

Rotary District 6000 Board of Directors

August 1, 2019 Minutes – District Office, Pella, Iowa

Present: DG Erna Morain (chair), Tom Narak (vice chair), Mike Ruby (secretary), Chris Knapp, Steve Dakin (DGE), Alka Khanolkar (DGN), Michelle Cassabaum, Devin Boyer, Shawn Mullen, Bill Tubbs (Ex-Officio, by phone), Carolyn Scharff (District Administrator), Steve Morain, (guest).

Absent: Loring Miller

Meeting Called to Order: Governor Morain called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Quorum Verification: A quorum was present

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved

Approval of May 16, 2019 Board Minutes: Chris moved; Tom seconded. Passed

Budget and Finance Committee Report: Motion was made to go with *Eventbrite* for online registrations (anticipated primarily for District Conferences, Foundation Dinners and RI Convention District Breakfasts). Fee is automatically added to cost. *Square* is still used for credit card registration through Carolyn and district absorbs those costs. Chris moved; Devin seconded. Passed.

District Committee Reports: Most of the below reports were submitted by committee chairs and made available to board members prior to the meeting. All reports are available upon request. Alka made motion to accept committee reports. Steve seconded. Motion passed

- a. **Membership:** Bonnie Lowry (Chair) – written report submitted
- b. **Public Image:** Ryan Bell (Chair) – written report submitted
- c. **Governor's Newsletter:** This monthly publication goes to all Rotarians in the district who have an email address. Shawn is planning to do a monthly podcast and will include a link to it in the electronic version.
- d. **Rotary Foundation:** Chris Knapp (Chair)
 - **Overall giving:** Down this year, which could be due to the new tax laws which became effective 1-1-18.
 - **Annual Fund:** Total 2018-19 contributions were \$386,762.
 - **Polio:** \$122,949.
 - **Goal for Annual Fund Giving 2019-2020:** \$400,000 (To date only half of the clubs have submitted their Foundation giving goals)
 - **Foundation Dinners:**
 - Friday Nov.1 – Davenport
 - Saturday Nov. 2 – Des Moines

- **Community Service Grants:** 33 grants were awarded (31 received the full amount requested and 2 clubs received partial) for a total of \$118,046.
 - **Global Grants:** See attached report from Brock Earnhardt (Chair).
- e. **Youth Exchange:** Greg Probst (Chair) – written report submitted
 - f. **Alumni:** Rob Oxenford – written report submitted
 - g. **RYLA:** Wayne Steen – written report submitted
 - h. **VTT:** Loring Miller – written report submitted

District Governor Report: Erna Morain

- a. **Board orientation:** Held in July for the 3 new board members
- b. **Assistant Governors** – things are going well. Jim Johnson from RC of Kalona will complete the year for Bob Freeman due to health issues.
- c. **Club visits** – going well – good energy in clubs – many clubs gaining new members.
- d. **Rotation of at-large board directors** – Erna Morain introduced a 3 year staggered rotation proposal for 3 at large directors on the District 6000 board. She asked Steve Morain to explain the details and the required By Law change. After discussion, the board determined that more time was needed to discuss the issues involved. A task force consisting of Steve Dakin as chair, Alka Khanolkar, Tom Narak and Shawn Mullen, was appointed and instructed to report back in advance of the October board meeting.
- e. **Requested re alignment of Denison, Iowa Club** – The Rotary club of Denison initiated their request to R.I. to transfer from their current District 5610 to our District 6000. Erna Morain reported that her investigation disclosed that there is no friction between Denison and District 5610. It is simply a matter of Denison feeling more comfortable and a better geographic fit with our district.

Rotary International instructed the governors of both districts to submit the issue to their respective clubs for 30 days to allow either district's clubs to vote against the issue. If less than a majority in both districts voted against the issue, the transfer could occur, subject to final R.I. board approval. Per R.I. instructions, DG Erna is submitting the issue to the clubs for the vote.

The motion was made by Steve and seconded by Tom to support the transfer. Motion passed.

- f. **Zone, Kansas City, September 25-29** – Efforts are being made to get our PI and Membership chairs to attend Zone at least for part of the time.

- g. **Food Insecurity** – clubs are showing high interest in this 2019-20 district project.
- h. **Rotary District 6000 Festival 2020** – A brief update was given. No registration information has been published yet.

District Governor Elect Report: Steve Dakin

- a. He has visited 10 clubs to date, Erna asked him to inform her of his schedule.
- b. Steve had the opportunity to speak to the RYLA students on Rule #4 of the 4 Way Test. He strongly encouraged Rotarians to volunteer to help at the event next year.
- c. The Sukup Safe T Home will be his project during his 2020-21 DG year.

District Governor Nominee Report: Alka Khanolkar

- a. She is visiting clubs and attending district team meetings to introduce herself.
- b. Alka is looking for someone to take over the Rotaract chair position.
- c. She is interested in helping coordinate a Rotary Friendship Exchange with India.
- d. Initial contacts have been made for a District #6000 breakfast in Honolulu.
- e. She hopes to go on the Iowa MOST mission team next year.

Other Reports:

- a. **District Office:** Carolyn Scharff
 - Carolyn is working on a system to make district banners available for clubs to use.
 - She is working on getting the DG nomination information to all clubs.
 - She is gathering district history on Iowa MOST for PDG Wilson and gathered and sent a report on the district PolioPlus team history to PDG Goering.
 - At her job review last November, DG Narak asked her to list 3 goals. One was to visit some clubs and convey ways she can help.

New Business – There was no new business

Old Business:

- a. Policies and Procedures Manual update: Subcommittee members are Narak, Morain (Steve) and Scharff. Tom gave an update. Discussion followed. Final input is due to Carolyn no later than August 15. Carolyn will compile input for the subcommittee to present to the board for a vote.

Blanket Bond: Morain/Knapp

- a. The decision was made to purchase the bond from our current provider, McKay Insurance Agency in Knoxville. At the board's request, the company had revised the bond to recognize all the individuals who are recognized by our by-laws. The cost was determined to be reasonable.

Polio Sculpture: Knapp/Morain

- a. DG Erna will send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Chris Nelson for his outstanding support of this project.
- b. The final bills for polio statue expenses will be paid soon. To date, the expenses total \$76,780. Donations received thus far are \$14,850, leaving a current balance of \$61,930 that will be paid from our reserve account. No invoices have been received for the cement contract work so that amount will be added to the above costs.

Visioning: Narak Because of timing this will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Other:

- a. Chris Knapp gave a brief update on plans for 2020 NC PETS.

Next scheduled Board meetings:

- a. Oct. 24
- b. Dec. 5
- c. Feb. 6
- d. May 21

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM

Rotary District 6000 Global Grants Approved in 2018-19

GG1759627; Water & Sanitation Improvements for the Community of Nuevo Edén, Barillas, Huehuetenango, Guatemala, a humanitarian grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Iowa City A.M. in partnership with RC of Barillas, Guatemala, District 4250.

The project provides improvements to an existing community water supply, two storage tanks and distribution system, constructs a new pumping station and installs small supplemental water storage tanks for each family in this remote, impoverished 60-home village of about 450 Mayan people. Also, the project provides improved latrines with biodigesters for each home and the village school. Training for community members in operation and maintenance of the systems, sound hygiene practices and assistance with development of a governing board is included in the project.

The \$110,838 project is funded with cash contributions of \$7,619 by the RCs of Davenport and Iowa City A.M. and a \$13,000 DDF contribution by District 6000. The D6000 DDF contribution amount conforms to our district's standard funding model. Additional \$28,648 cash funding is being contributed by District 6380 RCs of Chatham, Tilbury and Wallaceburg, Ontario and Rochester, Michigan and D6380 is contributing \$14,000 DDF. Non-Rotarians are contributing \$1,708. The Rotary Foundation is matching the contributions with a \$45,863 World Fund contribution.

This project was developed through relationships established by Davenport and Iowa City A.M. Rotarians that date back to 2001.

GG1869423; RC of Burlington; Refugee Training Project, Refugee Training Project, a humanitarian grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Burlington in partnership with RC of Vicenza, Italy, District 2060.

The project will train 12-14 refugees living in Vicenza, Italy in techniques of industrial welding. This skill will allow trainees to provide for themselves and support the local workforce. Participants will receive 120-160 hours of formal training followed by three month internships with a local employer. The training and internships will be provided to the trainees at no cost to themselves. Trainees will also receive a small stipend to offset costs of attending the training.

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

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

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GG1863013; RC of Waukee; Agriculture Training Program; South Africa, a humanitarian grant that will benefit more than 2500 impoverished people in ten South African villages. The project will provide training in agronomy and animal husbandry; provide tools, equipment and supplies to develop vegetable gardens at schools; provide nutrition education; and encourage development of commercial activities using sales of surplus food to provide financial resources to sustain the agriculture ventures.

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

GG1863708; RC of Ames; Water & Sanitation, Mhezi Village, Same District, Tanzania, a humanitarian grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ames in partnership with RC of Same, Tanzania, District 9211.

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

The project is being funded with cash contributions of \$20,200 from thirteen D6000 clubs – RCs of Ames, Ames Morning, Ankeny, Newton, Des Moines AM, Waukee, Des Moines, Grinnell, W Des Moines, Indianola, Manning, Winterset, Tipton – and \$22,288 D6000 DDF, the maximum amount that our district policy provides for contribution to a single project. Also, cash contributions have been made by five clubs in D5970, one in D5960, one in D5300 (CA & NV), a non-Rotarian and \$51,500 from the Hy-Vee Foundation. D5770, D5960 and D5300 made DDF contributions. The Rotary Foundation matched the contributions with \$99,305 from the World Fund.

GG1860348; District 6000; Ponseti Training in Columbia, a vocational training team grant sponsored by District 6000 to provide training to orthopedic surgeons in the Ponseti Method for treatment of clubfoot in Colombia. The project will first provide advanced training in the practice and teaching of the Ponseti Method to four Colombian orthopedic surgeons who already had some Ponseti experience. Those orthopedists will then provide training and mentorship to 32 additional orthopedic surgeons, enabling them to practice and later to teach the Ponseti Method.

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

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

GG1874070; RC of Mt. Pleasant; Center for Excellence in Municipal Schools in Rajkot, India, a humanitarian grant proposed by the Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant in partnership with RC of Rajkot Midtown, India, District 3060. District 6000 clubs have accomplished a number of successful projects with Rajkot Midtown, including the 3-H earthquake recovery project in partnership with Davenport Rotary.

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

The \$87,510 project is funded with cash contributions of \$9,522 from RCs of Mt. Pleasant, Burlington, Fairfield and Mount Pleasant Noon and a \$16,400 DDF contribution by District 6000, our usual match ratio. RC of Alexandria, Virginia, D7610 contributed \$95 and D7610 contributed \$3,000 DDF. RC of Rajkot contribute \$10,000 and D3060 contributed \$10,000 DDF. The Rotary Foundation match the contributions with a \$38,970 World Fund contribution.

GG1873010; RC of Burlington; Child & Mother Welfare Society Maternal & Dental; Beirut, Lebanon a humanitarian grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Burlington in partnership with RC of Beirut Cosmopolitan, District 2452.

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

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