

# District 6000 News

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Terry Geiger, Governor

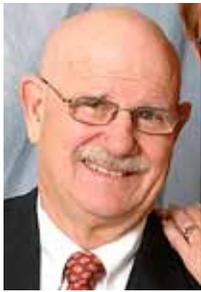
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## Choose your ‘Hot Button’; Rotary offers ‘something for everyone!’

By DG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

What is your Rotary “Hot Button?”

As we reflect back on the experiences of the past 11 months, we can see the many different opportunities Rotarians have had to fulfill “Service Above Self” or to help promote “Peace Through Service,” the cores of what we Rotarians believe in.



Terry Geiger  
District Governor

We have seen these themes carried out day in and day out throughout District

6000 this past Rotary year. However, the more I have learned about Rotary, the more I have come to realize that each Rotarian must find his or her own “Hot Button,” the activity in Rotary that interests them most.

Rotary has five Avenues of Service that we subscribe to. Most Rotarians focus most of their energy on **Community Service** and helping make their own community better.

**Club Service** is also very important because that is the environment where we have much of our fellowship activities, our club meetings, and club activities.

**Vocational Service** is what our organization was founded on when Paul Harris and our other original members looked at in forming our great organization. Ethics in our business and in our daily lives is also such a key element of who we are as Rotarians.

There is also **International Service** and what we can do to help people in faraway places. We are often helping people and



Photo by Bill Tubbs



Photo provided by Erna Morain

### Shoes for South Africa

The Rotary clubs of District 6000 collected 3,200 pairs of shoes and raised an additional \$7,472 for shoes for Blessman Ministries in South Africa. The check was presented by District Governor Terry Geiger and Peggy at District Conference, April 13 at Honey Creek Resort, to Dr. Jim Blessman and Emmanuel “Manny” Ohonme. In the photo at left, Erna Morain of the Rotary Club of Waukee is pictured with shoes at the District Conference.

# Thank you for support of District Conference!

By DG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

I wish to thank everyone that attended our District Conference at Honey Creek Resort in April. Our conference planning team worked hard to put on a great show and from so many of your comments, you seemed to enjoy yourself with the awards, presentations, and the great entertainment.

But most importantly, you had the opportunity to learn what so many Rotarians in District 6000 are doing to change lives. If you were there for the roll call of shoes, we had over 3,200 pairs of shoes brought to Honey Creek and we collected an additional \$7,300, so all together it converted to about 3,800 pairs of shoes that will be helping South African families.

Thank you District 6000 for your generosity and support! We had 51 of the 64 clubs represented at conference.

And finally, one last thank you to all clubs and all Rotarians in District 6000 for your hospitality. Every club we visited and every Rotarian we met, we were welcomed with friendly smiles and open arms.

Our Zone 28 Rotary Coordinator, Mary Beth Growney Selene, soon to be RI director, asks leaders if we left our club, or in my case our district, in better shape than when the year began. I can say that we worked hard, and we tried some new ideas, but the final answer to that question must be answered by all of you Rotarians in District 6000.

Thank you again for allowing Peggy and I to serve you all as governor.



It was an impressive display of shoes at District Conference! See who gave what, on page 24. Photo by Bill Tubbs



Rotary Club of Clinton president Norlan Hinke (l) and Wal-Mart store manager Jason Dennis look through children's shoes at Clinton's Wal-Mart for Rotary's donation to Blessman Ministries. Photo by Samantha Pidde, Clinton Herald

## Choose your Rotary 'hot button'

### GOVERNOR/continued

communities that we will never meet and we will never visit but that is also a key part of our service to the world.

And finally, there is **Service to Youth**, recently called Service to New Generations. This is a favorite of so many because it is hard to deny that the youth are not only the future of Rotary but also the future of the world.

And I like to say there are projects that encompass more than one of these. Our shoe project is an example of where we had the club, the community, and the youth involved to help children in South Africa (International Service).

I express this to all of our readers to let them know there is something for everyone. Remember to help our newer members get engaged in their area of interest. Our membership numbers in District 6000 continue to decline. We seem to be inducting new members all the time, but are they staying in our clubs?

It is so important that we guide them to their area of greatest interest so they will want to stay a part of our organization for a long, long time.

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Past RI President Ray Klingensmith presented a special award to Loring and Phyllis Miller of the Rotary Club of Decatur County in appreciation of their arranging for 208 Rotary Youth Exchange students to come to the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, where they formed an improbable, once-in-a-lifetime world chorus of youths that inspired the convention's 20,000 attendees. *Congratulations, Millers, and all honorees!*



Bill Koellner of West Liberty (second from right) was honored with Rotary's highest award, the Service Above Self Award. The award was presented by past RI President Rick King (r). Jan Koellner is next to her husband, and District Governor Terry and Peggy Geiger are at left.

## **CELEBRATE ROTARY:** *Rotarians, clubs recognized for Service Above Self at District Conference*

(more pictures on pages 4-11)



Past RI President Richard King (second from right) assisted District Governor Terry and Peggy Geiger in presenting the RI Vocational Service Award to the Rotary Club of East Polk for its longtime sponsorship of the Iowa Industrial Technology Exposition. Accepting the award for Mike Horton was Eric Borseth (r).



PDG Gary Welch (l) presented a special award to Gary Goodall of Hy-Vee in appreciation of its partnership with Rotary in international water projects. Photos by Bill Tubbs



Rotary Youth Exchange alumni students (Rotex) thanked the Rotary Club of North Scott for its sponsorship of a weekend in the Quad Cities for all the exchange students (l-r): Rotexers Lucas Asbury and Jon Ellis, North Scott Rotarians Dennis Peterson and Paul Kalainoff, Rotexer Amber Hoffman and North Scott Rotarian PDG Bill Tubbs.



District Governor Terry Geiger thanked the Rotary Club of West Des Moines for its leadership of the district's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program. Receiving the award were Harold Hulleman, Chris Nelson and Tom Narak.



Silent and live auctions raised \$13,387 for youth. The auctioneer was Jim Riordan of the Rotary Club of Waukee.



Friday's activities began with presentation of the colors by the Iowa State University Air Force ROTC.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE:**  
*April 11-13, 2013 · Honey Creek*  
(More photos on next pages)



DGE Jacque Andrew of Jefferson promoted the 2014 District Conference that will be May 1-3 at Ames with her husband, Jim, singing tunes from "The Music Man."



A treat on Friday was the Folklorico dancers from the Casa Hogar Los Angelitos orphanage in Manzanillo, Mexico, thanks to the Rotary Club of West Liberty and other contributors.



Two past RI presidents and an RI director are pictured with District Governor Terry Geiger and Peggy in this lineup of leaders at District Conference (l-r): Past RI President (2001-02) Rick and Cherie King from Fremont, Calif.; Geigers, Kathy and RI Director Jack Best from Rochester, N.Y.; and Judy and RI President 2010-11 Ray Klingensmith of Kirksville., Mo.



Photo by Doug Lewis

Group Study Exchange team members Javiera Araya and Luis Fernandez from Chile performed a native dance.

Richard King and Herb Wilson, who were RI President and District 6000 Governor in 2001-02, sang their theme song.



District Governor Terry Geiger honored his wife, Peggy, for her service with a bouquet of flowers.



Inbound GSE chair Doug Lewis of Des Moines (I) with team members from District 4340 in Chile: Javiera Araya, David Gonzalez, Cecilia Espejo, Luis Fernandez and team leader John Bolton.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

**R**arely have I seen such excellence as I have at this District Conference.  
— President's Rep, Past RI President Richard King



Outbound GSE chair Lynn Hicks of Des Moines (I) and District Governor Terry Geiger and Peggy (r) with lowans headed to Chile: team leader Linda Chastain, Ben Bonnanno, Amy Jennings, Melanie Berry and Lindsey Clausen.



District Conference was honored with the attendance of former Iowa Governor Robert D. Ray, who was a recipient of the Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award, pictured with Peggy Geiger.



McKenna Schnack and Emma Shafer from Des Moines Roosevelt High School talked about their life-changing experience with District 6000 Rotarians in Xicotepec, Mexico, and were joined by Tom Narak of West Des Moines, PDG Ray Muston of Iowa City, and Xicotepec project coordinator Jim Petersen of Iowa City AM.



Past RI President Ray Klingensmith, in casual attire, shows that Rotary's senior leaders are accessible and friendly.



A special guest was Jill Olsen, who is District Governor in the northern Iowa District 5970, with DGN John Ockenfels.



Students lined up for the Rotary Youth Exchange parade of flags – always a highlight – at Friday's all-district meeting.



Before the traditional "passing of the pin," PDG Don Patterson called Past District Governors to the front of the room and thanked them for their service (l-r): Corliss Klaassen of Chariton (2005-06), Cal Litwiller of Mount Pleasant (2009-10), district administrator Carolyn Scharff, Bill Tubbs of North Scott (2004-05), Gary Pacha of Iowa City (2002-03), DGND Loring Miller of Decatur County (2015-16), Herb Wilson of Iowa City (2001-02), Gary Welch of Ankeny (2010-11), Ev Laning of Indianola (1991-92), DGN John Ockenfels of Iowa City AM (2014-15), Ken Noble of West Liberty (1995-96), Susan Herrick of Boone (2008-09), Jacque Andrew of Jefferson (2013-14), Peggy Geiger, Del Bluhm of Ames (2006-07), Terry Geiger of Decatur County (2012-13), Don Patterson of Washington (2011-12) and Dale Belknap of Des Moines (2000-01).



The band of Rotarian Jack O'Leary of Nevada (l) played pops music from the 1960s and 1970s on Friday evening.



Polio survivor Carol Swedberg Meyer (l) told the compelling story of how the crippling disease changed her life. Today she lives in Ankeny with her husband, Chuck, and edits a newsletter for polio survivors in Iowa. She was introduced by District 6000 polio chair, PDG Susan Herrick of Boone.



The students of Ensemble Spiritoso performed classical stringed music at Saturday evening's banquet. Photos by Bill Tubbs



Helen Schroeder of Bloomfield kept things moving with "the voice."



Larry Marik played beautiful music for the necrology service.



The Geigers' family of Rotary included three generations.



John Schultz of Cedar Rapids directed the Ensemble Spiritoso.



Doug Davidson of Centerville made technology go smoothly.



District Conference co-chairs Mary Ellen Stanley and Donna Duerr were the recipients of special District Governor's Awards.



Vernette Knapp of Iowa City (second from left), with her husband, Chris (l), received a special spouse award for her work with Youth Exchange.



PDG Gary Welch of Ankeny was honored for his work with RYLA.



Six clubs qualified for Sakuji Tanaka's Presidential Citation for achievements in the five Avenues of Service, (l-r): Nevada (Michelle Cassabaum), Clinton (Norlan Hinke), Ames Morning (Jerri Heid), DG Terry Geiger, Decatur County (Donna Duerr), North Scott (Steve Suiter), Peggy Geiger and Marshalltown (Greg Brown).  
Photos by Bill Tubbs



Loring Miller (l) presented a crystal to Marilyn and Norm Smith of Muscatine for their longtime service to Youth Exchange, including leadership of the program for outbound students.



Seven Rotarians received Club Builder Awards and three were present, (l-r): Dick Reasons of Des Moines for Kitte Noble, Nate Burnham of Ankeny and Dean Stocker of Albia. Not present: Ed Whitham of Burlington, Terry Pauling of Indianola, Jon Finney of Keosauqua and Charles Mooney of Bettendorf.



Assistant Governors who completed their service received plaques (l-r): John Schroeder (Bloomfield), Tim Ennis (Corning), Peggy Geiger, Jenn Pfeifer-Malaney (Indianola), DG Terry Geiger and AG team leader PDG Bill Tubbs. Not pictured was William Shewmaker (Keosauqua).



Four clubs received district citations for new Public Relations projects, (l-r): Bettendorf (Mark Ross), Des Moines AM (Tamara Kenworthy), Peggy Geiger, West Liberty (Jm Carey), DG Terry Geiger and Ottumwa (Jay Messerschmit).



The Rotary Club of Decatur County won the award for attendance at the 2012 District Conference in Riverside (members attending times miles traveled). Club members (l-r): Jack DePond, Phil Metcalf, Mary Ellen Stanley, Donna Duerr, Phyllis Miller, DGND Loring Miller, DG Terry Geiger, Peggy Geiger, Linda Chastain and Marcia Stevens.



The focus was on youth at the April 11-13 District Conference, and Nancy Pacha of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM (at right, front row) celebrated 50 years of Interact by introducing representatives of District 6000's 12 Interact clubs. The two girls who were co-presidents for Mount Pleasant Interact, Kathryn Chabel and Madison Pullis, are in front center. Kasra Zarei and Velarchana Santhana are from Iowa City West High 1440 Interact.



Merle Anderson



Decker Ploehn



Scott Raecker



Robert D. Ray



Pat Schnack



Pete Wallace

## Six honored as ‘Guardians of Integrity’

Six Rotarians who were nominated by their clubs were recognized as “Guardians of Integrity” at District Conference. It was the third year for the awards that were created in 2010 to recognize individuals who have made contributions that foster the development of integrity.

The award honors individuals who have made contributions in business, media, academia or government and who have by their actions, writing, policies and public pronouncements strengthened and fostered development of integrity and ethical practices – and who have made sacrifices and/or undertaken risks to uphold Rotary’s Core Value of Integrity.

The awards are named after the late Past District Governor Paul E. Hellwege (1954-55) who, at the time of his death had been a past district governor for more than half of the 105-year existence of Rotary, whose life exemplified integrity.

Instead of naming one district winner as was done the first two years, it became increasingly apparent to the Vocational Service Committee that all of the nominees were Guardians of Integrity, and all were honored. The names of this year’s six nominees will be placed on a new plaque that names all of the nominees from our first three years as Guardians of Integrity. The names of nominees in future years will be added to the plaque.

This year’s honorees are:

**Bettendorf Rotarian Decker Ploehn** “has a soldier’s mentality of protecting and serving the people under his watch.” As Bettendorf City Manager, he is described as a charismatic leader, a master negotiator, one who is dedicated to his tasks and quick to volunteer. He chairs Quad Cities Emergency Planning Council, is a member of the board of directors of Boy Scouts, Iowa City Managers’ Association and a major planner for John Deere Classic, which has raised millions of dollars for local charities. The Center for Active Seniors, Quad Cities Art and Habitat for Humanity benefit from Decker’s commitment.

**Des Moines AM Rotarian Scott Raecker** is known for “a sterling reputation for civility, fairness and being an honest broker.” 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, and Josephson Institute of Ethics Board of Governors, among many others. Scott also has served the citizens of Iowa as a member of the Iowa House of Representatives.

**Des Moines Rotarian Robert D. Ray** is well known in our state. After serving Iowa as Governor, “his reputation for integrity, fairness and competence” were reasons he was selected as interim mayor of Des Moines, interim President of Drake University and

as CEO of Life Investors and Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Governor Ray is recognized as the first to have reached out to offer his state as a sanctuary for political refugees fleeing Southeast Asia after the Vietnam War. A member of many commissions, Governor Ray was also a leader in initiating Character Counts in Iowa schools.

**Iowa City AM Rotarian Pat Schnack’s** “low-key, unpretentious, and untiring service to others” is an example to all. Named the 2011 United Way “Woman of Conviction,” Pat has created a school library in Xicotepec, Mexico, participated in an NID in India, directed a Rotary Meals on Wheels project, established a Partners in Reading program for junior high students and community members, taught English in China and Lithuania, and been a team member of Iowa MOST in spite of serious health issues that she refuses to let hinder her. Recently back from Xicotepec, she took her granddaughter with her this time.

**Iowa City Rotarian Peter Wallace** spends each spring with back-to-back trips for Iowa MOST and the Xicotepec project. The retired pediatrician and hospital administrator has a “passion for caring for children.” He has served on the boards of directors of the Iowa City School District, Public Library, Chamber of Commerce, many county health boards and task forces, and has received awards for outstanding service from the Iowa Medical Society, Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City schools, and the American Academy of Pediatrics as well as the RI Four Avenues of Service Award.

**North Scott Rotarian Merle Anderson** provided visionary leadership for the farm cooperatives he managed, and his work as a Rotary Volunteer in Ukraine, Moldova and Uganda has allowed people in those places “to dream of what I could become.” On more than ten trips he has extended goodwill and made better friendships, and he has taught what he knows about agricultural methods and helped to develop cooperatives that have benefited entire communities. He has also facilitated bringing several people to the United States from the Soviet Union to learn about business practices. Merle is a dedicated member of our district GSE committee and committees at his church.

Guardians of Integrity from the first two years:

### 2011

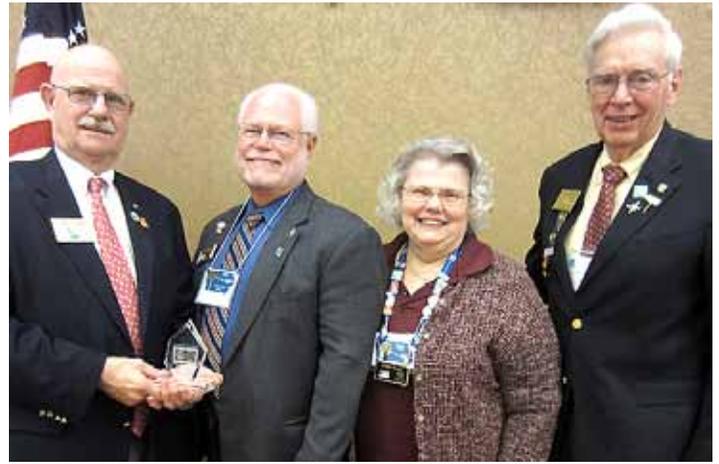
Jean Bartley, Iowa City AM  
Vernon Condon, Boone  
David Deuth, Bettendorf  
Brock Earnhardt, Davenport  
Gary Foster, Clinton  
Ann Harris, Washington  
Pete Knapp, Coralville-North Corridor  
James Koehler, North Scott  
Jim Miles, Johnston  
Scott Raecker, Des Moines AM  
Robert Walters, Nevada

### 2012

Steve Dakin, Boone  
James Frevert, Nevada  
Don Goering, Ames  
Ned Looney, East Polk  
Keith Mattke, North Scott  
Frank Mitvalsky, Bettendorf  
Rick Morain, Jefferson  
Scott Raecker, Des Moines AM  
Bill Reese, West Des Moines  
Pete Wallace, Iowa City  
Mark Zirkelbach, Johnston



Jim Petersen of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM (c) was honored with The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service. He is pictured with DG Terry Geiger and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Corliss Klaassen.



PDG Gary Welch and Colleen of Ankeny (c) were recognized as Level 5 Benefactors for their \$250,000-plus bequest to The Rotary Foundation. They are pictured with DG Terry Geiger and PDG Don Goering, Annual Giving co-chair.

# Rotary Foundation individual awards



Rotary Foundation District Service Awards were presented by DG Terry Geiger (l) to (l-r): Del Christensen of Adel (Wilma Mitchell pictured), Doyle Sanders of Northwest Des Moines (Brad Helgemo pictured), Dan Johnson of Nevada, Rich Dwyer of Muscatine (Keith Porter pictured), Gerald Klonglan of Ames, and Steve Dakin of Boone (back).



New Level 2 Major Donors, recognized for cumulative gifts of \$25,000 to The Rotary Foundation, are PDG Bill and Linda Tubbs of North Scott (left photo) and Jeanne and PDG Corliss Klaassen of Chariton (right).



Clint Rila of the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant (second from left) and his wife, Wilianna (not pictured) were recognized as a Level 3 (minimum \$50,000) Bequest Society members. With him are DG Terry Geiger and PDGs Cal Litwiller of Mount Pleasant and Don Goering of Ames.



A new Major Donor Level 1 (\$10,000 or more) who was recognized at District Conference was Lee Holmes of Waukee, pictured with his wife, Roberta, and DG Terry and Peggy Geiger and District Rotary Foundation Chair Corliss Klaassen (above).

Todd Wheeler (right) of the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines, was recognized as a Level 1 (\$10,000) Bequest Society Member.



Photos by Bill Tubbs



Clubs that were recognized at District Conference for Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) giving to The Rotary Foundation were (l-r): Chariton (Becky Struve), Davenport (Paul Johnson), DG Terry Geiger, Decatur County (Donna Duerr), District Foundation Chair PDG Corliss Klaassen, Nevada (Michelle Cassabaum), Greater Des Moines (Todd Wheeler), and West Liberty (Jim Carey).

DG 2011-12 Don Patterson (c), was recognized on behalf of District 6000 for achieving the second highest giving among the 12 districts in Zone 28 with \$445,126 to the Annual Programs Fund in 2011-12.

# Rotary Foundation club, district awards



Clubs that were recognized at District Conference for having 100 percent Sustaining Members (every member gives \$100 or more annual to The Rotary Foundation) were (l-r): Chariton (Becky Struve), Nevada (Michelle Cassabaum), DG Terry Geiger, Greater Des Moines (Todd Wheeler), District Foundation Chair PDG Corliss Klaassen, and West Liberty (Jim Carey).  
Photos by Bill Tubbs

The top three clubs in per capita giving to The Rotary Foundation in 2012-13 were (l-r): Decatur County, third, \$211.20 per capita (Donna Duerr), DG Terry Geiger, Davenport, second, \$238.17 per capita (Paul Johnson), District Foundation Chair PDG Corliss Klaassen, and West Liberty, first, \$415.38 per capita (Jim Carey).



Twelve clubs were recognized for giving 20 percent of their Annual Fund contributions to PolioPlus, (l-r): Muscatine (Mike Ruby), Nevada (Michelle Cassabaum), Northwest Des Moines (Ed Arnold), Ames (Steve Goodhue), Clinton (Norlan Hinke), Keokuk (Tony Conn), Boone (Steve Dakin), Fairfield (Doug Flournoy), Chariton (Becky Struve), Iowa City (Jody Braverman), and Fairfield (Ginny Hughes). Not pictured: Ames, Bettendorf and East Polk. Polio survivor Carol Meyer and District Governor Terry Governor are in the center of the front row.



The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

# Rotary friendships warm up in Chile

By Linda Chastain/Decatur County

GSE Team Leader to District 4340, Chile

I hope you all were able to follow us on our Facebook page “GSE Chile 4340 – USA 6000” and our blog “www.iowan-sinchile.blogspot.com” – both are still there!

Our 32 days were, of course, centered in District 4340 which is comprised of the Santiago area and 160 miles south – 58 clubs and 1,200 members.

Chile has approximately 17 million inhabitants – 8 million of whom live in the Santiago metropolitan area. This gives Santiago alone 2.5 times more people than all of Iowa.

We Iowans, however, didn’t hesitate to acclimate ourselves to “city life” – jumping on the very efficient and clean metro subways to get from point to point, trying every new food placed in front of us, and learning Chilean nuances to Spanish. I don’t know, though, if we ever got accustomed to the “manana” nature of the Chilean culture, since being “tardy” is an antithesis to Iowa culture! Also we came to realize the difficulty and frustration of moving people/cars in a population of 8 million people – often causing major delays in appointed meeting times.

**‘We loved being immersed into the lives of the 25 Rotary host families. Their warmth, compassion, and genuine interest in us, our families, and Iowa reflected the way all of Chile welcomed us.’**

– Linda Chastain, team leader

We visited 16 clubs – giving our presentation in Spanish, of course. These clubs ranged in size from 10 to 200 members. Most meetings started at 8:30 p.m. and finished around midnight. All meetings started with a social time – pisco sours, wine, appetizers, and lots of greeting-per-hug-and-cheek-kiss. Pisco is a distilled liquor from the pisco grape. Mixed with lime juice, sugar, and lots of crushed ice, and offered up at every gathering, pisco sours were quickly dubbed “agua de Chile” by our team.

OK, social time is over – now it’s time for business. Oops, I forgot dinner! The clubs really went all out for us. We enjoyed wonderful bowls of cazuela, a tasty beef soup including a small piece of sweet corn and sweet potatoes. We ate lots of chicken, steak, tomatoes with onions, rice, and avocado (which they call

palta), empanadas, and of course, bread. We did not realize that Chile is the No. 2 bread-consuming country in the world. I think we may have raised it to No. 1.

Their Rotary meetings tend to be very formal – many officers carrying out their roles – it’s a wonder the meetings were over by midnight! We were amazed at the number of clubs that do NOT have female members. We quickly learned that this is a very serious issue and not to be taken lightly – or even discussed!

It was also interesting to learn that some clubs were founded as early as 1927.

We loved touring Chile and learning about its history and culture. The Mapuche were the early natives of this area and are still evidenced by local nomenclature. Our visit to the U.S. Embassy and a meeting with the deputy enlightened us on Chile’s economy being in its “golden era.”

Leaving Santiago and going south to Curico and Talca took us through agriculturally-rich country. Curico is the center for fruit production and processing. Talca was close to the epicenter of the earthquake in 2010 and is still rebuilding.

We visited Valparaiso twice – touring congress, the harbor, and beach areas of Vina del Mar, San Antonio and Cartagena.

We loved the Rancagua area (a Mapuche word pronounced “ran cow a”) where the world’s largest copper mine operates three shifts a day of 5,000 workers (150 bus loads) per shift. The Chilean government currently owns roughly 70 percent of the copper industry. Rancagua is also home to Chile’s National Rodeo Championship. Rodeo in Chile is this one event composed of two horsemen, one head of cattle, and a complicated scoring system based on how the horse contacts the cow. Fifteen thousand people flock to watch the finals the last weekend in March.

I believe we all agreed that the best part of the adventure was getting to know the people of Chile. We loved being immersed into the lives of the 25 Rotary host families. Their warmth, compassion, and genuine interest in us, our families, and Iowa reflected the way all of Chile welcomed us.

Thank you Rotary Foundation, Districts 6000 and 4340, and our sponsoring clubs for allowing our team this fantastic adventure. We would love to show you our pictures!



The District 6000 GSE team received royal welcome reception from District 4340 upon their arrival in Chile. Notice they are wearing their District 6000 pins! Roberto Silva, GSE chair, is in the back row.

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- GSE Team Members:**
- Melanie Berry (Des Moines)
  - Ben Bonanno (Iowa City Downtown)
  - Lindsey Clausen (Des Moines AM)
  - Amy Jennings (Des Moines)
  - \* Linda Chastain (Decatur County)



In a picture that might have been taken at Honey Creek, the Inbound and Outbound GSE teams were together at the District Conference of District 4340.

## Vocational Training Teams: A new way to change the world

By Lynn Hicks/Des Moines

GSE Outbound Chair

Rotary has a new vehicle to change the world: Vocational Training Teams. District 6000 is inviting your club to propose such a team.

A VTT is a group of professionals – both Rotarians and non-Rotarians – who travel to another country either to learn more about their profession or to teach local professionals about a particular field. VTTs will go a step further than the Group Study Exchange program by giving team members the chance to use their skills to improve the lives of others.

A VTT project must address the Rotary Foundation's areas of focus:

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

The Rotary Foundation offers these examples of successful VTT projects: One team traveled to Uganda to train farm families on business strategies, savings, and investments. A team of medical professionals conducted a weeklong workshop for their counterparts in Liberia on techniques for preventing transmission of HIV from infected mothers to their children.

A VTT project has several requirements. It must:

- have a host partner and international sponsor;
- build the capacity of either the team members or the benefiting community;
- have a sustainable and measurable impact;
- have a minimum project budget amount of \$30,000;
- have one Rotarian team leader with experience in the area of focus, and at least two participants with two years of work experience in the area of focus.

There are no restrictions on participant age, team size or duration of training.

VTTs will be funded by a matching Global Grant through the Rotary Foundation.

Learn more here: <http://bit.ly/184SuKD>

Applications are due Sept. 1. To apply, contact Lynn Hicks, District 6000 VTT chairman, at 515-556-0747 or [lynhyx@gmail.com](mailto:lynhyx@gmail.com)



The 34th annual Bunny Harper Memorial Golf Tournament will be July 15 at the Legacy Golf Club, 400 Legacy Park, Norwalk. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and shot gun start is at 9:00 a.m. Lunch and awards will be at 1:15 p.m. Cost is \$80 (\$85 after July 1) and includes continental breakfast, tees, lunch and prizes. Information: Jeff Courter: [jwc@nyemaster.com](mailto:jwc@nyemaster.com); or Joe Stopulos: [jstopulos@holmesmurphy.com](mailto:jstopulos@holmesmurphy.com).



Marshalltown Rotarian Lew Miller takes a time out with a couple of Storm Chasers during a busy evening of herding three dozen members and guests at a Barnstormer outing at Wells Fargo Arena.

## Fellowship: Marshalltown has a 'barnstorming' time!

By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown

More than three dozen Marshalltown Rotarians and guests were on hand May 11 to witness the Iowa Barnstormers roll over the New Orleans Voodoo in impressive 62-16 fashion. Members Lew Miller and Jim Goodman lined up this road trip aboard a chartered bus – destination Wells Fargo Arena. For many, it was the first arena football game they had attended.



A few days before the Barnstormer training camp opened, Goodman helped arrange for a couple of their coaches to visit the Marshalltown Rotary weekly luncheon to give a preview of the season. Coaches Kyle Moore-Brown and Trevor

Whiting (Goodman's son-in-law) described the mindset and dreams of the athletes, the selection of the 24 players to suit up, and the tradition of the Barnstormer franchise. They also described what kind of a experience to expect when attending a Barnstormer game. Miller then secured a block of tickets and went to work on the details of what turned out to be a fun-filled Rotarian evening two months later.

Although Miller and Goodman made this event happen, the club's Membership Committee played a key role. Chairs Bonnie Lowry and Robin Lilienthal initiated a membership satisfaction survey last fall, the results of which have fueled an action plan underway. Although humanitarian service is at the core of the Rotary organization, fellowship is deemed an important component to the Marshalltown club. Lilienthal stressed, "It is critical that we promote a plan that ensures we remain a vibrant and growing club".

There was plenty of fellowship and vibrancy that included a box lunch and coolers of beverages for the short trip to Des Moines. After curb-side service to the arena, the group was treated to seats immediately behind the players and coaches. There was no shortage of energy for this excursion as there is rarely a dull moment at a Barnstormers game, especially when the offense lights up the scoreboard. Honestly, you almost have to see it to believe it. Some were still hearing cowbells ringing in their ears during the ride home.

# D-6000 grants build 'Peace Through Service'

By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport

D-6000 Global Grants Chair

*"In Rotary, our business is not profit. Our business is peace. Our reward is not money, but the happiness and satisfaction of seeing a better, more peaceful world — one that we have achieved through our own efforts."*

So said RI President Sakuji Tanaka in his theme address a year ago, and he asked us "all to commit to a Rotary year of Peace Through Service — and a Rotary goal of a more peaceful world."

District 6000 clubs accepted that challenge to create a better and more peaceful world with ambitious international service projects.

During the current Rotary year, our clubs have filed twelve applications for new Rotary Foundation international humanitarian grants in some of the world's poorest and most troubled places.

In Manzanillo, Mexico, the Rotary Club of **West Liberty** helped provide school uniforms, shoes, school supplies and study room furniture for 55 children at Casa Hogar Los Angelitos Children's Home and Orphanage.

In and around Abuja, the capital of Nigeria, the Rotary Clubs of **Northwest Des Moines, Waukee, Winterset** and **Indianola** are helping provide 15 state-of-the-art pediatric incubators for hospitals, and training for medical personnel and maintenance staff. These are where the conventional incubator is a cardboard box, lined with a blanket and set on a sunny windowsill.

In Lebanon the Rotary Club of **Decatur County** is helping install water filtration systems in five public schools in the Beirut, Saida, Baalbek and Mount Lebanon areas. Hy-Vee provided financial support for this project from revenues on sales of bottled water in the company's Des Moines area stores.

In Cartagena, Colombia the Rotary Club of **Fairfield** is helping fund purchase of specialized skin grafting equipment for the burn unit of a pediatric hospital. Rotary clubs in Florida and Virginia also provided financial support.

In San Salvador Cuscatlán, El Salvador the Rotary Clubs of **Northwest Des Moines, Winterset** and **West Des Moines** are helping fund installation of drip irrigation systems on ten family farms and provide training to the farmers that will help make them self-sufficient.

In Kano, Nigeria, in the troubled Muslim north of the country where polio is still endemic, the Rotary Club of **Ankeny** is sponsoring construction of two water wells for a large eye hospital and its surrounding community of about a quarter of a million people. Again, Hy-Vee provided financial support.

In Matagalpa, Nicaragua, the Rotary Club of **Bettendorf** is helping fund construction of a 70-meter long footbridge in a village of about 1,000 people that is completely isolated by a dangerous river during the long rainy season. The bridge was designed and its construction supervised by Continental Crossings, a University of Iowa student organization that also provided financial support.

In the Phirilongwe area of Malawi, the Rotary Clubs of **Mount Pleasant, Mount Pleasant Noon** and **Fort Madison** are helping provide solar energy electricity generating systems for 20 schools so students who have to work during the day can go to school and study at night.

In Aquin, Haiti, the Rotary Clubs of **Clinton, Fairfield, Muscatine, Tipton** and **West Liberty** are helping construct nine water wells for poor communities where contaminated water caused so much illness and death after the 2010 earthquake. Water for Life, a Haitian non-profit organization with Kalona, Iowa, roots, is providing financial and implementation support for the project.

In Kaduna, Nigeria, in the tense middle belt of the country, the Rotary Club of **Ankeny** is helping construct a water well equipped with electric pump and solar powered electricity generator for a primary school serving 3,000 students. This project also received financial support from Hy-Vee.

In Surat, India, the Rotary Club of **Mount Pleasant** is helping provide modern electronic instructional equipment in a school for deaf-mute people that has more than 400 students enrolled.

In Old Fangak, South Sudan, the world's newest country, the Rotary Club of **Marshalltown** is helping provide water well drilling equipment to communities, instructions to community members in proper use of the equipment and assistance with the drilling of 20 wells. Hy-Vee has agreed to assist with financial support here, too.

The budgets of our twelve projects total \$441,000. Where did that money come from?

- 15 percent was money raised by our clubs and contributed by Rotarians.
- 28 percent came from our own District Designated Funds.
- Our host partners provided 5 percent through cash and DDF contributions.
- 12 percent came from sources outside Rotary.
- But the big contributor was The World Fund of The Rotary Foundation with 40 percent of the total.

Project budgets represent just a portion of the value of our projects. If contributions of Rotarians' time and talents were counted, goodness only knows the total.

Our humanitarian service projects will touch the lives of an estimated 295,000 people in the first year after implementation. Yet, all of the projects provide sustainable, multi-year benefits, most for generations to come so the number of beneficiaries is enormous.

District 6000 Rotarians are all Peacemakers. Every time we bring water to those without, every time we provide an opportunity for literacy, every time we give another child a chance to live or a family to live better our service is helping provide the basic conditions needed for peace.

## Club seeks partners for God's Mercy Orphanage in Uganda

Rotarians Merle Anderson and Glen Keppy of the Rotary Club of North Scott traveled to Uganda within the last year as volunteers assisting farmers with production and marketing.

While in Uganda, they became aware of the needs of the God's Mercy Orphanage in Kisoro, which is in southwestern Uganda. Keppy was impressed by the small, dedicated staff at the orphanage. Their needs for food, clothing, school and medical supplies are great, and the club is raising funds to do a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant with the Rotary Club of Kabale, Uganda.

The Rotary Club of Tipton has agreed to support the project, and more clubs are needed to achieve the new minimum requirement of \$7,500 for Matching Grants. When matched by district and world funds of The Rotary Foundation, the project would total \$33,750, and would positively impact the lives of many children in very difficult circumstances.

Anderson and Keppy have put together a Power Point presentation for clubs who are interested in learning more. They can be reached at: Anderson, (563) 285-4625 or (563) 343-1912, email mla24@aol.com; and Keppy, (563) 391-2075, or email glen.keppy@hotmail.com.



Zone 28 Rotary Public Image Coordinator Roger Kueter of Cedar Falls addresses District Assembly March 23 at Newton.

# District Assembly presents ‘the big picture and the details’

**By DGE Jacque Andrew/Jefferson**

About 100 district Rotarians gathered Saturday morning, March 23 for Training Assembly to learn about the "Big Picture and the Details" at Newton's DMACC center. Rotary International club support coordinator John Hannes of Evanston, IL gave the opening presentation on "the details" of RI's Member Access and Rotary Club Central (RCC) website portals, their purposes, advantages and utilization for club officers and all Rotarians.

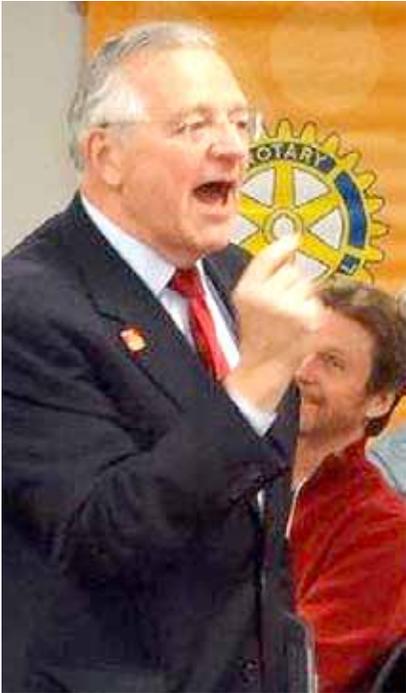
A separate track was offered for club secretaries trained by Hannes and Ankeny club secretary Nate Burnham who drilled down to a more detailed presentation on RCC. The new Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program track was presented by PDG Gary Welch while Rotary youth exchange (RYE) officers and counselors were trained by Chris Knapp, RYE chair.

Additional training sessions on The Rotary Foundation and fundraising by PDG Corliss Klaassen and Bill Koellner, district annual funds chair, and membership and public image were presented by Ginny Hughes, district members team chair, AG Mike Ruby and PDG

Bill Tubbs.

Concurrently, a Grant Management Seminar was conducted by PDG Cal Litwiller, Brock Earnhardt and Doug Flournoy all morning for those clubs interested in applying for district and global grants under the Rotary Foundation's new "Future Vision" grant model.

"The BIG Picture: Rotary's Brand" was the message delivered by PDG Roger Kueter, Zone Public Image Coordinator of District 5970, following the luncheon for all attendees.



Rotary Public Image Coordinator Roger Kueter.

Photo by Jacque Andrew



District Governor Terry Geiger.

# How you can help Oklahoma!

**By Jim Riordan/Waukee**

Chair, District 6000 Disaster Relief Team

Many phone calls and emails have come in asking if there is a way district Rotarians can donate to help the victims and rebuilding efforts in Moore, Okla., after the devastating EF5 tornado. The answer is "Yes" you can donate funds to the District 6000 H.E.F. (Humanitarian/Educational Foundation) which is our 501(c) 3 fund, where a special category for Oklahoma relief is being set up.

Please make your check payable to: District 6000 H.E.F. and indicate Oklahoma Tornado Relief on the subject line of the check. Send to: Sandy Pickup, HEF Treasurer, 818 Third Ave., Iowa City, IA 52245. Phone (319) 337-9727, or email: spickup3@mchsi.com.

Governor Terry Geiger called the district governor of the Oklahoma City area to ask for help in identifying Rotary clubs that are engaged in providing relief and rebuilding efforts. Our district leadership team will then direct whatever funds are raised by District 6000 to those clubs that are on the front lines of helping the people of Moore and surrounding areas recover from this horrible disaster.



Robb Knuepfer (r), a past district governor from Chicago, was a guest at District Conference to promote a project to raise funds to restore Comely Bank, which was Paul and Jean Harris' house in Chicago. In District 6000, he is working with PDG Gary Welch (l), pictured with his wife, Colleen. Watch for a feature about Comely Bank in a future issue of District 6000 News.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

# Membership: Two perspectives

## Keys to attendance? Food, programs, fellowship

**By Charlie Nixon/Coon Rapids**

Club Member Chair

Coon Rapids has had a Rotary club for more than 50 years. I am guessing the club has had steady membership around the 30 mark for all those years. In recent years our community's demographics have changed and that has challenged our club. Somehow we have managed to attract new members into the fold and keep our numbers viable. Honestly, I think the two biggest factors working in our favor are high quality meals and consistently good programs.

Last fall, our longtime cook developed health problems and had to retire. Our club limped around for several weeks in search of an adequate replacement. One week I had to resort to serving cold meat sandwiches and potato salad (!), but I believe that if we fail to deliver on the food, our attendance will fall off quickly. Fortunately, the very next week we landed a terrific lady who has worked out very well and has exceeded all expectations. Once again we are getting fat and sassy. We pay our cook \$250 a week. I don't know if that's too much or too little for a small club like Coon Rapids, but it is working for us at the moment.

Each member is responsible for presenting a program. I prepare the yearly schedule and it works out so each member has two programs per year. There is some apprehension from potential new members who fear they cannot find adequate programs and I try to ease their fear by telling them that I can always help them out. In fact, since I work in the newspaper office, I am constantly coming across interesting individuals with stories to tell, so often I am often called to assist.

In addition, I send out an email every Thursday morning reminding them to attend our weekly luncheon with a teaser about the upcoming program. I also encourage them to bring a guest.

In short, having excellent food, engaging conversation and interesting programs makes the recruitment of new members much easier.



Charlie Nixon

## 'Why would I NOT want to be a Rotarian?'

**By Usha R. Balakrishnan/Iowa City**

Member of club board of directors

Our Rotary club's weekly meetings have been so important and relevant to me in building up my growing CARTHA network in different parts of the world.

Whether in town or during my trips anywhere else in the U.S. or abroad, I attend Rotary club meetings because I am guaranteed to come across or sit by really interesting professionals from very diverse sectors of the economy. I really enjoy and cherish these real-life, usually intergenerational conversations with professionals with very varied sets of talents who are also adept at making connections and accessing resources in timely ways.



Usha Balakrishnan

Belonging to Rotary for over a decade (since 2003) has greatly helped in boosting my creativity and enhancing my overall experiential-based and tacit-level understandings of societal challenges. Such understandings and knowing the ups and downs and the critical "how-to" questions for achieving humanitarian impacts are critical to being engaged in innovative undertakings and demonstrating leadership in a caring way, whether locally or globally.

The ability to collaborate effectively across sectors does require extensive human-level interaction across generations no matter how many, many friends one may have across a variety of online platforms.

For any professional, being networked in human ways across different age groups in a rapidly changing world is more important than ever. Rotary serves as that wonderful platform for me today. Naturally, I feel ever so grateful and thankful to Rotary founder Paul Harris as well as to so many, many others who have worked so hard since 1905 to make a world of difference for generations to come!

So, the question that I ask myself as I turn 50 next year is not "Why do I want to be in Rotary?" but rather emphatically: "Why would I not be a Rotarian?!"

### Financial support for FAMSCO

**Voluntary contributions from clubs support the operations of FAMSCO throughout the year. Thanks to the clubs named below who contributed \$9,181 to FAMSCO in 2012-13.**

**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.**

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| Ames             | Des Moines       | Keosauqua            |
| Ankeny           | East Polk        | Manning              |
| Bettendorf       | Fairfield        | Marengo              |
| Bloomfield       | Fort Madison     | Marshalltown         |
| Boone            | Grinnell         | Nevada               |
| Carroll          | Iowa City        | Newton               |
| Chariton         | Iowa City AM     | North Scott          |
| Coralville-North | Iowa Quad Cities | Northwest Des Moines |
| Corridor         | Jefferson        | Tipton               |
| Dallas Center    | Johnston         | Waukee               |
| Davenport        | Kalona           | Wellman              |
| Decatur County   | Keokuk           | West Liberty         |



The Rotary Club of Corning's annual barbecue was "excellent," according to Peggy Geiger, who submitted this photo on May 6. Assistant Governor Tim Ennis (c) and Rotarians served.

# Iowa districts co-sponsor Peace Forum



District Governors Terry Geiger and Jill Olsen at the Peace Forum.  
Photos provided by Jacque Andrew

Rotarians from Districts 5970 and 6000 came together at Ames City Hall on April 28 to consider issues of Peace through Social Justice. This joint venture represents a commitment to make One Rotary in Iowa and to consider issues that confront every community in our state.

Topics included bullying, domestic violence, conflict resolution and inner peace. The forum began with the viewing of "Bully," an award-winning documentary directed by Lee Hirsch and partly filmed in Sioux City.

Breakout session facilitators were Rotarian Gail Pursell Elliott (the "Dignity and Respect Lady"), mental health counselor Don Broashar, and Natasha Oren of Youth Advocate ACCESS.

PDG Jim Patton (D5970) moderated a concluding session that discussed highlights of the forum and suggestions for projects, partnerships, or activities Rotarians could

take back to their own clubs and communities. Special thanks to PDG Patton and Rotary Club of Ames Morning president Jerri Heid for their diligent work in organizing this event. Forest City club president Vicki Tegland, one of the District 5970 Rotarians attending, indicated an interest in continuing the forum as an annual event for the two districts.

— from District 5970 newsletter, "The Keyway"



Jerri Heid



Jim Patton



Dorothy Schumer

## Fairfield Rotarians aid Sheriff, and Students of the Month

The Rotary Club of Fairfield gave \$8,750 to the Fairfield Sheriff's Department Special Assistance Team for radio hands free body mikes for better communication. The radios will be used by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and the Fairfield Police Department. The radios increase communication skills for high risk situations in which the same frequency will be shared by the Washington County Sniper Unit command staff and team members.

The Rotary Club of Fairfield's Auction gave \$5,000 and The Rotary Foundation through a district grant fund gave \$3,750 toward this very worthy community project.

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The Student of the Month Award is granted by the Rotary Club of Fairfield to high school seniors for their achievements in the area of academic performance, extracurricular activities, and outstanding abilities to help others in school as well as within the community through service-oriented projects. The students pictured below were recently honored.

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Other recent community support of the Rotary Club of Fairfield included \$1,500 check to the Crisis Center and Women's Shelter. For several years, the club has conducted a Christmas fundraiser for the Lord's Cupboard and the Crisis Center and Women's Shelter. Judith Cox, treasurer, spearheaded the fundraiser with the help of many Rotarians. In 2012 the Rotary Club of Fairfield received a \$2,000 grant from The Rotary Foundation to support services provided by this organization. This grant was matched by \$2,000 with from the First United Methodist Church, the First National Bank of Fairfield and the Rotary Club of Fairfield (raising the total amount to \$4,000).



The Rotary Club of Fairfield's gift to the Sheriff's Special Assistance Team, (l-r): Jen Osby, administrator of Parkview Care Center, Lt. Jerry Marcellus of the Sheriff's Department, and Tammy Jones, manager of KMCD - Classic 96 radio station. Osby and Jones are co-chairs of the Rotary Club of Fairfield's Auction Committee.  
Provided by Francis Mossé



Taj Matumbi from MSAE receives his Student of the Month Award from Rotarian Steven Beltramea.



Hanna Kerr of Fairfield High School receives her Student of the Month Award from Rotarian Steven Beltramea.

***Wear your Rotary pin with pride!***

# Report of the Council On Legislation

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Council On Legislation Delegate 2013

The top three decisions of the April 21-26 triennial Council on Legislation, in the opinion of RI President-Elect Ron Burton, were: 1. Removing the RI travel policy from the bylaws; 2. Raising dues \$1 a year for three years; and 3. Allowing trustees of The Rotary Foundation to be members of the Strategic Planning Committee.

“It was one of the best Councils I’ve seen or observed,” Burton said.



Bill Tubbs

While those changes are important to RI officials, with the exception of the dues increase, they will not affect the operations of Rotary clubs as much as other changes, some as subtle as requiring that the club secretary be a member

of the board of directors, or as potentially transformative as allowing people who have not worked, or who have interrupted their work, to be proposed and inducted as active members.

The 195 proposed enactments and resolutions that were debated by 532 delegates over five days by this world-wide deliberative body fell into three categories: Issues affecting clubs, districts and Rotary International.

Delegates traveled from every corner of the world to the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center on the Miracle Mile in downtown Chicago, and the regional differences as we sought consensus on the rules that direct our world-wide association were evident from the beginning.

District 1670 in France, for example, wanted attendance requirements suspended in July and August due to vacations, but in addition to being a bad idea from our North American point of view, Rotarians in the southern hemisphere pointed out that July and August are not their vacation months.



John Germ (r) of Tennessee chaired the Council On Legislation and David Morgan of England was vice chair.

The vote was 60 in favor and 445 against.

District 3000 in India wanted a rule to deny new clubs a vote in elections for district governor to stop a candidate from starting new clubs to win votes! District 2390 in Sweden wanted makeups to count six months before or after a meeting. Those measures failed with not much support.

### Measures that passed

*Some of the measures that did pass will:*

- Allow service projects and club activities to qualify as makeups.
- Allow clubs to form satellite clubs in the same locality as the parent club. (Past RI President Cliff Docktermann spoke passionately in support. “We’ve been waiting for some creative thinking,” he said. “Vote

yes on this item. If it doesn’t work, who cares!” (Laughter erupted. The measure passed, 370-130.)

- Require that a club’s semi-annual report be transparent to its members.
- Require that an individual shall have been a member of the club for one year before serving as president.
- Excuse admission fees for a member rejoining his/her club.
- Remove the age 65 requirement in the “Rule of 85” for excused attendance (for example, age 55 and 30 years in Rotary would qualify).
- Extend the period allowed for excused absences for health beyond one year.
- Require members to bring a letter of recommendation from their old club to the new club when changing clubs.
- Remove the limit of two e-clubs per district.
- Increase from 200 to 1,000 the number of clubs world-wide who can participate in pilot club programs.
- Direct districts to name a past district governor as “vice governor” to take over if the governor cannot fulfill his/her duties. (The District 6000 executive committee designated Terry Geiger as “vice governor” for Jacque Andrew’s year.)

Direct district governors to ensure that a club’s bylaws comply with RI’s Constitution.

- Change the name of the Fifth Avenue of Service from New Generations to Youth.
- Change the name of District Assembly to District Training Assembly – although this change took a circuitous route. The initial proposed enactment recommended Club Leadership Training Seminar, which most accurately describes the event that District 6000 holds in March at Newton. Language, however, can trip us up, and so it was when an English-speaking woman rose to speak about acronyms. “It will be called ‘CLITS,’ she said, just as President-Elect Training is

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Delegates from Rotary’s 538 districts were given assigned seats in the large hall at the Marriott Conference Center in Chicago for the April 21-26 Council On Legislation.



Delegates stand to be recognized (left) while translators in the booths conduct business in six languages, each to the other: English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Japanese and Korean.

# Rotex resolution fails to get needed votes

called 'PETS'."

There was laughter in the hall. "See!" she said. And the name change was approved on a vote of 253-251.

## Measures that failed

Most of the 195 proposals did not receive the required 50-percent-plus-one majority, or in the case of constitutional changes, two thirds.

*Some of the more interesting proposals that failed, in my opinion, would have:*

- Allowed districts to add a geographical name to their number (e.g. District 6000 Southern Iowa? Hawkeyes? Cyclones?).
- Created one permanent annual theme for all of Rotary.
- Assessed clubs \$3 per member in support of the RI Convention and reduced the registration fee to \$100. Past RI President Ray Klingensmith said this would increase attendance by 3,000 to 5,000 at upcoming conventions in Sydney and San Paulo.
- Changed the terms of The Rotary Foundation trustees from four to six years and the term of the chair to four years.

- Amended the RI Constitution to designate that the RIBI board would replace the general council as Great Britain's governing body. This was controversial and failed the needed two-thirds majority, 288-215.

- Added provisions to the Object of Rotary. There were numerous proposals such as adding sentences on Youth, Culture, Earth Preservation, and more. Delegates did not want the Object of Rotary to become a "Christmas tree" of causes: keep it simple.

- Changed meetings of the Council On Legislation to every four years instead of three, with meetings in the fall, not the spring. (The venue for the 2016 Council has already been booked.)

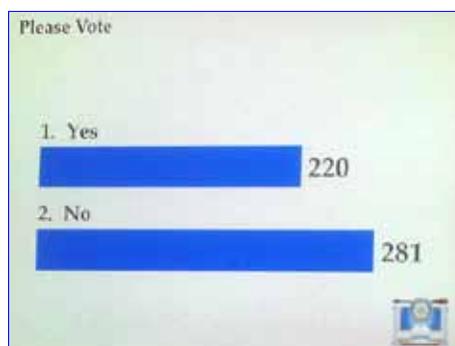
## Small clubs and districts

They say that each Council On Legislation develops a personality as the week progresses, and 2013 was no exception. Any attempts to penalize clubs or districts because they are small were quickly shot down. Among them, proposals that would have:

- Required the merger of clubs under 25 members.
- Required clubs to pay dues for at least 15 members.
- Denied clubs under 25 a vote at District Conference;
- Disqualified members of clubs under 20 from serving as district governors.
- Required clubs to be in existence three years before nominating a member for dis-



Votes were cast with an electronic pad and recorded on the large screen (below) within seven seconds.



trict governor.

- Rewarded larger districts like District 6000 with additional votes at the Council On Legislation based on membership. (Our district of 4,000 members has one vote, the same as districts with 1,000 and fewer members. I was one of only 73 out of 516 who voted yes!)

## Rotex

District 6000's proposed resolution asking that the RI Board of Directors make Rotex an official program of Rotary was not on the agenda until Friday morning. This was both good and bad. It gave me the opportunity to explain Rotex to delegates and ask for their support throughout the week. I know this made a difference. Delegates told me they were persuaded that these Rotary Youth Exchange alumni who are volunteering their services for our district committees need official standing and recognition, that they are the future of Rotary and we need to capture their enthusiasm and excitement.

The disadvantage of waiting until Friday

was that delegates were weary after a week of debate and eager to go home. They were not in a mood to approve anything that would add to RI's expenses, and unfortunately for us, RI said Rotex would cost \$130,000 a year for the salary and benefits for one staff person, as well as publications, printing and postage. The offer of roughly 3,000 Rotex students worldwide to pay \$60 a year in dues didn't matter. We came close, with 229 yes votes, but 283 voted no. (To place this in context, the vote came moments after delegates had voted 268-248 against asking the RI Board to consider supporting the prevention of sexual mutilation!)

So nothing was being approved at that time, but there is hope for the future of Rotex on two fronts:

1) Past RI President Ray Klingensmith, who spoke in support of Rotex, said a new committee will be looking at ways to involve alumni of programs of Rotary International, as well as programs of The Rotary Foundation. Until now, "alumni" has referred only to Rotary Foundation alumni. "Programs of Rotary International" will expand that to include alumni of Rotary Youth Exchange (Rotex), RYLA, Rotaract and Interact.

2) Mike Pfriem, who is in charge of alumni programs at RI Headquarters in Evanston, Ill., said the Rotex students could form a Rotary Alumni Association. There are 116 alumni associations world-wide, he said, but only 20 in the U.S. So that is an option for the District 6000 Rotexers who love our organization and wish to stay involved.

Finally, I would not give up on the possibility of getting enough votes to push Rotex over the top at the 2016 Council On Legislation. Most of the districts in North America were supportive when the issue was explained, and the head of the Scandinavian RYE thanked me for what he called a powerful presentation and, like the Brazilians who caucused on the matter and then promised their votes, he shook his head that it didn't pass. It would help to reach out and seek co-sponsors among the Asians. Votes are not recorded by region, but I suspect we didn't get as many votes among the Japanese and Indians, and maybe not even the Africans, though there aren't as many of them.

The ROTEX students should keep their chins up and keep doing what they're doing. They don't need anybody else's endorsement to provide Service Above Self and know they are making a difference. THANK YOU, STUDENTS!

*And finally, thank you for the privilege of representing District 6000.*



Merle Anderson (l) is a new Paul Harris Fellow plus five (\$6,000), and Jim Koehler is a new Paul Harris Fellow plus six (7,000).



First-time Paul Harris Fellows (\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation), front (l-r): Patrick Olsen, Leroy Paustian, Jack Schinckel, Jan Trimble. Back: Fred Mulch, Glenn Eakes, Margo McInnis, Richard Golvinghorst, Tom Messer, Eugene Meyer, Paul Seelau and Marty O'Boyle. Not pictured: Jeff Helms, Michael Thavenet.

## Thirty-five new Paul Harris Fellows at North Scott

District Governor Terry Geiger, Foundation Chair Corliss Klaassen and Annual Giving Chair Bill Koellner were present to help the Rotary Club of North Scott celebrate 35 new and next-level Paul Harris Fellows at the club's Rotary Foundation Day, May 31.

In March, the club Foundation Committee chaired by Teresa

Paper announced a plan where the club would match points for new dollars to help members achieve their first and next-level Paul Harris Fellows. As a result of this, and 86 of the club's 88 members who are Sustaining Members, North Scott Rotary had given \$17,722 as of May 31 toward the club's goal of \$10,920.



Spouses who were honored as Paul Harris Fellows (l-r): Marcia Koehler, Beverly Smith and Annette Tank.



District Governor Terry Geiger (second from right), Foundation Chair PDG Corliss Klaassen (right), and Annual Giving Chair Bill Koellner (left) recognized Patrick Olsen (second from left) as a new Level 2 Benefactor (\$25,000), and PDG Bill and Linda Tubbs (center) as Level 2 Major Donors.



Achieving Paul Harris Fellow plus one (\$2,000) were, front (l-r): Elza Sager, Lorraine Lynch and Teresa Paper; and back: Roger Amhof, Dick Cole, Steve Fahrenkrog and Richard Horst. Not pictured: Becky Bray.



Achieving Paul Harris Fellow plus two (\$3,000), (l-r): John Maxwell, Jim Smith, Rob White and Ken Tank. Not pictured: Eddie Newman, Anita Wubbena.



Darrell Limkeman (c) of the Rotary Club of Ottumwa received a Major Donor Level 1 crystal at the club's meeting on June 5. Present to honor him were (l-r): District Foundation Chair PDG Corliss Klaassen, DG Terry Geiger, Limkeman, club president Bill Reece, and Club Foundation Chair Bill Linstrom. Darrell and his wife, Sharon, became the first Major Donors in the 95-year history of Ottumwa Rotary. Sharon is in a wheelchair and unable to attend. Congratulations! (Provided by Corliss Klaassen)



On May 16 at the meeting of the Rotary Club of Iowa City, Ken Kinsey (c) received a Major Donor level 1 crystal. Present to honor him were (l-r): DG Terry Geiger, club president Nancy Quellhorst, Kinsey and his wife, Jeanette, and District Foundation Chair PDG Corliss Klaassen. (Provided by Corliss Klaassen)



On May 28, District Governor Terry Geiger and District 6000 Foundation Chair Corliss Klaassen attended the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Ankeny. They were there to recognize PDG Gary and Colleen Welch before the entire club as Rotary Foundation Bequest Society, Level 5, donors. The Welches, pictured with DG Geiger, were presented with a Bequest Society crystal. (Provided by Nate Burnham)

### Clubs thank supporters of The Rotary Foundation

Gerald Klonglan was honored by the Rotary Club of Ames upon receiving the District Rotary Foundation Award. He is a retired sociology professor from Iowa State who has a passion for international grants and spearheaded rural development projects in Tanzania. (Provided by Karin Sevde)



Michael and Margaret Mumma (c) were recognized at the May 6 meeting of the Rotary Club of Jefferson as new Level 1 Benefactors. Celebrating with them were (l-r): club president David Pedersen, club past president and now DGE Jacque Andrew, the Mummas, PDG Don Goering of Ames, and AG Gerald Clausen of the Rotary Club of Carroll. (Provided by Jacque Andrew)



At a club meeting in May, the Rotary Club of Davenport recognized Doug Garner as a new Level 1 Major Donor for his cumulative gifts in support of The Rotary Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs of \$10,000. The club has three other members who have received this recognition: Bill Ashton, Bill Burress and Mark Zimmerman. (Provided by Johanna Smith)

# Rotary Foundation Annual giving

## District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2012 - June 12, 2013\*

(Members: Jul 12/Jul 13)	(1) 12-13 Goal	(2) Thru 6-12-13	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (28/26)	\$ 2,900	1,815	63	\$ 62.59
Albia (32/28)	1,860	1,150	62	41.07
Ames Morning (61/61)	8,450	7,125	84	122.84
Ames (237/230)	31,500	21,170	67	89.32
Ankeny (63/62)	7,100	7,900	111	127.43
Atlantic (65/64)	4,800	4,287	89	66.98
Bettendorf (101/113)	13,560	13,025	96	120.60
Bloomfield (14/14)	750	200	27	25.00
Boone (54/52)	6,600	7,832	119	147.78
Burlington (90/85)	7,600	6,749	89	74.99
Carroll (56/55)	5,500	1,600	29	32.00
Centerville (40/41)	4,300	985	23	21.41
Chariton (57/53)	4,900	6,350	130	122.12
Clinton (115/116)	9,360	9,703	104	83.65
Coon Rapids (23/29)	1,300	1,000	77	37.04
Coralville-North Corridor (27/22)	2,662	0	0	0.00
Corning (49/48)	2,350	1,643	70	36.51
Corydon (17/20)	380	300	79	14.29
Creston (21/19)	1,000	75	8	3.57
Dallas Center (26/26)	2,600	0	0	0.00
Davenport (133/132)	12,300	8,912	72	72.46
Decatur County (20/25)	5,500	8,675	158	377.17
Des Moines AM (138/139)	10,000	7,150	72	50.35
Des Moines (306/294)	22,500	19,800	88	67.58
East Polk County (41/42)	4,200	3,650	87	91.25
Fairfield (65/60)	7,150	3,150	44	50.81
Fort Madison (58/52)	5,200	2,500	48	49.02
Greater Des Moines (44/37)	3,100	881	28	25.91
Grinnell (31/33)	1,770	1,700	96	47.22
Indianola (45/50)	4,900	2,680	55	51.54
Iowa City AM (55/55)	7,950	9,503	120	172.78
Iowa City Downtown (18/19)	500	1,965	393	98.25
Iowa City (297/303)	31,400	37,315	119	122.75
Iowa Quad-Cities (48/47)	3,055	3,395	111	72.23
Jefferson (54/53)	5,500	11,025	200	208.02
Johnston (49/53)	5,400	0	0	0.00
Kalona (45/43)	1,355	2,400	177	58.54
Keokuk (87/84)	6,455	5,405	84	69.29
Keosauqua (24/26)	1,890	1,890	100	82.17
Knoxville (67/63)	6,000	5,575	93	89.92
Lenox (26/23)	2,300	2,334	101	86.45
Manning (20/22)	1,328	600	45	33.33
Marengo (12/10)	850	50	6	5.00
Marshalltown (168/158)	11,830	9,610	81	58.96
Mount Pleasant Noon (37/51)	2,500	1,953	78	33.10
Mt. Pleasant (28/24)	2,500	2,825	113	113.00
Muscatine (125/117)	15,680	10,815	69	96.56
Nevada (61/66)	7,480	6,867	92	112.57
Newton (72/72)	7,000	3,205	46	48.56
North Scott (96/91)	10,920	17,722	162	203.70
Northwest Des Moines (51/49)	7,050	3,250	46	77.38
Osceola (30/28)	1,500	0	0	0.00
Oskaloosa (50/55)	1,575	0	0	0.00
Ottumwa (100/98)	10,500	13,220	126	124.72
Pella (39/40)	4,400	3,560	81	82.79
Perry (26/29)	2,800	400	14	12.12
Tipton (24/28)	2,800	110	4	4.40
Washington (61/55)	4,900	4,910	100	102.29
Waukee (48/50)	5,100	4,006	79	80.13
Wellman (37/36)	4,320	2,935	68	81.53
West Des Moines (74/71)	7,171	50	1	0.79
West Liberty (37/39)	7,800	13,520	173	346.67
West Polk County (0/25)	2,700	1,000	37	40.00
Winterset (30/29)	2,400	0	0	0.00
<b>Total (4,053/4,015)</b>	<b>\$ 393,001</b>	<b>\$ 339,978</b>	<b>86.51</b>	<b>\$84.76</b>

(\*) Interim Report

# Foundation news

## Push to the finish needed to achieve Foundation goal!

**By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott**

Zone 28 Assistant Regional

Rotary Foundation Coordinator

With less than two weeks until the end of the Rotary year, District 6000 Rotarians have some catching up to do to achieve their 2013-14 Annual Program Fund goal. The table at left shows that as of June 12, clubs had given 86.51 percent of the \$393,001 goal. Payments must be received at Rotary International by June 30 to qualify.

So now is the time to act! Look at your club's giving record and check with club leaders to ensure that your club meets or exceeds its goal!

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**Credibility:** It's now about money, it's about Peace Through Service. Donors to The Rotary Foundation should be impressed by the fact that our Foundation has earned a grade of A+ from the American Institute of Philanthropy, a top rating of four stars from Charity Navigator, and full accreditation from the Wise Giving Alliance of the Better Business Bureau. In fiscal 2012 our Foundation directed 90 percent of its spending to programs, far exceeding the benchmark of 65 percent that independent charity-rating services view as a measure of high efficiency. In April 2013 The Rotary Foundation received the prestigious Edison Award for innovation for its Future Vision program.

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**Progress:** Remarks by John Osterlund, manager of The Rotary Foundation, at the May 7 RRFC training at RI Headquarters in Evanston, included that as of that date:

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**Giving:** Rotarians raised \$228.7 million in the third large campaign for polio, in a difficult economy. Polio all-time giving is \$1.2 billion. As of March 31, Annual Giving worldwide was up 0.68 percent and polio giving was down 15 percent. "But there has been a noticeable jump in gifts to the Permanent Fund of 39.24 percent." Combined

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# Rotary pursues partnership with Peace Corps

**FOUNDATION**/continued from p. 28

giving was down just 0.36 percent worldwide.

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**Polio:** Bill Gates executed a new agreement with Rotary that will be announced at Lisbon. Rotary will need to raise \$175 million over five years for PolioPlus to match Gates' \$350 million. "We already have \$67 million in the bank eligible for the match," said Osterlund. "We will NOT go into full-fledge campaign mode." But, he continued, Rotarians must keep giving to polio. There is good news. "There have been no Type 3 cases in Pakistan in more than a year, and about \$4 billion in funding commitments toward the \$5.5 billion that it is expected will be needed to eradicate polio took center stage at the Global Vaccine Summit in Abu Dhabi April 24-25." The global case count is down. Transmission of the wild polio virus is projected to end in 2014, with global scientists hoping to declare polio eradication achievable by 2018.



John Osterlund

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**Peace Centers:** Rotary Foundation trustees raised the goal for funding the Rotary Centers for Peace and Conflict Resolution to \$125 million because \$95 million wasn't enough. \$87 million has been committed toward that goal.

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**Peace Corps:** The Foundation's reorganization has been "sweeping." Osterlund's new role is head of "polio development and partnerships." The program side of

The Rotary Foundation will be headed by Michelle Berg, who will focus on Future Vision. "Tomorrow I will be in Washington, D.C., meeting with the Peace Corps to look at programs where Peace Corps volunteers

could engage in Rotary Foundation grant programs." Asked whether Rotary would pursue a partnership in which a data base of Peace Corps volunteers would be available to Rotary for membership, he said "Yes!"

## CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK January 2013 - March 2013

CLUB	JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	52.00%	42	56.00%	36		
Albia	62.00%	27	56.00%	36	62.00%	28
Ames	57.50%	35	59.59%	28	62.06%	27
Ames Morning	61.80%	28	54.50%	39	55.00%	39
Ankeny	79.69%	10	68.36%	19	63.78%	25
Atlantic						
Bettendorf	64.60%	26	59.00%	29	59.20%	35
Bloomfield	59.00%	31	70.00%	16	54.00%	41
Boone	52.00%	42	49.00%	44	52.00%	43
Burlington	82.10%	6	83.90%	6	79.70%	10
Carroll	69.08%	22	66.45%	20	61.84%	29
Centerville	54.00%	39	54.00%	40	50.00%	46
Chariton	57.98%	34	58.38%	30	67.54%	20
Clinton	58.88%	32	56.51%	35	61.54%	31
Coon Rapids						
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	100.00%	1
Corning	71.00%	20	56.00%	36	64.00%	24
Corydon	42.00%	49				
Creston	58.00%	33	61.00%	26	60.00%	33
Dallas Center	76.00%	13	74.00%	13	77.00%	14
Davenport	49.86%	45	48.48%	45	49.58%	47
Decatur County	88.00%	4	86.00%	5	90.00%	6
Des Moines	59.77%	30	55.93%	37	55.48%	38
Des Moines A.M.	53.00%	40			64.00%	24
East Polk County	50.76%	43	37.88%	48	59.85%	34
Fairfield						
Fort Madison	57.00%	36	50.00%	42	58.00%	36
Greater Des Moines						
Grinnell	80.00%	9	69.00%	18	78.00%	12
Indianola						
Iowa City	36.72%	50	30.70%	49	33.94%	51
Iowa City A.M.	77.73%	12	74.55%	12	74.34%	16
Iowa City Downtown	71.93%	18	77.19%	9	80.26%	8
Iowa Quad-Cities	60.00%	29	57.07%	33	62.22%	26
Jefferson	69.00%	23	61.00%	26		
Johnston	71.70%	19	71.53%	14	61.11%	32
Kalona	80.12%	8	70.25%	15	70.32%	18
Keokuk	44.77%	48			50.33%	45
Keosauqua	55.30%	38	57.50%	31	61.80%	30
Knoxville	52.04%	41	49.10%	43	51.56%	44
Lenox	74.00%	17	76.00%	10	91.00%	4
Manning	74.00%	17	80.00%	7	75.00%	15
Marengo	75.00%	15				
Marshalltown	64.97%	25	59.63%	27	65.93%	23
Mount Pleasant Noon	46.13%	46	46.00%	46	45.42%	49
Mt. Pleasant	82.00%	7	79.00%	8	92.00%	3
Muscatine	50.00%	44	44.65%	47	41.44%	50
Nevada	79.45%	11	69.27%	17	72.43%	17
Newton	69.50%	21	62.88%	23	70.08%	19
North Scott	89.42%	3	89.03%	4	90.62%	5
Northwest Des Moines	75.36%	14	95.10%	2	83.15%	7
Osceola	85.00%	5	75.00%	11	80.00%	9
Oskaloosa	74.50%	16	62.70%	24	56.10%	37
Ottumwa	45.43%	47	51.63%	41	53.02%	42
Pella	71.00%	20	63.00%	22	67.00%	21
Perry	58.00%	33	65.00%	21		
Tipton			57.40%	32	45.70%	48
Washington	56.33%	37	55.61%	38	54.59%	40
Waukee					78.09%	11
Wellman	93.42%	2	94.08%	3	93.59%	2
West Des Moines	66.93%	24	61.11%	25	66.02%	22
West Liberty	50.00%	44	57.00%	34	60.00%	33
West Polk County						
Winterset	75.00%	15	76.00%	10	77.50%	13

## Letter

I am very honored to have been selected by the board of directors of Rotary International for the Service Above Self Award. I want to personally thank Governor Terry Geiger and others who nominated me for this award. May I continue to serve future district governors as I have those in the past 13 years.

*Bill Koellner*  
Rotary Club of West Liberty



When DG Terry Geiger attended the Rotary Club of Ankeny meeting on May 28, he presented the club with an award for "Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives." This award, which is signed by Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka, was in recognition of the club's efforts to start an evening club in Ankeny. The new "satellite" club meets on Tuesday evenings at 5:45. The satellite club is designed to attract new Rotarians who may live in Ankeny and want to be more active in the community but perhaps work in Des Moines or another nearby community. Dues are also significantly reduced since no meals are included. Pictured are club secretary Nate Burnham, DG Terry Geiger, and club president Teri Crist. (Provided by Nate Burnham)

## Roll Call of Shoes



Thanks to these 47 clubs who answered District Governor Terry Geiger's request for shoes for Blessman Ministries in South Africa. The total is 3,243 pairs of shoes and \$7,343 cash to purchase shoes.

	Shoes	Cash		Shoes	Cash
Ames Morning	54	-	Iowa Quad Cities	41	-
Ames	247	-	Jefferson	45	-
Ankeny	166	-	Johnston	-	365
Bloomfield	60	-	Keokuk	262	-
Boone	61	-	Keosauqua	30	-
Carroll	50	-	Lenox	4	400
Centerville	5	\$ 60	Marshalltown	40	-
Chariton	55	-	Mount Pleasant	39	-
Clinton	156	-	Muscatine	103	120
Corning	15	-	Nevada	7	141
Corydon	23	-	North Scott	12	1,290
Dallas Center	10	-	NW Des Moines	20	75
Davenport	28	510	Oskaloosa	180	-
Decatur County	733	100	Ottumwa	8	-
Des Moines AM	-	100	Pella	25	45
Des Moines	213	515	Perry	16	-
East Polk	47	-	Tipton	67	-
Fairfield	32	-	Washington	79	-
Fort Madison	-	555	Waukee	-	750
Greater Des Moines	12	20	Wellman	42	100
Grinnell	32	300	West Des Moines	2	1,095
Indianola	-	255	West Liberty	54	-
Iowa City AM	47	15	Youth Exchange	-	-
Iowa City D'town	13	165	Students	79	-
Iowa City	29	367	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,243</b>	<b>\$7,343</b>

## Rotary Fellowships: Something for everyone

By District Governor Terry Geiger/Decatur County

"Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and Rotoractors who share a common interest, wish to further their vocational development, or would like to make new friends, explore opportunities for service, and enhance their experience in Rotary. Fellowships, which must have active members in at least 3 countries, provide you with a chance to make lasting friendships with people outside your club." Quote from page 58 of the most recent Rotarian Magazine.

In my front page article in this newsletter, I talked about your "Hot Button" and here is another chance for you to take advantage of various groups of Rotarians with common interests. When we visited your clubs, we spoke about the different fellowships and opportunities to expand your horizons in an area that you are interested in. There are over 60 Rotary Fellowships and I know District 6000 has participation in a number of them. I know we have at least 5 Rotarian couples that belong to the RV Fellowship. I know we have a number of couples involved in the Skiing Fellowship. I know we have Rotarians as part of the Golf Fellowship, and I know we have Rotarians part of the Bird watchers. I am sure there are others that I am not aware of so if there are others, please let me know as we are working on creating greater interest in Rotary Fellowships. You may notify me at [tlgeiger@grm.net](mailto:tlgeiger@grm.net).

In addition to the ones mentioned above, some of the other ones are: Flying, Fishing, Photography, Music, Motorcycling, Wine, Wellness and Fitness, Travel and Hosting - just to name a few. So, if you are in a fellowship or if you have an interest in joining one, please let me know. Let us help you get involved in a Rotary Fellowship and help you make new Rotary friends with a common interest from all over the world.



The Rotary Club of Ankeny Rotary helped clean up the city the weekend of May 18-19 during annual clean-up days. Volunteers worked in shifts to haul away unused items from residents. The event raised over \$2,300 in donations that will be used this year for other Rotary projects.

Provided by Jody Savage



Club, district and international leaders celebrating the Rotary Club of Grinnell's 75th anniversary were (l-r): Joann Wells, Peggy Geiger, Past RI President Ray Klingensmith, District Governor Terry Geiger, DGE Jacque Andrew, club president Bruce Blankenfeld and PDG Gary Welch. Photo provided by Jacque Andrew

# 75th anniversary, then tragedy for 'family of Rotary' at Grinnell

By Jo Wells/Grinnell

On May 7, the Rotary Club of Grinnell celebrated its 75th anniversary with a dinner at the Harris Center on the Grinnell College campus.

Ray Klingensmith, past Rotary International President, Kirksville, Missouri, was the featured speaker. Ray spoke to the Rotarians and their guests about the "Service Above Self" motto supported by Rotary, both for local community and worldwide efforts.

Over \$270,000 has gone back into the community of Grinnell through the years due to the efforts of local Rotarians. Major fundraisers for Rotary are the Shults and Company concert and the Rotary Chicken Barbecue.

During the evening program, Frank and Sherry Shults and Alan Latcham were recognized for their efforts in leading these two major fundraisers. Also recognized were Jim Urfer and Julie Beach for being a three-generation Rotarian family. Dennis Anderson, Ted Clausen, Lamoyne Gaard, Allen Latcham, Dale Selix, Jim Urfer and Jim White were recognized for over 35 years of service with the Rotary. The Rotary Club of Grinnell was sponsored in 1938 by the Rotary Club of Newton.



Three generations of Rotary were celebrated at the Rotary Club of Grinnell's 75th anniversary on May 7, but tragedy struck on May 21 when Jim Urfer (at right, above) was in a traffic accident and passed away. "It was a sad week in Grinnell Rotary," writes member Jo Wells. "Jim was so excited not only to be a 35-year member of the Grinnell club, but was joined by his daughter Julie (Beach) Urfer (center, above)." Jim's late father, Samuel Urfer, made it a three-generation family of Rotary.



President Bruce Blankenfeld with 40-year members Allan Latcham and Ted Clausen.



President Blankenfeld (second from left) with 35-year Rotarians Dennis Anderson, Ted Clausen, Lamoyne Gaard, Allen Latcham, Dale Selix, Jim White and Jim Urfer. Photos provided by Bruce Blankenfeld



Iowa City West Interact students pose for a photo to send to the Guatemalan boy "Freddy" who they provide with monthly financial aid. Provided by Nancy Pacha

## Students sing praises for Interact

Students speak: What is good about Iowa City West 1440 Interact?

- 1) The large number of opportunities for volunteering.
- 2) The ease of sharing opportunities on Facebook.
- 3) It offers a way to get involved in the community.
- 4) We get to know other West students we wouldn't otherwise likely meet; knowing students from other grades.
- 5) We get to know community members we wouldn't otherwise likely meet.
- 6) It teaches the importance of volunteering and the concept of giving back to the

community.

- 7) It is a welcoming place with "nice" people.
- 8) We can "alter the lives of others."
- 9) We can make big scale events happen with our strength in numbers.
- 10) Anyone can be a part of 1440 Interact and get out of it what they put into it.
- 11) It is "filled with people who give more than they take."
- 12) We have responsible leaders.
- 13) We represent West High "in a positive way."
- 14) I am proud to be a part of it.

- provided by Nancy Pacha



Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students from Iowa for 2013-14 who gathered for training March 17 in Pella are pictured with District Governor Terry Geiger. Best wishes to all of our Outbound students! Provided by Peggy Geiger



The Rotary Club of Ankeny is raising funds for one of the biggest projects it has taken on in recent years. The Ankeny Market & Pavilion is scheduled to open in spring 2014 and will be at the trailhead of the High Trestle Bike Trail that runs through Ankeny. The Pavilion will be used for the farmers market and as a hub for bikers riding along the trail. A fundraising celebration was recently held in the community and included Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad trying his hand at biking. Provided by Jody Savage



At the outbound Youth Exchange training March 17 in Pella, DGND Loring Miller was a speech coach for all students. Here he is demonstrating an ongoing question, "what to do with your hands?" Provided by Peggy Geiger



These kids like their new lids, compliments of the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities.

Rotarians Bill McCullough, Bob Benson and Tom Licea ensure that the helmets fit properly.

# ‘Lids for Kids’ in the Iowa Quad Cities ...

**By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities Assistant District Governor**

In April, the Rotary Club of Iowa Quad Cities donated over 300 bicycle helmets to second-graders at the six elementary schools in the Bettendorf Community School District. Prior to the distribution, teachers and administrators measured the students for proper sizing so that orders could be placed. When the helmets were received, several Rotarians helped unwrap and organize them for distribution.

On the two days of presentations to the young riders, students viewed a bike safety video and listened to a talk by Mike Atkins and Donnie Miller on bicycle safety and the importance of wearing a helmet at all times. Rotarians then fitted each helmet to the children, who responded with thanks and big smiles. Later, thank you notes written by many of the students were received and read at a club meeting.

The program, titled “Lids for Kids,” was founded by Mike and Tese Atkins and has

been in existence since 2006. This year’s “Lids for Kids” program in Iowa was a cooperative effort between the East Moline/Silvis Rotary Club and the Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Club. Partial funding was provided by a grant from the Scott County Independent Insurance Agents Association.

Iowa Quad Cities Rotary is hoping to make this an annual project with the possibility of expanding it to schools in Pleasant Valley and Davenport. For more information, contact Club President Tim Perkins.

# ... and bike racks for students at Graceland

Rotarians Peggy and District Governor Terry Geiger assist Sustainability group members Thomas Vogelsang and Daniel Vogelsang at Graceland University in minor adjustments to the newly donated bicycles from the Rotary Club of Decatur County. The racks were funded with a Rotary Foundation District Grant. *Provided by Peggy Geiger*



All in the photo were on board to help unload nine bicycles Sunday afternoon, April 21, at Graceland University in Lamoni, near the newly constructed Fitz Center. The bike rack and bicycles were the result of a Rotary District grant applied for by the Rotary Club of Decatur County. From left: Sustainability Coordinator Jennifer Abraham-White, Graceland University instructor Mary Shawgo, Rotary District Governor Terry Geiger, Rotarian Peggy Geiger, Daniel Vogelsang, Rotarian Jack DePond, Thomas Vogelsang, Rotarian Mary Ellen Stanley, Rotarian Loring Miller, Kyle Switzler, Rotarian Phyllis Miller and Rebekah Lloyd.

# Rotary club restores 1865 log cabin

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

The log cabin in the Atlantic City Park was built in 1865 and moved to the park in 1976 as the Atlantic Rotary Club Bicentennial project. Over the years the cabin was used by Santa every December to meet with children to learn their Christmas wishes. The cabin was showing its age, and it was determined to use proceeds from



The Rotary Club of Atlantic spent \$14,000 to restore the 1865 log cabin at the city park.

the annual Rotary Auction raffle to “freshen up” and “restore” the cabin. Raffle proceeds totaling \$5,700 were earmarked for the project and, according to Jennifer Plumb, president of the Rotary Club of Atlantic, additional funds were approved for up to a total of \$14,000 for the project so it could be completed in its entirety.

Steve Parrott from Shell Knob, Missouri, and owner of Classic Country Log Homes, came to Atlantic to restore the log cabin. New cedar beams and cedar decking were added, along with cedar shakes for the roof. A number of logs were replaced. Some logs were re-grouted, some caulking was redone and a coat of sealer was put on. The building was power washed inside and out. Parrott has ties to Atlantic; he was born and raised there and raised his children, daughter Haley Kickland (Atlantic Rotarian) and son Troy. Many people stopped to talk about his work, even a group of kids skateboarding in the park. They took the time to tell him how great the cabin looked.

Steve Parrott from Shell Knob, Missouri, and owner of Classic Country Log Homes, came to Atlantic to restore the log cabin. New cedar beams and cedar decking were added, along with cedar shakes for the roof. A number of logs were replaced. Some logs were re-grouted, some caulking was redone and a coat of sealer was put on. The building was power washed inside and out.

Parrott has ties to Atlantic; he was born and raised there and raised his children, daughter Haley Kickland (Atlantic Rotarian) and son Troy. Many people stopped to talk about his work, even a group of kids skateboarding in the park. They took the time to tell him how great the cabin looked.



Atlantic Rotary scholarship winner Matthew Ikel, Scott Caslow and ReAnn Cappel with Rotarian Ann Pross.

## Atlantic: Salute to agriculture, scholars, and vocational days

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

The Rotary Club of Atlantic has been busy this past quarter. On March 26, the club held its annual Salute to Agriculture. Present at the luncheon were farmers from the Atlantic area and the Atlantic High School FFA class members. Bruce Johnk, FFA teacher, informed the Rotarians of all the accomplishments of the students from the past school year. Delbert Westphalan, a member of the Iowa Soybean Association, presented the program.

On April 30, the club held its annual Atlantic High School Senior Recognition luncheon. Rotarians were introduced to the seniors who have participated in band, vocal music, drama, and the top 10 percent in academics of the Class of 2013. New this year, the seniors participating in the art program were also included. Projects from the art students were shown to the Rotary members, along with a clarinet solo and vocal presentation. Students receiving the Rotary scholarships were introduced. They are Matthew Ikel, Scott Caslow and ReAnn Cappel. Matthew is the recipient of the \$2,000 Rex Moorman Memorial Academic Scholarship. Scott is the recipient of the \$2,000 Academic Scholarship and ReAnn was awarded the \$1,000 Vocational/Technical Scholarship, which is renewable. The Rotary Club Scholarship Committee consists of Bill Saluk, Ann Pross, Gary DeGeest, and Jolene Roecker.

On May 28, Rotarians recognized their employees. Speaker was Michelle Wilson, health educator and wellness coach from Complementary Care Center in Atlantic. Michelle spoke about work site wellness and stress management. She had everyone there do some simple stress relieving exercises. With these simple exercises you can reduce the stress and keep that blood pressure under control.

In February and March the club did something they had never done before. Wanting to know more about businesses in our community, two manufacturing businesses were visited. Rotarians enjoyed a catered lunch at each business, were given a short presentation from employees of the business, and then were taken on tours at Mahle Engine Components USA, Inc., and Plastic Professionals. At Mahle we had the opportunity to see bearings made that are used in many automobiles even the NASCAR racing cars. When visiting Plastic Professionals we saw them making Yeti coolers. If you have seen the outdoor shows on TV you are familiar with Yeti coolers. If you have been to Disneyworld you have seen items made at Plastic Professionals.

## District 6000 Rotarians en route to Portugal for International Convention

When this newsletter is published, Rotarians from District 6000 may be en route to Lisbon, Portugal, for the June 23-26 Rotary International Convention. Many will be attending the District 6000 Breakfast, Monday, June 24, at the Holiday Inn Lisbon Continental, Rua Laura Alves, 9, Lisbon, 7:30 a.m. We do not know for certain all who will be attending the Convention or the Breakfast, but our preliminary list of Convention attendees includes:



- John & Deb Ockenfels, Iowa City AM
- Kitte Noble, Des Moines
- Dick Reasons, Des Moines
- Jim & Jacque Andrew, Jefferson
- Jody Braverman, Iowa City
- Deborah & Keith Porter, Muscatine
- Loring & Phyllis Miller, Decatur County
- Steve & Erna Morain, Wauke
- Gary & Nancy Pacha, Iowa City/AM

- Doug & Lou Peterson, Iowa QC
- Judy & Gary Loss, Davenport
- Carol & Tom Narak, West Des Moines
- Terry & Peggy Geiger, Decatur County
- Lee & Roberta Holmes, Wauke
- Bob & Carol Bartles, Burlington
- Chelsea Powers, Bettendorf
- William Olin, Iowa City

*Travel well, Rotarians!*

***Wear your Rotary pin with pride!***



## Nevada makes 53,000 meals

District Governor Terry Geiger and Peggy saw the Nevada community come together on May 4 to prepare 53,000 packages of meals. "It was an awesome sight," said Peggy. "(President) Michelle Cassabaum is to be commended for her time, energy, and organization of pulling so many clubs/organizations to work together. I was very proud of her and her and her club. She has been a really neat president for that club and I mean that sincerely." Governor Terry Geiger meets with volunteers (above), and president Michelle leads the way (right), wearing a red "End Polio Now" shirt.

(Provided by Peggy Geiger)



# 'Rotarians are cups of cold water'

By Mike Ruby/Muscatine

Assistant Governor

How refreshing it is to be offered a cup of cold water at just the appropriate time! Water quenches the thirst like no other beverage. It's genuine, pure, and satisfying. Have you ever received an unexpected gift of cold water when you were hot, tired, sweaty, frustrated or exhausted? If so, you know how that simple act of love and concern was truly appreciated.

Cups of cold water can be served any day of the year regardless of the outside temperature or the season. Cold water can come in the form of a reassuring pat on the back, a big smile that says "I like you," a hug of reassurance, an offer to give someone a ride, a visit to an elderly neighbor, an unexpected hug for your spouse, child, or special friend, or just being available when someone is hurting.

Rotarians have a wonderful opportunity to serve cups of cold water locally, in our district, and internationally. We can do this in the form of greeting our fellow Rotarians at weekly meetings with a smile, a hand shake and a word of encouragement. Community service projects give us ample opportunity to serve cups of cold, refreshing water by giving dictionaries to third-graders, funding new playground equipment, providing scholarships to deserving students, opening our home to youth exchange students, and giving support to the local food pantry. Be assured these cups of cold water can also impact children in Central America by providing them with a brand new pair of shoes, school supplies and textbooks, or building water wells in Haiti, or shipping a good used fire truck or ambulance to South America. The immense flagship cup of cold



Mike Ruby

water that Rotarians have been providing for nearly 30 years is the two drops of vaccine to immunize millions of children, guaranteeing they will live a polio free life. What a priceless gift!

Every single one of the more than 1.2 million Rotarians in the world has an extraordinary opportunity to serve cups of cold water to others. By working together, serving just one cup at a time, we can have a life changing impact on millions of people around the globe. Your attendance at meetings, the volunteer hours you give serving on Rotary committees, and your regular financial support help make a BIG difference. What ways can you, or your club, increase the number of cups of cold water you serve this year?

## 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.) that performs cleft lip and cleft palate repairs in Guatemala. Thanks to the clubs below who contributed \$9,063 to M.O.S.T. in 2012-13.**

**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	Grinnell	Mount Pleasant
Bettendorf	Iowa City	Noon
Bloomfield	Iowa City AM	Nevada
Boone	Iowa Quad Cities	Newton
Carroll	Jefferson	North Scott
Chariton	Johnston	Northwest
Dallas Center	Kalona	Des Moines
Decatur County	Keokuk	Tipton
Des Moines	Keosauqua	Waukee
East Polk	Manning	Wellman
Fairfield	Marengo	West Liberty
Fort Madison	Marshalltown	

# Volunteer reader brings unique style to classroom

By Jan Tourney/Editor

Quad-City Times (reprinted with permission)

Letters and words shout out from every corner of Dan Bartel's classroom of first-graders.

"That magic e, That magic e, It changes so many words you see" proclaims one poster.

It sure does, according to the examples on the wall. Can becomes cane, not becomes note, rat becomes rate.

Into this reading-rich environment at Bettendorf's Grant Wood Elementary School steps Scott Naumann.

Naumann volunteers to read to Bartel's students every Friday, part of a Bettendorf Rotary literacy program that puts adult readers into every first-grade classroom in the district.

On this Friday, the selection includes Dr. Seuss favorites, "Yertle the Turtle" and "The Sneetches." When it comes to deciding on the third selection, the students are unanimous.

"Olivia!"

Olivia the pig is the main character in a series of stories by Ian Falconer. In this book, "Olivia ... and the Missing Toy," the pig searches everywhere for her favorite stuffed animal, with hilarious results.

The 20 or so children in Bartel's class are seated cross-legged on the floor, transfixed by Naumann's changing voices and exaggerated expressions. A veteran of local theater, a sales consultant for Midland Communications and a Bettendorf alderman, Naumann adds a considerable amount of life to his story-telling. And when he's done with a book, he shuts it with a crisp snap, which the children enjoy.

The reading program is a natural fit for a Rotary chapter whose members include two school superintendents — Theron Schutte of

Bettendorf and Jim Spelhaug of Pleasant Valley.

Naumann, the father of two students at Grant Wood, said it's often the reader who gets as much or more out of volunteering as the students.

He calls it "the art of sharing reading."

"It's never the same from week to week," he said.

Sometimes the volunteers read to the entire classroom. At other times, it's a small group of two or three children or one-on-one. In some cases, the child reads to the adult.

After Naumann's reading, the children are asked to open their journals and write.

Bartel, who is completing his first full year of teaching, said mornings typically are filled with reading, writing and spelling work.

He said he is happy to have volunteers come into his classroom and read.

"It's very nice to have male readers," he said. "Just to hear different people reading gives the students some variety."

One of the themes of today's journal activity is "One time I lost ..."

Braden Thiele, 7, writes about the time his dog got lost and he had to buy a dog whistle at the pet store to call it back home. His story is rich in detail.

He said he likes having a volunteer reader in his classroom.

"It's kind of fun," he said. "You get to meet different people in the stories."

Naumann would welcome more volunteers in the schools reading to children.

"You don't have to be a Rotary member," he said. "There's no reason this program couldn't expand."

(Provided by Glenn Kass, Bettendorf Rotary)



Bettendorf Alderman Scott Naumann reads to first-graders at Grant Wood Elementary School in Bettendorf. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf, which provides readers to every first-grade classroom in the district.

Photo by Larry Fisher, Quad-City Times (reprinted with permission)

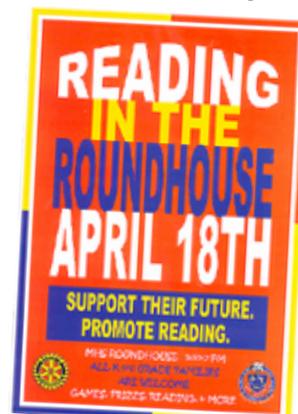


On March 27, the Rotary Club of Wellman invited district leaders to celebrate its members with 50 and 60 years of membership, (l-r): DG Terry Geiger, PDG Cal Litwiller, James Palmer (50 years), PDG Don Patterson, Albion Young (60 years), Stanley Barber (who sponsored the membership of Albion), club president Ryan Miller and DGE Jacque Andrew.

(Provided by Jacque Andrew)



It was Iowa State University day at Davenport Rotary on May 13 when president Steve Leath (second from right) was the guest speaker. He was welcomed by (l-r): Becky Bray, ISU Scott County Extension Director and past president of the Rotary Club of North Scott; Cheryl Goodwin, president of the Rotary Club of Davenport; and Cathann Kress, ISU vice president for Extension and Outreach. Photo by Bill Tubbs



Rotarians, student Rotarians and volunteers helped make Marshalltown's "Reading in the Roundhouse" a success.

## Rotary promotes 'Reading in the Roundhouse'

By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown

The Rotary Club of Marshalltown hosts a different student Rotarian trio each month during the school year. When introducing the first batch of students at the beginning of this most recent year, Rotarian high school principal Aiddy Phomvisay announced, "We're proud to have you with us, but the work continues on beyond your attendance this month."

Phomvisay and Carol Burt co-chair the club's New Generations Committee and recruited Peg Moler to help formulate a vision and challenge this young group. The students decided to focus on reading, a focus of Marshalltown's All-America Cities campaign: Spread the Words, Read by 3rd.

Students Connor Ruddick, Taylor Fuccio, Lauren Mazour and Maddison Wignall led the organizational efforts to answer Phomvisay's challenge. Marshalltown was successful in the All-American City campaign and received a heck of a byproduct engineered by the student Rotarians in its aftermath.

The high school athletic complex "Roundhouse" is set for an extensive renovation later in the year and these plans are at the center of much excitement and anticipation in town. Ruddick and Fuccio returned to a Rotary meeting in the fall, describing Reading in the Roundhouse as a three-part project involving reading in the elementary schools, conducting a book drive, and

the finale Roundhouse event in April.

Throughout the school year, student Rotarians visited Marshalltown elementary schools, reading to classes or one-on-one with elementary students. Wignall stressed that the purpose of the project was to get students excited about books and reading. She and Mazour

were thankful that, with the help of local businesses and organizations, hundreds of books were donated and over \$3,300 was raised.

For two months, the students collected donated books and organized a night of storytelling and other activities centered on words and reading. A few weeks prior to the Roundhouse event, Ruddick reported to the Rotarians, "It's been great. People think it's a great program. Right now we are just hoping a bunch of students show up for the capstone event."

Show up they did. There were over 500 in attendance, 300 of whom were students from kindergarten to third grade. All received new books. The reading fun was complete with carnival games, storybook character mascots, cookies, and a bounce house to help burn off some energy!

Following the event, the entire group of student Rotarians presented a program to the Rotary club with a photo montage set to music that clearly demonstrated the success of the event. Perhaps the best news? The plan is to make a difference by continuing the efforts in the future.



Aiddy Phomvisay, Connor Ruddick, and Maddison Wignall were in storybook character mascot form during the Reading in the Roundhouse event.  
Provided by Curt Hoff

### Rotary membership in North America:

#### MALE & FEMALE MEMBERS

Males: 76 percent  
Females: 24 percent

#### MEMBER AGES

Under 30: 2 percent  
Ages 30-39: 9 percent  
Ages 40-49: 19 percent  
Ages 50-59: 30 percent  
Ages 60-69: 24 percent  
Ages 70-plus: 16 percent

#### YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP

Less than 1 year: 10 percent  
Members 1-2 years: 14 percent  
Members 3-5 years: 17 percent  
Members 6-10 years: 19 percent  
Members 10 years-plus: 40 percent

#### WORKING AND RETIRED

Retired: 21 percent  
Working: 79 percent

### Albia club builder ...

On May 1, the Rotary Club of Albia paid tribute to Dean Stocker, who was a recipient of the Club Builder Award. "He is one of our oldest and most respected members," said club president David Paxton. "For years he led the seed corn project which made thousands of dollars that went for local scholarships, and he cooked the dinner at the Albia homecoming hog roast which served 300 patrons."  
Provided by Tony Humeston



Dean Stocker



Governor Terry Geiger and Peggy received a royal welcome. Provided by Peggy Geiger and Jean Behrens

# Dancing in Manning!

By Jean Behrens/Manning

The third annual Rotary Club of Manning "Dancing with the Stars" was held Saturday night, Feb. 16, at the Manning Hausbarn Konferenz Centre. Valet Gene Steffes greeted the approximate 300 guests as they stepped onto the Red Carpet. The sold out performance resulted in dancing couples, and a few family members, "wowing" the audience with a variety of routines and several standing ovations. Last year's winning couple, Sarah Eickman Lorenzen and Scott Eickman, danced the grand finale.

Special guests for the evening were Rotary District 6000 Governor Terry Geiger and his wife Peggy, along with Rotary District 6000 Governor 2015-16 Loring Miller and his wife Phyllis, all of Leon..

Following a social hour and delicious meal, Sherry Huehn, second vice-president of the Manning Rotary Club, gave the introduction. She thanked everyone for their support of Rotary and explained the distribution of proceeds. Coffee and dessert was served at intermission.

The profit of \$4,200 from this year's show will be used for



Rotary's "Dancing With The Stars" was front page news in Manning.



Rotarians Kirk and future president Sherry Heuhn.



Club president Alison River with Ron Reischl.



The winners! Keely Schreck and Nate Fara.

IKM-Manning High School senior scholarships as well as local projects. The Manning Rotary Club also supports Rotary International programs. A special thanks was extended to Geri Spies, a Manning Rotarian who has coordinated all three performances resulting in over \$12,000 in profits for local and international projects.

Additional photos can be found at [www.davidkusel.com](http://www.davidkusel.com). CD's are also available by contacting Jean Behrens @ 712.655.3905.

# Clubs embrace new week-long RYLA

PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny  
RYLA Chair

Thank you for your trust and support of the new RYLA program. Sixty-four percent of the clubs in District 6000 are participating in our first year with 61 students attending. You exceeded our goal of 50 percent club participation and 50 students!

We have given or scheduled 43 presentations to the clubs. As we have given the presentations, any concern about the value of the new RYLA program has disappeared. If you have not had a presentation, please let me know and we will schedule one as soon as we can.

We ask that 100 percent of the clubs participate next year to give this life-changing, world-class leadership conference opportunity to your high school sophomores and juniors. We need to invest in our youth today, since they will become our leaders of tomorrow. Now is the time to plan in your budget for RYLA students for next year, and meet with your high school counselors and principals.

Your students deserve this opportunity!

A special "Thank You" to our six Rotarian Volunteers: DGND Loring Miller and Mary Ellen Stanley of Decatur County, PDG

Susan Herrick of Boone, Dick Rasmussen of Waukee, and PDG Gary Welch and Colleen of Ankeny have committed to spending a day in training on June 8. They will also be at the RYLA conference from July 7-12 at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, to provide the benefits of leadership skills to your high school students. We encourage you to become a RYLA volunteer next year.

We have lined up some dynamic humanitarian leaders for the conference to tell their stories of failures and triumphs, such as: Simon Estes, a world renowned opera singer who came from humble beginnings to world acclaim; Stephanie Rose, federal district judge of the Southern Iowa District; Andy Stoll, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and entrepreneur; Brent Matthias, who is executive director of economic development for Waverly and works with innovators and entrepreneurs; and others.

After your students return from attending this RYLA experience and you listen to their story, you will know the value of RYLA.

If you have any questions, please contact PDG Gary Welch at (515) 419-3707 or e-mail, [gwelch3002@msn.com](mailto:gwelch3002@msn.com), or DGND Loring Miller at (641) 344-0105, and e-mail, [miller2@grm.net](mailto:miller2@grm.net).



District Governor Geiger presented the "Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives" award to the Rotary Club of Washington. Pictured here with DG Geiger are Kierstan Peck, club president Terry Engelken, and president-elect Rebecca Patterson, who is club membership chair.

## Washington welcomes members

The Rotary Club of Washington welcomed four new members into their club on Thursday, May 30. Presenting them their pins and welcome packets were District Governor Terry Geiger, club president Terry Engelken, and club president-elect Rebecca Patterson. A very informative and meaningful program was given on the many services provided by the American Legion Club. The speaker was Rotarian Bob Kennedy who is also the American Legion Post 29 Commander.



Bob Kennedy



New members were inducted at the Rotary Club of Washington on May 30, (l-r): District Governor Terry Geiger, club president Terry Engelken, new member Jan Thompson, club president-elect Rebecca Patterson, and new members Caleb Wilson, Michelle Peiffer, and Ryan Walker.



Rotary Club of Pella president Chris Huston (l) receives a banner designating the club as a 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow Club from PDG Corliss Klaassen and District Governor Terry Geiger on the club's 75th anniversary.

## 75 years of Rotary at Pella

By Carolyn Scharff/Pella

Sixty current and former members and spouses, celebrated 75 years of Rotary service in Pella on May 14 at the Central College Sutphen Room. District 6000 representatives in attendance included District Governor Terry Geiger and his wife, Peggy, and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Corliss Klaassen and wife Jeanne.

Thirty some special guests who belong to the club only in spirit now – Pella Mayor Jim Mueller and John Van Berkum whose membership dates back to 1967 – as well as several past presidents, also attended. Current members Dick Van Zante in his 45th year and Orville Duncan in his 40th year as Rotarians, current president Chris Huston and beneficiaries of Rotary's international programs Jessica Klyn, former Ambassadorial Scholar and current Austrian Rotary Youth Exchange student Barbara Alliger, added to the total attendees, proving Rotary is alive and well in Pella.

The event was organized as a group effort of 10 members. The evening started with members and guests being welcomed with a commemorative program outlining the club and organization activities over the years since 1938 when the Pella Club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Oskaloosa. Special acknowledgements included the major donations by Pella's Past District Governors Thomas Fultz and Francis Huyser and of the leadership provided by former presidents who maintained the Rotary spirit over the 75 years. A social hour with members reminiscing with the help of Rotary memorabilia and awards commemorating innumerable exchanges and events and a slide show of club activities and members was followed by dinner, a special business meeting and program all in a lighthearted celebratory mood.

The meeting included the normal rites that members share every Tuesday noon. The program, emceed by member Wes Chaplin, included presentations by Ms Klyn, a review of the wide ranging help that Pella Rotary has given to the community and world by treasurer Dan Bogaards and a summary of the aid provided to handicapped people around the world through the local PETS group by its president and Rotary member Bill Bruxvoort. The evening continued with addresses by District Governor Geiger and Foundation Klaassen, presenting the club's 2013 Paul Harris and Rotarian of the Year awards and a raffle drawing benefitting PETS and PolioPlus. The evening ended as all meetings do with the Four Way Test, revisiting the major tenets of Rotary International.

# DGE Jacque Andrew's Official Club Visits

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR JACQUE & JIM ANDREW'S OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS AND OTHER DATES IN 2013-14:

July 1 ..... **Jefferson** (noon)  
 July 3 ..... **Ames Morning** (AM)  
 July 3 ..... **Nevada** (noon)  
 July 7-12 ..... RYLA at Wartburg College  
 July 8 ..... **Burlington** (noon)  
 July 8 ..... **Mount Pleasant** (evening)  
 July 9 ..... **Keosauqua** (noon)  
 July 10 ..... **Wellman** (noon)  
 July 11 ..... **Iowa Quad Cities** (AM)  
 July 11 ..... **Washington** (noon)  
 July 13 ..... Regional Training for all Rotarians (Ames)  
 July 14 ..... RYE Outbound Picnic (Newton)  
 July 16 ..... **Fort Madison** (noon)  
 July 17 ..... **Bloomfield** (AM)  
 July 17 ..... **Mount Pleasant Noon** (noon)  
 July 18 ..... **Keokuk** (noon)  
 July 19 ..... **Fairfield** (noon)  
 July 25 ..... **Winterset** (noon)  
 July 26 ..... **Indianola** (noon)  
 July 30 ..... **Newton** (noon)  
 July 31 ..... **East Polk** (AM)  
 July 31 ..... **Boone** (noon)  
 Aug. 1 ..... **Decatur County** (noon)  
 Aug. 2 ..... **Des Moines AM** (AM)  
 Aug. 2 ..... **Northwest Des Moines** (noon)  
 Aug. 5 ..... **Ottumwa** (noon)  
 Aug. 6 ..... **Corydon** (noon)  
 Aug. 7 ..... **Centerville** (noon)  
 Aug. 8 ..... **Des Moines** (noon)  
 Aug. 12 ..... **Clinton** (noon)  
 Aug. 13 ..... **Iowa City AM** (AM)  
 Aug. 13 ..... **Kalona** (noon)  
 Aug. 14 ..... **Coralville-North Corridor** (noon)  
 Aug. 19 ..... **Davenport** (noon)  
 Aug. 20 ..... **West Liberty** (evening)  
 Aug. 22 ..... **Iowa City** (noon)  
 Aug. 22 ..... Global Grants meeting (Iowa City)  
 Aug. 23 ..... **North Scott** (noon)  
 Aug. 26 ..... **Muscatine** (noon)  
 Aug. 27 ..... **Oskaloosa** (noon)  
 Aug. 28 ..... **Waukee** (AM)  
 Aug. 29 ..... **Coon Rapids** (noon)  
 Sept. 3 ..... **Albia** (noon)  
 Sept. 4 ..... **Knoxville** (noon)



DG 2013-14 Jacque Andrew and Jim with RI President 2013-14 Ron Burton and Jetta.

Sept. 4 ..... **Greater Des Moines** (evening)  
 Sept. 9 ..... **Iowa City Downtown** (noon)  
 Sept. 10 ..... **Marengo** (noon)  
 Sept. 11 ..... **Tipton** (noon)  
 Sept. 16 ..... **Corning** (noon)  
 Sept. 17 ..... **Lenox** (noon)  
 Sept. 18 ..... **Adel** (noon)  
 Sept. 21 ..... RYE Inbound Picnic (Iowa City)  
 Sept. 23 ..... **Carroll** (noon)  
 Sept. 24 ..... **Manning** (noon)  
 Sept. 25 ..... **Perry** (noon)  
 Sept. 26 ..... Fall Training Seminar at Ankeny DMACC (evening)  
 Sept. 30 ..... **Ames** (noon)  
 Oct. 1 ..... **Ankeny** (noon)  
 Oct. 1 ..... **Ankeny Evening**, satellite provisional club (evening)  
 Oct. 2-5 ..... Governor-Elect Training and Zone Institute, Pittsburgh, PA  
 Oct. 7 ..... **Creston** (noon)  
 Oct. 8 ..... **Grinnell** (evening)  
 Oct. 9 ..... **Bettendorf** (noon)  
 Oct. 10 ..... Fall Training Seminar at West Liberty Community Center (evening)  
 Oct. 14 ..... **West Polk County** (noon)  
 Oct. 15 ..... **Johnston** (AM)  
 Oct. 15 ..... **West Des Moines** (noon)

Oct. 17 ..... Budget, Executive Committees at Pella (3 p.m. and 4 p.m.)  
 Oct. 19 ..... RYE Inbound Fall Fun Day (Indianola)  
 Oct. 20 ..... Assistant Governor's Social (Andrew home, Jefferson)  
 Oct. 22 ..... **Osceola** (noon)  
 Oct. 29 ..... **Marshalltown** (noon)  
 Nov. 1 ..... **Chariton** (noon)  
 Nov. 3 ..... Nominating Committee DGND interviews (Pella)  
 Nov. 5 ..... **Dallas Center** (noon)  
 Nov. 9 ..... District Rotary Foundation Banquet, West Des Moines Marriott  
 Nov. 10 ..... PDG Gathering at Iowa Hall of Pride (Des Moines)  
 Nov. 12 ..... **Pella** (noon)  
 Nov. 19 ..... **Atlantic** (noon)  
 Dec. 12 ..... Budget, Executive Committees at Pella (3 p.m. and 4 p.m.)  
 Jan. 12-18 ..... International Assembly at San Diego for DGE  
 Jan. 18-19 ..... RYE Winter Retreat (Indianola)  
 Feb. 6-16 ..... Iowa M.O.S.T. (Guatemala)  
 Feb. 20 ..... Global Grants Committee (Grinnell)  
 Feb. 22 ..... Grant Management Seminar at West Liberty (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)  
 Feb. 23 ..... Happy 108th Birthday, Rotary!  
 Feb. 27 ..... Budget, Executive Committees at Pella (3 p.m. and 4 p.m.)  
 March 1 ..... Grant Management Seminar at Des Moines DMACC (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)  
 March 6 ..... Assistant Governor Training at Rochester, MN  
 March 7-8 ..... President-Elect Training Seminar at Rochester, MN  
 March 16 ..... RYE Outbound Orientation (Pella)  
 March 15-23 ..... Xicotepec Project Team (Xicotepec, Mexico)  
 March 28 ..... Grant Management Seminar at DMAC Newton (4-8 p.m.)  
 March 29 ..... District Training Assembly (Newton DMACC)  
 May 1-3 ..... District Conference at Gateway Hotel & Conference Center (Ames)  
 June 1-4 ..... Rotary International Convention at Sydney, Australia

## It's not too early to start planning for fall Rotary events

By DGE Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

It's not too early to start planning for fall 2013 Rotary events that should be on the calendars of District 6000 Rotarians! Following are the dates and locations about fall training seminars and the second District Rotary Foundation Dinner. More details will follow in future issues of the District 6000 newsletter, through the District 6000 website and emails.

Our fall Rotary Foundation and Membership training seminars are planned for Thursday, Sept. 26 and Thursday, Oct. 10. The Sept. 26 session will be in the Oak and Maple classrooms in building #7 on the Des Moines Area Community College campus in Ankeny. Thanks to Assistant Governor Steve Wieneke for making these arrangements. The Oct. 10 session will be held at the West Liberty Community Center with the Rotary Club of West Liberty as hosts.

Thanks to District Foundation Fundraising Chair Bill Koellner for these arrangements.

These events are opportunities for club presidents, presidents-elect and other club officers/committee chairs and district leaders to learn more about the attraction, retention and engagement of members, club identity and value and members as customers plus the transition to the new Rotary grant model and Rotary Foundation tools.

The dates of the 2013 round of Grant Management Seminars will be released this summer.

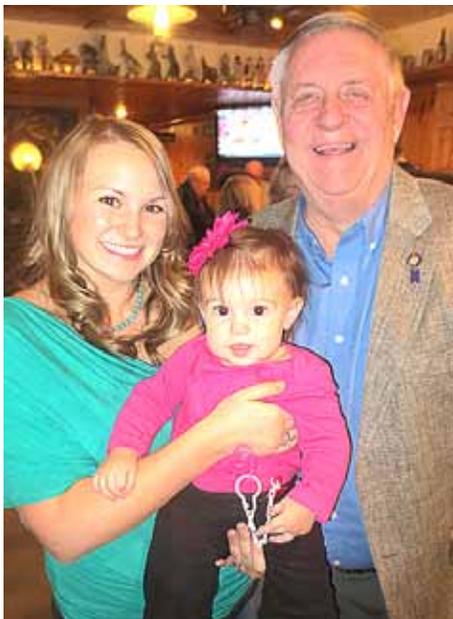
The Rotary Foundation Dinner is a celebration of the good that is done throughout the world thanks to TRF. It will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, at the West Des Moines Marriott. Inspiring speakers will be on hand and the event promises to be an evening to remember.

# News Briefs

**Seminar:** The leadership of Zone 28 is promoting registrations for the Saturday, July 13 "Success Seminar" from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames. The theme is "Uniting Leaders to Take Action." Reasons to attend: 1. Connect with counterparts from other Rotary districts; 2. Learn about Rotary's new digital resources; 3. Listen to Rotary's pilot project success stories; 4. Learn to strengthen Rotary through the new image initiative; and 5. Exchange ideas with other clubs and districts. Register now at [www.rpic28.org](http://www.rpic28.org). All Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

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**Baseball:** Rotarians from the Midwest are invited to support Rotary Day for Polio on Saturday, Aug. 3 at the Major League Baseball game at Target Field in Minneapolis between the Minnesota Twins and the Houston Astros. The deadline to order tickets in the Rotary block is July 2. Prices range from \$35 to \$50. Game time is 6:10 p.m. Information and orders: Kathy Hughitt, (651) 636-9054, or email: [kathy.hughitt@rotary5960.org](mailto:kathy.hughitt@rotary5960.org).



It's a small world! While attending "Dancing With The Stars" at Manning, DGND Loring Miller enjoyed visiting with a former International exchange student's wife, Mrs. Kellie Paes, and daughter Madalena. Kellie's husband, Lucas, was a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Brazil in 2005-06. Lucas is now working two years in Brazil for John Deere and was unable to make the trip back. Provided by Peggy Geiger

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**District Grants:** On April 10, the leadership of the District 6000 District Grants Committee extended the deadline for District Grant applications for the 2013-2014 Rotary year to Aug. 1, 2013. An electronic version of the 2013-2014 application is available on the District's website. If you have questions, please contact Doug Flournoy at (641) 472-0216, or email: [dsflournoy@hotmail.com](mailto:dsflournoy@hotmail.com).

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**Public Relations:** District 6000 and 5970 leaders should know by July 1 if their two-district Public Relations Grant to support the publication of the "Iowa Rotary Magazine" in 2013-14 has been approved. If it is approved, clubs should watch for announcements this fall explaining what you must do to qualify for a quantity of this slick-covered, multi-page publication for distribution in your community through your local newspaper.

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**Treasurer:** The new treasurer for District 6000 is Emmi Miller. She will take over July 1 for Kathy Strum. Emmi's address is 1400 Fawcett Pkwy, Suite B, Nevada, IA 50201-2808. Phone (515).382.3581, or cell phone: (515) 203-0392.

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**Service Learning:** Students at the University of Iowa in the international service-learning course, "International Perspectives: Xicotepec 2013," presented their findings at a seminar on May 9. Now in its seventh year, the course is conducted in close collaboration with Rotary International District 6000 of Iowa and the Rotary Club of Xicotepec de Juárez, Puebla, Mexico. This public presentation by four teams of students is the culmination of the students' efforts to learn through service partnerships. 2013 was the 11th consecutive year in which U.S. project teams have traveled to Xicotepec during spring break to work on Rotary projects there.



These happy Rotarians, Ros Dunblazier of Nevada and Ruth Freeman of Jefferson, are co-chairs of the District Conference that will be in Ames, May 1-3, 2014. Mark your calendars!

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Natalia Bonfante Ginez (l) replaced Chad Stutsman on June 1 as the Annual Giving Officer at Rotary International for Zone 28, which includes District 6000. She is pictured with Nancy Hoffman, who is the Planned Giving Officer at RI for Zone 28. Natalia is a native of Colombia and has worked with The Rotary Foundation since 2004. She can be reached at (847) 866-3282, email: [Natalia.Bonfante.Ginez@rotary.org](mailto:Natalia.Bonfante.Ginez@rotary.org). Nancy can be reached at (847) 866-3488, email: [Nancy.Hoffman@rotary.org](mailto:Nancy.Hoffman@rotary.org). Photo by Bill Tubbs



While attending the Drake Relays, District Governor Terry and Peggy Geiger became walking billboards for Rotary's End Polio Now message.

Provided by Peggy Geiger

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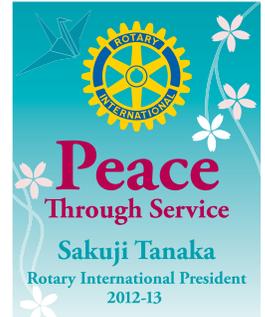
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# Club leaders’ checklist



*From DG Terry Geiger . . .*

- 2012-13 club leaders: Make final payments to **The Rotary Foundation** on or before June 30 to meet or exceed your club’s goal for Annual Giving (p. 22).
- Watch for your 2013-14 **district dues** billing after July 1, including voluntary contributions for **Iowa M.O.S.T., FAMSCO** and **Youth Services Fund**.
- Check the calendar and prepare for District Governor 2013-14 Jacque Andrew’s **Official Visit** to your club (p. 34).
- 2013-14 club leaders: Complete your **Club Planning Guide** and send copies to Governor 2013-14 Jacque Andrew and your Assistant Governor.
- Identify a **community project** for 2013-14 to qualify for a **District Grant** by the NEW Aug. 1 deadline (p. 35).
- Encourage club leaders to register for the July 13 **Zone Success Seminar** at Ames (p. 35).
- Consider possibilities for a **Vocational Training Team** and notify the district by Sept. 1 (p. 13).
- Schedule a speaker(s) to learn about opportunities for **Global Matching Grants** (p. 14).
- Encourage members to support Rotary’s efforts for **Oklahoma Tornado Relief** (p. 15).
- Tell your members about Rotary Day on Aug. 3 at the **Minnesota Twins** (p. 35).
- Tell your members about the opportunities available to them through **Rotary Fellowships** (p. 24).
- Make yourselves aware of changes to Rotary’s bylaws as a result of the 2013 **Council On Legislation** (pp. 18-19).
- Set a challenging goal for membership development and invite quality **new member(s)** to join your club!
- Promote **attendance** and report your **attendance** monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 23).
- **Submit news** of your club’s activities by Aug. 28, 2013, for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, at btubbs@northscottpress.com.



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