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EDITOR

Gifts to The Rotary Foundation are an investment in HOPE

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

The three stages of our lives have been called **LEARNING, EARNING and RETURNING.**

Rotary has members in all three phases, but many of us are, or soon will be, in the Returning phase. This is our challenge and opportunity, but that is not true for younger members – the future of Rotary, who now have kids and mortgages and college expenses. We need to respect this.

For Linda and me, we are in both the Earning and Returning phases, which makes giving to The Rotary Foundation easier. Arch Klumph Society has been a goal, inspired by those who have gone before, but it is not a destination. We will continue to support The Rotary Foundation.

There's a slogan I like. It goes like this:

**Do your giving while you're living,
So you're knowin' where it's goin'.**



Bill Tubbs

With Rotary's transparency, we KNOW where it's going. Our Foundation is highly rated for transparency, efficiency and effectiveness, and those who have been fortunate, as we have, to see the end result can testify to the credibility of **OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION.** Whether it be projects in our own communities, through Community Grants, or around the world, we see our investment paying results.

Linda and I have supported all three funds of The Rotary Foundation: **Polio, Annual Fund** and the **Endowment Fund**, but the largest part lately has been the **Peace Centers Endowment.**

Because of this, we have been invited to graduation ceremonies at Peace Centers and attended one, in North Carolina, and have attended **Rotary Peace Symposiums** in California and Michigan. The credentials and aspirations of these remarkable young people – the Rotary Peace Scholars – are inspiring and provide what the world needs now: **HOPE.**

Maybe we **CAN** change the world for the better.

Presently, war is waging in Ukraine. The images are grim. In 2002, Linda and I entertained persons from both countries in our home, thanks to Rotary: **Russians and Ukrainians.** Wonderful people, all of them. So how can this be?

Recently, I quoted Ghandi at the end of a newspaper column I had written about members of the Kyiv Syphony who performed at our local high school in 2002 – and the Russians we had hosted in the Productivity Enhancement Program earlier the same year.

Ghandi, at a moment of darkness in his struggle for freedom for his people, once famously said, and I quote:

"When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it – always."

And the people said, Amen!

Support The Rotary Foundation.

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



At the first All-Iowa District Conference in Iowa City, April 22-23, District Governor Alka Khanolkar makes introductions with (l-r): Maripili and DG Jeff Hassman (District 5970), DG Alka and Kiran Khanolkar, and Vernetta and PDG Chris Knapp. Photo by Bill Tubbs

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

'A tremendous year for District 6000'

Greetings to my fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary!

The Rotary year 2021-2022 has been a tremendous year for our District 6000. One of the main highlights of the year for many of our clubs has been that we have been able to meet in person, hold hybrid meetings, and Zoom meetings. We have learned to adapt to the new norm.



Alka Khanolkar
District Governor

I was personally very happy to visit all the clubs in person and participate in many of the wonderful, long lasting, and impactful projects. And attend special events held during the course of the Rotary year. It has been a true honor and privilege to have done so. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity.

Your dedication to doing such impactful projects in your communities (locally and globally) has contributed to making

a difference in our world and a better place for humanity. Together, we helped **"SERVE to CHANGE LIVES."**

Membership grows

With our dedicated team members, led by Membership Chair Mr. Dave Cook, our clubs have brought in a net increase of 50 members as of May 31. We have also started

9-plus new satellite clubs, and a few more by the end of this Rotary year. We have been able to do more and grow more.

Every club has done many impactful projects, and with a new Area of Focus of the environment. We have a really good start of protecting our environment with many clubs planting trees, using solar panels for projects, holding discussions surrounding climate change and reducing the use of plastics. Let us continue!

Human trafficking

Most of all, I would like to thank all of you for your unanimous support for my initiative of the year, **Human Trafficking**, which is currently a global issue. District 6000 was the first district in the whole world to sponsor the resolution for the prevention of human trafficking and submit it to the Council of Resolutions. After it passed there, it was adopted by the Rotary International Board of Directors.

Today, District 6000 has been recognized worldwide for this outstanding accomplishment. No better platform than Rotary with its 1.4 million members worldwide to continue the fight against human trafficking!

Thank you for giving to the **Annual Fund** and helping us to surpass our Rotary Foundation goal of \$370,000. We have also accomplished our goal in Polio giving of \$90,000-plus.

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IMAGES OF ALL-IOWA DISTRICT CONFERENCE



PDG Gary Pacha embraces his wife, Nancy Pacha, upon her receiving the Service Above Self Award. In what is a first, both have been so honored.



Iowa City AM Rotarian Nancy Pacha (c) received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, presented by PDG Jacque Andrew (l), with PDG Gary Pacha, RI Rep Jeremy Hurst and DG Alka Khanolkar.



Dr. "Bowtie" Todd Jenkins was Saturday evening's featured speaker on "Moving from Diversity to Inclusive Behaviors."



Waukee Rotarian Aaron Putzee and quarterback Chuck Long presented "Destined for Greatness" at Friday's luncheon.



John Schultz provided music for the In Memoriam service.



PDG Bill and Linda Tubbs of North Scott were top bidders at \$4,600 to The Rotary Foundation, for the quilt stitched by Deb Ockenfels, and gave the quilt to DG Alka Khanolkar, (l-r): Kiran and DG Alka Khanolkar, Deb Ockenfels, the Tubbses, and RI Rep Jeremy Hurst and his wife, Michelle.

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Radio personality, PDG Jim Coloff of Cedar Falls, District 5970, served as master of ceremonies.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



PDG Ken Noble, West Liberty, pictured with his wife, Jo, was the recipient of the Rotary International Service Award for a Polio-Free World.



PDG Chris Knapp, and DGs Alka Khanolar (D6000) and Jeff Hassman (5970) took pies in the face from quarterback Chuck Long to raise funds for polio eradication.



PDG Tom Narak of West Des Moines and his wife, Carol (at left), were official aides to RI Presidential Rep and RI Director-Elect Jeremy Hurst and his wife, Michelle, from Grand Cayman.



Boone Rotarian Lesley Dakin (l) assisted district administrator, Carolyn Scharff, of Pella, at the All-Iowa District Conference April 22-23 at the Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel.

IMAGES OF ALL-IOWA DISTRICT CONFERENCE



Human trafficking survivor and advocate for prevention, Rachel Dawn Fischer, keynoted Saturday's luncheon.



To remind Rotarians and guests of Rotary's No. 1 goal – the eradication of polio – PDG John Ockenfels of Iowa City AM arranged for the trailer with the iron lung and display at the Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel and Conference Center.



University of Iowa vocal student Tejas Gururaha opened Saturday's luncheon with the National Anthem.



Rotary Youth Exchange students from Districts 5970 and 6000 sang at Saturday's luncheon.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



District Conference co-chairs Maripili Hassman of Cedar Falls and Vernetta Knapp of Iowa City celebrate.



Dr. George Belitsos of Ames tells of District 6000's success in raising awareness of human trafficking. Panelists included Maggie Tinsman, Amy Ratekin and Rachel Dawn Fischer.

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Rotary International Director-Elect Jeremy Hurst, of Grand Cayman, gave Saturday morning's message, "The C-Way Test." He was the official representative of RI President Shekhar Mehta.



Big Grove Brewery hosted Friday evening's reception.



Downtown Iowa City Rotarian Mark Ruggeberg provided transportation for out-of-town speakers and guests.



After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, Rotary Youth Exchange is returning in 2022-23.



Keokuk Rotarian Tony Conn (l) was the recipient of the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, presented by RI Rep Jeremy Hurst.

IMAGES OF DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER



With Bill Koellner at left, District Governor Alka Khanolkar and PDG Jacquie Andrew (r) present pink roses to Linda Tubbs on the occasion of PDG Bill Tubbs and Linda achieving the Arch Klumph Society giving level.

Photo by Josie Cochuyt



West Liberty Rotarian Bill Koellner (l) introduced keynote speaker, Rotary historian David Forward.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



Iowa City Rotary past president Usha Balakrishnan presented a tribute to the late PDG Herb Wilson (p. 28).



Grinnell Rotarian Effy Hall (l) and Tipton Rotarian Laurie Brandenburg told how their clubs used Rotary Foundation community grants.



Sam Strathearn opened the evening singing the National Anthem.



The District 6000 Rotary Foundation Dinner, April 21, 2002, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center, Coralville.

ON THE COVER:

District 6000 DG Alka Khanolkar and District 5970 DG Jeff Hassman plant a tree on the banks of the Iowa River at District Conference. Joining them were youth, Presidential Rep Jeremy Hurst and his wife, Michelle, and Bettendorf Rotarian Scott Naumann as Paul Harris.

RI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Resolution, begun in District 6000, puts all of Rotary behind human trafficking prevention

By George Belitsos/Ames

District 6000 Vocational Chair

A historic vote was taken at the Feb. 22-23 quarterly meeting of the Rotary International (RI) Board of Directors. The vote not only recognized the growing global humanitarian problem of Human Trafficking/Modern Slavery (HT/MS), but more importantly called on Rotary clubs worldwide to become involved in projects to end this heinous crime against humanity.

Once then, RAGAS and its many Rotary club allies have attempted to obtain anti-HT/MS wording in the RI Manual of Procedures and the RI Code of Policies.

Past resistance by RI was primarily because some members of the board of directors believed that modern slavery is a political or a cultural/social issue and not a humanitarian one. Thus, RI was reluctant to encourage clubs around the world to engage in projects which protect victims from all forms of exploitation and modern slavery. RI's recent approval of 21R-28 has now sent a strong message to all naysayers that such a political viewpoint on the issue of modern slavery is mistaken.

What became 21R-28 began its long journey to the RI Board of Directors in the summer of 2020. Dr. George Belitsos, vice-chair of Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS) wrote the original resolution and submitted it to the Iowa, USA District 6000 Board of Directors. The district asked all of its 67 clubs to vote on the resolution which was followed by a vote and approval in January 2021 by the District 6000 Board. It was then submitted by District Governor, Alka Khanolkar to the RI Council on Resolutions (COR).

On Nov. 1, 2021, after much study and deliberation, the RI Council on Resolutions voted in favor of resolution 21R-28. While RAGAS was pleased that the COR approved the resolution (318 in favor), RAGAS was disturbed that one third of the COR district delegates, (151 in opposition) voted against the resolution. It is believed that some of those who decided to vote No did so because they believe that modern slavery is a political issue and not a humanitarian one. While other no votes came from countries that look the other way when it comes to forced child marriage and child labor. Resolution 21R-28 recognized that 74 years ago the United Nations (UN) unanimously declared that no one shall be held in slavery or servitude. Long before the UN vote, slavery was outlawed and made illegal in every country in the world. Therefore, one could conclude that 74 years ago, it was no longer a political issue. Forced child marriage and labor are both considered HT/MS by the UN.

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Global honor

At the District 6000 Breakfast at the RI Convention in Houston, the Rotary International Action Group Against Slavery presented its highest award to District Governor Alka Khanolkar for her advocacy and leadership in the fight against human trafficking. Presenting the award was Dave McCleary of Roswell, Georgia, the group's global chair. At left is Dr. George Belitsos of Ames, chair of the Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

In December 2021, COR 21R-28 was finally sent to the RI Board of Directors and placed on its agenda for an up or down vote at its Feb. 22-23, 2022, quarterly meeting. In January RAGAS and District 6000 called on individual Rotary clubs worldwide to register their support for the Council on Resolutions 21R-28 resolution by sending a club petition to the RI Board of Directors. Only individual Rotary clubs are permitted to petition the RI Board of Directors.

This effort was led by **Dave McCleary**, chair of the RAGAS Board of Directors. The petition was translated into several languages. An unprecedented number of individual clubs submitted signed petitions to the RI Board of Directors in support of the 21R-28 resolution. These petitions called the RI Board of Directors' attention to the COR 21R-28 and the subsequent approval of the resolution on Feb. 22-23.

RAGAS has long believed that Rotary is uniquely positioned to end human trafficking through its ability to pull communities together for a common humanitarian purpose. The historic vote by RI will make a huge positive difference, not only to Rotary International, but to fighting HT/MS worldwide.



Harold Jensen
Ames Morning



Laura Luetje
Ankeny



Scott Naumann
Bettendorf



Janice Wilson
Iowa City AM



Joyce Taylor
Keokuk



Mike J. Lane
Knoxville

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Eight honored as ‘Guardians of Integrity’

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

District 6000 Vocational Service Chair

Eight Rotarians who were nominated by their clubs were honored by District 6000 as “Guardians of Integrity” April 23 at the District Conference at Coralville. This is the 12th year for the awards that were begun in 2011 to recognize individuals who have made contributions that foster the development of integrity.



Paul Hellwege
Boone

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 Harold Jensen has worked as a civil engineer for cities, counties and the military, and in retirement, he continues to offer his professional skills in many capacities, including evaluating results of disasters for FEMA. Due to his “work ethic, keen intellect, positive personal and work relationships, and integrity,” he has been asked to hold positions on numerous boards and advisory councils. Besides serving in many capacities in Rotary and devoting himself to its causes and projects, Harold has held leadership positions in many diverse charitable and educational organizations, all the while dedicating himself to his family.

Ankeny Rotarian Laura Luetje is a managing partner in her law firm. She is the primary manager of sensitive divorce and child custody cases and searches for the “most favorable outcome” for the parties. Laura serves her community with the same high intent. Served by her efforts are the NE Elementary School PTO, 100 Women Who Care, Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce, Ankeny Young Professionals, Ankeny Civil Service Commission, the Ankeny School Foundation Board and her Rotary club where she oversees fundraising. During the pandemic, Laura handled the challenge of a special learning program for students who needed extra support.

Bettendorf Rotarian Scott Naumann begins his fourth term as Bettendorf Alderman at large and Mayor Pro-Tem. His nominators note Scott’s constant question to himself and others. “Are we doing the right thing?” He encourages use of the Four-Way -Test to guide decision-making and actions in his own life and in Rotary, and that strong moral compass inspires others. Scott is Ambassador for the Scott County Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Handicapped Development Board, member of the National League of Cities Committee and works at the club and district levels of Rotary, leading others to ask where he finds time and energy for it all.

Iowa City AM Rotarian Janice Wilson was a nurse by profession and she shared her skills and knowledge as a hospital volunteer and a member of the D6000 Rotaplast team in El Salvador. A lesser known position she held was her role as vice president of Micro-Surface Finishing Products. Wilson Family philanthropy to worldwide projects and programs is broadly recognized, but unacknowledged is the role Janice played as host and mom to countless students who lived in the Wilson home. Five Rotary Exchange students and many others from the U.S. were nurtured and nourished by this “humble, devoted, unpretentious” foster mom.

Keokuk Rotarian Joyce Taylor was an educational administrator for the Western-Area Career System. In that role, she expanded the system to new counties and school systems in western Illinois and inaugurated new programs for vocational students, increasing career opportunities for them. Joyce was also elected township clerk of Wilcox Township in Hancock County, Illinois and is now treasurer of the Keokuk Union Depot Foundation, handling thousands of dollars in donations and grants with discretion and prudence. Joyce has held offices in the P.E.O organization and in her Rotary club where she is viewed to “mirror the Rotary Four-Way Test.”

Knoxville Rotarian Mike J. Lane is a partner in the Johnson, Lane & Hughes Law Firm and performed as Knoxville City Attorney from 1969-1988. He focuses on respect for his clients and on doing “quality work” on their behalf. A 50-year Rotarian, Mike has served as president of his Rotary club and takes special interest in literacy initiatives and scholarship projects which support the young people of his community. He is a supporter of the Knoxville library, the schools, local social clubs and his church. Mike and his wife take pride in their community. One of their pet projects is the clean-up of the parks during the annual Spring into Action.

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Dennis Skinner
Nevada



Jeff Ashcraft
North Scott

Guardians of Integrity

Nevada Rotarian Dennis Skinner has held countless positions in Rotary from club offices to District Governor. Demonstrating his strong commitment to Rotary causes, he traveled to Nigeria to facilitate the process of a Global Grant supporting basic needs for a local community, the project later being highlighted at an international conference. In his tax and accounting business, Dennis has built a reputation of being able to “create favorable circumstances for others to be successful.” He was named Nevada Business Person of the Year and praised for the “trustworthiness, accuracy and sincerity” that characterizes his conduct as a businessman.

North Scott Rotarian Jeff Ashcraft is CEO of the Davenport Handicapped Development Center and, one with a “soft spot” for physically and mentally challenged people. He achieved a personal dream when as president of his Rotary club and with his club’s assistance, he organized the construction of the Rotary Inspiration Playground, a place accessible to all. With help from the Mississippi Bend Trykes organization, Jeff also built bicycles and tricycles in his own garage for use by special needs members of the Quad Cities area. When not devoting himself to charitable work, he and his wife might be entertaining fellow citizens in community theater productions.

5:30 to 6:30 is the **Golden Hour** for *After Work Clubs*

- Members come to Rotary after work and can still be home for dinner and evening activities.
- Preferred meeting time for parents of school-aged children, working moms, retail business owners and young professionals, including teachers and those working in healthcare.
- No meal is served so membership costs less.



Rotary
District 6000



Boone Rotarian David Cook, at the District Leadership Assembly March 26 at Newton, presented membership data which shows that clubs with After Work Satellites grow rapidly.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

MEMBERSHIP

Clubs with After Work Satellites grow rapidly

By DGND David Cook/Boone
District 6000 Membership Chair

Clubs with After Work satellites are among the fastest growing in District 6000. Since July 1, membership in each of the district’s four clubs with After Work satellites increased an average of 12 percent.

After Work clubs are growing quickly because it’s a preferred meeting time for parents of school-aged children, working moms, retail business owners and younger professionals, including teachers and healthcare workers.

The Golden Hour for After Work clubs is 5:30 to 6:30 because members like the fact they can go to Rotary right after work and still be home for dinner and evening activities. Plus, the overall cost for members is often less because no meals are served.

Clubs with established After Work satellites include **Ankeny, Boone, Nevada** and **Marshalltown**. It’s exciting to see membership in these clubs grow by simply having an additional meeting time that works for more service-minded people with busy schedules.

Even more exciting, four more clubs are in the process of establishing this type of after-work option. They include **Clinton, Iowa City AM, West Des Moines** and **Bettendorf**. “These new additions will bring our total number of club extensions to eight, and because they’re satellites, new members are included in their sponsor club’s membership numbers. We fully expect more to follow quickly.

IOWA WOLVES

Games have raised \$140,000 for polio

By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines

After a one-year hiatus from the annual polio fundraiser with the Iowa Wolves, the Rotary clubs in the greater Des Moines area resumed this effort to raise money to vaccinate children around the world.

The game on Saturday night, Feb. 5, between the G-League Iowa Wolves and the Los Angeles-based Aqua Caliente Clippers provided a mechanism to raise money for Rotary International's Polio Eradication efforts.

The previous 12 games resulted in over \$128,000 being raised. With the Gates Foundation 2 for 1 match, approximately \$384,000 was raised; enough to provide 640,000 immunizations.

This year clubs participating included **Ankeny and Ankeny Evening, Des Moines, Des Moines AM, East Polk, Johnston, Perry, Waukee, West Des Moines and West Polk**, which maintained its stranglehold on the Arnold Trophy awarded to the club selling the most tickets to the game.

Traditionally, Polio Night with the Iowa Wolves (formerly the Iowa Energy) has (had) six objectives:

Help Eradicate Polio worldwide;

Promote the Rotary brand;

Get non-Rotarian money into the eradication effort;

Provide a social opportunity for Rotarians;

Provide an opportunity for local clubs to work together on a common goal;

Support Iowa Wolves and local nonprofit agencies by buying and donating tickets (mostly to youth groups).

The process involves the Iowa Wolves selling tickets to Rotary clubs at a discounted price and then rebating back \$10 per ticket to the selling club. This year, over \$11,000 was raised from the over 1,100 tickets bought/sold by the clubs.

In addition, money was collected by Rotary volunteers at the game by encouraging fans to place their contributions in the yellow buckets. Ed Arnold made an appeal before the game, emphasizing the past successes achieved by the eradication efforts.

District Governor Alka Khanolkar made the halftime appeal, encouraging the fans to participate in the final eradication of polio from the planet. The yellow buckets collected an additional \$748 and other fans contributed another \$106 via Venmo.

Other contributions to polio eradication were made by Rotarians to their respective clubs, in lieu of purchasing basketball tickets. The result was that considerably more than \$12,000 was raised as a result of our partnership with the Iowa Wolves. Total funds raised by the 13 games now exceeds \$140,000. In a game marked by "defensive intensity," the Clippers won, 133-111.

Club participation was encouraged by Ed Arnold and Alex Barker (Iowa Wolves Marketing VP), who visited most of the clubs in spite of COVID-19 restrictions and obstacles. In addition, a committee met three times to plan the event. Members included: **Kyle Yencer** and **Lori Day** (Des Moines AM), **Dr. Jeff Stickel** (Des Moines), **Marie Pipes** (East Polk), **Michael Bonnet** and **Luke Vogel** (West Polk), **Tom Welchans** (Waukee), **Cynde Cronin** (West Des Moines), **Pam Kucera** (Johnston), and **Alex Barker** (Iowa Wolves).

Rotary volunteers collecting donations at the game included: **DG Elect Steve Wieneke** (Ankeny), **DG Alka Khanolkar** (Keokuk), **William W. Corwin**, **William D. Corwin** and **Ed Arnold** (Northwest),



DG Alka Khanolkar joined **Ed Arnold** (l), **Bill Corwin** (back) and the Iowa Wolves mascot to raise funds for polio eradication.



\$12,000 was raised for polio eradication by selling 1,001 tickets at \$10, plus \$2,000 in donations at the game with 12 participating clubs, (l-r): **Alex Barker** (Iowa Wolves), **Mike Bonnett** and **Luke Vogel** (West Polk), **Ed Arnold** (Northwest), **Tom Welchans** (West Des Moines), **Dr. Jeff Stickel** (Des Moines) and **Marie Pipes** (East Polk).

and **Marie Pipes** (East Polk).

Thanks to all who volunteered, contributed or otherwise made this event a success.

Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2021 - June 13, 2022

(Members: July 1, 2015-16-17-18-19-20-21)	(1) 20-21 Goal	(2) % of Goal	(3) Per capita	(4) Thru 6-13-22	(5) PolioPlus	(6) Other (*)	(7) TOTAL
Adel (37-37-34-32-28-24-21)	\$ 2,800	192	\$ 255.48	\$ 5,365	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,365
Albia (22-28-28-24-24-29-29)	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ames (224-226-217-206-186-172-167)	20,000	105	125.92	21,028	7,819	10,000	38,847
Ames Morning (55-55-59-59-52-46-43)	6,000	486	678.76	29,186	0	0	29,186
Ankeny (61-77-85-86-83-101, 97)	18,000	122	225.72	21,885	3,390	0	25,275
Atlantic (58-58-58-56-62-62- 59)	2,500	83	35.24	2,079	0	0	2,079
Bettendorf (103-101-102-105-93-100- 94)	12,000	145	185.64	17,450	600	0	20,450
Bloomfield (10-10-10-11-12-12-13)	1,500	13	15.38	200	15	0	215
Boone (42-34-41-51-50-46- 50)	5,200	229	237.98	11,899	3,456	0	15,245
Burlington (80-79-80-80-76-73-62)	2,500	22	8.87	550	0	5,800	6,350
Carroll (46-44-43-44-42-26-35)	15,000	9	38.57	1,350	50	0	1,400
Centerville (50-46-45-46-45-38-38)	3,000	58	46.05	1,750	665	0	2,415
Chariton (41-41-34-30-39-40-36)	4,000	128	142.64	5,135	950	0	6,085
Clinton (98-97-94-90-91-80-70)	10,000	13	17.93	1,255	0	0	1,255
Coon Rapids (27-31-34-30-29-28-27)	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coralville-N. Corridor (20-21-22-24-23-22-23)	2,000	60	52.17	1,200	0	0	1,200
Corning (34-33-32-32-31-30-27)	1,250	82	37.78	1,020	1,000	0	2,020
Corydon (18-15-15-17-16-18-16)	1,200	108	81.25	1,300	0	0	1,300
Creston (23-19-17-18-21-21-21)	200	50	4.76	100	100	0	200
Dallas Center (27-29-26-25-28-30-24)	3,000	88	110.17	2,644	100	1,500	4,244
Davenport (112-113-110-107-101-94-67)	10,000	38	56.42	3,780	3,390	1,000	8,170
Decatur County (30-32-31-30-30-28-30)	6,000	105	210.67	6,320	1,700	0	8,020
Denison (x-x-x-x-x-31-32)	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Des Moines AM (170-170-179-189-194-200-209-194)	14,000	48	34.30	6,655	500	0	7,155
Des Moines (276-270-269-255-240-227)	21,000	89	82.49	18,724	2,550	18,500	39,774
East Polk County (34-31-29-29-27-22-23)	2,500	1	1.09	25	0	0	25
Fairfield (74-60-57-56-47-41-34)	400	283	33.24	1,130	573	0	1,703
Fort Madison (49-53-55-51-48-42-43)	4,000	109	101.16	4,350	362	0	4,712
Greater Des Moines (12-12-11-13-26-17-12)	500	0	0	0	0	400	400
Grinnell (38-40-35-38-36-34-32)	5,000	128	199.22	6,375	100	0	6,475
Indianola (54-53-54-47-39-37-32)	3,000	101	94.69	3,030	885	0	3,915
Iowa City (312-329-333-317-293-271-239)	40,000	91	151.53	36,215	2,435	250	38,900
Iowa City AM (66-69-74-71-74-79-75)	18,000	109	262.73	19,705	11,166	1,002,939	1,033,810
Iowa City Downtown (23-21-23-25-22-24-20)	4,000	78	156.25	3,125	1,311	0	4,436
Iowa Quad-Cities (41-42-38-42-38-36-32)	2,000	240	150.25	4,808	100	0	4,908
Jefferson (59-59-56-60-59-55-46)	6,000	50	65.46	3,011	1,865	0	4,876
Johnston (60-49-52-43-49-44-41)	5,000	104	126.71	5,195	0	0	5,195
Kalona (42-41-43-40-38-38-32)	1,500	113	53.13	1,700	2,000	0	3,700
Keokuk (66-71-57-53-45-41-37)	2,500	226	152.38	5,638	865	0	6,503
Keosauqua (24-22-23-24-26-26-24)	1,200	125	62.50	1,500	0	0	1,500
Knoxville (61-58-48-53-45-34-30)	3,500	77	90.17	2,705	500	0	3,205
Lenox (29-28-27-25-25-25-25)	500	15	3.00	75	0	0	75
Manning (19-25-21-23-22-22-20)	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marengo (11-10-10-11-10-10-10)	250	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshalltown (150-147-145-133-127-117-111)	7,000	148	93.47	10,375	1,940	0	12,316
Mt. Pleasant Noon (52-55-47-51-56-53-44)	1,500	110	37.59	1,654	0	0	1,654
Mt. Pleasant (20-20-18-18-16-15-15)	1,400	87	81.33	1,220	210	45,000	46,430
Muscatine (79-77-69-66-67-62-60)	10,000	96	159.44	9,566	0	0	9,566
Nevada (71-69-61-53-54-48-56)	10,000	236	421.82	23,622	1,820	0	25,442
Newton (60-55-49-40-36-38-33)	3,000	190	172.73	5,700	1,215	0	6,915
North Scott (85-86-89-88-88-95-91)	15,000	149	245.14	22,308	1,520	40,437	64,265
N'West Des Moines (34-40-36-37-36-37-29)	8,000	103	284.48	8,250	4,000	3,585	15,835
Norwalk (0-0-20-24-18-18-17)	500	800	235.29	4,000	0	0	4,000
Osceola (28-29-25-22-22-21-17)	305	200	35.88	610	100	0	710
Oskaloosa (56-55-57-54-59-59-49)	4,000	189	154.35	7,563	0	0	7,563
Ottumwa (97-98-92-89-82-75-75)	7,500	35	35.41	2,656	1,000	0	3,656
Pella (29-30-29-29-26-26-27)	3,000	198	220.19	5,945	547	0	6,493
Perry (26-26-26-23-23-22-22)	900	69	28.41	625	194	0	819
Tipton (30-26-27-22-28-23-23)	2,000	169	147.17	3,385	0	0	3,385
Washington (49-48-43-42-43-41-35)	4,500	57	72.86	2,550	0	200	2,550
Waukeke (58-64-69-64-68-73-69)	8,500	91	111.74	7,710	2,283	12,400	10,193
Wellman (36-34-30-29-26-23-20)	1,000	270	135.02	2,700	0	0	2,700
West Des Moines (62-63-52-51-50-45-38)	5,500	53	77.24	2,935	2,000	750	4,935
West Liberty (43-44-46-41-38-36-37)	12,000	129	419.73	15,530	2,050	0	17,580
Total (3,854-3,853-3,793-3,693-3,580-3,464-3,212)	\$ 370,605	111.60	\$ 128.76	\$ 413,587	\$ 72,281	9,065	\$ 1,600,937

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



Rotary Leadership Institute

Twenty-two participants and six facilitators held a successful Rotary Leadership Institute education session April 9 in Ankeny, front (l-r): Juan Angel Arias Munguia (Usula, Honduras), Brenda Wieneke (Ankeny), Jacquelyn Duke (Ankeny), Kristofer Orth (Ankeny), Jeanne Vogel (Decatur County), Holly Sealine (Ankeny), T. Waldmann-Williams (Knoxville), Patty Munguia (Ankeny). Row 2: DGE Steve Wieneke (Ankeny), Andrea Ahrens (Lincoln East, NE), Jade McCoy (Marshalltown), Teresa Horton-Bumgarner (Tipton), Heidi Drager (Marshalltown), Dennis Drager (Marshalltown), Richard Job (Ankeny), Marie Pipes (East Polk County), John BINDERUP (Omaha Suburban, NE), Sarah Simon (Winterset), PDG Chris Knapp (Iowa City AM). Row 3: Thomas McCoy (Marshalltown), Wayne Steen (West Liberty), Mark Hempen (Mt. Pleasant Noon), Marie Keding (Ankeny), Peggy Doerge (Iowa City), PDG Mike Ruby (Muscatine), Ron Heideman (Indianola) and DGND Dave Cook (Boone).

Provided by DGE Steve Wieneke

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



The District Training Assembly was attended by 115 from 32 clubs April 2 at DMACC in Newton. District Governor-Elect Steve Wieneke (photo, at left) wished well for Outbound Exchange students Ean Stark of Pella, going to Spain, and Eve Mittra of Des Moines, to Germany. In the photo at right, District Governor Alka Khanolkar and Kiran extend Rotary hospitality to Jose Interiano, Past District Governor 2018-19, in District 4250 of Guatemala, Honduras and Beliz, and his wife, Ena de Interiano. The training program included presentations by David Cook (membership), Greg Probst (Youth Exchange), Wayne Steen (RYLA and Interact), DG Alka Khanolkar (Rotaract), Dr. George Belitsos (human trafficking prevention), Claudia Schabel (diversity, equity and inclusion), PDG Steve Dakin (disaster relief), PDG Susan Herrick (PolioPlus), and Carolyn Scharff on services provided by the district administrator.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

'REWARDING ADVENTURE'

Disaster relief in Kentucky, Iowa

By PDG Steve Dakin/Boone

I want to thank the Rotarians from District 6000 that offered their time and talents as Rotarians of Action to help GoServ Global in Kentucky and Winterset: **DG Alka Khanolkar** (Keokuk), **DGE Steve Wieneke** (Ankeny), **DGN Dennis Drager** (Marshalltown), **Al Hermanson** (Ames), **Jacqueline Duke** (Ankeny), **Nancy Harms** (Ottumwa), and **Richard Golinghorst** (North Scott).

DGE Steve Wieneke, **DGN Dennis Drager** and **Al Hermanson** supported recovery efforts in both locations.

My relationship with GoServ Global began 12 years ago when Sukup Safe-T-Homes were being built in Haiti. Five years ago, GoServ Global developed a domestic team to react to natural disasters that occur in the Midwest, such as tornadoes, flooding, fires, and the derecho.

A tornado struck Cambridge Shores, Kentucky, on Dec. 10, 2021. On Dec. 16 the GoServ Global Domestic Team traveled to Kentucky to determine what they would need to help residents of that area. A base was established on Dec. 28, equipment was transported, and I felt that I could, and should help with their efforts.

I sent an email out to Rotarians in District 6000. Volunteer responses were immediate, and by Jan. 3 a truckload of Rotarians was on its way to Kentucky. We also transported supplies provided by Rotarians in the district.

This area was hit by the EF-4 tornado which leveled parts of Mayfield, Ky. Cambridge Shores, on Kentucky Lake, covers several square miles. Some homes there are vacation homes; others are permanent residences, and none had basements to provide shelter from this storm.

The devastation was difficult to describe. There was a city block with only a tree stump left standing. Anyone living there was impacted by this storm.

As volunteers, we collected trash, scoured the yards for items of worth, and always supplied an empathetic ear. On our first of three trips, we spent most of our time cutting trees for removal. Most of the homes had little, or no roof remaining. GoServ Global used their excavator to level the remains and moved debris to the curb for FEMA pick up.

Twenty-two homes were torn down and 41 sites were cleaned up.

We worked alongside additional volunteers from surrounding states. GoServ Global coordinated 4,000 volunteer hours, of which District 6000 volunteers delivered 510 hours. The estimated value of GoServ Global's efforts has been calculated to be over a half million dollars.

Madison County, Iowa

On March 5, Madison County, Iowa, was hit by an EF-4 tornado. GoServ Global was deployed in that area to clear yards and farms, cut up trees, and haul debris to the landfill.

District 6000 Rotarians responded again. In Madison County the total volunteer hours through GoServ Global reached 1,600 hours. District 6000 contributed approximately 80 volunteer hours.

I want to also thank District 6000 Rotarians who made contributions to the recovery efforts in Kentucky and Madison County. Your checks to H.E.F. were gratefully received; and I can say that those impacted by these storms welcomed your response. Every day we heard "thank you" from residents in the communities.

I'm available to present a program on disaster cleanup in Kentucky and Winterset. Please contact me at Steve@retiredfun.net.



PDG Steve Dakin says the devastation at Mayfield, Kentucky, was difficult to describe. GoServ Global coordinated 4,000 volunteer hours, of which Rotarians in District 6000 delivered 510 hours.



Money contributed by District 6000 Rotarians was delivered by PDG Steve Dakin, (l-r): Rotarian Al Hermanon, Paul Moritz, DGE Steve Wieneke, Barb Meiser (GoServ Global), PDG Steve Dakin, Rotarian Nancy Harms. District 6000 Rotarians sent \$6,000 to Kentucky and \$10,000 to Winterset, Iowa.

Photo provided by Steve Dakin

D6000 Rotarians recognized by Rotary International

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

2021-22 recipients
SERVICE ABOVE SELF
Nancy Pacha

SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD INTERNATIONAL
Ken Noble

SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD REGIONAL
Tony Conn

Rotary International's Highest Individual Award SERVICE ABOVE SELF
2021-22 Nancy Pacha
2020-21 Carolyn Jons

2019-20 Loring Miller
2018-19 Jacques 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 Kloungan
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

2021-22 Tony Conn
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

D6000 Rotarians recognized by DG Alka Khanolkar

DG Award Certificates, 2022 Conference Alka, April 24, 2022

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Amy Nicholson, Iowa City AM
Usha Balakrishnan, Iowa City

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Olabisi Gwamna, Mount

Pleasant
Norlan Hinke, Clinton (plus At-Large Board Member, All Iowa Conference)
Brock Earnhardt, Davenport

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Nancy Harms, Ottumwa (Kentucky)
Jacqueline Duke, Ankeny (Kentucky)
Chris Bertelson, Winterset (Winterset)
Thomas Leners, Winterset (Winterset)

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Ron Heideman, Indianola,
Past District Educator
Gretchen Nollman, West Liberty, District Educator

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John Ockenfels, Iowa City AM

Xicotepec

Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM
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Carol Narak, West Des Moines
Nenu Piragine, Iowa City AM

All Iowa Conference

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Jeffery L. & Mary L. Gibbons, Ames
Steven & Karen Laughlin, Coralville .No Corridor
Todd & Dana Nash, Coralville NC
Todd & Dana Nash, Coralville-N. Corridor
John L. & Deborah Ockenfels, Iowa City AM
Michael J & Joanne Ruby, Muscatine
John & Rebecca Schultz, Mt Vernon (5970)
David M. & Dianne E. Suntken, Ames

BEQUEST SOCIETY LEVEL FIVE (\$250,000-\$499,999) (gifts promised)

Mark Ruggeberg & Robert Brooks
William F. & Linda Tubbs, North Scott

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

Janice A. Wilson, Iowa City

Rotary In Memoriam

Herbert A. Wilson

District Governor, Rotary International District 6000, 2001-02

Herbert Allen Wilson, age 93, of Iowa City, died Friday Jan. 14, 2022 at Oaknoll, Iowa City, after a brief illness. His body has been donated to the UIHC Deeded Body Program.

Born Jan. 31, 1928, in Chicago, Ill., the eighth child of Martha and Charles Wilson, he served in the U.S. Navy, earned a Mechanical Engineering degree at Purdue University in 1951, and an MBA from the University of Chicago in 1959. He married Janice Comstock in 1952 in Chicago, Ill.

Herb's professional expertise was in the steel and printing industries. In 1973 he was hired to design and build the Iowa Steel Mill in Wilton, a most successful challenge which gave him great satisfaction. He went on to own and operate Micro-Surface Finishing Products until 2000. In 1994 he established Startups Unlimited, a consulting company devoted to fostering unique entrepreneurial business opportunities.

Anyone who knew Herb respected the focused approach he had towards all endeavors. He worked tirelessly to benefit many organizations, including Preucil School of Music, Hancher, Riverside Theater, First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City Public Library, Iowa Children's Museum, Mercy Hospital Foundation, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association, University of Iowa Performing Arts programs, Old Capital, U of I and Purdue athletics, College of Business, School of Music, Iowa Women's Archives, and Purdue scholarships for engineering and band students.

Herb was an active member and leader in Rotary for 58 years. He founded and funded the Rotary Action Group for Club Foot, served as District Foundation Chairman, and Rotary District Governor (2001-2002). He received numerous awards for his work, including: the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award, three Rotary Foundation District Service Awards, Distinguished Service Citations for the Coralville-North Corridor Club, and Rotary's top honor of Service Above Self.

Herb was passionate about making education available to others and to improving educational institutions. He treasured the Preucil School of Music in Iowa City where he was a trustee and Foundation Board Member. He visited schools in Pakistan run by the Presbyterian Educational Board and they became a favorite charity.

His greatest love and source of pride was family. As a team, the Wilson family built the "Cedar Chalet" from the ground up at Lake Holiday in Illinois. Herb and Janice hosted activities which brought everyone together, such as houseboating, ski trips, and gatherings for family weddings.

Herb loved piloting Cessna planes, singing in choirs, do-

ing jigsaw/crossword puzzles, dancing, and genealogy. He enjoyed the competitive nature of racquetball, ping pong, tennis, and all spectator sports with family and friends. Of particular importance to him was his Friday morning coffee group. He loved discussions and was never hesitant to dispense wisdom and advice.

Herb believed he never walked alone. His faith, family, friends, and those he worked with were always by his side. His wife Janice was his favorite teammate of all, as they worked together to make their dreams a reality.

Herb was preceded in death by his parents, siblings and his loving granddaughter Tonya Marie Nicholson.

He is survived by his wife Janice, of 69 years, his son Charles in Simi Valley, Calif., (Phyllis and children Jennifer and Daniel (Abbey), son Steven in Port Angeles, Wash., (Mirja and children Kris (Gita) and Lara), son Keith Wilson in Iowa City (Sandy and children Kirby (Travis), Chas (Lindsey), and Casey (Logan)), daughter Amy Nicholson in Iowa City (David and children Kyle (Molly) and Emily), great grandchildren Addison, Kaya, Dani, Lucas, Connor, Drake, Brinley, Hayden, Finn, Erik, Maverick, Oliver, Hudson, and Beckett. He is also remembered by the numerous foreign exchange students he and Janice hosted who have become a part of the family, including Canan Ezme Tapia in North Liberty

(Reyes and son Umut).

Herb's energy and relentless enthusiasm came through in his radiant smile, laughter, kind sincerity, generosity, and desire to improve life, which benefited so many. He will be dearly missed yet will remain an inspiration. His legacy will live on forever.

The Wilson family wishes to thank Compassus Hospice and Oaknoll for their loving care.

Services celebrating Herb's life were held at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Iowa City on Feb. 26. Visitation was prior to the 3 p.m. service. The services can also be viewed by family and friends through the livestreaming feature on the funeral home website @ www.gayandciha.com at Herb's page by clicking on obituary, then livestreaming box; where condolences may also be shared.

In honor of Herb's dedication to helping others, he requested donations be made to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International Foundation of which he was a member of the Arch Klumph Society Foundation Circle, Preucil School of Music Travel Endowment, or a charity of your choice, in lieu of flowers.



Herbert A. Wilson



RAG4Clubfoot

Welcome board members; outreach to Ecuador

By **Tomeka Peterson/Iowa City Downtown**

RAG4Clubfoot Co-Chair

RAG4Clubfoot was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of **PDG Herb Wilson**. Herb embodied what it meant to be a Rotarian – Service Above Self, integrity, action and fellowship. We are honored to have had Herb as the founder and a champion of our efforts. Under his leadership, thousands of individuals world-wide will benefit from his vision to form this group to positively impact Ponseti Method training across the globe. His humanitarian efforts are a model for us all.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family. He will be dearly missed.

RAG4Clubfoot welcomes two new board members

Astrid Medina is an orthopedist and traumatologist from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. She is also a coordinator of the Children's Orthopedics Foundation Cardioinfantil in Bogotá, Colombia. Additionally, she has special training in neuro-orthopedics and metabolic diseases.

Astrid has a plethora of certifications. She is the clinic coordinator for Ponseti Fundación Cardioinfantil and a professor in Child Orthopedics at the University Foundation of Health Sciences, Universidad el Bosque, Unisanitas, Universidad del Rosario. Lastly, she is the Colombian Orthopedic Pediatric Society president 2021-2023; and was the PIA Latin America president 2019–2021. Astrid is a member of the Bogotá Centenario Rotary Club.

Dr. Astrid's leadership and expertise in facilitating Ponseti Method trainings was instrumental in the very successful and now completed Ponseti Method training global grant in Colombia. She is well respected amongst the Latin American orthopaedic community and she will assist us as we expand Ponseti Method trainings to additional Central and South American countries.

Our other newest board member, **Marcel Van Opstal**, holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Liege Business High School in Belgium and a master's degree in public administration from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. Additionally, he was Ambassador of the European Union in the Republic of Haiti and of the Congo.

Furthermore, he was the European Commission official in various positions related with the political, economic,

commercial and development co-operation of the European Union in Belize, Bangladesh, Guinea, Kenya, Ghana, Burundi and Brussels HQ. Furthermore, he was a teacher at the Universidad del Rosario in Bogotá and at the Universidad



The Rotary Action Group for Clubfoot booth in the House of Friendship at the RI Convention in Houston was busy, as Rotarians told the Ponseti story to doctors and Rotarians worldwide. D6000 Rotarians included AG Matt Olson (Waukee), PDG Steve Dakin (Boone), Vernetta Knapp (Iowa City AM), Tomeka Peterson (Iowa City Downtown), Lesley Dakin (Boone) and PDG John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM).

Photo by Bill Tubbs

del Cauca in Popayan.

Marcel has been an active member of the Bogotá Centenario Rotary Club since December 2018 and is currently serving as president in 2021-2022. Marcel is a voluntary member of CADRE, the group of experts of the Rotary Foundation in the areas of interest "Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention" and "Economic Development of Communities." And lastly, he is the president of the board of directors of the Rofé Foundation, Touch a Life in Colombia.

We are thrilled to have them join the team!

To view a video summarizing the Colombia Ponseti Method training grant: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jXBUhzFive>

Developing project in Ecuador

Members of the Rotary Club of St. Helena (CA, D5130) and the Rotary Club of Quito Equinoccio (Ecuador, D4400) are in initial discussions and communication to partner to create a two-year Ponseti Method training grant in Ecuador.

It is estimated 440 babies are born there with clubfoot each year. The developing project would provide comprehensive Ponseti Method training of 12 orthopaedic surgeons and the establishment of 12 Ponseti Method Reference Clinics.

Three experienced Ponseti Method trainers will serve as instructors and mentors. Additional partner organizations include: Ponseti International Association Latin America (PIA/LA); and orthopaedic societies – SCCOT, SLAOTI, SEOT (Ecuador Orthopaedic Society).



Astrid Medina



Marcel Van Opstal



The North Central President-Elect Training Seminar (NCPETS) which was to have been in person in March 2022 was switched to digital due to Covid. These incoming club presidents met DGE Steve Wieneke in person at District Assembly, April 2 at Newton.

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District 6000 club presidents, 2022-23

Adel..... Bob Grove
Albia..... Kevin Crall
Ames..... Kent Frankenfld
Ames Morning Andra Reason
Ankeny..... Brian Tierman
Atlantic..... Ruth Sears
Bettendorf..... Brian Goerdt
Bloomfield..... Dorothy Umphress
Boone..... Jamie Rabe
Burlington Chad Bird
Carroll..... Adam Schweers
Centerville..... Derek Carter
Chariton..... Crystal Seibert
Clinton Andrew Kida
Coon Rapids Gavin Cretsinger
Coralville North Corridor..... Ronald Schardt
Corning..... Stephen Gruba
Corydon..... Randy Zerr
Creston..... Carson Claypool
Dallas Center Timothy Short
Davenport..... Liz Zimmerman
Decatur County Waldman Lynette Cisler

Denison..... Bill Bruce
Des Moines..... Matt Busick
Des Moines AM..... Thomas Cavanaugh
East Polk County Kurt Gause
Fairfield Jyoti Adhikari
Fort Madison..... Abby Kesselring
Greater Des Moines Tyler Phelps
Grinnell..... Janet Stutz
Indianola Paul Dalluge
Iowa City Ryan Bell
Iowa City AM..... Jenny Seylar
Iowa City Downtown..... Stephanie Koehler
Iowa Quad Cities Mary Egger
Jefferson..... Susan Laehn
Johnston..... Michael Wunn
Kalona..... Christian Swartzentruber
Keokuk..... Brian Carroll
Keosauqua Katie Nichols
Knoxville..... Jake Hughes
Lenox Paul Maynes
Manning Linn Block
Marengo Patrick Fleming

Marshalltown..... Ric Anderson
Mount Pleasant Noon Mark Hempen
Mt. Pleasant..... Bitrus Gwamna
Muscatine Naomi DeWinter
Nevada Doug Jones
Newton Jon Dunwell
North Scott..... Josie Cochuyt
Northwest Des Moines Kelly Peterson
Norwalk Luke Nelson
Osceola..... Steve Gilbert
Oskaloosa..... Geneva Knobbe
Ottumwa Jessica McCullen
Pella Jessica Klyn de Novelo
Perry Dirk Cavanaugh
Tipton Laurie Brandenburg
Washington..... Becky Patterson
Waukee..... Nathan Hardisty
Wellman Marianne Reha-VanRoekel
West Des Moines Connie Bever
West Liberty..... Sara Sedlecek
West Polk County Tim Day
Winterset Chris Bertelson

THREE-YEAR HIATUS

Xicotepec Project to resume in March 2023

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Xicotepec Project Co-Chair

After a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic, plans for a project team trip to Xicotepec, Mexico, in March 2023 are beginning to take shape. The dates for the trip are March 11-19, 2023, which coincides with spring break at U of I and ISU and in many public school districts.

A small planning team plans to travel to Xicotepec in October to meet with Rotarians there, investigate potential projects for 2023 and beyond and engage in comprehensive strategic planning that will guide the Project into the future.

D6000 Rotarians who are interested in a leadership role in the project are encouraged to participate in the October planning trip and may contact Jim Peterson (jim-peterson@mchsi.com) or PDG Tom Narak (tcnarak@gmail.com) for

more information.

The online application website for the March 2023 trip will open in September and the application deadline will be in mid-November. Anyone can receive notifications and updates about the project by emailing info@xicoproject.org and asking to be put on the email distribution list. D6000 club presidents and other district leaders will also be notified when the application website opens in September.

The Xicotepec Project is a collaboration between the Rotary Club of Xicotepec and Rotary District 6000 that began in 2001, and project teams from D6000 visited Xicotepec each year from 2002 to 2019 to work on a variety of projects. For more information, visit <https://xicoproject.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/xicoprogj>

DGE Steve Wieneke's Official Club Visits

DISTRICT GOVERNOR STEVE WIENEKE AND BRENDA'S OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS AND OTHER DATES IN 2022-23.

July 5 (Tu) East Polk Board (eve.)
 July 6 (W) **East Polk** (7 AM)
 July 6 (W) Waukee Board (eve.)
 July 7 (Th) **Waukee** (7 AM)
 July 7 (Th) **Nevada Satellite** (5:30 PM)
 July 8 (F) **Northwest Des Moines** (noon)
 July 11 (M) **Carroll** (noon)
 July 12 (Tu) **Atlantic** (noon)
 July 13 (W) **Perry** (noon)
 July 14 (Th) **Denison** (noon)
 July 14 (Th) Des Moines AM Board (eve.)
 July 15 (F) **Des Moines AM** (7 AM)
 July 16-20 RYLA at Grinnell College
 July 25 (M) **Muscatine** (noon)
 July 26 (Tu) **Kalona** (noon)
 July 27 (W) **Mount Pleasant Noon** (noon)
 Aug. 1 (M) **Ames** (noon)
 Aug. 2 (Tu) **Ankeny** (noon)
 Aug. 2 (Tu) **Ankeny Satellite** (6 PM)
 Aug. 3 (W) **Adel** (noon)
 Aug. 8 (M) **Creston** (noon)
 Aug. 9 (Tu) **Osceola** (noon)
 Aug. 11 (Th) **Decatur County** (noon)
 Aug. 12 (F) **Albia** (12:30 PM)
 Aug. 15 (M) **Clinton** (noon)
 Aug. 15 (M) Iowa City AM Board (eve.)
 Aug. 16 (Tu) **Iowa City AM** (7 AM)
 Aug. 17 (W) **Coralville N. Corridor** (noon)
 Aug. 18 (Th) **Iowa City Noon** (noon)
 Aug. 22 (M) **Jefferson** (noon)
 Aug. 23 (Tu) **Marshalltown** (noon)
 Aug. 24 (W) **Nevada** (noon)
 Aug. 25 (Th) **Des Moines** (noon)
 Aug. 26 (F) **Indianola** (noon)
 Aug. 29 (M) **Davenport** (noon)
 Aug. 29-Sept. 2 Club Extension Meetings
 in Quad-Cities Area, TBA
 Aug. 31 (W) **Bettendorf** (noon)
 Aug. 31 (W) .. Iowa Quad Cities Board (eve.)
 Sept. 1 (Th) **Iowa Quad Cities** (7 AM)
 Sept. 6 (Tu) **Fort Madison** (noon)
 Sept. 6 (Tu) Bloomfield Board (eve.)
 Sept. 7 (W) **Bloomfield** (7 AM)
 Sept. 7 (W) **Centerville** (noon)
 Sept. 8 (Th) **Washington** (noon)
 Sept. 9 (F) **Fairfield** (noon)
 Sept. 12 (M) **Burlington** (noon)
 Sept. 12 (M) **Mount Pleasant** (6 PM)
 Sept. 13 (Tu) **Keosauqua** (noon)
 Sept. 15-25 Iowa M.O.S.T. Cleft Palate
 Mission to Guatemala
 Sept. 15-18... Zone Institute (Governor-Elect
 Training, Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN)



DG 2022-23 Steve Wieneke and Brenda will convey RI President Jennifer Jones' theme, "Imagine Rotary," during their club visits.

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Sept. 19 (M) **Lenox** (noon)
 Sept. 20 (Tu) **Manning** (noon)
 Sept. 20 (Tu) **Boone Satellite** (5:15 PM)
 Sept. 21 (W) **Boone** (noon)
 Sept. 22 (Th) **Winterset** (noon)
 Sept. 23 (F) **Chariton** (noon)
 Sept. 26 (M) **West Polk County** (noon)
 Sept. 27 (Tu) **Newton** (noon)
 Sept. 28 (W) **Knoxville** (noon)
 Sept. 29 (Th) **Coon Rapids** (noon)
 Sept. 29 (Th) One Rotary Summit
 Newton DMACC, 6-8 PM
 Oct. 3 (M) **Ottumwa** (noon)
 Oct. 3 (M) Norwalk Board (eve.)
 Oct. 4 (Tu) **Dallas Center** (noon)
 Oct. 5 (W) **Greater Des Moines** (5:30 PM)
 Oct. 6 (Th) **Keokuk** (noon)
 Oct. 10 (M) **Corning** (noon)
 Oct. 11 (Tu) **Corydon** (noon)
 Oct. 13 (Th) District Budget & Finance,
 and Board Meetings, Pella, 10 AM
 Oct. 15 (Sa) Rotary Leadership Institute
 (RLI), Mt. Pleasant, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM
 Oct. 17 (M) Johnston Board (eve.)
 Oct. 18 (Tu) **Johnston** (7 AM)

Oct. 18 (Tu) **Pella** (noon)
 Oct. 18 (Tu) Ames AM Board (eve.)
 Oct. 19 (W) **Ames AM** (7 AM)
 Oct. 21 (F) Rotary Foundation Dinner
 West Des Moines Sheraton,
 5:30-8:30 PM
 Oct. 24 (M) **Iowa City Downtown** (noon)
 Oct. 25 (Tu) **Marengo** (noon)
 Oct. 26 (W) **Tipton** (noon)
 Oct. 27 (Th) **West Liberty** (5:30 PM)
 Oct. 28 (F) **North Scott** (noon)
 Oct. 28 (F) Rotary Foundation Dinner
 Muscatine Rendezvous Center, 5:30-8:30
 Nov. 1 (Tu) **West Des Moines** (noon)
 Nov. 1 (Tu) **Marshalltown Satellite** (5:30 PM)
 Nov. 2 (W) **Wellman** (noon)
 Nov. 6 (Su) Nominating Committee
 interviews for District Governor
 11:45 AM
 Nov. 8 (Tu) **Norwalk** (noon)
 Nov. 8 (Tu) **Grinnell** (6 PM)
 Nov. 15 (Tu) **Oskaloosa** (noon)
 Nov. 19 (Sa) RYE Outbound Student
 Interviews, TBD
 Dec. 8 (Th) District Budget & Finance,
 and Board Meetings, Pella, 10 AM
 Jan. 8-12 International Assembly
 for DGE, Orlando, FL
 Feb. 9 (Th) District Budget & Finance,
 and Board Meetings, online
 Feb. 23 (Th) HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ROTARY!
 Feb. 25 (Sa) Grant Management Seminar
 at West Liberty, 8:30-11:30 AM
 March, TBA Assistant Governor Training
 March, TBA North Central President-Elect
 Training Seminar (NCPETS)
 March 4 (Sa) ... Grant Management Seminar
 at West Des Moines, 8:30-11:30 AM
 March 11-19 XICOTEPEC Project Team
 to Xicotepec, Mexico
 March 25 (Sa) RYE Outbound Training
 at Newton DMACC, TBD
 March, TBA District Education
 Assembly, Newton DMACC, TBD
 April 15 (Sa) **District Conference** at
 Carrollton Inn, Carroll, 5:30-8:30 PM
 April 22 (Sa) **District Conference** at
 Radisson Hotel, Coralville, 5:30-8:30 PM
 April 29 (Sa) **District Conference** at
 Hilton Garden Inn, West Des Moines,
 5:30-8:30 PM
 May 6 (Sa) Rotary Leadership Institute
 (RLI), Central Iowa, 8:30AM-3:30 PM
 May 11 (Th) District Budget & Finance,
 and Board Meetings, Pella, 10 AM
 May 27-31 Rotary International
 Convention, Melbourne, Australia

Iowa RYLA coming soon, July 17-22, at Grinnell

By Wayne Steen/West Liberty

Iowa RYLA Chair

The Iowa RYLA board voted to have Iowa RYLA 2022 at Grinnell College on Sunday, July 17 through Friday, July 22. The day for Rotarians to visit is Tuesday, July 19.

Ellie Wilson of Ankeny (District 6000) and **JoJo Hayes** of Cedar Rapids (District 5970) will be our Head Counselors for Iowa RYLA 2022.

David Kutter of Cedar Rapids (District 5970) will be the Iowa RYLA 2022 Conference Chair and **Patt Englander** of Davenport (District 6000) will be Iowa RYLA 2022 Conference Chair Elect.

Thank you so very much for your outstanding support of Iowa RYLA. We very much appreciate all you do for Iowa RYLA!

I also want to thank **Bill Tubbs** for the outstanding article about Iowa RYLA 2021 in the most recent issue of the District 6000 newsletter!

DES MOINES AREA

Multi-club meeting targets human trafficking

By Ron Heidemann/Indianola
and Tamara Kenworthy/Des Moines AM

Writing a G-rated column about sex trafficking is hard because it's an X-rated topic.

On April 26, Civitas, presented by the Greater Des Moines Rotary Multi-Club Committee, held an event with the lens focused on the topic, "Putting an End to Human Trafficking," to bring awareness to Rotarians and the general public on this horrific issue.

Approximately 110 Rotarians and guests attended, including Rotary 6000 **District Governor Alka Khanolkar**.

The Greater Des Moines Rotary Multi-Club Committee is represented by the following 11 clubs: **Ankeny, Des Moines, Des Moines AM, East Polk County, Greater Des Moines, Indianola, Johnston, Northwest Des Moines, Norwalk, Waukee and West Des Moines**.

While the goal of Civitas is to bring metro Des Moines Rotarians together as one Rotary each year and raise awareness for a critical issue in our communities, an equally important goal is to raise funds to support non-profits working on the program's topic. The 2022 event generated net income of nearly \$7,500.

Since the first Civitas program in 2014, the committee has donated over \$25,000 to various non-profits working in the areas of substance abuse, hunger, mental health, water quality, and civility.

2022 Civitas speakers were:

Rocky Vest, partnership development manager, Hope for Justice. Rocky co-founded Break the Cycle 200 (bike ride) with Andy McCoy in 2011 and has been on every BTC 200 campaign in Iowa and many across the country.

Brenda Long, founder and executive director, Garden Gate Ranch, a faith-based Christian organization providing safe housing and restorative and transitional services for sexually-exploited women and their children.

David Gonzales, senior investigator, Hope for Justice. David began his career as a peace officer in Iowa City, and for the Iowa City Police Department in 1996. He led his team (which included federal, state, and local law enforcement) in human sex/labor trafficking investigations encompassing many states within the U.S. He successfully investigated and prosecuted many sex traffickers and helped victims/survivors of human trafficking.

Having worked in many investigative divisions of the police department, Gonzales believes there is nothing more evil than sex trafficking.

Booths

Prior to the program, and after, several non-profit and government organizations had booths to converse with attendees and share how Rotarians and the public can support their work:

Dorothy's House
Garden Gate Ranch
Spread Your Wings
Chrysalis Foundation
Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking and Slavery
IBAT: Iowa Businesses Against Human Trafficking, Iowa Secretary of State

Yes, sex trafficking happens in Iowa. Our quaint agricultural state might not seem like the perfect place for human slavery, but when you think about it, our state has all the right stuff



Rocky Vest, Brenda Long and David Gonzalez were speakers at the Des Moines multi-club meeting on April 26.

to make sex trafficking attractive to those who seek to profit off the suffering of others: two major interstates intersect the state's center making travel in and out quick and efficient, and we're "Iowa Nice."

Thinking that sex trafficking is a problem only in big cities like New York is naïve. About 34 defendants have been convicted of sex trafficking in Iowa since 2012 including in Humboldt and Montezuma, and the number of identified sex trafficking victims is on the rise.

The state of Iowa has joined the fight: <https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/for-crime-victims/fighting-human-trafficking>.

Most sex trafficking happens in hotels and motels. The state of Iowa - Governor's Office, Iowa Office to Combat Human Trafficking, began a program last year that everyone working in the hotel industry in Iowa must be trained in human trafficking and how to spot it. This is the online course (approximately 30 minutes) they must take and pass: <https://stopthiowa.org/lodging-providers-test#no-back>.

Civitas Committee members have taken this online course and are encouraging all Rotarians to take the course to better understand how to spot the issue.

The Monique Burr Foundation (mbfpreventioneducation.org) reported that through 2000:

Estimates show that there are up to 27 million modern day slaves world-wide.

50 percent of victims are children; 80 percent women and girls.

70 percent of female victims are trafficked into the commercial sex trade industry.

The trafficking industry profits by \$32 billion annually.
244,000 American children and youth were estimated to be at risk of child sexual exploitation, including commercial sexual exploitation in 2000.

12-14 is the average age of entry into sex trafficking.

In 2017, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received 218 calls from Iowa alone. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime reports only about 5 percent of trafficking cases are ever reported.

Who can end this perversity? All of us.

Be aware. If you see something that doesn't look right, report it!

IOWA CITY

The healing power of music in parks

By Usha Balakrishnan/Iowa City

Music has been known to have an influence on health and healing. Given the extent of pandemic-driven grief and loss, especially upon younger children and caregivers, new strategies are needed to reduce the level of unresolved grief and increase coping skills in our communities and everywhere.

In 2018, I conceived of **CARTHA'S Musicality in Parks** initiative based on my experience of singing an ancient healing verse to hundreds of people over the phone since 2008.

It was a short leap of faith to the establishment of a **"Singing Nooks"** built in a local park at Willow Creek Park in Iowa City, thanks to collaboration with the Iowa City manager Geoff Fruin, Iowa City Noon, and parks director Juli Johnson. The dream became a reality.

The inclusion of musically-diverse "Singing Nooks" is encouraged to foster the development of coping skills, creativity and healing platforms by connecting people intergenerationally and cross-culturally through music and memories. We envision Iowa as a land of a hundred musically-divers parks!



Singing nook at Willow Creek Park in Iowa City.

With the success of the first pilot "singing nook," we have reached out to over 500 individuals since October 2021. CARTHA has formulated several types of exciting informal and formal partnerships with community members as well as other nonprofits.

University of Iowa professor Trevor Harvey (ethnomusicology) has served as a key advisor in the project and CARTHA student intern Sam Strathearn helps with many programming aspects.

Humanities Iowa: funded partnership with CARTHA to support honoraria and symposia series.

Leadership Iowa Class and Alumni: provided presentation opportunities in January 2022 and May 2022 which resulted in enthusiastic volunteer and project opportunities.

Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County created a novel educational workshop titled "Inspiring Creativity aimed at 6- to 12-year old children of Sudanese and Congolese refugees.

In the Village Community of West Branch, music therapists join at the Singing Nook for monthly outdoor musical sessions for young adults with intellectual disabilities.

Camp Courageous at 12007 190th St., Monticello, Iowa, will host a free pop-up Singing Nook with Carthans and Rotarians Saturday, Aug. 13 at 11 a.m.

At the District Conference, I presented the concept to Districts 5970 and 6000. In sharing examples of the "Singing Nook" concept as a social innovation in urban planning, I explained that it integrates infrastructure design with community-based musical partnerships that help rebuild social fabric.

Given that Rotary clubs have supported playgrounds and musical parks over the years, these partnerships help leverage what Rotary clubs have already been contributing to for community betterment.

I encourage each one of you to think about whether a "singing nook" exists in your own backyards?

Could you encourage your Rotary club or community foundation to provide grants that support diversity in musicians, music therapists and musical programs held in open-air "singing nooks"?



At District Conference: CARTHA fellow Sam Strathearn, DG Alka Khanolkar, Usha Balakrishnan, RI Director-Elect Jeremy Hurst and Michelle advocate for music nooks.

Charter members District 6000 PolioPlus Society

These Rotarians who give \$100 or more annually to PolioPlus are charter members of the new D6000 PolioPlus Society:

Jacque Andrew, Jefferson
James Andrew, Jefferson
Usha R. Balakrishnan, Iowa City
Chris Bertelson, Winterset
Tom Brooke, West Liberty
Roger Christian, Iowa City AM
Tony Conn, Keokuk
Dave Cook, Boone
Lisa Cook, Boone
Steve Dakin, Boone
Dennis Drager, Marshalltown
Heidi Drager, Marshalltown
Jacquelyn Duke, Ankeny
Joan Garrity, Iowa City AM
Curt Gause, East Polk County



Peggy Geiger, Decatur County
Terry Geiger, Decatur County
Alan Hermanson, Ames Morning
Norlan Hinke, Clinton
Susan Herrick, Boone

Alka Khanolkar, Keokuk
Kiran Khanolkar, Keokuk
Corliss Klaassen, Chariton
Jeane Klaassen, Chariton
Chris Knapp, Iowa City AM
Vernette Knapp, Iowa City AM
Bill Koellner, West Liberty
Bonnie Lowry, Marshalltown
Patrick Lowry, Marshalltown
Bob Main, Newton
Loring Miller, Decatur County
Phylliss Miller, Decatur County
Jade Ann McCoy, Marshalltown
Ruth McCoy, Marshalltown
Thomas McCoy, Marshalltown
William Morain, Decatur County
Carol Narak, West Des Moines
Tom Narak, West Des Moines
Amy Nicholson, Iowa City AM
Gretchen Nollman, West Liberty

Deborah Ockenfels, Iowa City AM
John Ockenfels, Iowa City AM
Gary Pacha, Iowa City
Nancy Pacha, Iowa City AM
Douglas Peterson, Iowa Quad Cities
Marie Pipes, East Polk County
Greg Probst, Iowa City AM
Mark Ruggeberg, Iowa City Downtown
Carolyn Scharff, Pella
Helen Schroeder, Bloomfield
John Schroeder, Bloomfield
Wayne Steen, West Liberty
Bill Tubbs, North Scott
Linda Tubbs, North Scott
T Waldmann-Williams, Knoxville
Brenda Wieneke, Ankeny
Steve Wieneke, Ankeny
Park Woodlee, Ames

DES MOINES



Educators, (l-r): Rotary Club of Des Moines president Catherine Staub, educators Jean Bahls, Lisa Fried, Sara von Arb and Ocie Lowery, and Awards Committee member Eric Fogg.

Educators honored

By Kitte Morehouse/Des Moines
Club Executive Director

The Rotary Club of Des Moines (RCDM) is proud to announce the 2022 **Educator of the Year** award winners. Awards this year are being given to two high school teachers, a middle school teacher and an elementary school teacher whose dedication and devotion to teaching provides a great value to our community.

The teachers were nominated by their principals. They then completed a written narrative describing aspects of how their teaching provides excellence in education. A Rotary committee reviews the applications and selects the recipients. Each winner receives a \$1,000 stipend to use for their classroom and a traveling plaque for their school. They will also be featured on a billboard that will move around the community.

2022 Educators of the Year:

Jean Bahls, Central Campus

Lisa Fried, Meredith Middle School & Hoover High School

Sara von Arb, Hanawalt Elementary School

Ocie Lowery III, Roosevelt High School

Des Moines educators have considered the annual recognition from the Rotary Club of Des Moines a huge honor for the more than 25 years the awards have been handed out. The Educator Awards are funded by the Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation.



The Rotary Club of Des Moines' Wheels Fellowship and guests enjoyed seeing Dennis Albaugh's Chevy garage in Ankeny on March 25, (l-r): Ganesh Ganpat, Jennifer Basher, David Oman, and Eric Obergfell,



Scholarships, (l-r): Rotary Club of Des Moines president Catherine Staub, students Peyton Houangvan, Thien Bach, Selman Pepeljak, Carolina Mendoza-Medrano, Oliva Cook, Caitlyn Dean.

Scholarships awarded

By Kitte Morehouse/Des Moines
Club Executive Director

The Rotary Club of Des Moines awarded six area high school students \$8,000 each at their weekly noon meeting April 21.

This year's **Rotary Scholarship** recipients are as follows:

East High School: Carolina Mendoza-Medrano

Hoover High School: Selman Pepeljak

North High School: Peyton Houangvan

Lincoln High School: Olivia Cook

Roosevelt High School: Caitlyn Dean

Virtual High School: Thien Bach

The scholarship awards are supported by the organization's weekly tumbler program (member donations) and other Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation funds. The RCDM has been awarding scholarships for over 40 years. The selection process includes input from representatives at each of the six Des Moines public high schools as well as interviews by the Rotary scholarship committee.

All students who were interviewed by the committee were also given a \$100 Target gift card.



Earth Day

Rotary Club of Des Moines participated in the Earth Day clean up at Ewing Park in Des Moines on April 27 after a couple of rain date changes. Our "Fab Five" collected 13 bags of trash! Thanks to Eric Obergfell, Jim Slife, Kyle McCormick, Jason Stuyvesant, and Dave Dickson for volunteering.

CORNING**Book Fair**

The Rotary Club of Corning's 2022 small project involved helping Corning Elementary First Grade choose a book during their annual book fair, along with purchasing the book for each child. Lots of smiles from the Rotarians and the students. Rotarians assisting were Cena Danielson, Chris Nelson, Brian Peterson, Burton Heaton, Becky Rike, Katrina Ogburn, and Nancy Turner. Special thanks to librarian Denise Kester for her assistance.

Provided by Jayne Templeton

**Beautification**

In partnership with POET Biorefining, Corning Rotarians planted eight trees at the Corning Elementary School to replace those killed by diseases, (l-r): Fred Shearer, Steve Gruba, Cliff Mann and Eldon Rike. Thanks. Steve Gruba.

DES MOINES**Dia del Nino teaches joy of early childhood, reading**

By Kitte Morehouse/Des Moines

Club Executive Director

The Des Moines Public library hosted its second annual Dia del Nino at Union Park in Des Moines on Saturday, April 30. Members of the Rotary Club of Des Moines helped at the event.

Dia is an international celebration of the joy found in early childhood and reading. This year, the Des Moines Public

Library and its community partners celebrated together.

There were hands-on activities for the whole family, including literacy and STEM stations, piñatas, community resource tables, and free carousel rides. It was a rainy spring day, but it didn't dampen the fun.

The Rotary Rosie Reader van was also seen at the event. The RCDM Foundation gave the DMPL Foundation a \$40k grant in 2019 to purchase this van.



Dia del Nino 6 is a group shot activities at Union Park in Des Moines with the Rosie Reader van in the background.



Rotary Club of Des Moines members (l-r): Jason Stuyvesant, Susan Judkins Josten and Claudia Schabel. Claudia's nephews are in between.

FAIRFIELD

Larry Nash: 57 years of Service Above Self

By Andy Hallman

Southeast Iowa Union

Fairfield resident Larry Nash has been a member of the town's Rotary club for more than half a century.

Nash announced this year that he would be retiring from the club after 57 years. Fairfield Rotary honored Nash's service during its Dec. 10 meeting by awarding him an engraved stone bearing his name, the name of the club and Rotary's motto, "Service above self." The club also announced this week that this year's Christmas Eve Parade will be dedicated to Nash.

"I feel like I don't deserve it at all," Nash humbly said when he learned the parade is being dedicated to him.

During those 57 years, Nash has left his mark both locally and globally.

He said one of the things he's most proud of from his tenure in Rotary is setting up the Bill Stever Rotary Scholarship in 1970, on the club's 50th anniversary. As the club's president, he wanted the club to undertake a special project for the anniversary, and got the board to create the scholarship without Stever knowing about it until the night of the scholarship awards ceremony.

The club raised \$1,000 for the occasion, so they knew they would have enough to give three \$300 scholarships. In the ensuing 51 years, the scholarship has grown and grown and now the club gives four \$2,000 each year.

Colombia

In 2003, the local Rotary district hosted a group from Cartagena, Colombia, as part of a Rotary Group Study Exchange program where four people from one country visit another to learn about their way of life.

The leader of the group was a man named Amaury Benedetti, and he stayed with Larry and Janet Nash, while the other three people stayed with other Rotarians in the area.

"While here, we developed a friendship," Nash said. "That's what Rotarians do. If you meet somebody from another town or state or country, and they're Rotarians, you have something in common. That's how friendships start."

During his stay, Benedetti mentioned that his club was undertaking a project in Colombia, but they needed funds. After the group left, Nash talked to fellow Fairfield Rotarian Doug Flournoy, who wrote a grant to give to the Cartagena Rotary club for a drug rehabilitation center. Once the grant was approved, a group of Fairfield Rotarians including Larry and Janet Nash, Flournoy and Dave Reiff flew to Colombia to inspect the project.

"While there, Amaury said, 'You and Janet stay with me in my home,' repaying the favor," Nash said.

The Fairfield Rotarians visited the drug rehabilitation center and another Cartagena Rotary project, a children's hospital. Nash said the group could see that the hospital needed a lot of work, so upon their return to the U.S., Flournoy wrote a second Rotary Foundation grant, this one to fund equipment for heart surgeries at the hospital.

"We said, we need to go back down and see how it's going," Nash said, adding that he, Janet and Flournoy flew to Colombia a second time, again staying with Benedetti.

Nash said the Cartagena Rotarians treated the group from Fairfield "like royalty." The first trip was done over Thanksgiving, and although the holiday is not celebrated in Colombia, the Cartagena Rotary Club had a turkey flown in from Miami so the Fairfield Rotarians could enjoy a typical Thanksgiving meal.

"We enjoyed their hospitality very much," Nash said.



Larry and Janet Nash pose with the engraved stone Larry received from the Fairfield Rotary Club for his 57 years of service in the organization.

Andy Hallman/The Union

Mexico

For several years, the Iowa City Rotary Club has taken groups of people to help at various clinics in the city of Xicotepec Mexico. The clinics include dental, medical, pharmaceutical, construction work and water sanitation. Nash's son, Todd, is a Rotarian in Coralville, and he had signed up to go with his son, Wade, then a high school student.

"There were two Nashes going, and I said, 'There needs to be three generations of Nashes on that trip,' so I joined," Nash said.

The students stayed at a convent, while the U.S. Rotarians stayed with Rotarians in Xicotepec who opened their homes to the visitors. Nash, who had by then retired from his dental practice after 40 years in the field, including 36 years of practicing in Fairfield, was part of the dental team that gave fluoride treatments to children, 480 in all. Fluoride makes teeth more resistant to decay.

"The parents were extremely appreciative," Nash said. "I only had one child who wouldn't open his mouth for me."



INDIANOLA

Rotary Foundation supported, celebrated

By Terry Pauling/Indianola

The Rotary Club of Indianola celebrated The Rotary Foundation with a Foundation Dinner on Oct. 21 at Annelise Winery.

Sue Wilson, director of Warren County Helping Hand, was awarded an Honorary Paul Harris Fellowship for her leadership aiding Warren County residents who need food, clothing, and household items. Sue has worked tirelessly to make sure the residents of this county have food and clothing, especially during this pandemic that still affects all of us.

During this year's Foundation recognition dinner, the following members received recognition for their contributions to the Foundation: **Paul Dalluge** (PHF+2); **Ron Heideman** (PHF+3); and **Arlen Schrum** (PHF+3).

The keynote speaker for the dinner was **Braedon Dowty**, program director, Harvest Academy. He said Harvest Academy is a 24-month minimum life skills academy for those with criminal backgrounds, substance use challenges, or experienced homelessness. The comprehensive program offers vocational training, education, peer mentorship, leadership training, and transitional services. The program is not a drug or alcohol rehabilitation program. Rather, Harvest Academy is a therapeutic community focused on changing lives with a whole-person approach.

To serve the community in which



Indianola Paul Harris Fellows (l-r): Terry Pauling, Blair Lawson, Joe Weinman, Ron Heideman, Arlen Schrum, Bob Whitlock, Paul Dalluge.

they live, residents of Harvest Academy offer moving services, mostly household moves, but include other services such as moving pianos, office furniture and other commercial needs. The service provides the income needed to maintain the Academy and gives the residents firsthand knowledge in running a business.

A final focus of the group was the club's upcoming Centennial Celebration. The Rotary Club of Indianola will celebrate 100 years on Sept. 26, 2022.

The Rotary Club of Indianola offers its gratitude to **Dave Wall** for serving our meal and to **David and Heide Klodd** for hosting us at Annelise Winery.



Sue Wilson and past president Mckinley Steig.



Braedon Dowty and Troy, a resident at Harvest Academy.

'Brew for Stew' boosts community food banks

By Todd Kielkopf/Indianola

In 2019, a newer Indianola restaurant, The Groggy Dog, asked one of our club members for charitable ideas for the upcoming Thanksgiving and holiday seasons. Being that they serve a popular homemade Guinness Stew, and are a tap room for craft beers, the "Brews for Stew" campaign was born.

The Groggy Dog donates \$1 per pint sold. Patrons donate online via a QR code on a postcard directing to a website donation link, and other donations are collected throughout the season. Funds raised are used to buy the \$100 of ingredients to make each batch of restaurant-quality stew, which The Groggy Dog cooks. Rotarians then package the stew in individual portions at the restaurant, and it is delivered to The Helping Hand food bank commercial-grade freezers and the Heal House. From there it is distributed to those in transitional housing and home-bound situations able to re-heat the meals.

The first year, funds were raised for two batches of stew, providing approximately 100 servings. Last year, a newly opened brew pub, West Hill Brewing Company, joined and more awareness resulted in four batches being served. This season, there will be six batches providing over 300 servings to those not otherwise able to enjoy this fine dish. The club



Indianola Rotarians prepare meals in the "Brew for Stew" program.

Provided by Ron Heideman

publicizes the campaign on its Facebook page throughout the season, raising awareness for the club, Helping Hand, the Heal House, and to remind the community there are those in need.



RV fellows at Rose Bowl

A group of RV Fellowship members worked on Rotary's Rose Bowl Parade float on Dec. 30, including four Rotarians from District 6000: PDG Terry and Peg Geiger (Decatur County), and Dick and Sue Rasmussen (Waukee). RVF members pictured include District 6110 Governor Kevin Merrill and his wife Lisa; and Sandi and Jim Anderson and Diane Schewe.

Provided by Sue Rasmussen

JOHNSTON

J-Town Championship, blood drive and Smokin' Heroes

By LuAnn White/Johnston
Club Secretary

Hyperion Field Club and the Rotary Club of Johnston hosted the J-Town Championship on June 13. There was lots of great golf, Teslas and Audis, excellent food before and afterwards, nice prizes and valuable gifts. Foursome fee was \$1,200, and worth it! Eighty-four golfers signed up.

Funds raised will support three great youth organizations: ChildServe: <https://www.childserve.org/>; Ellipsis: <https://ellipsisiowa.org/>; and Brenton Arboretum: <https://thebrentonarboretum.org/>.

Smokin' Heroes: On June 18, Johnston Rotary sponsored a Smokin' Heroes event as part of Johnston Green Days. Barbecue teams representing police, military and fire department personnel from various locations competed in a smoking meat and side contest. Judges tasted and voted on the entries. Attendees were able to sample the various teams' entries. Sponsorships and good will donations were accepted, with the proceeds going toward the Johnston Police Department's fund to purchase a K9 animal, and toward relief for Ukraine.

Blood Drive: On April 2, newest members of the Johnston Rotary, Miles Summa, Alex Holm and Jason Wiegert, led by Neil Hyde, organized a "Pints for Pints" blood drive at City Hall in Johnston for Life Serve Blood Center in Des Moines. The Johnston Hy-Vee offered a pint of Chinese food for a pint of blood. As a result of the blood drive, there were 28 people on the schedule going into the drive, 27 registered to donate, 11 were first time donors, 23 were able to donate, 26 units of blood were collected, and upto 78 lives were saved or sustained.

CLINTON

Focus on community needs and membership

By Jill O'Neill/Clinton
Club Secretary

The Rotary Club of Clinton has been busy updating our club on what our community needs and desires. We have been focusing on increasing our membership and have had 10 new Rotarians to our club this year!

In April, we began a Thursday Night Rotary meeting, which is an extension of our regular club. Thursday Night Rotary meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, at 5:30, in Rastrelli's Baldacci Room.

Additionally, we have updated our membership options to increase our reach, and add additional ways that people can connect with our club. We have four membership options: 1) Regular membership; 2) Corporate membership, where businesses can send two employees to our meeting; 3) Online or Thursday Night Meeting membership, which has a discounted rate; and 4) A family membership option.

This has been very successful thus far and is highly appreciated by our members and our community!

Our members have been very (happily) busy! We are gearing up our outreach events again and working on going to the schools for Josh the Otter, handing out dictionaries to local third graders, and helping literacy during the summer with our Homerun Readers program.

In July and August, we will be having our member fellowship events – a Night at the Showboat, and the Clinton



Lumberking's Picnic and Game.

We are already working on our Fourth Annual Boo Bash fundraiser! The fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, at Vista Grande in Clinton, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Please keep your eyes out on our Facebook page or our website (www.rotaryclubofclinton.com) for more information!



Club leadership, speakers and award recipients, front (l-r): Mike Palmer, Susan Laehn, Jon Law, Tori Riley, Jacque Andrew, Teresa Green, Becky Wolf and DG Alka Khanolkar; back: Chris Deal, Cherie Cerveny, Jim North and Gabe Fincel. Provided by Jacque Andrew

JEFFERSON

Service and positive impact highlight Centennial

The Rotary Club of Jefferson marked its centennial with a celebration of 100 years of service and positive impact in their community and the world. Members organized the occasion held on Sunday, May 15 at the Rotary Room of the Jefferson Community Golf Course which included a reception and program starting at 5:30 pm.

With over 80 in attendance from the club, community and district, Tori Riley, club president, served as the emcee. The five primary speakers represented local entities which had benefitted significantly from the positive impact of Rotary through service, awards and grants from the club's annual charity auction. In the 23 years the Jefferson auction has been held, more than \$550,000 has been raised and distributed to worthy projects locally and globally through The Rotary Foundation.

Impact speakers, all of Jefferson, included: Chris Deal, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar; Cherie Cerveny, director of the Greene County Early Learning Center; Mike Palmer, Jefferson city administrator; Jim North, founder of the Webb House Youth Center assisted by Gabe Fincel, a Greene County High School junior and Teresa Green, Greene County High School Interact advisor. The Greene County Interact Club is also celebrating its 25th anniversary of chartering in 1997.

During the event, the club announced its Centennial project, a \$50,000 donation to establish the Rotary Dog Park adjacent to the new Greene County Animal Facility now under construction.

Club awards were presented by Su-

san Laehn, president-elect to Jonathon Law for Rotarian of the Year and Professional of the Year to Greene County Public Health Director, Becky Wolf, for her extraordinary effort and leadership during the pandemic.

Paul Harris Fellow awards were presented to five members by club foundation chair, PDG Jacque Andrew who also served as chair of the centennial celebration. Twenty past presidents in attendance were recognized and a 53 year membership certificate was presented to Jed Magee by DG Alka Khanolkar who also recognized AG Travis Dvorak of the Jefferson club.

Displays of club history including its 50th and 75th celebrations memorabilia could be viewed while enjoying appetizers and decorated cake. Rick Morain provided background music on the piano during the reception time and accompanied the singing of R-O-T-A-R-Y at the close of the event.

Researching back to May 1, 1922, club members Rick Morain and Jed Magee wrote the club history which was printed as a full page advertisement in the Jefferson Herald. In addition, the club's centennial was the subject of a front page feature story in the Herald and numerous letters to the editor shared experiences of positive impact because of the

Rotary Club. A card explaining that 35 children were immunized against polio was presented to each person in honor of their attendance, a total of \$1,700.

Eight past District Governors attended along with DG Alka and DGND Dave Cook. The club has had three District Governors including Fred Morain in 1970, Eugene Melson in 1977 and Jacque Andrew in 2013-14. Many non-Rotarians from the community also attended the event.



District 6000 leaders at the Jefferson Centennial.



Jefferson Rotarians present \$50,000 to the city of Jefferson for the Rotary Centennial Dog Park.

WEST DES MOINES

Rotarians make sure every kid has a bicycle!

By Paul Schut/West Des Moines

The West Des Moines Rotary Club delivered 108 bicycles, helmets and locks to underprivileged students at the two junior high schools and students in the upper grades at four elementary schools around West Des Moines.

The beneficiaries of the project were students identified by the school counselors whose families were not financially able to purchase a bicycle for their student. These bicycles made a big difference in the lives of these students. It helped the self-image of the students as they now have a bike to ride to school or to go on bike rides with friends. The bikes also gave the students the means for good physical exercise. It also made it possible for the student to run errands for their parents. We have learned from this project and prior experience that for some families the bicycle became an important means of transportation in



Twenty-eight West Des Moines Rotarians made sure every child has a bicycle.

addition to public transportation.

During the project, members of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines refurbished used bicycles, making any repairs that were necessary and cleaned the bikes. Twenty-eight Rotarians participated in the project and worked a total of 207 hours. The club was awarded a

grant from Rotary District 6000 and collectively, between the grant and other donations, used \$7,621 to purchase bikes from the Des Moines Bicycle Collective, Bike World, thrift stores and other public donations. The West Des Moines Fire Department EMS provided helmets for all of the students free of charge.

NORTHWEST DES MOINES

'Pickleball for a Purpose' in May warms kids in October

By Bill Corwin/Northwest Des Moines

Pickleball for a Purpose was held on May 13th and 14th this year. It was the fourth year the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines put on this fundraising pickleball tournament and raffle.

The club has had a long history of a spring and summer fundraising projects. In the past, Ed Arnold, and the club hosted the Urbandale Mayor's Bike Ride and Raffle. Four years ago, the club refocused the bike ride fund raising efforts over to the pickleball tournament and continued to have success. Joe Kobes and his efforts to set up and manage the raffle have been a big part of the overall fundraising efforts as well. Our partnerships with the restaurants on the tickets have been extremely important, we had great sponsors again this year!

This being our fourth year of the tournament, we decided to expand our tournament to Friday evening as well as Saturday. The Friday night pickleball was a Crazy 8 format. We had around 35 players show up to play. The play lasted until just before 9 p.m. We awarded golden pickle trophies to the winners of each of the four courts. Chuck and Jeanne Gollhofer from the Des Moines Metro Pickleball Club were instrumental in assisting us with this first year event. We held it at the Valley Community Center in West Des Moines. We had raffle tickets

for sale and charged a registration fee to each player. Many players asked if we could do this monthly; it was very well received.

Our main tournament was held at Smash Park in West Des Moines. This year we hosted players from all over central Iowa and some from out of state. We had over 60 players this year in five divisions.

There is always a Rotary tournament inside the main tournament. We got many volunteers from our club and from the DMMPC (Des Moines Metro Pickleball Club). Our thanks to all of them!

We opened registration at 7:45 a.m., breakfast around 8:15 and play started at 8:00 a.m. with the Men's intermediate players. We awarded champion and runner-up medals after a few hours of intense play. There were no Rotarian teams in that group. We then started the Men's Novice and Women's Intermediate play. Men's novice had three Rotarian teams in the bracket. Bill and Parker Corwin from the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, Bob Rafferty and Chris McInden from the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM and Tyler Phelps and his partner from the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines. We awarded the champion medals to Tyler Phelps and his partner, and they took home the 3-foot tall Rotary trophy.

We continued with the Woman's novice bracket which had another Rotary Team from the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines of Beth Goedken and her partner. We finished with the mixed advance division. We had medals for all the divisions for Champion and Runner up.

We appreciated the comments about how well executed and organized the tournament was run. Kyle Piper, a Northwest Des Moines Rotarian, and our tournament director, once again handled the tournament play in a professional, purposeful manner.

The play and awards finished up around 3:00 p.m. and another Pickleball for a Purpose Tournament was in the books. We had great participation from players and our volunteers and more competition this year for the coveted Rotary Trophy. Overall, it was a good time, had by all.

We still have a few weeks of Raffle Ticket Sales to go and all the proceeds from the tournament and the raffle this year and past years have gone to keep the "Warm Coats for Kids" program going in our area. Last year we donated over 500 coats to the schools as requested. We look to be able to do that again this October and November in part due to this fundraiser.

We play Pickleball in May to be able to help in October.



Holly Sealine, Jerri Heid and Lynne Carey.

Save the Children grant promotes literacy

By Carol Narak/West Des Moines

District 6000 Literacy Co-Chair

Last fall, District 6000 was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Save the Children to help clubs address literacy needs of children ages 0-5. Twenty clubs from the district responded.

On Feb. 19, approximately 75 people met in person or via Zoom to participate in the D6000 Reading Summit hosted by the Literacy Promotion Team.

Speakers included experts in child development and early literacy. Several research-based programs were presented for clubs to consider as they developed their action plans.

Once action plans were received by the committee and approved, \$500 was sent to each club.

Clubs are now in the process of completing their action plans, and a final report will be sent to Save the Children.



Fred Maharry, PDG Tom Narak, Lynne Carey, Jerri Heid and Holly Sealine.



Ankeny Rotarians DGE Steve Wienieke, Holly Sealine, Kathy Sibbel, Richard Job, Renee Potts and Brenda Wienieke.



Ride to End Polio

The Rotary Club of Knoxville took the Ride to End Polio to the community. There were stationary bikes set up in the HyVee store. The Rotarians from Knoxville Rotary club ride the bikes and District Governor Alka Khanolkar was able to join them. Governor Alka gives a huge shout out to T. Waldmann-Williams and the club president and all the members present – it was a great day! The members were there from morning 8 a.m. Simultaneously, another project was going on by another team of members from the club for the Christmas lighting. Thank you to the club for all commitment and dedication and time given to the projects.

Photo by T Waldmann-Williams

KNOXVILLE

Meals on Wheels, STEM, reading, chicken dinner and 18 scholarships

The first quarter of the year has been a busy one. The Knoxville Rotary Club just finished our second, two-week stint of delivering Meals on Wheels.

An ongoing program is a literacy project emphasizing STEM and environmental concerns with grants from the Weiler Foundation and the South-Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency.

Members and friends read books to Knoxville second-grade students and several presented how their vocation uses environmental concerns to enhance their occupations. Books were also given to all the students.

The club tried a new fundraiser, partnering with Carpenter Hall in Chariton. We sold tickets and served a take-out chicken dinner, and Carpenter Hall provided and cooked the meal. We held two dinners and realized approximately \$2,600 in profits. The club plans to hold two more dinners in the fall.

In the season of graduation, the Knoxville Rotary Club will be awarding 18 scholarships to area students of \$500 each. Congratulations to all area graduates.

ATLANTIC

Rotary, community engage for good

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic
Club Public Relations Chair

On Nov. 9, the Rotary Club of Atlantic held its annual Veteran Appreciation event. Lieutenant Colonel Reuben G. Doornink, brother of Rotarian Ruth Sears, talked to Rotarians and Veterans via zoom about service. He said people can serve in many ways not just by joining the military. He said it is important to have days like Veteran's Day to remember all the people who have made sacrifices in service to their country.



Scholarship recipients (l-r): Bryan York, Ethan Sturm, Rotarian Dolly Bergmann, Koby Namanny and Reagan Leonard.

Auction

The annual auction was held on Nov. 20. Those attending had the opportunity to enjoy a great meal and bid on a number of silent and live auction items. There were a great variety of items, such as a Pac Man video game, an M&M display, a chance to climb a wind turbine, tickets to Iowa v. Iowa State men's and women's basketball games, a metal sign for those Iowa fans and much more.



A unique item available included a presentation by Lee Williams. Williams does presentations as Abraham Lincoln. He gave the crowd an example of his work by starting the Gettysburg Address. After saying the words "Four score and seven years ago..." Williams said, "You have to bid to hear

the rest of the story."

Final numbers for the auction were that \$38,400 was generated for the community. Since 1983 the auction has raised \$1,219,388, with the money going back into to the community's non-profit organizations.

Family Christmas Party

Atlantic Rotary sponsors Santa's Cabin in the Atlantic City Park. This cabin was a Bicentennial Project of the club. Since that time the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce has used the cabin as a location for Santa's visits during the Christmas season. The children of the community stop and pass on their Christmas wishes to Santa.



On Dec. 4 there was a Lighted Christmas Parade down Chestnut Street in Atlantic. When the parade is completed, Rotarians gather with their families for the annual Christmas party. The attendance has grown over the years that a new gathering place was needed. Rotarians and families enjoy a "warm" meal and Santa visits the children with gifts of books for them all.

Senior recognition

April 19 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 students were entertained by a trumpet and trombone duet, a vocal solo and an award-winning speech presentation.

The top 10 academic students were introduced to the group. Rotarian Dolly Bergmann introduced the 2022 Atlantic Rotary Club Scholarship recipients. Individuals receiving \$1,000 scholarships attending a community college, vocational or technical college were Ethan Sturm and Koby Namanny. The four-year university or college scholarship was awarded to Reagan Leonard. The Rex Moorman Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Bryan York. These scholarships are for \$1,000 each.

Salute to Agriculture

Atlantic Rotary Club members convened in a classroom at the Atlantic High School to celebrate agriculture, recognize students who are the future of agriculture, and the teachers providing instruction and leadership to prepare them for their future. The other reason for the gathering was to showcase the new Greenhouse construction project.

Ted Robinson, a Rotarian and president of the Atlantic Community School Foundation, said they have the privilege of bringing the two community organizations together which play a prominent role in the investment in the youth in the community. The foundation committed over \$100,000 toward the new greenhouse.

Ag Instructor and FFA Advisor Eric Miller sees 110-to-115 students daily walk through his classroom doors. A number of his students have reached their Iowa Degree, and Bryan York was selected as a Star Finalist.

Industrial Technology Instructor Dexter Dodson's students are building a large greenhouse. The food produced from the new facility will be part of the school's lunch menu.



Atlantic FFA greenhouse

Council On Legislation met in April

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

District 6000 Council On Legislation Delegate

As the 2022 representative for District 6000 to the triennial Rotary International Council on Legislation, I am pleased to have the opportunity to report on our proceedings to the Rotarians of D6000. 325 Rotarians in Chicago and 198 Rotarians attending virtually represented Rotarians worldwide in this first-ever COL presented in this manner. The COL acted on 91 proposed Enactments in Chicago between April 10 and 14.

The summary of those actions is:

26 Yes

50 No

11 Withdrawn

1 Postponed indefinitely

1 Referred back to the Board of Directors

2 acted on as Consent Agenda



Susan Herrick

These Enactments were presented on the COL floor with the aid of interpreters for English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Mandarin and Korean.

Enactments dealt with equity and inclusion, club administration, membership, Rotary International structure, dues and finances, meeting procedures and requirements, and an appeal of a board decision.

I will try to delineate a few of the actions in which I believe District 6000 Rotarians will probably have the most interest.

Dues

After a representative of the board of directors presented the Five-Year Financial Forecast for Rotary International, we undertook the difficult decision of the best way to sustain RI's operations under the circumstances of reduced membership numbers, thus reduced dues revenue, reduced investment returns and increased cost of supplies and operations.

Therefore, we adopted with a vote of 285 Yes, 205 No, the suggested dues increase of \$4.00 for the first year, \$3.50 for the second year and \$3.50 for the third year – or over the next three years, an increase of \$11.00.

This was painful in the face of testimony from countries who maintain that their members cannot continue to be Rotarians when it would mean choosing between Rotary membership and feeding their families.

It was pointed out that if we increase the number of Rotarians and thus increase the dues total we can re-examine this dues increase. I am proud of the membership numbers and club numbers increase in District 6000 and feel that the Rotary members of the world will step up to make this increase unneeded in the next few years.

Youth

Voting on 22-39, 22-40, and 22-41 were of particular interest to Youth Exchange and Interact committee members. These Enactments looked at providing RI Committees for them. 22-39 passed with a large margin of 316 Yes to 104 No. This enactment was presented by an RI Board member and would mandate in RI bylaws the creation of standing committees in a governance function reserved to the board. 22-40 provided for a Youth Exchange Committee and the RI Board spoke against it, as well as RI President-Elect Jennifer Jones. Jennifer stated that she is very supportive of youth programs but wishes to form a Youth Advisory Council during her

presidential year that would help combine all youth programs on their shared needs and concerns. Given that testimony, the Enactment failed 22 Yes to 259 No. The same occurred for 22-41 which would have provided for an Interact Committee, and 22-94 that would have provided for a New Generations Service Exchange. All of those committees in D6000 should continue to urge Jennifer Jones to attend to her promise to form a Youth Advisory Council.

Ethics

You may find of interest the appeal of a board decision in response to election complaints by the Rotary Clubs of Islamabad Capital Hill and Islamabad Downtown, Pakistan, concerning the election of the 2023-24 governor of District 3272. The clubs alleged that the then-Governor Tazeem Ahmed manipulated the e-voting process in favor of a candidate he supported. Based on electronic forensic evidence, the Election Review Committee said that this voting and deception "appears as one of the worst violations of Rotary Code of Conduct." The COL upheld the Board of Directors' decision of November 2021 that Ahmed shall hold no existing/future position in RI.

Past officers

The other decision that may be of interest to some D6000 Rotarians regarded 22-27, to authorize the RI Board to remove a Rotarian's past officer status. Enactment 22-27 was at first voted to be referred back to the Board but that evening a group of Rotary lawyers who were part of the COL met and formulated some new verbiage, and some to be deleted, from the original enactment and brought it back to the Council the next day and a motion was passed to reconsider the enactment.

The improved enactment included a phrase that allowed an opportunity for the officer to be given a hearing and it deleted the phrase "lawsuits against Rotary, its officers or clubs" as a reason for removing past officer status; also "has engaged in any other action or activity that the Board considers to be inconsistent with the standard of conduct appropriate for a past officer." This amended enactment passed 295 Yes to 164 No.

If you wish to discuss any of this report, please contact PDG Susan Herrick at susancps47@gmail.com or by phone at 515-298-1536.

History was made in Houston



From 2007-10 when North Scott Rotarian Bill Tubbs was North America Area Coordinator for Public Image for Rotary International, Jennifer Jones of Windsor, Ontario, Canada was one of 13 Zone Public Image Coordinators on his team. Jennifer rose through the ranks to become the first woman president of Rotary International in our 117-year history. Bill was happy to congratulate his colleague at the RI Convention in Houston!

NORTH SCOTT

Club receives governor's 'Volunteer Service Award'

By Bill Tubbs/North Scott

The Rotary Club of North Scott has grown to 102 members and is active in all Avenues of Service. The club was recognized with a **Volunteer Service Award** by Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds.

The in-person **Rotary Rallies for Youth Auction**, attended by 350 in February, netted \$85,055. **Impact Grants** of \$15,000 each were awarded to **Family Resources' Braking Traffik** for human trafficking prevention, and for the **"Hope Center"** at **One Eighty** in Davenport. The club raised funds and helped build 62 custom-made bicycles for handicapped children.

Community Grants totalling \$45,000 were awarded to 22 organizations. The club had received 93 requests totaling \$263,000. The maximum award was \$3,000:

Humble Dwellings: Furniture for refugee clients, \$3,000.

Handicapped Development Center: Adjustable beds, \$2,700.

Harrison Elementary School, Davenport: Therapy dog training, \$3,000.

Girl Scout Troop 1730, Davenport: Start-up supplies, \$250.

NAMI, Mississippi Valley: Youth mental health support, \$2,500.

CASI (Center for Active Senior): Adaptive fitness equipment, \$3,000.

Children's Therapy Center, Davenport: 20 therapy units, \$1,000.

Special Olympics, East Iowa: Bowling competition, \$2,500.

Project Renewal: Summer youth program, \$3,000.

Family Resources: Youth comfort rooms, \$2,980.

River Action, Inc.: Cops, kids, kayaks, canoes, \$1,800.

Gigi's Playhouse: Kitchen renovation, furnishings, \$1,350.

North Scott School District: Student-built home tools, \$2,940.

Eldridge Volunteer Fire Department: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus replacement, \$2,000.

Alan Shepard Elementary, North Scott: Sensory playground equipment, \$3,000.

Hope at Brick House, Davenport: Equipment, furnishings, \$2,665.

Pregnancy Resources: New baby bags, \$1,000.

Mid-City High School, Davenport School District: Urban farm, \$1,000.

Davenport Fraternal Order of Police: Thanksgiving meal baskets, \$3,000.

Davenport West High School: Sweatshirts for mentors, \$500.

Davenport North High School: Sweatshirts for mentors, \$3,000.

Long Grove Civic League: Can donation center, \$315.

Bethany for Children & Families: Teen pregnancy program expansion, \$3,000.

Club members treated 300 children in after-school programs to new experiences, at the **Youth Harvest Festival** at the pumpkin patch in October, and at **Rotary Adventures at Modern Woodmen** baseball stadium in June – **president Pat Olsen's District Grant** projects. Other active volunteering includes **Student Dictionaries**, **reading to students**, **cleaning flower beds** in Eldridge, monthly **welcoming students** at the start of their day at **North Scott Junior High**, monthly meals served to **Davenport Police**, the **Heart Walk**, **Special Olympics**, **John Deere Classic** marshals, **Community Fine Arts** awards, and **Park View playground** build.

May 13: We recognized new- and next-level Paul Harris Fellows celebrated **Rotary Foundation Day** with Rotary Foundation trustee Marty Helman, by Zoom.

May 20: Ninety-three attended **Youth Day** where scholarships totalling \$18,000 were presented to high school seniors and non-traditional students at Scott Community College.

June 3: Seventy-four attended **Community Grants Day** were recipients of grants (above) told about their work.

June 10: Our international partner, Robbinah Hakiza from the **Imbabaze Centre for Women and Children in Kisoro, Uganda**, was in attendance after attending the Rotary International Convention Houston. Thirty-one children are sponsored by North Scott Rotarians and 18 others by members of other clubs, including Iowa Quad Cities and Tipton.



District Governor Alka Khanolkar welcomes new member, therapy dog "Gracie," at North Scott Rotary. Photo by Bill Tubbs

Meet our new member, 'Gracie'

By Bill Tubbs/North Scott

The newest honorary member of the Rotary Club of North Scott has been a positive and calming influence at all five of North Scott's elementary schools, the junior high, Ridgecrest Retirement Home and the Davenport Lutheran Home.

She has been in parades with Rotarians. She recently started visiting and comforting students at the Handicapped Development Center and on every Sunday, she helps with Sunday School at Faith Lutheran Church.

"Gracie" is a certified therapy dog and loves working with children and adults.

At the Friday, Dec. 10 meeting, she was inducted into Rotary during District Governor Alka Khanolkar's official visit, and the governor fell in love with Gracie.

Gracie's owner is Rotarian Theresa White, a retired school counselor. "As a certified therapy dog, Gracie is allowed at all public places; she loves shopping, which helps with her skills and demeanor for when she is working. She loves people and especially children. In her spare time, she watches us play Pickleball and loves taking long walks."

Will Gracie be an actual member? No, but in the hearts of members and the people she meets? Yes.

MEMBERSHIP

Club growth exceeds expectations

By DNGD David Cook/Boone

District 6000 Membership Chair

As the pandemic wanes, membership growth in District 6000 and beyond is exceeding most expectations. Twenty-seven clubs have experienced membership growth since July 1, 2021, and together they have added 137 new Rotarians to their ranks. In fact, more than 20 clubs have grown at least 5 percent during this period and 10 of those clubs have seen double-digit growth.

The five fastest growing clubs in D6000 are Bettendorf plus-31 percent, Adel plus-29 percent, Boone plus-20 percent, Marshalltown plus-17 percent, and Wellman plus-15 percent. Together, these five clubs are averaging over 22 percent growth in just 10 months.

Some common reasons why membership's growing include:

Four clubs with After Work satellites are among the fastest growing and account for nearly one-third of the district's growth. After Work clubs are growing quickly because it's a preferred meeting time for parents of school-aged children, working moms, retail business owners and younger professionals, including teachers and healthcare workers. It's also a reason why female membership is up 5 percent this year in our district.

Clubs that quickly reengaged with members early in the current Rotary year have benefited. They recognized members missed the fun and fellowship many may have taken for granted prior to the pandemic. They also understood others in their community were also looking for fellowship, fun and the opportunity to serve others.

RI President Shekhar Mehta asked every Rotarian to commit to bringing in one new member this year. Many clubs that focused on Each One, Bring One have experienced membership growth. They did this by continuing to encourage members to invite friends, co-workers and acquaintances and celebrating those that did.

Fastest Growing Rotary Clubs in District 6000

	7-1-21	4-30-22	Growth	Percent
Bettendorf	94	123	+29	31%
Adel	21	27	+6	29%
Boone	50	60	+10	20%
Marshalltown	111	130	+19	17%
Wellman	20	23	+3	15%
Waukee	69	79	+10	14%
Perry	22	25	+3	14%
Kalona	32	36	+4	13%
Albia	29	32	+3	10%
Clinton	70	77	+7	10%
Newton	33	36	+3	9%
Nevada	56	61	+5	9%
Dallas Center	24	26	+2	8%
Ankeny	97	105	+8	8%
Keokuk	37	40	+3	8%
West Liberty	37	40	+3	8%
West Des Moines	38	41	+3	8%
North Scott	91	97	+6	7%
Osceola	17	18	+1	6%
Iowa City Downtown	20	21	+1	5%
Muscatine	60	63	+3	5%
Clubs with Satellite				
Clubs with board approval to launch satellite				



DG Alka Khanolkar thanks Josue Lopez for his donation.

MOUNT PLEASANT

Student, touched by gift of dictionary, makes a donation to Rotary

By Olabisi Gwamna/Mount Pleasant

As part of Rotary International's goals of enhancing basic education and literacy in their communities, three Rotary members from Mount Pleasant Rotary and the Mount Pleasant Noon clubs visited the 4th-grade classrooms of Harlan Elementary School in Mount Pleasant on a breezy November afternoon.

The Rotary Dictionary Project is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary.

Gary See from the Noon club, incoming president of the Evening club, Dr. Bitrus Gwamna and myself, Olabisi Gwamna, from the Evening club, distributed 46 dictionaries to children who listened with rapt attention as their guests explained the tenets of Rotary, ending with the Four-Way Test.

After the event, just as we were leaving, one of the teachers came out and asked to see us for a minute. She informed us that during the presentation, she was translating to a new student from Mexico who did not speak English. "Josue wants to donate some money to Rotary because he understands what Dr. Bitrus Gwamna said about children in other parts of the world who have to trek miles every morning to fetch water from unsanitary sources, or struggle to finish assignments under naked lamp or go to bed hungry."

Josue Lopez's teacher, Ms. Sylves, explained, "He is so moved and wants to contribute something to your organization. He wants you to please use this money in furtherance of your goals"

Out of the mouths of babes!

We thanked the teacher after she handed us a \$20 bill, being Josue's humble donation to Rotary. On our way out, we expressed our gratitude on behalf of the two clubs, with a resolution to send a note of gratitude to Josue, with a souvenir and a letter to his parents for nurturing a future Rotarian.

Definitely, our visit to Josue Lopez's classroom was "beneficial to all concerned"

In the not-too-distant future, a great Rotarian would be addressing the crowd about the time he got introduced to the organization...at his 4th grade classroom, somewhere in Iowa while he was still learning to speak English.

NEVADA



100 years of Rotary celebrated on May 1

The Rotary Club of Nevada's 100-year Anniversary was celebrated on May 1 at Evergreen Lane, which was the home built and lived in by the first Nevada Rotary president, Jay Dutton. The club has a Rotary Room in this home dedicated to historic memorabilia and the club's newly restored charter. President Emmi Miller said it was a cold and windy day, but 75 attended, including nine PDGs. Nevada Rotary spent the Centennial year walking through each decade in its history, learning about the state of the world, community activities, and all of the good that had been accomplished through Rotary. The club's Junior Rotarians performed a skit recapping all of these events; some even in costume. "We all laughed during the egg relay and sack race. Great fun was had by all," said president Miller.

Provided by Emmi Miller



Iowa City Rotarians and family members planted 100 trees.

IOWA CITY

Rotarians plant 100 trees

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty

District 6000 Environmental Protection Chair

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

The club is sponsoring a tree planting grant which has been matched by District 6000. Within the 2021-22 Rotary year, the Rotary Club of Iowa City is partnering with other clubs in the Iowa City area to plant approximately 100 trees.

The club has partnered with the city of Iowa City to determine where these trees can be planted. Locations will provide visibility to Rotary's efforts in Iowa City and to the good work that Rotarians do.



Iowa City Rotarians came together in the fall to begin their tree-planting project.

BETTENDORF

Fundraising supports 21 Quad-Cities charities

By Carol Foster/Bettendorf

The Rotary Club of Bettendorf distributed grant funds to 21 area organizations at a special meeting on Feb. 16, the Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf.

Larry Thein, the Bettendorf's club President said, "This meeting is the most important one of our year. Our club does a lot for our community in many different ways, but being able to distribute nearly \$40,000 to area organizations who are helping people throughout our region is so exciting and gratifying. Thanks to the many who support our fundraising efforts, our club is making a tremendous difference in people's lives."

Funds to make these grants possible were raised during the year through the Bettendorf Rotary's fundraising events, including "Lobster Rock 'n Roll." Local not-for-profit organizations will be able to further their missions thanks to the generous support of sponsors, donors, and attendees of the club's annual fundraising activities.

Argrow's House of Healing and Hope: Beds for survivors of violence, \$1,924.

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley: Summer Brain Gain, \$2,500.

Children's Therapy Center: Therapy for children whose families are unable to pay, \$1,500.

Dress For Success Quad Cities: Equipment to improve program delivery, \$278.

GiGi's Playhouse Quad Cities: New kitchen area, \$1,500.

Handicapped Development Center: Enhanced Learning Materials, \$1,332.



Recipients of Bettendorf Rotary grants, Feb. 16 at the Waterfront Convention Center.

Havlife: Preventing Lost Potential in youth, ages 10 to 15, \$1,500.

Humility Homes and Services, Inc.: Stability Funds for Stable Housing, \$2,500.

Lead(h)er: Strike a Match, funding for mentoring program, \$1,000.

LivWell Cares (Compassionate Advocacy & Resources for Every Senior): Free in-person guidance for low-income seniors, \$1,500.

Midwest Animal Assisted Therapy & Education Organization: Provides service animals for active and retired service members diagnosed with PTSD, \$2,000.

Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center: Recreational, cultural and athletic opportunities for Quad Cities youth., \$2,000.

NAMI GMV (National Alliance of Mental Illness, Great Mississippi Valley Chapter): Resources for Youth Suicide Prevention, \$2,500.

One Eighty : Basketball programs for youth to overcome the opportunity gap, \$2,040.

Our Lady of the River Church: Quad Cities Night to Shine Prom, \$1,000.

Pregnancy Resources: Car seat program, \$2,500.

Project 15:12: Financial assistance with basic life necessities for individuals or families who have had an unexpected health crisis, \$1,500.

Quad City Arts: 2021-2022 Visiting Artist Series, \$1,000.

Safer Foundation: Youth Empowerment Program, \$2,500.

STEAM on Wheels: Scholarships for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math), \$1,850.

Unity House of Davenport: Transitional Housing for Quad Cities Man Recovering from Addiction, \$2,500.

DENISON

Auction proceeds benefit community, world

By Bill Bruce/Denison

Club President

While we really enjoy the fellowship and friendship each week at lunch, we also do our best to support the needs in Crawford County, which includes Denison.

Each year, we hold an auction in November. A lot of preparation work by all members of the club is rewarded with great support from our community and local businesses.

Once the auction is completed, we annually receive grant requests from

area organizations. Since Jan. 1, we have awarded \$31,556.

This also includes awards made to support disaster relief here in Iowa (the tornado recently in Winterset) and a contribution to support needs of Rotary members and the population of Ukraine.

Listed below is the detail.

Boy Scouts of America - Midwest: \$250

Crawford County 4-H: \$400

Crossroads of Crawford County: \$2,000

Donna Reed Foundation: \$5,000

Eventide Foundation: \$5,000

Chamber & Development Council: \$7,500

Hospital Foundation of Crawford County: \$2,500

Denison Swim Team: \$2,000

Books for second graders: \$906

Crawford County Shooting Sports: \$500

Project Lifesaver: \$500

Denison After Prom: \$100

Disaster Relief - Iowa: \$500

Disaster Relief - Ukraine: \$1,900

Scholarships: \$2,500

Total: \$31,556

In Rotary—Service above Self!



A Rotary Christmas

In one of the first post-pandemic large gatherings, DG Alka Khanolkar hosted a Christmas Party Dec. 11 at the Hyatt Regency in Coralville. This lineup of PDGs proved to be the last district event with Herb Wilson, (l-r): Denny and Kathy Skinner, Gary and Nancy Pacha, Ray and Linda Muston, Mike and Joanne Ruby, Cal and Rachel Litwiller, Alka and Kiran Khanolkar, Herb and Janice Wilson, Bill and Linda Tubbs, Ken and Jo Noble, John and Deb Ockenfels, Chris and Vernetta Knapp, Ev Laning, Becky Patterson, Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen and Jacque and Jim Andrew.

District 6000 Photo

NEWS NOTES



Lisa and DGND David Cook

DAVID COOK ELECTED GOVERNOR 2024-25

After a career in leadership training, David Cook of the Rotary Club of Boone will serve as District Governor in 2024-25. He was club president in 2008-09 and served as assistant governor. In 2012, he spearheaded the start of Club Visioning for District 6000, and during the last six years facilitated planning for dozens of clubs. He currently serves as District Membership Chair. Dave co-chaired Boone's Welcome Train for his club's centennial. He helped organize community referendums for a new middle school in 2004 and high school in 2011. During the last 10 years he helped facilitate the establishment of 28 endowments benefiting nonprofits in central Iowa. Lisa Cook is a 30-year educator with a passion for literacy. An author of three children's books, she has been active in Boone Rotary since 2018. The Cooks have hosted two Youth Exchange students. They are parents of two grown children, Hallie and Christian, and will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this summer.

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

A district budget of 2022-23 for \$139,650 with dues of \$35 per member was approved at the District Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with District Assembly April 2 at DMAC in Newton. Dues are among the lowest in the Zone 29. Also approved was the nomination of **David Cook** of the Rotary Club of Boone for District Governor 2024-25, and **Norlan Hinke** of the Rotary Club of Clinton as an at-large member of the board of directors.

GAVEL PASSING

The passing of the gavel from **District Governor Alka Khanolkar** of the Rotary Club of Keokuk to **Steve Wieneke** of the Rotary Club of Ankeny will be Sunday, June 26 at Albaugh Family Senior Community Center, 150 NW Ash Drive, Ankeny. Social time is 11:15-noon, lunch from noon to 12:45 and a program from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.

FLIGHT TO END POLIO

PDG **John Ockenfels'** flight around the world to End Polio which was publicized but didn't happen in 2020, 2021 and 2022 due to Covid, may occur in 2023 but has hit another snag – no access to Russia due to the war in Ukraine. Stay tuned for updates.

BICYCLE TO HOUSTON!

John Schultz, of the Rotary Club of Mount Vernon in District 5970 – who volunteers in District 6000 – bicycled 1,294 miles from Ashland, Wis., to Houston for the Rotary International Convention, averaging 65-75 miles per day, to raise awareness for the Rotarian Action Group for Diabetes!



John Schultz

LIONS, KIWANIS, OPTIMISTS, ROTARY

Reporting from Houston: The worldwide presidents of these four civic organizations are urging local clubs to work together on service projects in the communities on Sept. 11, 2022.

LETTERS

Pay it forward

Dear John Schroeder, Bloomfield Rotary:

Back in the last century, back when I was preparing to graduate from Davis County High School with the Class of 1968, I had the great good fortune of being chosen to receive a scholarship from the Bloomfield Rotary Club. As I recall, the scholarship was \$100. I was thrilled to be selected. My parents were thrilled their task of sending Son No. 2 to the University of Iowa would be that much easier because of the club's generosity.



Randy Evans

My parents grew up in Davis County at a time when attending college was out of reach financially for most people. But their marching orders to my brothers and me were absolutely clear: You are going to college, and you are going to graduate.

I did graduate in four years. And I have never forgotten the important role the Bloomfield Rotary Club played in helping this kid from southern Iowa reach his dream of working as a newspaper reporter and editor. To show my appreciation to Rotary, and to assist in some small way the important work Rotary does, I would like to make the enclosed donation to "repay" the Bloomfield Rotary Club for its confidence in me 54 years ago.

Randy Evans, Des Moines

Editor's note: After a career in journalism, including at The Des Moines Register, Randy Evans is executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council.

District 6000 News

Dear Editor Bill:

I'm not sure if you remember me or not, but we were at Council On Legislation together, I believe in 2013 and possibly 2016. I am from D7080 in Ontario, Canada. I am also a friend of Jacque's on Facebook. Today I ran across your great D6000 newsletter on the Internet and wanted to congratulate you on a wonderful job. I love how you include great news articles on what clubs do and also the pleasing layout you have designed. Please extend my congratulations to your team.

PDG Doug Vincent, D7080 ON Canada

Rotary United Nations Ambassador, UNAC Z24

Greetings Bill:

Just received the District 6000 News! Per usual it was very informative and comprehensive. District 6000 is very fortunate to have such a wonderful source of Rotary news. Our best to you and yours. Cheers!

Mike McCullough

Rotary International Director, Zones 28-29, 2003-05

Deadline for next issue

SUBMIT NEWS of your activities by Sept. 9, 2022, for the next issue of District 6000 News to PDG Bill Tubbs at btubbs@northscottpress.com. Send text or a Word file or in the body of the email; and free-standing, high resolution .jpg images.

OBITUARIES

We remember well ...

The lives of Rotarians who died in 2021-22, which were provided to the district upon an invitation from the district office, were remembered in a special service at the April 23 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

Julie A. Huisman
Rodney K. Place

Ankeny

Renee D. Murphy

Atlantic

Damon B. Clark

Chariton

Anita L. Larrington

Clinton

Cheryl McCulloh

Coon Rapids

Douglas Carptener
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Ronald J. Brickey
Tom F. Kintigh
Glen D. McCall

West Liberty

Jacqueline R. McCoy



Roses of remembrance

As names of the departed from Districts 5970 and 6000 were called, District Governors Jeff Hassman and Alka Khanolkar placed a yellow rose in the vase in remembrance while John Schultz played beautiful music on the violin.. Photo by Bill Tubbs



Rotary's goal is a polio-free world! There were 12 cases of polio in 2021. As of June 17, 2022, there were eight new cases: Six in Pakistan, one in Afghanistan, and one in post-endemic country Mozambique.

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GOVERNOR, *continued*

A huge thank you to all who participated and helped organize a very successful joint District Conference with District 5970, the first after 75 years. It was great to come together for fellowship, for showcasing projects, sharing ideas, networking, and for our youth. They are our future.

Inter-Country Committees

In 2021-22, we also started Inter-Country Committees with **Spain** and **Colombia**, and will soon with **India** and **Ukraine**. We have representatives from the countries serving on the committees.

Let the continuity of our dynamic team of leadership lead us into the future to grow our members, grow our clubs, our District 6000, and grow Rotary.

Let us build **Hope** and **Peace** as our guiding light at all times.

Thank you to each and every member, the PDGs (my mentors), our top-class newsletter, our District 6000 board of directors, and to the great one and only **Carolyn Scharff**, our district administrator. Thank you all for your support! I cannot thank you enough! With the best of wishes to all for a great new Rotary year and beyond, thank you for your great Service Above Self.

Together, **"WE HELPED SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES!"**

I am a dreamer. I am a believer. I am a positive thinker. I am a go-getter. Let us not stop now! I am not the only one. I

hope someday you will join us and the world will be one. So let us to continue to Serve to Change Lives.

Keep up the great work!

Best wishes, and thanking you,

District Governor Alka Khanolkar/Keokuk

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