

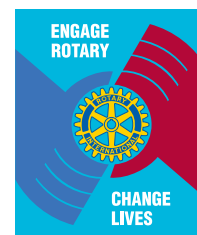
# Rotary District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Jacque Andrew, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

Fourth Quarter (April-May-June 2014)



We Are “This Close” to Ending Polio.



At the request of the District Conference Committee, Coralville-North Corridor Rotarian and professional photographer Vicki Struzynski-Olson created this panoramic view of District 6000 Rotarians at the Friday All-Club Luncheon at District Conference, May 2 in Ames – signaling that we are “This Close” to eradicating polio. The panorama was created from three photos.

## District Conference full of surprises!

By DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

**T**HANK YOU to the hundreds of Rotarians and guests who attended the Rotary District 6000 conference! The GREAT team of featured speakers, Rotary International President’s Representative Alana Bergh, RI VP Anne Matthews, and RI Director-Elect Brad Howard and others from the District, celebration of club and district achievements plus individual Rotarians’ leadership and contributions along with great food, Rotary fellowship, and some SURPRISES made for a meaningful conference! I am so grateful to the conference committee and ALL who contributed to the success of the event! It was a TEAM EFFORT!!



**Jacque Andrew**  
District Governor

Whether it is an NCAA Sweet Sixteen game, a Broadway show or a grandchild’s recital, it’s hard to beat a live performance! You just never know when there will be a surprise...like the appearance of Iowa State University men’s basketball Coach Fred Hoiberg, “the Mayor,” to deliver the “welcome to Ames!”

As we “roll out” the conference to readers in the following pages we hope you will sense the pride we have for District 6000 clubs and their members, the great work that they are doing, the commitment they have for Rotary and The Rotary Foundation, and the

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District Governor Jacque Andrew welcomed Rotarian leaders to District Conference (l-r): RI Vice President Anne Matthews of South Carolina, RI President’s Rep Alana Bergh of Alaska, and RI Director-Elect Brad Howard of Oakland, Calif.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



## Ames 'Mayor' Fred welcomes Rotarians

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Rotary fellowship and admiration that was woven into the fabric of the event.

As you follow along this account, we hope you are inspired by the district and its clubs and are motivated to attend conferences in the future. Just as a Facebook post doesn't do justice to a live theater performance or great basketball game, reading about conference is only one dimension. What is REALLY SPECIAL about conference is the interactions, fun and fellowship ... and surprises that occur when Rotarians gather!

The conference was headlined by Rotary International representative Alana Bergh of North Pole, Alaska; RI vice president Anne Matthews of Columbia, South Carolina, and RI Director-Elect Brad Howard of Oakland, California. Each brought messages central to the theme of "Keys to Rotary's Future."

In the 25th year of women in Rotary, District 6000 was honored by RI President Ron Burton with the selection of PDG Alana Bergh of District 5010 as his President's Representative. With her husband, Ron, PDG Alana made the long trek from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Ames and inspired us with her experiences of a multi-national district that included Russia and spanned 11 time zones. Their aides were PDG Don and Doris Goering.

As the first woman member of the Rotary Club of the North Pole and the first woman

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The Youth Exchange flag ceremony, led by Hannah Purner of Austria, hosted by the Rotary Club of Washington, was impressive, as it always is!



Iowa State men's basketball coach Fred "The Mayor" Hoiberg gave the official welcome to Ames, subbing for the real mayor, Ann Campbell, who was ill.



Rotary Youth Exchange students sport their blue blazers with pins of friendship at District Conference as AG Doug Peterson, a member of the Youth Exchange Committee, calls the names of District 6000 inbound and outbound students.



RI President's Rep Alana Bergh and her husband, Ron (l), were hosted by PDG Don and Doris Goering of Ames.



PDG Ray Muston of Iowa City reconnected with his 1999-00 governor classmates Alana Bergh and RI VP Anne Matthews.



Provided by Jacque Andrew



Incoming RI Director Brad Howard of Oakland, Calif., urged Rotarians to focus on membership and fellowship.



DG Jacque Andrew and Cy the Cyclone say we are "This Close" to eradicating polio. Photos by Bill Tubbs



District Governor-Elect John Ockenfels shared a "Rotary Moment" about Guatemala firefighters' generosity.

## Rotary's 'keys'

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on the Rotary International Membership Development and Retention Committee and its past chair, she's blazed trails and is well aware of membership issues that face Rotary. She commended District 6000 on its membership growth this year and its long time commitment to Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE), a passion of hers, and to the new format of Rotary Youth Leadership awards (RYLA), engaging youth as an important "key to Rotary's future."

At the all club luncheon, attended by nearly 300, the first woman to serve as Rotary International Vice President, Anne Matthews of Columbia, South Carolina, also shared stories of leadership honed as both a Rotary International director and a trustee of The Rotary Foundation, the first woman

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Governor Jacque's husband, Jim, led the singing of the National Anthem as the colors were presented by the ISU Army ROTC Color Guard.

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DG Jacques and Jim Andrew welcome Rotarians to the Thursday night reception at the Gateway Center in Ames that kicked off the District Conference on May 1.



RI Vice President Anne Matthews (l) and DG Jacques Andrew (r) presented The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service to PDG Bill Tubbs of North Scott, pictured with Linda. Photo by Rick Morain



Joe Stopulos of Des Moines AM played the piano and sang about Women In Rotary (p. 35).



Bob Bishop of the Gateway Center, a Paul Harris Fellow, kept things running smoothly.



Jefferson Rotarian Craig Hertel was the District Conference master of ceremonies.



Des Moines AM Rotarian Mary La-Hay provided audio-visual and graphic images services for the District Conference.



One of the displays in the House of Friendship was the South African Women's Sewing by Jim Blessman of Waukee, pictured with DG Jacques Andrew. A doctor, he lives six months in South Africa and oversees projects for the South African people.



An inspirational report about Rotary Youth Leadership Awards was given by DGN Loring Miller (r) with students (front): Christine Dimke and Chessa Loushin of Cedar Rapids; and (back) Thomas Woodruff of Fort Dodge, Rahul Seshappe of Ames, and Christopher Culver of Cedar Raids. Photos by Bill Tubbs





PDG Corliss Klaassen of Chariton received the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World from District Governor Jacques Andrew.



Doris Goering of Ames, who has traveled widely in support of her husband, PDG Don Goering, received the RI Rotarian Spouse Award. Her family surprised her on the momentous occasion (l-r): son Dennis Goering of Des Moines, PDG Don, and daughter Heather Sinclair and husband, Brian, of Mount Pleasant, with DG Jacques.



## Matthews: 'Literacy is the *scape hatch*'

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to do both. As the youngest of 15 children in a "good old Baptist family" in the South, she learned early the importance of setting goals and focusing on them.

As a professional educator, Matthews encouraged every Rotary club to be involved with the schools in their communities. Literacy, she said, is the "scape hatch" from poverty as she quoted past RI president Bill Boyd. More than 45 percent of the world lives in extreme poverty, and ill health is a by-product of poverty and illiteracy. As she thanked the Rotarians for every dollar they've given to The Rotary Foundation, she challenged greater service by members to be "real" Rotarians versus "résumé" Rotarians.

Rotary International Director-Elect Brad Howard of Oakland, California, brought expertise as an RI International Assembly training leader and member of the RI Membership Development Committee in addition to serving as the End Polio Now Coordinator for Zone 26.

Through his career in the tourism business, he has led hundreds of tours around the globe to "show people the world in the context of Rotary." Dozens of the trips have been for National Immunization Days to eradicate polio and help Rotarians and others understand the great challenges of eliminating a disease. "Rotary is a volunteer organization that decided to eliminate a disease in its 'spare time,'" he said. "Polio changed our organization top to bottom."

He urged Rotary to remember who its customers are...its members. If we address them well they will look outwardly as does District 6000, he said, to serve others. Who is our competition for members? Kiwanis? Lions? NO. LIFE is our greatest competitor. We need to show that what Rotary does is completely consistent with life, offering three distinct membership benefits: 1. Personal growth; 2. Professional development; and 3. Relationships one can't find anywhere else.

He cited his three-year old who watched him pack children's clothes to take to Ghana saying, "Dad, we did something really good." Through all that Rotary offers, "we take normal people and

allow them to do extraordinary things. Rotary is a membership organization that does service."

Aides for VP Anne Matthews were her classmate, PDG Ray Muston and his wife Linda of Iowa City. Aide for Brad Howard was AG Tony Conn of Keokuk.

From the posting of the colors by the Iowa State University ROTC Color Guard commanded by Cadet Dakota Farrer escorted by Rotarian bagpiper Ed Raber of Washington and the conference singing of the National Anthem, the event was a celebration of the contributions of women to Rotary in 25 years and of the many ex-

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Jefferson native John Canady, now of Iowa City (l), is a plastic surgeon who has led 20 trips abroad to perform cleft lip-cleft palate repairs, including nine with the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.). He was the recipient of Rotary International's Vocational Service Award, and is pictured with DG Jacques Andrew and PDG Gary Pacha (r), who received a District Significant Service Award for his leadership of Iowa M.O.S.T., which performs its service annually in Guatemala.





PDG Ray Muston of Iowa City (I) received a District Significant Service Award for youth in humanitarian service.



David Cook of Boone (I) received a District Significant Service Award for his leadership in club visioning.



Tom Narak of West Des Moines (I) and his wife, Carol, received a District Significant Service Award for Xicotepec.



Ed Arnold of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines (I) received a Regional Award for a Polio-Free World.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



Assistant Governor Mike Ruby of Muscatine (I) received a District Significant Growth Award for leadership in membership development. Ginny Hughes of Fairfield is not pictured.



District Governor Jacquie Andrew recognized the Iowa Bankers Association with a District Governors' Club Support Award in appreciation of all that Iowa banks do to support Rotary clubs.



Nancy Pacha of Iowa City AM (I) received a District Significant Growth Award for leadership with Interact.



PDG Corliss Klaassen (I) and Sharon Vickery of Des Moines (not pictured) received District Significant Service Awards for leadership of the 2013 District Rotary Foundation Dinner.



Jeff Bremer, formerly of Northwest Des Moines (I) received a District Significant Service Award for leadership with Ambassadorial Scholars.





Receiving Presidential Citations for the clubs completing activities in the Five Avenues of Service were (l-r): Erna Morain (Waukee), Vicki Struzynski-Olson (Coralville-North Corridor), Marcia Stevens (Decatur County), Steve Suiter (North Scott), Becky Patterson (Washington), Gary Loss (Davenport), Karin Sevde (Ames), DG Jacque Andrew, Dan Johnson (Nevada), Jody Kerr (Fairfield), Dale Belknap (Des Moines), Tamara Kenworthy (Des Moines AM), David Cook (Boone) and Dorothy Schumer (Ames Morning).

## Howard: 'LIFE is our greatest competitor'

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emplary clubs and projects of District 6000.

The Rotary Youth Exchange flag ceremony is always a highlight of conference and this year's was spectacular! RYLA alumni gave an excellent presentation reviewing their 2013 experience at the new week-long event. District 6000 Peace Scholar Cilia Maria Ruiz-Pas, Fairfield, who is studying at the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan, produced a video about her experience there and inspired attendees with her passion and commitment for building peace in the world.

Conference is the one way that governors can give other District Rotarians a peak through the window, to truly share the experience of visiting every single one of the clubs, participating in club and district projects and meeting great Rotarians who are ENGAGED and CHANGING LIVES all across the street, across the district and beyond! The challenge is to make the event

tantalizing enough yet practical with ideas that can be implemented "right now" in clubs.

Ideas were flowing freely during the "engaged learning tables" session on Friday afternoon when attendees participated in over a dozen table topics from membership to fundraisers, club projects, grants, fellowships and more. Facilitators at each table kept the conversations moving and focused.

Projects which can offer "Keys to Rotary's Future" inspired participants: Youth in humanitarian service by PDG Ray Muston; the Karadah Project in Afghanistan by LTC Rick Burns, Atlantic (<http://thekaradahproject.blogspot.com>) and South African Women's Sewing Project by Dr. Jim Blessman, Waukee. <http://www.blessmanministries.org>. The Ponseti method of treating club feet, developed at the University of Iowa, was also highlighted.

*During the conference, many Rotarians and clubs were recognized for leadership, service and achievement, with the*

*significance of the awards also used as an opportunity to inspire, educate and enlighten about the great work being accomplished by District 6000.*

The Rotary Foundation's second highest award, the Citation for Meritorious Service (only one per district) was presented to PDG Bill Tubbs of North Scott, currently serving as Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, for leadership and commitment to TRF.

In recognition of leadership as medical director of the District 6000 Iowa Miles of Smiles Team (MOST), Dr. John Canady, Iowa City, was awarded the Rotary International Vocational Service Award, and PDG Gary Pacha, Iowa City, was honored with the Governor's Significant Service Award as the overall coordinator of the project since its inception nine years ago.

For longtime commitment and efforts devoted to the eradication of polio, two

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Jody Braverman of Iowa City (l) and Geoff Wilming of Coralville-North Corridor accepted a District Public Image Award for a TV partnership.



Tamara Kenworthy (l) accepted a District Public Image Award for the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM for its "7 AM Rotary Happy Hour."



Ed Arnold and PDG Diana Reed of Northwest Des Moines accepted a District Public Image Award for a TV documentary about polio.





Auctioneer Kyle Hansen of Nevada kept Rotarians engaged and having fun as they raised more than \$8,000 for the District 6000 Youth Services Fund in Friday evening's auction.



This quilt, hand stitched by Deb Ockenfels and displayed by Steve Dakin and Troy Thompson of Boone, brought top dollar.

## Membership grows!

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honors awarded by Rotary International following nomination by the governor were presented: to PDG Corliss Klaassen, Chariton, the International Award for a Polio Free World (no more than 10 in the world each year); and to Ed Arnold, Northwest Des Moines, the Regional Award for Polio Free World (no more than 10 per region, the Americas-35 countries).

The Rotary International Rotarian Spouse/Partner was presented (another surprise!) to Doris Goering, wife of PDG Don Goering of Ames. In keeping with the surprise theme, both of the Goering kids, Dennis and Deb, were both on hand for the presentation, amazing both Don and Doris.

In the first year of "global launch" of the new Rotary Foundation grant model, the District Foundation team was awarded the District Rotary Foundation Service awards for "above and beyond" commitment to implementation along with establishing necessary district policies and procedures related to the model that places greater responsibility on districts.

The Governor's Significant Service awards were presented to individuals for exemplary leadership and dedication to the district. PDG Ray Muston, Iowa City, was surprised with a Paul Harris Fellow for his innovation and commitment to creating opportunities for youth to participate in humanitarian service and his collaboration with and mentorship of DG Jacque.

Xicotepac co-leaders Tom and Carol Narak of West Des Moines were honored for their long-term commitment to the project and

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Governor Jacquie Andrew (r) shows her appreciation of District Conference co-chairs Ruth Freeman of Jefferson (l) and Ros Dunblazier of Nevada (r). Photos by Bill Tubbs



Accepting awards for clubs that were recognized for membership growth were (l-r): Erin Morain (Waukee), Steve Fahrenkrog and Steve Suiter (North Scott), Becky Patterson (Washington), DG Jacque Andrew, and Tom Narak and Chris Nelson (West Des Moines). Not present: Albia.



Rotarians recognized with RI Club Builder Awards were (l-r): Vicki Struzynski-Olson for Judy Meyer (Coralville-North Corridor), Tamara Kenworthy (Des Moines AM), David Hofmann (Greater Des Moines), Becky Patterson (Washington), Bob Kaldenberg (Winterset), Carolyn Jons (Ames Morning), and Gary Loss (Davenport). Three were not present.





### *Youth Exchange students keep Pianopalooza playing ...*

The twin pianos of Tony Bohenkamp's Pianopalooza Dueling Pianos performed pop tunes upon request at Friday evening's social, with Marshalltown Rotarian Bill Fitzgerald (top left) adding vocals Karaoke-style. Rotarians who danced (and those who didn't) enjoyed the duo, but especially Rotary Youth Exchange (right) and committee members who closed down the night.



2015 chair Deb Pullen Van Auken cleverly contrasted the assets of Ames and Iowa City and invited us to District Conference April 16-18 at Coralville.



Jefferson Rotarian Rick Morain, son of the late DG Fred Morain, and a wizard at the keyboard, entertained throughout the conference. While doing his best Ray Charles impersonation, he is surrounded by young and young-at-heart Jefferson Rotarians who gave Service Above Self: Adam Pedersen, treasurer; Kyle Orris, David Morain (grandson of Fred), Chris Durlam and Don Orris who served as sergeants-at-arms with humor.

Photo by Jacque Andrew



### *Engaged learning tables ...*

"Engaged Learning Tables" on Friday afternoon at District Conference brought Rotarians together to exchange ideas about everything from fund raising to fellowship to community service to membership development and retention to international and vocational service. It was the perfect opportunity for Creston Rotarians Lacy Rowan and Jacque Welchans, who were among 30 who were attending their first District Conference, to learn about other clubs.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



# Rotarians remembered

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assuming additional leadership, with Paul Harris Fellow awards.

For his leadership and facilitation of club and project vision facilitation in the District and the positive impact such exercises can have, Dave Cook of Boone was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow award.

Also recognized were PDG Corliss Klaasen, Chariton, and Sharon Vickery, Des Moines, for their leadership of the District Foundation Dinner and Jeff Bremer, Knoxville, for guidance of the Ambassadorial Scholar program.

Significant Growth in the district was recognized in several categories: Membership with an increase of 60 net members, retaining membership despite more than 35 deaths. District members team leader Mike Ruby, Muscatine, received the award and recognition for innovative education and motivation efforts. Ginny Hughes, Fairfield, co-chair was not able to attend. Clubs recognized for membership growth included: small (under 40), West Polk and Albia; medium (40-80), Waukee and Washington and large (over 80) West Des Moines and North Scott.

A reinvigorated district Rotaract effort under the leadership of Usha Balarishnan, Iowa City, resulted in three new clubs being chartered during 2013-14, including the Rotaract Club of the Iowa City Area, Iowa Wesleyan College Rotaract Club and Simpson College Rotaract Club.

A new Interact club was chartered with over 60 initial members at Des Moines Roosevelt High School. District Interact Chair Nancy Pacha was recognized.

For leadership of organization and implementation of a new week-long format (in partnership with District 5970) and diligent efforts to educate all district clubs about the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, PDG Gary Welch was recognized, although he was en route to the RI Convention in Sydney, Australia, and not able to attend.

The Rotary Foundation awards to major donors, bequest society and Paul Harris Society were honored on Saturday, along with club Foundation awards. All are listed in entirety elsewhere in the newsletter (p. 12-13).

Public Image Awards were presented to Jody Braverman, Iowa City and Geoff Wilming, Coralville North Corridor; Ed Arnold and Diana Reed, Northwest Des Moines and the Des Moines AM club.

Club Builder Awards were presented to: Carolyn Jons, Ames Morning; Charlie Nixon, Coon Rapids; Judy Meyer, Coralville North Corridor; Gary Loss, Davenport; Tamara Kenworthy,



PDG Dale Belknap of Des Moines and his wife, Mary, lit a candle and rang the bell in memory of Rotarians deceased in the past year at Saturday's necrology service.

Des Moines Am; David Hofmann, Greater Des Moines; Patrick O'Meara, Indianola; Bruce Cary, Tipton; Becky Patterson, Washington and Bob Kaldenberg, Winterset.

Presidential Citations were earned by 14 Rotary clubs including Ames, Ames Morning, Boone, Davenport, Decatur County, Des Moines, Des Moines AM, Fairfield, Johnston, Nevada, North Scott, Washington, Waukee and Wellman and the Interact Club at Clear Creek-Amana School.

Assistant Governors were recognized with the following completing their term: AG Coordinator Bill Tubbs; Dave Cook, Boone; Lee Holmes, Waukee; Chris Marshall, Washington; Phyllis Miller, Decatur County; Dave Reiff, Fairfield; and Craig Scott, Chariton.

The Iowa Bankers Association was recognized for "club leadership support" for its encouragement of its members to serve in leadership roles in Rotary. During the last two Rotary years approximately 15 percent of club presidents were bankers.

A touching tribute to more than 35 Rotarians was presented in the In Memoriam Service led by PDG Dale and Mary Belknap with musical accompaniment by PDG David Piersel.

Throughout the weekend, Rick Morain, Jefferson, son of PDG Fred Morain, entertained at breaks with piano interludes, and Joe Stopulous, Des Moines AM, performed his piano tribute to women in Rotary. Saturday morning singing was led by DG spouse Jim Andrew.

The Friday evening auction to benefit the Youth in Humanitarian Service Fund (in the Humanitarian Education Fund) raised \$8,000.

The event was organized by Steve Dakin and Troy Thompson, Boone, with auctioneer Kyle Hansen, Nevada. Assistance and "spirit" during the auction were provided by ISU Cyclones Mascot "CY"...another surprise!

The "dueling pianos" Pianopalooza team of Tony Bohnenkamp and Megan Hill entertained young and young-at-heart into the evening following the buffet dinner and auction. RYE students especially enjoyed making requests of the team.

An invitation to next year's District Conference in Iowa City, April 16-18, 2015, at the Marriott was presented by Deb Pullin-Van Auken, conference co-chair.



Twelve assistant district governors who were present were thanked for their service, and those completing their terms (name in *italics*) received plaques (l-r): Gerald Clausen (Carroll), Norm Van Klompenburg (Newton), *Phyllis Miller (Decatur County)*, Mike Ruby (Muscatine), Mary Ellen Stanley (Decatur County), Tony Conn (Keokuk), *Chris Marshall (Washington)*, Steve Wieneke (Ankeny), Vicki Struzynski-Olson (Coralville-North Corridor), *David Cook (Boone)*, Sue Rasmussen (Waukee) and *Lee Holmes (Waukee)*. Present but not pictured: Doug Peterson (Iowa Quad Cities).





Bob Morrison



Elaine Graham Estes



Jim Smith



Jim Swaim

## Four honored as 'Guardians of Integrity'

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

District 6000 Vocational Service chair

Four Rotarians who were nominated by their clubs were recognized as "Guardians of Integrity" at District Conference. It was the fourth 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, all of the nominees are Guardians of Integrity.

This year's honorees:

**Davenport Rotarian Robert Morrison** has served as Boy Scout Master guiding young men, many who became Eagle Scouts. For his dedication, Bob was granted the Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award. He has also devoted many years to providing Marriage Encounter weekends, and has served on the International Board for Marriage Encounter. When in 2008 a resident of Ridgecrest Village inquired about a free flight to Washington, D.C., to see the World War II Memorial, Bob organized a board of directors for the Quad Cities Hub of the Honor Flight, which has made it possible for more than 2,000 World War II veterans and 600 Korean War veterans to visit our nation's Capitol on 27 Honor Flights. Of the Honor Flights, many have said, "This was the best day of my life." But Bob's work will not be complete, he says, until all veterans have this experience. More than 600 remain on a growing waiting list. The urgency is that World War II veterans are dying at the rate of 1,000 a day. Twice Bob has been awarded the Hometown Hero Award for this work.

**Des Moines Rotarian Elaine Graham Estes** has "fostered, created and served on committees and boards that contributed to integrity, in particular life-long learning." Elaine retired as director of Des Moines Public Libraries in 1995 where she established a first-in-the-country materials preservation plan and a disaster preparedness plan. She is a long-time member of the Des Moines Advisory Board on Adult Education, the Advisory Board of Cowles Library, and she has served on many commissions for historic preservation. In 1989, Elaine was honored as YMCA Woman of

Achievement; she has also been awarded status as Distinguished Alumni of Drake University. In 2010, Elaine was inducted into the Iowa African-American Hall of Fame. An intrepid woman, Elaine began college at Drake University at age 16 and at age 80, she traveled to Antarctica.

**Iowa City AM Rotarian Jim Swaim** provides "positive outcomes" for kids. After 40 years as Executive Director of United Action for Youth in Iowa City, Jim retired in 2013. Owing to his leadership and example, UAY expanded to programs that are models for the nation. Jim was named National Outstanding Advocate by the National Network for Youth, the United Way Director of the Year, and he received volunteer awards from two Iowa governors for numerous youth programs he initiated and national leadership positions he held. Jim has received many well-deserved accolades, but his life still comes down to the guiding principle that he helped establish at UAY, that of "Unconditional Positive Regard." Says a colleague of Jim, "In the face of an increasingly hard and challenging world, he stays true to respect, kindness and patience."

**North Scott Rotarian Jim Smith** is a man of "commonsense wisdom." He is talented at fixing almost anything and teaching others. Jim has been the Apprenticeship Coordinator with the Plumbers and Pipefitters for 27 years in the Quad-City area and has been teaching/training OSHA classes for the last 16 years for the International Plumbers and Pipefitters. He has done volunteer plumbing work in various buildings and cabins at Camp Shalom, which is owned by his church, as well as Davenport East's Little League facility and area playgrounds. Jim is an unwavering volunteer for the Eastern Iowa Special Olympics, a resolute supporter of the foreign exchange students who come to his community, and an avid pilot who built an airplane in his basement and generously supports his club's fundraising auctions. He loves to connect with other pilots each year at AirVenture and by operating the Emergency Aircraft Repair Barn.

All clubs are encouraged to nominate a Guardian of Integrity for the awards that will be presented next year. Winners from the first two years are below. *(Nancy Pacha contributed to this writeup)*

### 2011

Jean Bartley, Iowa City AM  
Vernon Condon, Boone  
David Deuth, Bettendorf  
Brock Earnhardt, Davenport  
Gary Foster, Clinton  
Ann Harris, Washington  
Pete Knapp, Coralville-NC  
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 Rooney, 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

### 2013

Merle Anderson, North Scott  
Decker Ploehn, Bettendorf  
Scott Raecker, Des Moines AM  
Robert D. Ray, Des Moines  
Pat Schnack, Iowa City AM  
Pete Wallace, Iowa City







Ruth Freeman of Jefferson (second from left) is a new Rotary Foundation Bequest Society Level 1 (\$10,000) donor. She is pictured with District Rotary Foundation Chair Cal Litwiller, District Governor Jacque Andrew, and Major Gifts Officer PDG Don Goering.

## DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION AWARDS

District Conference,  
MAY 3, 2014, Ames, Iowa



New Rotary Foundation Bequest Society Level 2 donors (\$25,000) during 2013-14 were (l-r): Steve Dakin (Boone, second from left) and Brad Helgemo (Northwest Des Moines), pictured with District Rotary Foundation Chair Cal Litwiller, District Governor Jacque Andrew and Major Gifts Officer PDG Don Goering. A new Bequest Society Level 2 member who was not present was Patrick Olsen (North Scott).



New Paul Harris Society members during 2013-14 were recognized at District Conference for their commitment to give \$1,000 per year or more to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation (l-r): PDG Cal and Rachel Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), Troy Thompson (Boone), Donna Cowan-Newbrough (Ames), Carolyn Scharff (Pella) and Mike Ruby (Muscatine), with DG Jacque Andrew and PDG Don Goering, who is District 6000 Paul Harris Society chair. New Paul Harris Society members who were not pictured are: Kevin Boyle (Manning), Jody Braverman (Iowa City), Ted Clausen (Grinnell), Kevin Monson (Iowa City), Lorraine Lynch (North Scott), PDG Denny Skinner (Nevada), Catherine Staub (Des Moines), Stacy Thompson (Iowa City, deceased) and Charles Vogel (Ames).



New Rotary Foundation Level 2 Major Donors (\$25,000) during 2013-14 were (l-r): Jim Peterson (and Beth, not pictured, Iowa City AM), and District Governor Jacque and Jim Andrew (Jefferson). They are pictured with District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Cal Litwiller and District Annual Giving Chair PDG Cal Litwiller. These new Major Donors during 2013-14 are not pictured: Level 1 (\$10,000) Bill Burress (Davenport), Darrell Limkeman (Ottumwa), Robert Rudman (Ames), and William Wirin (Marshalltown). Level 3 (\$50,000): Lorraine Lynch (North Scott); and Level 5 (Arch Klumpp Society, \$250,000): Amy Nicholson of Coralville and Keith Wilson of Iowa City.

Photos by Bill Tubbs





PDG Herb Wilson and Janet were choked with emotion when District 6000 Rotarians thanked them for their Level 7 (\$1 million) bequest to The Rotary Foundation. "We don't give money away. We make an investment – and they take good care of your money at The Rotary Foundation. They see that it goes where it is supposed to go," Herb Wilson avowed. The Wilsons are pictured with District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Cal Litwiller (left), Major Gifts Officer PDG Don Goering (right) and DG Jacques Andrew.



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A record number of new 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow Clubs during 2013-14 were recognized at District Conference by District Rotary Foundation Chair Cal Litwiller (left) and DG Jacques Andrew (second from right): Iowa City (represented by Janice Wilson), Jefferson (Tim Christensen), and Chariton (Becky Struve). Chariton. A new 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow Club not pictured is Wellman.



The top three giving clubs, and clubs that were newly recognized in 2013-14 as Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) clubs because every member contributes to The Rotary Foundation were honored (l-r): North Scott (Steve Suiter, EREY); Chariton (Becky Struve, EREY and 100% Sustaining Members); West Liberty (Steve Hanson, first in Annual Giving, \$403 per capita, EREY, and 100% Sustaining), Decatur County (PDG Terry Geiger, second in Annual Giving, \$388 per capita, and EREY); and Iowa City AM (Deb Ockenfels, third in Annual Giving, \$264 per capita). They are pictured with DG Jacques Andrew and last year's and this year's District Rotary Foundation Chairs PDGs Cal Litwiller and Corliss Klaassen.



Members of the district Rotary Foundation team were honored with District Rotary Foundation Awards by DG Jacques Andrew because of their success in guiding District 6000 through the first year of the Global Launch of Future Vision. Team members (l-r): Bill Koellner (Fundraising), PDG Cal Litwiller (District Rotary Foundation Chair), PDG Susan Herrick (Polio-Plus), Brock Earnhardt (Global Grants), DG Andrew, PDG Corliss Klaassen (Annual Fund), PDG Diane Reed (Programs), Doug Flournoy (Community Service Grants), and PDG Don Goering (Endowment Fund). Not present: Lynn Hicks (Vocational Training Teams) and Liz Beck (Scholars).



# BIG APPLE TO DOWN UNDER:

## *Thank you, District 6000 clubs, for a great year!*

By DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

One of the privileges of serving as District Governor is the opportunity to visit every club! Experiencing the unique personality and traditions of each club is a true joy! I sincerely thank **every** club for extending true and warm Rotary hospitality! From the board members and officers to the newest members, Rotary fellowship was everywhere! What an honor it is to serve this district!

Fortunately I got to make **repeat visits** to more than 30 clubs for special events or special speakers.

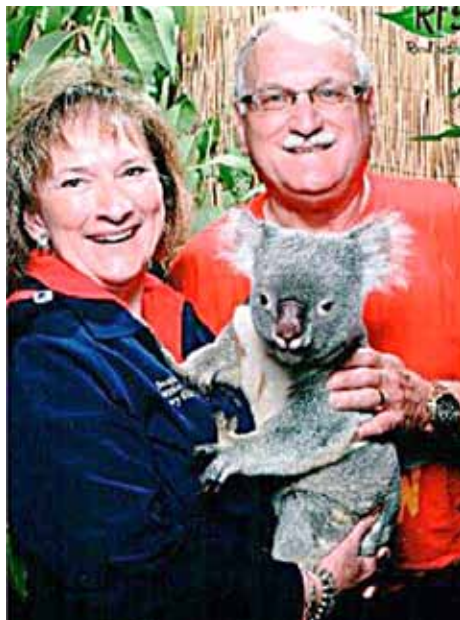
In addition to the Rotary International “required” meetings, I was able to make repeat stops to more than 30 clubs for special events or particular speakers at the request of the clubs.

**Unique highlights of the year** (above and beyond the club visits) include:

- being a member of both the Iowa M.O.S.T. (Guatemala) and Xicotepéc (Mexico) teams;
- planning and involvement in the visit of RI President Elect Gary Huang and Corinna to Muscatine;
- attending the installation of the Norman Borlaug statue in the U.S. Capitol;
- participating in the Rotary International Day at the United Nations in New York City;
- attending the RI Convention in Sydney, Australia;
- organizing the District Foundation Dinner; and of course ...
- planning and leading the District Conference!

During the year I told clubs I wanted to roll up my sleeves and help in any way I could as a “volunteer member” of their clubs. I helped **with fundraisers, attended auctions or assisted with projects** at Oskaloosa, North Scott, Washington, Iowa City Downtown, West Des Moines, Ankeny, West Liberty, Manning, Waukee, Des Moines and Fairfield in addition to my home club of Jefferson, of course!

There is real value in club presidents meeting together, and we encouraged assistant governors to facilitate those meetings with their area clubs. I was fortunate to be part of seven of those **AG-presidents meetings** in December and January. Relaxed and casual, usually over a meal, the meetings offered great dialogue and sharing. What an opportunity to reconnect with presidents and



A trip to the Rotary International Convention June 1-4 in Sydney, Australia, was a highlight of a whirlwind year for District Governor Jacque Andrew and her husband, Jim.

be assistance to them in meeting their goals!

We celebrated **club milestones** – Chariton at its 90th, North Scott at its 40th, Iowa City AM and Ames Morning at their 25th, Des Moines AM at its 23rd, Waukee at its 15th. Tipton is celebrating its 60th, and Adel and Marengo are both marking 90 years. We joined with District 5970 Rotarians to celebrate the centennial of the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids.

Clubs were active in **promoting The Rotary Foundation** and there were many occasions to celebrate support for TRF. A record was set in the number of 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow clubs to make this commitment in one year. As the district’s largest club, the effort by the Rotary Club of Iowa City to become 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow club was significant, with a special program held in honor of the occasion. The Rotary Clubs of Chariton, Jefferson and Wellman achieved this important milestone as well. In addition, special presentations were made at North Scott for the annual fund and endowment/bequest society gifts of member Lorraine Lynch, at Northwest Des Moines for Bradford Helgemo, at Jefferson for Ruth Freeman and others that were celebrated by members of the Foundation team which I could not attend.

Another area worthy of celebration is the **chartering of three new Rotaract clubs**. We were able to attend special meetings for the chartering of the Rotaract Club of the Iowa City Area, the Iowa Wesleyan College, and the Simpson College Rotaract Club and “pin” the new members. Thanks to the leadership and encouragement of the new District Rotaract chair, Usha Balakrishnan, Iowa City, for her role in these new clubs. We attended meetings to help form a Rotaract club in the Quad Cities area...still under consideration.

A **new Interact club** was formed at Des Moines Roosevelt High School, and I was fortunate to attend the signing of the charter which included the names of 60 new members!

**New member and other special club/committee events** were opportunities to return to the Boone, Nevada, Greater Des Moines, Des Moines, Johnston, Davenport, Des Moines AM and Fairfield clubs – in addition to RYLA visioning and Youth Exchange retreats and trainings.

Volunteering at Iowa Public Television Friends night was a chance to help with another worthy cause.

**District membership increased** during 2013-14. Thanks to our clubs for sharing the Rotary story, and the District membership committee for encouragement and tools to help clubs succeed in attracting and retaining members!

Helping to **prepare leaders** for the District was a benefit of the two Fall Foundation and Membership Seminars, the Assistant Governor and Presidents-Elect Training at Rochester, three Grant Management Seminars, District Training Assembly and meetings with the future district governors to plan for their years of governance. The Summer Success seminar in Ames and the Zone Institute in Pittsburgh which we attended provided valuable tools.

**Other fun special events** included hosting the Assistant Governors at our home, PDG events at the Iowa Hall of Pride and Amana Colonies; NCPETS Polio Day at the Minnesota Twins game in Minneapolis; and Rotary Polio Plus night at the ball park with clubs from the Quad Cities.

**Thank you to the clubs, district leadership and committees, district administrator Carolyn and all of the 3,964 members (as of May 31, 2014), for your efforts to ENGAGE ROTARY-CHANGE LIVES!**





In a sustainable development project initiated by Rick Burns and supported by the Rotary Club of Atlantic, 15 families in Afghanistan receive two goats each. In the photo at left, they are milking the goats, and at right, watching as the milk is processed.

Provided by Rick Burns

## Atlantic Rotary's Afghan goat project: 'Sustainable, innovative and growing'

By Rick Burns/Atlantic

While the context for this article is about experiences I had as an Army officer in Iraq and Afghanistan, the real story is not about me. I have come to appreciate the heroism in the daily struggle for survival in conflict-ridden areas of the world. I was sent to Iraq and Afghanistan on three deployments, but I have always come home to the relative prosperity and peace of my Iowa acreage. The courageous Afghans and Iraqis I worked with continue the daily struggle to bring peace and prosperity to their communities. Based on these experiences, I felt I still had something to offer beyond the Army. In 2010, I founded The Karadah Project International, a 501(c)3 Iowa corporation focused on sustainable projects in Iraq and Afghanistan.

What has animated me is a simple lesson I learned after a decade of deployments. "Money spent" and "projects completed" are very poor metrics. We have used these measurements of choice because, very simply, they are easy. Conflict-ridden and post-war areas are horribly difficult places fraught with insecurity and economic devastation, with people whose lives have been almost irreparably disrupted. To oversee, manage, track and analyze projects in these areas is an epic challenge. The difficulty of the task, however, should not prevent us from doing all we can to insure the money we spend on projects is actually getting at the intended outcomes. Indeed, we are morally obligated to insure our projects do good and minimize negative unintended consequences.

The Karadah Project has recently begun small, village-level, relatively inexpensive, and sustainable agricultural projects in western Afghanistan. We are working these projects slowly and intentionally to insure we build capacity within our Afghan nonprofit partners, minimize unintended negative consequences, and attain measurable outcomes.

One of our projects involves purchasing goats for villages in western Afghanistan. The Karadah Project purchased 40 goats for the village of Khairabad in western Afghanistan, supported by a grant from the Rotary Club of Atlantic, Iowa, and other generous donors. Fifteen families will be given two goats each. The remaining 10 goats will be held by our Afghan nonprofit partner, the Shindand Women Social Foundation (SWSF) ([www.swsf2010.blogspot.com](http://www.swsf2010.blogspot.com)), for breeding purposes and maintenance of the program into the future. Each of the 15 families is required to give the first offspring from their goats to other families through the SWSF. This allows those receiving to be givers. Additionally, the project includes centrally located milk processing equipment, training, vaccinations and feed for the goats, and ongoing support.

This fits the project requirements we support: a project that is sustainable, innovative and growing. We are working closely with the SWSF to insure we track the goats within these families. Quarterly audits will allow us to know the growth rate of the goat herds within our villages and help us adjust our program over time for maximum results. While we are working on other similar projects, our strategy is to build more broad-based and self-sustaining plans in the future that will include governance, health, education, economic development and infrastructure in order to develop self-sustaining communities. For the moment, however, we are satisfied to insure the work we do is having the outcomes we envision.

Gandhi said, "Whatever you do will not be enough, but it matters enormously that you do it." This certainly applies to our work in the very difficult environments of Iraq and Afghanistan. We believe that by focusing on sustainable and innovative projects that have the potential to grow over time we will be able to make a greater cumulative impact on the future of these conflict-ridden areas. By small efforts come great things.



Rick Burns, Atlantic; Rotary's Sustainable projects in Afghanistan



# Gala brings in the bids at West Liberty

## Auction raises big bucks for Rotary projects locally, globally

By Anna Anderson and Jacob Lane

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On Saturday, May 10, the West Liberty Rotary Club partnered with the Community Youth Group (CYG) for the third biennial Rotary Gala at the West Liberty Community Center.

The center was filled with around 250 community members, socializing and bidding for a range of goods varying from Fun. frontman Nate Ruess autographed materials to a 100th Anniversary Wrigley Field special edition baseball bat.

According to Rotary member Tom Brooke, the bids alone brought in around \$22,000. Entrance and raffle ticket sales still have to be counted.

Every two years the gala raises funds through admission ticket sales, raffle ticket sales and auctions, with proceeds split 50-50 between the Rotary and its chosen partner organization.

The live auction, presided over by Don Dickey, included tickets to sporting events, half a hog, a John Deere front loader kid's battery powered tractor, a set of custom-fit golf irons, and a football signed by a University of Iowa football coach.

Rotary members stood around the community center guiding Dickey as he worked the room, trying to find the highest bidder. Several of the live auction items sold well over the \$500 mark.



250 attended the of West Liberty Rotary gala. Photo by Anna Anderson

All the while Rotary member Ken Donnelly led the ceremony up front, keeping things going at an even pace. Bill Koellner, another Rotary member, took charge of selling last minute raffle tickets at the door.

Ten rows of tables held silent auction items, including sports memorabilia, travel packages to nearby cities, artwork, gift baskets, clothing and four hours of labor by four CYG members.

Each table, color coded, was closed off one at time, bringing in several furious bidders in the last moments to ensure he or she won the intended prize.

Community member and CYG grandparent Rena Heckman said she had some extra spending money, so she placed bids on several items. "I think it's great the Rotary is helping CYG," Heckman said.

The support of the Rotary and CYG was mutual. The two organizations competed for ticket sale numbers. Kayla Kaalberg, CYG member and high school junior, said she was motivated to sell tickets not only to raise money for CYG, but also to support the Rotary.

Participating in this event was a way for the youth group to help give back to the community, she said.

Hors d'oeuvres and dessert were served throughout the evening by the top ticket sellers from CYG, which held an internal competition for ticket sales. Small breakout groups within CYG, called "cubes," competed for top ticket sale numbers.

"The money we raise helps us go on our mission trips," Jessica Crook, a high school sophomore, said.

This year's trip will take CYG to Colorado, where they'll volun-



Don Dickey led the live auction, which brought hundreds of dollars per item. Photo by Anna Anderson

teer in a soup kitchen and food bank. "We'll sleep in sleeping bags on a church floor," CYG parent and group leader Jodi Kelly said.

Kelly said CYG is a religious, non-denominational youth group for students grades six to 12.

"It doesn't matter which church you're from," she added.

The group was founded 13 years ago and now has about 60-70 student members. The group meets on Sunday evenings for a meal prepared by parents who volunteer to cook.

"We eat a lot of hotdogs sometimes," Kaalberg said.

Auction items were sponsored by community members, local businesses, Rotarians, CYG parents, several local and national sports teams, Senator Chuck Grassley, Walt Disney World, John Deere and the Iowa Corn Growers Association.

Several items from the silent auction brought in over \$100. The highest bid item was the football and photograph signed by former University of Iowa football coach Hayden Fry, bringing in \$850.

Thanks to community and corporate support, Rotary coffers are replenished, and CYG Sunday dinners might be more than just hotdogs.



The West Liberty auction drew past, present and future district governors: PDG Ken and Jo Noble, PDG Don and Becky Patterson, DGND Chris and Vernetta Knapp, DGE John Ockenfels, PDG Herb and Janice Wilson, and PDG Terry and Peggy Geiger. Provided by Peggy Geiger



# *Innovator, farmer, humanitarian, Iowan:* **NORMAN BORLAUG HONORED WITH STATUE IN U.S. CAPITOL**

By DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Born on a farm near Cresco in northeast Iowa, Norman Borlaug attended a one-room schoolhouse, excelled as a high school and college wrestler and earned a Ph. D in plant pathology at the University of Minnesota.

Using shuttle breeding in remote parts of Mexico, Dr. Borlaug developed "miracle wheat" which he then took to India and Pakistan in the 1960s. His innovations saved hundreds of millions of people from famine and starvation and began the single greatest period of food production and hunger reduction in history. It is said that he "saved more lives than any other person in history who has ever lived."

Dr. Borlaug received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970, as well as the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, one of only seven people who have been awarded all three.

In his Nobel Lecture, he speculated on his award: "When the Nobel Peace Prize Committee designated me the recipient of the 1970 award for my contribution to the 'green revolution,' they were in effect, I believe, selecting an individual to symbolize the vital role of agriculture and food production in a world that is hungry, both for bread and for peace. Hunger never sleeps."

In 2002, at the Rotary International Convention in Barcelona, Spain, Rotary International presented Dr. Borlaug with the Award for World Understanding and Peace, Rotary International's most prestigious recognition for a non-Rotarian. The nomination for this award originated with the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

In honor of the centennial of his birth, a series of events was planned by the World Food Prize around the world spanning from October 2013 to October 2014. On March 25, 2014, the day he would have been 100 years old, perhaps the most celebrated event of the series was held at the United States Capitol.

The State of Iowa Unveiling Ceremony of the Borlaug Statue included Gov. Terry Branstad, U.S. Senators Charles Grassley and Tom Harkin and House Speaker John Boehner and others. Iowa's own renowned opera singer Simon Estes performed as did violinist and Borlaug-Ruan international intern Amy Langguth, daughter of Iowa

City AM Rotarian Brad Langguth.

The Norman Borlaug Statue Committee was chaired by Ambassador Ken Quinn, president of the World Food Prize Foundation. "The unveiling of Dr.



District Governor Jacque Andrew and Jim were invited to represent Rotary at the unveiling of the Borlaug statue in the U.S. Capitol.

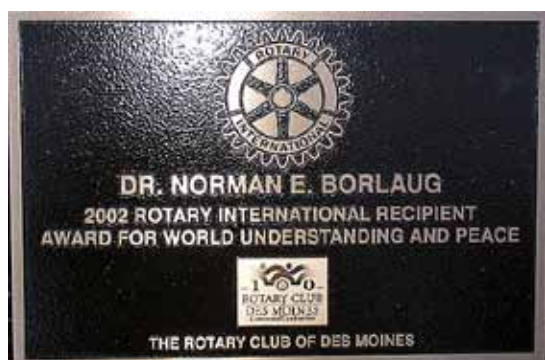
Borlaug's statue at the U. S. Capitol will be a tribute to all he achieved and the central event in the Borlaug Centennial. The World Food Prize has endeavored to participate in events all around the globe to honor Dr. Borlaug and inspire actions to build upon his legacy to ensure adequate food and nutrition for all."

Invited to the unveiling events were representatives of organizations from all aspects of Borlaug's life from the Cresco High School FFA to wrestling coaches from the University of Minnesota to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. Representing Rotary International at the event was District 6000 Governor Jacque Andrew and her husband, Jim.

"We were certainly very honored to receive the call from Ambassador Quinn who said it was important for Rotary to have a part in the event. The subsequent formal invitation was issued by Speaker Boehner. To be among the few hundred seated in statuary hall for the unveiling ceremony was an experience of a lifetime. It has been 101 years since a Iowa placed a new statue in the hall. As a Rotarian with lifelong roots in agriculture, we hope the Borlaug statue is in place for many, many years as a beacon illuminating his work to feed a hungry world to help foster peace," said DG Jacque Andrew.

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs sponsored a reception the evening prior to the unveiling at the National Press Club when Dr. Borlaug's family was introduced and primarily agricultural speakers took the podium. Following the statuary hall ceremony, a luncheon in the Capitol visitors center atrium featured many additional tributes to Dr. Borlaug and his work.

A personal highlight of the event was to meet the sculptor, Benjamin Victor, of North Dakota. His commitment to portray Dr. Borlaug as an active figure that appears likely to step off the platform was inspiring. A documentary produced by Iowa Public Television details the actual concept and creation of the statue. It is available at [http://www.iptv.org/video/detail.cfm/38328/bor\\_20140422\\_norman\\_borlaug\\_journey\\_to\\_statuary](http://www.iptv.org/video/detail.cfm/38328/bor_20140422_norman_borlaug_journey_to_statuary).



Rotary's recognition of Norman Borlaug is commemorated in bronze at the World Food Prize headquarters in Des Moines.



## Postcard for Peace:

# Summer study takes Cilia María to Colombia

Dear District 6000 Rotarians,

Time is flying and my life in Japan continues to be exciting and wonderful! I am close to wrapping up my third trimester of schooling in Japan and in addition to many courses related to field research, international organizations and comparative politics and government, I am also getting ready to embark on an absolutely amazing professional experience for my required Applied Field Experience (AFE).

As Rotary Peace Fellows (RPFs), we must conduct summer-long AFEs where we can apply all of our newly gained knowledge and increase our international networks in an effort to enhance our professional careers. I have been lucky enough to have been accepted on a special contract with the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development in Bogotá, Colombia, where I will research environmental crime and implications for the country both on behalf of the Ministry and in support of my master thesis. I couldn't be more excited! So this Peace Fellow and her faithful crime fighting chihuahua will once again uproot themselves and move for close to five months to the beautiful country of Colombia, South America. Hopefully some of you can stop by for a visit!



Cilia María Ruiz-Paz



Peace Fellow Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz (436) with the Rotary Club of Kanagawa Shonan and the Youth Exchange Officer.

The Rotarians in Japan have been wonderfully supportive and a lot of fun! They even treated us to a dinner boating experience through Tokyo Bay and continue to help us discover the food and culture of this amazing country. The new class of RPFs will soon be arriving and the Rotarians will once again have their hands full with helping them acclimate and love their new home! What unforgettable memories.

Our Class XII will be publishing our last Rotary Peace Center newsletter so please be on the lookout for it to learn more about us and all of our activities. And if you didn't get a chance to check out my greeting for the District Conference this year, please visit my blog <http://ciliamaria.blogspot.jp/> to view it and learn many other fun facts about being an RPF in Japan!

Sayonara!

**Cilia María Ruiz-Paz**

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## Decatur County roadside pickup

Time for roadside pickup again in Decatur County. "What is roadside pickup?" asked Exchange Student Marta Calsamiglia from Italy, when asked to help. She found out firsthand on May 21 as members of the Rotary club met to clean up both sides along a two-mile stretch west of town east of the intersection of Highway 2 and I-35. Volunteers in the photo are club president Marcia Stephens with her two granddaughters (Isabel and Adeline Stone), Exchange Student Marta Calsamiglia, and Rotarian Linda Chastain. The nice weather has prompted more and more roadside pickups in the area.

Provided by Peggy Geiger



## Interact sponsor thanked

On May 6, Jane Lamfers was honored at the Rotary Club of Ankeny's regular meeting for being the sponsor of the Interact Club at Ankeny High School for the past eight years. She was presented with a plaque stating "In Recognition for Outstanding Dedication and Service to the Interact Club of Ankeny High School 2005-2013." A Peace Pole and a Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship were also presented to her. Jane has been the sponsor of the Ankeny Interact Club since 2005. She is pictured (center) with the club's Interact sponsor, Jan Franck, and president Dirk Westercamp.

Provided by Jody Savage



# Des Moines clubs break ground for \$500,000 Rotary Riverwalk

**By Tamara Kenworthy/Des Moines AM Club President**

May 15, 2014 was a historic event for Rotary in the Des Moines metro area. The official groundbreaking of the Rotary Riverwalk Park took place under a sunny sky, with approximately 125 people in attendance.

Construction began in May and another celebration will be in store at the ribbon cutting ceremony in the fall. This project was conceived and is led by the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM.

Congratulations to the 10 Rotary clubs in the Des Moines metro area who contributed \$500,000 for this signature park in downtown Des Moines!

Watch the official program and ceremony at: <http://youtu.be/kHKekAh6hAQ>.



Breaking ground for the Rotary Riverwalk Park were (l-r): Ed Arnold, Rotary Club of NW Des Moines president; Dick Reasons, Rotary Club of Des Moines president; District Governor Jacques Andrew; Gene Gabus, Charles Gabus Foundation and a major donor on behalf of the Rotary Clubs of Northwest Des Moines, West Polk County and District 6000; Tamara Kenworthy, Rotary Club of Des Moines AM president; Tom Narak, Rotary Club of West Des Moines president; Mike Thibodeau, Rotary Club of West Polk County president; Patrick O'Meara, Rotary Club of Indianola president; and Greg Baker, Rotary Club of Johnston board member. Other clubs contributing included Adel, East Polk County and Waukee.

Provided by Tamara Kenworthy



## Milestone for Des Moines AM

Rotary Club of Des Moines AM president Tamara Kenworthy MC'd a special evening for members and spouses to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of their Charter. Past Presidents each shared a few minutes of highlights from their year – whether a fun anecdote or a serious tone remembering the fellowship and service of fellow club Rotarians. Front (l to r): Chris McLinden, Jeff Courter, Kathryn Kunert, president Tamara Kenworthy, DG Jacques Andrew, Ro Crosbie, Jeff Pigott, Mike Kammerer and Ben Hildebrandt. Back (l to r): John Boslough, Jeff Russell, Denny Linderbaum, Jim Spooner, John Amato, Kevin McLaughlin. Provided by Jacques Andrew

## Wine tasting fundraiser for Johnston

**By AG Steve Wieneke/Ankeny**

The Johnston Hy-Vee Food & Spirit Store hosted its annual wine tasting event at the store on May 30. It included a wide selection of wines and beers to taste, a great display of appetizers offered by Hy-Vee and some outstanding in-store meat and food specials. Many of the wines and beer are offered at discount prices.

Johnston Rotarians were present to greet guests and talk about the projects that the Rotary Club of Johnston is involved in. This is one of several fundraising events sponsored by the club each year. The suggested asking price for entrance is \$10 per person and includes the sampling of all of the great wines, beer and appetizers you care to consume. This is a great event that I strongly recommend.

## Iowa City Downtown completes decade

**By James Phelps/Iowa City Downtown**

Club Public Relations chair

The Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown is celebrating 10 years of service! Please join us to celebrate our club's service with a casual barbecue on Friday, Aug. 22 at the Coralville North Ridge Pavilion, 2250 Holiday Road, Coralville, from 6-9 p.m. (6:00 social, 6:30 dinner and 7:00 program). Cost is \$25 per person. Please RSVP to Carolyn Gross at [Carolyngross4@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyngross4@gmail.com), and send checks payable to Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown to Carolyn Gross at 4 Brickwood Knoll NE, Iowa City, IA 52240, ph. (319) 530-6250.

Hope to see you at our celebration! Please email us if you have dietary restrictions. We will do our best to accommodate.

## Spotlight on members at Muscatine

**By Keith Porter/Muscatine**

Club President

The Rotary Club of Muscatine is experimenting with a "Rotarian in the Spotlight" project. One member (Marilyn Smith) has volunteered to do a short video interview with a different club member each month.

We just released the first conversation with one of our longest-serving club members. You can see the result here (just 4 and a half minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EljclfPXV4w>.

We already have 30-plus views of the interview on YouTube.



# Simpson: Newest Rotaract club eager to serve

## Dear Rotarians of District 6000,

My name is Robert Lyons and I am the current president of the new Simpson College Rotaract Club of Indianola. On Friday, May 23, our club was presented with its official charter by District Governor Jacque Andrew at the Rotary Club of Indianola's weekly meeting. It is on behalf of our club that I express our collective excitement and delight at having officially joined such an energetic and active district! Indeed, it was this district's enthusiastic governor who prompted me to write this article detailing our club's founding and subsequent growth for *District 6000 News*. I will attempt to do this as succinctly as possible, although my professors at Simpson would tell you that I have yet to turn in a paper under the maximum page limit!

In truth, the origins of the Simpson College Rotaract Club can be traced back to my years in my hometown of Denison, Iowa. Since 8th Grade, I had dedicated myself to the pursuit of giving back to my community through service and towards the end of my high school career I sought to create an organization dedicated to that principle as well. Fortuitous circumstances brought about a chance encounter with the local Rotary club in my senior year of high school and the Denison Interact Club was born. Following my service as the club's president I was recognized by the Rotary Club of Denison as a Paul Harris Fellow. One year of working with Rotary was enough to convince me that I wanted to maintain a relationship with such an amazing organization for the rest of my life.

Going into college this past year, I knew that I wanted to continue my involvement with Rotary as a college Rotaractor. However, while Simpson College does have a long tradition of community service, it did not have a Rotaract club. Yet the city of Indianola did have an extremely active Rotary club and it was to them that I first turned in January of this year. With the help of Cyd Dyer, Terry Pauling, president Patrick O'Meara, District Rotaract Chair Usha Balakrishnan, and the rest of the Rotary Club of Indianola, we set about putting together the foundation for a new Rotaract club at

Simpson College. While the paperwork went smoothly enough, the recruitment process seemed to go even more smoothly and by the time of our first meeting on April 17 we had around 20 members, which soon grew to 31 by May 23, our final day of classes. In a little over a month our Rotaract club accomplished three projects: a town beautification endeavor in partnership with Rotary, a Rotary bike ride fundraiser, and an event involving a "Tater Shack" in partnership with the local Lion's club. If there's one thing the Rotaract Club of Simpson College plans to be, it's busy.

And over the summer, plans are already being drawn up that will engage the club in at least one community service project a month and two international service projects a year. We plan to accomplish these ambitious goals through partnerships with other local service organizations, of which we have already met with 10 in the Indianola area. However, none of this would be possible without my fellow elected officials in the Rotaract club, our dedicated and eager membership, and the steadfast support of the Rotary Club of Indianola. Our relationship with Rotary, and especially the Indianola club, is something we hope to deepen and cultivate over the next few years.

Rotary is an amazing organization and its members have accomplished incredible feats of service since its founding in 1905. Our members are honored to have been made a part of this venerable institution and extended "family." Many of our members have already taken Rotary's motto, "Service above Self," to heart. We understand that in order to live up to this motto, we must give of ourselves, from the sweat of our brows to the love of our hearts. Indeed, for Simpson's Rotaractors, for Indianola's Rotarians, and for me especially, "Service above Self" is no longer a motto, but a lifestyle. Again, we're excited to have become an official part of Rotary District 6000. We look forward to all that we can accomplish together in the years to come!

**Robert Lyons, president**  
Simpson College Rotaract Club  
robert.lyons@my.simpson.edu



District Governor Jacque Andrew congratulates members of the newly chartered Simpson College Rotaract Club on their charter day, May 23, 2014. Rotaract club president Robert Lyons holds the charter and Rotary club president Patrick O'Meara is at Lyons' left.  
Provided by Jacque Andrew

## Large club reps convene in Nashville, Tenn.

### By Kitte Noble/Des Moines Club Executive Secretary

The Large Club Conference was held in Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 26-28 at the famous Peabody Hotel. Rotary Club of Des Moines president-elect Bruce Kelley and executive director Kitte Noble were in attendance.

Over 60 clubs were represented from the United States and two from Canada with over 130 people, comprised of executive directors, presidents-elect and some president-elect nominees.

The Large Club Conference began in 1959 with five clubs. In the beginning these meetings were for clubs of 400 or more members.

This is a once-a-year opportunity for executive directors to meet with peers for the purpose of motivation and exchange of ideas. Additionally, the presidents-elect have an opportunity to exchange their ideas, plans and goals for their year as president which begins in July.

Throughout the conference the executive director and president-elect for each club have the opportunity to strengthen their partnership as they prepare for the Rotary year ahead.



# Remembering Bettendorf's faithful founder

**By Fred Anderson/Bettendorf**

If asked to name someone who exemplified the Rotary motto, "Service above Self," members of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf – for most of its history – would probably name Chuck Mooney. Until he retired in 2013, Chuck had been the club's secretary-treasurer (as well as a founding member) since it was chartered May 22, 1957.

Attesting to his selfless service to Rotary, in 2007 Chuck received a personal letter congratulating him on 50 years of perfect attendance from Bill Boyd, then the president of Rotary International, who had come from New Zealand to visit Bettendorf as part of the club's 50th anniversary celebration. President Boyd also presented Chuck a Paul Harris pin with four sapphires for his support of The Rotary Foundation.

Chuck (Charles John) Mooney died May 12, 2014, at age 92, in Davenport. Celebration of Life memorial services were held May 15 at St. John's United Methodist Church, Davenport. He is survived by Eleanor, his wife of 65 years; daughter Karen (John) Wagner of Fairfax, Iowa; son, Howard Mooney of South Elgin, Ill.; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

His devotion to voluntary service didn't stop with Rotary. After a long career in business, at an age when many men head for an easy chair and the TV remote, Chuck took on the role of building superintendent at St. John's church. At his memorial service, his pastor, the Rev. Ron Carlson, and Chuck's grandson, the Rev. John Paul Wagner of Ankeny, fondly remembered many instances when Chuck would "go to the church to fix something."

Even at Ridgecrest Village, the Davenport retirement community

where he and Eleanor lived, Chuck volunteered – both formally and informally. He was a past president of the Ridgecrest Resident Council and a member of the Ridgecrest Volunteer Service League. The Ridgecrest chaplain, Pastor Sue Houseman, watched Chuck pass by her office each Monday morning on his way to recycle a stack of the previous day's church-service bulletins.



Chuck Mooney

His fellow Bettendorf Rotarians shared many memories of Chuck. Some examples: Tom Howard (Bettendorf president 1969-70 and still club song leader) said, "Chuck always told me that the songs were instrumental in preserving the friendly atmosphere of our weekly meetings." He also recalled "his whole basement was full of his work for Rotary."

George Daugherty said he "worked closely with Chuck for about six years on the board of directors supporting him with the financial reporting. Chuck struggled a bit with the computerized programs, but just the fact that he was willing to learn a new program at an age when most would not touch a keyboard is amazing."

For more than 40 years, Chuck would accompany each president to District 6000 meetings. During about 15 of those years in the 1980s and '90s, S.K. Nanda (Bettendorf president 1992-93) also attended with Chuck. S.K. said Chuck's mentoring was responsible for his involvement in many district offices – including governor-elect (for business reasons he was unable to serve as governor).

The comment that perhaps captured Chuck's spirit the best was spoken by Rotarian Jim Slavens: "I watched Chuck for 50 years, and one word best describes him: 'Faithful.'"

## Xicotepec leaders named Paul Harris Fellows

The public presentation, "International Perspectives: Xicotepec 2014," by four teams of University of Iowa students on May 8 was the culmination of their efforts to learn through service partnerships in the town of Xicotepec, Puebla, Mexico.

The Xicotepec Project, now in its 13th year, is a collaboration of the Rotary Club of Xicotepec de Juárez (D4180, Puebla, Mexico) and Rotary District 6000 (Iowa, USA) to carry out community projects in the city of Xicotepec and surrounding areas.

The U of I service-learning course has been conducted annually since 2007.

Students from the Colleges of Pharmacy and Dentistry, and students in the service learning class, have participated.

The public presentation was at the University of Iowa College of Public Health Auditorium, with a reception immediately following.



Xicotepec project leaders received Paul Harris Fellow awards from DG Jacques Andrew in recognition of their service and commitment to District 6000's annual service in Xicotepec, Mexico, on May 8. Pictured (l-r): Iowa City Rotarian Michael Schmitz; Steve Levy; Hazel Seaba; Iowa City Rotarian Chris Catney, Amanda Wilson and Julie Reynolds, all of Iowa City; and Newton Rotarian Bob Main. Also receiving Paul Harris Fellow awards were Loyce Arthur, Stacy Narcotta-Welp and Mary Noonan of Iowa City. All but Schmitz and Main are faculty members of or affiliated with the University of Iowa. Project leader Jim Peterson is at right.

Provided by Jacques Andrew



# New grant model: Year No. 1 successes!

**By Doug Flournoy and Brock Earnhardt**

District 6000 clubs began to work with The Rotary Foundation's new grant model this year. Gone are Matching Grants and District Simplified Grants, replaced with Global Grants and Community Service Grants.

RI President Ron Burton said the July 2013 launch of The Rotary Foundation's new grant model, "takes everything that is wonderful about Rotary and raises it to a new level – by encouraging bigger, more sustainable projects while providing increased flexibility for local projects, both of which address the needs of the community being served."

Rotarians in our district were first exposed to the new grant model in Grant Management Seminars (GMSs) held in February and March 2013. Clubs are now required by RI to have representatives attend a GMS and sign a memorandum of understanding, acknowledging their fiduciary responsibilities for their grant, to become "qualified" to participate in foundation grants. Thirty-six clubs completed the qualification process for the 2013-14 year.

Global Grants support large international projects with sustainable, long-term, high-impact humanitarian outcomes. Applications are prepared online using an application tool available in My Rotary. Rotarians in seven clubs have braved the online tool to initiate grant applications and report that it is fairly intuitive when you follow the access instructions outlined in the GMS.

Three global grants applications have been approved by District 6000 and final approvals at the Foundation are pending. These include:

- An application by Iowa City AM Rotary to construct a water supply and sanitation system for an indigenous settlement in Paraguay, benefitting 150 people and budgeted at \$32,750;
- An application by the Rotary Club of Ankeny with financial support from HyVee and the Rotary Clubs of East Polk County, Des Moines AM, Waukee, Nevada, Decatur County and Chariton to construct water wells for 13 rural schools in South Africa, benefitting 26,630 people and budgeted at \$161,844;
- An application by Fairfield Rotary to provide specialized equipment for a state of the art heart surgery operating room in a children's hospital in Colombia, benefitting 250 people annually and budgeted at \$265,020. In addition to the host and international partners, this project is receiving financial support from 13 clubs and five districts in six countries, a true marvel of Rotary fellowship and collaboration!

The budgets of the three applications submitted so far this year total \$459,614, an average of \$153,205 per project. Last year District



At the District Training Assembly, March 28 at Newton, these Rotarians – Brock Earnhardt of Davenport, Doug Flournoy of Fairfield, and Rachel and PDG Cal Litwiller of Mount Pleasant – presented an inspirational program about their trip to Nepal in May 2013 to participate in the dedication of a major water project that was achieved by District 6000 clubs with a Rotary Foundation grant. Photo by Jacque Andrew

6000 clubs submitted 12 applications for international humanitarian grants with budgets that totaled \$440,940, an average of \$36,745. "It is clear that District 6000 clubs are fulfilling the foundation's aim for global grant applications that provide larger, higher impact projects," observed Brock Earnhardt, District Global Grants chair.

Three global grant applications are nearly complete and awaiting approval. These include a large community water supply project in Tanzania prepared by Ames Rotary, support for an orphanage in Uganda prepared by North Scott Rotary, and provision of a bakery, crafts workshop and blacksmith shop for a drug rehabilitation center in Argentina prepared by Iowa City AM Rotary. These three will have budgets totaling \$313,436, an average of \$104,479.

The Rotary Clubs of Manning, Fairfield and Atlantic have other applications in the early stages of preparation.

Similar to international grants, Community Service Grants (CSGs) fund educational and humanitarian activities, but they are intended to support smaller projects that are accomplished in relatively short time frames. Clubs and districts can contribute to Community Service Projects but their contributions are not matched by The Rotary Foundation as are Global Grant contributions. In District 6000, projects financed with CSGs are expected to be implemented within the boundaries of our district.

This year, CSGs totaling \$47,671 were awarded to 17 clubs for projects that ranged from constructing a downtown pocket park, to furnishing a children's library to equipping a water rescue craft. Doug Flournoy, District Community Service Grants chair, commented that this was the first year that all approved applications were able to be fully funded. "That's because the new grant model allows districts to designate as much as 50 percent of their District Designated Funds for CSGs; previously that was limited to 20 percent. The committee had to deny one application because the club had not sent a representative to a grant management seminar and had not approved the memorandum of understanding.

The Community Service Grant application is available on the district website. This year's application deadline is Aug. 1.



The District 6000 Foundation leadership team at work, April 17 at the District office in Pella (l-r): Doug Flournoy, DGN Loring Miller, PDG Diana Reed, Brock Earnhardt, DG Jacque Andrew, PDG Cal Litwiller, PDG Corliss Klaassen, DGND Chris Knapp, and PDG Bill Tubbs. Provided by Bill Tubbs





### *Time to 'Play Ball!' in Albion*

Rotarians and members of the "Family of Rotary" in Albion were getting ready to "Play Ball!" by painting the bleachers at the public ball park on April 1.

Provided by Tony Humeston



### *Ankeny Satellite club in action*

The Rotary Club of Ankeny's Satellite evening club is participating in the city of Ankeny's Adopt-A-Flowerbed program. Under this program, the city of Ankeny offers a flower bed in one of the parks in town, the flowers, compost, and some watering. The club will be responsible for clearing the bed of any residue from last year, planting the flowers, and weeding and any caretaking necessary throughout the growing season. The city will be providing a sign with the club's name as sponsor of the flower bed. The bed was cleared and the planting process began on May 13. Pictured are Kristofer Orth, Steve Wieneke and Stacey Koeppen.

Provided by Jody Savage



Devin Boyer (Rotarian), Mindi Heitland (School to Work Coordinator), Morgan McLaughlin (intern), Erna Morain, president Waukee Rotary, and Mark Heffernan (Rotarian)

Provided by Erna Morain

## Waukee intern serves, learns about Rotary

### **By Morgan McLaughlin**

Every Waukee senior who makes it into the School-to-Work (STW) Program ends up at an internship in the community. I was honored with being the intern at the Rotary Club of Waukee for the year of 2013-2014. I started this internship in the fall of 2013 and finished in May of 2014. Throughout these seven months, I have made tremendous progress within Rotary.

Before STW, I had never heard of Rotary. So I was very open-minded when I went in, not knowing what to expect. The first thing I noticed was how nice the Rotarians were. At the beginning, I did not know any of them, however, as the internship went on, I developed relationships with the majority of them that I hope to keep even after my internship ends. The people in Waukee Rotary are different in so many ways, but alike in one big way; they always put others before themselves. Growing up, my parents always taught me this, but seeing a group of adults living their lives by it is truly inspiring.

My tasks within Rotary consist of many different things. Depending on what event we have approaching, I might be entering information into a database online or tying ribbon around bags of M&M's to hand out. There really isn't anything I wouldn't do to help Rotary be a successful non-profit organization. Every week the Waukee Rotarians and I have the pleasure to hear a keynote speaker from a different business or organization. By the end of the week, I write an article about the speaker's presentation to recap what they had talked about in case a Rotarian couldn't make it that day. So many Rotarians are out trying to help the world, one business at a time, so I am glad when they miss a meeting, I can help them feel like they were there all along.

I have had the honor to be the Waukee Rotary intern in the year of 2013-2014. From this experience, I have learned what it means to be a true Rotarian. This means volunteering around your community, starting donations for an important cause, sharing stories from life that will impact others in a positive way and much more. I admire so many Waukee Rotarians for their heart, selflessness and generosity when it comes to lending a helping hand, and I hope to be the kind of person they are someday. I want to thank the Waukee Rotary Club for not only helping introduce me into the business world, but also creating such a positive impact in my life that will stick with me throughout the rest of my future endeavors.

# Keys to attracting young professionals

**By Mike Ruby/Muscatine**

District 6000 Membership chair

On March 19 I participated in an outstanding webinar focused on attracting young professionals to Rotary. It was extremely well done and I learned a lot. I took a lot of notes during the webinar and attached is my 1-page summation of the areas that were covered.

Age Group of Young Professionals – under 40. The challenge is 90 percent of Rotarians worldwide are over age 40.

## **Young professionals' opinions of Rotary (based on extensive interviews):**

- They have similar attitudes than Rotarians have but have different needs, i.e., must work around young families.
- Rotary's image is outdated and uninviting (e.g., signs of the Rotary wheel in communities doesn't tell anything about Rotary).
- Rotary is a old, white, male, secret club that is pretty much closed to outsiders. Rotarians are a giving group but not very welcoming.
- Rotary's identity is unclear to young professionals, therefore they are not sure how or why they would fit in.
- The value and benefits of Rotary is unclear to them.
- Overall, young professionals have a fairly low interest in Rotary even after seeing ads and learning about Rotary.

## **Young Professionals want:**

- Challenging tasks (more interested in applying their educational and skills expertise rather than spending time picking up litter in ditches or growing a community garden).

- Flexible scheduling.
- Family friendly events.
- To be "untethered" and allowed flexibility and individuality either in club meeting format or projects.
- To see a modern Rotary.

## **Suggestions to Attract Young Professionals:**

- Invite young professionals to a Rotary information meeting before inviting them to a club meeting.
- Work with young professionals on a community project and then allow time for fellowship at a restaurant, pub, etc. for fellowship and time to promote each other's clubs.
- Open up our Rotary service projects to non-Rotarians
- Meet with young professionals on their turf, not ours. Don't expect them to come to us, we must go to them.

## **Miscellaneous:**

- Get feedback from new Rotary members (especially the younger ones) on club processes, service projects, and speakers.
- Ask ourselves:
  - Are our current Rotary club traditions a turn-off to younger people?
  - Do we feel comfortable inviting others to Rotary? If not, why?
- The only required cost of belonging to Rotary is RI dues of \$53 a year. Is our cost structure (meals, birthday assessments, initiation fees, required PHS sustaining member) making membership cost prohibitive?

# Top teacher receives check for \$3,000

**By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic**

Club Public Relations chair

On May 7th the Rotary Club of Atlantic presented its first annual Outstanding Teacher Award at the Atlantic High School to Margo Magill. The award was created "to recognize and award outstanding educators in our public school system who exemplify the Rotary motto of 'Service Above Self' through their continuous dedication to students, parents, peers and the larger community, as well as the art and practice of education," according to the mission statement for the award.

Rotary members Ted Robinson, Kate Olson and Jennifer Plumb were the steering committee that worked on the concept. Ted said the reason the club wanted to offer the award is because the members believe it is important to support education and teachers.

Teachers in the Atlantic School District are nominated either by students, peers or others who have been impacted by the teacher's work. The nominated teachers are informed and then required to provide information to go with the nomination. A committee made up of those in the field of education outside of the Atlantic School District, along with business officials and public service representative from the Atlantic area select the award winner.

The winner receives a \$3,000 award as part of the distinction, which may be used to enhance the educational resources of the teacher, further the teacher's education, or for any other purpose which the selected teacher deems appropriate.

The nomination of Mrs. Magill included statements such as: "I once heard Mrs. Magill referred to as the child whisperer"; another said, "I wish my children could have had this teacher." Mrs. Ma-



Jennifer Plumb, Margo Magill, Kate Olson, and John Magill are shown with Margo's "big" check as the First Atlantic Rotary Club Outstanding Teacher.

gill said she was humbled and overwhelmed, and thought Rotary members had been doing outstanding work. "I am very honored to be the first recipient of the award" Magill said.

Mrs. Magill will present a program at the August Rotary meeting when new teachers in the Atlantic Community School District are recognized. As a new teacher what an inspiration it will be to hear from such a distinguished teacher.



# Record-setting RYLA registrations!

**By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny**

District 6000 RYLA chair

You have done it again! We doubled our goal from last year to 100 students to attend RYLA this July. We now have 102 registered. CONGRATULATIONS to over 95 percent of the clubs that have committed to sending student(s) to RYLA.

Our goal for 2015 will be to have 100 percent of the clubs committed to sending student(s) to RYLA from District 6000. With your help, we will meet this audacious goal. I am so impressed and proud of your commitment to youth!

Combined with District 5970, it appears that we will have 178 students at Grinnell College on July 13-18, which exceeded our joint goal of 168.

I know that a few clubs have had some difficulty in recruiting students. The students have so many activities that they are reluctant to commit to a week long "camp" for a "boring leadership opportunity."

RYLA should be presented as a privilege and an honor, much like what is done with a college scholarship. As your students return and talk about their experiences, they will become your "super sales people" and interest will grow each year. As the schools see the impact of RYLA on their students, they will become more engaged in helping to recruit students for the RYLA program. The schools are always looking for opportunities for their students, but they need to know RYLA has value. Encourage the school to involve the return-

ing RYLA students in leadership positions as a valued resource.

One method I have found effective to recruiting students is to request that the principal/counselors/teacher select five students that they believe would benefit from a leadership experience. It is important to meet with the chosen students as a group and briefly explain the RYLA experience. Make sure they understand that it is an honor and a privilege to be recommended, let alone, being selected, and that not everyone will be selected.

It is up to your club to select the student. Once selected, I would recommend that you invite the student and his or her parents to your club meeting to present the award and use it as a public relations opportunity.

After your student(s) have attended RYLA, involve them in club activities, community projects, support development of Interact, mentor them, invite them to meetings and keep them involved with Rotary. Explain to your selected students about other Rotary youth programs such as: Youth Exchange, Rotaract, Interact, scholarships and how it can help them with their careers and making a difference in the world. Let us truly make a difference in their lives.

I invite everyone to visit RYLA on Wednesday, July 16, or Thursday, July 17, to see for yourself the life-changing experience for your students. Just please let me know so we can arrange for meals and someone to be available to be your guide. Please contact me at [gwelch3002@msn.com](mailto:gwelch3002@msn.com) or (515) 419-3707.

## Dancers videostreamed to Manning Senior Center

**By Jean Behrens/Manning**

Another successful Rotary Club of Manning "Dancing with the Stars" took place Saturday evening, March 8, at the Manning Hausbarn Konferenz Centre. The production was also videostreamed for the first time to the Manning Senior Center and local establishment, Third and Main.

The fourth and final run gave audiences a lot for their contribution. The 240 guests enjoyed a social hour and evening meal followed by dessert and coffee served at intermission. Dessert and coffee were also served at the Manning Senior Center.

The show began with an introduction and several thank yous from current Rotary Club of Manning president Brian Irlbeck. In attendance was Rotary District Governor Jacque Andrew of Jefferson.

This year also featured a special celebrity judge, Colleen Kelly of Star 102.5 Radio in Des Moines, who shared personal experiences as a 'dancing star' as she 'gently' critiqued contestants.

The opening act, "Sassy Saints" featuring local and area talent energetically tap dancing to "When the Saints go Marching In." Outstanding performances and special antics by each of the dancing "stars" had the crowd clapping and roaring the remainder of the evening. Also making a guest appearance was "Elvis," who presented the coveted mirrored ball trophy to the winning couple.

The evening concluded with acknowledgment of the expertise of Rotarian Geri Spies who has spearheaded each production of Dancing with the Stars since its inception in 2011. She was presented a large bouquet of flowers in appreciation of all of her efforts.

The estimated \$4,000 profit is used for IKM-Manning High School senior scholarships as well as various local projects. The Rotary Club of Manning also supports Rotary International programs.

This will be our final year – or at least we are taking a break. Our "fearless leader" Geri Spies has a new fundraiser in place for next year – and it will be AWESOME!



## Literacy in Guatemala and Mexico

One of DG Jacque Andrew's goals was to raise funds for books to be given to children served by D6000 projects, Iowa Miles of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.) in Guatemala and in Xicotepec, Mexico. Thanks to gifts to the HEF book fund from D6000 Rotarians, the mission was accomplished. While participating in M.O.S.T., DG Jacque purchased books in Guatemala for about 80 students at Casa Colibri and presented them to Guatemalan Juan Francisco (Paco) Fernandez, director of the clinic there and on-site coordinator of M.O.S.T. In Mexico, during the Xicotepec project week, Carol Narak and DG Jacque negotiated the purchase of books and school supplies and presented them to children at Hogar Victoria orphanage in Xicotepec.

Provided by Jacque Andrew

## They're 'All For Paul (Harris)' at Chariton ...



The Rotary Club of Chariton became a 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow Club in March, the month of the club's 90th anniversary. Joining in the celebration with club president Veronica Fuhs were District 6000 Foundation Chair Cal Litwiller and District Governor Jacque Andrew.

Provided by Jacque Andrew



New Paul Harris Fellows at Chariton (l-r): District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Cal Litwiller of Mount Pleasant, Chariton club president Veronica Fuhs, Doc Sokol, Shantel Dow, Rev. Dean Christ, Noranne Keller, Christopher Watkins, Billy Thomas, Bruce Selking, Dr. Manganello, Bridget Davis, DG Jacque Andrew, and Shelley Sadler.



New Multiple Paul Harris Fellows at Chariton (l-r): District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Cal Litwiller of Mount Pleasant, club president Veronica Fuhs, Shari Spiker, Nancy McDonald, Lisa Junkman, Jeri Reeve, Adam Bahr, Bob Ulrich, Dan Kent, Kris Patrick, DG Jacque Andrew, Stan Vander Woude and Jerry Davis. They are all PHF+1 except Dan Kent, Stan Vander Woude and Jerry Davis who are PHF+2, and Bob Ulrich is PHF+3.

## ... and at Wellman

The Rotary Club of Wellman (photo at left) was honored with a visit from DG Jacque Andrew on May 14. She presented president Ryan Miller (holding banner) with a 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow Club banner. The two men on the right are past- and now honorary member Stan Barber and member PDG Roger Borup, who both donated money/points to get our new members into the PH Sustaining program. We were pleased to have Rotary visitors Bill Koellner, Wayne Steen, Ken Rueggseger and PDG Ken Noble, all from our sponsoring club of West Liberty, and DGE John and Deb Ockenfels, Chris and Vernetta Knapp of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM, and Royce Phillips from the Rotary Club of Coralville North Corridor.

Provided by Bill Kinneer III



## Financial support for Youth Services

Voluntary contributions from clubs raised \$2,949 in 2013-14 for the District 6000 Youth Services Fund for scholarships for projects like Xicotepec. Clubs are asked to make a voluntary contribution of \$2 per member with the annual District dues billing that will be sent to clubs in July. Thanks to these clubs!

Bettendorf  
Bloomfield  
Boone  
Burlington  
Chariton

Coralville-North Corridor  
Dallas Center  
Decatur County  
Des Moines  
East Polk

Fairfield  
Greater Des Moines  
Grinnell  
Iowa City  
Iowa City AM

Iowa City Downtown  
Iowa Quad Cities  
Johnston  
Kalona  
Keokuk

Keosauqua  
Manning  
Marengo  
Nevada  
North Scott

Northwest Des Moines  
Pella  
Waukee  
Wellman  
Winterset



# Twenty-six new Paul Harris Fellows at NS

It was a whirlwind spring for the Rotary Club of North Scott with activities in all Avenues of Service. On May 30, the club recognized 26 new and next-level Paul Harris Fellows at the annual Paul Harris Fellows Awards Luncheon. This is in addition to 35 who were recognized last year!

At the annual Youth Day on May 9, \$2,000 scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors from North Scott: Cody Birely, Alexander Karnish and Stephanie Konrady; and Davenport North graduate Caroline Emory. A highlight this year was past president Rob White presenting the Dorothy White Performing Arts Scholarship in memory of his mother and longtime club pianist, Dorothy White, to Cody Birely.

The club also awards two \$1,000 scholarships in memory of past president Gary Lynch to non-traditional students at Scott Community College. RYLA students and Junior Rotarians are recognized on Youth Day, which has been a club tradition since 1996.

Club members were busy this spring as volunteers with Special Olympics, hosting the district's Rotary Youth Exchange students for a weekend, planting trees at Fejervary Park in Davenport, maintaining flower beds along LeClaire Road and Wiese Park in Eldridge, delivering supplies to school children through the club's "School Shop," reading to students, presenting sportsmanship awards in the MAC Conference in a partnership of seven Rotary clubs, and gearing up for the summer reading program at the Scott County Library, which was made possible with a Rotary Foundation community grant.

The Community Needs Committee recently wrapped up disbursement of more than \$43,000 raised in last October's auction by awarding grants of more than \$18,000 to 12 local charities. The club is also working on a Rotary Foundation global grant for God's Mercy Orphanage in Kisiro, Uganda.

Summer activities include the annual Installation Party on June 24 at Springbrook Country Club in DeWitt, manning a water stop at the popular Moonlight Chase 4-mile run on July 12 in Eldridge, serving as course marshals at the John Deere Classic in Coal Valley, Ill., July 9-13, Rotary Night at the Quad City River Bandits on July 20, the popular Corn Boil at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds on July 24, selling tickets at the July 29-Aug. 3 Mississippi Valley Fair, enjoying a family night at the Niabi Zoo on Aug. 7, volunteering at X-Stream Cleanup on Aug. 9, and the annual Walt Fahrenkrog Golf Outing Sept. 12 at Springbrook Country Club. The 2014 auction will be Oct 23 at the Starlite Ballroom. — Bill Tubbs



Multiple Paul Harris Fellows recognized by the Rotary Club of North Scott at the club's annual Paul Harris Fellow Awards Luncheon on May 30 were (l-r): Ann Suiter (by Steve Suiter), Keith Mattke (+3), Sheila Volrath (+1), Bob Bainter (+3), Jerry Hansen (+1), Kim Wilkins (+1), Jeff Helms (+1), Paul Seelau (+1), Patrick Olsen (+1), Merle Anderson (+6), and Deborah Peterson (by Dennis Peterson). Not pictured: Scott Case (+3), Glen Keppy (+1), Eric Langan (+1), and Aiden Connolly (by Chris Connolly). Photos by Bill Tubbs



First-time Paul Harris Fellows recognized by the Rotary Club of North Scott at the club's annual Paul Harris Fellow Awards Luncheon were (l-r): Jeremy Kaiser, Dougal Nelson, Jody Johnston-Mohr, Paul Holzworth, Lori Rochu, Ryan Davis, Terrye Isbell-Kushiue, Cody Allen and Christine Garrow. Not pictured: Joshua Cobie, Seth Porter.



Rotarian Rob White (r) presented the Rotary Club of North Scott's annual \$2,000 Dorothy White Performing Arts Scholarship, in memory of his late mother and longtime club pianist, to North Scott senior Cody Birely.



More than 20 members of the Rotary Club of North Scott, including president Steve Suiter (l) and Patrick Olsen (r) volunteered at the East Area Special Olympics softball throw on April 12. Club members have volunteered for more than 30 years.





### *Rotary shows the way ...*

The Rotary Club of Lenox refurbished and reinstalled the directional arrow sign to the town of Lenox at the intersection of Highway 34 and N64 north of Lenox. The sign had been there for many years and was in disrepair. The process was started with a Rotary committee consisting of Lonnie Barker, Tom Bender, John Beran, Diana Maharry and Dennis Bunch working with the county engineer and Rob Lundquist, a supervisor. An ATURA federal grant, which required a 20 percent match, was awarded to the club for the project. This match was met with a \$1,000 community grant from The Rotary Foundation and \$1,356 from Lenox Rotary. Electricity to light the sign is being provided by the city of Lenox. The project was completed in the fall of 2013. Provided by Dennis Bunch



### *Mount Pleasant scholars*

The Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant Noon \$1,000 scholarship winners are (l-r): Courtney Mabeus and Joshua Larson, with scholarship chair Anita Hampton.

Provided by Richard Mueller



Tim Perkins, Larry Barker, Cale Wilson, Cindy Walls, J.D. Walls and Donny Miller assist the Rotary Club of Iowa Quad Cities' "Lids For Kids" project.

Provided by J.D. Walls

## 300 lids protect kids!

**By J.D. Walls/Iowa Quad Cities**

Club Public Relations chair

On April 25 and May 2, members of the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities distributed bicycle helmets to all the second-graders in the six Bettendorf elementary schools, a total of more than 300.

The safety initiative called "Lids for Kids" was originally started by Mike and Tese Atkins after Tese sustained a near fatal bicycle accident. The doctors who treated her made it clear that, if not for her bicycle helmet, Mrs. Atkins would likely not be with us today. Since then, they have been committed to preventing future tragedies by distributing free helmets to second-graders in the greater Quad Cities area.

"Lids for Kids" includes personal introduction by the Atkins about their experience, a 30-minute program by a local bicycle safety expert to instill the importance of wearing a helmet, as well as proper road etiquette and other safety information. Upon completion of the program, volunteers from the Rotary club provide each child with a helmet with experts on hand to insure a proper fit.

The program began in the Illinois Quad Cities and in 2013. The Iowa Quad Cities club worked with the Atkinses to bring the project to Iowa by providing helmets to all Bettendorf second-graders.

The club hopes to expand the program to other Iowa Quad City elementary schools over the next few years. Funds for the program came from proceeds of the club's primary annual "Ribs for Kids" fundraiser, and were part of more than \$15,000 raised by the event and distributed in the community.

It remains the goal of the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities to support programs, organizations, projects, scholarships and grant initiatives that support all children with an emphasis on our disadvantaged or at-risk population. Other organizations supported by the club in 2014 include YMCA's Military Kids Camp, Fairmount Pines Summer Youth Program, Rick's House of Hope, Christian Care's Youth Advocacy Program, the area Boy Scouts chapter, a Flu Prevention Initiative by Genesis Health Systems, and others.



Safety expert Donny Miller helps a youngster adjust his helmet.



# Community grants total \$25,000 in Des Moines

**By Kitte Noble/Des Moines**

Club Executive Secretary

The Rotary Club of Des Moines (RCDM) is proud to announce the recipients of the club's first community grants. The 2013-2014 Rotary year is the first time the RCDM set aside \$25,000 for Des Moines metro area non-profits. There were 25 deserving applicants with projects and programs that benefit our community in many ways.

The recipients for 2014 will be: Adaptive Sports Iowa, \$15,000; The Downtown School, \$5,000; and The Homestead, \$5,000. These organizations were honored on April 17 at our meeting at the Wakonda Club.

Adaptive Sports Iowa provides sports and recreation opportunities for physically disabled Iowans. The requested funds of \$15,000 will purchase four racing wheelchairs and two throwing chairs for use by student athletes with physical disabilities to enable them to compete on their middle- and high school track teams.

Des Moines Downtown School is well-known to RCDM members because of our literacy program ("Read to Lead") where members read with students and because of our weekly donations of books to the Downtown School library in honor of our keynote speakers. The school has a library in need of child appropriate furniture and the \$5,000 will be used to purchase two reading spaces for the children and dedicated in Rotary's honor.

The Homestead provides services for Iowans with Autism. The grant request of \$5,000 will be used for curriculum development and scholarships for the parents and family members of people with autism. The program is called HELP, or Homestead Enhancing Lives of Parents. It will be a six-week course providing support and skills for families of children with autism. The money will be used for those who cannot otherwise afford these services.

## Six students receive \$8,000 scholarships

**By Kitte Noble/Des Moines**

Club Executive Secretary

The Rotary Club of Des Moines (RCDM) is proud to announce the 2014 local scholarship recipients. RCDM gives scholarships each year to one graduating senior at each of the six public high schools in Des Moines: East, Hoover, Lincoln, North, Roosevelt and Scavo.

This year's winners are: Bethany Wildt (Hoover); Laura Garcia-Camacho (Lincoln); Phuong Dao Thai (North); Reannan Barlow (East); Zoey Stackhouse (Roosevelt); and Lindsey St. John (Scavo). They were honored at the club's meeting on April 24.

Each student will receive a four-year scholarship totaling \$8,000, made possible by the RCDM Foundation. The scholarships can be applied to tuition at a private or public four-year university, or at a two-year community college, followed by two years at a four-year institution.

Financial need plays a large role in selecting the winners. Academic achievement and expectations of success in college is considered as well as the student's record of volunteer service to his or her school or community.



Rotary Club of Des Moines president Dick Reasons (l) presents a check for \$15,000 to Adaptive Sports.



Rotary Club of Des Moines president Dick Reasons (l) presents a check for \$5,000 to The Homestead.



Rotary Club of Des Moines scholarship recipients.

## Rotarians pack 100,000 meals

**By Kitte Noble/Des Moines**

Club Executive Secretary

There are 397,000 Iowans struggling with necessities such as food. People need help and luckily there are caring organizations that have the resources to provide relief. Rotary is teaming with Outreach Inc. to take advantage of each other's strengths to benefit the community and to pack 100,000 meals to meet a portion of this need right here in Central Iowa.

Outreach provides the meal packing supplies, event support, and distribution of meals to local food pantries.

Central Iowa Rotary clubs, led by the Rotary Club of Des Moines, provides 360 Rotarians and friends and family of Rotarians for labor, money to pay for meals, and event planning.





## Proclamation, publication celebrate women in Rotary

On May 15, Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad signed a proclamation celebrating the 25th anniversary of women in the Rotary Club of Des Moines. Participating were (l-r): Owen Newlin, who was club president in 1988; current club president Dick Reasons; executive secretary Kitte Noble; past presidents Joyce Chapman and DeAnn Thompson; District Governor Jacquie Andrew and Dave Busiek.



Twenty-five years of women in Rotary was a theme at District Conference, where DG Jacquie Andrew recognized the 24 women who are 2013-14 club presidents and assistant district governors of District 6000. The page (above) is from a the Iowa Women's Foundation publication, "Ovation," which celebrated the contributions of women who provided outstanding leadership in their vocations and service organizations.



## Bunny Harper Golf ...

Despite unseasonably cool weather for May 1, 52 golfers hit the links at Coldwater Golf Links in Ames for the annual Bunny Harper Memorial Golf Tournament. DG Jacquie Andrew presented the trophy to the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM for its "three-peat" – winning three years in a row. Team-members are (l-r): Tim Wolf, Tony Woods and Jeff Courter; Back: Trent Middendorf, Tony Webb, Mike Lewis and Steve Davis. Bunny Harper of Ottumwa made headlines in the *Ottumwa Courier* when he was District Governor 50 years ago in 1964-65 (below).

Provided by Jacquie Andrew



## Waukee fundraiser ...

The Rotary Club of Waukee's 2014 Auction and Wine-Tasting event was Saturday, April 12 at Shottenkirk Chevrolet in Waukee. Club president Erna Morain welcomed guests on behalf of all the 63 members and thanked Rotarians, area individuals and businesses for their donations for the live and silent auctions. Guests enjoyed live music by Larry Berenguel, and hors d'oeuvres and desserts which were prepared by the award-winning Waukee High School ProStart students. All the money raised will benefit projects in our communities and world wide.

Provided by Erna Morain





# DGE John Ockenfels' Official Club Visits

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN & DEB OCKENFELS' OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS AND OTHER DATES IN 2014-15:

July 1 ..... **Iowa City AM** (noon)  
 July 8 ..... **Ankeny** (noon)  
 July 8 ..... **Ankeny Evening**  
 (Satellite) ..... (5:45 PM)  
 July 9 ..... **Adel** (noon)  
 July 10 ..... **Waukee** (6:45 AM)  
 July 11 ..... **Indianola** (noon)  
 July 13-18 ..... RYLA at Grinnell College  
 July 15 ..... **Grinnell** (6 PM)  
 July 16 ..... **Knoxville** (noon)  
 July 17 ..... **Winterset** (noon)  
 July 18 ..... **Des Moines AM** (7 AM)  
 July 19 ..... RYE Outbound Picnic (Newton)  
 July 21 ..... **West Polk County** (noon)  
 July 22 ..... **Johnston** (7 AM)  
 July 22 ..... **Dallas Center** (noon)  
 July 23 ... **Coralville North Corridor** (noon)  
 Aug. 2 ..... Zone Success Seminar,  
 Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny  
 Aug. 4 ..... **Iowa City Downtown** (noon)  
 Aug. 6 ..... **Wellman** (noon)  
 Aug. 7 ..... **Iowa City** (noon)  
 Aug. 11 ..... **Burlington** (noon)  
 Aug. 11 ..... **Mount Pleasant** (6:15 PM)  
 Aug. 12 ..... **Fort Madison** (noon)  
 Aug. 13 ..... **Mount Pleasant Noon** (noon)  
 Aug. 14 ..... **Des Moines** (noon)  
 Aug. 18 ..... **Davenport** (noon)  
 Aug. 19 ..... **Kalona** (noon)  
 Aug. 19 ..... **West Liberty** (6 PM)  
 Aug. 20 ..... **Bettendorf** (noon)  
 Aug. 21 ..... **Iowa Quad Cities** (7 AM)  
 Aug. 25 ..... **Carroll** (noon)  
 Aug. 26 ..... **Manning** (noon)  
 Aug. 27 ..... **Perry** (noon)  
 Aug. 28 ..... **Coon Rapids** (noon)  
 Sept. 2 ..... **Marshalltown** (noon)  
 Sept. 8 ..... **Muscatine** (noon)  
 Sept. 10-13 ..... Governor-Elect Training  
 and Rotary Institute at LaCrosse, WI  
 Sept. 17 ..... **Tipton** (noon)  
 Sept. 18 ..... **Washington** (noon)  
 Sept. 19 ..... **Fairfield** (noon)



DG 2014-15 John and Deb Ockenfels.

Sept. 21 .... RYE Inbound Fall Picnic Kickoff  
 at Iowa City  
 Sept. 22 ..... **Ames** (noon)  
 Sept. 23 ..... **West Des Moines** (noon)  
 Sept. 24 ..... **Ames Morning** (7 AM)  
 Sept. 24 ..... **Boone** (noon)  
 Sept. 25 ..... Fall Training Seminar  
 at Ankeny DMACC (6-9 PM)  
 Sept. 26 ..... **Northwest Des Moines** (noon)  
 Sept. 29 ..... **Clinton** (noon)  
 Sept. 30 ..... **Marengo** (noon)  
 Oct. 1 ..... **Nevada** (noon)  
 Oct. 2 ..... **Keokuk** (noon)  
 Oct. 4 ..... Assistant Governor's Social  
 at Ockenfels' home near Swisher (noon)  
 Oct. 6 ..... **Ottumwa** (noon)  
 Oct. 7 ..... **Keosauqua** (noon)  
 Oct. 8 ..... **Bloomfield** (6:45 AM)  
 Oct. 8 ..... **Centerville** (noon)  
 Oct. 9 ..... **Decatur County** (noon)  
 Oct. 10 ..... **Chariton** (noon)  
 Oct. 13 ..... **Jefferson** (noon)  
 Oct. 14 ..... **Newton** (noon)  
 Oct. 15 ..... Fall Training Seminar  
 at West Liberty Community Cntr (6-9 PM)  
 Oct. 16 .. Budget, Exec Committees at Pella  
 Oct. 17 ..... **North Scott** (noon)

Oct. 20 ..... **Corning** (noon)  
 Oct. 21 ..... **Lenox** (noon)  
 Oct. 22 ..... **East Polk County** (7 AM)  
 Oct. 22 ..... **Greater Des Moines** (5:30 PM)  
 Oct. 25 ..... RYE Inbound Student  
 Fall Fun Day at Indianola  
 Oct. 27 ..... **Creston** (noon)  
 Oct. 28 ..... **Atlantic** (noon)  
 Nov. 2 ..... Nominating Committee  
 DGND interviews (Pella)  
 Nov. 4 ..... **Corydon** (noon)  
 Nov. 8 .... District Rotary Foundation Dinner  
 Holiday Inn Convention Center,  
 Coralville (6 PM)  
 Nov. 9 ..... Past District Governor Gathering  
 Iowa Athletic Hall of Fame, Iowa City  
 Nov. 11 ..... **Osceola** (noon)  
 Nov. 18 ..... **Pella** (noon)  
 Nov. 25 ..... **Oskaloosa** (noon)  
 Dec. 9 ..... **Albia** (noon)  
 Dec. 11 ..... Global Grants Team at Pella  
 Dec. 11 .. Budget, Exec Committees at Pella  
 Jan, 18-24 ..... International Assembly  
 at San Diego for DGE  
 Jan. 17-18... RYE Winter Retreat at Newton  
 TBD .... Iowa Miles Of Smiles to Guatemala  
 Feb. 12 .. Budget, Exec Committees at Pella  
 Feb. 21 ..... Grant Management Seminar  
 at West Liberty (9 AM-2 PM)  
 Feb. 23 ..... Happy 110th Birthday, Rotary!  
 March 7 ..... Grant Management Seminar  
 DMACC, West Des Moines (9 AM-2 PM)  
 March 12 ..... AG Training at Rochester, MN  
 March 13-14 ..... President-Elect Training  
 Seminar at Rochester, MN  
 March 14-22 ..... Xicotepec Project Team  
 to Xicotepec, Mexico  
 March 27 ..... Grant Management Seminar  
 at DMACC, Newton (4-8 PM)  
 March 28 ..... District Training Assembly  
 at DMAC, Newton  
 April 16-18 ..... 100th District Conference  
 at Coralville Marriott  
 May 28 .... Budget, Exec Committee at Pella  
 June 7-10 ..... Rotary International  
 Convention at Sao Paulo, Brazil

## Financial support for FAMSCO

Voluntary contributions from clubs support the operations of FAMSCO throughout the year. Thanks to the clubs named below who contributed \$9,329 to FAMSCO in 2013-14.

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

Ames	Greater Des Moines	Marshalltown
Bettendorf	Grinnell	Mount Pleasant Eve.
Bloomfield	Iowa City	Muscatine
Boone	Iowa City AM	Nevada
Burlington	Iowa City Downtown	North Scott
Carroll	Iowa Quad Cities	Northwest Des Moines
Chariton	Jefferson	Pella
Coralville-N. Corridor	Johnston	Tipton
Davenport	Kalona	Washington
Decatur County	Keokuk	Waukee
Des Moines	Keosauqua	Wellman
East Polk	Manning	West Liberty
Fairfield	Marengo	Winterset

## 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 \$9,701 to M.O.S.T. in 2013-14.

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	Greater Des Moines	Marshalltown
Ankeny	Grinnell	Mount Pleasant
Bettendorf	Iowa City	Mount Pleasant Noon
Bloomfield	Iowa City AM	Muscatine
Boone	Iowa City Downtown	Nevada
Burlington	Iowa Quad Cities	North Scott
Carroll	Jefferson	NW Des Moines
Chariton	Johnston	Pella
Davenport	Kalona	Tipton
Decatur County	Keokuk	Washington
Des Moines	Keosauqua	Waukee
East Polk	Manning	Wellman
Fairfield	Marengo	West Liberty
		Winterset



# Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2013 - June 10, 2014\*

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(Members: Jul 12/Jul 13)	13-14 Goal	Thru 6-11-14	% of Goal	Per capita
Adel (26/27)	\$ 2,800	2,090	75	\$ 77.41
Albia (28/24)	1,200	1,625	135	67.71
Ames Morning (61/54)	6,770	8,275	122	153.24
Ames (230/235)	26,975	24,070	89	102.43
Ankeny (62/66)	18,000	10,110	56	153.18
Atlantic (64/55)	5,200	3,637	70	66.13
Bettendorf (113/101)	16,000	14,250	89	141.09
Bloomfield (14/11)	1,210	1,200	99	109.09
Boone (52/47)	7,950	3,355	42	71.38
Burlington (85/77)	7,600	2,965	39	38.51
Carroll (55/50)	5,200	0	0	0.00
Centerville (41/48)	4,800	1,445	30	30.10
Chariton (53/49)	5,300	6,050	114	123.47
Clinton (116/112)	11,000	8,889	81	79.37
Coon Rapids (29/31)	1,400	0	0	0.00
Coralville-North Corridor (22/19)	2,000	0	0	0.00
Corning (48/43)	1,836	1,571	86	36.55
Corydon (20/21)	200	300	150	14.29
Creston (19/19)	500	100	20	5.26
Dallas Center (26/26)	2,700	0	0	0.00
Davenport (132/123)	13,000	15,590	120	126.75
Decatur County (25/25)	5,600	3,420	61	136.80
Des Moines AM (139/153)	11,000	6,250	57	40.85
Des Moines (294/278)	21,500	20,570	96	73.99
East Polk County (42/37)	3,800	3,732	98	100.86
Fairfield (60/63)	6,500	3,095	48	49.13
Fort Madison (52/42)	5,300	50	1	1.19
Greater Des Moines (37/19)	2,000	0	0	0.00
Grinnell (33/36)	3,800	2,950	78	81.94
Indianola (50/55)	4,350	3,530	81	64.18
Iowa City AM (55/57)	8,400	10,080	120	176.84
Iowa City Downtown (19/19)	800	1,020	128	53.68
Iowa City (303/304)	34,700	52,365	151	172.25
Iowa Quad-Cities (47/44)	3,500	2,985	85	67.84
Jefferson (53/55)	12,000	16,525	138	300.45
Johnston (53/51)	4,100	2,161	53	42.37
Kalona (43/39)	2,600	3,400	131	87.18
Keokuk (84/77)	3,700	3,710	100	48.18
Keosauqua (26/21)	1,210	1,210	100	57.62
Knoxville (63/59)	5,325	5,300	100	89.83
Lenox (23/27)	3,500	1,925	55	71.30
Manning (22/19)	1,710	1,616	95	85.09
Marengo (10/12)	120	120	100	10.00
Marshalltown (158/157)	11,825	9,083	77	57.86
Mount Pleasant Noon (51/58)	3,016	3,153	105	54.36
Mt. Pleasant (24/25)	2,700	1,200	44	48.00
Muscatine (117/112)	15,420	3,790	25	33.84
Nevada (66/69)	9,050	8,560	95	124.06
Newton (72/65)	4,000	5,709	143	87.83
North Scott (91/81)	10,625	25,420	239	313.83
Northwest Des Moines (49/41)	4,900	7,275	148	177.44
Osceola (28/31)	1,644	0	0	0.00
Oskaloosa (55/53)	2,200	1,875	84	35.38
Ottumwa (98/104)	10,600	12,100	114	116.35
Pella (40/27)	3,000	3,050	102	112.96
Perry (29/29)	350	20	6	0.69
Tipton (28/30)	2,000	110	6	3.67
Washington (55/48)	5,300	5,640	106	117.50
Waukee (50/52)	5,200	4,970	96	95.58
Wellman (36/37)	3,700	1,960	53	52.97
West Des Moines (71/76)	7,300	3,815	52	50.20
West Liberty (39/39)	13,800	14,500	105	371.79
West Polk County (25/23)	3,000	0	0	0.00
Winterset (29/30)	1,200	1,200	100	40.00
<b>Total (4,015/3,917)</b>	<b>\$ 408,012</b>	<b>\$ 365,067</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>\$93.20</b>

(\*) Interim Report

## Foundation news



Robbyn Singer



Joaquin Ginez

## Robbyn Singer aids clubs, Annual Giving

### Rotarians,

I am happy to let you know that Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Officer Natalia Ginez is the proud new mama of a 7-lb., 1.5-oz. baby boy – Joaquin Emilio Ginez. He was born May 20 at 11:15 p.m. and both mom and baby are doing well.

Please know that I will be the main zone contact and the annual giving team will be assisting with emails, reports and general inquiries to district leaders. Natalia's expected return is Aug. 21.

Thank you for your patience as we cover for Natalia's leave and I look forward to working with you all!

**Robbyn Singer**

Manager of Annual Giving

The Rotary Foundation

Ph. (847) 866-3371

email: robbyn.singer@rotary.org

## Know the deadlines for year-end gifts

### By Robbyn Singer

Rotary Foundation Annual Giving

Please note the following 2014 Rotary fiscal year-end deadlines for Rotary Foundation contributions:

Credit Cards: Online via [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), must be authorized on or prior to June 30, 2014, midnight (Central Standard Time).

Fax: (847) 328-5260, must be received by June 30, 2014.

Phone: (866) 976-8279, must be received prior to the close of business June 28, 2014.

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## First global scholar

District 6000's first outbound Global Scholar under the new Rotary Foundation grants model is Dylan Clark, an Iowa State University graduate who hails from Colorado. He will attend the McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, where he will study climate change, and research the impact of changing food systems and the health of indigenous people, focusing on the Inuits in Nunavut, a remote area of Quebec. Dylan is pictured with Ames Rotarian Liz Beck, who is Global Scholarships chair for District 6000. Provided by Jacque Andrew

## Year-end giving

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Checks\*: Must be postmarked June 30, 2014, or prior and received at the Foundation by July 8, 2014.

United States Mailing Address:  
The Rotary Foundation  
14280 Collections Center Dr.  
Chicago, IL 60693 USA

(\*) Please do NOT send checks for the 2014-15 Rotary year until after June 30, 2014. All checks received with June postmarks go toward 2013-14 contributions.

Wire transfers: Must be initiated prior to June 30, 2014, and received by July 3, 2014.

Securities: must be received prior to June 30, 2014. Instructions can be found by searching for "stock transfer" on [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

Special gifts: Instructions for Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Unitrusts can be obtained by emailing [plannedgiving@rotary.org](mailto:plannedgiving@rotary.org) or calling (847) 866-3100.



Representing District 6000 at the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids' 100th Anniversary on April 26 at the Cedar Rapids Convention Complex were (l-r): Linda and PDG Bill Tubbs, Deb and DGE John Ockenfels, DG Jacque and Jim Andrew, Vernetta and DGND Chris Knapp, and Phyllis and DGN Loring Miller.

## Hewko sees membership crisis

RI General Secretary John Hewko was the keynote speaker April 26 at the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids 100th Anniversary, attended by 600 at the Cedar Rapids Convention Center. "We are both local and global and can Rotary Hall (the Cedar Rapids centennial project) and eradicate polio," he said.

He highlighted three initiatives of Rotary:

1. Polio;
2. Rotary's new grant model; and

3. Rotary's new visual identity. "We have a membership crisis North America," he said. Today North America represents 30 percent of Rotary membership, but that will drop to 15 percent if trends don't change.

On a personal note, Hewko, whose parents came to the U.S. in 1949 from western Ukraine, shared insights on the volatile events occurring in that country. — BT



Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko met District 6000 leaders at the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids centennial (l-r): Hewko, DG Jacque Andrew, DGE John Ockenfels, DGN Loring Miller and DGND Chris Knapp.

## 100 years of Rotary at Rock Island, Ill.



Representing District 6000 at the Rotary Club of Rock Island, Ill., Centennial celebration on May 14 at the Quad City Botanical Center was Bettendorf Rotarian Duncan Cameron (r), pictured with past RI Vice President and keynote speaker Tom Thorfinnson of Eden Prairie, Minn., and District 6420 DG Ruth Lee of Rock Island. District 6000 was also represented by photographer, PDG Bill Tubbs.



# News Briefs

**Success Seminar:** “Uniting Leaders to Exchange Ideas and Take Action” is the theme for the Zone 28 Success Seminar that will be Saturday, Aug. 2, at Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny. Leaders from District 6000 are encouraged to register for the day-long program that will present the latest information from The Rotary Foundation (including polio update), the Rotary Public Image Coordinator, and the Rotary Coordinator. There are two ways to register: 1. Electronically by going to [RotarySeminars.org](http://RotarySeminars.org) where you can register and pay; or 2. Send a check for \$40/person made out to “2014 Success Seminars” to Zone 28 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Dick Galitz, 1017 Bailey Road, Naperville, IL 60565. Include your name, Rotary district number, 2014-15 Rotary title, address (city, state, Zip), email address and phone number.

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**Council On Legislation:** The District 6000 Nominating Committee conducted interviews March 29 for the 2016 Rotary International Council On Legislation. Past District Governor Bill Tubbs of the Rotary Club of North Scott was selected as the district’s delegate, and Past District Governor Susan Herrick of the Rotary Club of Boone was selected as the alternate. The triennial Council, comprised of delegates from Rotary’s 532 worldwide districts, will meet in Chicago on April 24-29, 2016, to act on changes to RI’s Constitution and By-Laws



District administrator Carolyn Scharff, always smiling, kept everything running smoothly at District Conference.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

that have been proposed by districts. Proposals from clubs and districts for changes in Rotary’s By-Laws and Constitution for the 2016 Council On Legislation must be received by Rotary International on or before Dec. 31, 2014. April 24-29, 2016.

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**Community Grants:** Club presidents are reminded of the Aug. 1 deadline to submit applications for 2014-15 Rotary Foundation Community Grants. The grant form is

available at [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org). Look for “Community Service Grants” under Rotary Foundation on the left menu bar. Questions? Doug Flournoy, (641) 472-0216; email: [dsflournoy@hotmail.com](mailto:dsflournoy@hotmail.com).

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**Institute:** The 2014 Zone Leadership Training and Institute convened by Zones 28-29 RI Director Mary Beth Growney-Selene of Madison, Wis., will be Sept. 10-13 in LaCrosse, Wis.

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**Naomi Tutu:** Naomi Tutu, daughter of internationally renowned Bishop Tutu of South Africa, will be speaking on “Our Shared Humanity” on June 20 at the Olmstead Center at Drake University. Rotarians and their guests are welcome, but seating is limited to 400. Information: Tamara Kenworthy, (515) 314-6568 or (515) 457-9136; email: [tamara@on-pointstrategies.com](mailto:tamara@on-pointstrategies.com).

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**50 Years:** The Rotary Club of Fairfield will celebrate Larry Nash’s 50 years of Rotary membership on June 27. Congratulations, Larry! Information: Jody Kerr, (641) 919-5356; email: [jodik@tdtpc.com](mailto:jodik@tdtpc.com).

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**Polio:** President Barack Obama signed an omnibus appropriations bill in January that provides \$205 million to support polio eradication in 2014, through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Agency for International Development. The largest government donor to polio eradication, the U.S. has contributed more than \$2.3 billion since the mid-1980s, when 125 countries were polio endemic and the disease afflicted 350,000 people annually.



## They made the long trip Down Under ...

The District 6000 breakfast during the Rotary International Convention is traditionally organized by the District Governor Nominee – this year, DGN Loring and Phyllis Miller. The breakfast was June 2 at the Radisson Blu, Sydney, with 41 attending. Special guest was Past RI President Ray Klinginsmith of Kirksville, Mo., who shared remarks. Other guests included DGN classmates and friends of Miller. DG Jacques Andrew welcomed the group and wished them well in their RI Convention experience. DGN Miller explained the Jefferson Highway project that he is working on that will culminate in the highway’s centennial year, 2015-16. Front (l-r): Colleen Welch, Ankeny; DGE John and Deb Ockenfels, Swisher; DG Jacques and Jim Andrew, Jefferson; Phyllis Miller, Leon. Row 2: Karen Hermanson, Story City; PDG Gary Welch, Ankeny; Leslie Dakin, Boone; Jo Anne Ruby, Muscatine; Paul and Kathleen Johnson, Davenport; Sue Rasmussen, Waukee, and DGN Loring Miller, Leon. Back: Jeff Iles, Ames; Alan Hermanson, Story City; Libby Goodman, Clinton; Bruce Kelly, Des Moines; Steve Dakin, Boone; Mike Ruby, Muscatine; Kitte Noble, Des Moines; and Dick Rasmussen, Waukee. Provided by Jacques Andrew



D6000 women Rotarian leaders attending the Iowa Womens' Foundation celebration of the "Ovation" publication release, May 12 in Iowa City, were (l-r) Chris Marshall (Washington), Jody Kerr (Fairfield), Jacque Andrew (Jefferson) and Becky Patterson (Washington). A district governor, an assistant district governor, and two club presidents.

## Women in Rotary

Words to the tribute to women in Rotary, "Your Song," by Joe Stopulos of Des Moines AM that was sung at District Conference:

*It's a little bit funny this feeling inside  
I'm not one of those who can easily hide  
They never let women in Rotary, but then they did*

*If they hadn't, how could I live?  
I was a Kiwanis, but then again, no  
Or a Lion who makes glasses and doesn't help stop polio*

*I know it's not much but it's the best I can do*

*My gift is my song and this one's for you  
And you can tell everybody this is your song*

*It may be simple but now that it's done  
I hope you don't mind that I put down in words*

*How wonderful Rotary is while you're in the club*

*I looked at the directory and I kicked off some names*

*Anne Matthews, Mary Gottschalk and a couple named Jane*

*But the sun's been quite kind while I wrote this song*

*It's the women like you who keep Rotary fun*

*So excuse me forgetting but there are others too*

*Ro Crosbie, Liz Cox and Jacque Andrew  
Anyway the thing is what I really mean*

*Rotary is now the sweetest that we've ever seen*

*And you can tell anybody this is your song  
It may be quite simple but now that it's done*

*I hope you don't mind that I put down in words*

*How wonderful Rotary is while you're in the club*

## Dine Around Ames ...

Ames Rotarian John Kleinschmidt (r), who was the long-time Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Chair for District 6000 and a recipient of The Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service, was a table host for the "Dine Around Ames" kickoff to District Conference, May 1 at the Gateway Center in Ames. Always delightful, John extended a warm welcome to Linda Tubbs. Photo by Bill Tubbs



### CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

CLUB	JANUARY 2014		FEBRUARY 2014		MARCH 2014	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	63.00%	27	60.00%	24	63.00%	23
Albia	48.30%	48	39.50%	49	41.10%	50
Ames	62.78%	28	58.42%	26	62.84%	24
Ames Morning	63.90%	25	62.60%	21	51.40%	44
Ankeny	67.98%	21	71.37%	12	66.26%	19
Atlantic	44.30%	50	35.09%	51		
Bettendorf	58.00%	35	52.00%	38	50.00%	46
Bloomfield	70.00%	17	54.00%	32	56.00%	34
Boone	51.00%	46	55.00%	30	56.00%	34
Burlington	83.30%	7	84.50%	7	86.30%	6
Carroll	68.42%	19	62.50%	22	55.68%	35
Centerville	52.00%	44			50.00%	46
Chariton	54.78%	41	53.77%	33	53.27%	40
Clinton	51.40%	45	38.46%	50	55.28%	36
Coon Rapids						
Coralville-North Corridor	97.00%	1	85.00%	6	90.00%	2
Corning	60.00%	31	58.00%	27	69.00%	16
Corydon	60.00%	31				
Creston	50.00%	47	53.00%	35	51.00%	45
Dallas Center	77.00%	10	67.00%	17	77.00%	10
Davenport	59.46%	33	51.97%	39	62.14%	25
Decatur County	88.00%	5	88.00%	3		
Des Moines	61.17%	29	54.37%	31	54.42%	38
Des Moines A.M.	59.00%	34	64.00%	19	66.00%	20
East Polk County	53.38%	42	47.97%	42	52.03%	43
Fairfield			39.85%	48		
Fort Madison	55.00%	40			53.00%	41
Greater Des Moines	57.00%	37	49.00%	41	59.00%	30
Grinnell	75.00%	12	77.00%	10	82.00%	7
Indianola						
Iowa City	29.49%	53	32.13%	52	31.74%	51
Iowa City A.M.	94.58%	2	83.47%	8	75.29%	11
Iowa City Downtown	93.75%	3	90.63%	1	91.25%	1
Iowa Quad-Cities	58.00%	35	55.77%	29	60.90%	28
Jefferson	63.00%	27	64.00%	19	69.00%	16
Johnston	60.70%	30	59.41%	25	68.14%	17
Kalona	70.00%	17	66.88%	18	72.15%	13
Keokuk			42.48%	46	42.22%	49
Keosauqua	71.20%	15	52.40%	36	63.00%	23
Knoxville	63.23%	26	55.00%	30	52.49%	42
Lenox	69.00%	18	70.00%	13	66.00%	20
Manning	76.00%	11	81.00%	9	71.00%	15
Marengo	68.00%	20				
Marshalltown	55.19%	38	52.15%	37	58.94%	31
Mount Pleasant Noon	59.57%	32	44.40%	44	54.74%	37
Mt. Pleasant	74.00%	13	87.00%	5	88.00%	4
Muscatine	43.98%	51	42.43%	47	44.05%	48
Nevada	77.70%	9	63.18%	20	60.94%	27
Newton	71.00%	16	67.00%	17	65.00%	21
North Scott	86.22%	6	88.51%	2	86.38%	5
Northwest Des Moines	78.40%	8	69.09%	14	78.40%	9
Osceola	70.00%	17	68.00%	15	75.00%	12
Oskaloosa	67.15%	22	62.30%	23	63.70%	22
Ottumwa	52.96%	43	49.73%	40	53.55%	39
Pella	65.00%	24	68.00%	15	72.00%	14
Perry	58.00%	35	55.00%	30	60.00%	29
Tipton	39.00%	52	43.00%	45	51.00%	45
Washington	57.69%	36	56.73%	28	57.87%	32
Waukee	67.02%	23	67.67%	16	66.37%	18
Wellman	90.00%	4	87.50%	4	88.13%	3
West Des Moines	55.10%	39	53.23%	34	57.86%	33
West Liberty	60.00%	31	60.00%	24	61.00%	26
West Polk County	47.58%	49	45.60%	43	46.25%	47
Winterset	72.00%	14	76.00%	11	81.00%	8



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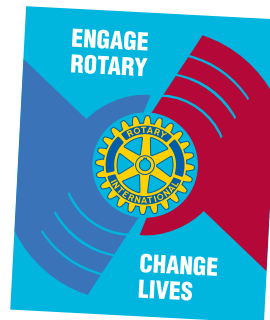
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# Club leaders' checklist



*From DG Jacque Andrew . . .*

- 2013-14 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. 32-33).
- Watch for your 2014-15 **district dues** billing after July 1, including voluntary contributions for **Iowa M.O.S.T., FAMSCO** and **Youth Services Fund** (pp. 26-27).
- Check the calendar and prepare for **District Governor 2014-15 John Ockenfels' Official Visit** to your club (p. 31).
- 2014-15 club leaders: **enter your club goals now** on [www.Rotary.org/MyRotary](http://www.Rotary.org/MyRotary).
- Identify a community project for 2014-15 to qualify for a Rotary Foundation **Community Service Grant**, and submit your application by Aug. 1 (p. 34).
- Encourage leaders to register for the Aug. 2 **Zone Success Seminar** at Ames (p. 34).
- Set a challenging goal for membership development and invite quality **new member(s)** to your club (p. 24).
- Consider nominating an outstanding past president from your club for **District Governor**. The process will begin in September with a letter going out to club presidents.
- Promote attendance and report your **club attendance** to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 35).
- Select member(s) to visit **RYLA** July 16 or July 17 at Grinnell College (p. 25).
- Explore the possibilities of chartering a new **Rotaract** or **Interact** club in your community (p. 20).
- Initiate a **global grant** or partner with another club to sponsor one (p.22).
- Create awareness of Rotary's global quest to **eradicate polio** and meet or exceed your club's fundraising goal for PolioPlus.
- **Submit news** of your club's activities by Aug. 25, 2014, for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, at [btubbs@northscottpress.com](mailto:btubbs@northscottpress.com).
- **Continue to "Engage Rotary" and "Change Lives" in your club, community and world!**

## The Four-Way Test

*(of the things we Think, Say or Do)*

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

# District 6000 Club, Individual Awards

**RI SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD**  
PDG Corliss Klaassen, Chariton

**REGIONAL SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD**  
Ed Arnold, NW Des Moines

**ROTARY FOUNDATION CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE**  
PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott

**RI VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD**  
John Canady, Iowa City

**RI ROTARIAN SPOUSE/PARTNER SERVICE AWARD**  
Doris Goering (Ames)

**DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION SERVICE AWARDS**  
PDG Cal Litwiller, Mount Pleasant  
Bill Koellner, West Liberty  
PDG Corliss Klaassen, Chariton  
PDG Don Goering, Ames  
Brock Earnhardt, Davenport  
Doug Flournoy, Fairfield  
PDG Diana Reed, NW Des Moines  
PDG Susan Herrick, Boone  
Liz Beck, Ames  
Lynn Hicks, Des Moines

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SIGNIFICANT SERVICE AWARDS**  
PDG Ray Muston, Iowa City, (Youth In Humanitarian Service)  
Tom and Carol Narak, West Des Moines (Xicotepec)  
PDG Gary Pacha, Iowa City (Iowa M.O.S.T.)  
Dave Cook, Boone (District Visioning)  
PDG Corliss Klaassen, Chariton, and Sharon Vickery, Des Moines (Foundation Dinner)  
Jeff Bremer (Knoxville) (Ambassadorial Scholars)

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SIGNIFICANT GROWTH AWARDS**  
Mike Ruby, Muscatine, and Ginny Hughes, Fairfield (Membership Co-Chairs)  
Usha Balakrishnan, Iowa City (Rotaract Chair)  
Nancy Pacha, Iowa City AM (Interact Chair)  
PDG Gary Welch, Ankeny (RYLA)

**PAUL E. HELLWEGE GUARDIANS OF INTEGRITY**  
Bob Morrison, Davenport  
Elaine Estes, Des Moines  
Jim Swaim, Iowa City AM  
Jim Smith, North Scott

**DISTRICT 6000 PUBLIC IMAGE AWARDS**  
Jody Braverman, Iowa City, and Geoff Wilming, Coralville NC (TV)  
Des Moines AM Rotary (billboard)  
Ed Arnold and PDG Diana Reed, NW Des Moines (polio TV interview)

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CLUB LEADERSHIP SUPPORT AWARD**  
Iowa Banker's Association, John Sorensen, CEO

**RI CLUB BUILDERS AWARDS**  
Carolyn Jons, Ames AM  
Charlie Nixon, Coon Rapids  
Judy Meyer, Coralville NC  
Gary Loss, Davenport  
Tamara Kenworthy, Des Moines AM  
David Hofmann, Greater Des Moines  
Patrick O'Meara, Indianola  
Bruce Carey, Tipton  
Becky Patterson, Washington  
Bob Kaldenberg, Winterset

**RI PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS**  
(\*) With Distinction  
Ames\*  
Ames Morning\*  
Boone

Davenport\*  
Decatur County\*  
Des Moines  
Des Moines AM\*  
Fairfield\*  
Johnston  
Nevada\*  
North Scott\*  
Washington\*  
Waukee  
Wellman  
Clear Creek Amana  
Interact

**MEMBERSHIP GROWTH JULY 1-MARCH 31**  
**Clubs Under 40:**  
1. West Polk County  
2. Albia  
**Clubs 40-79:**  
1. Waukee  
2. Washington  
**Clubs 80-Plus:**  
1. West Des Moines  
2. North Scott

**ASSISTANT GOVERNORS COMPLETING SERVICE**  
Dave Cook, Boone  
Lee Holmes, Waukee  
Chris Marshall, Washington  
Dave Reiff, Fairfield  
Craig Scott, Chariton  
AG Team Leader PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott

**100% PAUL HARRIS FELLOW CLUBS**  
Chariton, 2013-14  
Iowa City, 2013-14

Jefferson, 2013-14  
Wellman, 2013-14  
Pella, 2012-13  
Marshalltown, 2011-12  
NW Des Moines, 2008-09  
Coralville NC, 2007-08  
Decatur County, 2007-08  
Iowa City AM, 2007-08  
Iowa City Downtown, 2006-07  
Nevada, 2006-07  
West Liberty, 2005-06

**TOP CLUBS PER CAPITA GIVING \$200 OR MORE TO ANNUAL FUND, ROTARY FOUNDATION, 2012-13 (Banners To Top Three)**  
1. West Liberty, \$401.03  
2. Decatur County, \$388.04  
3. Iowa City AM, \$263.67  
4. North Scott, \$227.32  
5. Jefferson, \$208.02

**EREY CLUBS (Every Rotarian, Every Year Giving To Annual Fund)**  
Chariton  
Decatur County  
North Scott  
West Liberty

**100% SUSTAINING MEMBER CLUBS (All Members Give \$100-Plus To Annual Fund)**  
Chariton  
West Liberty

## Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, Necrology

**BEST ATTENDANCE AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2013 (NO. MEMBERS x MILES TRAVELED):**  
Iowa City AM

**DISTRICT 6000 INTERACT CLUBS**  
Ankeny High School, Rotary Club of Ankeny  
Creek Creek Amana High School, Rotary Club of Coralville NC  
Des Moines Roosevelt High School, Rotary Club of Des Moines AM  
Fairfield community, Rotary Club of Fairfield  
Iowa City High School, Rotary Club of Iowa City AM  
Iowa City West High 1440, Rotary Club of Iowa City AM  
Greene County High School, Rotary Club of Jefferson  
Muscatine High School, Rotary Club of Muscatine  
Mt. Pleasant High School, Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant  
North Scott Junior High, Rotary Club of N. Scott  
Ottumwa High School, Rotary Club of Ottumwa  
Pleasant Valley High School, Rotary Club of Bettendorf  
Southeast Polk High School, Rotary Club of East Polk

**DISTRICT 6000 ROTARACT CLUBS**  
Iowa Wesleyan College, Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant Noon  
Iowa City Area, Rotary Club of Iowa City  
Simpson College, Rotary Club of Indianola  
Fairfield community, Rotary Club of Fairfield  
Iowa State University, Rotary Club of Ames Morning

**YOUTH EXCHANGE OUTBOUND 2014-15**  
Justin Barry, Iowa City, Spain  
Ruben Delatorre, Muscatine, Germany  
Austin Fagen, Oskaloosa, Belgium  
Riley Fisk, Knoxville, Italy  
Samantha Fuller, Pella, Chile  
Megan Johnson, Grinnell, South Korea  
Andie Lynch, Iowa City, Chile  
Paige McKibben, Des Moines, Italy  
Leanna Miller, Fairfield, Ecuador  
Kate Paul, Boone, Austria  
Erin Probst, Iowa City AM, Chile  
KiaLeigh Rickard-Urban, Tipton, France  
Madison Sly, Nevada, Spain

Ksenia Vickery, Northwest Des Moines, Croatia

**YOUTH EXCHANGE INBOUND 2013-14**  
Marta Calsamiglia, Italy, Decatur County  
Maria Carcaba Gomez, Spain, Newton  
Lucas Christ Jacobs, Brazil, Muscatine  
Federico Ferretti, Italy, Fairfield  
Giulia Festugato, Italy, Ottumwa  
Paula Gerwin, Germany, Knoxville  
Bertrand Joliet, France, Nevada  
Madelein Maitre, France, Winterset  
Silva Pelligrino, Italy, Ankeny  
Carlos Perez Lizan, Spain, Clinton  
Franziska Popp, Germany, Mount Pleasant  
Claudia Prota, Italy, West Liberty  
Hannah Purner, Austria, Washington  
Augusto Sales Dequeiroz, Brazil, Burlington  
Lais Tomaselli Kruse, Brazil, Iowa City  
Alejandro Wurts Santos, Mexico, West Des Moines  
Tae Sung Yun, South Korea, Iowa City AM

**NECROLOGY (The lives of these Rotarians who died in 2013-14 and which were provided to the district were remembered at District Conference)**

**Ames**  
Dan Woodin  
Ed Jacobson  
Floyd Penkhus  
**Bettendorf**  
Carter LeBeau  
Carolyn Leutwyler  
Lee Semenow  
John Riepe  
PDG Doyle McCully  
**Boone**  
Mike Bell  
Dwain Betten  
Jerry Newland  
**Centerville**  
Larry Irelan  
**Davenport**  
John Cannon  
Don Challed  
**Des Moines**  
Jim Bowman  
**Des Moines AM**  
Joe Proctor  
**Fort Madison**  
Dave Sprunger  
**Grinnell**  
Jim Urfer  
**Indianola**  
Don Hampton  
**Iowa City**  
Arlene Dolan  
Richard Larew

Bill Reagan  
Stacy Thompson  
**Iowa City Downtown**  
L. Jay Stein  
**Iowa Quad Cities**  
Paul Lensmeyer  
**Jefferson**  
Karen Younie  
**Keokuk**  
David Gudgel  
Irv Lindner  
George Norman  
**Manning**  
Bob Gaffney  
**Marshalltown**  
Pauline Hartman  
George Hinshaw  
**Mount Pleasant**  
Lourdes Cereceres  
Donald Young  
**Muscatine**  
Shirley Drake  
**Newton**  
Fred Pittman  
**North Scott**  
Alvin "Whitey" Mohr  
**Ottumwa**  
Alan Seim  
**Pella**  
PDG Raymond Den Adel  
**West Liberty**  
Betty Akers  
Jim Nevins

Turn the page over to see the Rotary Foundation Major Donors, Bequest Society and Paul Harris Society



# District 6000 Rotary Foundation Major Donors, Bequest Society and Paul Harris Society

## MAJOR DONORS LEVEL ONE (Cumulative gifts of \$10,000 to \$24,999) (gifts received, donors living)

Robert & Janice Anderson, Ames Morning  
Loretta Angerer, Iowa City  
William Ashton, Davenport  
Edwin & Ethel Barker, Iowa City  
Delwyn & Georgia Bluhm, Ames  
Bill Burress, Davenport  
George Christensen, Ames  
Steven Dakin, Boone  
Kent Dallmeyer, Washington  
David Dickson, Ames  
Trent Frohock, East Polk County  
Randolph & Lois Gambill, Northwest Des Moines  
Douglas Garner, Davenport  
Terrence & Peggy Geiger, Decatur County  
Jeffrey & Mary Gibbons, Ames  
Donald & Doris Goering, Ames  
Conrad Gregg, West Liberty  
Alan & Karen Hermanson, Ames Morning  
Lee & Roberta Holmes, Waukee  
Kenneth Kinsey, Iowa City  
Everett Laning, Indianola  
Darrell Limkeman, Ottumwa  
Mike & Margaret Mumma, Jefferson  
Coons Foundation, Chariton  
Scott & Beth Neff, Marshalltown  
John & Deborah Ockenfels, Iowa City AM  
William & Sharon Oglesby, Iowa City & Coralville North Corridor  
Gary & Nancy Pacha, Iowa City/Iowa City AM  
Ernest & Rita Perea, Greater Des Moines/Des Moines  
James & Marilyn Radtke, Fairfield  
Robert Rudman, Ames  
Saheb & Krishna Sahu, West Des Moines  
William Sitler, Washington  
Dennis & Kathy Skinner, Nevada  
Robert & Virginia Stafford, Ames  
James Swaner, Iowa City  
William Wirin, Marshalltown  
Richard & Grace Young, Iowa City & Coralville North Corridor

## ROTARY FOUNDATION MAJOR DONORS LEVEL TWO (Cumulative gifts of \$25,000 to \$49,999) (gifts received, donors living)

Jacquelynn & James Andrew, Jefferson  
Roger & Patricia Borup, Wellman

Thomas & Mary Pat Brooke, West Liberty  
Corliss & Jeanne Klaassen, Chariton  
Loring & Phyllis A. Miller, Decatur County  
James & Beth Peterson, Iowa City AM  
William Tubbs, North Scott

## ROTARY FOUNDATION MAJOR DONORS LEVEL THREE (Cumulative gifts of \$50,000 to \$99,999) (gifts received, donors living)

Stanley & Corinne Barber, Iowa City  
John & Linda Dasher, Ames  
Stanley Howe, Muscatine  
William & Janet Koellner, West Liberty  
Lorraine Lynch, North Scott

## ROTARY FOUNDATION MAJOR DONORS LEVEL FIVE (Cumulative gifts of \$250,000 to \$499,999) (gifts received, donors living)

Amy Nicholson (Coralville)  
Keith Wilson (Iowa City)

## ROTARY FOUNDATION MAJOR DONORS LEVEL SIX (Cumulative gifts of \$1 million or more) (gifts received, donors living)

Herbert & Janice Wilson, Iowa City

## ROTARY FOUNDATION BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERS LEVEL ONE (\$10,000 to \$24,999) (gifts promised)

James & Jacquelynn Andrew, Jefferson  
Stanley & Corinne Barber, Iowa City  
Robert & Mary Baumann, Ames  
Mary & Dale Belknap, Des Moines  
Delwyn & Georgia Bluhm, Ames  
Roger & Patricia Borup, Wellman  
Jeffery Bremer, Northwest Des Moines  
Donald & Phyllis Canfield, Iowa City AM  
David Deuth, Bettendorf  
Dennis Dolmage, Waukee  
Ruth Freeman, Jefferson  
Donald & Doris Goering, Ames  
Herbert Heinicke, Indianola  
Susan Herrick, Boone  
Lee & Roberta Holmes, Waukee  
Philip Houle, Northwest Des Moines  
Russell Johnson, Jr., Des Moines  
Marvin & Verona Johnson, Northwest Des Moines

Adam Keller, Waukee  
Everett Laning, Indianola  
Steven & Karen Laughlin, Coralville North Corridor  
Calvin & Rachel Litwiller, Mount Pleasant  
Craig Marrs, Ames Morning  
Kevin McLaughlin, Des Moines AM  
Michael & Michelle Messier, Iowa City AM  
Loring & Phyllis Miller, Decatur County  
Mike & Margaret Mumma, Jefferson  
S. K. Nanda, Bettendorf  
Deborah Ockenfels, Iowa City AM  
John Ockenfels, Iowa City AM  
William & Sharon Oglesby, Iowa City  
Jack O'Leary, Nevada  
David Parsons, Iowa City AM  
Ernest & Rita Perea, Greater Des Moines/Des Moines  
Douglas Peterson, Iowa Quad Cities  
Louann Peterson, Iowa Quad Cities  
Vern & Jeanne F. Reeder, Iowa City  
Doyle Sanders, Northwest Des Moines  
Anthony & Kimberly Schau, Coralville North Corridor  
Dennis & Kathy Skinner, Nevada  
William Tubbs, North Scott  
Todd Lee Wheeler, Des Moines  
Randall William, Iowa City AM

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