club of Ankeny and also for The Morning Club, Des Moines' oldest breakfast club. But his life is not all numbers. It's also people. Jim serves breakfast twice weekly to 800 homeless folks, sings in his church choir, is a consummate Rotary volunteer, and "an active contributing donor" for the Blood Center of Central Iowa where he has donated 9 gallons of blood to save people's lives.

Bettendorf Rotarian Bill Daley uses the Four-Way Test to lead his personal and professional decision-making. Whether in service to charitable fundraising causes, to clients of Agape Center, to the customers and employees of his carpet and floorcovering company or to his Rotary club, Bill takes many moments to provide "silent, off-the-grid actions that just make the world a better place." In all his interactions, Bill is a master of spotting and assessing a need and to offering a caring and sympathetic hand in order to reach a beneficial solution.

Boone Rotarian Troy Thompson established the Boone Rotary Satellite Evening Club so that interested community members unable to attend the Boone Rotary Club midday meeting could also be a part of Rotary's service outreach. Troy is one to take initiative and to do the hard work whether it be starting a new Rotary club, founding his company, Thompson Financial and providing his clients with positive outcomes, or helping to raise needed funds through his Broker Dealer's charitable giving. Treasurer for his church, trusted counsel to peers in his profession, always present volunteer and fast friend, Troy is described as "a giver."

Des Moines Rotarian Neal Smith has lived a life of service for his country as a WWII bomber pilot, receiving many medals, and as a United States Congressman for 36 years. His "reputation for honesty and integrity" led him to effectively work with both political parties in the Congress to sponsor legislation in the areas of food and farm safety, fair trade, education and human services, flood control, commerce, business and justice. Trusted by peers, he was often selected to manage bills through difficult processes. In private life he is a mentor for many who still "seek his opinion and guidance" as he nears his 100th birthday.

Iowa City AM Rotarian Dr. Tom Novak perceives his work as a family physician to extend beyond his practice. Tom cares for



James Ramsey
Ankeny



Bill Daley
Bettendorf



Troy Thompson
Boone



Neal Smith
Des Moines



Tom Novak
Iowa City AM



Ed Kiedaisch
Keokuk



Greg Schaapveld
North Scott



Robert Maurer
Pella



Jim Conrey
West Liberty

Guatemalan children with the Iowa MOST mission, patients in Xicotepec, the homeless at the Catholic Worker House, and a mobile clinic. His support and generosity have encompassed Iowa City Free Medical Clinic, Table to Table, Shelter House, CommUnity Crisis Services/Food Bank, Nature Conservatory, Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition, and Louise Wolf-Novak Social Justice and Service Endowment Fund, which he founded. Tom believes, "what happens to one person impacts the community."

Keokuk Rotarian Ed Kiedaisch is on the ground floor of the formation of very many organizations that have influenced and energized the Keokuk community. He is founder of Keokuk Affiliates, Main Street Keokuk, Keokuk Cultural and Entertainment District, United Way Volunteer Center, Keokuk Association for Rights and Equality, America's First Great Dam Museum, Keokuk Downtown Properties LLC, the annual blues festival "Rollin' on the River" and much, much more to the benefit of the city. An ever-present volunteer, board member, community participant and Rotarian, Ed is described as a "shining light."

North Scott Rotarian Greg Schaapveld uses his vocational skills and expertise as a civil engineer to advance projects his Rotary club undertakes such as the playground in Eldridge that is ac-

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Knoxville, neighbors cooperate for fundraising

By AG T. Waldman Williams/Knoxville

Area 10 Rotary clubs (Albia, Knoxville, Oskaloosa and Pella) decided to work together when possible at each others' fundraiser. The Rotary Club of Pella answered the first call to action to assist Knoxville serving pancakes during the "Nationals" when the town swells to an additional 30,000-plus people who come to watch the Sprint Car Nationals.

Knoxville Rotary president **Tyler Christian** said, "We appreciated having fellowship and fun with Pella Rotary members who came with three members on one of our four busy mornings. They came and helped set-up and serve and we sure appreciated that. What also invited our RYLA-YRYLA students to join us and **Nash Linsley** helped on Saturday. We partnered with the United Methodist Church for fundraiser."

It's said that pennies can add up to weigh more than an elephant. Last summer the Rotary Club of Knoxville presented a \$300 check for the BRAVO Series to its president, **Randy Flack**, Rotarian and former superintendent of schools. Each Rotary club passes a can at its weekly meeting that is designated for a non-profit that is identified by the club's president. The Rotary Club of Knoxville's 2018-2019 Rotary co-presidents **Larry Formanek** and **T. Waldmann-Williams** decided to have their non-profit recipient be the BRAVO Series for 2018-2019.



Ames Morning Book Brigade

Rotarian and teacher volunteers and bus drivers readied for the May 27th Book Brigade. The goal of Ames Morning Rotary's "Read with Rotary in the Summer" is to provide books to 462 students from pre-school to 5th grade, identified by teachers as disadvantaged. Rotarians filled each individual student's bag with the books ordered. The Ames School District created two or three routes for each elementary building. Rotarians re-sorted the book bags for each of the 14 bus routes. Each route had a Rotarian and one or two teachers to personally deliver the book bags to students' doors. It was a successful finale for this year's D6000 grant project.

Provided by Carolyn Jons

Guardians of Integrity

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cessible to all and a sensory garden for pre-K students in Park View, Iowa. He provides "his utmost attention and efforts" to the projects even when it means oversight on his lunch hour or weekend hours away from home. A big supporter of Youth Sports in Park View, Greg coaches basketball, fundraises for the park board and helps run the Home Run Derby. Father of two grade school age sons, of course Greg also supports the Cub Scouts.

Pella Rotarian Robert Maurer lives by the Four-Way Test and even integrated it into his curriculum as a guide when teaching business ethics in an Accounting class at Central College. In retirement, Bob is a SHIP advisor, educating senior citizens about Medicare. He has served as a board member of Pella Day Care, United Way of Marion County, the Institute of Management Accountants and BSA Eagle Review. In terms as Parish Council member, assistance as a Scout Master, Rotary district support as an AG, and extensive club support at Pella Tulip Time, Bob has always modeled "honest and forthright" Rotary principles.

West Liberty Rotarian Jim Conrey has been in the grocery business for 60 years and has gained the reputation of a fair-minded, extremely generous businessman. He supports local holiday food drives, providing low-cost or no-cost food and hygiene items for families in need, and, in an unusual practice for our times, he "extends credit on a handshake." As Chamber of Commerce president in 1975, Jim began the Holiday Stroll the Sunday before Thanksgiving, uniting the community's diverse families. Citizen of the Year, Community Service Award for ARC, Boy Scouts of America Award of Merit, and other honors were deservedly conferred.

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LOOKING AHEAD



Club presidents for 2020-21 met DGE Steve Dakin and district leaders at NCPETS March 13 at Rochester, MN.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

Sixty-six presidents to lead District 6000 clubs in 2020-21

DISTRICT 6000 2020-21 Club Presidents

Adel..... Matthew Karns
Albia..... Tyler Boley
Ames..... Chad Copley
Ames Morning Jeremy Lyons
Ankeny..... Todd Wehr
Atlantic..... Brian Harris
Bettendorf..... Rick Bormann
Bloomfield..... Dorothy Hartman
Boone..... Matthew Elthon
Burlington Ed Mansheim
Carroll..... Chris Van Dyke
Centerville..... Kristen Sheston
Chariton..... Brian Sims

Clinton Shannon Sander-Welzien
Coon Rapids Gavin Cretsinger
Coralville-North Corridor
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West Polk County Mark Watson
Winterset Sarah Simon



Assistant Governors for 2020-21 prepared for their year March 12 at NCPETS, (l-r): District trainer Ron Heideman (Indianola), Corinne Lambert (East Polk), team leader PDG Susan Herrick (Boone), DG 2020-21 Steve Dakin (Boone), Gretchen Nollman (West Liberty), Chris Bertelson (Winterset), Brad Vollstedt (Manning), T. Waldmann-Williams (Knoxville), Doug Anderson (Ottumwa), and Dennis Drager (Marshalltown). Not pictured: Dolly Bergmann (Atlantic), Devin Boyer (Waukee), Michelle Cassabaum (Nevada), Don Borcharding (Nevada), Lori Conn (Keokuk), Bridget Davis (Corydon), Jim Johnson (Kalona), Greg Kenyon (West Des Moines), Tim Lane (Bettendorf), Phil Peterson (Iowa City AM),

Photo by Carolyn Scharff

DGE Steve Dakin's Official Club Visits

DISTRICT GOVERNOR STEVE DAKIN AND LESLEY'S OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS AND OTHER DATES IN 2020-21. DGE Steve commented, "Rotary International is not covering travel expenses for the District Governors until after Jan. 1. I know that most of you are meeting virtually. I will do my best to attend your face-to-face club meetings on the scheduled date."

July 6 (M).....**Ames** (noon)
 July 7 (Tu)..... **Ankeny** (11:45 AM)
 July 8 (W)..... **Boone** (noon)
 July 9 (Th)..... **Winterset** (noon)
 July 10 (F)..... **Indianola** (noon)
 July 13 (M)..... **Burlington** (noon)
 July 13 (M)..... **Mount Pleasant** (6:45 PM)
 July 14 (Tu)..... **Fort Madison** (noon)
 July 14 (Tu)..... **Ames Morning Board** (eve.)
 July 15 (W)..... **Ames Morning** (7:00 AM)
 July 15 (W)..... **Perry** (12:10 PM)
 July 16 (Th)..... **Coon Rapids** (12:05 PM)
 July 16 (Th)..... **Des Moines AM Board** (eve.)
 July 17 (F)..... **Des Moines AM** (7:00 AM)
 July 17-18..... **SCRVE Joint Conference**
 with D5970, Cedar Rapids
 July 20 (M)..... **Carroll** (noon)
 July 21 (Tu)..... **Newton** (noon)
 July 21 (Tu)..... **Grinnell** (6:00 PM)
 July 22 (W)..... **Centerville** (noon)
 July 22 (W) ... **Iowa Quad Cities Board** (eve.)
 July 23 (Th)..... **Iowa Quad Cities** (7:00 AM)
 July 23 (Th)..... **Iowa City** (noon)
 July 23-24..... **Regional Zone Leadership**
 Online, Time & Location TBA
 July 27 (M)..... **Jefferson** (12:10 PM)
 July 28 (Tu)..... **Manning** (12:05 PM)
 July 29 (W)..... **Nevada** (noon)
 July 29 (W) ... **Greater Des Moines** (5:30 PM)
 July 31 (F)..... **Chariton** (noon)
 Aug. 3 (M)..... **Clinton** (noon)
 Aug. 4 (Tu)..... **Pella** (noon)
 Aug. 4 (Tu)..... **Bloomfield Board** (eve.)
 Aug. 5 (W)..... **Bloomfield** (6:45 AM)
 Aug. 6 (Th)..... **District Budget & Exec**
 Meetings, Online (11 AM)
 Aug. 7 (F)..... **NW Des Moines** (11:45 AM)
 Aug. 10 (M)..... **Corning** (noon)
 Aug. 11 (Tu)..... **Keosauqua** (noon)
 Aug. 12 (W)..... **Adel** (12:05 PM)
 Aug. 13 (Th)..... **Washington** (noon)
 Aug. 14 (F)..... **Fairfield** (noon)
 Aug. 17 (M)..... **Ottumwa** (12:10 PM)
 Aug. 17 (M)..... **Iowa City AM Board** (eve.)
 Aug. 18 (Tu)..... **Iowa City AM** (7:00 AM)
 Aug. 18 (Tu)..... **Kalona** (noon)
 Aug. 19 (W)..... **Bettendorf** (noon)
 Aug. 20 (Th)..... **Keokuk** (noon)
 Aug. 21 (F)..... **Boone Auction** (noon)



DG 2020-21 Steve Dakin and Lesley will convey RI President Holger Knaack's theme, "Rotary Opens Opportunities," during their club visits.

Aug. 24 (M)..... **Davenport** (noon)
 Aug. 25 (Tu)..... **Marengo** (12:05 PM)
 Aug. 25 (Tu)..... **West Liberty** (6:00 PM)
 Aug. 26 (W)..... **Coralville N. Corridor** (noon)
 Aug. 27 (Th)..... **Des Moines** (11:45 AM)
 Aug. 28 (F)..... **North Scott** (noon)
 Aug. 29 (Sat)..... **RLI, West Des Moines**
 (8:30 AM-3:30 PM)
 Aug. 31 (M)..... **Creston** (noon)
 Aug. 31 (M)..... **Johnston Board** (eve.)
 Sept. 1 (Tu)..... **Johnston** (7:00 AM)
 Sept. 1 (Tu)..... **Dallas Center** (12:05 PM)
 Sept. 2 (W)..... **Tipton** (noon)
 Sept. 2 (W)..... **Waukee Board** (eve.)
 Sept. 3 (Thu)..... **Waukee** (6:45 AM)
 Sept. 8-13..... **Zone Institute and**
 Governor-Elect Training, Online
 Sept. 15 (Tu)..... **Marshalltown** (noon)
 Sept. 15 (Tu)..... **Ankeny Evening-Satellite**
 (6:00 PM)
 Sept. 16 (W)..... **Wellman** (noon)
 Sept. 21 (M)..... **Muscatine** (noon)
 Sept. 22 (Tu)..... **Oskaloosa** (noon)
 Sept. 23 (W) ... **Mount Pleasant Noon** (noon)
 Sept. 24 (Th)..... **Denison** (noon)

Sept. 28 (M)..... **Lenox** (noon)
 Sept. 29 (Tu)..... **Atlantic** (noon)
 Sept. 29 (Tu)..... **East Polk Board** (eve.)
 Sept. 30 (W)..... **East Polk County** (7:00 AM)
 Sept. 30 (W)..... **Knoxville** (noon)
 One Rotary Summit Online (TBA)
 Oct. 1 (Th)..... **Decatur County** (noon)
 Oct. 5 (M)..... **Iowa City Downtown** (noon)
 Oct. 5 (M)..... **Norwalk Board** (eve.)
 Oct. 6 (Tu)..... **Nowalk** (6:30 AM)
 Oct. 6 (Tu)..... **Corydon** (noon)
 Oct. 12 (M)..... **West Polk County** (noon)
 Oct. 13 (Tu)..... **Albia** (noon)
 Oct. 15 (Th)..... **District Budget & Exec**
 Meetings, TBA (11 AM)
 Oct. 20 (Tu)..... **West Des Moines** (11:45 AM)
 Oct. 24 (Sa)..... **World Polio Day**
 Oct. 27 (Tu)..... **Osceola** (noon)
 Nov. 1 (Su)..... **DG Candidate Interviews**
 (11:45 AM)
 Nov. 7 (Sa)..... **Rotary Foundation Event,**
 Online,TBD
 Nov. 14 (Sa)..... **RYE Outbound**
 Student Interviews,TBD
 Dec. 3 (Th)..... **District Budget & Exec**
 Meetings, TBA (11 AM)
 January..... **Iowa MOST, Guatemala**
 Feb. 7-11..... **International Assembly**
 Orlando, FL
 Feb. 18..... **District Budget & Exec**
 Meetings, TBA (11 AM)
 Feb. 23..... **Happy 116th Birthday, Rotary!**
 Feb. 27 (Sa)..... **Grant Management Seminar**
 West Liberty (8:30-11:30 AM)
 March 6 (Sa)..... **Grant Management Seminar**
 West Des Moines (8:30-11:30 AM)
 March 11 (Th)..... **AG Training, Ames**
 March 11-13 (Th-Sa)..... **President-Elect**
 Training Seminar (NCPETS), Ames
 March 13-21..... **Xicotepec Project Team**
 to Xicotepec, Mexico
 March 26 (F)..... **Grant Management Seminar**
 Newton, DMAC (5:00-8:00 PM)
 March 27 (Sa)..... **District Training Assembly**
 at Newton, DMAC (9:00 AM)
 April 10 (Sa)..... **RYE 21-22 Outbound**
 Training, Newton
 April 16 (F)..... **District Conference**
 Burlington
 April 17 (Sa)..... **District Conference**
 Quad Cities and Iowa City
 April 23 (F)..... **District Conference**
 Atlantic
 April 24 (Sa)..... **District Conference**
 Boone and Des Moines
 May 27 (Th)..... **District Budget & Exec**
 Meetings, Pella (10 AM)
 June 12-16..... **Rotary International**
 Convention, Taipei, Taiwan



Presidents-Elect met with AGs to prepare for their years at NCPETS, March 13 at Rochester, MN. It was the last in-person District Rotary gathering of the year, due to COVID-19 restrictions which started the next week.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

NEWS NOTES

DISTRICT MEETING

Despite reduced attendance at NC-PETS due to COVID-19, a quorum was achieved and measures were approved: **Steve Wieneke** of the Rotary Club of Ankeny was elected District Governor Nominee Designee for 2022-23. The by-laws were amended to provide for three additional members of the district board (this year: **Devin Boyer**, Waukee, 1-year term; **Michelle Cassabuam**, Nevada, 2-year term; **Shawn Mullen**, Des Moines, 3-year term). Future governors will appoint one new person to a 3-year term. The budget was approved allowing for a \$5 per member increase in dues from \$30 to \$35, the first increase in more than 10 years. However, **DGE Steve Dakin** subsequently proposed, and clubs approved, that the increase be postponed one year due to reduced expenses due to travel restrictions and cancelled meetings such as the Zones 25B-29 Institute which would have been Sept. 8-13 in Houston.

ZONE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

RI Director-Elect **Suzi Howe** had planned to convene a Zone 29 Leadership Summit July 23-25 at Embassy Suites, Des Moines, to support District leaders to achieve goals for the 2020-2021 Rotary year. The person-to-person meeting will be replaced with virtual training. Discussions will build consensus toward

planning, evaluation, and goal setting. Information and registration: <https://www.zones25B-29.org/>.

ZONE NOMINATING

PDG John Ockenfels will serve as District 6000 delegate to the Zone 29 Nominating Committee which will select a director to the RI Board to represent Zones 29 and 25 in 2022-24. **PDG Chris Knapp** is alternate. John and Chris are from the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM. Our director until June 30 is **PDG Larry Dimmitt**, from Topeka, KS. **PDG Suzi Howe**, from Friendsworth, TX, will be our director from 2020-2022.



VIRTUAL RI CONVENTION

The Honolulu RI Convention was cancelled due to COVID-19, but now Rotarians can participate in the Virtual RI Convention, June 20-26, without leaving home. Look up the menu of speakers and breakouts and sign up at: <https://www.riconvention.org/en>. We just receive notice that among the exhibits in the Virtual House of Friendship will be RAG4Clubfoot, a project Rotary districts 6000 and 5970.

COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

PDG Susan Herrick of the Rotary Club of Boone has been selected by the District Nominating Committee to serve as delegate to the 2022 RI Council On Legislation, and **PDG Chris Knapp** of Iowa City AM is alternate. Susan asks us to think about resolutions or enactments that you might want to submit to RI as changes to Rotary's governing documents. Resolutions are submitted to the RI Board on a yearly basis for their consideration. Enactments will go to the 2022 Council of Legislation after being vetted by their legal department. A proposed enactment seeks to amend the RI constitutional documents which include the RI Constitution, RI ByLaws, and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. This sounds like a daunting process at first glance, so please do not hesitate to contact me if you want assistance at susancps47@gmail.com or 515-298-1536.

NEW ROTARACT CLUB

DGN Aika Khanolkar reports the happy news that a new Rotaract club has received credentials from the University of Iowa and Rotary International. "So proud of **Abby Camp**, a dynamic leader who will be a great president. I would like to also thank and congratulate president **Hazel Seaba** and **Greg Probst** (Iowa City AM, club sponsor) and all the members for their support of this new Rotaract club."

BLESSMAN ONLINE FUNDRAISER

Blessman Ministries reports that even though it had to do its April 23 gala this year on a virtual platform, it was more successful than it likely would have been with a live event. Over \$515,000 was raised for programs for children in Limpopo, South Africa, many of which are Rotary-related through Global Grants.

"We had over 10,000 people watching the gala on their devices, and financial pledges made it one of our best years ever," said Waukee Rotarian and program founder, **Dr. Jim Blessman**.

Numbers from the event:

6,800 households viewed the gala in its entirety;

31,000 households viewed the gala for 20 minutes or more;

The Gala video reached 42,000 people on Facebook;

The Gala video was watched by people in 42 different states;

53 households won silent auction items raising over \$16,000.

The event had 13 corporate sponsors and 26 table sponsors.

Learn more: Sarah at 515-783-8668.



Toastmasters, Rotary form alliance

On Jan. 7, Rotary International announced a collaboration with Toastmasters International, a leading international educational organization that helps its members become better speakers, communicators and leaders. Toastmasters has 16,800 clubs in 143 countries and uniquely among volunteer organizations, its membership is growing. The new alliance with Rotary encourages members of each organization to take advantage of the benefits of the other. In the photo above, **DG Erna Morain** met with members of the Regency Toastmasters Club which meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at noon at Holmes Murphy & Associates, Waukee. Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/ydevyu7w>.

Photo by DG Erna's D6000 News

OBITUARIES



Joyce Reese



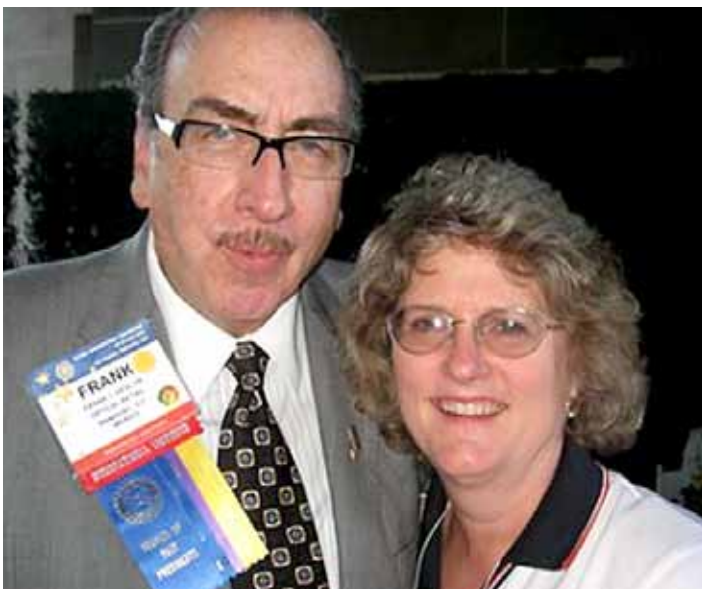
Mary True

JOYCE REESE, 85, spouse of the late PDG 1994-95 Bill Reese, of West Des Moines, died April 18 in Overland Park, Kansas. She was a graduate of Drake University with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education and a master of arts degree in special education. She taught 27 years in the Des Moines school system. She traveled with her late husband to 33 countries supporting the work of Rotary International, Friendship Exchange, and fulfilling her personal bucket list. The Reeses hosted multiple Youth Exchange students over the course of their 64-year marriage. A memorial service at a date to be determined will be held at Des Moines Christian Church with burial at Jordan Cemetery in West Des Moines.

MARY TRUE, 90, spouse of PDG 1991-92 Everett Laning, died March 8 in Dallas Center. Mary and Ev were married in 2013 after long marriages with first spouses who died. She was a 1951 graduate of Iowa State College with a degree in home economics. She had been a teacher in Bensenville, Ill., and Clegg Elementary in West Des Moines, and had been active in tennis and maraton

running. A memorial service was held March 15 in Indianola.

RIPRESIDENT 2000-01 FRANK DEVLYN, 81, of Mexico City, Mexico, died May 27 from complications resulting from a long battle with cancer. Frank was a pillar of the English-speaking and international community in Mexico and an internationally recognized humanitarian who worked endlessly to help the underprivileged, provide free glasses to those in need and to sponsor vaccination drives throughout the world. A friend of all and author of "Frank Talk" and multiple books inspiring Rotarians to greater service, his *Devlyn Amigos* circled the Rotary world, including District 6000 District Conference in 2009 at Ankeny upon the invitation of then-DG Susan Herrick.



RI President Frank Devlyn with DG Susan Herrick, May 2009.



Rotary Club of Ames' 27-year club secretary/treasurer Rupert Kenyon and his wife, Carmen, enjoy a happy moment at the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago in one of the editor's favorite never-before-published pictures. Rupert Kenyon died May 26 at age 94.
Photo by Bill Tubbs

We remember well ...

The lives of Rotarians who died in 2019-20, which were provided to the district upon an invitation from the district office, were to have been remembered in a special service at the Rotary Festival. A digital In Memoriam is being prepared instead by Des Moines and Waukee Rotarians Todd and Joyce Wheeler will produce a PDF of a PowerPoint that can be viewed by members and clubs at a time convenient for them.

We remember these dearly departed. Each in his or her own way made the world a better place, through Rotary.

May light perpetual shine upon them. – BT

Adel
Ruth Joanne
Lienemann

Ames
PDG John Dasher
(1992-93)
Rupert Kenyon
John McKinney

Bettendorf
James Slavens

Burlington
Gwen Barker

Des Moines
Grant Bell
John DeVries
Jim Krambeck

Fairfield
Gene Michael Luedtke

Iowa Quad Cities
Lawrence Barker

Indianola
Mary True
Iowa City
Edwin Barker
Charles Coulter
Chalmers "Bump"
Elliott
Frederick Newman
Jim Swaner
Ed Zastrow

Iowa Quad Cities
Lawrence Barker

Jefferson
Larry Fie

Keosauqua
David Paulek

Marshalltown
Reese Gibbs

Muscatine
Charles Lewis

North Scott
Jerome "Jerry" Hansen
Lorraine Lynch
Dennis Peterson
Kenneth Tank

Pella
Jim Ebberts



Rotary's goal is a polio-free world! There were 33 cases of polio in all of 2018, and 173 in 2019. Already there are 49 in Pakistan in 2020 as of May 29, and 12 in Afghanistan.

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Club leaders' checklist

VIRTUAL MEETINGS: Encourage members to join DG Erna Morain's June 26th Gavel Passing (p. 5) and the June 20-26 2020 Virtual Rotary International Convention (p. 5, 30).

2019-20 CLUB LEADERS: Make final payments to The Rotary Foundation on or before June 30 to meet or exceed your club's goals for Annual Giving and Polio (p. 18-19).

2020-01 CLUB LEADERS: Enter your club goals now on Rotary Central at www.rotary.org/MyRotary.

MEMBERSHIP: Review your club's Membership history and choose leaders who will implement a plan to take it to the next level, or reverse membership decline (p. 11, 23).

DISTRICT DUES: Watch for your club's 2020-21 dues billing after July 1, including voluntary contributions for Iowa M.O.S.T. and the Youth Services Fund.

CALENDAR: Check the calendar and communicate with District Governor Steve Dakin about his Official Club Visit (p. 29).

SUBMIT NEWS or your activities by Sept. 4 for the next issue of District 6000 News to PDG Bill Tubbs at btubbs@northscottpress.com. Send text as a Word file or in the body of the email; and free-standing high resolution .jpg images.

The Object of Rotary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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