District 6000 News

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Governor Don says Thank You

By DG Don Patterson/Washington

The Rotarians of District 6000 are truly exceptional. As my Rotarian wife Becky and I have visited all the clubs in the district, we were extremely impressed by their friendliness, dedication, service motive and community spirit.

Don Patterson
District Governor

EVERYWHERE!

Also our district leadership is extraordinary: Our club presidents, officers and board members; district administrator; assistant governors; committee chairs; committees; project leaders; and Past District Governors promote positive volunteer and organizational values which will continue to make us stronger as a district.

A new Rotary club!

Throughout the year we have been planning a new club in the Des Moines area. This is the provisional club of West Polk County. Hopefully by the end of June 2012, this new provisional club will be chartered!

The new club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Waukee under the direction of its club president Jim Strauss. Gene Gabus from the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, Bill Koellner from the Rotary Club of West Liberty, and Lorinda Roth, also from the Rotary Club of Waukee, are providing the leadership to develop this new club. The

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Celebrating FAMSCO's new truck at District Conference at Riverside were (l-r): Brock Earnhardt (Davenport), Sandy Pickup (Iowa City Downtown), Becky Patterson (Washington), Karin Franklin (Iowa City), DGN John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM), Bob Main (Newton), PDG Gary Pacha (Iowa City), PDG Ray Muston (Iowa City), Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM), Susan Leonard (Carmel, Ind.), Linda Muston (Iowa City), RI President's Rep Steve Leonard (Carmel, Ind.) and Bill Burress (Davenport). Photo by Bill Tubbs

FAMSCO hits the road with new truck; warehouse status uncertain

By Linda Muston/Iowa City

Got Truck??

Thanks to extraordinary work by Rotarians, FAMSCO (Fire And Medical Supply COmpany) of District 6000 has a dedicated truck to call its own!

It is only fitting that the truck made its debut at the District Conference at the Riverside Casino and Resort in April, since a grant from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation provided $20,000 for its purchase. That major gift combined with $5,000 from the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM and a District Simplified Grant made the truck a reality.

Robyn Hepker, Iowa City Rotarian, created the colorful graphics that identify and promote the truck. The three Washington County clubs – Kalona, Washington and Wellman – submitted the request, and Assistant Governor Chris Marshall wrote the grant that was spearheaded by District Governor Don and Becky Patterson. Tom Buckwalter of Wellman worked to find a

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Past RI President Ray Klinginsmith (r), of Kirksville, Mo., presents Paul Harris Fellows to Marshalltown Rotarians.

Paul Harris Fellow Award recipient Bill Bestmann and Dr. Dennis Drager with RI Past President Ray Klinginsmith.

Past RI President brings 'Cowboy Logic' to Marshalltown

By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown

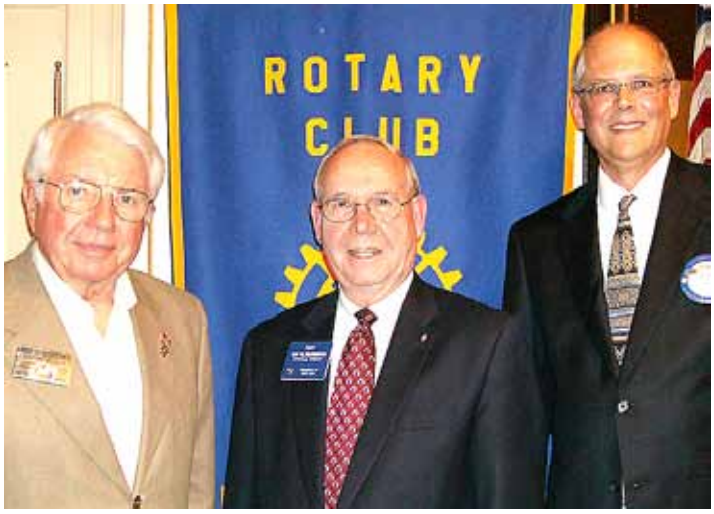
The Rotary Club of Marshalltown was honored to welcome Past RI President Ray Klinginsmith to its April 24 lunch meeting. Marshalltown Rotarian Dr. Dennis Drager met Klinginsmith while working on a humanitarian project in Africa.

After presenting five Marshalltown Rotarians their Paul Harris Fellow awards, Klinginsmith was introduced by Drager to the music of Michael Martin Murphy's "Cowboy Logic." Klinginsmith shared that Murphy was himself a 20-year Rotarian. He compared the simplicity of "cowboy logic" to the simple messages in the Rotary Four-Way Test, and the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."

Klinginsmith noted the importance of the good that goes on in each one of 34,000 clubs and the resulting circle of achievement demonstrated by Rotary around the world. He reviewed the impact of the collective network of 1.2 million Rotarians toward the eradication of polio, emphasizing that we are nearly at the goal of complete eradication.

The past president also shared his takeaway from a recent case study on Rotary by a group of students from Northwestern University summarizing Rotary as a "world-wide network of inspired individuals who translate their passion of relevant social goals to change lives in communities."

Klinginsmith closed by urging the Marshalltown Rotary Club to keep it simple and use the wisdom in the words of Cowboy Logic to do its best in everything they undertake.



Assistant District Governor Norm VanKlompenburg of Newton (l) and Marshalltown Rotary Club President Scott Neff greet RI Past President Ray Klinginsmith.

Past RI President Ray Klinginsmith (third from left) at Marshalltown Rotary with District 6000 leaders (l-r): Loring Miller and DGE Terry Geiger (Decatur County), DG Don Patterson (Washington), PDG Gary Welch (Ankeny) and Assistant Governor Norm Van Klompenburg (Newton).

West Polk Rotary Club will be District 6000's 64th

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club now has 25 members, and is almost our 64th club!

Our District Conference in Riverside, Iowa, was a huge success and is presented in a separate article of this newsletter (p. 16-18).

One final thought: It has been an honor, privilege and pleasure to be your District Governor for 2011-12. In addition, it has been rewarding and fun! Thank you to our district Rotarians for your dedication and service. We have an excellent district – one of which all of us can be proud.

Always remember, "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" and be proud to be a Rotarian.

Ninety-five Rotarians representing 37 clubs participated in the District Assembly March 31 at the DMAC Center in Newton.

Club leaders receive training at District Assembly

Leaders of 37 clubs enjoyed a day of training and fellowship at District Assembly March 31 at the DMAC Center in Newton. The meeting was convened by DGE Terry Geiger, who presented the 2012-13 theme and goals.

District Governor Don Patterson reviewed the District 6000 strategic plan. David Cook of the Rotary Club of Boone talked about club visioning, Carolyn Jons of the Rotary Club of Ames Morning had helpful tips for board member training, and PDG Cal Litwiller of the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant talked about what we can expect with The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision.

Breakout sessions were led for: Youth Exchange officers by Chris Knapp of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM; club Rotary Foundation officers by PDGs Corliss Klaassen of Chariton and Don Goering of Ames; club membership and public relations chairs by PDG Bill Tubbs of the Rotary Club of North Scott, Ros Dunblazier of the Rotary Club of Nevada, and Bill Koellner of the Rotary Club of West Liberty; and international service and grants by Brock Earnhrdt of the Rotary Club of Davenport and Doug Flournoy of the Rotary Club of Fairfield.

A lot of excellent information was shared, and the day wrapped up with a luncheon and talk by Rotary International Director-Elect Mary Beth Growney-Selene. *– Bill Tubbs*

Iowa State University Rotaractors Andrew Smithson and Hayley Nelson (center, in red) with (l-r): Peggy and DGE Terry Geiger, DGN Jacque Andrew, and PDG Del Bluhm and Georgia.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

Rotary International Director-Elect Mary Beth Growney-Selene from Madison, Wis., addressed the Assembly.

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Hy-Vee partnership will aid Nigerian hospital

By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny

Hy-Vee Corporation and District 6000 have formed a partnership to develop water projects in other countries. Hy-Vee has started a "One Step" program in all of their stores. It consists of four items:

- A box of Shredded Wheat;
- A roll of paper towels;
- A bottle of water;
- A bag of potatoes.

The proceeds of the Shredded Wheat will go to "Meals From The Heartland" to feed people. The proceeds from the paper towels will go to Arbor Day Foundation to plant trees. The proceeds from the water bottle will go to Rotary District 6000 to provide water, and the proceeds from the potatoes will go to Drake SIFE Students for community gardens.

You will find the displays usually near the check-out stands. You may have to ask where they are since sometimes the displays are a little hard to find. You will find aisle blades, shelf signs and cooler wraps close to the items for sale. I would encourage you to stop in your local Hy-Vee and introduce yourself as a Rotarian and thank the manager for their support. It would also be a good opportunity to ask the manager to visit your club and perhaps ask him/her to become a member.

The first water project is planned with the Rotary Club of Bompai in Kano, Nigeria, at the ECWA (Evangelical Church of West Africa) Eye Hospital. The current president is Sagah Ahmed and their club has committed $1,000 toward the project. If your club would like to learn more about this project and/or contribute toward this project, let me know.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: gwelch3002@msn.com or (515) 419-3707.

Discussions that led to Rotary's partnership with Hy-Vee began Oct. 23, 2010, when Hy-Vee CEO Gary Goodhall (second from left) met with District Governor Gary Welch and his wife, Colleen, and RI President Ray Klinginsmith prior to a Youth Exchange fund raiser at the West Des Moines Marriott.

The ECWA Hospital in Kano, Nigeria, will benefit from the Rotary-Hy-Vee partnership.

FAMSCO needs a permanent warehouse

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worthy truck and FAMSCO leaders provided detailed information to secure the funding. FAMSCO benefited from district-wide cooperation in this project as it has historically in securing donated items and seeing that they get to the international area of greatest need.

Now, with this distinctive new vehicle to transport goods to the borrowed warehouse in Coralville, the FAMSCO leadership has a new question:

Got Warehouse?

Efforts continue to try to identify a permanent warehouse to provide suitable space for sorting, packing, inventory and shipping preparations for the donated surplus medical equipment and supplies and firefighting equipment.

FAMSCO has been distributing unneeded items through Rotarian partners in Mexico, Central and South American since 1990, but efforts are complicated by warehouse limitations. The search continues under the leadership of the D6000 Humanitarian and Educational Foundation, Inc., officers: Bill Burress, president; DGN John Ockenfels, vice president; Sandy Pickup, treasurer; and Karin Franklin, secretary.

Financial support for FAMSCO

Voluntary contributions from clubs support the operations of FAMSCO throughout the year. Thanks to the clubs named below who contributed $8,527 to FAMSCO in 2011-12.

Clubs will be asked to make a voluntary contribution up to $5 per member or a maximum of $500 per club to FAMSCO with the annual District dues billing that will be sent to clubs in July.

Ames	Iowa City	Muscatine
Bettendorf	Iowa City AM	Nevada
Boone	Iowa City Downtown	North Scott
Chariton	Iowa Quad Cities	NW Des Moines
Coralville-N. Corridor	Johnston	Pella
Dallas Center	Kalona	Tipton
Decatur County	Keokuk	Washington
Des Moines	Keosauqua	Waukee
East Polk	Manning	Wellman
Fairfield	Mt. Pleasant Evening	West Liberty
Fort Madison	Marengo	Winterset
Grinnell	Marshalltown	

The 2012 Iowa Miles of Smiles Team, front (l-r): Dr. Chris Baranano, Rachel Litwiller, PDG Cal Litwiller, Dr. David Swanson; **Row 2:** PDG Gary Pacha, Nancy Pacha, Tita Coffman, Ruben Zuniga, Robyn Braverman, Dee Gres, Kalllie DeWall, Dr. Jessica Kelley, Dr. Rebecca Floyd; **Row 3:** Dr. Oscar Gomez, Dr. Bill Gates, Dr. Antonio Rosal Alvarez, Dr. Pete Wallace, Jody Meyer, Teresa Cody, Marilyn Wurth, Krasimira Hristov, B.J.Wagner, Mindy Bowen, Sandy Kessler, Keith Barkalow, Dr. Ron Abrons. **Row 4:** Paco Fernandez, Dr. Kristin Boyle, Dr. Steve Aquilino, Dr. Aaron Figueroa, Dr. Ben Cable, Dr. Dan Jorgensen, Dr. John Canady, Dr. Barry Beutler, Jim Arthur, Jennifer Oliver, Reinhard Juraschek and Dr. Brian Andrew.

'Latching onto a noble cause'

By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM
Iowa M.O.S.T. team member

The Iowa M.O.S.T. mission to Guatemala to repair cleft lip and palate anomalies took place this year in Quetzaltenango from Feb. 23 to March 4. It is widely agreed among team members that this mission is the best hard work one would wish to do. Team members rarely make the trip only one year. Almost all participants are repeaters. Of the 37 members of the 2012 team, 23 were returnees. And there is good reason for that.

"People want to do things to help others," believes Reinhard Juraschek, a chemist and director of research and development for Johnson & Johnson who was making his first trip with Iowa M.O.S.T. But it can be difficult for those people to find "the magic to make it happen."

Reinhard says that, like a chemical solution that needs an ingredient to cause a reaction, people need the catalyst to "latch onto a noble cause." When Reinhard heard Dr. John Canady speak about Iowa M.O.S.T., he found the "ingredient" he needed to move to action and he volunteered for this mission. Helping the Guatemalan patients served by the Iowa M.O.S.T. provided Reinhard a tangible expression of gratitude for the life he is blessed to live. And you may have guessed that Reinhard wants to go to Guatemala with Iowa M.O.S.T. again.

This year surgeons and dentists were able to repair cleft palates and cleft lips, place ear tubes, revise lips, extract teeth, make dental appliances and even revise scars of a burn patient and an accident victim. As always, a database was assembled of those not served this year so that they can receive the needed surgery next year. The names of 26 children under the age of 10 months were added to the database. When they have reached the age of one year and a healthy weight, it will be deemed safe to do surgery. Older children who were ill at the time of our mission also were added to the database. All of the families know that we keep returning and that those who did not qualify to make the surgery roster this year, will have the opportunity again next time we come

This year Iowa M.O.S.T. received two substantial contributions, which completed the funding for this year and part of next year's mission. Medical team leader Dr. John Canady was nominated and awarded the 2011 Volunteer Recognition Grant from Johnson & Johnson, which brought with it a $10,000 donation in Dr. Canady's name to Iowa M.O.S.T. Congratulations to Dr. Canady and gratitude to Johnson & Johnson!

Special tribute and gratitude also goes to the Gabus Family Foundation. Northwest Des Moines Rotarian Gene Gabus asked for an Iowa M.O.S.T. presentation at the Gabus Family Foundation annual meeting. After hearing the presentation, the family gave a MOST generous donation of $20,000 to Iowa M.O.S.T.! The project owes deep gratitude for the generosity of our benefactors who help to make this important work happen. Thank you!

Each year this mission changes the lives of those serving and those served. The patients, their families and members of the team are all enriched by the work of Iowa M.O.S.T. If you are a member of a Rotary club that supports Iowa M.O.S.T. financially, you are a member of this team. You help make it happen.

A list of clubs that provided financial support for Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team is on page 13.

The dates have been tentatively set for the 2013 Iowa M.O.S.T. mission in Huehuetenango, Guatemala, from Feb. 14-24. Non-medical volunteer descriptions and an application form can be found on the district website at www.rotary6000.org under International Service/Iowa M.O.S.T. Maybe you would like to share this very special experience.

DGE Terry Geiger (r) and Peggy (l) with Kathy and Floyd Hammer of Des Moines (above); and the District 6000 Breakfast (right) (l-r): District 5580 DGE Don Cavalier, Stephen Vickery, Jerri Heid's brother, Kitte Noble, Mary Cavalier, Sharon Vickery, Jack and Jill Schreiber, Doug Mills, District 5960 DGE Joe and Kathy Kovarik, Norlan Hinke, Chris and Robin Nelson, Jerri Heid, and DGE Terry and Peggy Geiger.

Rotary International Convention at Bangkok:

'Land of a Thousand Smiles'

By DGE Terry Geiger/Decatur County

The 2013 RI Convention attracted approximately 20 Rotarians and their guests from District 6000 to Bangkok, Thailand, "Land of a Thousand Smiles."

Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn represented His Majesty the King at the opening ceremony, thanking Rotarians for their good work around the world.

It was a treat to see the pomp and respect paid to this royalty at the opening session that was led by Past RI President Bhichai Rattakul (2002-2003). Also at the opening session was the always exciting and emotional ceremony where all the flags of the Rotary world are presented – 212 countries – with the final flag being "The flag that unites us all," the flag of Rotary.

Throughout the four days of the convention, RI President Kalyan Banarjee called sessions to order. Along with those sessions, his opening and closing session talks were all truly inspiring. President Banarjee has a way about him that makes all Rotarians want to work together for world peace and understanding, for conservation of natural resources, and for the improvement of lives of those less fortunate.

The Geigers (r) with West Des Moines president-elect Chris Nelson and Robin, and Oskaloosa president-elect Doug Mills.

At the beginning of the year, President Banarjee asked Rotarians to "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" and to "Be the change that Rotarians wanted to see in the world." He said we have seen those changes because of the Rotarians around the world.

Many of the presenters, including Banarjee and General Secretary John Hewko, stressed the progress we have made in eradicating polio. This still remains the No. 1 goal of Rotary International. Dr. Bruce Aylward, with the World Health Organization, stated that two years ago cynics had said India could never be polio free, and today India IS polio free. This is a magnificent achievement we, as Rotarians, have been a part of. When this was declared, Aylward said the India Prime Minister did not thank the World Health Organization, or UNICEF, or Bill Gates, but the Prime Minister said, "Thanks to Rotary." We are "this close" to completing the job, but we must not give up until the disease is totally eliminated.

There were many other great presenters and breakout sessions that gave Rotarians from around the world information to carry on and help improve lives of those less fortunate around the world.

A highlight of all RI conventions is the gathering at the annual District 6000 breakfast which was held at the Conrad Bangkok this year. Seventeen Rotarians and friends met on Monday, May 7, for fun and fellowship to share stories and experiences. Chris Nelsen, President-Elect of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines, expressed his feelings as a first-time convention goer when he said, "Being around Rotarians from all over the world in the House of Friendship and seeing all of the work they do is inspiring to me and makes me proud to be a part of this great organization."

Norlan Hinke, president-elect of Clinton Rotary, takes a break at Bangkok.

Rotary Day at the WHITE HOUSE

■ Rotary's good works highlighted in U.S. Community Leaders Series

By PDG Don Goering/Ames
Zone 28 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator

In recognition of Rotary International's humanitarian efforts in the United States and around the world, the White House Office of Public Engagement invited Rotary to organize a "Rotary Day at the White House" as part of its White House Community Leaders Briefing Series.

Representing Zone 28 at this event with me was Zone 28 Regional Rotary Public Image Coordinator Roger Kueter of Cedar Falls.

The day-long event on Friday, April 20, provided the opportunity for high-level officials from several U.S. Federal Departments and members of Rotary to share how both organizations are addressing key issues impacting communities in the U.S. and around the globe. Representatives from ten Rotary Clubs in the U.S. highlighted their humanitarian projects for the 160-plus Rotarians and government officials in attendance. The event was held in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the grounds of the White House.

Terrance Allen from the Rotary Club of Lakeshore (Michigan) (D-6360, Zone 29) was selected to represent projects conducted by Rotarians and Rotary Clubs from Zones 28 and 29. He reported on the Children's Safe Water Project that provides clean water to thousands of families in the Dominican Republic through a very simple, yet sustainable bio-sand filter technology project. The nine other highlighted projects included projects on Maternal and Child Health, Disease Prevention, Economic Development, Youth and Education and Peace Building.

Rotary President Kalyan Banerjee during his opening remarks stressed that Rotary International as a non-political and non-religious organization has demonstrated that we can accomplish humanitarian projects where governments and religious organization cannot. Zones 28/29 Rotary International Director Betsy Demaray provided concluding remarks by emphasizing several personal experiences of seeing the good that has been accomplished with Rotary's humanitarian projects.

The *District 6000 News* editor captured this screen shot of Betsy Demaray of Saulte Ste. Marie, Mich. – our director on the Rotary International Board of Directors – speaking at the White House. Her inspiring message can be heard toward the end of this 1-1/2-hour YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhmgV9Wfyq0&feature=youtube_gdata_player

Past District Governors Roger Kueter of Cedar Falls (l) and Don Goering of Ames (r) outside the White House on the day Rotary was honored for its service. Kueter is the Zone Rotary Public Image Coordinator and Goering is Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator.

RI President Kalyan Banerjee of India and his wife were joined by PDG Don Goering and his wife, Doris, at the White House.

Xicotepec 2012:

'We rocked it!'

Xicotepec Project team leader Jim Peterson recapped 10 years of service in Xicotepec, Mexico, at District Conference. Coordinator Kay Carpenter gives an overview of activities in 2012:

By Kay Carpenter/Coralville-North Corridor
Xicotepec Project Team coordinator

On behalf of Rotary District 6000 and the Xicotepec Project Committee, I want to say thank you to all of you for an excellent week in Xicotepec. Your contribution to all the great work that was completed is appreciated.

A special thank you and congratulations to Loyce Arthur, her students, Stacy Narcotta-Welp, the CLA students, and the assistants to their teams on a job well-done in their first year of team projects. Welcome to the history of the Xicotepec Project!

So, just a few rough statistics from the five days:

• 100s of teeth received a fluoride treatment;
• 100-plus people were screened for diabetes;
• 160-plus ladies were screened for cervical cancer;
• 3,400-plus students received deworming medicine;
• 50-plus people received a medical exam;
• 73 wheelbarrow loads of rock were moved at Sor Juana Preschool;
• Three classrooms were painted inside and out with two coats of paint at Sor Juana and Ojo de Agua;
• 100-plus batches of cement were made to construct the roof of two new classrooms at the Rotary Elementary School;
• The Special Ed School has refurbished and newly painted playground equipment;
• All students at Ojo de Agua, Sor Juana, and "the newly found preschool at the end of the road" will have new uniforms next year;
• All 50-plus children at the orphanage received new shoes;
• 500-plus Rotary Elementary school children and staff, Xicotepec citizens, and 70 "gringos" paraded and danced through the streets Carnival-style.

There are more details, but WOW, we rocked it!!

Kay and Ted Carpenter have been project coordinators for the Xicotepec Project Team. Photo from Jim Peterson

2012 District 6000 Xicotepec Project Team

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Sofia Ahern (University of Iowa Service Learning, nursing/education), DGN Jacque Andrew (Rotary Club of Jefferson), Loyce Arthur (University of Iowa Service Learning, theatre arts), Richard Barajas (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy/education), Chelsea Bilskemper (University of Iowa Service Learning, Career Leadership Academy), Karen Buechler (University of Iowa Service Learning, nursing/public health), Daniel Burian (Iowa City City High Interact), Jennifer Cardines (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Kay Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Ted Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Nathaniel Castillo (University of Iowa Service Learning, Career Leadership Academy), Christine M. Catney (University of Iowa faculty, College of Pharmacy), Zach Coleman (Iowa City City High Interact), Jostna Dash (University of Iowa Service Learning, Career Leadership Academy), Cecilia DeBoeck (Iowa City City High Interact), Connie DeBoef (University of Iowa faculty, College of Nursing), Christine Dimke (Cedar Rapids Kennedy Interact), Brianna Dusterhoft (Iowa City West Interact), Desirae Flores (University of Iowa Service Learning, Career Leadership Academy), Tom George (Rotary Club of West Des Moines), Tariq Ghazal (University of Iowa Service Learning, dentistry), Brian Glenn (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Laura Halder (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Chandler Hames (Iowa City West Interact), Kierstan Hanson (Ferris State University pharmacy faculty, Grandville, MI), Malorie Katch (Ferris State University Service Learning, pharmacy), Katy Klinefelter (University of Iowa first year, pharmacy), Ashley Kral (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Michael Levy (Kirkwood Community College student, nursing), Steven Levy (University of Iowa faculty, College of Dentistry), Joshua Lipman (graduate, Penn University and Iowa City West High School), Audriana Lu (University of Iowa Service Learning, Career Leadership Academy), Bob Main (Rotary Club of Newton), Sean McGlothlin (Ferris State University Service Learning, pharmacy), Emily Mere (Cedar Rapids Kennedy Interact), Michael Miller (Iowa City West Interact parent), Zachary Miller (Iowa City West Interact), Anna Mondanaro (Iowa City West Interact), John Mora (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Tom Narak (Rotary Club of West Des Moines), Stacy Narcotta-Welp (University of Iowa Service Learning, Career Leadership Academy), Larry Nash (Rotary Club of Fairfield), Todd Nash (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Wade Nash (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor, Fairfield son, grandson), Madelina Osman (University of Iowa Service Learning, CAreer Leadership Academy), District Governor Don Patterson (Rotary Club of Washington), Rebecca Patterson (Rotary Club of Washington), Connie Pesotnik (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM), Jim Peterson (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM), Monica Popowski (University of Iowa Service Learning, dentistry), Jennifer Preinitz (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Blair Puetsch (Iowa City West Interact), Leslie Pylse (University of Iowa Service Learning, Career Leadership Academy), Buffy Quintero (University of Iowa Service Learning, art education), Marisa Ramos (University of Iowa Service Learning, theatre), Meagan Reese (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Julie Reynolds (University of Iowa Service Learning, dentistry), Nathan Schloss (University of Iowa Service Learning, engineering), Corbin Scholz (Iowa City City High Interact), Anne Jolivette Schularick (Rotary Club of Iowa City, educator in Iowa City Community School District), Hazel Hilton Seaba (University of Iowa faculty, pharmacy), Katherine Sheyko (Cedar Rapids Kennedy Interact), Astha Singhal (University of Iowa Service Learning, dentistry), Stephen Smith (University of Iowa Service Learning, pre-pharmacy), Nancy Stroburg (Rotary Club of Jefferson), Janani Veluchamy (University of Iowa Service Learning, bio-medical engineering), Michael Vogt (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Peter Wallace (Rotary Club of Iowa City), Ashley Wolfe (University of Iowa Service Learning, nursing), Marcela Zamora (University of Iowa Service Learning, dentistry)

The Xicotepec Project has been about friendships and service every year since 2003.

Gates Challenge met, but polio campaign continues!

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone
D-6000 PolioPlus Chair

We continue to hear that we are "this close" to eradicating polio from the earth and protecting ALL of our children from that deadly, crippling disease. And we in District 6000 can take great pride in our efforts to help Rotary International achieve its top priority.

As of the week ended June 2, Rotarians have raised $215,724,500 to exceed the Polio Challenge give to us by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. This is wonderful news!

And yet – polio continues to ravage the innocent bodies of children. We must never lose site of the fact that until we have completely eradicated polio our work is not done. This disease is still only a plane ride away from our children and grandchildren, and for any family that has failed to inoculate their children, we could take a quick trip back to the 1950s and '60s when children were forced to live in iron lungs and walk with crutches.

Terry Ziegler of District 5890 sends me a Polio Eradication Update weekly and I am grateful to him for keeping us on top of each week's numbers. The year-to-date polio count for this week is 64 cases, significantly behind the 181 cases of a year ago at this time. The 2011 case count was 650 cases and for 2010 the case count was 1,352. We ARE getting this job done. The past week registered only four new cases, one in Afghanistan and three in Nigeria. The week prior to this there was only one new case and it was in Pakistan.

Our total count in endemic countries this year has been 16 cases in Pakistan, seven cases in Afghanistan, and 38 cases in Nigeria and only three cases in non-endemic countries. Last year at this time there was only one case in India and as of the beginning of this year, India has been removed from the list of endemic countries. We ARE getting this job done!

The World Health Assembly has declared the completion of polio eradication a programmatic emergency for global public health. This declaration will focus the efforts of the WHO and the world's health ministers on the final push to eradication. It will concentrate resources in the three remaining polio endemic countries in an effort to raise the immunization levels necessary to stop polio transmission there. The new resolve will also be to fill the nearly $1 billion funding gap to finish the job.

Is your club working on PolioPlus fundraising plans for the coming 2012-13 Rotary year?

Please don't be guilty of stopping just short of our goal. District 6000 clubs in combination with the District Designated Funds contributed by District Governors now total $505,457 contributed to our war against Polio. This is wonderful! With just a little more effort and fundraising, we will be able to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our worldwide partners and soon say, "We have done what the world doubted could be done – we've kept our promise to the children of the world and they NEVER will have to live in fear of polio again in their lives or the life of any other child."

A polio patient at St. Stephens Hospital, Delhi, India. The global campaign to eradicate polio isn't over! Photo by Bill Tubbs

Seven million children have been saved from polio paralysis since 1985. Let's make that EVERY child has now been saved from Polio Paralysis.

Thank you for everything you have done and will do in the coming year.

Marshalltown is newest 100 Percent PHF Club

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty
District 6000 Annual Giving Chair

On May 9, the Rotary Club of Marshalltown became our newest 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow Club. This is the eighth club to achieve 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow status. The first was West Liberty in March 2006. The other clubs and dates of reaching the 100 percent level are: Nevada (November 2006); Iowa City Downtown (June 2007); Coralville-North Corridor (April 2008); Decatur County (March 2008); Iowa City AM (June 2008); and Northwest Des Moines (April 2009).

Marshalltown, with 158 members, is the largest club to achieve the 100-percent status. Scott Neff, club president, became a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation in 2011-12, and has led his club to this level.

This is an example for all other clubs in District 6000, presidents and Foundation chairs, to examine the giving of your club, utilize The Rotary Foundation points to aid others in giving, and to become a Paul Harris Fellow. There are several clubs in the district today who can do the same as Marshalltown. If your club needs help on how to accomplish this, contact either PDG Corliss Klaassen, District Foundation Chair, or Bill Koellner, Annual Programs Chair.

The Rotary Club of Pella helped assemble P.E.T.s and provided financial support for shipping costs. PET is short for Personal Energy Transportation (www.petia.org). The vehicles give mobility to people who have experienced polio, birth defects or injuries. They go from dragging themselves in the dirt to having three wheels to go wherever they want! It takes $250 to build and ship one PET. They have been distributed in over 90 countries. In the 2012 Tulip Festival parades, Pella Rotarians, in Dutch costumes, operated PET vehicles with Rotary logos on the back, using their "arm power" for the 10-block parade! (Provided by Carolyn Scharff)

WORLD COMMUNITY GRANTS:

17 projects, 29 clubs, $515,500 in humanitarian service

By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport
District 6000 Grants Chair

Nearly a year ago in his theme speech to Rotary's International Assembly, President Kalyan Banerjee encouraged Rotarians to "Discover yourself, develop the strengths within you, and then, unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, go forth and encircle the world, to embrace humanity."

District 6000 Rotarians responded to his call by sponsoring matching grants for 17 international humanitarian projects initiated or ongoing this year on four continents in eight countries in partnership with 16 Rotary clubs. Twenty-nine District 6000 clubs, nearly half our clubs, are supporting the projects financially. All the projects will help poor people in impoverished communities in developing countries live better lives.

The 17 projects have combined budgets that total more than $515,500. Their true value is far greater than that because so much Rotary volunteer effort is involved in their implementation. Their humanitarian value and contributions to international understanding and goodwill are immeasurably large.

A solar oven in Sierra Leone.

The host clubs, those on the other side where the projects are being carried out, are contributing 19 percent of the total funding with cash and their District Designated Funds. District 6000 clubs are contributing cash amounting to 12 percent of the total financing and District 6000 is providing 28 percent by contributions of our DDF. Other clubs and districts are contributing 5 percent, and The Rotary Foundation matching grants comprise 36 percent of the projects' financings.

This strong participation by District 6000 in international humanitarian service projects has to be gratifying to past and current district leaders. It has come about because they have encouraged us to do matching grants to improve human conditions in the poorest of places. They know that in the process of working with clubs in other lands, we make new Rotary friends and build international goodwill. Our strong participation is the result of all those club visits, Rotary Foundation seminars, PETS, district assemblies and district conference programs.

The success is due in large measure to an active and enthusiastic International Grants Committee and especially to the work of our three regional coordinators, Rachel Litwiller advocating and assisting with applications for projects in Asia, Denny Skinner for Africa and Europe, and Jim Peterson for Latin America and the Caribbean. All this is allowing many of our district Rotarians to experience firsthand the unique approach that has set Rotary apart as the greatest service club and a powerful force for world peace.

So, what are these 17 international humanitarian service projects? Which are the 29 clubs? How did the applications come about? I'll be brief here but please contact me if you want more complete information:

Near **Mumbai, India, Davenport** Rotary has an ongoing project to provide a medical van, medical equipment and furnishings and operational support for an eye bank and processing center. So far this project has provided 550 corneas for transplantation.

Completed this year was a project in the state of **Kano, Nigeria,** to drill a drinking water well and equip it with an electric pump, storage tank and solar power generator. This is serving a community of more than 20,000 people that had no safe water supply. Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of **Muscatine, Ankeny** and **Nevada,** this came about as a result of visits to Nigeria by district leaders in our annual Zone 28 and 29 project safaris.

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Outstanding grant: 'A Dream Come True' in Nigeria

By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport
District 6000 Grants Chair

District 6000's Rotary Foundation Committee recognized the Rotary Clubs of Corydon, Decatur County, Indianola and Chariton as the sponsors of the outstanding project completed during the year with a Foundation matching grant. While it was originally submitted as two applications, it is really one project with two parts, water supply and sanitation.

The project site, Guida village outside the Nigerian capital of Abuja, was on the itinerary of 2010 Project Safari sponsored by our Rotary zone. The village of 3,000 people had one hand-pump well where people began lining up before dawn and stood in line for hours to fetch the day's water supply. There were no sanitation facilities anywhere in the village so everyone "had to resort to the bush."

Three of the four clubs who were recognized for their outstanding Matching Grant were at District Conference (l-r): DG Don Patterson, Jeanne Klaassen (Chariton), DGE Terry Geiger (Decatur County) and PDG Ev Laning (Indianola). The Rotary Club of Corydon was also a grant sponsor.

DGE Terry Geiger's home host in Abuja, Chris Umeh, his club's president at the time, advocated for the Guida village project to the project safari team. Chris explained, "Whenever the pump fails, they had to travel one kilometer to the nearest river which they often shared with cattle for water. In the dry season the river is often dry so the situation was really precarious."

Back home, Terry secured support for the project from the four clubs and the Corydon United Methodist Church as he made presentations around the district about the project safari. The project provided a deep well, an elevated storage tank, a small distribution system and water station with multiple outlets and two multiple stall latrines with flush toilets. After completion, Umeh wrote, "They are absolutely ecstatic! It is for them a dream come true."

District 6000: 'Reaching Out To Embrace Humanity'

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The Rotary Club of **Marshalltown** equipped an orphanage in **Sierra Leone** housing more than 100 children with a solar oven. The oven will be used to bake bread for commercial purposes and for general food preparation for the orphanage. The orphanage was founded by a Marshalltown native.

Muscatine Rotary partnered with a club in **Belize City, Belize,** to provide a drinking water supply and toilet block for a primary school in a poor rural community. Facilities at the school were substantially damaged by a hurricane in 2008. John Schwandke of Muscatine developed friendships at the 2009 Central America Project Fair that led to this project.

Fairfield Rotary partnered with clubs in **Sweden** and **California** to help provide food and health training in a community clinic in a squatter settlement in **South Africa.** This built upon their earlier project to furnish that same clinic.

Water supply project in Nepal.

The Rotary Club of **Kakuri-Kaduna, Nigeria,** completed a project that equipped a primary school with a water supply and toilets and furnished school desks, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of **Northwest Des Moines** and **North Scott.** This is another Project Safari Nigeria accomplishment.

The Rotary Clubs of **East Polk** and **Pietersburg, South Africa,** in cooperation with Blessman Industries, sponsored a project that gave eye exams to school children and fitted 3,500 poor kids with eyeglasses. Eye exams and glasses for 3,500 kids: a $10,500 project budget. What an amazing amount of humanitarian good a relatively small expenditure can accomplish in the developing world!

Fairfield Rotary, again. This time a project to provide a respiratory ventilator for the neonatal intensive care unit of a children's hospital in an impoverished section of **Cartagena, Columbia.** The Columbian Rotarians reported that this equipment enabled them to lower the unit's mortality rate by 10 percent. This is one of several projects that stemmed from a Group Study Exchange in the early 2000s.

Garbage to gardens in Mexico

The Rotary Club of **Corydon** with support of the Corydon United Methodist Church sponsored development of a drilled well with a motorized pump, electric generator, storage tank and small distribution system in a tribal village in **Nigeria** outside **Abuja,** the capital. Prior to this, the village of 3,000 people had one shallow well with a hand pump.

In this same village, the Rotary Clubs of **Decatur County, Chariton** and **Indianola** sponsored construction of a public latrine with flush toilets and a hand washing station. Previously in this village of 3,000, there were no sanitation facilities anywhere so everyone "had to resort to the bush." On Project Safari Nigeria 2010, Terry Geiger's home host in Abuja proposed these projects and Terry advocated for them when we got home.

Mt. Pleasant Rotary sponsored a project to provide tools and equipment for the workshop of trade school for underprivileged children with learning disabilities in **South Africa.** This project partnership with the Rotary Club of Orkney, South Africa, resulted from contacts made during the 2010 Friendship Exchange there.

The Rotary Clubs of **West Liberty, Greater Des Moines** and **North Scott** collaborated in a distinctly different project in **Mexico:** with the **Cuernavaca** club they supplied 24 musical instruments, music stands and chairs for the Rotary club to develop a youth orchestra. The application explained that the band members are poor youth who are at risk of falling into delinquency due to poverty and family disintegration and that orchestra training would include moral guidance as well as music education.

Adel Rotary in cooperation with Des Moines University is doing a forward thinking project in **Kaduna, Nigeria.** In that country where one in every eight women dies while giving birth, the second highest maternal death rate in the world, this grant from The Rotary Foundation will purchase birthing simulators, training equipment and training materials. Des Moines University will send a team of physicians and students to Nigeria to provide comprehensive training in prenatal and postnatal care to mid-wives and mid-level health care providers. This project results from Adel Rotarian Del Christiansen's work in Africa with IRIS, the Iowa Resource for International Service cultural exchange, and it is the next step from a project sponsored by Adel two years ago that furnished a rural maternal health care clinic.

Water project in Kano, Nigeria..

A project of **Mt. Pleasant** Rotary will fund free diagnostic eye exams and cataract corrective surgeries with intraocular lens implants for 2,000 poor people in **Gujarat, India,** the home of RI President Kalyan Banerjee. Our Indian partners are able to accomplish the procedures at an average cost of $10.10. Rachel and Cal Litwiller's travels in India established the contacts for the project.

The four Quad Cities Clubs – **Bettendorf, Davenport, Iowa Quad Cities** and **North Scott** – are sponsoring another innovative project in **Oaxaca, Mexico.** Three hundred people who live on a garbage dump and earn their livings by garbage picking, scavenging, recycling, surviving on what others have thrown away, will be given training to develop compost from the waste stream, given instruction on developing family garden plots and be given tools and seeds for their gardens with the aim of improving nutrition. Bill Tubbs brought back this project and the youth orchestra project in Cuernavaca from the Mexican Project Fair in January 2011.

If you are looking for an international humanitarian service project, besides the International Assembly, project fairs are great places to find one. Rotarians sponsor at least four every year: late January in Mexico and in District 4240 comprised of clubs in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama; early February in District 4250 that includes clubs in Guatemala, Belize and Honduras; and October in West Africa.

Another **Mt. Pleasant** project will purchase a seven-seat van for a home in **South Africa** serving AIDS orphans and other needy children to transport the kids to their medical treatments. The primary contact for this project is a friend and district governor classmate of Cal Litwiller.

Finally, the second largest project ever undertaken in District 6000: With the Rotary Clubs of **Fairfield** as the lead sponsor and supported by the Rotary Clubs of **Chariton, Ottumwa, West Liberty, Mt. Pleasant Noon, Keosauqua, Centerville, Kalona, Bloomfield, Decatur County, Mt. Pleasant, Washington, Greater Des Moines, Waukee, Jefferson** and **Sées-Gacé, France** – that's 16 international sponsors – and the Rotary Club of **Narayani, Nepal,** as the host sponsor the project is constructing two drilled wells with motorized pumps, a 100,000-gallon storage tank and water distribution system for a community of 10,000 people. This will replace a water supply from a polluted source that is only available to a small part of the community. It is a $109,000 project with a grant from The Rotary Foundation of $45,700. A Fairfield Rotarian who was born in Nepal researched the project and Doug Flournoy drafted the application. Grants of this size are awarded competitively by TRF and a lot more input is required in the application. Doug did the lion's share of the fund raising, too, that yielded almost $16,000 from District 6000 clubs and Rotarians. In the next issue of District 6000 News, he will tell the amazing story of how this project began and how it came to fruition!

The best closing words are those of President Banerjee who wrote, "When we in Rotary work for peace, we don't do it by negotiating treaties or demonstrating in the streets. Instead, we build peace by example – by working together, whatever our nationality or background and putting others' needs above our own. We build peace by dealing with the problems that disrupt people's ability to live normal peaceful lives – whether those problems are a lack of water, or sanitation, or safe and affordable housing; whether they stem from a shortage of education or health care or a need to build productive and positive connections between communities…Our Rotary work speaks to our belief that a better more peaceful world is possible."

A FORCE FOR THE FUTURE:

'Future Vision' will soon become 'Global Launch' for The Rotary Foundation

By PDG Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant
District 6000 Rotary Foundation Chair 2012-15

Future Vision is the future of The Rotary International (RI) Foundation work. Our Rotary Foundation will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2017. To prepare for the second century of service, the Foundation trustees developed the Future Vision (FV) concept with the intent of reflecting the desires and interests of Rotarians worldwide and to give the Foundation a more sustainable and visible impact in the world.

The Future Vision Plan is intended to:

• Simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission;

• Focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians;

• Offer funding options to help achieve both global and local goals;

• Increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels by transferring more decisions to the districts and their clubs;

• Advance understanding of the Foundation's work and enhance Rotary's public image.

To simplify the grant-making process, the Future Vision Plan offers only three types of grants:

• Rotary Foundation District Grants (DGs);
• Rotary Foundation Global Grants (GGs); and
• Packaged Grants.

Together, these grants will allow clubs and districts to carry out a broad range of humanitarian and educational efforts, both locally and abroad.

District Grants

Rotary Foundation District Grants are block grants made to districts to support activities that fit within the Foundation's mission. Districts can use these grants to fund scholarships, support vocational teams, sponsor volunteer service, provide disaster recovery assistance, and carry out community service projects. District grants allow flexibility to Rotarians in carrying out grant activities and are fully funded through District Designated Funds (DDF). District Grants can use up to but not more than 50 percent of the total DDF for a given Rotary year.

Your district governor for the 2013-14 Rotary year, Jacque Andrew (Jefferson), together with the District Future Vision Transition Team, is required to prepare a spending plan for 2013-14 and submit the plan to RI at the beginning of the Rotary year. To achieve this goal, the Transition Team must have the proposed District Grants, currently known as District Simplified Grants (DSG), from the clubs before the spending plan can be prepared. This requirement will require the clubs to prepare and submit their District Grant Applications much earlier in the year.

The deadline for this application is still under discussion by the Transition Team.

Global Grants

Rotary Foundation Global Grants support larger projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes. The trustees have identified six areas of focus for the new Global Grant structure. These areas reflect critical humanitarian issues and needs that Rotarians are addressing worldwide. They will align Rotary with other international development efforts and will strategically further the Foundation's Mission: "To enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and alleviation of poverty. The six areas of focus are:

• Peace and conflict prevention/resolution;
• Disease prevention and treatment;
• Water and sanitation;
• Maternal and child health;
• Basic education and literacy;
• Economic and community development.

Clubs and districts can either create their own global grant projects or sponsor Packaged Grants, the third type of Rotary Foundation grant, developed by The Rotary Foundation in collaboration with strategic partners.

Club- and district-developed Global Grants will receive a funding match from the Foundation as Matching Grants have in the past. Packaged grants will be fully funded by the Foundation. The minimum total project cost for each global grant is US$30,000.

Rotarians can develop a variety of Global Grant activities that may take the shape of a humanitarian project, a scholarship, a vocational training team, or any combination of these activities:

• Humanitarian projects supporting the goals of the areas of focus will produce measurable outcomes that will benefit the targeted community long after grant funds have been expended; in other words, they must be substainable. In addition, the community, as well as the sponsoring clubs and districts, will be actively involved in all stages of the project.

• Scholarships will support international, graduate-level study for a term of one to four years. The scholar's academic and professional goals must further the goals of their selected area(s) of focus.

The District 6000 Future Vision Transition Team met May 22 at Grinnell (l-r): Brock Earnhardt, Cal Litwiller, Doug Flournoy, John Ockenfels, Corliss Klaassen, Don Patterson, Jacque Andrew, Bill Koeller, Diana Reed, Don Goering and Terry Geiger. Photographer Bill Tubbs is also a team member.

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Future Vision transition

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• Vocational Training Teams will either provide or receive training within the areas of focus. These teams follow closely the format of our Group Study Exchange (GSE) teams in the past, except they must have an emphasis that falls in one of the areas of focus. Team size and composition, as well as professional background, are variable; however, each participant's career goals must be linked to the area(s) of focus. Traditional GSEs will also be available.

Your District 6000 Future Vision transition team is working hard to put together a transition timeline for the coming year that will present the FV outline to the club presidents and grant coordinators. Information will be provided on several occasions during the fall in preparation for the beginning of FV, July 1, 2013.

Mandatory club training

During the spring of 2013, each club that plans to participate in any of the grants, either District or Global, will be required to attend a Grant Management Seminar (GMS), where the complete FV plan will be described. Each club planning to sponsor any of the grant types will be required to be qualified by the district before they can apply for a grant. The physical attendance of representatives of the club at one of the GMSs is a requirement by RI for a club to be qualified to sponsor a grant.

The District 6000 FV Transition Team is composed of: DGE 2013-14, Jacque Andrew (Jefferson); Foundation Chair 2013-14 PDG 09-10 Cal Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant); Programs Chair, PDG 07-08 Diana Reed (Northwest Des Moines); Fund Raising Chair, Bill Koellner (West Liberty); and Grants Overview Chair (Brock Earnhardt), Davenport. Additional resource members are District Grants Chair, Doug Flournoy (Fairfield); Secretary and Immediate PDG 11-12 Don Patterson (Washington); Zone 28 Regional Rotary Foundation Chair 09-12 PDG 98-99 Don Goering (Ames); District Foundation Chair 09-12 PDG Corliss Klaassen (Chariton); DG 12-13 Terry Geiger (Decatur County); DGN 14-15 John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM); Zone 28 Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator PDG 04-05 Bill Tubbs (North Scott); and District Trainer 13-14 Tom Narak (West Des Moines).

Information relating to the FV training sessions will be coming out as the Transition Team develops the training schedule.

Financial support for M.O.S.T.

Voluntary contributions from clubs support the operations of the Iowa Miles of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.). Thanks to the clubs below who contributed $8,732 to M.O.S.T. in 2011-12.

Clubs will be asked to make a voluntary contribution up to $5 per member or a maximum of $500 per club to M.O.S.T. with the annual District dues billing that will be sent to clubs in July.

Ames	Iowa City	Marshalltown
Bettendorf	Iowa City AM	Muscatine
Boone	Iowa City Downtown	Nevada
Chariton	Iowa Quad Cities	North Scott
Dallas Center	Johnston	NW Des Moines
Decatur County	Kalona	Pella
Des Moines	Keokuk	Tipton
East Polk	Keosauqua	Washington
Fairfield	Manning	Waukee
Fort Madison	Mt. Pleasant Evening	Wellman
Greater Des Moines	Mt. Pleasant Noon	West Liberty
Grinnell	Marengo	Winterset

Enjoying Friendship Exchange in New Zealand Feb. 28-March 14 were (l-r): Bob and Pat Freeman (Wellman), Karen and Gary Murphy (Washington), Jill and Jack Schreiber (Des Moines), Tom Ward (Muscatine), John Tone (Des Moines), PDG Ev Laning (Indianola) and Judy Ward (Muscatine).

'Friendship' in New Zealand

By Tom Ward/Muscatine

After arriving on different airlines and different times, the District 6000-to-District 9010 Friendship Exchange began on March 1, 2012, in a hotel near the Auckland, New Zealand, airport. The travelers from District 6000 are pictured above.

Rotary District 9010 is comprised by the Rotary Clubs in the northern tip of the North Island of New Zealand. Rotary is prevalent in New Zealand: there are six districts and close to 250 Rotary clubs.

The outbound Rotarians from District 6000 were met by Rotarians from our first host club - the Rotary Club of Epsom. Epsom is a neighborhood of Auckland and very near downtown Auckland. Highlights of the visit with the Epsom Rotary Club were a visit to the Auckland Museum, a day trip to the village of Matakana, and tours of the Auckland harbor.

After Epsom, the District 6000 Rotarians were off to the small town of Kaikohe. Kiakohe was the northern-most club visited. Kiakohe is in an area where a large percentage of the population is Maori. Highlights in Kaikohe were a trip to the west coast of the island, visiting the site of the signing of the treaty of Waitangi (treaty that created the county of New Zealand), and visiting a local high school where Maori students were practicing for a vocal competition.

Whangarei was the next club visited. Whangarei is a city of about 40,000 people and has three Rotary clubs: morning, noon, and evening. Highlights in Whangarei were a visit to a local bird rescue facility supported by the local Rotarians (and getting to see a kiwi up close), visiting a reclamation of a quarry with elaborate gardens (again supported by the local Rotarians), and visiting the "bach" of one of the local Rotarians for lunch.

The final club visited was Maungaturoto. Maungaturoto is in the center of a dairy region. Highlights in Maungaturoto were visiting a dairy, taking a beach walk, golf, visiting a winery, and a visit to a logging museum.

After the visit to Maungaturoto, it was off to the Auckland airport. Some headed home and others continued on to see more of New Zealand or Australia.

Like all Friendship Exchanges, it was a great opportunity to learn about Rotary in another country and learn about the economy, educational system, political system and religious practices of New Zealand. And, of course, we met some great people. It was a great trip and enjoyed by all the District 6000 Rotarians.

District 6000 12-Year Membership Trends

Source: RI January Semi-Annual Reports. 2007 Data Was Not Available.

CLUB	Jan 2001	Jan 2002	Jan 2003	Jan 2004	Jan 2005	Jan 2006	Jan 2008	Jan 2009	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2012
Adel	29	27	22	24	26	30	28	23	28	24	26
Albia	32	33	34	35	40	37	34	31	32	28	30
Ames	258	253	260	262	268	271	268	250	238	236	242
Ames AM	57	58	67	69	70	65	73	64	62	59	60
Ankeny	53	45	57	64	71	69	62	59	62	62	62
Atlantic	62	60	56	63	57	60	63	71	66	63	64
Bettendorf	85	91	92	90	80	85	89	93	96	104	108
Bloomfield	12	13	11	13	14	11	13	14	14	14	14
Boone	63	71	71	70	73	69	61	53	59	55	55
Burlington	104	108	108	111	104	99	101	99	94	90	90
Carroll	61	64	61	61	60	57	55	58	58	55	55
Centerville	55	50	46	53	57	53	44	43	38	42	42
Chariton	61	66	59	56	56	50	51	55	55	53	54
Clinton	126	120	122	127	125	121	108	121	122	115	115
Coon Rapids	24	22	24	24	24	25	27	27	25	25	27
Coralville-NC	56	48	44	45	41	44	34	32	27	22	21
Corning	63	61	57	57	55	59	53	49	47	47	47
Corydon	30	23	23	26	23	21	15	17	16	20	21
Creston	26	24	33	35	31	29	19	18	21	19	23
Dallas Center	31	30	29	28	27	25	22	25	25	26	27
Davenport	213	215	220	210	195	172	180	173	152	132	125
Decatur County	18	23	17	19	16	19	18	19	20	23	25
Des Moines	373	383	383	385	375	368	349	330	323	296	292
Des Moines A.M.	118	128	134	148	146	143	130	139	143	134	139
East Polk Co.	30	35	35	40	43	47	41	37	42	41	42
Fairfield	62	70	74	76	72	68	71	67	62	63	60
Fort Madison	52	53	46	46	49	48	53	56	55	52	53
Greater Des Moines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	40	37
Grinnell	34	34	37	33	38	36	30	32	30	32	36
Indianola	58	54	49	49	51	51	51	50	49	50	48
Iowa City	281	275	273	289	313	311	307	304	296	294	305
Iowa City D'ntown	-	-	-	-	21	23	27	24	16	18	20
Iowa City A.M.	66	61	59	55	54	55	56	60	55	53	58
Iowa Quad-Cities	41	37	41	43	48	55	56	49	49	48	46
Jefferson	70	68	60	57	56	57	54	57	54	53	54
Johnston	33	29	31	31	33	37	46	50	44	47	51
Kalona	38	39	38	38	41	43	45	45	46	43	42
Keokuk	93	84	89	96	90	90	85	82	86	83	84
Keosauqua	26	30	33	31	28	27	29	26	23	26	25
Knoxville	63	68	70	66	62	65	65	67	63	66	61
Lenox	38	38	35	37	36	33	27	28	26	23	24
Manning	33	32	30	27	18	18	17	18	18	20	17
Marengo	14	13	12	12	12	12	15	15	14	12	13
Marshalltown	183	181	199	192	190	190	182	178	169	164	161
Mt. Pleasant Eve	27	29	34	31	31	30	29	26	31	26	25
Mt. Pleasant Noon	39	37	35	36	32	35	37	40	34	40	52
Muscatine	146	142	142	139	150	144	128	129	121	123	112
Nevada	63	62	67	68	66	63	61	64	62	65	65
Newton	99	111	111	102	95	93	87	83	76	71	68
North Scott	88	89	94	102	99	102	98	98	103	96	86
NW Des Moines	67	78	87	82	83	70	63	56	57	48	46
Odyssey Ottumwa	-	-	10	23	21	12	-	-	-	-	-
Osceola	47	41	40	42	38	39	37	31	30	28	30
Oskaloosa	70	70	60	55	53	57	53	57	53	53	59
Ottumwa	124	116	119	111	107	109	112	109	107	98	105
Pella	41	38	42	46	44	46	41	41	44	38	40
Perry	33	33	40	34	38	30	36	33	28	27	31
Tipton	34	32	32	33	31	27	33	26	25	28	29
Washington	65	62	56	63	66	69	63	63	63	59	53
Waukee	37	41	37	43	48	48	61	51	47	49	48
Wellman	33	33	34	36	34	32	37	34	35	37	35
West Des Moines	100	89	88	84	85	79	82	81	76	72	70
West Liberty	38	38	43	42	34	34	36	34	37	41	42
Winterset	45	36	39	37	32	30	33	30	30	30	31
Total	**4,421**	**4,394**	**4,451**	**4,502**	**4,476**	**4,397**	**4,281**	**4,194**	**4,113**	**4,001**	**4,028**

For the senior citizens

Members of the Rotary Club of North Scott made homes safer for some senior citizens in the area by installing improvements such as grab bars for bathtubs, shower chairs and railings on stairs. The supplies were purchased, in part, with money from a Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant. Pictured are (l-r): club president Becky Bray, Jerry Coussens, Dennis Peterson and Jim Smith. The club partnered with Generations Agency on Aging to identify the homes.

Park benches in Washington

The Rotary Club of Washington and the Washington Betterment Foundation have donated money to purchase five benches for Central Park. The benches cost $1,500 each. Rotary purchased four of them and the Betterment Foundation purchased one. Susan Wellington, representing Rotary, and Denise Erpelding, representing the Betterment Foundation, are seen here testing out the newest addition to the park. One of the benches was dedicated to Mary Ann Drain.

(Photo by Andy Hallman, Washington Evening Journal)

Indianola Rotary president Deb Virkus presents a trophy to the Rotary Ride Across Warren County poker run winner, Dave Lanning of Indianola. Lanning gave his winning hand back to the club for use on local service projects.

Indianola Rotarians sponsor 'Ride Across Warren County'

By Emily Roush/Indianola
Club Public Relations chair

On May 5, the Rotary Club of Indianola hosted its first Ride Across Warren County (RRAW) fundraiser. The RRAW bicycle ride raised $1,700, and the club hopes to make it an annual event.

"It was a great turnout, and it exceeded our fundraising expectations," said RRAW committee member Jennifer McCurdy.

Rotarians as well as members of the community participated in the ride, which took cyclists from The Brick House restaurant on The Square in Indianola throughout Warren County, with a stop at Summerset Winery.

A portion of the money raised will go toward providing incubators to needy communities in Nigeria, with the remainder of the money going toward local Rotary service projects, such as the installation of bicycle racks throughout Indianola and providing dictionaries to local students.

In true Rotary spirit, the RRAW Poker Run winner, Dave Lanning of Indianola, donated his winning hand back to Rotary for local service projects.

Financial support for Youth Services

Voluntary contributions from 22 clubs raised $2,060 this year for the District 6000 Youth Services Fund for scholarships for projects like Xicotepec. Clubs will be asked to make a voluntary contribution of $2 per member with the annual District dues billing that will be sent to clubs in July. Thanks to these clubs!

Bettendorf	Iowa City AM	Marengo	
Chariton	Iowa City Downtown	Nevada	
Coralville-North Corridor	Iowa Quad Cities	North Scott	
Dallas Center	Johnston	Northwest Des Moines	
Decatur County	Keokuk	Pella	
East Polk	Keosauqua	Waukee	
Fairfield	Manning	Wellman	Winterset

The parade of flags by Youth Exchange students, as always, was a highlight. District 6000 has sponsored 1,200 students in 50 years of Youth Exchange.

"Just Us Girls," an energetic group from Washington, sang 50s and 60s music, ballads, country and Broadway shows at Friday evening's Governor's Dinner.

District Conference April 12-14

Rotarians 'Reach Within' at Riverside

Keynote speaker Sergeant Major Steve Blake (r) and Becky Patterson, wife of DG Don Patterson, celebrated their West Virginia roots.

By DG Don Patterson/Washington

Our 2012 District Conference was a huge success. The conference this year was held at the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort in Riverside, Iowa, on April 12-14. The District Conference Committee was led by Susan Wellington and Cheryl Kurtz from the Rotary Club of Washington, and was made up of Rotarians from all over the district, but primarily from the clubs in and surrounding Washington County.

Thank you to everyone for making this Conference so successful from the beginning to the end!

Our Rotary International President's Representative, Steve Leonard, our featured speaker Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Steve Blake, and our featured entertainment "Just Us Girls" were outstanding, and I thank them also! (See Steve Leonard's letter, p. 29.)

The theme of the Conference was to present as many of our activities as possible through an "Avenue of Service" format. Our committee chairs and program directors were exceptional in their presentations. They were the "core" of the conference, and we could not have been successful without them.

There were so many awards and recognitions. This was so heart-warming. This is what Rotary service is all about. Thank you Bill Koellner, from the Rotary Club of West Liberty, for organizing and presenting these awards.

Again, thank you, thank you, thank you. This was a highlight of our District 6000 year, being able to showcase how the Rotarians in the district, "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity."

The colors were presented by University of Iowa ROTC (left photo). Brock Earnhardt (second from right, above), received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award. He is pictured with past recipients PDG Gary Pacha and Jim Peterson (l), RI President's Rep Steve Leonard and DG Don Patterson.

"This was a cultural and vocational experience none of us will forget," said New Zealand GSE team leader Warren Patterson (second from left), pictured with his team and DG Don Patterson (r).

Music was provided by Chris Marshall of Washington, and PDG Dave Piersel of Northwest Des Moines.

RI President's Rep Steve Leonard of Martinsville, Ind., and his wife, Susan.

District Conference 2013 will be at Honey Creek Resort, Moravia, April 18-20.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

Shellee Bailey (r), with AG Steve Weinecke (Johnson), talked about Rotary's PR campaign with Iowa Public TV.

Jill Moeller said a year in South Africa as a Scholar "was a game changer."

Auctioneer Gary Murphy raised $7,356 for D-6000 youth services.

Ed Raber of Washington was in charge of technology.

Casino employees and Rotary Youth Exchange students prepared 13,000 meals for Kids For Hunger in two hours!

DG Patterson presented special Paul Harris Fellows to the Wirin family, of Marshalltown, whose grandfather is in Alaska.

The Rotary Club of Xicotepec, Mexico, asked DG Patterson to present crystals to the D-6000 Rotarians who founded the 10-year-old humanitarian relationship in 2002 (l-r): Patterson, Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM), PDG Gary Pacha (Iowa City), Nancy Pacha (Iowa City AM) and PDG Ray Muston (Iowa City)

Steve Dakin of Boone (second from left), who turned the death of a son into an opportunity to serve others, was the recipient of the second annual Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award. Eleven extraordinary Rotarians were nominated. (l-r): PDG Susan Herrick, Leslie Dakin and DG Patterson.

Youth Exchange students Jon Ellis, Heli Nascimento, David Apolo and Nadia Trimmell (front) celebrate Kids For Hunger.

District Conference brings out the best!

(Please see more pictures on insert)

Becky Patterson
Washington

Carolyn Scharff
Pella

Kathy Strum
Nevada

Dick Kennedy
Iowa City

Meritorious Service citations

DG Don Patterson recognized four Rotarians with a District Citation for Meritorious Service: Becky Patterson (DG's longtime partner); Carolyln Scharff (district administrator); Kathy Strum (district treasurer); and Dick Kennedy (longtime FAMSCO treasurer).

DG Don Patterson (l) and Kurt Lebsack (r) from the Riverside Casino each present a check for $1,500 to Kids For Hunger, a Brighton, Iowa, non-profit whose vision "is to end world hunger, one village at a time." Accepting the checks are Don and Sandee Fields of Kids Against Hunger.

Steve Dakin
Boone

James Frevert
Nevada

Don Goering
Ames

Ned Looney
East Polk

Keith Mattke
North Scott

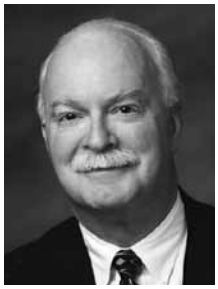
Frank Mitvalsky
Bettendorf

These Rotarians were nominated by their clubs and recognized at District Conference for upholding Rotary's core value of integrity. The award is in honor of the late Judge Paul E. Hellwege of Boone, who was District Governor in 1954-55 and died in 2010.

Rick Morain
Jefferson

Scott Raecker
Des Moines AM

Bill Reese
West Des Moines



Pete Wallace
Iowa City

Mark Zirkelbach
Johnston

Congratulations, Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity honorees

Ames Rotarian PDG Don Goering is a known champion of Rotary principles. Zone 28 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator of RI since 2009, Don has held many and varied club, district and zone offices during his years of service to Rotary. His efforts to raise funds and awareness for polio eradication and TRF programs have earned him countless prestigious awards. Don's dedication to ISU as extension educator for 4-H and Youth, to the U.S. Army Reserves for 30 years, to his church, and to Rotary, illustrate "a lifetime of service to his nation, to his state, to his community and to fellow humankind."

Bettendorf Rotarian Frank Mitvalsky is respected in his community as a lawyer with an impeccable reputation. He has established a Scott Community College scholarship for students to study the legal profession. He advises the Development Directors of Palmer College Planned Giving and assists Augustana Public Radio Foundation with fundraising and drafting charitable documents. A devoted family man, Frank invests in his children. One way he achieves this is as Den Leader of Cub Scouts instilling "the values of helping others, working as a team, staying healthy and doing your honorable best."

Boone Rotarian Steven Dakin applies solid business practices and is generous with his time and treasure. He has served as a member of his church's Board of Elders, the Iowa FFA Foundation, D6000 Disaster Committee and D6000 Polio Campaign Committee. A role model for young people, Steve has devoted himself to working with and providing opportunities for youth in memory of his teenage son. Appreciated by his customers as one who will provide them with excellence and by employees as an employer who will care for them and treat them fairly, Steve is establishing "the legacy he will leave."

Des Moines AM Rotarian Scott Raecker has been "recognized as a fair-minded leader who promotes civility and character." As Executive Director of the Iowa Institute for Character Development, Scott promotes character education throughout Iowa. He co-founded the Shining City Foundation to help orphans in China. He serves on the board of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy Board, Drake University School of Education National Advisory Board, among many others. Scott also serves the citizens of Iowa as a member of the House of Representatives.

East Polk County Rotarian Dr. Ned Looney has participated in more than 20 missions to Mexico, South America, South Africa, Tibet and China impacting countless people. Ned is Director of Blessman Ministries, an international mission organization, focusing on South Africa. He is on the board of his church, active on many of its committees and has received awards for Performance of Store and Entrepreneur of the Year while working for Medicap Pharmacies. He has been a generous donor to community needs. Unafraid to address ethical issues, he is "a moral mentor in issues of faith and behavior dilemmas."

Iowa City Rotarian Dr. Peter Wallace "shows consummate devotion" to Rotary each spring with back-to-back trips for Iowa MOST and the Xicotepec project. The retired pediatrician and hospital administrator has served on the Boards of Directors of the Iowa City School Schools, Public Library, Chamber of Commerce, and countless county health boards and task forces. RI presented Pete with the Four Avenues of Service Award. He has also received awards for outstanding service from the Iowa Medical Society, Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City Schools, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Jefferson Rotarian Rick Morain is a newspaper editor and publisher who has spent his life providing objective reporting. For his service to the Iowa Newspaper Association he has received its two highest awards, Master Editor/Publisher and Distinguished Service. He performed leadership roles on many commissions, including Iowa Civil Rights, Professional and Occupational Regulation and the Grievance Commission of the Iowa Supreme Court. His handprint is on Greene County Community Foundation and Positively Iowa, an organization championing rural communities to "win-win outcomes."

Johnston Rotarian Mark Zirkelbach is an elder in his church, has served on the local school board, has been a County Director for Jones County Farm Bureau, and has mentored young adults in new businesses. After 39 years of service in the Iowa National Guard, Mark retired as the Deputy Adjutant General. In a position full of challenging decisions, Mark made the tough decisions and performed his duties in a manner that earned him "the highest respect and admiration from those he commanded." Now Mark nurtures future leaders as President of the Iowa National Guard Officers Foundation.

Nevada Rotarian James Frevert has received numerous awards for outstanding contributions in the field of agriculture, particularly in the area of farm management and soil and water conservation, during his career with Hertz Farm Management. Jim is "a tireless volunteer and generous supporter" of his community and state through service to Youth and Shelter Services, the Story County Medical Endowment Foundation, Nevada United Way, Nevada Chamber of Commerce, Board of Governors of the ISU Foundation and more, for which his community has gratefully presented him many honors.

North Scott Rotarian Keith Mattke is a retired Vocational Education teacher, active on Rotary committees. He is a member of the local Cancer Committee, Mississippi Valley Fair Board, American Vocational Association, a charter member of his church and a founder of the Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council. Winner of many vocational education awards, he led the effort to build the Davenport Schools Vocational Center. Whether organizing the building of a ramp or a house, or handcrafting furniture for Rotary auctions, Keith knows "when to lead from the front and when to lead by example from the group."

West Des Moines Rotarian PDG Bill Reese has served Rotary as Club President and Treasurer, District Treasurer, District Governor, District Accountant. He wrote the Manual of Procedure for District 6000 and the Accounting Manual. Father of two outbound RYE students, he was host father of many incoming RYE students. Highly respected in his profession of accounting, Bill was a member of the Des Moines Board of Management Accountants and its president in 1973-74. Committed to church activity, Bill and his wife are also foster parents. "His wisdom is sought out by all generations."

DGE Terry Geiger's Official Club Visits

DISTRICT GOVERNOR TERRY & PEGGY GEIGER'S OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS AND OTHER DATES IN 2012-13:

July 6 ..... Chariton (noon)
July 9 ..... Clinton (noon)
July 10 ..... Newton (noon)
July 11 ..... Bettendorf (noon)
July 14 ..... Zone Training Seminar, Ames
July 17 ..... Kalona (noon)
July 18 ..... Tipton (noon)
July 19 ..... Iowa Quad Cities (7:00 AM)
July 20 ..... Fairfield (noon)
July 23 ..... Burlington (noon)
July 24 ..... Fort Madison (noon)
July 25 ..... Coralville-North Corridor (noon)
July 26 ..... Iowa City (noon)
July 28 .. Youth Exchange Outbound Picnic at Newton
July 30 ..... Muscatine (12:10 PM)
July 31 ..... Oskaloosa (noon)
July 31 ..... Grinnell (6:00 PM)
Aug. 1 ..... Wellman (noon)
Aug. 2 ..... Washington (noon)
Aug. 3 .. Northwest Des Moines (11:45 AM)
Aug. 6 ..... Corning (noon)
Aug. 7 ..... Corydon (noon)
Aug. 8 ..... Centerville (noon)
Aug. 9 ..... Decatur County (noon)
Aug. 13 ..... Ottumwa (12:10 PM)
Aug. 14 ..... Keosauqua (noon)
Aug. 15 ..... Bloomfield (6:45 AM)
Aug. 15 ..... Global Grants Subcommitee at Iowa City
Aug. 16 ..... Marengo (12:05 PM)
Aug.21 ..... Pella (noon)
Aug. 23 ..... Waukee (6:45 AM)

DG 2012-13 Terry Geiger (r) and Peggy.

Aug. 28 ..... Dallas Center (12:05 PM)
Sept. 4 ..... Manning (12:05 PM)
Sept. 5 ..... Nevada (noon)
Sept. 6 ..... Des Moines (11:45 AM)
Sept. 7 ..... Indianola (noon)
Sept. 10 ..... Creston (noon)
Sept. 13-16 ..... Zones 2-29 Institute, GETS GNATS, at Mackinac Island, MI
Sept. 17 ..... Mount Pleasant (6:15 PM)
Sept. 18 ..... Ankeny (11:45 AM)
Sept. 19 ..... East Polk (7:00 AM)
Sept. 22 ... Youth Exchange Inbound Picnic at Iowa City
Sept. 24 ..... Ames (noon)
Sept. 25 ..... Marshalltown (noon)
Sept. 26 ..... Knoxville (noon)
Sept. 27 ..... Fall Training Seminar Des Moines (6:00-9:00 PM)
Sept. 28 ..... Des Moines AM (7:00 AM)
Oct. 1 ..... West Polk **NEW CLUB** (noon)
Oct. 2 ..... Osceola (noon)
Oct. 3 ..... Mount Pleasant Noon (noon)
Oct. 3 ..... Fall Training Seminar West Liberty (6:00-9:00 PM)
Oct. 4 ..... Keokuk (noon)
Oct. 4 ..... Fall Training Seminars Online
Oct. 8 ..... Carroll (11:45 AM)
Oct. 9 ..... Atlantic (noon)
Oct. 10 ..... Boone (noon)
Oct. 11 ..... Coon Rapids (12:05 PM)
Oct. 15 ..... Davenport (noon)
Oct. 16 ..... Albia (noon)
Oct. 16 ..... Budget & Finance/Executive Committee, at Pella (3:00 PM)
Oct. 17 ..... Greater Des Moines (5:30 PM)
Oct. 19 ..... North Scott (noon)
Oct. 21 ..... AG Fall Social at Geigers in Leon (noon to 4:00 PM)
Oct. 22 ..... Jefferson (noon)
Oct. 23 ..... Johnston (7:00 AM)
Oct.24 ..... Perry (12:10 PM)
Oct. 25 ..... Winterset (noon)
Oct. 27 ..... Youth Exchange Fall Fun Day at Indianola
Oct. 30 ..... Lenox (noon)
Oct. 31 ..... Ames Morning (7:00 AM)
Nov. 4 ..... PDG Fall Gathering
Nov. 5 ..... Iowa City Downtown (noon)
Nov. 6 ..... Iowa City AM (7:00 AM)
Nov. 6 ..... West Liberty (6:00 PM)
Nov. 7 ..... Adel (12:05 PM)
Nov. 13 ..... West Des Moines (11:45 AM)
Nov. 17 ..... District Rotary Foundation Banquet, Des Moines

Rotary Youth Exchange students from Iowa received training for their Outbound assignments March 25 at Central College in Pella, front (l-r): Madeline Lorentzen (Des Moines), Charissa Trudeau (Boone), Janie Cornell (Leon), Kayleigh Sizemore (Middletown), and Danielle Hammes (Wilton). Back: Emily Smith (Muscatine), Stanley Bassett (Waukee), Andrina Helgerson (Ottumwa), Nadia Trimnell (Urbandale), Michael Snell (Truro), Cory Denton (Urbandale), DGE Terry Geiger (Decatur County), Keegan Van Devender (Oskaloosa), Samantha Halsten (Des Moines), Nathan Roberts (Fort Madison), Vanessa Jorgensen (Marshalltown), Cara Hahn (Muscatine) and Rebecca Darling (Tipton). Photo by Chris Knapp

Rotary's Core Values

- Fun and Fellowship
- Integrity
- Service
- Diversity
- Leadership Development

The city of Ankeny holds its annual Clean Up Days each May and as in the many past years they are helped by the Rotary Club of Ankeny. Pictured are club members who volunteered their time, front (l-r): Shar Dunlap and Sally Schroeder; and standing: Jan Franck and Mary Cochran.

(Provided by Jody Savage)

As part of the Rotary literacy initiative, the Rotary Club of Muscatine gave each Wilton fourth-grader a Student Dictionary. The club gave all Muscatine fourth-graders a dictionary as well. In the photo (l-r): Aaron Meana, Olivia Mollenhauer, Hunter Hartung, Wyatt Shady, Daryn Clark, Anna McQuillen, Taylor Garvin, Michaela Breed, Ryan Swarts, Colby Brown, Jacob Reifert. Rotarians in the back row are Diana Gradert and Kelly Garvin.

(Provided by Kelly Garvin)

Iowa City Rotarian LaDonna Wicklund met 2012-13 RI President Sakuji Tanaka when she was promoting her "I Can Read Songs" DVDs at the Midwest President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in Illinois. "He was impressed by the project that was launched by the Rotary Club of Iowa City in 2008 with a District Simplified Grant," she said. Wicklund reports that the project has spread to 16 clubs with gifting of over 5,000 DVDs to families for literacy fun at home. Tanaka was greeting Rotarians and viewing Club Projects at the Midwest PETS when he met Wicklund. To learn more about the project, e-mail LaDonna at LDWicklund@aol.com. The DVDs are only $3 per kindergarten or Head Start family.

Interact, Rotaract promote DVDs

The Fairfield Interact and Rotaract recently gifted some of LaDonna Wicklund's "I Can Read Songs" DVDs to kindergarten students at the local elementary schools in Fairfield. Photos can be seen in a Facebook photo album: http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.3324012812980.2147157.1048157868&type=1#!/media/set/?set=a.3324012812980.2147157.1048157868&type=1

Tipton Rotary Club president Theresa Horton Baumgarner was awarded Multiple Paul Harris Fellow by a friend in appreciation of her inspired leadership. The pin was presented April 25 by Assistant Governor Bill Tubbs and District EREY chair Bill Koellner.

East Polk promotes 'Rotary Night for Africa'

By Marti Kline/East Polk
Club Public Relations chair

East Polk Rotary's international heart has for many years been shared with the African continent. Several priceless, clean-water wells in Mali have been built over the years with resources from the central Iowa club. Since 2010, East Polk has focused its attention on South Africa and the great need for vision care, eyewear, food, supplies and small business support.

Through a partnership with Blessman Ministries, which is well-established in South Africa, one or two East Polk members travel each year with the Blessman group to participate in and oversee the club's projects there.

Volunteers screen students with old-fashioned eye charts and fit them for glasses. Blessman partners with Meals from the Heartland to feed hundreds of children after school – sometimes their only meal of the day. Entertaining the kids may not be on the menu, but it's a big part of the fun for both the adults and the youngsters.

Project funds are used toward maintenance of and supplies for orphanages; purchasing sewing machines, fabric and supplies to train local women on starting a sewing business; teaching minimum-tillage farming so people can not only feed their families, but make a living.

East Polk's Deb Hindman had affection for the preschool children.

The major fund-raiser for these ambitious projects is an annual auction/wine/beer tasting event, last year headlined by Simon Estes. This year's event will be held on Thurs., Oct. 25, at the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Temple in Altoona – right off I-80 at exit 142. Local and area wineries and breweries will have samples (plus items for sale); hors d'oeuvres will be plentiful; and you'll find a dazzling array of live and silent auction items you won't want to leave without!

Tickets are $25 (a Premier Table is $500, with lots of perks coming with that!) and are available by calling Ned Looney at (515) 264-1503, x116.

Clubs with Africa projects that wish to participate by donating an auction item can keep the proceeds from the sale of their item, less a 10 percent handling fee. A club submitting items is also asked to send four bid-happy Rotarians to join in the fun!

Last year's auction included some great entertainment and lively bidding, not to mention wine/beer sampling and wonderful food. Join us on Oct. 25 for good company and a good cause.

Rotary Club of East Polk president Eric Borseth (r) exchanges club banners with Phillip Oosthuysen, president of the Rotary Club of Polokwany in Limpopo province of Pietersburg Rotary District 100.

South African Rotarian seeks partners in District 6000

Rotarian Elizabeth "Biffy" Danckwerts from Capetown, South Africa (second from right), met Rotarians in District 6000 and elsewhere in the U.S., seeking partnerships for humanitarian grants. At Bettendorf Rotary on May 16, she met District 6000 grants chair Brock Earnhardt and the presidents of three clubs (l-r): Mike Hamann (Davenport), LuAnn and Doug Peterson (Iowa Quad Cities) and Scott Naumann (Bettendorf). She presented a heartfelt report on six projects for which she's seeking support, including a hospital with 400-percent occupancy, a school with just 24 computers for 1,000 students, and an autism school that serves 80 needy students. She welcomed Rotarians with the charge, "put in and you will get out."

In January, the 105 year-old building named the Kendall Place in honor of Governor Kendall had a water pipe rupture on the second floor. The interior of this gracious building, which was the meeting place for many civic clubs besides Albia Rotary, was ruined. Undaunted, the local citizenry including the Rotary Club of Albia, responded. Aided by private donations and labor, the place was restored. The Albia Rotary Club, in its customary generosity, donated $1,000 and volunteer labor. Pictured is Rotarian Dan Stocker.

Albia Rotary meets challenges

The Albia Rotary Club while struggling under the handficap of having their meeting place almost ruined by water damage, still gave $775 to the Annual Programs Fund. The Rotary Club of Albia was recognized at the district conference for its contribution to PolioPlus Program.

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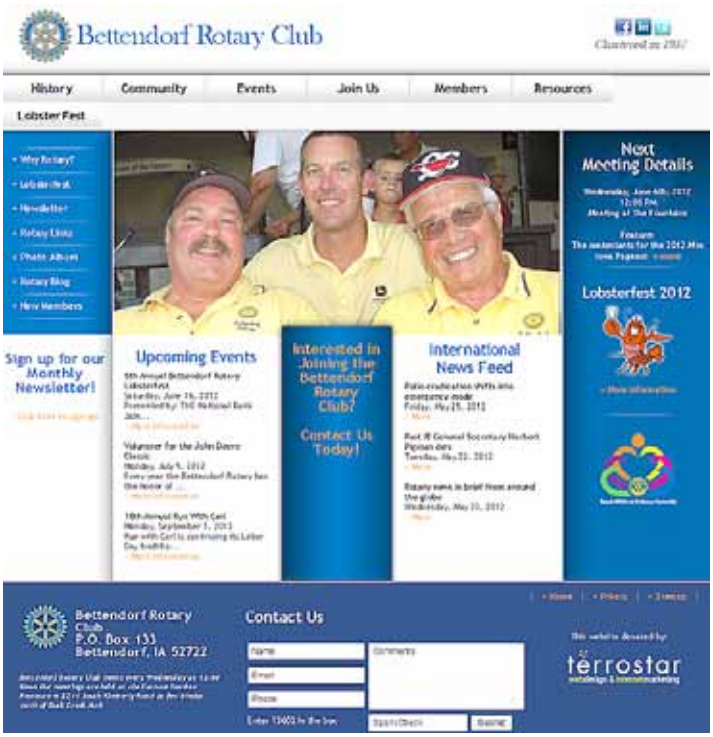
March 20th, the Albia Rotary Club met at Saint Mary's Hall for a Lenten Luncheon. The rotarians left a check for $160. The money will go to charitable contributions in Monroe County.

The Rotary Club of Albia received a challenge at their weekly meeting and again proved their mettle. A person needed a pair of glasses and had no money. The glasses cost $250. Immediately the club president urged the members to act. After passing the hat, we had $ 160. One gentleman, out of the goodness of his heart, wrote a check for $90! The club then passed a resolution to keep a fund available to help emergencies. Another reason I am proud to be a Rotarian. Pictured (l-r): James Chapman, James Jones, Donna Flahive, Nellie Coltrain, Brian Lindberg, Lowell Pence, Dave Paxton and Vicki Daily. (Provided by Tony Humeston)



The new and improved Bettendorf Rotary website.

Bettendorf's first-place website undergoes another facelift

By Chris Glass/Bettendorf

The Rotary Club of Bettendorf has launched a new and improved www.bettendorfrotary.com to help grow its membership and bolster the organization. The website design and website programming were donated entirely by Quad Cities website design and internet marketing firm, Terrostar Technology Solutions.

Originally launched nine years ago, the old website has won multiple awards from Rotary, including first place in the 2012 District 6000 competition. "We hope the new version will do the same," says Terrostar's director of client relations, Chris Glass. "Our goal was to give the Bettendorf Rotary a website that was more visually appealing and that allowed the Rotary to showcase its role in the Quad Cities community."

The new website has an intuitive navigation system, more information about the Bettendorf Rotary and its upcoming events, along with multimedia and social share features. For Rotary members, Terrostar developed a member center that allows them to update their personal information, pay dues online using a simple e-commerce feature, and to search for fellow Rotarians. The website is powered by a content management system that makes updating it quick and easy for Bettendorf Rotary volunteers.

According to Bettendorf Rotary Scott Naumann, "Working with Terrostar Technology Solutions on the Bettendorf Rotary website was a very smooth and rewarding experience. The original site they designed for us back in 2003 won two separate awards from Rotary, and I suspect that our newest website will continue that tradition as it truly is an award winning website. Terrostar's donation and continued support of the Bettendorf Rotary is a blessing, and we are so proud to have a partner like Terrostar. I would recommend them to any company looking to create a new website, or redesign an existing one. Thank you Terrostar for such a great experience, and a great website."

The Triplett family who are featured in the ad posed for a picture beside the bus (above), and Ames Morning Rotarians proudly posed for a picture by the *Ames Daily Tribune* (right).

Rotary's literacy message takes CyRide in Ames

By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning
D-6000 Literacy Committee

A billboard is a good way to project the image of Rotary. The Ames CyRide transportation system presents a related publicity option. Its fleet of buses roll throughout Ames every day on 12 routes.

The Rotary Club of Ames Morning worked with Houck Transit Advertising (www.houckads.com) to design a bus ad. It was displayed at eye level on the tails of three buses for the month of April and reached thousands of viewers every day.

The attractive ad had many benefits. First, it increased public awareness of the joys of reading to young children in a fun way. The picture on the left shows a local dad reading to his preschool-age daughter. The family was delighted to help promote reading. They even posed by one of the buses so everyone could be a star (see photo, top left).

The tail signs also advertised the annual Step Into Storybooks event by listing the time and place. The Cat In the Hat on the right of the ad is Rotary Club of Ames Morning president Daryle Vegge. The photo shows him giving a book to a child at a previous Storybook event.

Finally, the ad gave broad visibility to the Rotary Club of Ames Morning. The club got extra mileage with follow-up publicity thanks to the generosity of Ngaire West Johnson, owner of Images by Ngaire. She met club members early one morning at the bus barn to photograph them with one of their moving billboards before it started out on its daily route. This picture then appeared in the *Ames Daily Tribune*, reinforcing Rotary's commitment to promoting literacy.

Group Study Exchange wins hearts in Iowa

The Group Study Exchange team from District 9910 in New Zealand made friends and won hearts during its March 16-April 17 stay in Iowa. Among many activities, they enjoyed baseball opening night at the with the Quad City River Bandits "Rascal" (above, right). Team members (l-r): Damien Dixon, Duane Wells, Pip Bolton, Laura McKenzie, team leader Warren Patterson, and Nirav Shah. Upon landing safely at Auckland International Airport, like travelers everywhere, they were delilghted to be home. This year's D-6000 host clubs included Des Moines, Ankeny, Jefferson, Nevada, North Scott, Iowa City and Washington. The team spent a weekend in Dubuque in District 5970.

Waukee Rotarians propose, help fund north loop of Raccoon River Valley Trail

By Grant Rodgers

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With sections of the north loop of the Raccoon River Valley Trail being paved, the city of Waukee has begun construction on a "long overdue" trailhead, complete with modern restrooms, a plaza and shade.

The City Council approved the trailhead's construction at its April 16 meeting, allocating $34,950 for the $143,700 project. Several other groups provided grant money: The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, $82,000 through the Resources Enhancement and Protection program; the Waukee Foundation, $12,000; the Waukee Rotary Club, $7,500; the Dallas County Foundation, $5,000; and the Rotary District, $2,250.

When finished in late July, the trailhead, designed by RDG Planning & Design to resemble a bicycle wheel with spokes, will feature restrooms, a fabric shade structure, bike racks and landscaping. The trailhead is located along Highway 6 (Hickman Road) on the northwestern edge of Waukee.

Some of the final sections of the "north loop" of the trail – which stretches northwest from Waukee to Herndon in Guthrie County – are being paved, said Mike Wallace, executive director of the Dallas County Conservation department. The goal is to either complete the north loop by the end of the construction season, or at least have the contracts in place, he said.

Wallace's department oversees the sections of the trail in Dallas County. One of the best additions, he said, will be the modern restrooms replacing the current portable toilets.

"I'm really excited that the city is stepping up and wanting to do something like that," he said. "That particular trailhead is long overdue for something like they're trying to put together."

With the full north loop opening in the future, Waukee made the trailhead's construction a priority, said Matt Jermier, the city's parks and recreation director.

"We feel it's going to be a huge part of the loop," he said. "We felt it was very important to come up with a restroom facility for that intersection."

The Rotary Club originally proposed the project to the city, Jermier said. The opening of the section of the north loop from Waukee to Dallas Center last October made the project even more timely.

Currently, there are trailheads in Waukee, Ortonville, Adel, Redfield, Linden, Panora, Yale, Herndon and Cooper, according to a map on the Raccoon River Valley Trail Association's website. Of those nine trailheads, the one in Waukee is likely to experience the most traffic because of its location and its accessibility for the population of the Des Moines metro area, said Daniel Willrich, chairman of the association's board.

Many cyclists already access the trail from the Clive Greenbelt trail, he said.

"Waukee probably is going to be the most popular starting spot," he said. "It's certainly the most extensive trailhead project that we've seen yet on the trail."

The West Liberty Rotary Gala was attended by 220

West Liberty Gala nets $42,673 for projects

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty

The Rotary Club of West Liberty held its second Gala on May 12 to benefit a worthy organization in the community. This year Rotary collaborated with the Middle School in West Liberty. The goal was to add several more computers so that all children would have a computer to use in their learning. In addition, the Middle School Band needed musical instruments.

The Middle School staff and West Liberty Rotarians sold raffle tickets in advance, as well as tickets to the Gala. About 220 people attended and enjoyed unlimited heavy hor d'erves, wine, beer and soft drinks. As tables of silent auctions closed, a live auction began where excellent items were auctioned to the highest bidder. DGN John Ockenfels' plane ride was a hit. Over 1,200 raffle tickets were sold, and over 200 Gala tickets were sold. The total event was very successful with gross income of $51,495. Net profits were $42,673. The school and the Rotary club each received $21,336.

The trip to Mexico was won by a teacher who will take her family next year as a graduation present to the senior.

Keosauqua park improvements

Two sets of playground equipment were recently purchased and installed in the Keosauqua City Park. The new curly slide at right and a bike stand (not pictured) were purchased through the fundraising efforts of the Rotary Club of Keosauqua and included a Rotary District Simplified Grant ($1920), and a grant from the Van Buren Foundation, Inc. ($3,000). The balance of the $8,211 came from the Rotary club's local fundraising and individual donations. Thanks to all who contributed and worked so hard to make this community improvement a reality! (Provided by Bill Shewmaker)

Devon and Reyna

Hayden

Kaigee and Carlee

Healthy snacks for students in Decatur County ...

By Linda Chastain/Decatur County
Club President

The Rotary Club of Decatur County was pleased to be able to fund the "healthy snack" program for the 150 students in third-, fourth- and fifth-grades at Central Decatur's North Elementary School for a large portion of this school year.

This was part of our club's "healthy Iowa initiative" which corresponds with Gov. Terry Branstad's program to help raise Iowa from being the 19th healthiest state in the nation to being the healthiest state within the next five years.

These students learned, for example, that cucumbers are really a very tasty snack – and much healthier than a candy bar. Some other snacks these students experienced each school day afternoon were fruits and vegetables such as mushrooms, bell peppers, fresh pineapple, honeydew melon, kiwi and even prickly pear fruit.

This program was funded by a $3,750 District Simplified Grant from The Rotary Foundation. Many of you helped raise the matching dollars at our spaghetti dinner and auction in February.

Another aspect of this partnership project is Rotary Club of Decatur County's volunteer efforts in picking up food from the Iowa Food Bank each month and packing it for distribution in the Backpack Buddy program in our Central Decatur elementary schools.

Backpack Buddies is an outreach program of the Iowa Food Bank and provides sacks of healthy, kid-friendly food to low-income children on weekends and school breaks, when they do not have access to school breakfast and lunch. The contents of the sacks vary each week, but contain a variety of items such as pop-top meals or soup, 100 percent juice, single-serve cereal, fruit cups, peanut butter and shelf-stable 2 percent milk.

Rotarians Gil DeRoos (l) and Larry Sample (r) delivering meat to the Urbandale Food Pantry.

Rotarians Ed Arnold (l) and Brenda Auxier-Mailey (c) with Urbandale Food Pantry Coordinator Eileen Boggess."

Rotarians Jim Arthur and Wanda Armstrong pick up Food at the Food Bank of Central Iowa.

... and meat for the food pantries in Urbandale!

By Jim Arthur/Northwest Des Moines

Last October, the District Simplified Grant Committee approved an award of $1,750 to the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. The club provided an additional $2,600 and has been using these funds to purchase meat for the Urbandale Food Pantry and other area food pantries. This meat is included with food provided to families in need on an emergency basis.

The project began in January and will continue on into June, 2012. Often meat is not available for inclusion in the emergency packages because funds are not available for this purchase. Meat is generally available from the Food Bank at a low price, essentially just the handling cost. In addition, local stores sometimes make meat available to the food pantries at a low price. Because this low cost meat is available, the Rotary Club of Northwest has been able to provide over 12,000 pounds of meat through mid-May, with more to be purchased by the end of June.

The Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) has also been assisting in the effort and some of the meat has been provided to other Des Moines area food pantries. To date, at least eight different food pantries have benefited from the receipt of this meat. Members of the Northwest Des Moines Rotary have been delivering meat to the Urbandale Food Pantry. In these tough economic times, it is good to know that we can assist in making food available to families who might otherwise not have enough.

PDGs don worldly attire to raise funds for performing arts auditorium at Nevada

The Rotary Club of Nevada exceeded its goal at a March 31 fundraiser that featured a table of past and future district governors in "United Nations" attire.

The fundraiser was for the performing arts auditorium at the high school. The Rotary Club of Nevada committed over $16,000 over three years. The club needed $6,000 and raised over $13,000.

Silent and live auctions were held, but the "dessert auction" was enjoyed by all, according to Nevada Rotarian and PDG Denny Skinner. "The picture (at right) was during the heavy hors d'oeuvres and champagne," he said. "During the live auction, our table bid and won a chocolate raspberry cake. It was REALLY expensive – $50 per couple except Kathy and I. Since it was our club we paid the difference. Our table was in the running to win 'Best of Show' again this year, but deferred and threw our support to 'Broadway Musical.'"

Representation was evident from around the world at the Nevada Rotary fundraiser (l-r): DG Don and Becky Patterson (Egypt); PDG Diana Reed and Rick Rarick (Western); PDG Cal and Rachel Litwiller (Safari); PDG Denny and Kathy Skinner (African); DGE Terry and Peggy Geiger (India and Nigeria); and PDG Susan and Bob Herrick (African).

Iowa City Rotarians mentor top teams in business challenge

By Verne Folkmann/Iowa City
Club President

Thirty-two teams of two from area high schools participated in Junior Achievement's Business Titan Challenge at the Pappajohn Business College at the University of Iowa. The students were mentored by a business leaders in the community, of which many were members of the Rotary Club of Iowa City.

This was a day-long session where these students would make business decisions on a software program which would result in either positive or negative results on the bottom line profits. Items such as marketing dollars spent, inventory control, pricing of product, and community dollars for charity were chosen for each session.

Awards were given for the first and second place teams of $1,500 and $500 for scholarships in college of their choice. This project was not only fun, but also provided a working relationship with the youth of the Iowa City community.

Rotarian Brad Baldes mentored the first-place winners and Rotarian Arleigh Clemens mentored the runners-up. Money from the grant and funds from the Rotary Club of Iowa City were used to cover the scholarships and miscellaneous expenses.

The winning team, mentored by Rotarians Brad Baldes and Arleigh Clemens.

Mentors in the Business Titan Challenge included Rotarians PDG Ray Muston (top, right) and Verne Folkmann, president of the Rotary Club of Iowa City (below).

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Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2010 - June 12, 2012*

(Members: Jul 10/Jul 11)	(1) 11-12 Goal	(2) Thru 6-12-12	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (28/26)	$ 2,400	1,739	72	$ 66.90
Albia (32/28)	1,840	775	42	27.68
Ames Morning (61/61)	8,450	6,775	80	111.07
Ames (237/230)	30,000	24,050	80	104.57
Ankeny (63/62)	9,000	8,240	92	132.90
Atlantic (65/64)	4,725	3,904	83	61.00
Bettendorf (101/113)	12,720	15,500	122	137.17
Bloomfield (14/14)	1,600	200	13	14.29
Boone (54/52)	6,270	8,405	134	161.63
Burlington (90/85)	7,440	9,300	125	109.41
Carroll (56/55)	5,700	3,405	60	61.91
Centerville (40/41)	3,360	2,635	78	64.27
Chariton (57/53)	5,500	6,275	114	118.40
Clinton (115/116)	9,435	8,650	92	74.57
Coon Rapids (23/29)	1,250	0	0	0
Coralville-North Corridor (27/22)	2,662	2,200	83	100.00
Corning (49/48)	2,800	1,573	56	32.78
Corydon (17/20)	380	300	79	15.00
Creston (21/19)	525	100	19	4.35
Dallas Center (26/26)	2,600	0	0	0.00
Davenport (133/132)	13,100	30,421	232	228.74
Decatur County (20/25)	5,000	4,330	87	173.20
Des Moines AM (138/139)	13,500	6,425	48	46.22
Des Moines (306/294)	22,500	22,550	100	76.70
East Polk County (41/42)	2,000	3,147	157	74.93
Fairfield (65/60)	6,930	2,325	34	38.75
Fort Madison (58/52)	5,200	2,325	45	44.71
Greater Des Moines (44/37)	4,300	575	13	15.13
Grinnell (31/33)	3,100	4,350	140	131.82
Indianola (45/50)	4,700	3,925	84	78.50
Iowa City AM (55/55)	7,950	9,482	119	172.40
Iowa City Downtown (18/19)	450	1,805	401	100.28
Iowa City (297/303)	27,000	35,750	132	117.99
Iowa Quad-Cities (48/47)	2,990	3,375	113	71.81
Jefferson (54/53)	5,500	8,000	145	150.94
Johnston (49/53)	4,700	100	2	1.89
Kalona (45/43)	5,170	2,800	54	65.12
Keokuk (87/84)	8,700	3,200	37	39.02
Keosauqua (24/26)	1,890	1,910	101	73.46
Knoxville (67/63)	6,200	5,700	92	90.48
Lenox (26/23)	600	1,075	179	46.77
Manning (20/22)	2,000	1,300	65	59.09
Marengo (12/10)	390	100	26	10.00
Marshalltown (168/158)	11,000	20,326	185	128.65
Mount Pleasant Noon (37/51)	2,100	2,579	123	50.57
Mt. Pleasant (28/24)	3,200	505	16	20.20
Muscatine (125/117)	17,400	14,453	83	123.53
Nevada (61/66)	7,700	7,400	96	112.12
Newton (72/72)	8,140	4,991	61	71.30
North Scott (96/91)	11,760	13,018	111	143.05
Northwest Des Moines (51/49)	5,733	5,000	87	102.04
Osceola (30/28)	1,350	1,508	112	53.88
Oskaloosa (50/55)	5,400	2,135	40	38.82
Ottumwa (100/98)	10,800	10,170	94	103.78
Pella (39/40)	4,510	3,200	71	82.05
Perry (26/29)	540	250	46	8.62
Tipton (24/28)	3,000	2,120	71	75.71
Washington (61/55)	6,930	5,850	84	106.36
Waukee (48/50)	5,100	3,650	72	73.00
Wellman (37/36)	4,070	1,975	49	54.86
West Des Moines (74/71)	8,280	4,075	49	57.39
West Liberty (37/39)	8,200	14,700	179	376.92
Winterset (30/29)	2,400	800	33	27.59
Total (4,053/4,015)	**$ 400,140**	**$ 377,705**	**94.39**	**$ 94.05**

(*) Interim Report

Foundation news

'What we *got* when we *gave*'

By PDG Corliss Klaassen/Chariton
District Rotary Foundation Chair

For every dollar we contribute to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation, the District receives a 50-cent credit usable for district-sponsored projects and activities three years later.

Here is what our district and clubs "GOT" last year:

Our district started the year with $226,116, which is 50 percent of what we Rotarians contributed three years ago (2007-2008). Added to this was $24,629 which was the earnings from the Permanent Fund and $18,066 carried over from the previous year. This gave the district $268,811 to start the year.

And here are the benefits received from this 50 percent of our District Rotarians' contributions:

Our district awarded two Ambassadorial Scholarships for a total of $50,000 to study abroad.

We contributed $49,968 of the district's DDF to the PolioPlus Program.

Eight clubs received matching grants for six international projects using $26,568 (a detailed breakdown of matching grants is elsewhere in this newsletter).

And there is more:

For projects in our local communities, District 6000 awarded 16 clubs a total of $45,223 in District Simplified Grants. The grants ranged in size from $250 to $5,000. These grants supported the purchase of playground equipment, defibrillators, landscaping material, bike racks, books, and much more in our local communities.

And at the end of the Rotary year we still have $96,052 that we had as carry over to start the next year.

Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) makes it possible for we as Rotarians to change the lives of thousands of individuals, both locally and around the world.

That's what we "GOT" when we "GAVE" to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International!

Club, district leaders invited to Zone training July 14 at Ames

District 6000 is one of three districts whose club and district leaders are invited to a Zone 28 Regional Success Seminar on Saturday, July 14 at the Quality Inn & Suites, Starlite Village, 2601 E. 13th St., Ames. Topics to be covered include:

• The North American Membership Plan; Planning and Implementation Discussion; and Pilot Club Update.

• Rotary Foundation Future Vision "Global Launch" Discussion.

• Rotary's Public Image: Organization of PR Teams and Committees, 2013 PR Grants, and Revitalization Update.

• Global Polio Eradication Update.

• Engaging Rotary Foundation Alumni In Our Clubs.

• Implementing "One Rotary" Into Our Clubs.

The sessions start at 8:30 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast beginning at 7:45 a.m., and end at 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be served.

Registration is $40 and is requested by July 6. It can be done online at www.zones28-29.org.

The districts participating include Districts 5970 and 6000 in Iowa, and District 5650 in southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska.

Questions: mbgrowneyselene@ryansigns.net.

The Rotary Club of Des Moines AM speaker on May 25 was John Bolton, former U.S. Ambassador under President George W. Bush. Bolton addressed the financial situation in Europe and unrest in the Mideast as critical international issues. He discussed how a lack of consistent foreign policy on these issues could create problems in the United States, particularly in our economy. Thanks to Kevin McGlaughllin for arranging this special visit. In the photo, Tamara Kenworthy invites Ambassador Bolton to sign a library book destined for Capitol View Elementary School. President Rowena Crosbie and her husband, Ted, are at right. (Provided by Bev McLinden)

RI Rep: 'Your conference was truly inspiring'

Dear Rotarians,

Thank you so much for the wonderful welcome Susan and I enjoyed at your recent District Conference as the Representatives of RI President Kalyan Banerjee and Binota. We are honored to have been chosen and feel particularly lucky to have been assigned to D6000.

We were truly amazed by the selfless humanitarian work being carried out by your clubs and district. As former Youth Exchange hosts, we were also happy to witness your district's commitment to RYE. We continue to hope that more clubs will become involved in Youth Exchange, in all districts, because of the life-changing experience they can offer to a young person – and to the club members, as well.

Your conference was truly inspiring: from the stories of M.O.S.T. and Xicotepec to the work of FAMSCO and the many club projects, we were enthralled. As the Foundation chair of a Future Vision district, I was gratified to see the planning that is already underway in D6000 for the advent of the changes coming in 2013-14. With the strength and preparation of your Foundation team, you are well prepared for the future!

We also were enlightened by your discussion of membership challenges, held at the end of the conference. Every district has these concerns, so we can all learn from hearing others' ideas of ways to attract and engage new members.

We owe a special thank you to DG Don and Becky and to our aides, PDG Corliss and Jeanne, who made us feel at home, and to the many other Rotarians who took the time to greet and talk with us. The Rotary spirit of fellowship and service is truly alive and well in D6000!

Yours in Rotary Service,

PDG Steve Leonard and Susan
RI President's Representative to D6000
RI Fellowships Chair 2010-2012
Zone 30 RRFC 2012-2015

Assistant Governors

PDG Bill Tubbs (l), who filled in for PDG Diana Reed who stepped down as Assistant Governor Team Leader, helped DG Patterson (c) recognize assistant governors who completed their service. Receiving plaques at District Conference were (l-r): Sherri Briegel for her husband, Chuck Briegel of North Scott, who died in November 2011; DG Patterson; Jacque Andrew of Jefferson; and Norm VanKlompenburg of Newton. Also retiring as AGs were Judith Cox of Fairfield, Jim Riordan of Waukee and Bill Tubbs of North Scott. Photo by Nancy Rash

News Briefs

RYLA: Another highly successful Rotary Youth Leadership Awards day attracted 150 students to the Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines on April 17. The sponsoring Rotary Club of West Des Moines said this was its last year of leadership for RYLA. District 6000, under the leadership of DGE Terry Geiger with help from Loring Miller and PDG Gary Welch, is exploring options, including a shared RYLA with District 5970 of northern Iowa. PDG Welch will attend District 5970's weeklong RYLA at Wartburg College, July 15-20, as well as the Rocky Mountain RYLA in Colorado. Rotarians who are interested in assisting with the exploration process, please contact DGE Geiger at (641) 442-5559; e-mail: tlgeiger@grm.net.

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Dues: Bills for district dues for 2012-13 will be sent to clubs early in the new Rotary year. Dues will continue at $30 per member in the 2012-13 budget that was approved at the annual meeting at District Conference. A PDF of the budget can be viewed at the district website, www.rotary6000.org. The 2012-13 billing asks for voluntary contributions of $5 per member (suggested maximum $500 per club) for FAMSCO and the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.), and $2 per member for the Youth Services Fund.

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Youth Exchange: Youth Exchange chair Chris Knapp reports that 18 inbound students have been placed for 2012-13. Several new clubs are hosting an international student. New countries include Chile, Norway and Japan. A picnic for the district's 17 outbound students will be Saturday, July 28 at Maytag Park in Newton. Chris is encouraged that the number of both inbound and outbound students increased this year. Thanks to all who help!

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Calendar: District administrator Carolyn Scharff is asking clubs to submit the dates of their major events for a calendar that will be posted at the district website. "It's a free way to promote your events to a Rotary audience and it provides Rotarians around the district a way to easily find out what our clubs are doing so they can attend the events they are interested in," she writes. "Please go to this link to include your club's event: http://bit.ly/ykv789."

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Committees: DGE Terry Geiger is wrapping up his District Directory that will be soon be sent to club and district leaders. The directory includes the names of those serving on the many teams (committees) that provide leadership for District 6000. Both DGE Terry and DGN Jacque Andrew want Rotarians to know that if anybody wants to volunteer, they should let their wishes be known. Contact Terry at (641) 442-5559; e-mail: tlgeiger@grm.net; or Jacque at (515) 386-8358; e-mail: jeandrew@netins.net.

DG Don Patterson cashed in on the airplane ride he bought for $525 from DGN John Ockenfels at the District Conference auction. At left, Don and John are pictured with their wives, Becky and Deb. Loring Miller and PDG Gary Pacha purchased the same ride for $525 in the auction. The auction raised $7,356.

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Strategic Plan: A three-year strategic plan has been approved by the District 6000 executive committee and is posted at the district website, www.rotary6000.org. The one-page plan states the district's mission, vision, core values and strategic priorities, and names goals in the areas of outreach, membership/club extension, The Rotary Foundation, and public relations.

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Nigeria: District 6420 PDG Elise Cadigan of Rockford, Ill., is organizing an Oct. 5-12 trip for Rotarians to Nigeria for polio eradication and humanitarian service. If you are interested, please contact Elise at (815) 985-8300; e-mail: jhwks77@yahoo.com.

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Baseball: Clubs in the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities are promoting "Rotary Night at the Ballpark" on Sunday, July 8, for the 5:00 p.m. game between the Quad Cities River Bandits and the Clinton Lumber Kings. Purpose of the event is for fellowship, and to raise funds and create awareness of Rotary's global campaign to eradicate polio. All Rotarians and family members are welcome.

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Auction: The actual podium copy of Bill Gates' New Orleans Convention polio speech and a 2012 Rotary theme tie signed by RI President Kalyan Banerjee were among the unique items auctioned at District Conference. The tie was donated by RI Rep Steve Leonard and bought by the Washington Rotary Club for DG Don Patterson for $140. The script was procured by PDG Bill Tubbs from the RI PR Department and was bought by DGN John Ockenfels for $250.

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Polio: Sergeant-at-arms Norm Van Klompenburg collected $2,962 from Rotarians and guests at District Conference for Polio Plus. Thanks, Rotarians!

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GSE: District 6000's next Group Study Exchange will be in April 2013 with District 4030 in Chile. GSE chair Lynn Hicks says "spread the word that we are starting to recruit for a team leader." Contact Lynn at (515) 284-8290; email: lhicks@dmreg.com.

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Scholars: Under Future Vision of The Rotary Foundation, scholars will be selected the year they study abroad and not one year in advance. Thus, there were no scholar interviews this year. Three scholars, selected last year, will represent District 6000 abroad in 2012-13:

- Nathanial Meyer, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Decatur County, will study at the IAE Business School, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Cammeo Medici, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Waukee, will study at Universidad Nacional, Bogota, Columbia.
- Kashmira Chawla, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, will study at the London, England, School of Hygiene Tropical Medicine.

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Institute: The Zones 28-29 Rotary Institute has been scheduled for Sept. 13-16 at Mackinaw Island, Mich., to be preceded by GETS (Governor-Elect Training Seminar).

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CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK
February 2012 - April 2012

CLUB	FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	58.00%	32		49		44
Albia	56.70%	35	64.20%	23	51.70%	39
Ames	61.00%	28	59.00%	30	59.00%	30
Ames Morning	51.90%	42	52.30%	38	49.20%	42
Ankeny	71.54%	14	70.42%	15	75.31%	10
Atlantic	31.58%	50	51.34%	39		44
Bettendorf	72.80%	13	65.75%	21	69.00%	15
Bloomfield		51		49		44
Boone	48.00%	45	57.00%	33	52.00%	38
Burlington	75.40%	11	79.40%	10	74.50%	12
Carroll	60.00%	29	58.00%	31	60.08%	26
Centerville	58.00%	32	51.00%	40	59.00%	30
Chariton	62.11%	26	61.09%	25	57.89%	32
Clinton	54.57%	38	57.49%	32	59.32%	29
Coon Rapids	65.00%	22		49		44
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	100.00%	1
Corning	70.00%	17		49	75.00%	11
Corydon		51		49		44
Creston	62.00%	27	59.00%	30	55.00%	34
Dallas Center	66.00%	20	62.00%	24	74.00%	13
Davenport	41.94%	47	43.00%	47	50.24%	41
Decatur County	77.00%	10	70.00%	16	58.00%	31
Des Moines	54.42%	39	59.36%	29	60.47%	25
Des Moines A.M.	70.00%	17	50.00%	42	60.00%	27
East Polk County	53.85%	41	49.36%	44	66.88%	18
Fairfield		51		49		44
Fort Madison	59.00%	30	54.80%	37		44
Greater Des Moines	66.00%	20	58.00%	31	53.00%	36
Grinnell	61.00%	28	69.00%	17	68.00%	17
Indianola		51		49		44
Iowa City	36.15%	49	33.68%	48		44
Iowa City A.M.	69.23%	18	72.37%	13	77.19%	8
Iowa City Downtown	86.25%	5	78.75%	11	78.35%	7
Iowa Quad-Cities	56.82%	34	60.36%	26	68.48%	16
Jefferson	65.00%	22	66.00%	20	58.00%	31
Johnston	70.10%	16	70.65%	14	73.53%	14
Kalona	74.20%	12	68.60%	18	76.58%	9
Keokuk	48.22%	44	45.62%	46	57.32%	33
Keosauqua	63.00%	23	67.90%	19	61.90%	22
Knoxville	62.77%	24	56.47%	35	61.76%	23
Lenox	91.00%	3	91.00%	3	93.00%	4
Manning	78.00%	9	83.00%	8	80.00%	6
Marengo		51	90.00%	4	80.00%	6
Marshalltown	46.19%	46	65.11%	22	60.82%	24
Mount Pleasant Noon	58.49%	31	50.68%	41	52.94%	37
Mt. Pleasant	87.00%	4	83.00%	8		44
Muscatine	41.89%	48	48.66%	45	49.17%	43
Nevada	70.91%	15		49		44
Newton		51		49		44
North Scott	86.12%	6	89.80%	5	95.09%	2
Northwest Des Moines	82.29%	7	84.04%	6	81.55%	5
Osceola	50.93%	43	56.48%	34	54.63%	35
Oskaloosa	62.50%	25	80.42%	9	62.10%	21
Ottumwa	55.21%	36	60.05%	27	59.54%	28
Pella	54.00%	40	60.00%	28	65.00%	20
Perry		51		49		44
Tipton		51		49	51.00%	40
Washington	57.08%	33	49.43%	43		44
Waukee	82.02%	8	73.59%	12		44
Wellman	95.83%	2	97.22%	2	94.44%	3
West Des Moines	65.73%	21	55.56%	36	65.34%	19
West Liberty	55.00%	37	60.00%	28	60.00%	27
Winterset	68.00%	19	84.00%	7	93.00%	4

DG Don Patterson (l) celebrates the dedication of this four-faced Rotary street clock in the new Wiese Park in downtown Eldridge. The clock was a gift to the community from PDG Bill Tubbs, Linda and family. Rotary's Four-Way Test is in bronze at the base of the clock. The clocks are manufactured in the Quad Cities at the Rock Island Street Clock Company and shipped worldwide.

This picture can be found on the bottom floor of Hotel Pattee in Perry. Just happens we found Kathy Skinner, spouse of Denny Skinner from Nevada as a member of a state tournament girls' basketball team. Congratulations, team! Maybe Kathy can tell us what year this was taken.

– Becky Patterson

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

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

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Club leaders' checklist

From DG Don Patterson . . .

• Check the calendar and prepare for District Governor 2012-13 Terry Geiger's **Official Visit** to your club (p. 20).

• Watch for your 2012-13 **district dues** billing after July 1, including voluntary contributions for Iowa M.O.S.T., FAMSCO and the Youth Services Fund (p. 4, 13,15).

• 2012-13 club leaders: Complete your **Club Planning Guide** and send copies to Governor 2012-13 Terry Geiger and your Assistant Governor.

• Plan activities to create awareness in your community of Rotary's campaign to **eradicate polio** and to raise funds to meet or exceed your club's commitment (p. 9).

• Implement a **membership development plan** to grow your club's membership and set the example by personally inviting new members to your club (p. 14).

• Encourage club leaders to register for the July 14 **Zone Training Meeting** at Ames (p. 29).

• Ask your members if they are interested in working with District 6000 on future plans for **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** (p. 30).

• Submit the dates of your major club events to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff for the **District Activities Calendar** (p. 30).

• Tell your club members of the opportunity to apply for **GSE Team Leader** to District 4030 in Chile (p. 30).

• Plan **public relations** activities at your community's summer fairs and festivals.

• Make members aware of opportunities to serve on **District Committees** and encourage them to do so (p. 30).

• 2011-12 club leaders: Make final payments to **The Rotary Foundation** as soon as possible to meet or exceed your club's goal for Annual Giving (p. 28).

• Promote **attendance** and report your **attendance** monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 31).

• **Submit news** of your club's successes or upcoming events by Aug. 24, 2012 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacque Andrew (Jefferson).

• ***"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity," and be the change in the world that you wish to see!***

DG Don Patterson and RRFC Don Goering (third from left) with **new Level I Major Donors** (l-r): PDG Ev Laning, DGN Jacque Andrew, Nancy and PDG Gary Pacha, Steve Dakin and Trent Frohock. Not pictured: Robert Anderson, Doug Garner.

Bill Koellner (l), DG Don Patterson (third from left) and RRFC Don Goering (r) with (l-r): **new Level 3 Major Donors** Stan and Corrine Barber, and **new Level 2 Major Donors** Loring and Phyllis Miller.

Rotary Foundation recognition

DG Patterson (l) and RRFC Goering (r) with **top clubs for Annual Giving** (l-r): Tom Brooke (West Liberty, $357); Donna Duerr (Decatur County, $280); and Tom Novak (Iowa City AM, $283).

More awards from District Conference are on reverse

Receiving **District Rotary Foundation Awards** from RRFC Goering (l) and DG Patterson (r) were (l-r): PDG Susan Herrick and John Tone. Recipient Lynn Hicks is not pictured.

Receiving The Rotary Foundation **Citation for Meritorious Service** was PDG Corliss Klaassen (second from left), with Jeanne Klaassen and RI Rep Steve Leonard and DG Patterson.

Clubs recognized for **Total Giving to Polio in 2010-11** (l-r): PDG Corliss Klaassen (Chariton), PDG Gary Welch (Ankeny) and DG Patterson.

The **top 5 clubs in polio giving** during the 3-year Gates Challenge, with PDG Susan Herrick (l) and DG Patterson (r) were (l-r): Tom Brooke (West Liberty, $156/member); Brad Martin (Bloomfield, $188); AG Craig Scott (for Albia, $215); Ed Arnold (Northwest Des Moines, $391); and Don Panek (Mt. Pleasant, $215).

New Every Rotarian Every Year clubs (l-r): Tom Brooke (West Liberty), Todd Wheeler (Greater Des Moines), Donna Duerr (Decatur County), DG Patterson, Jeanne Klaassen (Chariton), RRFC Don Goering.

Bill Koellner (c) with DG Patterson and RRFC Goering was recognized as a **Level 3 Major Donor.**

Tom Brooke (c) received the **100 Percent Sustaining Member** award on behalf of West Liberty.

A **Meritorious Service Award** for his work with youth was presented to Loring Miller of Decatur County by DG Don Patterson (l) and Youth Exchange chair Chris Knapp (r).

Nine clubs received the **Presidential Citation** of RI President Kalyan Banerjee for balanced programs and outstanding service in 2011-12 (l-r): Mary Ellen Stanley (Decatur County), DG Patterson, Tom Brooke (West Liberty), Allyson Walter (Ames), Tom Novak (Iowa City AM), Mark Cahill (Nevada) and AG Norm VanKlompenberg (for Marshalltown). Not pictured: Bettendorf, Burlington and North Scott.

RI President Banerjee's highest award for clubs was the **Changemaker Award,** which was received by (l-r): Denise Erpelding (Washington), Tom Brooke (West Liberty), Mark Hovey (Coralville-North Corridor for Clear Creek Interact), DG Patterson and Verne Folkmann (Iowa City). Not pictured: North Scott.

Winning awards for **Club Attendance** were (l-r): Bob Freeman (Wellman, 4th), Jim Riordan (Waukee, 3rd), DG Patterson, former AG Linda Hartkopf of Atlantic (for Lenox, 2nd), and Geoff Wilming (Coralville-North Corridor, 1st). Not pictured: Northwest Des Moines (5th).

Clubs not previously recognized who were recognized for **Public Relations** were (l-r): Verne Folkmann (Iowa City, newspaper ad); Ed Arnold (Northwest Des Moines, Iowa Energy); DG Patterson; Geoff Wilming (Coralville-North Corridor, service); Steve Weinecke (Johnston, IPTV Festival); and Earl Shepard (Fairfield, video). Not pictured: Manning (Dancing with the Stars).

West Liberty president Tom Brooke (second from left, with his wife, Mary Pat), received the **RI Club Builder Award**, presented by President's Rep Steve Leonard (l) and DG Patterson.

Outstanding website awards were won by (l-r): Todd Wheeler (Greater Des Moines, 3rd); Ed Arnold (NW Des Moines, 5th); DG Patterson; and PDG Gary Welch (Ankeny, 4th). Not pictured: Bettendorf (1st) and Oskaloosa (2nd).

Awards for **Membership Development** were won by (l-r): Tom Brooke (West Liberty, 2nd, 45 & under); Tony Conn (Keokuk, 2nd, 46-100); DG Patterson; Norm Van Klompenburg (for Grinnell, 1st, 45 & under); and Allyson Walter (Ames, 1st, 101 and over). Not pictured: Burlington (1st, 46-100); and Marshalltown (2nd, 100 and over).

Becky Bray receives the award from DG Patterson for North Scott having the most members attend **District Conference** 2011 at Ankeny.