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EDITOR

What's your Rotary moment?

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

It's a custom at Rotary events to invite a member or members to share what's come to be known as a "Rotary Moment," a message which is often about how a member has been inspired in service to others.

My turn came at Governor Steve Dakin's District Conference and I turned the tables. *I was the one being served:*

"I've had so many Rotary Moments, I don't know which to pick," I began. "Volunteering at Special Olympics has been a 40-year project of my club. I see God in the eyes of differently-abled



Bill Tubbs

athletes striving to do their best. I've seen God in the eyes of children in Nigeria, and India, receiving the drops of life that will keep them safe from polio – and in the eyes of children in Xicotepec. And there was Andres, the 86-year-old man with worn-out skin and welts and warts and fingers missing from sorting garbage for a lifetime at the dump in Oaxaco, Mexico. His dwelling is the size of dog houses in America, and yet when he saw us coming, he smiled and said, "Thank you for coming to my house."

(Clubs in District 6000 completed a Global Grant to convert the compost in the dump to cash so the people could afford to send their children to school.)

"These, and many other moments we can never forget, but **MY** Rotary Moment occurred on June 12, 2017, at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. It was Monday morning, and we had just concluded the wonderful District 6000 Breakfast. We could feel the energy as we were walking amidst thousands of Rotarians to the Convention Center to hear Bill Gates, in the large plenary hall. Those who got there first got the better seats.

I will always thank God that people with the heart of Rotary saw God in MY eyes and put Service Above Self.

"Suddenly, my toe hooked a light post and in the blink of an eye my face crashed hard on the pavement. My face was a mess and blood was seeping from my mouth. As I lay prone on the concrete, crowds circled, and then the ambulance, and the pain. It seemed forever. It really hurt – a lot!

"Soon my worst moment became one I will never forget – because **I** was the one in need and **OTHERS** gave up their good seats at the plenary to stop and render aid to **ME**. **THANK YOU, Tom and Carol Narak and Jim Peterson** and the doctor from Ballard, Washington, and all the rest. Most of all, my fabulous son-in-law, **Matt Olson**, who gave up **HIS** Convention experience to get us checked out of our hotel and rebooked our airline connection and got me home safely in my dentist's chair in Eldridge that very night. We missed a great convention, they say, **BUT** my chipped teeth were repaired later that summer. I am well, and will always thank **GOD** that people with the heart of Rotary saw God in **MY** eyes and put Service Above Self. **THAT'S Rotary!**"

Our Rotary Moments can come anytime, anywhere, ready or not, in ways we can't imagine. What's yours?

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

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Living the Five-Way Test at District Conference

Dear Rotarians and Friends of District 6000,

On April 24 Rotarians around District 6000 gathered at the Courtyard by Marriott Conference Center in Ankeny. Some gathered in person, others were online.

This Rotary year has not been what Lesley and I planned, but we have “rolled along” and tried to make the best year possible for everyone.



Steve Dakin

Instead of six District Conference meetings in various locations around District 6000, as we envisioned, we were limited to one centrally located evening where anyone could share Rotary experiences and fellowship. I have heard many positive comments, but the majority were those who just enjoyed being

together; being part of the Rotary “family” after the seclusion of a Covid year.

Program

Of course, our program included an impressive variety of speakers. This was an opportunity to share stories of Rotarians and their lives in Rotary:

- Jennifer Jones**, Rotary International President-Elect, opened via a recorded message;
- Rotary Scholar, Simone Renault**, joined us from London;
- John Ockenfels** updated us about his Flight to End Polio;
- Susan Herrick** (Boone) recalled her National Immunization Day of Service;
- Dr. Dianne Atkins**, from the Iowa City club, told of their AED project;
- Phil Hauser** (Boone), **Tom McCoy** (Marshalltown), and **Bill Tubbs**(North Scott) shared their experiences;
- Jeff Johnson** described the Ames Noon club’s Miracle Park;
- Cal Litwiller** from the Mt. Pleasant club explained their project in India during COVID.

Several Rotarians, nominated by their clubs, received **Guardian of Integrity** awards (p. 10-11). We celebrated and surprised Rotarians around District 6000 with international awards commending their service to our Areas of Focus (p.

9).

After hearing of all these wonderful stories, it is evident to me why Rotarians from District 6000 are the best...dedication to service.

The Five-Way Test: Is it fun?

Our focus was to provide a safe event and raise funds supporting PolioPlus and my DG-year project, Sukup Safe-T-Homes.

The **Rotary Club of Ankeny** successfully raised the most money for PolioPlus (p. 18) and thus earned the privilege of delivering a pie-in-the-face. I donned my Super Rotarian costume in preparation for the creamy peanut butter pie. Unexpectedly, Boone Rotarian **Dave Cook** offered to accept my “Pie in the Face” ... and more bids were received as Ankeny president **Todd Wehr** approached the stage.

In the end, over \$25,000 was raised for PolioPlus. It was apparent that the Rotary Club of Ankeny enjoyed delivering on the challenge.

Following that display of gooeyness, another pie appeared and the club with the highest percentage of attendees to the District Conference ... the Rotary Club of

Boone ... was ready to dispense the last Pie-in-the-Face to the District Governor. President **Matt Elthon** was ushered to the stage as my flashing shoes blinked red, green, and yellow. SPLAT ! Perfect technique! We had a lot of fun and enjoyed raising money for PolioPlus and Sukup Safe-T-Homes. District 6000 Rotarians Living the 5-Way Test.

Six seats on a plane to Haiti

Additional items auctioned off during the event included: Rotary yard signs, metal flags, and also six seats on a private airplane trip to Haiti. This trip is an opportunity for six Rotarians to build Sukup Safe-T-Homes for a deserving families. Bids received for the Haiti trip totaled over \$15,000.

Deb (Crabby) Ockenfels provided another spectacular quilt (p. 5) which was auctioned off for PolioPlus (\$3,000). She never fails to amaze us with her talent and generosity.

I appreciate those on my planning committee who dili-

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Images of District Conference: April 24 at Ankeny



Boone Rotarian Matt Elthon won the honors of putting a pie in District Governor Steve Dakin's face.



Ames Morning Rotarian Carolyn Jons (c) with DG Steve Dakin and PDG Jacque Andrew, was presented the RI Service Above Self Award for her untiring work with literacy.



Emcee was Ames Rotarian Jeff Johnson, director of the Iowa State University Alumni Association, with his wife, Peggy.



Capacity in the ballroom at Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny was more than the 132 who were Covid conscious but, having received the vaccine, were delighted to connect in person for the first time in two years.



Tech team: Gretchen Nollman (West Liberty) and Beth and Sean Saxton (Decatur County).



Sergeants-at-arms, (left photo): Jeff Magner and Ariel Grego;



(right photo) Kristofer Orth and Anne Porter,



Decatur County Rotarian, PDG Terry Geiger (at right) received the Rotary Foundation for Meritorious Service from DG Steve Dakin while PDG Jacquie Andrew read the script.

District Governor: Five-Way Test

GOVERNOR, *continued*

gently met online, scrambled for supplies, manned the technology delivery systems, arranged for all awards to be written and presented, and those who supported our vision for that evening. THANK YOU! We couldn't have done it without you.

Now another Rotary year approaches. It seems like projects, meetings, and conferences are slowly returning to "normal". I hope that many of you consider attending the Rotary International conference to be held June 4-7, 2022 in Houston. This is a relatively nearby event. I hope that our international Rotarian colleagues are able to attend. Geography, languages, and dress may show our differences, but it is the enthusiasm for service that really attracts and ties me to Rotary. It is our common purpose guided by the 5-Way Test.

Rotarians still have a lot to do to make this world a better place. I will continue to work to ensure that District 6000 thrives. Thank you for the opportunity to be District 6000's District Governor during 2020-2021. Let me know how I can help you or your club.

District Governor Steve Dakin/Boone



DG Steve Dakin presented RI's International Service Award for a Polio-Free World to PDG to John Ockenfels of Iowa City AM.



Boone Rotarian Dave Cook took a pie in the face for his fellow Rotarian, DG Steve Dakin. Todd Wehr of Ankeny did the deed.



Deb Ockenfels' beautiful quilt was sold at auction for \$3,000 for PolioPlus. Governor Steve Dakin was the buyer!



Promoting next year's District Conference, the first all-Iowa Conference since 1947, at Iowa City, April 22-23, 2022: DGE Alka and Khiran Khanolkar with Evi Conn (at right), Conference chair Vernetta Knapp and D5970 DGE Jeff Hassman and his wife, Maripili, of Cedar Falls.



Des Moines Rotarian Claudia Schabel came to the U.S. from Brazil and works to make Iowa more inclusive and diverse.



Guardians of Integrity (l-r): Tony Conn (Keokuk) with daughter, Evi; T. Waldmann-Williams (Knoxville), Carolyn Jons (Ames Morning), DG Steve Dakin, Dick Cole (North Scott), Tom Friedman (Ankeny), PDG Loring Miller (Decatur County), Lisa Mount (Boone). See all, with profiles, pages 10-11.



DG Dakin presented RI's Regional Award For a Polio-Free World to Decatur County Rotarian Peggy Geiger for her leadership that made the polio statue at BLank Children's Hospital possible.

Metallic flags held by Lisa Mount and Sam Germer of Boone were auctioned by Loring Miller.



Photographer Dakota Powell.

Five from District 6000 receive international awards

Five District 6000 Rotarians were recipients of awards from Rotary International. Below are scripts of the presentations at District Conference by Bill Koellner and PDG Jacque Andrew:

Citation of Meritorious Service: Honors members who have been actively involved in service related to The Rotary Foundation. For decades of service to the Foundation, this year's recipient of the Citation is **PDG Terry Geiger** of the Rotary Club of Decatur County. Terry served as District Governor in 2012-13 and as District Rotary Foundation Chair for four years, leading Foundation committees to increased growth in annual fund giving and recognition at zone for Total, Annual Funds and Polio contributions, including a successful million dollar campaign. Terry also served 10 years on the Global and Community Service Grants committees and the PolioPlus subcommittee. He was a resource and frequent speaker to clubs and Grant Management Seminars.

The Service Award for a Polio Free World. Honors Rotarians who have made outstanding contributions to our polio eradication efforts. This year District 6000 has recipients in both the **Regional** and **International** categories.

An impassioned spokesperson for the polio effort, our recipient of the **Regional** award is **Peggy Geiger**, Rotary Club of Decatur County. In 2016, Peggy realized a dream and participated in a National Polio Immunization Day in Nigeria. Her advocacy for polio eradication is most notable in her vision of a polio statue. She championed the effort to search for a sculptor, sharing her vision of a statue of a life-size Rotarian administering "the drops" to children, all while raising money – almost \$100,000 – and awareness of the project. During the firing and bronzing of the statue, the search was on for the right location for the work. Thanks to efforts she coordinated with our DG Tom Narak and others, Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines, would be the location for the statue – so appropriate because the hospital was built in 1943 with special permission from President Franklin Roosevelt, himself a polio survivor. A triumphant dedication in 2019 was orchestrated by Peggy which included an RI director, Blank Hospital president, District 6000 leaders and hundreds of Rotarians. The inspiring polio statue, a result of Peggy's leadership, will remind all who see it that there was once a crippling disease vanquished by passionate polio warriors like Peggy!

The Service Award for a Polio Free World recipient of the **International** award dreams big also and even more impressive than that, he **PLANS BIG!** When it comes to Polio, he's all in! Our recipient of this prestigious award is **John Ockenfels** of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM. John's dreams over the years have included helping to form a new club, now with 80 members, and making sure the club understood the polio effort and its need for funding and volunteers. He participated in a Polio National Immunization Day and the World Polio Conference in India. But his really **BIG Dream** was announced in December 2019, a trip around the world piloting a plane to raise money for the polio vaccine. The worldwide pandemic stalled out the plans, but soon he and his fellow pilot will be fueling up the plane to make that 20,000-mile route of 150 in flight hours. Both members of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians, the two pilots will shoulder the entire cost of the flight, upwards of \$60,000. So 100 percent of the money raised visiting clubs and garnering publicity goes to the PolioPlus fund! It is said, polio transmission is only one flight away but this life-saving flight to generate donations

will no longer be a dream but a **REALITY!**

Service Above Self. Since 1992, the Service Above Self award recognizes exemplary humanitarian service provided on a continual basis, by Rotarians who might otherwise go unrecognized. As Rotary International's highest honor for individual Rotarians, this award recognizes up to 150 Rotarians annually, out of 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. This award recognizes Rotarians for their "humanitarian" service, rather than their service only to Rotary. Recipients reflect Rotary's "Four-Way Test," and they must be an inspiration to others, and have exemplary ethical and moral character.

In almost 30 years, Rotary International has awarded about 3,500 Service Above Self Awards in 535 Districts. District 6000 has had 12 Rotarians who have received the "Service Above Self" award, of which 11 remain active in both Rotary service as well as community volunteer services. They are **Loring Miller, Jacque Andrew, Ray Muston, Herb Wilson, Bill Tubbs, Bill Koellner, Don Goering, Brock Earnhardt, Gary Pacha, Jim Peterson** and **John Cortesio**.

We are very fortunate to again have one of the Service Above Self recipients in District 6000. Our recipient has been driven by a passion to help ALL children succeed as readers; "what she wanted for her own kids, she wanted for ALL kids." She admits that it's her calling, the thread of literacy is woven throughout the fabric of her lifetime of service. Not only did she dedicate decades to school board service locally and on the Iowa Association of School Boards, she helped others around the learn to be better board members to serve their own districts.

As a Rotarian she sought innovative, research-based programs to foster literacy especially for low-income children. She inspired her Rotary club and the district to focus on early literacy, serving as a leader, mentor, organizer, promoter, fundraiser, story-teller and book-delivery bus driver to name just a few of her roles.

Events she organized were fun and creative, with Step into Storybooks just one example. In partnership with doctors who presented books at well-child visits, new parents were encouraged and taught the skills of how to read to & with their kids. The literacy ideas and events she and her club developed were generously shared and replicated around the District. Her impassioned service has made the future brighter for thousands of children.

The sustainability of her work is ensured through her planning and organizing of the "Raising Readers" organization in Story County which serves as a model for others. Her lifetime of humble, generous and cheerful service has created a spirit of lasting change which will be felt for generations. As a champion for literacy, our recipient is a heroine in a inspiring story of service enriching the lives of thousands of children and families! Now, as I ask our 2021 Service Above Self recipient, **Carolyn Jons** of the Rotary Club of Ames Morning, to come forward, please share your heartiest congratulations!

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

A late addition to awards, which was not known at District Conference, Rotary International approved the nomination of PDG Corliss Klaassen of Chariton for its highest honor, the **Distinguished Service Award**.

Congratulations, Corliss!



Corliss Klaassen

JULY 18-23

RYLA relocates to Coe; ready to go!

By Wayne Steen/West Liberty

District 6000 RYLA Chair

Iowa RYLA 2021 is going to begin Sunday July 18, at Coe College in Cedar Rapids and run through Friday, July 23.

Approximately 200 high school students from around the state of Iowa will participate.

The high school students attending Iowa RYLA are called RYLarians. They will have a week of great experiences, improved communication skills, and improved self-esteem.

RYLA is also a great way for the RYLarians to learn to be leaders at their local high school, and when they go on to college. They will make life-long friends and learn to work with people of different backgrounds. They will also hear some great speakers who have very powerful messages.

The mission statement of RYLA, in part, states:

“We believe leadership is a skill that can be learned and practiced and must be applied to have worth. We strive to improve judgement, personal responsibility, and awareness of key leadership traits, group needs, and the needs of the world. We value integrity, accountability, and humility in our leaders.”



If you are interested in volunteering for Iowa RYLA next year, or are just interested in finding out more about RYLA. We encourage you to visit Iowa RYLA at Coe College during the daytime of Tuesday, July 20.

The team leaders of Iowa RYLA are sending “love webs” to all Rotarians who have supported Iowa RYLA. Love webs are an Iowa RYLA sign of compassion and caring.



Ben Stutting of North Scott and Allie O'Meara of Indianola will be head counselors at Iowa RYLA, July 18-23, at Coe College in Cedar Rapids.

Many RYLarians and team leaders have gone on to have great success. A team leader I worked with, Megan Lenss, has recently been named a Fulbright Scholar. Another team leader I worked with, Sam Akers, just received her masters degree in social work. There are hundreds of other success stories.

Iowa districts cooperate

Iowa RYLA is a joint endeavor by Rotary Districts 6000 and 5970. District 6000 encompasses most of southern Iowa and District 5970 encompasses most of northern Iowa.

The RYLarians will be divided into 20 teams. Each team will be led by a team leader and assisted by a Rotarian. They will go through a series of team building and goal setting exercises throughout the week of RYLA.

Ally O'Meara of Indianola and Ben Stutting of North Scott will be the Head Counselors for Iowa RYLA 2021. Wayne Steen of the Rotary Club of West Liberty will be the Conference chair. David Kutter of Cedar Rapids is the registrar and vice chair of Iowa RYLA 2021.

Twenty-two Rotarians volunteers

will be participating in Iowa RYLA 2021. They are essential catalysts to RYLA. They will be assisting the team leaders and will be providing their insights and expertise to the RYLarians.

We want to thank each and every one of the Rotarian volunteers for truly exemplifying “Service Above Self” by giving up a week in their very busy lives to help at RYLA. It is an experience that the volunteers will always treasure as they work today with tomorrow’s leaders.

If you are interested in volunteering for Iowa RYLA next year or are just interested in finding out more about RYLA. We encourage you to visit Iowa RYLA at Coe College during the daytime of Tuesday, July 20.

We want to also thank each and every club in District 6000 for their great and continued support of Iowa RYLA! After a year hiatus because of COVID-19, Iowa RYLA is back and we believe Iowa RYLA 2021 will continue our rich tradition of excellence!

In the next issue of the District 6000 newsletter I will share with you many photos and testimonials about Iowa RYLA 2021.

Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2020 - June 9, 2021 (Interim Report)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(Members: July 1, 2015-16-17-18-19-20)	20-21 Goal	% of Goal	Per capita	Thru 6-09-21	PolioPlus	Other (*)	TOTAL
Adel (37-37-34-32-28-24)	\$ 2,800	180	\$ 179.63	\$ 4,311	\$ 250	\$ 0	\$ 4,561
Albia (22-28-28-24-24-29)	750	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ames (224-226-217-206-186-172)	20,000	90	105.22	18,097	6,565	25,502	50,164
Ames Morning (55-55-59-59-52-46)	6,000	170	221.20	10,175	1,500	0	11,675
Ankeny (61-77-85-86-83-101)	13,600	115	155.10	15,665	7,840	125,225	148,730
Atlantic (58-58-58-56-62-62)	2,000	106	34.34	2,129	0	0	2,129
Bettendorf (103-101-102-105-93-100)	10,000	123	122.75	12,275	0	0	12,275
Bloomfield (10-10-10-11-12-12)	1,100	193	177.08	2,125	20	250	2,395
Boone (42-34-41-51-50-46)	4,000	611	531.16	24,433	7,318	0	31,751
Burlington (80-79-80-80-76-73)	2,500	30	10.27	750	0	0	750
Carroll (46-44-43-44-42-26)	3,500	94	90.97	3,275	300	0	3,575
Centerville (50-46-45-46-45-38)	4,500	65	76.97	2,925	0	0	2,925
Chariton (41-41-34-30-39-40)	4,000	193	193.25	7,730	555	0	8,285
Clinton (98-97-94-90-91-80)	5,000	149	93.96	7,469	1,640	100	9,209
Coon Rapids (27-31-34-30-29-28)	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coralville-N. Corridor (20-21-22-24-23-22)	2,000	55	50	1,100	0	0	1,100
Corning (34-33-32-32-31-30)	1,252	90	374.0	1,122	1,000	0	2,122
Corydon (18-15-15-17-16-18)	1,800	61	61.11	1,100	0	0	1,100
Creston (23-19-17-18-21-21)	200	50	4.76	100	50	0	150
Dallas Center (27-29-26-25-28-30)	3,000	83	82.67	2,480	100	0	2,580
Davenport (112-113-110-107-101-94)	10,000	105	111.76	10,505	400	5,800	16,705
Decatur County (30-32-31-30-30-28)	6,000	78	167.86	4,700	1,600	0	6,300
Denison (x-x-x-x-x-31)	2,000	100	64.52	2,000	0	0	2,000
Des Moines AM (170-170-179-189-194-200)	7,000	110	38.63	7,725	110	0	7,835
Des Moines (276-270-269-255-240-227)	21,000	62	57.35	13,018	2,550	18,500	34,067
East Polk County (34-31-29-29-27-22)	2,500	39	44.32	975	440	1,000	2,415
Fairfield (74-60-57-56-47-41)	4,000	52	50.98	2,090	100	22,173	24,363
Fort Madison (49-53-55-51-48-42)	4,000	66	63.10	2,650	196	0	2,846
Greater Des Moines (12-12-11-13-26-17)	1,000	5	2.94	50	425	550	1,025
Grinnell (38-40-35-38-36-34)	5,000	118	173.38	5,895	0	1,010	6,905
Indianola (54-53-54-47-39-37)	4,000	90	97.43	3,605	995	0	4,600
Iowa City (312-329-333-317-293-271)	50,000	63	117.01	31,710	2,623	5,597	39,930
Iowa City AM (66-69-74-71-74-79)	15,000	124	234.56	18,530	31,567	31,880	81,977
Iowa City Downtown (23-21-23-25-22-24)	3,500	73	106.25	2,550	930	3,000	6,480
Iowa Quad-Cities (41-42-38-42-38-36)	2,000	38	20.83	750	100	0	850
Jefferson (59-59-56-60-59-55)	5,500	70	70.45	3,875	325	0	4,200
Johnston (60-49-52-43-49-44)	5,000	37	41.93	1,845	0	0	1,845
Kalona (42-41-43-40-38-38)	1,500	15	5.92	225	2,000	0	2,225
Keokuk (66-71-57-53-45-41)	2,500	87	52.93	2,170	300	105	2,575
Keosauqua (24-22-23-24-26-26)	1,200	79	36.54	950	0	0	950
Knoxville (61-58-48-53-45-34)	3,200	80	75.74	2,575	2,422	0	4,997
Lenox (29-28-27-25-25-25)	900	2	.80	20	350	0	370
Manning (19-25-21-23-22-22)	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marengo (11-10-10-11-10-10)	250	80	20.00	200	0	0	200
Marshalltown (150-147-145-133-127-117)	7,500	46	29.53	3,455	2,295	0	5,750
Mount Pleasant Noon (52-55-47-51-56-53)	2,500	56	26.42	1,400	0	0	1,400
Mount Pleasant (20-20-18-18-16-15)	1,400	116	108.33	1,625	0	0	1,625
Muscatine (79-77-69-66-67-62)	10,000	69	111.51	6,914	2,135	0	9,049
Nevada (71-69-61-53-54-48)	8,000	161	268.23	12,875	2,425	0	15,300
Newton (60-55-49-40-36-38)	1,500	25	9.87	375	2,075	0	2,450
North Scott (85-86-89-88-88-95)	15,000	109	171.35	16,278	2,250	17,500	36,298
N'West Des Moines (34-40-36-37-36-37)	8,000	113	245.14	9,070	264	2,100	11,434
Norwalk (0-0-20-24-18-18)	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Osceola (28-29-25-22-22-21)	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oskaloosa (56-55-57-54-59-59)	4,000	3	1.69	100	0	0	100
Ottumwa (97-98-92-89-82-75)	7,500	240	240.33	18,025	300	0	18,325
Pella (29-30-29-29-26-26)	3,000	47	54.44	1,417	1,300	0	2,717
Perry (26-26-26-23-23-22)	800	123	44.55	980	670	0	1,650
Tipton (30-26-27-22-28-23)	1,500	154	100.39	2,309	0	3,000	5,309
Washington (49-48-43-42-43-41)	4,200	73	74.39	3,050	0	0	3,050
Waukee (58-64-69-64-68-73)	8,500	78	90.75	6,625	480	12,400	19,505
Wellman (36-34-30-29-26-23)	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Des Moines (62-63-52-51-50-45)	5,000	61	68.22	3,070	2,290	750	6,110
West Liberty (43-44-46-41-38-36)	12,500	123	428.33	15,420	1,600	1,000	18,020
West Polk County (31-18-19-20-24-21)	500	20	4.76	100	0	0	100
Winterset (25-30-33-29-28-30)	3,500	126	146.93	4,408	4,898	250	9,556
Total (3854-3853-3793-3693-3580-3464)	\$ 355,552	96.6%	\$ 99.15	\$ 343,470	\$ 97,823		\$ 735,621

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



Carolyn Jons
Ames Morning



Tom Friedman
Ankeny



Tim Lane
Bettendorf



Lisa Mount
Boone



Loring Miller
Decatur County



Nancy Stensvaag
Iowa City AM

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Eleven honored as ‘Guardians of Integrity’

By PDG Bill Tubbs

District 6000 Vocational Chair

Eleven Rotarians who were nominated by their clubs were honored by District 6000 as “Guardians of Integrity” at the April 24 District Conference at Ankeny. This is the 11th 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:

Ames AM Rotarian Carolyn Jons is a champion of access to early childhood literacy for all children, with special concern for low-income populations. Carolyn’s work and initiatives in several reading programs led her to found Raising Readers in Story County, an endeavor that has quantifiable evidence of improved reading readiness for kindergarteners. Carolyn has won award after award for her dedication to philanthropic efforts from Iowa to Honduras. Her dream of “a future in which all children grow up with a strong foundation in literacy” guides her continually.

Ankeny Rotarian Tom Friedman is a banker who is deeply engaged in his community. He coaches youth athletic teams, serves on several local and state boards, moderates the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce Government Committee forum, organizes fundraisers for Special Olympics and service projects for the Ankeny Service Center, and he writes a bi-weekly column entitled “Small Business Today” about building a culture for employees to create and deliver exceptional service to clients. His devotion to his community has earned him many honors as Tom “exemplifies the meaning of the Rotary motto Service Above Self.”

Bettendorf Rotarian Tim Lane sees the big picture as he works toward goals, and he strives for the “benefit of all, not just some.” With creative thinking and an eagerness to make a difference, Tim organized QC100, a philanthropic organization to raise money for the local community. He also initiated Pay It Forward for fifth graders to develop a charitable,

philanthropic mentality. Big dreams have led Tim to create successful fundraisers for Rotary and for local organizations. He leads retreats and service trips for his church and mentors new co-workers. When Tim sees needs, he works tirelessly toward solutions.

Boone Rotarian Lisa Mount is a businesswoman and community volunteer. A working mom, Lisa manages an office for real estate, insurance and financial services. As well, she is found working with the Public Library and area school districts to support literacy, and she has worn many of the hats that her Rotary club has asked that she wear, including that of the co-chair of the conference you attend today. If you visit Boone and appreciate the Boone Rotary Welcome Train, it is because Lisa’s leadership devoted three years to refurbish and transport it to its location to greet you. Lisa “does not quit until the job is complete.”

Decatur County Rotarian Loring Miller is best known in District 6000 for his long and storied commitment to Rotary Youth Exchange and as a Past District Governor. Lesser known to many is that he is a third generation Rotarian and that he has had a hand in projects and initiatives in India, Mexico, China, Brazil and far beyond. He has vaccinated children against polio, helped build a school and an orphanage, been an international presenter and facilitated the life-changing experience of youth exchange to hundreds of youth worldwide. And just imagine all the positive good he has done in his own local community. Loring’s imprint will endure and be “recognized for generations to come.”

Iowa City AM Rotarian Nancy Stensvaag is described as “literally and figuratively a builder of safe places.” Volunteer Director of Habitat for Humanity from 1995 until 2003, Nancy directed building of 24 homes for families. She has helped to find spaces for homeless to spend winter nights and organized conversion of a former county building into a social service campus to house offices for DVIP, CommUnity Crisis Center of Johnson County, NAMI and for Free Lunch Program. In Pakistan there is a girls’ school with Nancy’s influence and in Korea, an Ambassadorial Scholar who became a member of her family.

Keokuk Rotarian Tony Conn has served his country, his community and Rotary. In 2010, two years after joining Rotary, Tony participated in a humanitarian service mission to Africa and two years after that, he went to India for a National Immunization Day. Growing passion led Tony to assume leadership



Tony Conn
Keokuk



T Waldmann-Williams
Knoxville



Dick Cole
North Scott



Doug Hillman
West Des Moines



Steve Hanson
West Liberty

positions in his Rotary club and the district and to publish a book based on letters extending peace from Keokuk Rotarians to clubs around the world. “Highly regarded and respected” in Keokuk, the former officer in the Army Corps of Engineers is founder and CEO of Conn Communications and staunch community volunteer.

Knoxville Rotarian T. Waldmann-Williams is an active partner to her community, her family, her church and Rotary. A member of the Chamber of Commerce, organizer of a Four-Way Test essay contest in the Knoxville Elementary School, family caretaker, Eucharistic Minister in her church, past President of Rotary, current club Secretary, grant writer, RYLA counselor and Assistant Governor, T. serves. She matches employees to jobs, including disabled potential employees in her role as Chairperson of the Central Iowa Workforce Development Board. She is the “overall go-to person, dependable and productive.”

North Scott Rotarian Dick Cole uses his vocational skills to lend a hand to any project that needs his help. In 45 years teaching industrial tech, he has positively influenced the lives of thousands of students in career paths to serve others. He and his wife, Shirley, have been ambassadors of goodwill in travels to 50 states and 30 countries, always seeking Rotary connections. In his Rotary club and community, he serves quietly and unassumingly, building handicapped ramps, repairing Rotary benches, taking books to inmates at the county jail,

and sharing life skills with new generations whether through GED, at One Eighty, at the blacksmith shop at Walnut Grove Pioneer Village, or recycling wood for industrial arts students. “If there is a need to be done, you can count on Dick Cole.”

West Des Moines Rotarian Doug Hillman is a retired Drake University accounting professor who has received prestigious awards for his teaching skills. As well, Doug has been recognized and honored for his service as a member of many Des Moines area boards. Doug’s dedication as a community volunteer leader has been particularly profound through his involvement with Mosaic of central Iowa, an organization serving disadvantaged people in his area, and with Iowa Prison Industries, which helps offenders transition successfully back into society. “Doug walks and talks the important aspects of being a servant leader.”

West Liberty Rotarian Steve Hanson has devoted his vocational life and his volunteer life to children and youth. A former principal and superintendent of schools, Steve continues in retirement to aid young people who can benefit by helpful direction to positively impact their lives. Steve is director of Dream Catchers, an organization that guides and mentors elementary and secondary students to achieve their promise. As chair of the District Interact Committee, Steve supports 30 Interact clubs, connecting and encouraging them. Steve’s belief in “early empowerment has made a lasting difference” that betters our world.

Time to prepare: Youth Exchange gets green light

By PDG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Youth Exchange Co-Chair

Youth Exchange is back!! Clubs, start your engines!!

The board of directors of Rotary International has given permission for Rotary districts around the world to restart their Youth Exchange programs starting July 1, 2021.

Based upon the health and safety standards of every country, Rotary clubs may begin today to market their Youth Exchange program to students that are eligible to participate.

Applications should be initiated and completed in September, the club YE committee should review the applications and interviews with scheduled for this fall. The club approved applications should be submitted to the District YE Committee by Nov. 5, 2021.

Is your club ready to help a student step into the experience of a lifetime that will impact their lives? What does your club need to do to open this door?

1. Adopt and act on The Rotary District 6000 Youth Protection Policy.
2. Identify and put your club’s YE team together – minimum

- a. Chair;
 - b. Counselors (male and female) – local coordinator;
 3. Help your team get ready by joining in learning opportunities –
 - a. Get your team “District Certified” by scheduling background and reference checks.
 - b. Participate in SCRYE education opportunities – Summer SCRYE Conference.
 - c. Complete NAYEN learning modules.
 - d Participate in SCRYE and District YE Zoom Bytes.
 4. Identify potential Outbound Students – Interact and RYLA students.
 5. Identify potential Host Families.
- For more information and support in getting back in the saddle, contact:
- Greg Probst: greg.probst@rye6000.org.
 Paul Kalainoff: kalainoff@gmail.com.
 Chris Knapp: knappc1@mchsi.com.
- P.S. Don’t forget, Host Families and Outbound student parents are great opportunities for new members.

ROTARY'S FUTURE

Our post-Covid membership challenge

By Dave Cook/Boone

District 6000 Membership Co-Chair

As we emerge from the pandemic, incoming Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta is challenging every Rotarian to help Rotary grow to 1.3 million members. To accomplish this feat, every member must do their part.

Our post-Covid world needs Rotary more than ever, and for many Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike, this past year has opened our collective willingness to change. People are ready to move forward and take on new challenges. Right now we have an incredible opportunity to introduce Rotary to those with a newfound passion for service in our community and beyond.

For many clubs in District 6000, Mehta's membership challenge will require us to change the ways we have been trying to grow our clubs. He's encouraging all of us to try new approaches, be willing to challenge conventional wisdom, to think more strategically, adapt to changing times and work to broaden Rotary's appeal in each of our communities. After all, if we keep doing what we've been doing, our District's membership declines will likely continue.

For 2021-22, Mehta's membership challenge will require clubs to approach this Rotary year by focusing on ONE key question:

If your club has over 100 members, "How can we grow by 10 members by June 30, 2022?"

If your club has between 25 and 99 members, "How can we grow by 10 percent by June 30, 2022?"

If your club has between 15 and 24 members, "How can we grow to 25 members by June 30, 2022?"

Or, if your club has fewer than 15 members, "How can we close the gap by half between where we are now and 25 members by June 30, 2022?"

To answer this one key question, clubs will be doing many membership initiatives, including:

1. Re-Recruit Current Members. Starting with those members who disengaged during the pandemic, follow-up with each member and ask for their help to make your club better during the coming year.

2. Conduct Club Health Check. Devote an upcoming meeting to have members complete a Club Health Check (Health Check

PDF can be downloaded from Rotary International). Tabulate the results and identify two or three things your club can do to become even better.

3. Each One, Bring One. Incoming RI President Shekhar Mehta is asking every Rotarian to commit to bringing in one new member this year.

4. Spouse/Couples Membership. Many member spouses are service-minded and already help with service projects and fundraisers. What can your club do to encourage more spouses and couples to join?

5. Adding After-Work, Sunset or After-Hours Satellite Clubs. After-work clubs meet at 5:00 or 5:30 pm and have broad appeal to many women, teachers, healthcare workers and young professionals. These clubs also provide those working at or away from home the opportunity to reconnect and socialize before evening meals or school activities.

6. New Club Models. Cause-based or interest-based clubs appeal to members who share a passion for a particular cause. Club service projects and activities often center on that interest.

To learn more, contact District Membership co-chairs Dave Cook (dccboone@msn.com) or Scott Naumann (scottnaumann@msn.com). Depending on availability, clubs can request Dave or Scott to present a membership program at an upcoming meeting.



Boone Rotarian Dave Cook talked to incoming club leaders about strategic planning at NCPETS 2020 at Rochester, MN.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

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CHILD SAFETY

District 6000 adopts Youth Protection Plan

Note: On March 20 at the District 6000 Annual Meeting, held virtually via Zoom, representatives of District 6000 clubs approved a new Youth Protection Plan.

By PDG Loring Miller/Decatur County

District 6000 Youth Protection Officer

District 6000 strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities.

Rotarians, their spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people with whom they have contact, and protect them from physical, sexual and psychological abuse and from discrimination of any legally protected class of persons.

Required documentation filed with the district office:

1. The Club Compliance Statement verifies that the club recognizes the process outlined in the District Protection Policy and that the club will comply with the vetting process for any member or volunteer who may be working with an underage student unsupervised. All clubs should file the statement with the district office regardless of the extent of youth exposure.

2. Submitted with the compliance statement are all member or volunteer applications and their background check results. If a Rotarian driver of students to meetings, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Exchange, Interact, or any Rotary sponsored youth activity and does not have another adult in the vehicle, that driver will need to go through the application and vetting process.

3. Due to personal information included in the application and background check, clubs may prefer to submit the required documents to the district via mail service.

A crisis plan should be in place and understood so the club can promptly and efficiently proceed when an incident is reported. The crisis management team should be prepared to respond to any youth or non youth related incident.

Questions? PDG Loring Miller, miller2@grm.net, or 641-344-0105.

The Object of Rotary

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

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

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

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

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



Rotarians Dr. George Belitos (l) and Maggie Tinsman (in red) were present when Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed HF 425, which cracks down on human trafficking. Also in attendance was the board president of the Iowa chapter of the American Massage Business Association (AMBA), Robert Campbell.

BILL BECOMES LAW

Rotarians take stand against trafficking

On May 20, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds held a public signing of HF 425 which addresses massage business investigations. HF 425 creates statewide uniform local law enforcement authority to inspect massage businesses in order to uncover human trafficking.

The bill had Rotarian support and advocacy. Among those present for the signing were: Ames Rotarian **Dr. George Belitos**, who is vice chair of the Rotary International Action Group Against Slavery; and former state senator and Davenport Rotarian, **Maggie Tinsman**, who is secretary of the Iowa Network Against Trafficking and Slavery.

The Legislation also establishes a crime for knowingly letting your property to be used for human trafficking. It targets not only massage businesses but also hair and nail salons and spas. This bill was one of the few to receive bipartisan support from the 2021 Iowa Legislature and passed the House and Senate unanimously.

The massage bill was initiated by the American Massage Business Association (AMBA) and the Network joined forces to support this bill. For the last four years, the Network has been promoting local anti-trafficking ordinances in cities and counties across Iowa in order to allow local law enforcement to monitor massage businesses. The AMBA had resisted these Network efforts. Despite this, 25 cities passed and enforced local ordinances. The AMBA then realized that this was a benefit to legitimate massage businesses and suggested that it be implemented statewide, which HF 425 accomplished.

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?



RAG4Clubfoot

Grants train doctors, promote Ponseti Method

By Tomeka Peterson/Iowa City Downtown
RAG4Clubfoot Co-Chair

Below are brief updates related to current Ponseti Method Global Grants. As you can imagine, grant activities have slowed or even "paused" due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.



Tomeka Petersen

The **Colombia project** is nearly complete. A "Braces Bank" in collaboration with the Research Institute of the Colombian Society of Orthopedics is being set-up. The bank will store an inventory of braces that can be lent to and returned by families as needed as patients grow. The host Rotarians are having a video made to share the details of the project and help raise awareness of Ponseti Method and how Rotarians are improving children born with clubfoot access to appropriate treatment. Colombia has

also experienced civil/political unrest.

Bolivia: No specific updates available. This project should be complete or almost complete by now. There was some political unrest there in late 2019, and then the pandemic hit, which likely paused activities.

Brazil: They have a plan to finish up, but lack the funds to execute it plus no travel can occur with TRF's pandemic travel restrictions. Knowing this, the Brazil Rotarians have moved their "finishing up" plan back from May to October. Rotarian Dr. Monica Nogueira also reports that they are doing an economical analysis of Ponseti treatment in Brazil.

Mexico: The Ponseti Method training activities at Shriners Hospital in Mexico City are to resume when funds are made available to the Rotary Club in Monterrey. The team plans the third and final in-person training in late 2021, if COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions are eased. After the third training, the final 8-10 doctors will rotate at the Shriners Hospital in Mexico City or at a hospital in Guadalajara for their mentorship. Then all grant activities will be accomplished.

Argentina is approved and ready to go, but activities won't move forward until the travel restrictions are lifted.

New video tells the story!

By Tomeka Peterson/Iowa City Downtown
RAG4Clubfoot Co-Chair

With the help and support of de Novo Marketing, a new video shares the story of clubfoot, Dr. Ponseti, Rotary and RAG4Clubfoot!

The wonderful team at de Novo took the vision of the RAG4Clubfoot board and brought it to life. Check it out here!

<https://youtu.be/jD2dzoNL25c>

Many thanks for the entire team at de Novo for the in-kind contribution to make this fit within our budget as well!



Dr. Jay Eastman

Distinguished pediatrician joins RAG4Clubfoot team

By Tomeka Peterson/Iowa City Downtown
RAG4Clubfoot Co-Chair

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Jay Eastman to the RAG4Clubfoot board of directors! Dr. Eastman has had 40-plus years of general pediatric practice, 20 years of medical mission work, and three years of direct work with global grants as Foundation chair of District 6380. He joins the board in the new role of Technical Officer.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Cadre is a group of volunteer Rotarians who possess professional expertise in Rotary's Areas of Focus and assist TRF with the evaluation of Rotary grants. Involving cadre members in Action Groups will increase the level of expertise in Action Groups. Therefore, the position of Technical Officer has been created and will be required for Action Groups by July 1, 2021.

RAG4Clubfoot is overjoyed to have someone with Dr. Eastman's qualifications join the board. Dr. Eastman is a practicing pediatrician at William Beaumont Hospital and the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit, MI. He is also Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Wayne State University School of Medicine. He has been on many medical mission trips all around the world. *Welcome Dr. Eastman!*

PONSETI METHOD

Global Grant approved to train Argentine doctors

By Nenu Piragine and Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

In the first half of 2020, the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM (D6000, Iowa, USA) and the Rotary Club of Grand Bourg (D4905, Buenos Aires, Argentina) collaborated to apply for a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to help train Argentine orthopedists in the Ponseti Method.

In February the request was approved by The Rotary Foundation.

A Ponseti Method (PM) Training Seminar is planned to take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, later this year. Seven pediatric surgeons from Argentina's Pediatric State Hospitals will be trained with the goal of eradicating untreated clubfoot in the country. The seven hospitals represented by the surgeons will establish Ponseti Clinics where the orthopedists will treat patients, counsel and support parents of children born with clubfoot and contribute information on cases and outcomes to the International Clubfoot Registry.

Argentina has a population of 44 million and the number of new cases of clubfoot per year is estimated to be 1,000. The number of children and adults in Argentina who live with untreated clubfoot is not known.

The sponsors for the Global Grant are the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM and the Rotary Club of Grand Bourg. Those providing funds for the project include the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids Downtown (D5970, Iowa, USA), City of Lakes Rotary Club (Minneapolis, MN), individual D6000 Rotarians, the Rotary Club of Grand Bourg, Rotary Districts 6000 and 4905, and The Rotary Foundation. Primary contacts for the Global Grant project are Nenu Piragine of the Iowa City AM and Elisa Oviedo of Grand Bourg.

Schedule a program for your club

Looking for an informative club program? Invite RAG-4Clubfoot to share with your members how Rotarians are impacting the lives of children born with clubfoot. We are prepared to join via Zoom or other webinar platforms.

To schedule a RAG4Clubfoot presentation, please contact: info@rag4clubfoot.org

If your club is interested to assist or partner with a future Ponseti Method training grant, please contact info@rag4clubfoot.org for more information.



RAG4Clubfoot was scheduled to participate via a virtual booth at the House of Friendship during the Rotary Convention, June 12 - 16.



Meals from the Heartland

Des Moines Rotarian and Outreach International, Inc., founder Floyd Hammer answered questions about this water purification system which was at the House of Friendship at District Conference, April 24 at Ankeny.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

UGANDA

Rotary to aid Mayo doctors' tele-education

By PDG Loring Miller/Decatur County

District 6000 VTT Chair

The District 5960 World Community Service Committee has proposed a project in which Rotarian doctors from Mayo Clinic will conduct ongoing tele-education to Ugandan health-care workers. It will provide free technology and healthcare education in areas where availability is costly and in some cases nonexistent.

They have asked the District 6000 Vocational Training Team to financially partner with them in this sustainable project.

This project will provide tele-education to an estimated 900 health workers, providing essential support beginning with education related to the COVID-19 pandemic and then leading into empowerment with tools to practice health-literacy and research.

It is estimated that funding this program could impact around 2 million patient interactions over the next year.

The District 6000 Vocational Training Team unanimously voted to partner with District 5960 to complete their grant funding requirement.

AMES

Global Grants in Tanzania make steady progress

From Mary Wells/Ames

Greetings from the Global Grants project manager in Same, Tanzania.

Dear Rotarians, The Rotary Club of Same Tanzania, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Ames, international partners, and the The Rotary Foundation, implemented three water projects, namely Kigogo, Masandare and Mhezi I, and Mhezi II, which is underway.

All these projects have greatly impacted the local communities in different ways socially, economically, hygienically and through sanitation. School attendance is higher, as well as the educational progress for children.

The significant changes are witnessed in the villages of Kigogo, Masandare and Mhezi phase one. People have built good houses, toilets, added wash stations at schools, planted raised vegetable gardens, and increased animal production of milk and meat. With warmest regards,

Giliard Mkumbwa
Global Grants manager

Summary progress report – submitted by Dave Fox/Ames

The Rotary Club of Ames with the Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania and our partners, Mhezi Village Project-Phase 2:

The initial project scope for Mhezi Village was too large for the available funds, so it was decided to implement the project in two phases. Mhezi Phase 1 has been completed and operational for about one year. Mhezi Phase 2 is GG 1981316.

The overall goal of this third humanitarian Global Grant has been to address water system development in the village of Mhezi and nearby villages of Mtunguga and Mteke. Mhezi village is 37 kms from Same town to the southeast on the western side of the slope of the Shengena mountains.

Mhezi village was selected by the Rotary Club of Same (D-9211) and the Same District Manager for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (RUWASA) to develop a high impact sustainable project to secure clean and safe water. Phase 2 of this project is funded for implementation with the project starting in June

2020 during the height of the Covid pandemic and has been progressing with anticipated completion in December of 2021.

Progress on the project has been steady and successful despite our Rotary Club of Same project manager having COVID-19 and the



Filtration and treatment house



Breaking Underground Rocks to allow trenches for water pipes



Children put the new washing station at school to good use!

contracting superintendent passing away of Covid a few months ago. The pictures included with this article show some of the important features of the project, including hand washing stations at all six schools in the project area and distribution points (DP's) located at strategic points in the system to give all residents easy access to water. Also shown is some of the trench excavation issues with rock excavation they faced in this mountainous area.

Mhezi 1 (GG 1863708) is finished and providing water to a significant portion of Mhezi Village from the spring water source. The water flows by gravity to a filtration and disinfection building and then to a storage tank as it moves down the mountain to serve the villagers. Mhezi 2 is a similar system from another spring that has the same treatment storage and gravity distribution system to the remainder of the villagers. The two systems are interconnected for more reliable and sustainable operation.

The Rotary Club of Ames welcomes requests for further information about any of our current, past and future Global Grants project. Please send any inquiries to Glen Rippke, rippkegs@gmail.com



New water distribution point in operation in Mhezi.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Grants from District 6000 clubs span the globe

By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport

District 6000 Global Grants Chair

Over this past year, while international travel has been largely shut down by pandemic responses, District 6000 clubs have continued to carry out important humanitarian missions through our global grant partner Rotary clubs around the world.

Fifteen global grant applications supported by 15 District 6000 clubs have been approved by The Rotary Foundation since February 2020. The grants, which total \$2.3 million, are improving – and even saving – the lives of more than 37,700 people.

In **northeastern Tanzania** we are providing a water supply for six villages, including four schools.

In **Gujarat, India**, we are supplying 85 respiratory ventilators to treat COVID patients.

In **Honduras**, to assist with COVID efforts, we are furnishing personal protective equipment for medical clinic workers and patient monitors.

In **Kumwambu Village in western Tanzania** we are funding construction of the first-ever proper water supply, two wells, for a village of more than 4300 people.

In **Polokwane, South Africa** we are constructing 38 non-polluting sanitation facilities for early childhood development centers.

In **La Vega, Guatemala** we are helping fund development of a water supply system for a Mayan resettlement community.

In **Cape Town, South Africa** we are funding purchase and installation of bio-fences in streams to catch and contain plastic waste.

In **Maharashtra, India** we are providing expert guidance in community and economic development and watershed management to tribal people.

In **Limpopo, South Africa** we are providing training to twenty-five women in the manufacture of reusable feminine hygiene products including aspects of design, basic accounting and business management to enable the trainees to become self-sufficient entrepreneurs.

In **Nepal** we are funding constructing of a water transmission and distribution system for a poor, remote village that will relieve 250 village women from an hours-long daily trek to the water source.

In **Argentina**, after COVID travel restrictions have ended, we will train orthopaedic surgeons in seven hospitals in the **Ponseti Method** for treatment of clubfoot and enable them to train additional physicians.

In **Kenya** we are helping fund training in 37 schools and 70 health care facilities on safe water, sanitation and hygiene practices and constructing and refurbishing facilities as needed.

In **Guanajuato, Mexico** we are providing 135 rural subsistence farm families education, training and materials to construct ecological composting toilets.

In **Goa, India** we are helping fund purchase of oxygen concentrators, hospital beds and mattresses and other equipment to address the COVID emergency.

And we helped fund a scholarship to **King's College, London**, and The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine for a brilliant young medical scholar, **Simone Renault**, to achieve a degree that will complement her clinical training to prepare her for a lifelong career goal of championing mental health care for poor people in developing countries.



Simone Renault



Children from Kumwambu village in western Tanzania on their morning trek to the spring to fetch water for their families. A Rotary Global Grant will provide the village's first water supply.



Tanzanian Rotarians and the district water engineer conducting the hydrological survey for the Kumwambu well location



Jefferson Rotarians, in the back, are, from left: PDG Jacque Andrew, board member; Steve Schwaller, secretary; Tori Riley, 2021-2022 centennial year president; Jon Law, current president. The Mahanay Memorial Carillon Tower was designed in 1966 by District 6000 PDG Dale Belnap.

JEFFERSON

Young people experience Mahanay Carillon Tower, thanks to Rotary

By Carole Custer of Jefferson

Member, Rotary Club of Ames

Hundreds of young people, like these children from the Greene County Early Learning Center, will have the opportunity to experience the sights and sounds of the Mahanay Memorial Carillon Tower for free this year, thanks to a \$2,750 sponsorship by the Rotary Club of Jefferson.

“Our club is happy to sponsor admissions for youth aged 18 and under as we kick off our celebration of 100 years of serving the community,” said Tori Riley, who will become president of the club for its centennial year 2021-2022. “Rotarians from District 6000 and beyond are encouraged to treat the youngsters in their lives with a trip to Jefferson where a ride to the top of the Bell Tower is free to those 18 and under courtesy of the Rotary Club of Jefferson,” said PDG Jacque Andrew.

The club’s sponsorship supports the Bell Tower Community Foundation’s vision that all children be able to hear the story of the Mahanays’ philanthropy and experience seeing the countryside and rooftop art from the Paul Nally Observation Deck, all opportunities that have made the tower Iowa Tourism’s rural 2021 Outstanding Attraction.



Rotary **INTERNATIONAL**

- ✓ Unite Leaders
- ✓ Exchange Ideas
- ✓ Take Action

Ride to End Polio raises \$26,069



By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

District 6000 PolioPlus Chair

2020-2021 has been an unusual Rotary year, to say the least. But the Rotary spirit and dedication to our No. 1 priority never failed!

After postponing this year’s Indoor Ride to End Polio from November to April 10 due to the precautions around the Covid virus, Rotarians turned out IN FORCE to send our donations way above the goal of \$20,000!

CLUB/members contributing and funds raised

North Scott, 43	\$ 2,520 ⁰⁰
Boone, 15.....	3,590 ⁰⁰
Iowa City, 11.....	1,025 ⁰⁰
Iowa City Downtown, 7.....	930 ⁰⁰
Iowa City AM, 19.....	2,108 ⁴³
Decatur County, 17.....	540 ⁰⁰
Indianola, 3.....	375 ⁰⁰
Ankeny, 27.....	6,630 ⁰⁰
Bloomfield, 9.....	270 ⁰⁰
West Des Moines, 7.....	1,290 ⁰⁰
Keokuk, 2	100 ⁰⁰
Greater Des Moines, 10.....	360 ⁰⁰
Marshalltown, 1.....	100 ⁰⁰
Tipton, 1.....	250 ⁰⁰
Bettendorf, -	270 ⁰⁰
District Conference.....	5,711 ⁰⁰
TOTAL.....	\$ 26,069⁴³

At this date in late May, 14 Rotary clubs representing 173 Rotarians plus a huge boost from DG Steve Dakin’s District Conference have raised \$25,799.43 to put an end to the crippling killer that is the wild polio virus! AND we find ourselves guardedly optimistic that there have only been TWO cases of polio reported since the beginning of this year with 14 weeks in a row where there have been no reports of cases in either Afghanistan or Pakistan.

Could this be the year when we have the last case of polio reported on earth?

Let us be reminded that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

is matching all gifts 2:1, meaning that our gift ends up being \$77,398.29! District 6000 can take great pride in our efforts to eradicate the wild polio virus from the planet as we draw closer and closer to the day when we can tell the children of the world that we have kept our promise!

Let’s keep working until the job is done!



Rescue boat

The Fort Madison Rotary Club voted to donate \$1,000 towards purchasing gear and equipment for the new Lee County Sheriff Rescue Boat. Pictured are Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, Lee County CrimeStoppers representative Tammy LeMaster and Fort Madison Rotary president Ryan Wilson. Sheriff Dept. Photo



Screen shot of RI President-Elect Shekhar Mehta at Ames Morning Rotary meeting, via Zoom, May 12.

Ames Morning Rotarians connect with Shekhar Mehta

By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning

Dr. Shekhar Mehta, Rotary International President Elect, joined via Zoom on May 12 to reach over 100 Rotarians in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Texas, Arizona, France, Africa, and India. The Rotary Club of Ames Morning was honored to host this meeting with the invaluable support of DG 2021-22 Alka Khanolkar and District 6000. Jeremy Lyons served as host and Alka welcomed and introduced many Rotary colleagues and India participants. By coincidence, May 12 was Alka's birthday, so she got lots of good wishes.

Dr. Mehta's inspiring vision highlighted service areas of literacy, technology, empowering girls, health, water, and peace. His theme is "Serve to Change Lives." His membership challenge is "Each One Bring One." Membership is an individual Rotarian responsibility, so we must "Do More and Grow More." To reach a goal of 1.3 million members, we need 125,000 new members. Then we could increase our services by 10 percent.

Dr. Mehta himself was recently hospitalized with COVID and is now recovering. He and fellow Indian leaders provided an update of the pandemic crisis in India. The Ames Morning Rotary club is contributing \$1,000, and Alka is matching this gift. Other clubs and individuals may join this humanitarian cause to save lives. Dr. Mehta said India Rotarians would also match our contributions. D6000 is setting up an HEF fund for COVID support in India.

This timely program was recorded and can be viewed on the D6000 website. From the home page go to OUR DISTRICT / RESOURCES: DOCUMENTS & LINKS / May 12 Conversation with RI Pres. Elect Shakhkar Mehta.

OUR CREDIBLE FOUNDATION

Emergency grants show significant return when you give to The Rotary Foundation

By Norlan Hinke/Clinton

District 6000 Community Grants Chair

I had the opportunity, at the requests of Past District Governor Erna Morain and District Governor Steve Dakin, to write Rotary International Emergency Grant applications.

Past District Governor Erna's Covid Emergency Grant focused on District 6000 providing food packages to Iowans in need throughout District 6000. The project was coordinated through the Iowa Food Pantry, with a commitment to assure the food packages were distributed to communities throughout the district. District 6000 received a \$25,000 Rotary International Foundation (RIF) grant based on Erna's leadership. The grant was further supported by \$31,429 District Designated Funds and \$36,000 local Rotary club and individual Rotarians donations. The project provided over 250,000 food packages to Iowans in need.

District Governor Steve Dakin led the district to apply for a \$25,000 Emergency RIF grant to provide financial support to District 6000 Rotary clubs to assist their local communities assist in dealing with the destruction caused by the Derecho storm. Local Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians further supported this project, whereby a total of \$39,210 was distributed through the Disaster Relief/Humanitarian Services Fund Team to seven Rotary clubs, who then assisted their communities.

These grants exemplify the quality of volunteer leadership District 6000 enjoys, plus it supports the basis of local Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians' benefit to support the Rotary International Foundation as the \$50,000 RIF funds supported local communities as well as an additional \$118,046 issued to 33 local Rotary clubs in 2019-2020, and \$102,767 issued to 30 District 6000 Rotary clubs in 2020-2021 via Community Grants.

Good reasons to contribute to the Rotary International Foundation (Every Rotarian Every Year) based on this significant rate of return to District 6000.

Global Rewards: Save on airlines, hotels, computers

By Vernetta Knapp/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Global Rewards Chair

1. Are you working from home? Need a Zoom account? Save 20 percent annually with code "Rotary-ZM20" from Zoom.
2. Need a new computer? Save 20 percent with Lenova.
3. Need some office supplies? Save 75 percent from Office Depot or Office Max on office products, copying and printing.
4. Need some groceries and other items? Sam's Club has a 1-year membership for \$24.88.

WHEN YOU ARE READY TO TRAVEL, Save on airlines and hotels.

Here are just a few offers:

1. United Airlines: Up to \$500 savings on flights, plus many hotel deals
2. Trav. Now: Free \$500 Hotel Discounts Card for Rotarians and Rotaractors.
3. Collette Tours: \$500 per person on a tour and they give back to Rotary.

These are just some of the Rewards on" Rotary Global Rewards."

Don't hesitate! Go to My Rotary. Check it out today!



New members of the Rotary Club of Iowa City volunteering on Earth Day: Jesus Garcia, Brent Carstensen and Tagba Djato-Bougonou.



Iowa City Rotarians Tom Cook and Steve Laughlin planting trees of Earth Day.



Iowa City West High School Interactors.

Iowa City clubs plant trees, clean highways on Earth Day

On April 24th, to help commemorate Earth Day, the four Iowa City area Rotary clubs took on two camaraderie cultivating projects. First, we planted 60 trees in Court Hill Park in Iowa City. Then, another group of hard-working Rotary members set out to clean a local Highway of litter.



Ryan Bell.



Earth Day Rotarian volunteers in Iowa City.

Provided by Ryan Bell

NEW AREA OF FOCUS

Environmental projects for Rotary clubs

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty

District Governor Alka Khanolkar wants to start her Rotary year with all clubs participating in an environmental project, and throughout her year participate in additional projects.

District 6000 area covers most of the southern half of Iowa, but issues in the environment do not have boundaries.

Before a District committee was established, environmental issues were explored by both Rotary International, and District 5970 for Rotary year 2021-22. Rotary, in a broad sense, is concerned about climate change, the "plastic trap," and nurturing nature.

The huge expanse of environmental concerns will be growing with time and Rotary is committing significant resources in global grants to environmental issues.

Planting trees

Governor Alka would like to plant a tree in each community during first month of her governorship. This should be an Iowa native tree.

Here are suggestions for trees:

Maples: Crimson, Autumn Blaze, Brandywine, Sugar, Red and Hornbeam.

Oak: Swamp White Oak, Bur, Red, Black and White.

Floral: Pagoda Dogwood, Eastern Redbud, Flowering Crab and Flowering Plum.

When a tree is planted, put in location that can be seen with sign that states (example) Crimson Maple, Acer platanoides "Rotary Club of _____ in 2021.

These are suggestions, and each club decides what species and where to be planted based on a location where it can be seen by many people and coordinated with city or park officials. Please take photographs of Rotarians planting and submit for posting on District websites and District newsletter.

Planting pollinators

Other Rotary districts which are either contiguous or adjacent to District 6000 are embarking on pollinator projects. Examples of this are the planting of pollinators along the "Lincoln By Way" (Highway 30) which travels from coast to coast; the "Great River Road" (Highway 67) which follows the Mississippi River from border to border. Iowa has two other

designated highways – Grand Army of the Republic (Highway 6) and Thirty-Fourth Division Highway (Highway 34).

There are 43 Rotary clubs in District 6000 and six in District 5970 who could plant pollinators in their communities along these highways or in community parks, plus the remaining 22 Rotary clubs in District 6000 could plant pollinators in community parks, providing both environmental improvement and education for everyone. Pollinator seed mix or plants are available at many locations in Iowa.

After planting, place a sign that this pollinator project is sponsored and planted by the Rotary Club of _____. Place "Do Not Spray" signs near the project.

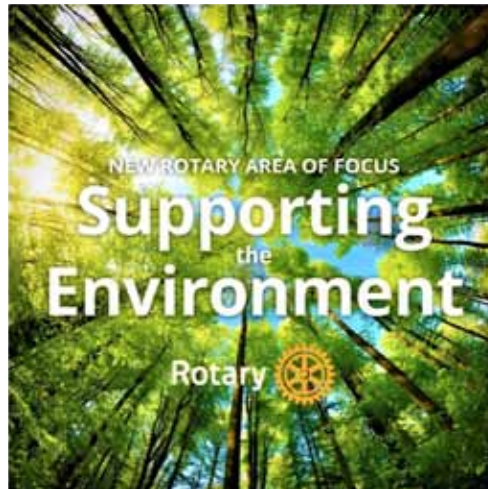
Monarch Way Stations

We would like to have several Monarch Way Stations. To qualify, a minimum of 100 square feet of pollinators are required. The 100 square feet does not have to be in one location. Details of a Monarch Way Station can be obtained from the Environment Committee.

Removing plastics

This is a Rotary International initiative. Local Rotary clubs could work with communities to provide a collection locations for plastics. The Rotary logo could be on the collection container. Reduction of bottles, bags and other items will help recycle but reduce excess plastic. Plans for this activity will be shared with clubs.

Climate change is a Rotary International initiative. Opportunities for impacts on carbon footprint are solar and wind power. Approaches to these can be provided to Rotary clubs.



Environmental committee members

Rotary year 2021-21 co-chairs are: William (Bill) Koellner, West Liberty, Melissa Tiedemann, Coralville-North Corridor, and Brianna Hoffman, Iowa City Downtown. Other committee members: Wayne Steen, West Liberty, and PDG Tina Hall, Rotary Club of Decorah (District 5970, lead District Environmental Committee for District 5970, and Past District Governor, District 6220, Wisconsin, 2017-2018).

Scholar publishes report on Climate Impact in Canada

Dylan Clark of Ames was a Rotary Foundation Global Scholar of District 6000 at McGill University in 2014-2016. He has published a 79-page report, "Health Costs of Climate Change: How Canada Can Adapt, Prepare and Change Lives."

The report can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/4nze6u5f>.

District 6000 scholarship chair Liz Beck of Ames writes, "Dylan is a wonderful example of how a Global Scholarship can influence the student's future path. Dylan studied at McGill University getting his master's in the area of climate change and health issues in the Numavet Region in the Arctic. His professional scope now is all of Canada and the interaction of climate change and human health."



Global Scholar Dylan Clark with Liz Beck, 2014.

ROTARY CAN LEAD

Braver Angels' aim: Depolarize American politics

By Ron Heideman/Indianola

District 6000 Peace & Conflict Resolution Committee Chair

Our team has partnered with Braver Angels this year, formerly called Better Angels. Christopher Peters, a member of the Rotary Club of Iowa City and the state organizer for Braver Angels, is on our team and the primary presenter.

Our team recognizes that our country is extremely divided now and we need to do what we can to help it heal. As a non-partisan organization, Rotary is in an ideal position to lead this effort by working with Braver Angels.

Braver Angels seeks to depolarize American politics. Their work is rooted in grassroots organizing. From the grassroots, however, their volunteer leaders leverage Braver Angels programs and unique organizing structure to impact community life and American institutions. The Braver Angels Pledge says:

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

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

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

We will share Braver Angels ideas throughout the year to encourage clubs and Rotarians to engage in healing our nation.

Check out <https://braverangels.org/> for more information.

Slide show available for Rotarians

Chris has put together a slide show introducing Braver Angels to Rotarians. We've informed the clubs of this opportunity.

Following this introduction, we encourage clubs to host a showing of **"Reuniting America Documentary"** and invite the public to attend.

The next step would be to arrange a **Red-Blue Workshop** by bringing together a small, evenly divided group of conservatives and liberals, or "reds" and "blues," for a series of exercises designed to help participants clarify disagreements, reduce stereotyped thinking, and discover common values.

Following the workshop, the community would be encouraged to form a **Red-Blue Alliance**. This is a local group of people who have participated in a Braver Angels workshop and want to keep the conversation going and find common ground. Alliances have at least one red co-chair and one blue co-chair. They prioritize having no more than a 60/40 split in red and blue membership. There can also be members who see themselves as true independents who do not lean red or blue. We welcome Rotarians to join our team and help promote Braver Angels throughout District 6000. We encourage clubs to contact us for more information.

Heidemanron@gmail.com, or 515-979-7470.



Christopher Peters
Braver Angels state organizer

Expanding Interact's influence in District 6000

By Steve Hanson/West Liberty

District 6000 Interact Chair

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people. Made up of members ages 12-18 or secondary-school age, Interact gives young people an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects. Along the way, Interactors develop their leadership skills and initiative while meeting new friends.

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

A group of students interested in service to others.

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

A school staff member willing to serve as adviser.

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



Twenty-eight clubs in District 6000

For the 2020-21 school year, there were 28 Interact clubs registered in Rotary District 6000. If your Rotary club would like to sponsor an Interact club, the D6000 Interact Committee will provide support. Here are the steps to establishing an Interact club:

- 1. Determine that there is sufficient interest** among youth to form a club.
- 2. Talk with school administrators** to see if they would agree to a school-based Interact club. [Another alternative is to establish a community-based club.]
- 3. Hold an organizational meeting** of prospective Interactors. Elect officers and determine when club meetings will be held.
- 4. Download and adopt** the standard Interact Constitution and Bylaws.
- 5. Download and complete** the Interact Club Certification Form.
- 6. Get the signature of the president** of the sponsor Rotary club and ask the president to obtain the signature of the district governor.
- 7. Send copies of the signed club certification form** to the sponsor Rotary club, the district governor and the district Interact chair.
- 8. Submit a copy of the signed certification form** to the Rotary International office.

Contact Steve Hanson, District Interact Chair (stevehanson-iowa@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



District Governor Steve Dakin and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Chris Knapp with some of the 32 new- and next-level Paul Harris Fellows at North Scott Rotary on June 4. Rotary Foundation Day.

NORTH SCOTT

Scholarships, volunteers, aid for 16 organizations

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Club Newsletter Editor

The 92-member Rotary Club of North Scott recognized youth, and presented scholarships of \$17,000 at the annual Youth Day on Friday, May 21, at the Steeplegate Inn, Davenport.

Club president Dr. Brad Burt and scholarship committee leader Sara Somsy announced:

\$2,000 Academic Scholarships: Madison Bender, Dylan Engelbrecht, Grace Sindt, Kyle Skinner and Alexander Upmeyer of North Scott;

\$2,000 Dorothy White Performing Arts Scholarship: Abigail Jensen of North Scott, in memory of Dorothy White, who was pianist at North Scott Rotary for 25 years;

\$1,000 Keith Mattke Vocational Scholarships: Ryan Christner, Liam Latham and Rhys Roelandt of North Scott, in memory of the longtime vocational education leader and Rotarian, Keith Mattke.

\$1,000 William and Linda Tubbs Rotary Scholarships for Non-Traditional Students at Scott Community College, to Rodrigo Noris and Shikira Mitchell. She is the mother of four pursuing her associate degree in nursing. He is the first in his family to go to college and is in the surgical technician program.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards certificates were presented to Taylor Mayhue and Caelen Engelbrecht. They will be among 200 students attending the RYLA conference at Coe College in July.

Sixty-four members and guests attended **Youth Day** and 10 more by Zoom. 2020-21 has been a challenging year for all



Immigrants from Togo, Demissi Djibom, with daughters Ruth, 8, and Faith, 5 (not pictured) is the first-time home owner of the North Scott Rotary Habitat house.

organizations due to Covid, but Rotary members have remained engaged.

President Dr. Brad Burt's \$10,000 District Grant project was completed, providing **Chrome Books** to assist in remote learning for children at **Project Renewal** and **Hope at the Brickhouse** in Davenport.

Fund raising: The **virtual Rotary Rallies for Youth Auction** in February raised \$60,000 for the club's projects. As a result, \$30,950 in grants were awarded to 16 organizations, and the club will be receiving applications for its \$15,000 Impact Grant shortly:

- Hand in Hand, scholarships, disabilities3,000
- NS Schools, Interactive Whiteboard.....2,900
- NSHS Service Club, Cozy Cases.....400
- HDC, raised garden, residential center2,000
- Sheridan Sluggers 4-H, Sanctuary Garden 1,400
- Park View Park Board, dugout safety1,000

- Eldridge Park Board, baseball fields.....1,000
- Neil Armstrong, secret stories, phonics.....1,000
- City of Eldridge, Sesquicentennial.....2,950
- Ed White Elem., Zip-Grow Hydroponics2,300
- Steam on Wheels, Inventor's Club1,500
- NS Junior High, Backpacks1,000
- One Eighty, Career Training Center Equip..1,500
- Eldridge Police Department, high visibility 3,000
- Quad City Veterans Outreach, technology 3,000
- Gilda's Club Quad Cities3,000

Rotary Foundation: On June 4, 32 members were recognized by District Governor Steve Dakin of Boone and District Rotary Foundation chair Chris Knapp of Iowa City as new or next-level Paul Harris Fellows for their giving to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. The Foundation's mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Thus far this year, members have given \$16,278 to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund, \$17,500 to the Endowed Fund, and \$2,520 for PolioPlus for the global eradication of polio.

Rotarians and Interact students at North Scott Junior High have also directly supported the **Imbabazi Centre for Women and Children in Kisoro, Uganda.**

Thanks to loosening of Covid restrictions, members were able to volunteer when **Special Olympics** returned May 29 at North Scott. They also **cleaned flower beds** on LeClaire Road in Eldridge, served lunch to **Davenport police**, and participated in the June 12 dedication of the **North Scott Rotary Habitat for Humanity house** on East 6th Street in Davenport.

DES MOINES

Scholars, educators honored; *Dia Del Nino* feted

By Kitte Morehouse/Des Moines

Club Executive Director

The Rotary Club of Des Moines awarded six four-year \$8,000 scholarships to Des Moines public school seniors on April 29 at the club's regular meeting at the Wakonda Club.

You can watch the meeting on their YouTube meeting here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohfFi9BpszA>

Honored educators

On April 15, the Rotary Club of Des Moines honored five Des Moines public school educators for their outstanding work in our public school system. These educators are nominated by their school principals, and the Rotary awards committee reviews all nominations and selects the winners.

Each educator is awarded a \$1,000 stipend for their classroom and a traveling plaque. They will also be featured on a billboard that will be displayed throughout the city of Des Moines, co sponsored by Lamar.

You can watch the meeting where these educators are honored on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvUU0eH7Yoc>

Dia Del Nino

Rotary Club of Des Moines members helped the Des Moines Public Library at its first ever Dia Del Nino on Friday, April 30 at Birdland Park in Des Moines. There were over 500 attendees.

The Des Moines Public Library celebrated Día del Niño with una celebración grande! Día del Niño is a traditional holiday in Mexico that celebrates the excitement of childhood and the joys of reading and learning. Traditionally, classes are cancelled and kids play games, share food, and break piñatas to gather candy.

The library gathered together several community partners to put on a big event in the spirit of Día del Niño where attendees could:

Meet helpers from the Library, Fire, Police, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works departments and see their vehicles up close.

Walk through our bilingual storywalk, I Can/Yo Puedo

Pick up a FREE Library Learning Bag with books and hands-on activities, plus a FREE healthy snack bag from Knock & Drop.



From left: Rotary Club of Des Moines Scholarship Committee chair Sherry Gupta with scholarship recipients Julieana Munoz (Hoover), Nora Sweeney (Roosevelt), Laurel Waterman (Lincoln), Andy Montalvo-Martinez (East), Muhayima Benigne (North), Chantelle Lenox (Virtual Campus), and club president Doug Saltsgaver.



The Rotary Club of Des Moines honored outstanding educator, (l-r): Art Wittmack, club Awards Committee chair, Nora Krieger (Capitol View Elementary), Theresa Jackson (Moore Elementary), Karen Thompson (Lincoln High School), Sherry Brooks (Central Academy), and club president Doug Saltsgaver. Not pictured: Julie Stoll (Orchard Place School).



Rotary Club of Des Moines members help the Des Moines Public Library host its first Dia Del Nino (l-r): Jake Unruh, Kathy Coady, Sue Woody (Rotarian and Des Moines Public Library director), Shawn Mullen, Jennifer Basher, Ganesh Ganpat and Jamie Boersma. Not pictured: Hal Chase, Kitti Morehouse



Students, (l-r): Shayla Luke, Dazia Sorensen, Molly McFadden and Rotarian Dolly Bergmann. Taylor McCreedy and Craig Alan Becker were unable to attend the luncheon.



Atlantic FFA members at Rotary's Salute to Agriculture.

ATLANTIC

Honoring military, agriculture, seniors, teacher

By AG Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Public Image Chair

Activities of the Rotary Club of Atlantic:

Military Appreciation

In November the Rotary Club of Atlantic held its annual Military Appreciation Luncheon. Major Michael Gruber was the featured speaker. The Georgia native who now lives in Harlan, Iowa, with his wife and children, is stationed at Offutt Air Force Base.

Major Gruber spoke about serving which goes beyond just being part of the military. "Service comes in many forms," he said. "The reason this country is great is because people serve and give their time. Not only in the military, but in their communities, our schools, our state and local governments, and organizations like Rotary."

Gruber talked about his high school experience and how he ended up going to the Air Force Academy. He has been on active duty for 13 years, living and working in Utah, South Dakota, North Carolina, Japan, Georgia, Kuwait and now Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska.

Gruber talked about some of his experiences with the Air Force and how they have given him the opportunity to grow as a leader. His time overseas eventually led him to appreciate living in small town Iowa. He said, "I've come to appreciate the small town. I've come to appreciate rural Iowa and the Midwest. This is exactly where we want to be."



Major Gruber

Salute to Agriculture

On March 9, the club held its annual Salute to Agriculture. Atlantic FFA members joined the Rotarians at the meeting. The members enjoyed hearing about the chapter's success at contests, their member awards and SAE projects. The FFA members each talked about how FFA has helped them, and their plans after high school.

Senior Recognition

On April 21, the Atlantic Rotary Club held its annual High School Senior Recognition luncheon. The event was attended by the Atlantic High School Seniors in vocal music, band, drama/debate and the top 10 academic students.

Rotarians and the students were entertained by a piccolo

solo, vocal duet and a contest winning speech. The top 10 academic students were introduced to the group.

Dolly Bergmann, Rotarian, introduced the 2021 Atlantic Rotary Club Scholarship recipients. Individuals receiving \$1,000 scholarships attending a community college, vocational or technical college were Taylor McCreedy and Dazia Sorensen. The four-year university or college scholarships were awarded to Molly McFadden and Craig Alan Becker. Each will receive \$1,000. The Rex Moorman Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Shayla Luke.

Teacher of the Year

Atlantic Rotary presented the 7th annual "Teacher of the Year" award at the Atlantic High School commons on May 12.

Rotarian Becky Schroeder read this excerpt from the nomination letters submitted to the Rotarians. "She was my son's teacher, and my daughter's coach-teacher; she had a significant impact on how my children have learned, the materials taught, and they both thrived in her classroom. The teacher set high but not unreasonable standards for my children and gave them the tools to succeed. My children were motivated and intellectually stimulated in her classroom and were successful because of her hard work. As you can tell, this teacher is loved and respected among her peers and her students. The 2021 Atlantic Rotary Club 'Teacher of the Year' is Missy Goergen."

The award is designed to recognize excellence in education in the Atlantic community schools. The Atlantic Rotary Club presents the teacher with a \$3,000 cash award. The money can enhance the teacher's educational resources; further, the teacher's education, or whatever the selected teacher deems appropriate for any other purpose.



Atlantic Teacher of the Year Missy Goergen and her husband, Dr. Jeff Goergen.



1921-2021
Beginning our second
century of service

ROTARY CLUB OF AMES - 100 YEARS: 1921-2021

By Carole Custer/Ames
Club Public Relations Chair

Ames Mayor John Haila has proclaimed March 1 Rotary Club of Ames Day to honor the club's 100th anniversary. But for club president Chad Copley and centennial chair Jeffery Johnson, the day not only reflects on the club's history of "Service Above Self," but also the beginning of the club's second century of service.

Rotary International is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, community leaders, and problem solvers in over 35,000 clubs in nearly every country across the globe. The Ames club, often referred to as the noon club, received its charter from Rotary International on March 1, 1921. This charter made the Ames' club Rotary International's 836th club.

Community leaders

The Rotary Club of Ames' 174 members are a mix of business, community and educational leaders from Ames and surrounding communities.

The members put their collective skills, interests, and passions to work to provide solutions through sustainable projects in Ames and around the world.

Copley said, "A number of years ago, the International Rotary president asked the clubs all over the world, 'If your club dissolved, how would your community remember Rotary?' It made us think about the multitude of grants we gave to community organizations over the years, all with money contributed by Rotary members."

You now see temporary signs at facilities across our community where our donations have improved kitchens, created shelter houses, supported early childhood reading efforts, funded dental clinics, and provided scholarships, just to name a few, part of more than \$400,000 in contributions to local organizations over the past decade. Big projects have required longer-term commitments from club members – Ada Hayden Heritage Park improvements, tree planting and care at Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor, and most recently, the club's centennial \$300,000 project – the Rotary Club of Ames Miracle Field in the Ames Miracle Field.

Global polio eradication

The Rotary Club of Ames also has an international component. It continues to support Rotary International's effort to eradicate polio. Last year, Rotary celebrated the announcement that the African continent was declared polio-free. There are only two countries, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, where the wild polio virus remains. Club members support this effort with personal contributions and some members have travelled internationally to assist with polio vaccinations.

The Rotary Club of Ames has sponsored numerous Rotary

Scholars and exchange students, who have continued their education internationally.

For the past 20 years, the Rotary Club of Ames has cultivated partnerships between Rotary clubs, Rotary districts, private businesses, and individuals for humanitarian projects in Tanzania. These projects, totaling over \$1.2 million in funding, have focused on providing clean, reliable water systems, and sanitation and hygiene practices to villages identified as among the most desperate in Tanzania. Club members have also assisted with Rotary projects in Xicoteppec, Mexico.

Time and advocacy

But it hasn't just been about giving money. The club members give time, provide advocacy, and offer expertise. Continuous efforts to support the community with volunteers, when called upon, remains a priority for the Rotary Club of Ames.

What's next for the club as it begins its next century of service? Copley says local humanitarian needs continue to increase and will always be part of the club's commitment to providing funding and volunteer support. Clean water, fighting disease and maternal and children's health, promoting education, growing local economies, and promoting peace give members additional ways to live out "Service Above Self" long into the club's second century.

Interested in learning more about our club or attending a club meeting, please contact us at info@rotaryclubofames.org.

Club President: Chad Copley

President Elect: Kelsey Carper

President Elect Designee: Kent Frankenfeld

Past President: Jean Kresse

Executive Secretary: Karin Sevde

Board Members: Mason Adams, Theressa Cooper, Deb Schilthroth, Jeff Johnson, Tammy Koolbeck, Katy Crawford McMahon. Ex-officio: Del Bluhm, Don Goering.

Members of the Rotary Club of Ames Centennial Committee: Tanya Anderson, Gerald Klonglan, Jim Baker, Charles Kniker, Louis Banitt, Jim Patton, Liz Beck, Monica Porter, Don Borcharding, Jennie LeGates, Jon Christy, Carole Custer.

Join us on Sept. 27th

Due to COVID we have delayed our BIG event until late Monday evening Sept. 27 at the Iowa State Alumni Association building. All Rotarians welcome. Watch for Invitation and details.



Major Donors recognized were, front (l-r): Nate Burnham, Annette Burnham, Sally Schroeder and Zane Smith. Back: Steve SchraderBachar, DG Steve Dakin (Boone), Ankeny president Todd Wehr and DGN Steve Wieneke, Ankeny.

Recognized as a new Paul Harris Society member was DGN Steve Wieneke with Ankeny president Todd Wehr, DG Steve Dakin and club Foundation chair, Steve SchraderBachar.

Rotary Foundation donors recognized at Ankeny

The Rotary Club of Ankeny held a Foundation Recognition Day on Tuesday, June 1 with 18 Rotarians honored for their generosity to The Rotary Foundation.

District Foundation Team annual funds/fundraising chairs Bill Koellner, West Liberty, and PDG Jacque Andrew, Jefferson, presented the program with an overview of the impact of the Foundation and the history of giving by the Ankeny club.



Eight Ankeny Rotarians were present to be honored with Paul Harris Fellow level recognitions presented by Bill Koellner, left, and PDG Jacque Andrew, third from left. They include: Roger Spahr, second from left; Jim Ramsey, fourth from left; Zane Smith; Doug Beech (partially hidden); Jeff Damman; president Todd Wehr; Mike Goedeke; Rich Job; Juan Arias; Jacquelyn Duke; with DGN Steve Wieneke and DG Steve Dakin. Not able to attend were: Sarah Green, Doug Parker, Chuck Stewart, Jon Lowman and Tim Hawkins.



Virtual District Training Seminar held March 27

The annual District Training Seminar was conducted via Zoom on Saturday, March 27. Topics covered included:

Welcome: Gretchen Nollman (West Liberty), District Educator-Elect, District Governor Steve Dakin (Boone), District Governor Nominee Steve Wieneke (Ankeny) and District Governor Designate Dennis Drager (Marshalltown).

2021-22 theme, goals: District Governor-Elect Alka Khanolkar (Keokuk).

Strategic Planning: DGN Steve Wieneke (Ankeny)

Membership: Dave Cook (Boone), and Scott Naumann (Bettendorf).

Public Image: Ryan Bell (Iowa City) and Tyler Phelps (Greater Des

Moines).

The Rotary Foundation: PDG Chris Knapp (Iowa City AM).

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Claudia Schabel (Des Moines).

PolioPlus: PDG Susan Herrick (Boone).

Youth Programs: Greg Probst (Iowa City AM), Youth Exchange; Wayne Steen (West Liberty), RYLA; Steve Hansen (West Liberty), Interact.

Youth Protection Policy: PDG Loring Miller (Decatur County).

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI): DGN Steve Wieneke (Ankeny).

Virtual Platform Speakers: DGD Dennis Drager (Marshalltown).

Rotaract Speakers: Laura Nielsen, Simpson College Rotaract, and Chamindi Wijesinghe, Rotaract DSM.

Revving up Rotarians! DGE Alka Khanolkar (Keokuk).

D6000 Rotarians recognized by Rotary International

Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation's Awards to District 6000 recipients

2020-21 recipients SERVICE ABOVE SELF
Carolyn Jons

TRF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Corliss Klaassen

CITATION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE
Terry Geiger

SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD INTERNATIONAL
John Ockenfels

SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD REGIONAL
Peggy Geiger

Rotary International's Highest Individual Award SERVICE ABOVE SELF

2020-21 Carolyn Jons
2019-20 Loring Miller
2018-19 Jacque Andrew
2017-18 Ray Muston
2016-17 Herb Wilson
2015-16 Bill Tubbs
2014-15 Don Goering
2012-13 Bill Koellner
2011-12 Brock Earnhardt
2010-11 Gary Pacha
2007-08 Jim Peterson
2000-01 John Cortesio
1995-96 Bud Louis

The Rotary Foundation's Highest Individual Honor DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

2020-21 Corliss Klaassen
2019-20 Brock Earnhardt
2010-11 Herb Wilson
2008-09 Don Goering
2006-07 Paul Hellwege

The Rotary Foundations Second Highest Honor CITATION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

2020-21 Terry Geiger
2019-20 Gerald Klonglan
2018-19 Diana Reed
2017-18 Bill Koellner
2016-17 Cal Litwiller
2015-16 Doug Flournoy
2014-15 Brock Earnhardt
2013-14 Bill Tubbs
2012-13 Jim Peterson
2011-12 Corliss Klaassen
2010-11 Denny Skinner
2009-10 Herb Wilson
2008-09 Karin Franklin
2005-06 John Kleinschmidt
2004-05 Joseph Walt
2003-04 Don Goering
1997-98 Herb Wilson
1996-97 John Dasher
1994-95 Paul McNutt
1993-94 Paul Hellwege

SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD INTERNATIONAL

2020-21 John Ockenfels
2016-17 Bill Ashton
2015-16 Bill Tubbs
2013-14 Corliss Klaassen
2010-11 Susan Herrick
2008-09 Loring Miller
2006-07 Don Goering

SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD REGIONAL

2020-21 Peggy Geiger
2013-14 Ed Arnold
2008-09 Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen

POLIO PLUS PIONEER AWARD

2019-20 Ken Noble

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO HUMANITY AWARD (non-Rotarian recognition)

2019-20 Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

2016-17 Merle Anderson
2015-16 Dave Fox
2014-15 Stephen Jones
2013-14 John Canady
2012-13 Michael Horton

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ROTARIAN SPOUSE AWARD

2016-17 Colleen Welch
2015-16 Jo Noble
2014-15 Mary Belknap
2013-14 Doris Goering
2012-13 Vernetta Knapp

Rotary Foundation Major Donors from District 6000

FOUNDATION LISTS for 2021 District Conference

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BEQUEST SOCIETY LEVEL SEVEN (\$1 million or more) (gifts promised)

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NEWS NOTES

KEOKUK PEACE PIPE LETTERS, CONFERENCE

"Nationalism: Then and Now" will be the theme of a conference inspired by the Keokuk Peace Pipe Letters Project, Oct. 20-22 in Northfield, Minn. Organizers are: **Tony Conn** of the Rotary Club of Keokuk, where the Peace Pipe Letters Project began; **Dr. Yogi Reppmann**, Rotary Club of Northfield; and **Dr. Jim Hart**, Rotary Club of St. Paul. RI President **Holger Knaack**, of Hamburg, Germany, has lent his support to the Conference, which will: 1) Explore the origins of Populism and Authoritarianism; 2) Tour the demolished African-American Rondo neighborhood in St. Paul, Minn., and hear from Rotarian Dr. Marvin Anderson, J.D., about "Healing for the 21st Century"; and 3) On "Holocaust Education" day, hear from Auschwitz survivor Erna de Vries, 97, who was featured in the filming of "An Untold Story" in the city of Flensburg, which is Dr. Reppmann's home and a Sister City of Eldridge and Walcott, Iowa. Information and registration: Yogi Reppmann, YogiReppmann@gmail.com, 507-581-6734; or Tony Conn, conn.tony.2013@gmail.com, or 0515-418-5865.

ANNUAL MEETING

Club presidents-elect approved all agenda items at the March 20 Virtual Annual Meeting: 1) District budget with dues of \$35 per member; 2) Amending bylaws to allow for proxy voting at the Annual Meeting; 3) Nominating of Dennis Drager of the Rotary Club of Marshalltown for District Governor 2023-24; 4) Approval of Scott Nauman of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf as an at-large member of the Executive Committee; and 5) Youth Protection Policies.

GAVEL PASSING

District Governor-Elect Alka Khanolkar's Gavel Passing was scheduled for Sunday, June 27, in Keokuk, with: PDG luncheon at the Eagle's Nest, 11:00-12:45; Gavel Passing, 1:00-2:45 at Victory Park; and Legacy River Cruise on the Mississippi River, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Half of proceeds of the River Cruise to The Rotary Foundation. At this meeting, **PDG Corliss Klaassen** of Chariton will be presented The Rotary Foundation's highest honor, the **Distinguished Service Award**.

We remember well ...

The lives of Rotarians who died in 2020-21, which were provided to the district upon an invitation from the district office, were remembered in a special service at the April 24 District Conference. 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

Ames Charlie Ricketts Ted Tostlebe	Indianola Bill Thomas	Lenox Kevin Barker
Clinton Phil Barger	Iowa City Downtown Carolyn Gross	Marshalltown Lee Brintnall
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		Ottumwa Gene Carlson
		Washington David Collins

HOUSTON

The city of Houston will host two Rotary events in the coming year:

Zone Institute, "Blast Off," for Zones 25B and 29, which includes Iowa, will be Sept. 7-12. Information: 25Bzones25b-29.org.

International Convention, "New Horizons," will be June 4-8, 2022. Registration: <https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston>

District 6000 club presidents, 2021-22

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DGE Alka Khanolkar's Official Club Visits

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ALKA KHANOLKAR AND KIRAN'S OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS AND OTHER DATES IN 2021-22.

July 8 (Th).....**Coon Rapids** (12:05 PM)
 July 12 (M).....**Carroll** (noon)
 July 13 (Tu).....**Manning** (12:05 PM)
 July 14 (W)**Boone** (noon)
 July 15 (Th).....**Denison** (noon)
 July 17-23.....**RYLA** at Coe College, CR
 July 26 (M).....**Corning** (noon)
 July 28 (W)**Albia** (noon)
 Aug. 5 (Th) District Budget & Exec Meetings (9:30 AM)
 Aug. 16 (M).....**Burlington** (noon)
 Aug. 17 (Tu).....**Osceola** (noon)
 Aug. 18 (W)**Centerville** (noon)
 Aug. 20 (F).....**Chariton** (noon)
 Aug. 23 (M).....**Creston** (noon)
 Aug. 24 (Tu).....**Corydon** (noon)
 Aug. 25 (W) Waukee Board (eve.)
 Aug. 26 (Th).....**Waukee** (7:00 AM)
 Aug. 26 (Th).....**Winterset** (noon)
 Aug. 27 (F).....**Indianola** (noon)
 Aug. 30 (M).....**Jefferson** (12:10 PM)
 Aug. 31 (Tu).....**Atlantic** (noon)
 Aug. 31 (Tu)..... Ames Morning Board (eve.)
 Sept. 1 (W)**Ames Morning** (7:00 AM)
 Sept. 1 (W) ... **Greater Des Moines** (5:30 PM)
 Sept. 2 (Th)**Keokuk** (noon)
 Sept. 7-12 Zone Institute (Governor-Elect Training), Houston, TX
 Sept. 14 (Tu).....**Fort Madison** (noon)
 Sept. 20 (M).....**Ames** (noon)
 Sept. 20 (M)..... Norwalk Board (eve.)
 Sept. 21 (Tu).....**Norwalk** (6:30 AM)
 Sept. 21 (Tu).....**Marshalltown** (noon)
 Sept. 22 (W)**Nevada** (noon)
 Oct. 11 (M)**West Polk County** (noon)
 Oct. 12 (Tu).....**Ankeny Satellite** (6:00 PM)
 Oct. 12 (Tu).....**Dallas Center** (12:05 PM)
 Oct. 13 (W)**Adel** (12:05 PM)
 Oct. 14 (Th)**Decatur County** (noon)
 Oct. 14 (Th) Des Moines AM Board (eve.)
 Oct. 15 (F).....**Des Moines AM** (7 AM)
 Oct. 15 (F).... **N'west Des Moines** (11:45 AM)
 Oct. 18 (M) Johnston Board (eve.)
 Oct. 19 (Tu).....**Johnston** (7:00 AM)
 Oct. 19 (Tu).....**Ankeny** (11:45 AM)
 Oct. 19 (Tu)..... East Polk Board (eve.)
 Oct. 20 (W)**East Polk County** (7:00 AM)
 Oct. 20 (W)**Perry** (12:10 PM)
 Oct. 20 (W) ... Iowa Quad Cities Board (eve.)
 Oct. 21 (Th)**Iowa Quad Cities** (7:00 AM)



DG 2021-22 Alka Khanolkar and Kiran will convey RI President Shekhar Mehta's theme, "Serve To Change Lives," during their club visits.

Oct. 21 (Th)**Iowa City** (noon)
 Oct. 24 (Su)World Polio Day
 Oct. 26 (Tu).....**West Des Moines** (11:45 AM)
 Oct. 29 (F)..... Foundation Dinner, Davenport Holiday Inn (5:30-8:30 PM)
 Oct. 30 (Sa) Foundation Dinner, West Des Moines Sheraton (5:30-8:30 PM)
 Nov. 1 (M).....**Clinton** (noon)

Nov. 1 (M).....**Mt. Pleasant** (6:00 PM)
 Nov. 2 (Tu)**Newton** (noon)
 Nov. 2 (Tu)**Grinnell** (6:00 PM)
 Nov. 3 (W).....**Mount Pleasant Noon** (noon)
 Nov. 5 (F)**Fairfield** (noon)
 Nov. 7 (Su)..... DG Candidate Interviews
 Nov. 8 (M).....**Iowa City Downtown** (noon)
 Nov. 8 (M)..... Iowa City AM Board (eve.)
 Nov. 9 (Tu)**Iowa City AM** (7:00 AM)
 Nov. 9 (Tu)**Marengo** (12:05 PM)
 Nov. 9 (Tu)**West Liberty** (6:00 PM)
 Nov. 11 (Th).....**Des Moines** (11:45 AM)
 Nov. 15 (M).....**Ottumwa** (12:10 PM)
 Nov. 16 (Tu)**Pella** (noon)
 Nov. 16 (Tu) Bloomfield Board (eve.)
 Nov. 17 (W).....**Bloomfield** (7:00 AM)
 Nov. 17 (W).....**Knoxville** (noon)
 Nov. 20 (Sa)..... RYE Outbound Interviews
 Nov. 23 (Tu)**Oskaloosa** (noon)
 Dec. 1 (W)**Bettendorf** (noon)
 Dec. 7 (Tu)**Keosauqua** (noon)
 Dec. 8 (W).....**Coralville N. Corridor** (noon)
 Dec. 10 (F)**North Scott** (noon)
 Dec. 13 (M).....**Davenport** (noon)
 Dec. 14 (Tu)**Kalona** (noon)
 Dec. 15 (W).....**Wellman** (noon)
 Dec. 16 (Th).....**Washington** (noon)
 Dec. 20 (M).....**Muscatine** (noon)
 Dec. 22 (W).....**Tipton** (noon)
 Jan. 19 (W)**Lenox** (noon)
 Jan. 16-20..... International Assembly (Wieneke) Orlando, FL
 Jan. 20-30..... Iowa M.O.S.T. Cleft Palate Mission, Guatemala
 Feb. 23..... Celebrate Rotary's Birthday
 Feb. 24 (Th) AG Training (subject to change)
 Feb. 24-25 (Th-Fr) NCPETS (subject to change)
 Feb. 26 (Sa) Grant Management Seminar at West Liberty (8:30-11:30 AM)
 March 5 (Sa) ... Grant Management Seminar at West Des Moines (8:30-11:30 AM)
 March 12-20 Xicotepc, Mexico Project Team
 March 18 (F)..... Grant Management Seminar at Newton DMACC (5-8 PM)
 March 19 (Sa) ... District Training Assembly at Newton DMACC
 March 26.... RYE Outbound Training, Newton
 April 22-23 (Fri-Sat)..... **All Iowa District Conference**, with District 5970, at Coralville Marriott
 June 4-8 **Rotary International Convention** Houston, TX

OBITUARY

Myrna Piersel, 85, wife of PDG Dave Piersel (D-5610, 1997-98), passed away March 26 at MercyOne hospital, Des Moines, from injuries from a fall at her home in Windsor Heights.

Myrna Storm was born Sept. 22, 1936 in Stockport, Iowa, to Merle and Alice (Westercamp) Storm. She grew up in the rural Thornburg, Iowa, area and attended Central College in Pella and completed a bachelor of music degree in education at the University of Iowa.

Myrna taught instrumental and elementary music and had many piano students. She served as a church organist and worked at South Dakota State University. On May 31, 1959 she married David Piersel in What Cheer, Iowa.

She supported her husband career as a university music professor. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Rotary International Foundation. Dave's new address: 915 Ashworth Rd., #305, West Des Moines, IA 50265.



Myrna Piersel



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

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2020-21 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. 9).

RYLA: Get students enrolled for the July 18-23 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference, and encourage members to serve as volunteers (p. 8).

DISTRICT DUES: Watch for your club's 2021-22 dues billing after July 1, including voluntary contributions for Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team and Youth Services Fund.

2021-22 CLUB LEADERS: Enter your club goals now on Rotary Central at www.rotary.org/MyRotary.

OFFICIAL VISIT: Check the calendar and communicate with District Governor Alka Khanolkar about her Official Club Visit (p. 31)..

MEMBERSHIP: Review your club's membership history (p. 9) and choose leaders who will implement a plan to take it to the next level, or reverse membership decline (p. 12).

YOUTH PROTECTION: Understand and implement the new Youth Protection Plan (p. 9).

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