



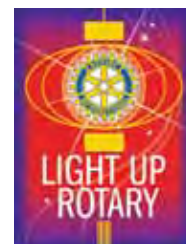
District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

John Ockenfels, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

Fourth Quarter (April-May-June 2015)



'I had the privilege to work with great people'

By DG John Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

As we approach the end of June 2015, I am constantly asked by many people if I am looking forward to the end of my term as governor of District 6000. This is usually followed by, "Have you had a good year?"

As far as the first question is concerned, there is no question that I am ready to take a break from the ongoing responsibilities required of a District Governor. I am looking forward to rejoining some of the community programs that I was involved with in the past, spending more time with my family, and getting back to pursuing some of my favorite hobbies again.



John Ockenfels
District Governor

However, I am not "looking forward" to the end of my term. As with so many people before me, I know, now, that I was well trained for the role that I stepped into last July. I was, in reality, starting another phase of my Rotary training. The term of a governor is one of constant change and adaptation to events and people who surround you as you keep the mission and programming of Rotary International active in the district.

There is no perfect skill set, or personality that one needs for this job. Although there are many books and people to help, the ability to remain flexible and not get pulled into each individual issue is a great strength to have as a governor.

The job of being a District Governor cannot be done without the help and leadership of Rotarians throughout the district who also volunteer much of their own time and talents to ensure that the important work of the operating committees, and The Rotary Foundation, gets done in the best ways possible.

As governor I have had the privilege to work with great people who gave tremendous effort to help keep this district among the "Best In The World" (documented by RI).

Most past district governors that I know don't step away from having active participation in the leadership of the district. The focus of that leadership changes to a support role for the next, and future, governors, in whatever way is requested. This is my plan as well. I will be on several committees and chair a couple of them.

In regard to the second question: "Have we had a good year?"

Thanks to all of those great and talented people I mentioned



Rotarians and its partners shipped 900,000 meals to Nepal earthquake victims (l-r): District Governor John Ockenfels, Rotary Club of Des Moines executive director Kitte Noble, PDG Jacque Andrew, Rotarian Msgr. Frank Bognanno, and Outreach founder Floyd Hammer.

Rotary and friends send 900,000 meals to Nepal

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

The power of collaboration and the Rotary network made it possible for 900,000 meals to help feed earthquake survivors in Nepal. Rotary District 6000 partnered with Kiwanis and Lions clubs to make the shipment from Iowa-based Outreach, Inc. possible.

In shipping containers loaded in late May and early June, the meals will be delivered by Rotarians in Nepal, thanks to the family of Rotary. Deepak Giri of the Rotary Club of West Liberty, a native of Nepal, has family members in Rotary clubs in Kathmandu who helped with arrangements needed for accepting the shipment. In essence, the meals will travel from the hands of district Rotarians who packed the meals to the hands of Rotarians in the capital city who will receive the shipment and deliver the meals to those in need.

The Nepal earthquake and aftershock killed over 8,000 people on

Communities benefit from Rotary service

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previously, the answer to that question is “Absolutely.”

Right from the very start with our marathon of club visits, Deb and I had the pleasure of learning more about this district than we ever knew before. Getting to meet each club and its members let us see the most important part of Rotary International – the individual clubs and members. I have a new understanding of the statement that, “The clubs are the foundation of Rotary.” It was absolutely amazing to see the individual personalities of each club as we toured the district. I was told by previous governors that each club has its own personality and identity. I am still impressed by the accuracy of that statement.

As we visited the clubs spreading President Gary Huang’s message of “Light Up Rotary,” I was impressed with the number of clubs that were already getting the Rotary message out to their communities. There were auctions, barbecues, community plays, picnics, rodeos, ball games, banners, social media and many other ways that clubs were letting their communities know what Rotary is and what we do. It’s working. People are once again asking about Rotary.

When we decided to support the Operation Warm “Coats for Kids” program I learned another lesson about our district: “We need to ensure that we take care of the needs of own communities as well as the critical needs of people in other parts of the world.” When given the opportunity, the Rotarians in this district rose to the challenge of providing warm coats for those in need in their own communities at a level that was well above any other Rotary district that Operation Warm had worked with in the past.

The most coats they had previously done for a Rotary district was 3,200. Our goal was a stretch at 4,000. By the end of our program we had purchased and delivered more than 9,200 coats and we have over \$4,000 in the account for next year’s program. Just as important as the coat numbers is the fact that 100 percent of the 64 clubs in the district agreed to participate in the project. Once again, people throughout our district are becoming aware of Rotary in their local communities.

In addition to the 17 Community Service Grants for the coats

program, our district also provided 16 more Community Service Grants for other local community service projects. Overall we supported 33 Community Service Grants and authorized spending of just under \$97,000 for the benefit of communities in District 6000. This is also the largest number of grants we have ever done.

In addition to our Community Service Grants, we also have about 10 Global Grants that have been approved or are close to approval this year. These include a second year for our Peace Scholar, Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz, an ambassadorial scholar Dylan Clark, two Vocational Training Teams, several water projects, a bakery and sanitation project, and more on the way.

The support for The Rotary Foundation has also created a new 100 percent category for our district. We are one of the districts that succeeded in getting 100 percent of the clubs to enter their “Club Goals for Membership and Foundation Giving” on the Rotary website. This valuable tool allows for easier tracking and planning for our current and future leadership, at both the club and district level. We are also well on the way to completing the same goal for next year.

We also had an outstanding year for commitments to RYLA. All of our clubs have made commitments to support RYLA this year. We have seen several clubs partnering with other clubs to get the most impact they can for their students. The 64 clubs of District 6000 will send about 150 students to Grinnell for a week-long leadership training program.

District 6000 also started an official partnership with the Rotary Leadership Institute. This is an organization that partners with districts throughout Rotary to help teach members about the background of Rotary and its mission of service. This is a great program for newer Rotarians and experienced veterans alike. We have already had several training sessions and have more scheduled. In fact, we have joined with the Sunshine RLI chapter to take a five-day cruise in December. We will have two training sessions on the cruise. I suggest you contact PDG Terry Geiger at (641) 442-5559 if you are interested in either RLI or the cruise.

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West Liberty Rotarian directing aid in Nepal

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April 25, 2015, and left millions of survivors in need of aid. D6000 Rotarian Deepak Giri said, “We have many family members in Nepal with whom we talk every other day. However, after the earthquake, we couldn’t reach them for several days. Thankfully, they are OK but there is no food and the people are very hungry. My wife and I have brothers who are Rotarians in Nepal and it’s great to know Rotary Clubs here can help Rotary clubs in our home country.”

Outreach founder Floyd Hammer said, “The motto of Outreach is Together, We Make a Difference, and, once again, the power of collaboration is demonstrated as together we sent food aid to Nepal. Three of the world’s largest service organizations, Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions International, joined with Outreach to provide help to victims of the earthquake. These meals will be delivered by Rotarians in Nepal.”

District Governor John Ockenfels commented, “Rotary International is a worldwide service organization with 1.2 million members who believe in the motto of ‘Service Above Self.’ One of the greatest strengths of Rotary International is our willingness and ability

to assist people in need in our own communities and throughout the world. By working through local Rotary districts and clubs, we can ensure that the help gets to those who need it as quickly and efficiently as we can. District 6000 is proud to be part of this team of service organizations like Outreach and Kiwanis: people doing what we can to help the people of Nepal.”

Walt Githens, longtime member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines and currently a member of the club’s international service committee, said, “There is no doubt that the country of Nepal is in trouble after the recent earthquake, so when we got the message from Nepal and our home District 6000 in Iowa were going to work together, our club wanted to help. The fact that Floyd Hammer, an active Rotary Club of Des Moines member, and co-founder of Outreach, Inc., was providing the food packets made it even more important for us to be involved. Bottom line, it makes me proud to be part of efforts to help people who are really hurting. We can do that through Rotary International, and this project to assist in feeding Nepalese earthquake victims is a prime example of the kinds of things we get to do that really makes my heart warm and brings home the Rotary motto of “Service about Self.”

RYLA: Phenomenal growth and growing pains

By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny
D6000 RYLA chair

You, Rotarians, are amazing and continue to exceed all expectations! In District 6000, 100 percent of the clubs have committed to send students to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, July 26-31 at Grinnell College), which is something of which you can be very proud. Your commitment to youth is outstanding and an excellent example to Rotarians everywhere. It is because of you that RYLA had been such a success and grown so rapidly. We are changing the world one leader at a time. I personally thank you for your commitment.

We had 172 students attend last year and had planned for 216 this year. However, we have received 243 applications. If all the applications are sponsored and attend we will have exceeded our capacity. The maximum number of students we can handle is 240. That will be the cap for next year, 2016. It will be imperative that you get your sponsored students and fee in early to guarantee your student a reservation. You will need to pay more attention to deadlines next year and plan for your recruitment and fee payments sooner.

Since our growth has been phenomenal, we know there will be a need to increase the fees to cover added expenses. I would suggest that as you develop your budget for 2015-16 that you plan for an increase. The new joint District 5970 and District 6000 RYLA board of directors will have its first meeting this fall to review the expenses and budget to determine that increase. The

members of the board from District 6000 are: PDG Terry Geiger, DGE Christopher Knapp, Mark McAndrews, DGE Loring Miller, T. Waldmann-Williams, and PDG Gary Welch. For District 5970 they are: Helen Beneke, Maria Cansino, David Kutter, Linda Nudd, Mary Shepherd and Ralph Smith.

We have many issues to address, i.e.: the website, simplify the process for getting responses to and from clubs of sponsored students, keeping an updated list of club representatives, creating automatic responses, and a multitude of other issues. Please be patient with us as we continue to improve the experience and ease of use.

We are continually looking for ideas to improve RYLA and would welcome your ideas and solutions. RYLA is totally run by volunteers and we would not have RYLA without RYLA volunteers. We would encourage you to not only visit during the week of RYLA, but to also consider being a volunteer during 2016. You would need to commit to a day of training on a Saturday in June and a week from Saturday to Friday in July. Those who have volunteered indicate it was one of the most rewarding weeks of their lives.

It is up to us to encourage, train and mentor young people to be servant leaders for the future. Each club has Rotarian leaders who have much to offer these students. Their energy is infectious, can help energize your club and benefit the school and community.

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

Rotary's spirit will continue to move forward

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Another program that we implemented this year was "Go to Meeting and Go To Webinar." This is a system that we have been discussing since last year. These programs allow us to link computers or phones and communicate directly with each other in real time, without the need to travel to a common location. This saves several hours of driving time for each meeting in most cases.

Our District Conference was another highlight. We received many comments about the program and the content. The vast majority of them were very positive. A lot of people were involved in the planning and execution of the conference and they offered some great ideas to accomplish what we believed most of our members wanted to experience.

This past year was a highlight of my career. In addition to the opportunity to work with some truly amazing people, Deb and I traveled to exciting places in Iowa and the rest of the world that we would not have otherwise even considered.

This has been a year that exceeded almost everything I thought we could do and helped me gain a new level of appreciation for the dedication of Rotarians in District 6000. I will always stand a little taller when I tell people that I am from Rotary District 6000 in southern Iowa.

As I wind down my year at the helm, I would like to remind everyone that even though my leadership term is ending, the Rotary spirit will continue to move forward under the leadership of District Governor Loring Miller from Leon, Iowa, and the Rotary Club of Decatur County. Loring has a number of programs ready to go and has already got his leadership team working with the incoming club leaders to ensure a very smooth transition in to the next Rotary Year.

What a ride! Thanks for all of your dedication and support.

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Friday's speaker, Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby, was welcomed by his Rotary sponsor in Iowa City, Bill Olin.



Aaron Thomas gave an inspiring message about rebuilding and redemption after tragedies in Aplington-Parkersburg.



Nancy Pacha (r) hugs former Interactor and Ambassadorial Scholar Priyanka Rao whose message was about youth.

District 6000 District Conference ...



Attendees were treated to chamber music by Rotarian John Schultz and Hannah Duncan, 14, of Belle Plaine.



DGE Loring Miller urged Rotarians to "End Polio Now" (reverse side of box) and "Be A Gift To The World."



Anna Schuchert, a Xicotepec alum, sang "The Star Spangled Banner" to open the festivities Friday morning.



District 6000 Rotary Youth Exchange chair Doug Peterson introduced inbound and outbound students in the always-inspiring parade of flags.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



The Expresso Strings of the Preucil School of Music of Iowa City entertained at Saturday's closing festivities

Photo by Jacque Andrew

... April 16-18, 2015, Coralville Marriott



Pianist Dean Oakes mans the piano at Thursday's welcome at the Antique Auto Museum with PDG Herb Wilson



Mayors John Lundell of Coralville and Matt Hayek of Iowa City gave the official welcome on Friday.



Sergeants-at-arms Jack Tank and Jack Cameron and team from Iowa City AM Rotary had fun and kept order.



In one of his last official duties in District 6000, Roy Justus of Iowa City served as emcee. He will be moving to Cedar Falls.



Rachel and PDG Cal Litwiller (I) were aides for RI President's Rep Betty Screpnek and George of Alberta, Canada.



Rotarians from Xicotepec, Mexico, connected with Iowa Rotarians, front (l-r): Nenu Piragine of Iowa City AM, Becky Patterson of Washington and Ange Pimentel of Xicotepec. Back: PDG Don Patterson of Washington, Cayo Cabrera of Xicotepec, and Jim and Beth Peterson of Iowa City AM.



Rotarians presented programs about projects they have led in Africa (l-r): Dr. Jim Blessman of Waukee, whose Blessman Ministries operates in South Africa; and Steve Jones and Gerald Klongan of Ames who have organized large water projects in Tanzania.
Photos by Bill Tubbs



West Liberty Interactors Emma Baker, Matt Kelly and Silvia Pellegrino spoke about how Rotary programs, including RYLA, have impacted their lives. Silvia was an Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange student from Italy at Ankeny.



A panel discussed child poverty and shared shocking statistics (l-r): Rich Lalley, director of Operation Warm; Chris Cofelt, superintendent of Decatur County Schools; Tom Narak, retired superintendent of West Des Moines Schools; and Steve Murley, superintendent of the Iowa City School District.



Updates on District 6000 projects were presented by (l-r): Deb Dunkhase and PDG Gary Pacha (Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team), Nenu Piragine, Cayo Cabrera and Jim Peterson (Xicotepec), and Bill Burress (FAMSCO – the District 6000 Fire and Medical Supply Company). Pacha announced that Deb Dunkhase will be the Iowa M.O.S.T. team leader in 2016.



Tom Cook talked about the Ponseti Method of club foot repair.



Roger Christian ran the technology at District Conference.



Karin Franklin and Ray Muston promoted the quilt raffle.



Administrator Carolyn Scharff greeted visitors at registration.



Former RYE student Amber Hoffman joined Centerville Rotary.

More District Conference photos ...



Ames Rotarian and PDG Don Goering received the Service Above Self Award, which is Rotary's highest honor. It was presented by RI President's Rep Betty Screpnik and DG John Ockenfels (r). Don is joined by (l-r): PDG Jacque Andrew and his family, daughter Deb Sinclair, wife Doris, son Dennis and son-in-law Brian Sinclair.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



The colors were presented by the University of Iowa Air Force ROTC to kick off the Conference on Friday morning.



Mary Belknap, the wife of 2001-02 DG Dale Belknap of Des Moines, received the Rotary International Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award, one of no more than 100 globally, in appreciation of her work with literacy, hosting dignitaries and volunteer service. The award was presented by (l-r): PDG Cal Litwiller, RI President's Rep Betty Screpnik, Mary's husband Dale, Mary's sister-in-law and brother, Pat and Ron Robbins of Waukee, and DG John Ockenfels.



Washington Rotarian and past AG Gary Murphy clowned around with Deb Ockenfels to raise bids for the quilt auction. Don Patterson had the highest bid: \$1,249 for polio.



Past chair of the RI Executive Committee, Gerald Meigs (r), of St. Paul, Minn., who now chairs Rotary's Peace Center Major Gifts Initiative, spoke about Rotary's Peace Centers in recognition of the endowment to the Peace Centers from North Scott Rotarian PDG Bill Tubbs (c) and Linda that was announced earlier this year.

Photo by Jacque Andrew



Fellowship and dining with Rotarians like Coralville-North Corridor Rotarian Todd Nash and his wife at rural Oxford were one of the highlights of District Conference.



Rotary is truly a family affair for District Governor John Ockenfels whose wife Deb (second from right) and daughter Kristin (l) are Rotarians. Joining them are John's parents, Mort and Marcy Ockenfels of Iowa City, and son, Dan Ockenfels of Omaha.



Auctions and raffles at District Conference raised \$3,854 for polio eradication which, when matched by the Gates Foundation raised \$11,562 which will immunize 23,000 children. Doris Goering (l) won Iowa State basketball tickets and Harold Hulleman of West Des Moines won Iowa football tickets.



Working hard to make the District Conference a success were co-chairs Mike Messier and Deb Pullen-Van Auker, members of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM, and emcee Roy Justus ...



... while the team of Decatur County Rotarians Linda Chastain, Peggy Geiger, Phyllis Miller and Mary Ellen Stanley is encouraging everyone to come to the 2016 District Conference March 31-April 2 at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn.



Gerald Klonglan



Susan Herrick



Dennis Dietz



John Billingsley



Charlie Jones

Five honored as ‘Guardians of Integrity’

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

District 6000 Vocational Service chair

Five Rotarians who were nominated by their clubs were recognized as “Guardians of Integrity” at District Conference. It was the fifth 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.

Our 2015 Guardians of Integrity:

Ames Rotarian Gerald Klonglan used his expertise as an Iowa State University professor of Sociology, Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and Assistant Director of the College of Agriculture Experiment Station to build relationships with Rotarians and communities in Tanzania to provide several water grants. When Rotary adopted the Future Visions program, allowing for larger projects, Gerald commenced a thorough self-education to launch the new Rotary grant system to organize a major water grant. Working tirelessly and bringing along others from his church and his Rotary club, Gerald made many visits to Tanzania, some including high school students. Along the way, he mentored “a passion for rural development on an international scale.”

Boone Rotarian Susan Herrick is noted for her commitment to youth. As a counselor in the Rotary Youth Exchange program and advisor for Boone RYLA participants, she demonstrates her “enthusiasm for passing on to the next generation of citizens a respect for an honest moral code.” Further confirming her dedication to youth is her promotion of the “Dear Senior” project of the Rotary Club of Boone, which endeavors to encourage high school seniors to make good choices. Susan has received Rotary’s highest award for commitment to Polio Plus and she continues to chair our district Polio Committee. She has worked tirelessly for substance abuse education, and is an active member of the Boone Community Theater and board chair of Crawford Hall Homeless Shelter.

Johnston Rotarian Dennis Dietz is a retired attorney, highly regarded by his peers for his “fairness and truthfulness.” A veteran of the United States Marines who served in Vietnam and later

spent 34 years with the Iowa National Guard, Dennis reached the rank of colonel and was the JAG officer for the Adjutant General of Iowa, helping to establish the Iowa Guard Foundation that supports professional development of junior military officers. As an ambassador of goodwill, Dennis has worked in many capacities to develop a relationship between entities in Kosovo and Iowa. He has also served on numerous community boards and committees and has received recognition and honors. In 2013, Dennis was named Polk City Citizen of the Year.

Newton Rotarian John Billingsley serves on a multitude of boards including Jasper County Veterans Commission, Willowbrook Adult Day Care Center, West Point Society of Central Iowa, Hospice, and State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, to name a few. John can be counted upon to carry out his office no matter how difficult. Among his tasks as a court appointed lawyer, John has had to take on some very difficult cases involving disturbing charges against the individual he must defend. John believes “it is the right thing to do.” Defense in court is a right under the law. However, due to his deep sense of integrity, he has been known to ask the judge to dismiss a case in a settlement trial when his client was not honest.

North Scott Rotarian Charlie Jones is a 23-year Rotarian, and for the last ten years, he has had perfect attendance. He devotes himself to building Rotary membership, enjoying recruiting new members and making them feel welcome. A member of the Community Needs Committee of North Scott Rotary, Charlie has championed services for the disadvantaged in Davenport and Scott County. In 2014, Charlie retired from the Iowa American Water Company where he had “an impeccable reputation for hard work and commitment.” Charlie is a member of the Better Business Bureau, has served on the board of the Salvation Army and volunteers at his church. Charlie is a dedicated fundraiser, working diligently to raise money for the organizations he supports.

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)*

Rotary’s Core Values

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

Clubs, Rotarians recognized ...



Clubs who achieved the 2014-15 RI Presidential Citation and who were present when the awards were presented at District Conference were (l-r): Fairfield (Linn Cornick), Coralville-North Corridor (Jeff Koepfel), Decatur County (Sue Kelly), West Liberty (Wayne Steen), Waukee (Joyce Wheeler), Johnston (accepted by AG Steve Wieneke), Iowa City AM (Deb Dunkhase), Washington (PDG Don Patterson), Keokuk (Alka Khanolkar), and North Scott (Steve Fahrenkrog).

Photos by Bill Tubbs

A complete list of awards and recognition is on an insert with this newsletter. The photos on these pages are of those who were present when awards were announced at District Conference.



The Rotary Club of North Scott had the best attendance (members present x miles traveled) at the 2014 District Conference in Ames (l-r): Bill Tubbs, Steve Fahrenkrog, Dennis and Deb Peterson, Charlie Jones and Steve Suiter.



Assistant District Governors who were present at District Conference and recognized for completing their service were (l-r): Chris Knapp, Doug Peterson, Vicki Struzynski-Olson, Norm Van Klompenburg, AG coordinator PDG Jacque Andrew, Steve Wieneke and DG John Ockenfels.



District Governor John Ockenfels (l) presented Significant Service Awards to PDG Jacque Andrew (PETS, AG, PR) and PDG Gary Welch (RYLA). Additional Significant Service Award recipients are named in the insert with this newsletter.



End Polio Now certificates of appreciation were presented to these clubs, front (l-r): Waukee (Pat Robbins), Jefferson (Ruth Freeman), Chariton (Jeanne Klaassen), RIP President's Rep Betty Screpnok, Fairfield (Linn Cornick), Bettendorf (Kevin Kraft and Jonna Schuler), Davenport (Paul Johnson), District PolioPlus Challenge chair PDG Susan Herrick of Boone, East Polk (Tom Downs), Ames Morning (David Inyang), Davenport (Bob Morrison), and DG John Ockenfels. Back: Newton (Bob Main), Burlington (David Miller), West Liberty (Wayne Steen), Northwest Des Moines (Ed Arnold), Nevada (Stephanie Roscoe), Ankeny (Nate Burnham), North Scott (Steve Fahrenkrog), Boone (Steve Dakin) and Des Moines (Todd Wheeler).



Ames Rotarian Steve Jones (c) and his wife, Kathy, received the RI Vocational Service Leadership Award. He is a licensed professional engineer who lent his service to Rotary projects in Mexico, Turkey and Tanzania.



Membership Development awards for clubs with 35-69 members were presented by DG John Ockenfels (l) and District Membership chair Mike Ruby (r) to the Rotary Clubs of Fairfield (Linn Cornick, 2nd), West Liberty (Wayne Steen, 1st) and Iowa City AM (Mark Patton, 3rd).



The Interact Club of Clear Creek-Amana, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor, received the RI Presidential Citation, presented by DG John Ockenfels and District Interact chair Nancy Pacha. Interactors are (l-r): Andrea Roller, Sean Patrick, Mariah Roller, Mark Hovey and Emma Davis.



Membership Development awards for clubs with 34 and under members were presented by DG John Ockenfels (l) and District Membership chair Mike Ruby (r) to the Rotary Clubs of Iowa City Downtown (Paul Nichols, 2nd) and Decatur County (Peggy Geiger, 3rd). The Rotary Club of West Polk County placed first.



The Rotary Club of North Scott, represented by president Steve Fahrenkrog (c), received the District PR Award from DG John Ockenfels and District PR chair PDG Jacque Andrew. North Scott Rotarian PDG Bill Tubbs (r), was recognized for individual leadership in advancing Rotary's Public Image.



Membership Development awards for clubs with 70-plus members were presented by DG John Ockenfels (l) and District Membership chair Mike Ruby (r) to the Rotary Clubs of Des Moines AM (1st, John Smith), Des Moines (Todd Wheeler, 3rd) and Burlington (David Miller, 2nd).



The Rotary Club of West Liberty, represented by president Wayne Steen (c), received the District PR Award from DG John Ockenfels and District PR chair PDG Jacque Andrew.



The Rotary Club of Davenport, represented by president Paul Johnson (c), pictured with DG John Ockenfels and District PR chair PDG Jacque Andrew, received the District PR Award for publicity of its centennial gazebo project.



DG John Ockenfels (l) and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Cal Litwiller (r) recognized new Paul Harris Society Members Brock Earnhardt (Davenport) and Jody Braverman (Iowa City). Earnhardt was also the recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service, which is The Rotary Foundation's second highest honor.



DG John Ockenfels (l) and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Cal Litwiller (r) recognized District Rotary Foundation Service Award winners (l-r): Brock Earnhardt (Davenport), PDG Susan Herrick (Boone), PDG Corliss Klaassen (Chariton), PDG Don Goering (Ames), PDG Jacque Andrew (Jefferson), Doug Flournoy (Fairfield) and PDG Bill Tubbs (North Scott).

Rotary Foundation recognition

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Clubs recognized by DG John Ockenfels (l) and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Cal Litwiller (r) as the top three for annual giving in 2013-14 were (l-r): Jefferson, 2nd (Ruth Freeman), North Scott, 3rd (Steve Suiter) and West Liberty, 1st (Wayne Steen).

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Also receiving District Rotary Foundation Service Awards were (l-r): Steve Jones (Ames), Gerald Klonglan (Ames), Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM), Merle Anderson (North Scott) and PDG Gary Welch (Ankeny).



Clubs recognized by DG John Ockenfels (l) and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Cal Litwiller (r) as Every Rotarian Every Year clubs were (l-r): Chariton (Jeanne Klaassen), Washington (Michelle Redlinger), Decatur County (Mary Ellen Stanley), West Liberty (Wayne Steen) and Ottumwa (Michael Heffernan). Not pictured: North Scott and Wellman.



District Governor 2013-14 Jacque Andrew receives thanks from DG John Ockenfels and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Cal Litwiller for top giving in Zone 28 in 2013-14. District 6000 was first among 12 districts in total giving, second in Annual Fund giving, and third in polio giving.



DG John Ockenfels (l) and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Cal Litwiller (r) recognized Linda and PDG Bill Tubbs of North Scott, and Mary Pat and Tom Brooke of West Liberty as Level 3 Major Donors. The Tubbses were also recognized as Level 5 Bequest Society Members.



DG John Ockenfels (l) and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Cal Litwiller (r) recognized PDG Don Goering and Doris of Ames as Level 2 Major Donors.



DG John Ockenfels (l) and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Cal Litwiller (r) recognized DGN Chris Knapp and Vernetta of Iowa City AM as Level I Major Donors and Bequest Society Members.



Clubs recognized by DG John Ockenfels (l) and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Cal Litwiller (r) for having 100 Percent Sustaining Members were Chariton (Jeanne Klaassen), Washington (Michelle Redlinger), West Liberty (Wayne Steen) and Nevada (Tammy Oxley).



RI President Gary Huang and Corinna were guests of Muscatine Rotarian Sarah Lande in 2014 in Gary's quest to meet with friends of Chinese president Xi Jinping.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

Muscatine visit boosted Rotary extension in China

In February 2014, Gary Huang of Taiwan, who was then the President-Elect of Rotary International, was a guest of District 6000 and the Rotary Club of Muscatine in his search for Muscatine's extensive ties with China and its president Xi Jinping, in Gary's quest to extend Rotary clubs in China. Jinping was an agricultural student living in Muscatine in 1985 and revisited the community in 2012.

What has happened since? David Peterson, who is Rotary's manager of Club and District Support for Asia/Pacific, provided this update upon a request from PDG Jacque Andrew:

Dear PDG Jacque,

Greetings from Evanston! The president's office asked me to respond to your inquiry as the staff liaison for RI's global extension efforts.

Under President Gary's leadership in 2014-15, the number of Rotary expat clubs in the PRC has grown from 2 to 7, including clubs in two new cities: Suzhou and Chengdu.

President Gary visited the PRC twice in 2014-15. His first visit was in September as the guest of honor at the China Conference in Shanghai. In May, he made a return visit to present charters to four new clubs.

During his visits, President Gary was warmly welcomed by government officials and the local media. He was even featured in a full-page article in the China Daily, in both its Chinese and English editions.

The Rotary clubs in the PRC are led by PP Randal Eastman, RI's special representative to China. Because the Chinese clubs are not in a district, Randal provides the support and leadership that a district governor would provide. He has assembled a team to assist with this task and put together a very informative website. President Gary also appointed several extension representatives to assist him with efforts to expand Rotary's presence in the PRC.

Lastly, RI signed a letter of intent to cooperate with the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation (SCLF) in late 2014. The SCLF is probably the premier humanitarian and philanthropic organization in the PRC. Founded in 1982 in memory of Madame Soong Ching Ling, SCLF is well-respected in the PRC, Taiwan and Hong Kong.



On safari at Entebeni.

Photos by Lee Holmes

Serving in South Africa

By Lee Holmes/Waukee

On Jan. 29, a group of 10 volunteers, eight of whom were Rotarians from District 6000, left the Des Moines airport bound for South Africa. After a short trip to Atlanta, Georgia, we boarded a plane for a 15-hour flight to Johannesburg, South Africa.

Upon arrival in Johannesburg, we boarded a large van and were transported three hours north to Limpopo Province. The next morning our adventure began with a walk around the game farm where the Lodge of Dreams, Blessman ministries' main campus, is located. We observed many African animals.

Over the next 10 days we fed the children, assisted with gardening projects, held eyeglass clinics, fit children and adults with shoes, and visited a school where one of the 10 Rotary wells will be located. We also met with the school's water project board. This board was established to make sure that the well is sustainable well into the future. We saw their futile attempt to establish a well.



The District 6000 2015 South Africa team (l-r): Chris Bertelson, Nan Mercer, Beth Blessman, Mary Brown, Jim Blessman, Karin Franklin, Bonnie Forberger, Lee Holmes, Randy Forberger, Julie Fiske, Jo Becker and Dan Becker.

This school hauls water from a large pond that is accessible to cattle. No purification is used on this water. We also visited with some of the local Rotarians and were able, with their help and that of RI and District 6000 leadership, to finalize the grant process to start drilling the wells. The first well should be started in June.

We visited the Del Cramer campus of Blessman Ministries where 75 children are watched over after school. They are fed a meal, in some cases the only meal they get that day. They are also given computer training at the on-site internet café, and taught how to raise gardens and chickens. There is a bakery that provides bread for the children and the community. We visited the Lethabo Sewing Center, where local Africans are taught to sew and market their products. We visited three Rotary clubs and learned about their projects.

There were varied and exciting sightseeing and shopping opportunities:

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Randy, Jo and Dan fitting children with eyeglasses



Lee Holmes and others working in the garden.

Clubs urged to support Rotary's No. 1 goal: Eradication of polio

Dear Rotarians,

The "good" news is that there have been only 23 cases of polio reported in the world this year! The "bad" news is that eradicating polio remains the No. 1 goal of Rotary International.

We still need your help! If your club has not sent in its commitment to rid the world of polio, PLEASE do so now! Even if you did not establish a goal, your club can still contribute to the cause. To make sure to get proper credit for your club, please make sure the donation is sent in to The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693 before the end of the Rotary year (see page 32).

It is also time to ensure your club's Annual Fund commitment to The Rotary Foundation is submitted, also by the end of the Rotary year. Use the same address as above.



Of course, we hope that you can assist your successor in setting TRF Annual Fund and Polio goals plus membership and service goals for the 2015-16 year. Should assistance be needed in entering the goals, the president-elect should contact the Assistant Governor for your club.

October will be designated Polio Month and to help us celebrate, we want to compile a list of all of those who have participated in a National Immunization Day for Polio Eradication. Please send the name of the person, club, year and location of the NID to District 6000 Polio Chair Susan Herrick (s.herrick@mchsi.com).

Thank you!

District Governor John Ockenfels

District compiling list of all who served on NIDs

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

District 6000 PolioPlus Chair

The PolioPlus Challenge Team of D6000 is discussing putting together recognition for all district Rotarians who have participated in National Immunization Days throughout the world since we began the quest to eradicate polio from the planet. In order to assemble a complete list for this recognition, we are asking District Rotary clubs to submit a list of NID participants, the country in which they served, and the year of that service.

We are approaching the time when polio will be gone from the earth and it will be good to pay tribute to all those in D6000 that traveled to help make that possible. Please compile your lists and submit them to PDG Susan Herrick, chair of the PolioPlus Challenge Team, at s.herrick@mchsi.com by June 30.

Thank you to all who have worked to keep our promise to the children of the world!



**Wear your Rotary
pin with pride!**



Chris, Randy, Julie and Mary fitting children for shoes.

- A photo safari;
- A walk with the lions and cheetahs;
- An elephant ride;
- Golf;
- A local African ceramics shop;
- A large craft shop;
- The Apartheid and Mandella Museum in Johannesburg.

On our last night we were treated to a bush dinner, and relaxed under the beautiful southern hemisphere night sky.

A few of the team extended the stay and visited Victoria Falls and went on safari in Botswana.

It has been announced that this trip will be repeated in 2016! The dates are Jan. 28-Feb. 9. Please join us.

We are taking reservations now. If you have questions or want to book a trip, contact Lee Holmes at leerobholmes@gmail.com or call (515) 669-3779.



Getting water from a contaminated well.



West Des Moines Rotarian Tom Narak is always happiest when surrounded by kids. Here he is at the end-of-the-week celebration at the Escuela Primaria Club Rotario.

13 years of Lighting Up Rotary, humanity: **XICOTEPEC, MEXICO**

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

Xicotepec Project Team Leader

2015 was the 13th consecutive year for a project team trip to Xicotepec.

The 2015 Project Team: 71 members, made up of:

- Interactors, Rotaractors and club-sponsored youth (15);
- Rotarians (11);
- Family members of Rotarians, Interactors and others (4);
- University of Iowa service-learning students and faculty (41);
- Others (5).

(Note: Some team members are counted in more than one category above).

Other Project Team breakdowns:

- 22 “veteran” project team members, 49 first-time visitors;
- 49 female, 22 male project team members;
- 50 team members under 30 years of age (aka, “future Rotarians”);

A variety of projects in 2015:

- Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz preschool: Rehab and repaint playground equipment, erect new roof over play area;
- El Mirador primary school: Install new perimeter wall and entrance gate, install and paint new playground equipment;

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Dr. Pete Wallace prepares to examine the nephew of a long-time friend of Iowa Rotarians, Mina, while Jim Peterson translates a prescription for Dr. Wallace (the boy had an ear infection, but was otherwise healthy).



Iowa City AM Rotarian Pat Schnack, Hira Mustafa, and Pat's granddaughter Rebecca Schnack with two of the nuns who live and teach at the Francisco Velasco Marañón II school.



Iowa City High School Interactor B.J. Sullivan presents new shoes to a boy at the Casa Hogar Victoria Orphanage. Every child at the orphanage received two new pairs of shoes, thanks to generous contributions from Jefferson Rotarian Nancy Stroborg and the West Des Moines Rotary Club.



Hira Mustafa with Nicolasa Otilica, who has lived at the Casa Hogar Victoria orphanage since she was an infant.

Xicotepec project built on relationships

- Xicotepec preschool: Repaint playground equipment;
- Clemente Vázquez primary school: Construct new dining room, repaint existing kitchen;
- Francisco Velasco Marañón II school: Landscaping, install and paint new playground equipment;
- Cruz Azul center: Remodel kitchen.
- Damas Vicentinas Asilo de Ancianos (home for elderly): Clear

garden area and install new roof over walkway;

- Drinking water systems: Check 18 existing systems, repair and maintain where necessary, install one new system in Mecatlán primary school;
- Various schools and the Casa Hogar Victoria Orphanage:

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End-of-the-week celebration at the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Preschool.



At the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Preschool, the framework is up for the new roof over the play area.

Project teams involved 840 Rotarians, others

provide school uniforms, shoes and school supplies for children;

- Deworming preschool and primary school children in 20 schools, ninth consecutive year;
- Dental health project for children, parents and staff in eight primary schools and two orphanages, fifth consecutive year;
- Team members also helped high school English classes, participated in radio interviews, and provided medical exams to children at the CHV orphanage

A few more facts:

- Since 2003, project teams with more than 840 members have traveled to Xicotepec each spring to help complete projects chosen by the Xicotepec Rotary Club;
- Over half have been high school or university students;
- The District 6000 Youth Fund and generous gifts from Rotarians have helped to provide opportunities for Interactors, Rotaractors and other youth to participate in this hands-on, international, Rotary-sponsored and Rotary-directed project;
- Dozens of projects have addressed community-identified needs related to education, literacy, health care, clean water, sanitation, women's health, care for the elderly, community development and other areas of concern to the Xicotepec Rotary Club and the Xicotepec community.
- Project Team members (together with their financial supporters) have spent more than \$1 million in travel, food, lodging and other costs in order to participate in the Xicotepec Project. Much of this money has been spent locally in Xicotepec.
- D6000 has hosted six RYE students from Xicotepec since the 2002-03 school year; several other Xicotepec youth have made summer visits to Iowa;
- In 2004, D6000 hosted a GSE team from Mexico; three of the five team members were from Xicotepec;
- In addition, TRF matching grant funds and funds from other sources have been used for a variety of projects in Xicotepec;
- Rotary and the University of Iowa have enjoyed a partnership since 2007, when the first Xicotepec service-learning class was offered at the U of I. This interdisciplinary, international, service-learning class offered in partnership with Rotary is unique in both



Iowa City West High School Interactors Sara Rinehart and Kylie Beneke with friends at the Francisco Velasco Marañón II school.

the Rotary and the academic worlds.

- Research for one U of I PhD dissertation and one MPH (Master of Public Health) research project have been carried out in Xicotepec.
- U of I and the Xicotepec Project have developed extensive links to a local nursing school and with health care and public health professionals in Xicotepec.



Ana Rodríguez and D6000 Interactors celebrating with friends at the Escuela Primaria Club Rotario



Nancy Stroborg and her team of Interactors putting the finishing touches on the paint job at the El Mirador Primary School.

Ames selected as 2017 NCPETS site

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

General Chair, NC-PETS 2017

The executive committee of North Central PETS, DGNs from member districts, and representatives of Ames Rotary clubs met with the Ames Convention and Visitors Bureau and Iowa State University staff for a site visit of Ames facilities on Sunday, May 3, to consider the possibility of hosting NCPETS there.

Following presentations, lunch and a tour of the Scheman Center on the Iowa State University campus and nearby hotels, the executive committee voted to hold the 2017 NCPETS to train presidents for the 2017-18 Rotary year in Ames. The dates are March 9-11, 2017.

In recent years the event has been held in Rochester, Minn., after a "round robin" of locations with trainings held in each of the four member districts: 5950 and 5960 in Minnesota/Wisconsin and 5970 and 6000 in Iowa.

I will be the general chair for the 2017 training and suggested that Ames be considered. Mason City is the geographic center of the four districts but no suitable facilities are available there. Ames and Rochester are both about 100 miles from Mason City so the proposal was made to tour the Ames facilities.

The team was favorably impressed with the wide array of options available in Ames and following discussions approved the location for a one-year trial. Rochester will be the site for PETS on March 11-12, 2016, and again in 2018. The plan is anticipated to follow a two-year rotation between Ames and Rochester after that.

We are very excited to host NCPETS in central Iowa and look forward to great support from area clubs to provide assistance with the organizational aspects of the event. We're planning for our best attendance yet since becoming a member of NCPETS about five

years ago. Presidents-Elect-Nominee who have been selected should get the dates on their calendars now.

Anyone interested in helping with the 2017 NCPETS event in Ames should contact Andrew at jeandrew@netins.net.



Rotarians attending the Ames site visit for NCPETS were (l-r) standing: Bob Anderson (Ames Morning); DGN Ralph Smith (5970); DGN Mike Ruby (Muscataine); Jo Anne Ruby; PDG Don Goering (Ames); DGN Chris Knapp (Iowa City AM); PDG Gary Campbell (5960); Vernetta Knapp (Iowa City AM); PDG Craig Leiser (5960); Allyson Walter (Ames); PDG Chuck Berg (NCPETS general chair, 5950); and seated: PDG Jill Olsen (5970); PDG Judy Freund (5960); and PDG Jacque Andrew (6000), NCPETS vice-chair.

Rotarians invited to package meals July 15

By Kyle McCormick/Des Moines

Central Iowa Rotarians are excited to organize the second annual "Hunger Free Through Rotary" event. Rotarians and friends are partnering with Rotary's own, Outreach, Inc., to fight hunger across central Iowa. Outreach is providing the space, logistics and supplies to create dry packed macaroni and cheese meals. Rotary is raising the funds to purchase supplies and labor to pack the meals. Participating clubs will choose what organizations in Iowa will receive meals that are packed. The goal is to provide meals to central Iowans who are food insecure. Food Bank needs will go up in the summer as kids are home not receiving school meals, so events like this are crucial to meet the increased need.

In the event's first year, Rotarians raised over \$18,000, packed 72,576 meals, and had 260 plus participants! This year we want to raise the bar, but we need the help of all Rotarians. People are encouraged to come and pack meals Wednesday, July 15. Shifts are 1.5 hours long and begin at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Outreach has graciously accepted to host the event at their warehouse located at 7401 Hwy. 69 South Des Moines. We have some great sponsors – but we are always looking for additional funds. To donate time or fiscal resources, please visit <http://www.outreachprogram.org/event/des-moines-area-rotary-clubs-2/>. See you on July 15!



Packaging of meals is organized by Outreach founder Floyd Hammer and Kathy Hamilton, pictured here at District Conference April 18 at Coralville.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Past RI President Ray Klingensmith challenged Rotarians to "Build Communities" and "Bridge Continents." The Rotary bridge in El Jicaro, Nicaragua – crossed here by Jim Peterson, Luis José Oliú and Bart Shank – "Bridges A Community."

BRIDGING A COMMUNITY:

Rotary crossing connects residents to vital services in Nicaragua

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Global Grants Committee

In February I had one of the more rewarding experiences that a Rotarian from our district can have: that of visiting the site of a successful humanitarian grant project sponsored by a D6000 club and financed with help from The Rotary Foundation.

In this case, the project was a bridge in the village of El Jícaro, municipality of Esquipulas, department of Matagalpa, Nicaragua. The project was jointly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Matagalpa and the Rotary Club of Bettendorf. The construction of the bridge was carried out by the community of El Jícaro with help and under the supervision of University of Iowa student members of Continental Crossings (<http://continentalcrossings.com/>), a local affiliate of the Denver-based NGO Bridges to Prosperity (<http://bridgestoprosperity.org/>), which was founded by Rotarian Ken Frantz in 2001.

Like many successful Rotary projects, this one grew out of a network of relationships and a history of previous successes. The Bettendorf and Matagalpa Rotary clubs had previously collaborated on a \$60,000-plus latrine project that was completed in 2007.

Continental Crossings' plans to construct a bridge near Matagalpa first came to my attention in 2012, when two U of I students (one of whom, Katie Langenfeld, had previously participated in the Xicotepec Project, after which both her parents became members of the Iowa City AM Rotary Club) gave a presentation to my club, mentioning that they would need to raise some \$15,000 in order to complete the project that was planned for the summer of 2013.

Having visited the latrine project that was sponsored by the Bettendorf club, I contacted Bettendorf Rotarians Lee Semenow and

Ann Kappeler to see if there was interest in doing another project in partnership with the Rotary Club of Matagalpa. Soon the two clubs were at work on an application for a TRF Matching Grant, which was approved in March 2013. Instead of having to raise \$15,000, Continental Crossings provided a bit less than \$1,500 toward the project budget of \$13,000 (in addition, Bridges to Prosperity provided steel cables for the bridge with a value of about \$16,000, making the total value of the project nearly \$30,000). Funds for the project also came from the Rotary clubs of Matagalpa and Bettendorf, District 6000's DDF account, and The Rotary Foundation's World Fund.

A description of the project, at <http://continentalcrossings.com/projects/jicarol/>, says:

"This project is to design and plan the construction of a pedestrian footbridge for the community of Jicaro in the municipality of Esquipulas in the department of Matagalpa of Nicaragua. The bridge will serve approximately 1,000 residents who are currently isolated from the health care clinics, markets, schools and other essential services in the town of Esquipulas by the Jicaro Canyon, at the bottom of which lies the Rio Grande de Matagalpa. This isolation makes commerce, health care, education, and social contact with nearby communities impossible during the height of the rainy season when the river rises within the canyon to impassable levels. Villagers die of treatable diseases like diarrhea, children rarely graduate from primary school, external employment is nearly impossible to maintain, and poverty continues to reign. A pedestrian

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Bridge is a project of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf

bridge over the Jicaro canyon will end the isolation and end the vicious cycle of rural poverty."

The student team that helped the community with bridge construction lived on-site during the construction period. The Matagalpa Rotary Club was in charge of the project funds and helped Continental Crossings to obtain materials like sand, gravel, cement, hardware and lumber from local vendors. The municipality of Esquipulas also helped with the logistics of material delivery and equipment rental.

Before leaving Iowa to attend the 22nd Annual Central American Rotary Project Fair in Managua, I got in touch with Matagalpa Rotarians Luis José Oliú, Hugo Vita and Violeta Rizo and asked for their help in arranging a visit to the bridge. Davenport Rotarian Bill Burress and I had met Luis José and Violeta – both of whom are past presidents of their club – in 2007 when we visited the latrine project. Hugo Vita was president of the Rotary Club of Matagalpa in 2012-13, when the bridge was built. At the Project Fair in Managua I met up with Rotarian Bart Shank, formerly a member of the Rotary Club of Dallas Center (Iowa), and currently a member of Carrollton Rotary Club in New Orleans, LA (D6840); after the Fair concluded we rented a car and headed for Matagalpa.

It was a pleasure for me to see Luis José and Violeta again, to meet Hugo in person, and to introduce Bart to all of them; Bart and I both enjoyed their hospitality and conversation over a long lunch.

Luis José accompanied us to the bridge site, where we met the mayor of Esquipulas, Juan Francisco Gea and his city engineer, Edward Tórrez. I was also able to talk to a gentleman from El Jícaro, who passed us on foot as we approached the bridge. He was excited to tell me how the bridge had changed his life by assuring access to the main road and to Esquipulas throughout the year, so that he and his family could count on being able to buy and sell goods, obtain medical attention, take care of legal matters, visit and receive visits from friends and in general address the needs and challenges of everyday life without putting things off for weeks or months or going far out of the way because access was blocked by the dangerous currents of the river (and its numerous crocodiles!).

The bridge itself was impressive – over 200 feet long and suspended high above the canyon floor. Juan and Edward were familiar with the construction techniques and had memories and stories of the Iowa students, for whom they obviously felt both gratitude and affection.

In February the river is low and the site of the bridge is peaceful and the views are scenic. After taking some photos and lingering for a while, five of us drove back into the center of Esquipulas to visit city hall, see the dairy farm of Juan Gea's father, share a meal and say good-bye. Bart and I headed back to Matagalpa to drop off Luis José and continue on to Jinotega, where we would renew more Rotary relationships – but that's a different newsletter article.

The annual Central American Project Fair, held each year on the last weekend of January in Central America (the fair rotates among the seven countries and two Rotary districts of Central America), provides a great opportunity to visit projects in which our district and its clubs have played a part. The Fair itself is a way to make contacts and form friendships with active and committed Rotarians who represent many different clubs from throughout the region, many of which have a variety of projects for which they are seeking sponsors. If you are interested in knowing more, feel free to contact me at jim-peterson@mchsi.com.



Edward Tórrez, Bart Shank, Luis José Oliú and Jim Peterson admire the completed project.



Mayor Juan Gea and engineer Edward Tórrez. Note the Rotary wheels on the bridge abutments.

DGE Loring Miller's Official Club Visits

DISTRICT GOVERNOR LORING & PHYLLIS MILLER'S OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS AND OTHER DATES IN 2015-16:

July 2 **Decatur County** (noon)
 July 6 **Clinton** (noon)
 July 7 **Newton** (noon)
 July 8 **Bettendorf** (noon)
 July 14 **Kalona** (noon)
 July 14 **West Liberty** (6 PM)
 July 15 **Tipton** (noon)
 July 16 **Iowa Quad Cities** (7 AM)
 July 17 **Fairfield** (noon)
 July 18 RYE Outbound Picnic (TBA)
 July 20 **Burlington** (noon)
 July 21 **Fort Madison** (noon)
 July 22 ... **Coralville-North Corridor** (noon)
 July 26-31 RYLA at Grinnell College
 July 27 **Muscatine** (noon)
 July 28 **Oskaloosa** (noon)
 July 28 **Grinnell** (6 PM)
 July 29 **Wellman** (noon)
 July 30 **Washington** (noon)
 July 31 **Northwest Des Moines** (noon)
 Aug. 3 **Corning** (noon)
 Aug. 4 **Corydon** (noon)
 Aug. 5 **Centerville** (noon)
 Aug. 10 **Ottumwa** (noon)
 Aug. 11 **Keosauqua** (noon)
 Aug. 12 **Bloomfield** (6:45 AM)
 Aug. 12 **Chariton** (noon)
 Aug. 13 **Iowa City** (noon)
 Aug. 17 **Mount Pleasant** (6:15 PM)
 Aug. 18 **Pella** (noon)
 Aug. 19 **Ames Morning** (7 AM)
 Aug. 20 **Waukee** (6:45 AM)
 Aug. 25 **Dallas Center** (noon)
 Aug. 26 **Nevada** (noon)
 Aug. 27 **Des Moines** (noon)
 Aug. 28 **Indianola** (noon)
 Aug. 31 **Creston** (noon)
 Sept. 1 **Manning** (noon)
 Sept. 2 **Greater Des Moines** (5:30 PM)
 Sept. 3 **Keokuk** (noon)
 Sept. 8 **Ankeny** (noon)
 Sept. 9-13 Governor-Elect Training and Rotary Institute at Detroit, MI
 Sept. 14 **Ames** (noon)
 Sept. 15 **Marshalltown** (noon)
 Sept. 15 **Ankeny Evening (Satellite)** (5:45 PM)
 Sept. 16 **Knoxville** (noon)



DG 2015-16 Loring Miller and Phyllis (I) with RI President 2015-16 K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, from Western Province, Sri Lanka, and his wife, Vanathy, at the January 2015 International Assembly in San Diego, CA.

Provided by Peggy Geiger

Sept. 18 **Des Moines AM** (7 AM)
 Sept. 19 RYE Inbound Fall Picnic Kick-Off at Iowa City
 Sept. 21 **West Polk County** (noon)
 Sept. 22 **West Des Moines** (noon)
 Sept. 23 **Mount Pleasant Noon** (noon)
 Sept. 24 One Rotary Summit (aka Fall Training Seminar) 6-9 PM at West Des Moines
 Sept. 28 **Carroll** (noon)
 Sept. 29 **Atlantic** (noon)
 Sept. 30 **Boone** (noon)
 Oct. 1 **Coon Rapids** (noon)
 Oct. 3 Assistant Governor's Social at Leon (noon)
 Oct. 5 **Davenport** (noon)
 Oct. 6 **Albia** (noon)
 Oct. 7 One Rotary Summit (aka Fall Training Seminar) 6-9 PM at West Liberty
 Oct. 9 **North Scott** (noon)
 Oct. 12 **Jefferson** (noon)
 Oct. 13 **Johnston** (7 AM)

Oct. 13 Budget & Finance and Exec Committee Meetings, 2 PM at Pella
 Oct. 14 **Perry** (noon)
 Oct. 15 **Winterset** (noon)
 Oct. 20 **Lenox** (noon)
 Oct. 21 **East Polk County** (7 AM)
 Oct. 24 RYE Inbound Fall Fun Day at Indianola
 Oct. 24 RLI Training at Des Moines
 Oct. 26 **Iowa City Downtown** (noon)
 Oct. 27 **Iowa City AM** (7 AM)
 Oct. 27 **Marengo** (noon)
 Oct. 28 **Adel** (noon)
 Nov. 1 DGND Nominating Committee Interviews at Pella (noon)
 Nov. 3 **Osceola** (noon)
 Nov. 7 District Foundation Banquet at Des Moines Zoo (6 PM)
 Nov. 8 ... Past District Governors' Gathering at Des Moines (noon)
 Dec. 8 Budget & Finance and Exec Committee Meetings, 2 PM at Pella
 Jan. 17-23 International Assembly at San Diego
 Jan. 16-17 RYE Winter Retreat at Newton
 Feb. 9 Budget & Finance and Exec Committee Meetings, 2 PM at Pella
 Feb. 4-14 Iowa M.O.S.T. trip to Guatemala
 Feb. 20 Grant Management Seminar at West Liberty
 March 5 Grant Management Seminar at West Des Moines
 March 10 AG Training at Rochester, MN
 March 11-12 President-Elect Training Seminar at Rochester, MN
 March 12-20 Xicotepec Project Team to Xicotepec, Mexico
 March 31-April 2 District Conference at Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines
 April 10-15 Council On Legislation at Chicago
 April 15 Grant Management Seminar at DMACC, Newton
 April 16 District Training Assembly at DMACC, Newton
 May 10 Budget & Finance and Exec Committee Meetings, 2 PM at Pella
 May 29-June 1 Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea

Financial support for Iowa 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 \$8,596 to M.O.S.T. in 2014-15. That is a decrease from \$8,596 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
 Bloomfield
 Boone
 Burlington
 Chariton
 Coralville-N. Corridor
 Davenport
 Decatur County
 Des Moines

East Polk
 Fort Madison
 Grinnell
 Iowa City
 Iowa City AM
 Iowa City Downtown
 Iowa Quad Cities
 Jefferson
 Johnston

Kalona
 Keokuk
 Keosauqua
 Manning
 Marengo
 Marshalltown
 Mount Pleasant Noon
 Muscatine
 Nevada

North Scott
 NW Des Moines
 Pella
 Tipton
 Washington
 Waukee
 Wellman
 West Liberty
 Winterset



The Four-Way Test

(of the things we Think, Say or Do)

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



The Atlantic Rotary Club celebrated the 95th Anniversary of the club with the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors in April. The Ambassadors make a weekly visit to business and organizations to celebrate anniversaries, new managers, businesses moving to a new location, new members of the Chamber, and more. The Ambassadors watched a brief presentation about the start of the Atlantic Rotary Club and the history of the club.

Chamber honors Atlantic Rotary for 95 years

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Club of Atlantic held its annual Ag Appreciation event in March. John Becker, Atlantic farmer and owner of Seed Pro North, spoke to members of the Rotary club and guests, all with agricultural connections.

John spoke about the past, present and future of the agriculture industry. John grew up near Cumberland on a farm, where his parents raised crops, finished feeder pigs and operated a cow-calf operation. He was active showing hogs and cattle while in 4-H and FFA. He obtained a business management degree at Drake University. After his graduation he worked for Pioneer and Syngenta before coming back to Cass County to own and operate his seed business and continue to work in the agriculture industry.

The Rotarians and guest enjoyed a very informative presentation.

Scholarship: On April 28, the club held its annual Atlantic High School Senior Recognition luncheon. The Rotary members were introduced to the seniors who have participated in band, vocal, music, drama, the art program and the top 10 percent in academics of the Class of 2015. Projects from the art students were shown to the Rotarians along with a vocal presentation, poetry reading, and a trumpet solo. Students receiving the Rotary club scholarships were introduced. Gary DeGeest, member of the Scholarship Committee, made the presentations.

Shown (at left) are Stephanie Freund, Gary DeGeest, Justin Somers, and Courtney Jensen. Justin is the recipient of the \$2,000 Rex Moorman Memorial Academic Scholarship. Stephanie received the \$2,000 Rotary Club Scholarship and Courtney received the \$1,000 scholarship for a community college which is renewable for another \$1,000 her second year of school.

Outstanding Teacher: On May 21, the club presented its second Outstanding Teacher Award. The Atlantic teachers gathered at the Atlantic High School for a lunch provided by the Atlantic Rotary

Club before the award presentation.

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 again for the event.

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 representatives 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.

This year’s award winner was fifth-grade teacher DeLana Harris. Mrs. Harris has been teaching for 10 years and has been in Atlantic for six years. She said the best part of teaching is “the kids.”

“The kids are what make me excited to walk into my classroom every single day and just knowing that it’s going to be a different day,” Harris said. “When you’re a teacher, every day’s different, and knowing that you’ve made a difference in somebody’s life.”

DeLana said she was “shocked” after the announcement was made that she received the award. Mrs. Harris will present a program at the August Rotary meeting when new teachers in the Atlantic Community School District are recognized.

DeLana Harris is in the center in the photo at right, with (l-r): Jennifer Plumb, Kate Olson, Brian Harris and Ted Robinson)



Nevada volunteers 'Light Up Rotary!'

By Emmi Miller/Nevada

On April 29, the Rotary Club of Nevada and Junior Rotarians spent the afternoon volunteering in our community. We called this "Light Up Rotary Day." We wanted our community to know two things:

1. Rotary is not just a service club that provides funds internationally to help those in need. We also take care of our local communities, through giving and volunteering.
2. We are "this close" to ending polio.

We contacted several businesses in our community and asked if they could use some volunteers for an afternoon. We didn't care what our jobs would be; we just wanted to help.

These are some of the people we helped:

Cemetery: Mulching, weeding, picking up leaves and garbage;

Fire Department: Painted 38 fire hydrants;

Windsor Manor Retirement: Stained the gazebo;

City Hall: Spread mulch and prepared flower beds;

Regency Retirement: Spread mulch and prepared flower beds;

Central Elementary Library: Cleaned and dusted bookshelves;

High School Music Room: Sorted and organized piles and piles of music;

High School HomeEc: Organized supplies in room;

Harmony Closet: Sorted and organized free clothing give-away.

We were definitely noticed in the community with our bright red shirts! What an amazing day of giving! We plan to make this an annual event.



Nevada Rotarians and Junior Rotarians put RI President Gary Huang's theme, "Light Up Rotary!" into practice by volunteering at numerous places on April 29. Their "End Polio Now" shirts created awareness of Rotary's No. 1 goal.



Nevada Junior Rotarians raised \$2,380 to give to the Nevada Backpack Buddies. This group helps feed the free- and reduced-price lunch kids over the weekends. These kids can pick up a backpack of food and take it home for their families.



At the library ...



At the school ...



At City Hall ...



West Liberty Interactors raised \$2,000 for a student who has cancer.

Raising funds for cancer ...

By Wayne Steen/West Liberty

Club President

On March 20, the West Liberty Interact Club hosted its inaugural event and it was a great success! They hosted a dance marathon (6 p.m. to Midnight) for a benefit for a West Liberty High School student who has cancer. The dance marathon was held at the West Liberty Community Center and the place was packed with high school students.

Donations are still coming in, but the West Liberty Interact Club should be close to raising \$2,000. I would say that is a smashing success for a first-time effort.

Special thanks to Interact President Emma Baker and Vice President Matt Kelly for all of their hard work. All of the Interact Youth did a super job! Interact High School Advisor Kirsten Jensen did a great job organizing the event. Also thanks to Rotarians Steve and Anna Hanson and Jason Thrasher for their help. I do feel a bit old – I had not heard of half of the songs that the DJ played last night.

Congratulations to the West Liberty Interact Club for a great start!



... and leukemia research

The Interact Club at North Scott Junior High under the mentorship of the Rotary Club of North Scott and Rotarian Paul Seelau took as its project to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. They chose this project because they knew the spouse of a school staff member suffered from the disease. The drive lasted three weeks and the club raised \$1,887. The winning classroom enjoyed lunch at the Olive Garden and the club celebrated with a pizza party, sponsored by an anonymous donor. Students were (l-r): Quentin Allison, Layne Hamann, Parker Seibert, Owen Fahrenkrog, Trent Alard, Justin Moeller, Nate Link, Ben Belken, Luke Jennings, Logan Akers, Zach Campbell, Sam Kilburg and Carter Wenck.

Provided by Paul Seelau



Wellman Rotary celebrates 75 years

District Governor John Ockenfels (above) presented a certificate from Rotary International to Angie Boyse, president of the Rotary Club of Wellman on the club's 75th anniversary. It was a delightful and entertaining evening in April, enjoyed by all.

Wellman attorney Albion Young (below), who has been a Rotarian since March 3, 1953, and has 56 years of perfect attendance, won the quilt raffle at the anniversary celebration.

President-elect Sherry Crow (at left, in photo at right) with our current president Angie Boyse on the right, and the deeeeliicious dessert cake.

Provided by Bill Kinneer III





Rotarians from eight clubs packaged meals in 2014, and nine clubs will participate on July 15, 2015.

Clubs collaborate to package 100,000 meals

By Rick McNary/Des Moines

For the second time in the 104-year-old history of the Rotary Club of Des Moines, nine area Rotary clubs will gather to package 100,000 Outreach, Inc., Mac & Cheese Meals to be delivered to food banks and pantries in central Iowa. On July 15, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., hundreds of local Rotarians will join together at the Outreach, Inc., warehouse at 7401 S. Highway 69, Des Moines.

The Rotary clubs participating this year are Greater Des Moines, Waukee, Northwest Des Moines, East Polk County, West Des Moines, Des Moines AM, Des Moines, Winterset and Ankeny.

Last year's meal packaging with the Iowa-based nonprofit, Outreach, Inc., was the first time eight of the Des Moines area Rotary clubs had collaborated on a project. Over 260 volunteers gathered at Outreach's Des Moines warehouse/office to package 72,576 Outreach, Inc., Mac & Cheese Meals which were delivered to various organizations serving the hungry in Central Iowa. Of the 336 boxes packaged, 169 went to the Central Iowa Food Bank. 110 went to DMARC (Des Moines Area Religious Council) and 19 boxes went to each of the Rotary clubs in Waukee, Indianola and Altoona. \$18,000 was raised to help pay for the meals which are 25 cents a meal.



Packaging meals was fun for all ages!

Rotary Club of Des Moines president for 2013-14, Dick Reasons, said, "It's really a great day! It's exciting to see so many Rotarians come together in the spirit of doing something for our local community!"

Kyle McCormick, one of the event organizers said, "When we were looking for a service project for our club, it was brought to our attention that we have one of the greatest resources in Iowa to team up with, Floyd and Kathy Hammer. I don't think people realize the gem that we have here that we're providing the rest of the world."

Rotary Club of Des Moines executive director Kitte Noble said, "It's very gratifying and rewarding to see all the packages of food and

boxes that are going out and knowing that we helped a lot of central Iowans who are hungry."

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture (and member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines) Bill Northey said, "It was fun to see the Rotary clubs almost compete with each other a little bit to see who could get the most number of boxes out; a lot of smiles; a lot of happy folks! It's fun to be able to do something that matters."

Outreach, Inc. co-founder Floyd Hammer says, "One of the unique things about our packaging event is that you hardly ever see anyone go out the door not smiling! We have helped Rotary clubs all across the U.S. engage their members and their communities together in powerful ways to feed the hungry, grow their membership, and attract younger members."

Another event organizer Walt Githens said, "This project meets the Rotary test in spades: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendship? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

Rotary District 6000 Governor for 2013-14, Jacque Andrew said, "It's such a great experience for Rotarians to be together, to have fellowship, and to practice our motto which is service above self."

Outreach, Inc. was founded in 2004 by Des Moines Rotary Club member, Floyd Hammer and his wife, Kathy Hamilton, to provide safe water, food, medicine, and education to those in need at home and abroad. Since then, Outreach has facilitated the packaging of over 263 million meals. Floyd and Kathy were invited by Presidents Obama and H.W. Bush to the White House to receive the 5,000 Points of Light award.

An Outreach Meal Packaging Event is a great way to engage your community, business, school, civic club, religious organization, and various groups in a fun and powerful way to help feed the hungry either at home or abroad. To schedule an event for your group, please contact us today!



PDG Jacque Andrew lended a hand in 2014.



Earth Day at Newton

The Rotary Club of Newton is committed to a semi-annual cleanup project on U.S. Highway 6, just east of Newton. On Earth Day (April 22), volunteers from our club participated in the spring portion of our highway cleanup – a very appropriate project for the annual Earth Day celebration! Pictured (l-r): Past President Patrick Hatting, Jim Treton (outbound Exchange Student), President Craig Armstrong, Corrine Coyle, Jack Maples, Tom Mott, Lonnie Portner, Jerry Sawin, Bob Main, Mikey Carter, and President-Elect Andrew Davis.

Provided by Club President Craig Armstrong



Ankeny goes Hollywood

The Rotary Club of Ankeny held its fifth annual 2015 fundraiser with a fun “Hollywood Night” theme. It included dinner and a silent auction as well as live auction, and was well attended by more than 250. The funds raised help the club give back to the community in many ways throughout the year with over \$100,000 raised in the five years the event has been held. Some events the club participates in and what some of the funds raised will go towards include the Ankeny Service Center, Project Fresh Start, and a new Ankeny Market Pavillion coming along the local bike trail. A raffle was also held that evening with proceeds going to PolioPlus program that works to eradicate polio.

Provided by Jody Savage



Cleanup time at Coralville

On Saturday, May 9, the Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor joined forces with Clear Creek Amana High School's Interact Club and Win with Wellness for the semi-annual Adopt-A-Highway Roadside Cleanup in Tiffin. Each spring and fall, Rotarians and Interactors don their safety vests and fan out along U.S. Highway 6 filling their familiar orange trash bags, and leaving behind a tidy streetscape. Volunteers were (l-r): Geoff Wilming (club president-elect), Keith Jones, Jenna Watts, John Calacci, Allison Greathouse, Judy Joyce, Cory Sider, Clear Creek Amana Win with Wellness sponsor Cam Stockman, and Shane Hendricks.

Provided by Shane Hendricks



Waukee Rotarians rebuild

On Saturday, May 2, the Rotary Club of Waukee participated in Rebuilding Together. The club helped with house and yard work for a couple's home in Des Moines. Pictured (l-r): John Irving, Dick Rasmussen, John Quinn, Matt Corwin, Sue Rasmussen, helper Garrett Putze, homeowners Bernice and Gary Dalbey, Rotarians Aaron Putze, Roger Schlaefer, Lee Holmes, Craig Bullis, Roberta Holmes, Craig Thompson, Jim Strauss, Ben Chiochon and helper Jackson Chiochon.

Provided by Mark Heffernan

Rotary's Core Values

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



Rotary Club of Davenport scholarship recipients (l-r): Guadalupe Chavez (\$10,000, Davenport West); Letha Wallace (\$10,000, Davenport Central); Bennett Robertson (\$10,000, Davenport North); Joyclyn Behrens (\$2,500, Mid City High); Riley Behan (\$10,000, Davenport Assumption); Carina Grady (\$16,000, Davenport West).

Davenport awards \$58,500 scholarships

By Gary Loss/Davenport
Past President

On Monday, April 27, the Rotary Club of Davenport awarded \$58,500 in college scholarships: one \$16,000 scholarship, four \$10,000 scholarships and one \$2,500 scholarship to six Davenport high school students. Students from Davenport Assumption, Central, North and West were eligible to apply. And for the first time, the club awarded a scholarship to a graduating senior from Mid City High School.

The overall winner and recipient of a \$16,000 scholarship was Carina Grady of Davenport West. She will be attending Iowa State University and majoring in engineering. She is the daughter of Michael and Lina Grady. The recipients of the \$10,000 scholarships were Davenport West senior Guadalupe Chavez (daughter of Jose and Delia Chavez), Davenport North senior Bennett Robertson (son of Guy and Lisa Robertson), Davenport Central senior Letha Wallace (daughter of Dan and Sharon Wallace) and Davenport Assumption senior Riley Behan (daughter of Joe and Linda Behan). The recipient of the \$2,500 Mid City High School scholarship was Joyclyn Behrens (daughter of Anna Harris).

"We received a talented pool of 54 applicants for this year's scholarship committee to review. The students selected represent the next generation of leaders and professionals. As a club it is extremely rewarding and truly an honor to support these students as they pursue their education and embark on various academic and career endeavors," said Gary Loss, Rotary Club of Davenport past president and Scholarship Committee chair.

The Rotary Club of Davenport scholarship program is one of the largest in the Quad Cities, providing over \$56,000 annually. Since its inception as the Rotary Memorial College Loan and Scholarship Fund in 1922, the Fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$1 million to seniors graduating from Davenport high schools.

Wear your Rotary pin with pride!



Des Moines scholarships (l-r): Bob Reid, Scholarship Committee vice chair; Hannah Marks, Faith Gaye, Bailey Swackhamer, Esperanza Vargas Macias, Kateylynn Cox, Andre Flatt, president-elect Janet Phipps Burkhead.

Scholarships total \$48,000

By Kite Noble/Des Moines
Club Executive Director

The Local Scholarship Committee recognized the scholarship recipients from the six high schools in the Des Moines area. Each recipient will receive a \$1,000 per semester scholarship for up to four years of post high school education (\$8,000 total scholarship).

Each student applicant had to complete an application and an essay and then an interview as part of the selection process. The scholarship recipients were:

Scavo: Bailey Swackhamer. She will attend DMACC with an emphasis in liberal arts. Bailey will then continue her education at Iowa State for a degree in interior design. She will graduate a year ahead of schedule.

Roosevelt: Hannah Marks. She is a bass player, and her goal is to become a professional musician. Hannah will be attending Indiana University this fall with a major in jazz studies.

North: Esperanza Vargas Macias. Esperanza came to the United States at age 5. She will be attending Iowa State with a double major in English and communications.

Lincoln: Andre Flatt. He will speak at Lincoln's graduation this spring. This fall, Andre will be majoring in actuarial sciences while attending Simpson. He wants to first work as an actuary and then coach football and eventually pro football.

Hoover: Faith Gaye. Faith's family immigrated to the United States from Liberia. She wishes to be a doctor specializing in kinesiology. She will be attending the University of Iowa. Faith's goal is to set up a medical clinic in Liberia.

East: Katelynn Cox. She has been interested in art therapy since an early age. Katelynn will be attending the University of Iowa with a double major in psychology and art therapy.

The scholarships are funded through The Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation.



Scholarships in Clinton

High School Students from Clinton, Fulton and Goose Lake were each presented with a \$1,000 scholarship at the May 18 meeting of the Rotary Club of Clinton. Scholarship recipients are (l-r): Madeline Parker, Genevieve Ehlers, Emily Bray, Connor Evers and Shawn Hintz. Provided by Ida Lorenz

Urbandale High School Interact club chartered

By Brenda Auxier-Mailey/Northwest Des Moines

Students at Urbandale High School recently formed an Interact club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people between the ages of 14 and 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary Clubs – who provide support and guidance – however, the Interact clubs are self-governing and self-supporting.

On May 13, the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines welcomed the UHS Interactors into the Rotary family at their Inauguration Ceremony. Joanne Hale, high school Interact advisor, read the Interactors' names while Dan Boes, president of the Rotary of Northwest Des Moines, and Brenda Auxier-Mailey, Director of Youth Services of the Rotary of Northwest Des Moines, presented Interact members with Interact pins and Four-Way Test medallions.

According to Interact's charter, clubs must complete at least two community service projects each year, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of: Developing leadership skills and personal integrity; demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others; understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work; and advancing international understanding and goodwill.



Charter night for the Interact Club of Urbandale High School.

The UHS Interact Club has a good start on developing a network of friendships with an overseas club; advancing international understanding and goodwill; and developing leadership skills. UHS Interact club member and international exchange student Mattia Stentella from L'Aquila, Italy, hopes to connect the UHS Interact Club with the club in his high school to partner on an international project. President Noah Torstenson and treasurer Eli McNees will be attending Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) this summer to further develop their leadership skills.

Officers and Members of the UHS Interact include: President Noah Torstenson; vice president Austin Smith; secretary Joel Andrews; treasurer Eli McNees; directors Alex Snyder, Damon Allan, John Clapham, Lewis Cox, Amy Eldridge, Josh Flory, Dalton Headlee, Brandon Helm, Sean Howard, Elise Kerr, Emma Kuehl, Raelynn Meade, Blaine Price, Tad Schweizer, Mattia Stentella, McKenna Sutton, Marin Vidovic and Micheal Westphal. UHS teacher Joanne Hale is the advisor to the club.

The new club has already learned the value of long-term relationships and the benefits of working with Rotarians. President Noah is the son of past Northwest president Cam Torstenson (currently a member of Des Moines AM). John Clapham's sister earned a Northwest scholarship a few years ago, and his aunt worked many years for Rotary International in Evanston. The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines is a proud sponsor of the club, and is looking forward to guiding and monitoring their "Service Above Self" projects.

Rotarians support alternative learning academy

By Brenda Auxier-Mailey/Northwest Des Moines

Metro West Learning Academy – an alternative program shared by six school districts: Adel, Dallas Center-Grimes, Johnston, Saydel, Urbandale and Waukee – received a check from the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines for \$2,000 to continue its work with CultureALL™ learning about world cultures and strengthening understanding and appreciation of one another in their daily lives.

During the 2014-15 school year Metro West Learning Academy students explored a variety of world cultures by focusing on festival traditions including Mexican Fiesta, Japanese New Year, Bosnian Coffee Hospitality, Jewish Music, African Wedding Traditions and Christmas in Norway. Students also had the opportunity to consider their own, unique family traditions and share those traditions with their peers. Next year, in the 2015-16 school year, thanks to the funds provided by the Rotary of Northwest Des Moines, students will strengthen their understanding and appreciation of cultures by focusing on traditional games from around the World.

Cultural programming emphasizes for students the Iowa Core Standards of:

- Understand how personality and socialization impact the individual; and



Metro West Learning Academy received a check for \$2,000 from the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines (l-r): Brenda Auxier-Mailey, Rotarian; Dan Boes, club president; Rebecca Burg, student; and Cari Krogman, director of Metro West Learning Academy.

- Communicating and working productively with others, considering different perspectives and cultural views to increase the quality of work.



After cleaning downtown Bettendorf, new members (l-r) Ryan Bell, Jennifer Garlach, Ann Rutherford, Mike Hurd, Glenn Dugan, Ami Wells, Sue Mannix, a friend of the club and Todd Zachary show off their bags of refuse.

Bettendorf cleans up!

By Fred Anderson/Bettendorf

It had been more than a decade since the Rotary Club of Bettendorf had cleaned up – in the literal sense. The club had not done a hands-on community cleanup or landscaping project in all that time. During May 2015 the club reversed that situation in spades – and rakes and trowels and other landscaping tools.

Early in April president Sharon Sarver asked members to search among community non-profit groups that could benefit from having a substantial number of members complete such projects on a “one-and-done” basis. Members found and nominated several projects in Bettendorf and neighboring Davenport, and in late April they voted to plant flowers and ornamental grasses at the Handicapped Development Center’s (HDC) residential facility in Davenport.

At the same time, one member who serves on the board of the Ecumenical Housing Development Group – which oversees more

than 130 low-income housing units in the Iowa Quad Cities – recruited four additional members to landscape the grounds of Terrace Bluff, an 8-unit apartment building in Davenport’s inner city.

So, 31 Bettendorf Rotary members completed two landscaping projects in one day – May 6, beginning at noon,



Landscaping at Terrace Bluff are (l-r): S.K. Nanda, Harry Coin, Fred Anderson, Bill Daley and Dick Schillig.

the club’s normal meeting time. By mid-afternoon they had planted hundreds of flowers and decorative grasses and laid down what one member was certain amounted to “15 tons” of landscaping gravel and hardwood mulch.

As if to put an exclamation point at the end of the week, three days later 10 members of Bettendorf Rotary’s new-members class joined about a hundred other citizens to clean up Bettendorf’s downtown business district. That 2-block-wide area has been hit hard recently as many buildings have been demolished to make way for the new Interstate 74 Bridge to be built across the Mississippi River in the next few years.



Marshalltown and South Sudan

Marshalltown native Conrad Mansager (left) visited the Rotary Club of Marshalltown recently and described his group Child Voice’s efforts in Uganda and South Sudan. Mansager introduced Wani Mandela of South Sudan who is expected to be a critical resource to help advance the well project in that country supported by Marshalltown Rotary. Mandela presented to the club on the state of affairs in South Sudan. Mandela, a former child soldier during the regional conflict, is now focused on making a significant difference in the lives of his countrymen. The Marshalltown club is supporting a well project in South Sudan and plans to leverage the resources of Mandela. Provided by Curt Hoff

Presidents practice fitness

Rotary Club of Waukee incoming president Craig Thompson and past president Erna Morain participated and finished on Saturday, May 23, in the YMCA Pieathlon. The Pieathlon is a sprint triathlon that features a 400-meter indoor swim, 12-mile bike ride (on the Raccoon River Valley Trail) and a 3-mile run. The event spotlights the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and a community of meaningful relationships.

Provided by Erna Morain





'Service Above Self' at Manning

'Service Above Self' is the motto of Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Manning. Even though he is not an "official" Rotarian, Travis Doyel is an excellent example of this motto. Travis enthusiastically participates in the Rotary Highway Clean-Up project and is unselfishly willing to assist with many community service projects. He has worked with youth and has coached a variety of Little League teams over the years as well. Travis was recently presented a plaque stating he is now an "honorary member" of the Rotary Club of Manning. He also received Manning Chamber Bucks. In the photo at right, Travis is picking up trash. He is honored in the top photo by Rotary Club of Manning President-Elect Kevin Boyle and Rotarian Brad Vollstedt. Provided by Jean Behrens



The inaugural Kids Run for Kids raised \$11,519 for Polio-Plus and local projects of the Rotary Club of Ames.

Kids Run for Kids a success for Ames Morning Rotary

By Mary Mosiman/Ames

The Rotary Club of Ames Morning launched its first annual Kids Run for Kids event on May 2 at Brookside Park in Ames. This was a fun-filled family event with the purpose of raising funds to benefit kids locally and globally.

The event began at 8:00 in the morning and offered multiple games and activities. Highlights included a miniature golf course thanks to Rotary president Al Hermanson. He had been storing this delightful treasure since it had been designed and built as a 4-H project several years ago. Making May baskets was also a huge hit.

The event was purposely titled "Run" versus "Race" to help promote physical fitness and was offered for kids age 12 days old through 12 years old. Four different distances were available: 1K, 2K, 3K and 4K.

We had 114 total runners! Sixty-six were kids and 48 were adults. The average age was 6. Parents, guardians and even grandparents accompanied their kids on the run for the most part.

Thirty-two active club members helped in some way, before, during and/or after the event and we had over 100 volunteers from throughout the community.

We raised \$11,519. After expenses, we were able to contribute \$4,405 to the Ames Police Benefit Association to support their interactions with the Boys and Girls Club of Story County, and \$4,405 to The Rotary Foundation to support its world-wide polio eradication effort.

Chairman of the event was Rotarian Bob Anderson who had the original idea and created the plan. We are looking forward to our 2016 Kids Run for Kids event scheduled for April 30, 2016.

Ottumwa Rotary's goal: Protect rhino horns

By Dustin Stewart/Ottumwa

What is worth more than its weight in gold? The rhino horn.

The Rotary Club of Ottumwa is starting to accumulate money for the South African Rhino Dog Project. The goal is \$4,000 from the Iowa District 6000 Rotary clubs.

After a Skype presentation from Robert Peacock who is the Environmental Chair of the Sandton Rotary Club in South Africa, the Rotary Club of Ottumwa decided to pledge \$400 to the South African Rhino Dog Project. Robert's hope is to get 10 clubs to donate \$400 to equip and train dogs to be obedient, track, attack and to be de-sensitized to other wildlife.

These dogs accompany Game Reserve Rangers into the bush to hunt the hunters who kill the rhino for the rhino's horn. For a PowerPoint Presentation and further information about the project contact johnhelgerson@gmail.com.

Three generations in District 6000

On April 6, Des Moines AM Rotarian Joe Stopulos sent this email to Carolyn Scharff at the District 6000 office:

"I was having lunch with my grandfather today and thought I would reach out to you in regards to our conversation. He mentioned that my family currently has three generations of Rotarians in district 6000:

"Jim Stopulos (grandfather), Rotary Club of Davenport (for over 50 years!); Pat Stopulos (uncle), Rotary Club of Bettendorf; and Joe Stopulos, Rotary Club of Des Moines AM. I am not sure if this is newsletter worthy or not, but if it is, I thought I would make you aware of it in case you ever wanted to include that."

Rotary Foundation Annual giving

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(Members: Jul 13/Jul 14)	(1) 14-15 Goal	(2) Thru 3-21-15	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (26/27)	\$ 3,000	1,762	59	\$ 60.78
Albia (24/30)	1,200	800	67	26.67
Ames Morning (54/56)	7,680	12,147	158	216.91
Ames (235/232)	38,500	26,280	68	113.28
Ankeny (66/61)	10,500	10,380	99	170.16
Atlantic (55/56)	5,050	3,212	64	57.36
Bettendorf (101/107)	15,750	14,168	90	132.41
Bloomfield (11/11)	1,200	125	10	11.36
Boone (47/45)	7,000	3,190	46	70.89
Burlington (77/75)	5,250	4,800	91	64.00
Carroll (50/45)	13,700	2,375	17	52.78
Centerville (48/50)	3,600	4,785	133	95.70
Chariton (49/50)	5,200	5,825	112	116.50
Clinton (112/103)	12,575	8,998	72	87.36
Coon Rapids (31/27)	1,496	1,400	94	51.85
Coralville-North Corridor (19/17)	2,000	1,900	95	111.76
Corning (43/36)	1,700	1,407	83	39.08
Corydon (21/21)	300	200	67	9.52
Creston (19/23)	200	100	50	4.35
Dallas Center (26/27)	2,700	10	0	.37
Davenport (123/120)	13,030	15,544	119	129.53
Decatur County (25/26)	5,000	5,600	112	215.38
Des Moines AM (153/160)	11,520	6,000	52	37.50
Des Moines (278/278)	21,500	24,306	113	87.43
East Polk County (37/38)	2,812	2,375	84	62.50
Fairfield (63/58)	7,150	3,710	52	63.97
Fort Madison (42/45)	3,040	3,048	100	67.73
Greater Des Moines (19/16)	4,700	0	0	0
Grinnell (36/37)	4,000	3,100	78	83.78
Indianola (55/57)	4,700	2,234	48	39.19
Iowa City AM (57/62)	13,800	9,884	72	159.42
Iowa City Downtown (19/19)	1,700	1,785	105	93.95
Iowa City (304/302)	63,000	36,870	59	122.09
Iowa Quad-Cities (44/40)	3,406	2,865	84	71.63
Jefferson (55/56)	8,500	6,276	74	112.07
Johnston (51/56)	4,100	50	1	.89
Kalona (39/42)	2,600	2,600	100	61.90
Keokuk (77/68)	4,762	4,338	91	63.79
Keosauqua (21/23)	1,210	1,208	100	52.52
Knoxville (59/61)	5,000	5,625	113	92.21
Lenox (27/27)	2,522	2,232	88	82.65
Manning (19/19)	1,400	0	0	0
Marengo (12/11)	110	140	127	12.73
Marshalltown (157/157)	10,000	3,685	37	23.47
Mount Pleasant Noon (58/55)	2,200	2,953	134	53.69
Mount Pleasant (25/22)	2,200	400	18	18.18
Muscatine (112/99)	7,000	10,275	147	103.79
Nevada (69/73)	9,400	8,650	92	118.49
Newton (65/57)	6,500	4,100	63	71.93
North Scott (81/81)	11,004	10,373	94	128.06
Northwest Des Moines (41/43)	7,500	7,905	105	183.84
Osceola (31/30)	2,095	0	0	0
Oskaloosa (53/49)	3,200	1,875	59	38.27
Ottumwa (104/105)	10,000	11,850	119	112.86
Pella (27/28)	3,800	1,600	42	57.14
Perry (29/26)	810	0	0	0
Tipton (30/31)	2,000	2,420	121	78.06
Washington (48/52)	5,200	5,200	100	100.00
Waukee (52/63)	5,900	7,285	123	115.63
Wellman (37/38)	2,500	3,715	149	97.76
West Des Moines (76/76)	14,500	2,825	19	37.17
West Liberty (39/36)	9,600	10,765	112	299.03
West Polk County (23/30)	1,020	2,820	276	94.00
Winterset (30/27)	1,500	1,550	103	57.41
Total (3,900)	\$ 446,092	\$ 346,523	77.68	\$ 88.85

(*) Interim report

Foundation news

Act NOW to meet or exceed goals!

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Zone 28 Assistant Regional Rotary
Foundation Coordinator

With less than two weeks to go, District 6000 clubs are \$100,000 short of our goal for Annual Giving! Four clubs have yet to send in anything; 23 have made their goals, and 19 have achieved giving of \$100 per member.

Take a look at the table at the left. If your club is short of your goal – or short of your potential – you need to take action now to change lives and ensure funding for our district's Rotary Foundation programs in Rotary year 2017-18!

The deadlines to have your gifts credited in 2014-15 (below), are from Amanda Runge, our Zone 28 Annual Giving Officer. Give to The Rotary Foundation and Light Up Rotary!

2014-15 Rotary year-end deadlines:

Credit Cards: Online via www.rotary.org – must be authorized on or prior to Tuesday, June 30, midnight (Central Standard Time).

Note: Sending credit card information by mail is less secure and slower than contributing on-line. For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions electronically, rather fax them to (847) 328-5260.

Fax: (+1-847-328-5260) – must be received by Tuesday, June 30.

Phone: (+1-866-976-8279) – must be received prior to the close of business on Tuesday, June 30.

Checks*: Must be postmarked Tuesday, June 30 or prior and received at the Foundation by Wednesday, July 8. Send them to:

The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Dr.
Chicago, IL 60693

** Please do NOT send in checks for the 2015-16 Rotary year until Wednesday, July 1.*

Wire transfers: Must be initiated prior to Tuesday, June 30, and received by Thursday, July 2.

Securities: Must be received prior to Tuesday, June 30.

Learn how you can donate stocks, mutual funds, or other securities.

Special gifts: To obtain instructions for Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Unitrusts email plannedgiving@rotary.org or call +1-847-866-3100.



District grant project aids less fortunate in Davenport

Volunteers with the Rotary Club of North Scott put Rotary's motto "Service Above Self" into action at the 180 Zone in central Davenport on May 2. The 180 Zone is a residential facility for less fortunate families and individuals who are seeking to make a "180-degree" change in their lives. Utilizing a \$3,300 community grant of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, and matching that amount with club funds and volunteer hours, they designed and built this fire pit for the home at 910 Marquette Street, and renovated the landscape, including trash removal, cleaning, mulching and planting, with direction provided by Rotarian Tom Wilkerson, a professional landscape architect. Rotarians who lent a hand and interacted with the residents (some of whom are pictured) included (l-r): Dennis Peterson, Bill Tubbs, Scott Case, Tom Wilkerson, Charlie Jones, Deb Peterson, Greg Schaapveld, club president Steve Fahrenkrog and Steve's sons, Owen and Grant Fahrenkrog. Fahrenkrog and his sons (above, right) make sure people know it's a Rotary project.

Provided by Bill Tubbs

You can help grow The Rotary Foundation!

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

D6000 Endowment Fund Chair

As you look and start to plan for your future, and your estate plans, have you even thought of a gift to Rotary through The Rotary Foundation? When you plan a gift to Rotary through your long-term estate plans, you will continue a hundred-year tradition of uniting leaders from all continents, cultures and industries for the common good of making life easier and better for someone in need.

I just learned that The Rotary Foundation has a "Filing Cabinet" with essential information on how you can include The Rotary Foundation in partnership with your estate plans. The following listing will give you ideas you can make in partnership with The Rotary Foundation while you are enjoying life:

- **Charitable Gift Annuity:** Supplemental income with fixed annual payments.
 - **Charitable Lead Trust:** Reduces gift and estate taxes on assets you plan on passing to your heirs.
 - **Charitable Remainder Unitrust:** Creates a hedge against inflation for you over the long term.
 - **Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust:** Secures a fixed and often increased income.
 - **Retained Life Estate:** You can give your personal residence or farm, but continue to live there.
 - **Real Estate Gift:** You can avoid capital gains tax on the sale of a home or other real estate.
 - **Outright Gift of Appreciated Property:** This is a quick and easy gift of appreciated property.
 - **Outright Cash Gift:** Make a quick and easy gift of cash.
- Here are two options you can consider for making gifts to The

Rotary Foundation after your lifetime:

- **Retirement Plan Gift:** Helps you avoid the twofold taxation on retirement plan assets.
- **Bequest in Will or Living Trust:** Provides you the way to defer a gift until after your lifetime.

You can view Much more information on each of these options by visiting The Rotary Foundation "Filing Cabinet" at: <http://www.gftpln.org/Article.do?orgId=6612&articleId=26387>.

Personal and professional assistance is available to you by calling The Rotary Foundation at 1 (847) 866-3100 or email us at planned.giving@rotary.org.

Financial support for FAMSCO

Voluntary contributions from clubs support the operations of FAMSCO throughout the year. Thanks to the clubs named below who contributed \$11,723 to FAMSCO in 2014-15. That is an increase from \$9,329 the previous year!

Clubs will be asked to make a voluntary contribution up to \$5 per member or a maximum of \$500 per club to FAMSCO with

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

'Postcard for Peace' from District 6000's Peace Scholar, Cilia María Ruiz-Paz, of Fairfield:



Learning the challenges of fighting environmental crime

Dear District 6000 Rotarians,

This is it! The final stretch of my Rotary Peace Fellowship at International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan. Following my Applied Field Experience at the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development in Colombia, the past few months have been wholly dedicated to developing my Master's thesis regarding environmental law enforcement and compliance in Colombia and the challenges Colombians face in prioritizing wildlife trafficking and environmental crime. I have successfully presented my thesis and defended it and am happy to announce that thanks to the Rotary Peace Fellowship program, I will graduate with an M.A. in Politics and International Studies at the end of June!

Environmental crime is rampant at a global scale with direct and irreversible detrimental effects on human welfare. Yet, this type of crime remains a low priority for many governments. As part of my fellowship and in an effort to increase awareness and prioritization and promote peace, my thesis focused on the thriving illegal trade in wildlife in the Republic of Colombia and investigated the gap between environmental sustainability and current wildlife trafficking legislative enforcement efforts.

I found that lack of coordination in national and international efforts and activities impedes the efficient and effective resolution of key factors, including lack of political will, cultural influences, lack of education and overall awareness regarding environmental crime, and issues concerning resource and capacity building. Through my research, I also identified a need to address this fragmentation through fostering political will at the international level while in-



Peace Scholar Cilia María at the Rotary Club of Kawasaki Marine in Japan.

creasing prioritization, education and capacity through cooperation-centered and multidisciplinary approaches at the national level. All of the fellows will be presenting their experiences and thesis on June 13 for a large audience composed of ICU directors and professors, Rotarians, and the general public.

As one of my culminating activities, I was asked to speak about the fellowship and my professional experiences at a local club, the Rotary Club of Kawasaki Marine. Presentations such as these, often facilitated through translators, have allowed the fellows and Rotarians to interact and share experiences as well as exchange banners and promote the various Rotary programs through discussing past exchanges, involvement in Rotary activities and our professional backgrounds.

You can learn more about the fellows and our research in the Rotary Peace Center newsletters which can be accessed by visiting <https://rotaryicu.wordpress.com/newsletter/>. Also, please visit my blog <http://ciliamaria.blogspot.jp/> to follow my Rotary Peace Fellowship and learn more about life in Japan!

Have a wonderful summer!

Cilia María Ruiz-Paz

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Financial support for Youth Services

Voluntary contributions from clubs raised \$2,587 in 2014-15 for the District 6000 Youth Services Fund for scholarships for projects like Xicotepec. That is a decrease of \$362 from 2013-14. 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!

Bloomfield	Iowa City	Marengo
Boone	Iowa City AM	Nevada
Burlington	Iowa City Downtown	North Scott
Chariton	Iowa Quad Cities	Northwest Des Moines
Dallas Center	Johnston	Pella
Decatur County	Kalona	Washington
Des Moines	Keokuk	Wauke
East Polk	Keosauqua	Wellman
Grinnell	Manning	Winterset



The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM sponsored a farewell party for two Rotary Youth Exchange students at the home of member Deb Galbraith on May 3. Provided by Mark Patton

Urbandale bike ride supports the community ...

By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines

The Urbandale Mayor's Bike Ride, presented by the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, the West Polk Rotary Club, and the Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN), and featuring the Charles Gabus Challenge Route, was held on Saturday, May 16, 2015. Designed as a family friendly ride, mileage options of 7, 12, and 25 miles were offered. In addition, a 40-mile Charles Gabus route was offered in honor and memory of PDG Charles Gabus. PDG Gabus was well-known (notorious?) for challenging Rotarians to do more; whether it be a Paul Harris sustaining membership, a Service Above Self project or a personal physical challenge.

Partnering with UCAN enabled the two Rotary clubs to combine their resources to show their support for the greater community, and provide a highly visible presence with the Urbandale mayor and community leaders in Urbandale and western Polk County. The Urbandale Police Department provided invaluable traffic control to ensure the safety of the riders. This year's ride also provided a time trial segment for those interested in riding fast and being able to prove it.

A bike ride committee composed of Rotarians Jeff Holladay, Mark Watson, Ed Arnold, Joe Kobes, Chuck Corwin and Mary Polson held numerous meetings with UCAN members Mark Courter, Lorrie Nagel, Larry Jablonski, Chairperson Paul Peitzsch and Brian Coppess to plan and organize the event. This year's ride was designed to be a fun, safe, outdoor exercise, celebrating the arrival of spring. Trophies were presented for the team with the most riders and the most creative team uniforms/presentation. Lunch was provided by Hy-Vee for all riders and volunteers. In addition, nearly 30 door prizes valued between \$20 and \$50 were presented by the Chicken Coop, Pizza Ranch, Jethro's BBQ, the Overtime Beerhouse, and Ruby Tuesday restaurants. Raffle tickets were sold offering a chance to win the \$1,000 cash first prize. YMCA, the Urbandale Golf and Country Club, Panorama National Resort, and Lifetime Fitness provided second through fifth prizes.

The end result of the Rotary clubs working with the Urbandale Community Action Network and the Urbandale Community was approximately \$20,000 raised to support the local community. Last year's proceeds supported: Coats for school students, scholarships for graduating seniors, the Urbandale Police Department, books for seven reading corners, the Metro Learning Academy, the Urbandale Food Pantry, Children and Family Urban Ministries (now Movement), and the Des Moines Bike Collective. We expect similar contributions to be made with this year's funds, to support the local community agencies and non-profits.

... including scholarships

By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines

The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Urbandale High School senior, Justin Dodd. Justin earned the scholarship based upon his academic and citizenship record. Justin is pictured with his parents, Ken and Michelle, and Rotarian Ed Arnold at the Urbandale High School Honors program held on May 20. He will be attending the University of Iowa. Justin also earned the Old Gold Scholarship from Iowa, and the Governor's Scholar Award presented by IHSAA and Iowa Farm Bureau. Money raised from the Urbandale Mayor's Bike Ride and the annual Northwest Rotary golf outing is used to fund this scholarship as well as other community and non-profit agencies.



The McAndrews family – Mary Francis, George, Phillip and Mark – was all in for the Urbandale Mayor's Bike Ride.



The winning team, for the most members.



Scholarship recipient Justin Dodd, his parents and Northwest Des Moines Rotarian Ed Arnold.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6000 WOMEN LEADERS

As Assistant Governors and Presidents of Rotary Clubs in 2014-2015, the women honored by this tribute have led by example, inspiring, motivating, challenging, energizing Rotary members in their clubs and in District 6000.

Of the 64 clubs in Rotary District 6000 (the southern half of Iowa), 23 are led by women presidents and of 15 assistant governors, 3 this year are women. The nearly 4,000 Rotarians in the district have received immeasurable benefit from your leadership, encouragement, vision, organization, and determination. Because of you and your efforts in our district and around the world, children have warm coats to wear and are able to attend school, women have greater access to pre-natal care and safe delivery, families have clean water and can look forward to a more peaceful world. And we are "this close" to eradicating POLIO, a disease that killed and handicapped hundreds of thousands of children until Rotary took on the fight.

Thank you for your leadership! You are very special women and we are grateful for your "Service Above Self!"

Jacque Andrew, District 6000 Governor, 2013-2014

Women who are leaders in Rotary were recognized in the Iowa Women's Foundation Ovation tribute publication that was unveiled May 11 at the Celebration Barn in Iowa City.



Sue Rasmussen



Mary Ellen Stanley



Vicki Strazynski-Olsen



Kim Beale



Deb Bengtson



Angie Boyce



Laurie Brandenberg



Kim Byers



Jane Clausen



Dawn Collins



Julie Cooper Todd



Dixie Daughlon



Gloria Garner



Libby Goodman



Sherry Huelsh



Kellie Jenson



Dee Kading



Alka Khanelkar



Natalie Lewis



Bonnie Lowry



Kara McIntee



Tammy Orley



Amy Pollard



Sharon Sarver



Becky Struve



Susan Wellington

WOMEN IN ROTARY: JOIN LEADERS, EXCHANGE IDEAS, TAKE ACTION

IOWA CITY NOON ROTARY, IOWA CITY AM ROTARY, IOWA CITY DOWNTOWN ROTARY, CORALVILLE NORTH CORRIDOR ROTARY, ROTARY DISTRICT 6000



Forty-five women Rotarians gather on March 24, 2015, at the Coralville Public Library. Photo by Teresa Karkosh.



With over 1.2 million volunteers in over 34,000 clubs, Rotary International (www.rotary.org) is the largest non-political and non-religious humanitarian service organization in the world.

Rotary is in its 30th year working to eradicate polio through the Polio Plus vaccination campaign, the largest public-private partnership to tackle a global health challenge. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. Rotary's commitment has leveraged another \$9 billion in donations and reduced polio by 99%. Today, there are three countries remaining in the campaign to immunize.

Rotary was founded in Chicago in 1905 by Paul Harris, a University of Iowa law school graduate. Embracing the motto "Service Above Self," the Iowa City Noon Club is celebrating its 100th anniversary on November 5, 2015. In 2017, Rotary will celebrate 30 years of formal membership by women. Many of the women in the Corridor area are serving in leadership roles at the club level and at the district level. They have also pledged to encourage at least 30 new women to join Rotary by 2017 in celebration of that important milestone and to ensure the ongoing vitality of Rotary projects in our community and across the globe.



Solar powered calculators

Thank you DG John Ockenfels, from not only the Rotary Club of Decatur County, but also the elementary students of the Lamoni and Leon Elementary Public Schools. Your generosity of free hand-held calculators was very much appreciated. The club decided to distribute them during the week of Feb. 23 in recognition of Rotary's 110th birthday and PolioPlus' 30th year of eradicating polio. Pictured are students in a Lamoni 5th-grade classroom. This was one of five classrooms receiving them. It was great to see that they were also using their dictionaries given to them the prior year. Rotarian volunteers were Peggy Geiger, DGE Loring Miller, Marcia Stephens, PDG Terry Geiger, and John Henderson. (Solar powered, hand-held calculators are available for any club to present to students. Contact Bill Burrese of FAMSCO, (563) 391-5110.)

Provided by Peggy Geiger



Carroll Rotarians recognized

Assistant Governor Gerald Clausen, Rotary Club of Carroll (second from right), was recognized at his club in May by PDG Jacque Andrew who is also AG Coordinator. She presented the plaque on behalf of DG John Ockenfels. Clausen's successor is Ruth Freeman, Rotary Club of Jefferson, at right. Also recognized was Wayne Harmening, second from left, a 56-year member of the club with 55 years of perfect attendance and 20 years of service as club secretary. Only recently as he travelled in the winter has he missed Rotary meetings. With him is club president Brett Adams.

Rotary is worth sharing! Have you invited someone to join lately?



District 6000 DG John Ockenfels joined PDG Jill Olsen of Marion (D5970) to promote the Ponseti Method of clubfoot repair at the House of Friendship.

Illinois districts held Conference in Davenport

The District 6000 District Conference was April 16-18 at Coralville, and one week later another District Conference was held in District 6000 when more than 300 Rotarians and guests from Districts 6420 and 6450 in northern Illinois and the Chicago area held their District Conference April 23-25 at the Hotel Blackhawk in Davenport. District Governor John Ockenfels gave an official "District 6000 Welcome" to Rotarians and guests, including RI Director-Elect Jennifer Jones of LaSalle, Ontario, Canada.



Zone 28 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Dick Galitz of Naperville, Ill. (r) and Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Bill Tubbs of North Scott (l) celebrate with (l-r): District 6420 DG Shannon Scheffel of Rockton, Ill.; Marga Hewko, the wife of RI General Secretary John Hewko of Evanston, Ill.; and District 6450 DG Nicki Scott from Naperville., Ill.



District 6000 PDG Jacque Andrew (r) celebrates with two former District 6000 Rotarians who are in leadership tracts with their districts: District 6420 DGE Jim Nelson of Rockford, Ill. (formerly Newton); and John Schwandke and his wife, Darlene, of suburban Chicago (formerly Muscatine).

News Briefs

Member Benefits: Starting July 1, Rotarians will find discounts from businesses in their local area and elsewhere at www.rotary.org. If you have not already opened an account at My Rotary on the RI website, you will need to do so in order to see which businesses in your area have specials. The feature that sets Rotary Global Awards apart from other benefits programs is that any Rotarian can offer a discount at his/her business.

Future RI Conventions: JDG Jacque Andrew will serve as the Zone 28 promotion person for the 2016 RI Convention in Seoul, Korea. Dates of future conventions:

- 2016: Se0ul, Korea (May 28-June 1);
- 2017: Atlanta, Georgia (June 10-14);
- 2018: Toronto, Canada (June 24-27);
- 2019: Hamburg, Germany (June 1-5);
- 2020: Honolulu, Hawaii (June 7-10);
- 2021: Taipei, Taiwan (June 13-16);
- 2022: Houston, Texas (June 5-8).

One Rotary Summits: The Zone 28 leadership team will not sponsor a summer Success Seminar as in the past, opting instead to encourage districts to sponsor "One Rotary Summits" featuring Rotary Foundation, Membership and Public Image – which is what District 6000 has done for years! Those seminars will be Sept. 24 at West Des Moines and Oct. 7 at West Liberty.



PETS connections ...

In her role as chair of NC-PETS for 2017, PDG Jacque Andrew attended Show Me PETS March 27 at Jefferson City, Mo., where she reconnected with the featured speaker, 2013-14 RI Vice President Anne Matthews (photo at right), who was a speaker at the 2014 District 6000 District Conference in Ames. Jim Andrew is at left with John Blasco, PE of the Rotary Club of Juneau, Alaska. John is a banker and coaches basketball on the side. His team was in tournaments at the time of his own PETS so he opted for Show Me Rotary. He and his wife flew to Missouri! His is a 100 Percent PHF club.

Provided

Community Grants: Applications for District 6000 Rotary Foundation Community Service Grants for 2015-16 is July 1. The application form can be downloaded at www.rotary6000.org. Applications should be mailed or emailed to: Doug Fournoy, 217 Glasgow Rd., Fairfield, IA 52556, email: dsfournoy@hotmail.com; and copied to DGE Loring Miller, 306 SW Church St., Box 139, Leon, IA 50144, email: miller2@grm.net.

Speeches: Video of the speeches from the RI Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, can be downloaded at: <http://video.rotary.org/>.

100 Years: The Rotary Club of Clinton will hold its 100th anniversary picnic from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, at Eagle Point Park Lodge, with a ribbon cutting ceremony of their centennial project at 5 p.m. RSVP by June 22 to: epplodgeproject@gmail.com.

President's Rep: PDG Jacque is serving as the official representative of RI President Gary Huang at the District 5550 District Conference in Nipawin, Saskatchewan, Canada, June 18-21, 2015. *Best wishes, Jacque and Jim!*



District 6000 Breakfast at São Paulo ...

These Rotarians and guests attended the District 6000 Breakfast at the RI Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, front (l-r): Phyllis and DGE Loring Miller (Decatur County); Deb and DG John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM); and Vernetta and DGN Chris Knapp (Iowa City AM). Standing: Alka Khanolkar (Keokuk); Debbie Dobbyn (Clinton); PDG Bill Tubbs (North Scott); Jim Dobbyn (Clinton); Hank Priest (Nichols); Thais Winkleblack (Iowa City); Dave Busiek (Des Moines); Jeanne and PDG Corliss Klaassen (Chariton); Brazilian Rotarian Roberta Costa S.F. Oliveira Melo; PDG Terry Geiger and Peggy (Decatur County); Kitte Noble (Des Moines); Isabella Melo of Brazil, who was a 2010-11 Rotary Youth Exchange student to Decatur County; Matt Olson (Waukeg); Brazilian Rotarian Daysy Quintella; Wyndell Campbell (Oskaloosa); Brazilian PDG Fernando Quintella, who served with PDG Bill Tubbs on the RI Public Image Group in 2007-10; and DGE Jim Nelson of Rockford, Ill., formerly of Newton, Iowa.

Provided by Bill Tubbs

In Memoriam

The lives of these Rotarians who died in 2014-15, and which were provided to the district, were remembered at District Conference. May light perpetual shine upon them.

Ames
John Kleinschmidt
Donald Voelker
John "Bill" Waters
Mary Watkins

Ames Morning
James Obrecht

Bettendorf
Chuck Mooney

Burlington
Robert Schwenker

Carroll
Arthur Neu
Ted Krogh

Clinton
Elvin Hirl
Mary Ann Phelan

Corning
Gary Thompson

Dallas Center
Harold Barrett

Davenport
Ken Wilcke
Jack Broderick
John Doyle
Carl Dresselhaus

Des Moines
Bruce Doyle

James Hartzell
Robert Stickler
Dwight Swanson

East Polk
Ed Skinner

Marshalltown
Steven Fritz
James McKinstry

Mount Pleasant
Jim Bishop
Bill Layne
Martha Hayes
Donna Young

Muscatine
Norman B. Smith
Gerald "Kip" Fisher
John Stevens

Nevada
Bob Walters

N'West Des Moines
Randy Gamble

Ottumwa
Harry Carter
Stephen Eldrenkamp
Jim Schwartz
Bill Christensen

Washington
Steve Slaubaugh



New Rotary club chartered ,,,

The chartering of a new Rotary club is always a special occasion. On March 30, RI Director Mary Beth Growney-Selene from Madison, Wis. (c), joined District 6420 leaders DGE Jim Nelson and DG Shannon Scheffel (at left) and North Scott Rotarians Bill Tubbs and Steve Suiter and 60 others for the chartering of the Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours (RAH) club. The new club will meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Bierstube, 417 5th St., Moline. They will have service projects and social events on the alternating weeks. The charter members are mostly young professionals.

Provided by Bill Tubbs

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

CLUB	JANUARY 2015		FEBRUARY 2015		MARCH 2015	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	59.00%	29	54.00%	29	71.00%	13
Albia	46.70%	47	51.00%	39		
Ames	63.41%	21	59.64%	21	62.69%	22
Ames Morning	58.90%	30	57.10%	23	58.60%	30
Ankeny	74.79%	10	75.64%	11	72.34%	11
Atlantic	39.00%	50	37.00%	47	49.00%	48
Bettendorf	60.70%	26	54.80%	26	55.50%	36
Bloomfield	60.00%	27			53.00%	42
Boone	55.00%	38	50.00%	41	55.00%	38
Burlington	73.40%	12	81.00%	8	78.00%	8
Carroll	66.13%	18	54.69%	27	68.67%	16
Centerville	49.00%	46			47.00%	51
Chariton	60.74%	25	53.13%	31	56.60%	32
Clinton	51.35%	44	39.83%	45	53.55%	40
Coon Rapids	56.00%	37	60.00%	20	57.00%	31
Coralville-North Corridor	96.00%	1	88.00%	5	100.00%	1
Corning	74.00%	11	70.00%	15	78.00%	8
Corydon			38.00%	46	38.00%	54
Creston	58.00%	32	54.00%	29	56.00%	34
Dallas Center	66.00%	19	69.00%	16	72.00%	12
Davenport	61.13%	24	49.67%	42	55.59%	35
Decatur County	80.00%	7	80.00%	9	77.00%	9
Des Moines	58.04%	31	61.11%	19	51.84%	43
Des Moines A.M.	55.00%	38	99.00%	1	69.00%	15
East Polk County	63.24%	22	56.62%	25	58.82%	29
Fairfield	37.32%	51	32.63%	48	35.92%	55
Fort Madison	55.00%	38	60.00%	20	53.00%	42
Greater Des Moines	51.00%	45	53.00%	32	61.00%	25
Grinnell	87.00%	4	78.00%	10	78.00%	8
Indianola					50.47%	46
Iowa City	34.67%	53	27.05%	49	32.55%	56
Iowa City A.M.	82.82%	5	93.23%	4	86.65%	3
Iowa City Downtown	73.02%	13	82.54%	6	79.05%	7
Iowa Quad-Cities	56.43%	35	52.78%	35	59.86%	27
Jefferson	69.00%	15				
Johnston	56.22%	36	52.47%	37	59.91%	26
Kalona	81.76%	6	70.57%	14	63.45%	21
Keokuk	54.51%	39	43.25%	44	48.02%	49
Keosauqua	59.70%	28	58.80%	22	62.40%	23
Knoxville	51.67%	42	54.58%	28	47.46%	50
Lenox	67.00%	17	80.00%	9	86.00%	5
Manning	63.00%	23	72.00%	13	67.00%	18
Marengo	64.00%	20			66.00%	19
Marshalltown	51.55%	43	52.72%	36	55.34%	37
Mount Pleasant Noon	42.37%	49	52.79%	34	51.27%	44
Mt. Pleasant	67.00%	17	80.00%	9	67.00%	18
Muscatine	52.49%	41	50.30%	40	53.19%	41
Nevada	57.64%	33	50.00%	41	59.43%	28
Newton	67.81%	16			44.07%	52
North Scott	91.38%	2	93.45%	3	94.24%	2
Northwest Des Moines	77.46%	8	81.63%	7	70.34%	14
Osceola	60.00%	27	50.00%	41	50.00%	47
Oskaloosa			95.00%	2		
Ottumwa	45.51%	48	52.84%	33	51.21%	45
Pella	60.00%	27	68.00%	18	74.00%	10
Perry	59.00%	29	57.00%	24	62.00%	24
Tipton	51.00%	45	52.00%	38	53.60%	39
Washington	53.85%	40	50.00%	41	56.25%	33
Wauke	70.35%	14	68.53%	17	65.22%	20
Wellman	90.07%	3	80.00%	9	86.45%	4
West Des Moines	57.14%	34	53.18%	30	67.28%	17
West Liberty	60.00%	27	60.00%	20	57.00%	31
West Polk County	36.72%	52	47.37%	43	41.61%	53
Winterset	76.00%	9	74.00%	12	80.00%	6

Rev. Gene Miller



60 years of Rotary!

The Rev. Eugene L. "Gene" Miller joined the Rotary Club of Lisbon-Mt. Vernon in July of 1955 and has maintained his membership with various clubs ever since – 60 years of Rotary! He served several churches and was a District Superintendent in the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church. He and retired as senior pastor of Asbury UMC in 1993 and is an active member of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf.

Provided by Tom Howard

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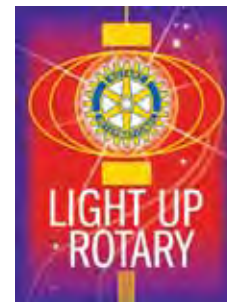
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Club leaders' checklist



From DG John Ockenfels . . .

• 2015-16 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 and **Polio** (p. 15).

• Watch for your 2015-16 **district dues** billing after July 1, including voluntary contributions for **Iowa M.O.S.T., FAMSCO** and **Youth Services Fund** (p. 22, 33 and 34).

• Check the calendar and prepare for **District Governor 2015-16 Loring Miller's Official Visit** to your club (p. 22).

• 2015-16 club leaders: **Enter your club goals now** on Rotary Club Central at www.Rotary.org/MyRotary.

• Identify a community project for 2015-16 to qualify for a Rotary Foundation **Community Grant**, and submit your application by July 1 (p. 38).

• Set a challenging goal for membership development and invite quality **new member(s)** to your club and **recognize members** who propose and induct new members.

• Encourage members to attend **RYLA** for a day or part of a day to show interest and support (p. 3).

• Complete the **Club Planning Guide** at Rotary Club Central to prepare for a successful Rotary year in 2015-16.

• Tell the District which members have been involved with polio NIDs (p. 15).

• **Submit news** of your activities by Aug. 26 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs at btubbs@northscottpress.com.



Connections for the advancement of the Ponseti Method of clubfoot repair were made by Dr. Tom Cook of Iowa City (l) at the RI Convention in São Paulo, Brazil (l-r): Tatiana Guerschman, M.D., São Paulo; Monica Nogueira, M.D., São Paulo; Jose Morcuenda, M.D., Iowa City, medical director of Ponseti International; Fred Chukwuma Nwadiaro, M.D., Eket, Nigeria; Angelica Evangelista, aide to Monica Nogueira, São Paulo; and Thamires Abibi, supporter, São Paulo. Photo by Bill Tubbs

District 6000 Club, Individual Awards

RI SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

PDG Don Goering, Ames

ROTARY FOUNDATION CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Brock Earnhardt, Davenport

RI VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Steve Jones, Ames

RI ROTARIAN SPOUSE/ PARTNER SERVICE AWARD

Mary Belknap (Des Moines)

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

PDG Jacques Andrew, Jefferson

PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott

Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM

Karin Sevde, Ames

Steve Jones, Ames

Gerald Klomglaan, Ames

PDG Gary Welch, Ankeny

Mary Odell, Muscatine

Merle Anderson, North Scott

Emery Styron, Mount Pleasant

Tom Walsh, Ames

Dimy Doresca, Bettendorf
Del Christensen, Adel

RI PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

Coralville-North Corridor

Decatur County

Fairfield

Iowa City AM

Johnston

Keokuk

North Scott

Washington

Waukee

West Liberty

Clear Creek Amana

Interact

Simpson College Rotaract

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SIGNIFICANT SERVICE AWARDS

Jody Braverman, Iowa City

(FAMSCO)

PDG Terry Geiger, Decatur

County (RLA)

Karin Franklin, Iowa City

(FAMSCO, MOST)

PDG Gary Welch (RYLA)

PDG Jacques Andrew,

Jefferson (PETS, AGs,

Public Image)

Kristin Ockenfels, Iowa City

AM (Coats for Kids)

Deb Ockenfels, Iowa City

AM (Coats for Kids)

Elaine Shalla, Iowa City AM

(District Travel)

Sean Saxton, Decatur

County (Technology)

PAUL E. HELLWEGE GUARDIANS OF INTEGRITY

Gerald Klomglaan, Ames

PDG Susan Herrick, Boone

Dennis Dietz, Johnston

John Billingsley, Newton

Charles Jones, North Scott

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SIGNIFICANT SERVICE AWARDS

DGND Mike Ruby,

Muscatine (Membership)

Usha Balakrishnan, Iowa

City (Rotaract)

Nancy Pacha, Iowa City

AM (Interact)

PDG Gary Welch, Ankeny

(RYLA)

PUBLIC IMAGE INDIVIDUAL LEADERSHIP

PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott

DISTRICT 6000 PUBLIC IMAGE AWARDS

Rotary Club of Davenport

(pavilion publicity)

Rotary Clubs of Des

Moines AM, Des Moines,

Adel, East Polk, Indianola,

Johnston, NW Des Moines,

Waukee, West Des Moines,

West Polk County

(Des Moines River Walk)

Rotary Club of North Scott

(newspaper ad)

Rotary Club of West Liberty

(banners, branding)

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH JULY 1-MARCH 31

Clubs Under 35:

1. West Polk County

2. Iowa City Downtown

3. Decatur County

Clubs 35-70:

1. West Liberty

2. Fairfield

3. Iowa City AM

Clubs 70-Plus:

1. Des Moines AM

2. Burlington

3. Des Moines

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS COMPLETING SERVICE

Gerald Claussen, Carroll

Tim Ennis, Corning

Chris Knapp, Iowa City AM

Doug Peterson, Iowa Quad

Cities

Mary Ellen Stanley, Decatur

County

Norm Van Klompenburg,

Newton

Steve Wieneke, Ankeny

BEST ATTENDANCE AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2014 (NO. MEMBERS x MILES TRAVELED):

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, 2013-14 (Banners To Top Three)

1. West Liberty, \$410.26

2. Jefferson, \$327.73

3. North Scott, \$313.83

4. Iowa City AM, \$241.84

5. Decatur County, \$200.00

ERY CLUBS (Every Rotarian, Every Year Giving To Annual Fund)

Decatur County

Nevada

North Scott

Ottumwa

Washington

West Liberty

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

Chariton

Nevada

Washington

West Liberty

END POLIO NOW
CERTIFICATE OF
APPRECIATION FROM
TRF

Ames

Ames Morning

Ankeny

Bettendorf

Boone

Burlington

Chariton

Clinton

Davenport

Des Moines

East Polk County

Fairfield

Grinnell

Iowa City

Iowa City AM

Jefferson

Mount Pleasant Noon

Muscatine

Nevada

Newton

North Scott

Northwest Des Moines

Oskaloosa

Waukee

West Liberty

Major Donors, Bequest Society, Paul Harris Society

(Italics denotes new in
2014-15)

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 Burruss, Davenport

Willis Bywater, Iowa City

Gerald Claussen, Carroll

George Christensen, Ames

Steven Dakin, Boone

Kent Dallmeyer,

Washington

David Dickson, Ames

Trent Frohock,

East Polk County

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Northwest Des Moines

Douglas Garner, Davenport

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Decatur County

Jeffrey & Mary Gibbons,

Ames

Deepak Giri, West Liberty

Conrad Gregg, West

Liberty

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Mary Harms, Ames AM

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Ames Morning

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Waukee

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Kaye Knapp, Iowa City

AM

Everett Laning, Indianola

Darrell Limkeman,

Ottumwa

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Coons Foundation, Chariton

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Marshalltown

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Iowa City AM

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North Corridor

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Iowa City/Iowa City AM

Ernest & Rita Perea,

Greater Des Moines/

Des Moines

James & Marilyn Radtke,

Fairfield

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Saheb & Krishna Sahu,

West Des Moines

William Sitrer, Washington

Dennis & Kathy Skinner,

Nevada

Robert & Virginia Stafford,

Ames

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Nancy Stroborg, Jefferson

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Richard & Grace Young,

Iowa City & Coralville

North Corridor

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Davenport

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

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Wellman

Donald Henry & Doris

Anne Goering, Ames

Corliss & Jeanne Klaassen,

Chariton

Loring & Phyllis A. Miller,

Decatur County

James & Beth Peterson,

Iowa City AM

Hy-Vee (no Rotary club)

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

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Iowa City

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Iowa City

Stanley Howe, Muscatine

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West Liberty

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Des Moines
Russell Johnson, Jr.,
Des Moines
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AM
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Des Moines
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Iowa Quad Cities
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Iowa City
Doyle Sanders,
Northwest Des Moines

Anthony & Kimberly Schau,
Coralville North Corridor
Dennis & Kathy Skinner,
Nevada
Todd Lee Wheeler,
Des Moines
Randall William,
Iowa City AM

ROTARY FOUNDATION BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERS LEVEL TWO (\$25,000 to \$49,999) (gifts promised)

Robert & Cynthia Dabrieo,
Northwest Des Moines
Steve Dakin, Boone
Trent Frohock,
East Polk County
Brad Helgemo,
Northwest Des Moines
Corliss & Jeanne Klaassen,
Chariton
Cynthia Maeglin, Muscatine
Patrick Olsen, North Scott
Donald & Becky Patterson,
Washington
Todd Wheeler (Des Moines)
& *Joyce Wheeler*
(*Waukee*)

ROTARY FOUNDATION BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERS LEVEL THREE (\$50,000 to \$99,999) (gifts promised)

John & Linda Dasher,
Ames
James & Beth Peterson,
Iowa City AM
Clinton & Willanna Rila,
Mount Pleasant

ROTARY FOUNDATION BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERS LEVEL FOUR (\$100,000 to \$249,999) (gifts promised)

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Ames Morning
Jeffery & Mary Gibbons,
Ames
Todd & Dana Nash,
Coralville North Corridor
Michael & Joanne Ruby,

Muscatine
David & Dianne Suntken,
Ames

ROTARY FOUNDATION BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERS LEVEL FIVE (\$250,000 to \$499,999) (gifts promised)

Lorraine Lynch, North Scott
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North Scott
Gary & Colleen Welch,
Ankeny

ROTARY FOUNDATION BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERS LEVEL SEVEN (\$1 million-plus) (gifts promised)

Herbert & Janice Wilson,
Iowa City

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Mark Zimmerman,*
Davenport
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County
Loring Miller*, Decatur
County
Phyllis Miller*, Decatur
County

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Bruce Kelley, Des Moines
Rita Perea, Des Moines*
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Des Moines
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Des Moines
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Linda Aron, Grinnell
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Kristin Ockenfels,
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Kenneth Kinsey, Iowa City
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Kevin Monson*, Iowa City
Bill Oglesby, Iowa City
Gary Pacha, Iowa City*
James Swaner*, Iowa City
Stephen West*, Iowa City
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Nancy Stroborg*, Jefferson
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Marshalltown
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West Liberty
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Conrad Gregg*,
West Liberty
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District 6000 Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange

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
RC of Iowa City AM
Iowa City West High 1440
RC 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 Mount

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
Urbandale High School
RC of NW Des Moines
West Liberty High School
RC of West Liberty

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 2015-16

Sarah Downs, Pella, Italy
Elizabeth Frevert,
Burlington, Czech Rep.
Nicolas Guild, Ankeny,
Ecuador
Ethan Jones, Bettendorf/
Iowa QC, Norway
Jonah Marks, Fairfield,
Brazil
Madylin Merydith, Keokuk,
Germany
Nicole Nabity, Ankeny,
Japan

Brice Page, West Liberty,
Austria
Adelina Reels, Winterset,
Germany
Hannah Sheldon, Iowa City
AM, Italy
McKayla Sturtz, Ankeny,
France
James Trettin, Newton,
France
Alista Wikle, Fairfield, Spain

YOUTH EXCHANGE INBOUND 2014-15

Alberta Buffa, Italy, Nevada
Tania Carrion Serrano,
Ecuador, Burlington
Eleonara Cherubini, Italy,
Iowa City
Ignacia Gacitua Francovich,
Chile, Des Moines
Emma Grosjean, France,

Ottumwa
Natasha Hamer, New
Zealand, Winterset
Sophie Horstmann,
Germany, Iowa City AM
Francisca Inostroza, Chile,
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Paraguay, West DM
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Spain, Decatur County
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