



# District 6000 News

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Loring Miller, Governor

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## Ping-Pong, Polio, Ponseti, Jefferson Highway: 2015-16 was a year to remember in District 6000

By DG Loring Miller/Decatur County



Loring Miller  
District Governor

What a great year this has been! Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran asked all Rotarians to be aware and celebrate their “Gifts to the World.” He encouraged us to assess how our organization is embracing current challenges and for us to develop a plan on how we will address future service to the world community.

The 2015-2016 District 6000 goals were concentrated into four categories: Membership, Foundation, Public Image and Youth involvement. These are four crucial keys that will consistently keep Rotary in the vanguard of those seeking international understanding and peace. This district has made significant advancements this year in all four categories.

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**Membership:** There is strength in numbers. We can only make a difference in the world if we maintain a strong contributing Rotarian force. Membership is now on the rise worldwide, reversing a dangerous downward spiral. District 6000 also shows an encouraging increase.

According to Ravi, it is our responsibility to keep looking, both within the Rotary family and outside of it, for new members and finding ways to smooth the path from our youth programs to Rotary Membership, while continuing to ensure that every member finds value and meaning in Rotary.

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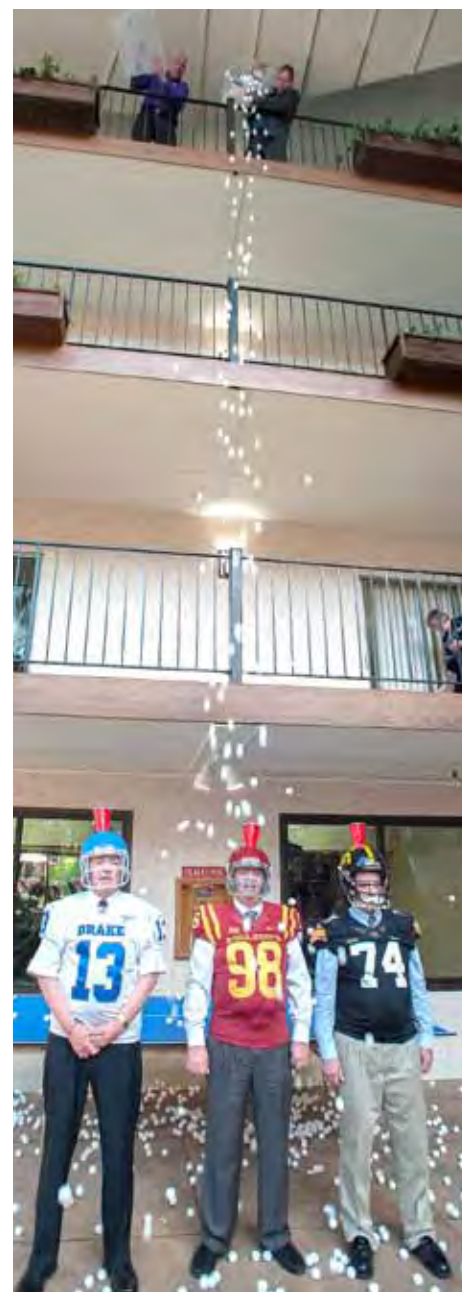
**Foundation:** For the past 100 years, our Rotary Foundation has been the instrument to facilitate the good that Rotarians do at home and around the world. The Foundation provides guidance, financing and sustainability for projects initiated by local clubs.

Our Foundation saves lives, generates friendships, and improves daily concerns for millions of people. In order to fulfill that mission, every Rotarian is challenged to continually support the Foundation. Fifty percent of money contributed to the Foundation from members of this district return to our district to enhance community projects and club support for international projects.

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Gov. Terry Branstad joined Rotarians on the steps of the state capitol for the signing of the Jefferson Highway proclamation on May 20th.



The ping-pong ball drop at District Conference, April 1 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, raised \$9,500 for the Ponseti Vocational Training Team that will travel to Brazil to teach doctors the proper method of clubfoot repair.

Photo by John Galloway

# Thank you leadership! Thank you Rotary!

## GOVERNOR/continued

Rotary projects at home are a Rotarian testimony to community support. Global humanitarian support reinforces our commitment to the world community.

As we look into Rotary's future, we reflect on our greatest achievement, the eradication of polio. We will soon see the last case of this terrible disease. The Rotary Foundation is instrumental to the success of polio eradication. District 6000 is on a record pace for Foundation contributions this Rotary year.

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**Public image:** If we fail to celebrate our achievements, they will soon fade from memory. Sharing our success with non-Rotarians encourages interest in the organization and growth in membership. All projects and club involvement reports should continually appear in the media. Branded projects serve as a constant reminder of the good we accomplish. Many clubs this year have included the Rotary symbol at all activities, branded current community projects, and researched former service projects to re-brand.

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**Youth:** The millennial generation is the future of Rotary. It is crucial that we identify common membership interests of all age groups and adjust procedures to accommodate their service.

District 6000 has had an impressive history introducing youth to the family of Rotary. Our Youth Exchange program has earned world respect. The recently adopted RYLA curriculum has become a world-class program. This district chartered new Interact clubs this year. It is now a challenge for the Alumni Committee to retain contact information for these youth and their families and encourage them to continue in Rotary service.

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**District projects:** Also, during my club visits, I asked memberships to consider projects identified by the district. I felt the need to continue operation warm coats for children. We asked support for provider training and bracing as identified by Ponseti Clubfoot International. We asked Rotary to create awareness for historic preservation of the Jefferson Highway through Iowa as an Iowa Heritage Byway. Club membership rallied to these challenges with impressive results.

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**Operation Warm:** I believe Operation Warm is the greatest community service project ever proposed in this district. Club membership offered new coats for Iowa school children to embrace our cold Iowa winters. During the last two years, district clubs distributed over 18,000 coats to worthy recipients. Thank you for your commitment to youth!

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**Ponseti:** Iowa City and the University of Iowa are the birthplace of the Ponseti clubfoot repair procedure. Recognized worldwide as a preferred method, the challenges before the Ponseti doctors are to create procedure awareness, provide acceptable braces to complete the process, and to train medical providers.

Many Rotary clubs and members conducted fund raising events and collected over \$12,000 dedicated to providing clubfoot braces to children who could not afford the device, which is required for successful correction. Additionally, Rotarians donated over \$12,000

in the Ping Pong Ball Drop at the district conference. After expenses and prize money were deducted, the district was able to contribute \$9,500 to the Ponseti Vocational Training Team to be conducted in Brazil. This amount was matched 50 percent by Rotary International.

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**Jefferson Highway:** The Jefferson Highway was the first long range international highway through the Mississippi Valley. It ran 2,300 miles from Winnipeg, Ontario, to New Orleans, Louisiana. Rotarians have been working this year to re-identify the historical significance of this contribution to early transportation and to restore its identity through signage as an Iowa Heritage Byway.

The application is currently in the hands of the Iowa Department of Transportation. Two filmmakers, Darrell Johnston and Josiah Laubenstein of Highway Walkers Media, started a trip from Winnipeg, Manitoba on May 7 and they are traveling for a month on the Jefferson Highway to New Orleans, La., while filming a documentary chronicling their experiences. District 6000 Rotary helped facilitate the planning of this documentary funded by the Meredith Corporation. They filmed Iowa segments during the week of May 16. Edwin T. Meredith, founder of the Meredith Publishing Company and the Jefferson Highway Association, was a member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines. He enlisted support from many of his fellow Rotarians in Des Moines and along the Jefferson route for the project to rapidly develop. I believe that the creation of the highway was, in part, a Rotary project 100 years ago. This district was instrumental in the advancement of both Jefferson projects this year.

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**Significant gifts:** The "gifts" extended by Rotarians to our club communities and around the world are significant. It was gratifying for Phyllis and me to witness the pride members share when reporting the extent of their humanitarian service. Rotary has molded communities, improved living conditions, saved lives, and cultivated friendships through our history of "Service Above Self." The Rotary clubs of Clinton, Burlington, Marshalltown, Iowa City, and Ottumwa celebrated 100 years of service this year.

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**District Conference:** The celebration of our year in Rotary, the District 6000 Conference, was held April 1-2 at the Airport Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Des Moines. A social kicked off the festivities the evening before at the Des Moines Botanical Gardens.

Keynote speakers included the RI President's Representative Don Mebus of Arlington, Texas; Rotary International Director and 2016-2017 Rotary International Vice President Jennifer Jones from Windsor, Ontario, Canada; Dr. Troy Paino, president of Truman State University at Kirksville, Mo; and polio survivor and polio eradication advocate Ann Lee Hussey from South Berwick, Maine.

The Youth Exchange flag ceremony set the mood for the event and impressive district projects were highlighted throughout the program. Attendees received a renewed appreciation for Rotary and the good Rotarians accomplish.

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**Thank You!** The leadership resources in this district are valuable to District 6000. I have relied on the expertise and counsel of past governors and committee chairs. Club leadership and club support are also necessary for district success. Thank you club leadership! Thank you district leadership! Thank you Rotary!





Dr. Troy Paino, president of Truman State University, spoke on Friday.



PDG Bill Tubbs of the Rotary Club of North Scott, pictured with Linda, was the recipient of Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, presented by DG Loring Miller (l) and RI President's Rep Don Mebus of Arlington, Tex. (r).

# Images of District Conference

April 1-2, 2016, Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines



RI Director and Vice President 2016-17 Jennifer Jones of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, spoke on Saturday.



Don Mebus, a past RI Director and the official representative of RI President Ravi Ravindran to the District Conference, gave a musical message.



Polio survivor and eradication advocate Ann Lee Hussey spoke at Saturday's banquet.

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The traditional Rotary Youth Exchange parade of flags inspired as always.



A conference overview was presented by co-chairs Peggy Geiger, Linda Chastain and Mary Ellen Stanley.

## Fellowship, service at District Conference

Photos by John Galloway and Bill Tubbs



Kelli Kent (r) with 14-month-old Claire and father shared her journey for Claire's successful Ponseti clubfoot repair.



"Bugle Boy" was sung by Annalise Minnick, Ciera Clark, Brianna Keeney and Mary Lindsey of Decatur County.



Rotary's service to youth was highlighted by Paul Seelau of North Scott (Interact), Joshua Laraby of Fairfield (Rotaract), and PDG Gary Welch of Ankeny (RYLA).



Sergeants at arms kept order – with a smile: Kolton Hewlett (Decatur Co.), Mike Hamilton (East Polk), Steve Wieneke (Ankeny), Tom Downs (East Polk) and Sue Kelly (Decatur Co).





Kristin and Deb Ockenfels display the quilt made by Deb, while Jim Riordan seeks the best bid: \$2,500 from District Governor Loring Miller and Phyllis.



Bloomfield Rotarian Helen Schroeder was "the voice" that kept the conference on time.



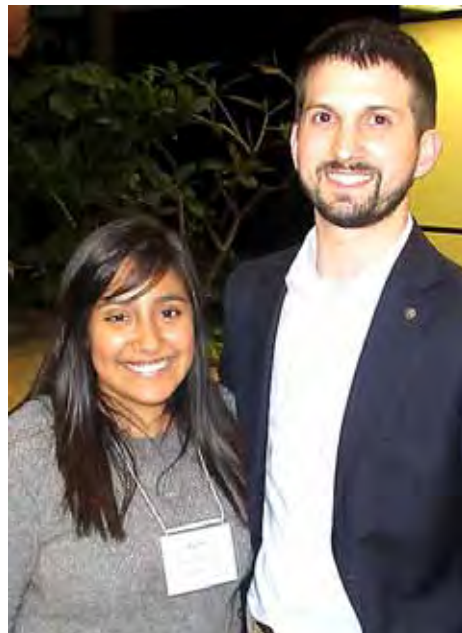
Rotary Youth Exchange student Mizuna Okura's parents came from Japan and joined Rotarians at District Conference.



Jill Tang, a Rylarian and member of Hoover High School Interact, gave an inspirational talk.



The official welcome was given by Des Moines mayor Frank Cownie.



First-time attendees: West Des Moines Rotarians Karen and Kade Hammes.



Nancy Pacha and Myrene Hoover invited Rotarians to the 2017 District Conference, May 4-6 at Coralville.





Jo Noble of West Liberty received Rotary International's Spouse/Partner Service Award in appreciation of her work with polio, Youth Exchange and Friendship Exchanges. PDG Ken Noble is at right. The award was presented by DG Loring Miller (l) and RI President's Rep Don Mebus.



PDG Bill Tubbs of North Scott received the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World, one of 10 worldwide, in appreciation of his NID participation and advocacy for polio eradication. Presenting the award were DG Loring Miller, polio survivor Ann Lee Hussey, and President's Rep Don Mebus.



Leaders of the newly formed Rotarian Action Group for Clubfoot, Tom Cook of Iowa City, Tomeka Petersen of West Liberty, and PDG Herb Wilson of Iowa City, greeted Rotarians and guests in the House of Friendship.



PDG Susan Herrick of Boone was nominated for RI's Global Women of Action Award in appreciation of her leadership for polio eradication. Presenting the award were DG Loring Miller and RI President's Rep Don Mebus.



Clinton Rotarians Jim Dobbyn, Dee Willoughby, Debby Dobbyn and Libby Goodman told how their club led a \$1 million campaign to restore the historic lodge at Eagle Point Park.



Rusty Borup and Matt Powell of the 180 Zone in Davenport told how the Rotary Club of North Scott's community grant project changed their lives. "It helped me define myself not as an alcoholic but as a child of God," said Powell.





The Ames Chapter of the Wine Fellowship hosted a Fellowship Wine Tasting event at District Conference, organized by Dan Divine. Karen Sevde, Steve Dakin and PDG Don and Doris Goering assisted in serving the wine. The event raised \$318 for the Clubfoot project. Sue Rasmussen is chair of the Fellowship. PDG Gary Welch is pictured at far left.

Provided by Sue Rasmussen



Professional photographer John Galloway captured images of District Conference.

## More District Conference highlights



Beth Saxton of the Rotary Club of Decatur County made sure everyone had a chance to sponsor a ping-pong ball.



PDGs Diana Reed and Don Patterson shared stories of their medical treatments. The best to both of you!



Jefferson Highway historian Lyell Henry talked about the historic byway and signed books for Rotarians.



Governor Loring Miller and Phyllis (r) were proud to introduce their "Family of Rotary" at the Saturday evening gala.



DGE Chris and Vernetta Knapp of Iowa City AM (r) were aides to RI President's Rep Don Mebus and Carolyn.





Club Builder Awards, front (l-r): Corrine Lamber for Phil Cronin (East Polk), Lori Conn for Tony Conn (Keokuk), Libby Goodman (Clinton), Ruth Freeman for Kevin Boyle (Manning), Carolyn Scharff (Pella). Back: Chris Bertelson (Winterset), Tony Conn (Keokuk), John Cortesio (Des Moines), Ed Arnold (Northwest Des Moines), Matt LaFrenz (Ft. Madison), Steve Dakin (Boone), PDG Gary Welch (Ankeny), and DG Loring Miller.



District Governor Loring Miller presented Significant Service Awards to these Rotarians, front (l-r): Mary Ellen Stanley, Peggy Geiger and Linda Chastain (Decatur County), for leadership as District Conference co-chairs. Back: John Schultz (Iowa City AM), for leadership as district trainer; PDG John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM) and PDG Herb Wilson (Iowa City) and PDG Jill Olsen of District 5970 (not present) for leadership with the Rotarian Action Group for Clubfoot.

## District Governor Loring Miller's district awards



Public Image Awards were presented to leaders of four clubs who gained good publicity for their centennial celebrations (l-r): Marshalltown (Bill Fitzgerald), Iowa City (Jody Braverman), Burlington (David Miller) and Clinton (Libby Goodman), with District Governor Loring Miller.



Assistant District Governors who completed their service were recognized (l-r): Tony Conn (Keokuk), DGN Mike Ruby (Muscatine), AG coordinator PDG Jacque Andrew (Jefferson) and Jody Braverman (Iowa City). District Governor Loring Miller is at right.



Membership growth (July 1-Feb. 29), medium clubs (l-r): 2. West Liberty (Ethan Anderson); 3. Ft. Madison (Matt LaFrenz); 1. Northwest Des Moines (William Grask), with DG Loring Miller.



Membership growth (July 1-Feb. 29), large clubs (l-r): 3. Iowa City (Jody Braverman); 1. Burlington (Mike Miller); 2. Davenport (Bill Burress), with District Governor Loring Miller.



Membership growth (July 1-Feb. 29), small clubs (l-r): 3. Winterset (Chris Bertelson); 1. Manning (Ruth Freeman); 2. Decatur County (Sue Kelly), with District Governor Loring Miller.



# Hats off to our award-winning district!

**By Bill Koeller/West Liberty**

As the District Awards Chair, I compared District 6000 with the other 27 districts in Zones 28 and 29 which we are represented with by one director on the Rotary Board of Directors. The average number of Rotarians in those 28 districts is 2,187, and we have 3,900 in District 6000.

The average Annual Programs Fund giving for the 28 districts is \$214,875, and the average for the last five years in District 6000 is \$434,000. This is almost 200 percent of the average. Our PolioPlus giving has averaged \$67,000 for the last few years, and the 27 other districts averaged \$45,100; thus District 6000 is about 150 percent above the average.

Annually, president-elects are asked to encourage Rotarians to be Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) donors, and Sustaining Member (SM) donors. An EREY donor is a Rotarian who donates a minimum of \$1, and an EREY club is where the average giving of a club is \$100 or more and every Rotarian gives at least \$1. A SM donor is a Rotarian who gives \$100 annually, and a SM club is a club where every Rotarian gives \$100.

Last year District 6000 had 2,267 Rotarians who were Sustaining Members, but the average of the other 27 Districts was 777. District 6000 was about 300 percent of the average. We had 3,001 EREY Rotarians, and the average of the other 27 districts is 1,146. We have nearly 1,000 Rotarian EREY donors more than any other District. Our total giving is at the top of all 28 districts. Total giving includes Annual Fund, Polio Plus, Endowment Fund, and Global Grants. We are truly a charitable District.

District 6000 truly has 64 excellent Rotary clubs. I have examined the record from 2006 through 2016. Every Rotary club has received at least one award from the District Governor, and in many cases more than 40 of

the Rotary clubs received some award multiple times in the last decade.

Since 2006, an average of 26 clubs gave more than \$100 per Rotarian annually, and annually more than five clubs gave between \$200 and \$500 per Rotarian to the Annual Fund. This does not tell the whole story, because many clubs contribute to the Polio Plus Fund, the Endowment Fund and Global Grants. Annually, an average of 40 clubs give more than \$100 per Rotarian to all these funds. There are 15 clubs where Rotarians are very generous and give between \$200 and \$600 per Rotarian to The Rotary Foundation, which includes all the above mentioned funds.

Since 2007, District 6000 Rotarians have been selected by Rotary International to receive many awards. The following is a list of those awards and numbers who received those awards: Service Above Self (6); Vocational Service Award (4); Citation for Meritorious Service (7); Distinguished Service Award (3); International Award for a Polio Free World (5); and Regional Award for a Polio Free

World (3).

Presently there are 77 Rotarians who are Paul Harris Society Members. Paul Harris Society Members contribute a minimum of \$1,000 annually to the Annual Programs Fund. In addition, there are 26 Rotarians who contribute \$1,000 annually who are not Paul Harris Society Members.

District 6000 has 82 major donors, 68 Bequest Society Members and 222 Benefactors. These committed Rotarians are helping sustain The Rotary Foundation now, and in the future.

District 6000 is an award-winning district filled with award winning clubs and Rotarians.



The Rotary Club of Decatur County won the District Conference Attendance Award for most members who attended the 2015 District Conference in Iowa City times the miles traveled. With attendance like this in 2016, it looks like they'll be a strong contender to win the award next year! Seated (l-r): Mary Ruth Horn, Chet Redman, Mary Ellen Stanley, Beth Saxton, Sue Kelly. Standing: Phil Metcalf, PDG Terry Geiger, Peg Geiger, Sean Saxton, Linda Chastain, DG Loring Miller, Phyllis Miller and Chris Coffelt.



District Governor's Citations were received by these clubs for achievements in membership, Foundation giving, humanitarian service, new generations and public image, front (l-r): Northwest Des Moines (Bill Grask), Indianola (Ron Heideman), Manning (Ruth Freeman). Row 2: Burlington (Mike Miller), West Des Moines (Amy Feters), Nevada (Stephanie Roscoe), Ames (Tanya Anderson), Decatur County (Sue Kelly). Row 3: District Governor Loring Miller, Bettendorf (Kevin Kraft), Waukee (Erna Morain), West Liberty (Ethan Anderson), Winterset (Chris Bertelson), North Scott (Paul Seelau), Ankeny (Nate Burnham), Iowa City AM (Deb Dunkhase), Washington (PDG Don Patterson), Wellman (Bob Freeman) and Des Moines (Todd Wheeler).





Rotary Foundation District Service Awards were presented by District Governor Loring Miller to (l-r): Kristin, Deb and PDG John Ockenfels of Iowa City AM (Operation Warm), PDG Don Goering of Ames (District Rotary Foundation Advisor for 14 years), PDG Susan Herrick of Boone (leading the polio challenge for 9 years), PDG Terry Geiger of Decatur County (organizing the District Rotary Foundation Dinner), and PDG Corliss Klaassen (18 new Paul Harris Society members).



District Governor Loring Miller (l) and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Terry Geiger (r) recognized Steve Dakin of Boone upon achieving Major Donor Level 2 (\$25,000 cumulative gifts to the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund).



## Rotary Foundation individual recognition



District Governor Loring Miller (l) and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Terry Geiger (r) recognized PDG John Ockenfels and Deb upon achieving Major Donor Level 2 (\$25,000 cumulative gifts to the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund).



New members of the Paul Harris Society were thanked for their commitment to give \$1,000 each year to the Annual Programs Fund, front (l-r): Chris Bertelson (Winterset), Hazel Seaba (Iowa City AM), Kristin Ockenfels (Iowa City AM) and Vernetta Knapp (Iowa City AM). Back: Governor Loring Miller, Jody Braverman (Iowa City), Nate Burnham (Ankeny), Paul Harris Society subcommittee chair PDG Corliss Klaassen of Chariton, DGE Chris Knapp (Iowa City AM), and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Terry Geiger of Decatur County.



District Governor Loring Miller (l) and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Terry Geiger (r) recognized Joyce Wheeler of Waukee and Todd Wheeler of Des Moines upon achieving Major Donor Level 1 (\$10,000 cumulative gifts to the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund).

*Rotarians who were present at District Conference are pictured. A list of all Rotarians in District 6000 who are Paul Harris Society members, including others who were new this year, is on an insert with this newsletter. Others who are new Major Donors are likewise named on the insert along with those who previously achieved these levels.*



# Rotary Foundation club recognition



District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Terry Geiger (l) and District Governor Loring Miller (r) recognized the top three clubs in District 6000 in per capita giving to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation in 2014-15 (l-r): 3. Iowa City AM, \$233.37 (Nancy Pacha); 1. West Liberty, \$340.69 (Ethan Anderson); and 2. Decatur County, \$239.42 (Sue Kelly).



Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Terry Geiger (l) and District Governor Loring Miller (r) recognized the Rotary Club of Chariton, represented by Jeanne Klaassen, as a 100 percent Sustaining Member Club (all Rotarians give a minimum of \$100 and the club average contribution is \$100 or more).



Clubs who were recognized as 100 percent EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) because every member gives at least \$1 and the club averages more than \$100, were (l-r): Decatur County (Sue Kelly), North Scott (Paul Seelau) and Chariton (Jeanne Klaassen). Not present: Ottumwa.



District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Terry Geiger (l) and District Governor Loring Miller (r) recognized the Rotary Club of Boone as a 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow club. Boone Rotarians (l-r): Troy Thompson, PDG Susan Herrick, Steve Dakin and Bob Herrick.



Clubs which contributed \$1,500 or more to PolioPlus were, front (l-r): Keokuk (Alka Khanolkar), Decatur County (Sue Kelly), Nevada (Stephanie Roscoe), Iowa City AM (Amy Nicholson), Clinton (Libby Goodman), Ames (Tanya Anderson), Jefferson (Ruth Freeman). Back: Northwest Des Moines (Ed Arnold), Marshalltown (Bill Fitzgerald), Ankeny (Steve Wieneke), Bettendorf (Kevin Kraft), Iowa City (Jody Braverman), Boone (Troy Thompson), Des Moines (Todd Wheeler), Ames Morning (Al Hermanson), Waukee (Erna Morain), PolioPlus chair PDG Susan Herrick, DG Loring Miller and Foundation Chair PDG Terry Geiger. Not pictured: Atlantic, Des Moines AM, Fairfield, Mount Pleasant Noon, Newton, Oskaloosa, West Polk County.





Al Hermanson  
Ames Morning



Nate Burnham  
Ankeny



Jim Slavens  
Bettendorf



Bob Herrick  
Boone



Lee Elson  
Decatur County



Dale Belknap  
Des Moines

## Twelve honored as 'Guardians of Integrity'

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

District 6000 Vocational Service chair

Twelve Rotarians who were nominated by their clubs were recognized as "Guardians of Integrity" at District Conference. It was the sixth 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 in 2010 had been a past district governor for more than half of the 105-year existence of Rotary, whose life exemplified integrity.

*Our 2016 Guardians of Integrity:*

**Ames Morning Rotarian Al Hermanson** is "a man of action" and the consummate Rotary member, jumping in to serve in every capacity, whether it be as president, which he has done twice, or to dress as a storybook character to enthruse children in a club literacy project or to provide warm coats to kids or serve as communicator of club news. Described as "reliable, upright, honest and sincere," Al is co-chair of area blood drives, a founding member of Story City Jaycees, a member of the board of directors of the Story County Community Foundation and U.S. Bank in Ames. He is a member of Farm Bureau, the American Legion Post #59, the ISU Foundation and he has been active in scouting, FFA and his church. In 2005, Al received the Lions Club Community Service Award for community involvement.

**Ankeny Rotarian Nate Burnham** has served Rotary, his community and his profession "by practicing integrity in his relationships." Nate's career as a Poultry Specialist for Farm Credit Services of America was crowned in 2008 when the Iowa Poultry Association named him Person of the Year. His commitments to leadership roles in the community include Ankeny United Way Action Council, the Ankeny Service Center Senior Services Committee, Neighborhood Homeowners Association, Mary Greeley Medical Center Foundation, the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce, Epilepsy Foundation and numerous church boards and committees. Secretary of his Rotary club and a Paul Harris Society member, Nate received the "Rotarian of the Year" award from his Rotary club in 2010.

**Bettendorf Rotarian Jim Slavens** is an attorney and retired president of Northwest Bank and Trust. In retirement, Jim serves on the board of directors of the International Academy

of Dispute Resolution and volunteers his time as a mediator. He also sits on other boards and councils, including the American Academy of Alternative Dispute Resolution Attorneys, American Arbitration Association, Association of Conflict Resolution, and Advisory Council to the Graduate School of Banking, University of Wisconsin. As a mentor, Jim advocates the importance of hard work and adherence to high ethical values. A former Rotary GSE team leader to India, one of his mentees says of Jim, he is "a global citizen who truly enjoys serving others." Jim takes his strong values into Davenport high schools to teach Junior Achievement ethics classes.

**Boone Rotarian Bob Herrick** has "a servant's heart." Honest and service-minded, Bob devotes a great deal of time and effort to the Boone County Project SAFE, the Boone County Department of Human Services, Crawford Hall, Boone Community Theater, First Presbyterian Church, the Salvation Army and, of course, his Rotary club. First to arrive at a Rotary gathering and last to leave, Bob's dependable smile and his readiness to help out are always present and unwavering. A retired farmer, Bob is well known in the Boone area agricultural community as a steady friend. His recognized and valued mechanical and building skills are called upon whenever there is any farmer "in need of a helping hand" to keep everything operational.

**Decatur County Rotarian Lee Elson's** "continued presence and influence have been a bond within the Leon Community for over 70 years." A retired attorney, Lee was known in his career to provide pro bono services to benefit those in need. Among those cared for by Lee was a Laotian family sponsored by his church, and as a colleague of the County Attorney, Lee was called upon to help with numerous cases. He also served as the school board attorney for 10 years, during which time he helped to encourage the passing of a bond issue to build a badly needed new school building. That school may have been attended by some of the AFS youth exchange students hosted in the Elson home. Lee is a lifelong member of the Methodist Church, a veteran of WW II and a 70-year Rotarian.

**Des Moines Rotarian and Past District Governor Dale Belknap** "has cultivated countless friendships throughout the world" through Rotary and his work. A retired architect and structural engineer, Dale is responsible for the design of more than 140 buildings throughout Iowa and the world. His busy career did not preclude devotion to his family, to Rotary, to his church and to his community. Dale is past president of the Johnston School Board, Immanuel United Methodist Church Board Member overseeing Finance/Stewardship Committee and Methodist Hospital volunteer.

**INTEGRITY/continued on next page**





Deb Dunkhase  
Iowa City AM



Gary Von Ahsen  
Jefferson



Ken Andresen  
Johnston



Patrick Olsen  
North Scott



Diana Reed  
NW Des Moines



Bill Koellner  
West Liberty

## Thank you, Rotarians, for your service!

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After serving as Rotary District 6000 District Governor, Dale and his wife Mary devoted countless hours and energy mentoring incoming district leadership to the benefit of us all.

**Iowa City AM Rotary President-Elect Deb Dunkhase** is the Executive Director of Iowa Children's Museum where she advocates for active learning and "fosters acceptance, tolerance and support" for the children she serves. She has served on the board of directors and in other leadership roles for Safety Village, Children's Center for Therapy, Ronald McDonald House, Shelter House, United Way Commission of Education, State of Iowa's STEM Advisory Council and other organizations. For her compassionate leadership and her focus on vulnerable segments of her community, she has received awards and recognition. In the past year, Deb has taken over leadership of Iowa MOST, the District 6000 cleft lip and palate repair mission in Guatemala. Her mantra is simple: "Everything matters."

**Jefferson Rotarian Gary Von Ahsen** is a retired engineer and lumber/construction business owner. Not only has Gary helped to build homes, he has built "trusting relationships" and a clientele that has depended upon him. A good citizen of Jefferson, Gary has been a member of the City Council, the Greene County Economic Development Corporation, the Jefferson City Housing Committee, Jefferson Community Betterment Committee, Jefferson Library, Greene County Medical Center capital campaign committee and a founder of his church, Abundant Life Ministries. Gary has mentored local high school students through the Rotary ethics training program and he encouraged the Jefferson Rotary Club to support the Green Ivy School in Kenya along with the Von Ahsen family.

**Johnston Rotarian and National Guard veteran Colonel Ken Andresen** has built relationships "based on mutual respect and trust." His friends and those he serves describe Ken as dependable, to quietly and efficiently do what is right, but never to seek recognition for what he has done. Although retired from the National Guard, Ken continues to work as a civilian, helping retirees with their benefits.

Ken and his wife have been key players in a program called "Bear Hug" that provided teddy bears to the children of deployed men and women serving in the Middle East, and inspired his Rotary club to raise money for this effort. Ken is the recipient of awards that reflect his performance and dedication to the National Guard, and in 2005 he was named the Johnston Rotarian of the Year.

**North Scott Rotarian Patrick Olsen** is hard working and willing to take on large responsibilities. Patrick spearheaded the most recent North Scott Rotary fundraiser and his new ideas resulted in nearly doubling the amount previously raised. As he works for Rotary in many capacities, Patrick is also a "rising leader" in his vocation. He owns and operates the local Mass Mutual financial business and has twice been the featured speaker at Mass Mutual's National Academy. He has also been honored on a yearly basis by Mass Mutual between 2008 and 2015. Patrick is a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, the United Way Young Business Leaders and Saint Ambrose President's Club. A Rotary Foundation Level 2 Benefactor at age 27, he and his wife collect the most pledges each year for Special Olympics doing the Polar Plunge.

**Northwest Des Moines Rotarian and Past District Governor Diana Reed** uses the Rotary Four-Way Test as she "is tasked with the responsibility of teaching business ethics and fairness to her students" in Management and International Business classes at Drake University. In this capacity, Diana's ethical principles have influenced more than 3,000 students. Diana's contributions to Rotary also have far-reaching influence. She has held a position on nearly every District 6000 Committee, has represented the RI President at district conferences and has traveled to Nigeria to participate in a National Immunization Day. Even as Diana devotes herself to district and international Rotary service, she remains dedicated to her own Rotary club, always ready to serve.

**West Liberty Rotarian Bill Koellner** is a well-known figure in District 6000, as he is ever present at district events. He is the complete Rotarian and the recipient of Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award. He is a tireless fundraiser and Level 3 donor for The Rotary Foundation and has chaired district committees too numerous to mention. Retired from the Army Corps of Engineers, but never one to rest, he bounced back from a life-threatening illness in 2005 and his passion for Rotary remains strong. He is the West Liberty Rotary Foundation Chair, a two-time president of his club and a "source of inspiration and guidance" to his fellow members. For 40 years, Bill has held a position on the board of Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency, and he has served on countless church committees. The West Liberty Chamber of Commerce has recently recognized Bill for his steadfast support of the community.

*(Nancy Pacha contributed to this writeup)*



# XICOTEPEC 2016: Wow!

## Project leader says Mexican trip was among best ever

**By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM**

Xicotepec Project team leader

The leaders of the 53-person 2016 Xicotepec Project Team agree that the 2016 trip was among the best ever, thanks to careful preparation, committed team members with a focus on service, and the involvement of many different parts of the Xicotepec community.

2016 was the 14th consecutive year in which a D6000 Project team has gone to Xicotepec to assist the Rotary Club of Xicotepec in carrying out community service projects there. As in past years, many of the projects have education and/or health care as their focus.

There were many worthy and successful projects executed during the week in Xicotepec. One that stood out was the Tik Nime Foundation project. Tik Nime is a non-profit foundation, founded by the Vargas family of Xicotepec, which was formed to help women (especially poor women) who have cancer. Later, Tik Nime (the name means "We Are Sisters" in Náhuatl, an indigenous language) expanded its services to include children who have cancer, and mothers with cancer who come to the Tik Nime center often bring their children along. Unfortunately, there was little for these children to do while at the center until Rotary got involved.

During a trip to Xicotepec in October 2015, the D6000 Xicote-

pec planning team visited the Tik Nime center, where they listened to a project proposal from the Xicotepec Futuract Club to make a small playground and paint a mural so that visiting children had a place to play. Futuract Club members are in elementary and middle school; Xicotepec also has Interact, Rotaract, Inner Wheel and, of course, Rotary clubs. Before leaving Xicotepec in October, the planning team agreed to fund the project and incorporate it into the program for March.

Rotarian Carlos Gómez-Tello oversaw the fabrication and installation of the playground equipment and made sure that all was ready by the time the project team arrived. Loyce Arthur, professor of Theatre Arts at the University of Iowa, lent her talents to the design of a large mural. Futuractors from Xicotepec, Interactors and Rotarians from Iowa, and many others joined to paint the playground equipment and the mural. On Friday afternoon a ribbon-cutting and inauguration celebration was held with attendance from Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Futuractors, members of the Vargas family, the Tik Nime staff, and clients of Tik Nime, including several children in treatment for cancer.

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Deworming in Rancho Nuevo: Rosalía Domínguez (standing, in hat) is the wife of Rotary Club of Xicotepec Virgilio Cabrera and one of many Xicotepec family and community members who joined the Iowa project team during the week.



Water system installation at the Francisco Velasco Marañón II school.



Ceremony at the Red Cross: Rotarians Cayo Cabrera (center, in white shirt) and Taurino Meléndez (seated at right) are Red Cross Board members.





Enrique, a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Joinville, Brazil, works with the Iowa project team. The Rotary Club of Xicotepec hosts two or three RYE students each year.



A cistern, installed by the Rotary Club of Xicotepec with financial support from the Xicotepec Project of District 6000, means that these women will no longer need to spend their time and energy carrying water from the stream below their village to each of three schools (pre-, primary and secondary) every day. With the women are Jim Peterson (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM), Millo Fosado and Luis Arturo (Rotary Club of Xicotepec) and the director of the Pre-school. This is in Rancho Nuevo, aka El Ojite, in the municipality of Xicotepec.



Gabi Dani-Gabriela (standing) and Daniela Fosado Gonzalez, with Dani's baby, Carola. Their father, Millo, is a member of the Rotary Club of Xicotepec. Their mother, Teté, is in charge of the kitchen crew that prepares three delicious meals a day for 53 visitors from Iowa. Their younger brother, Millo, is a Rotary Youth Exchange student in West Des Moines. Their aunt, Claudia González Rincón, was a member of the Mexican GSE team that came to District 6000 in 2004 from District 4180 (now 4185). It is a Rotary family, indeed!



Some of the mural crew, including District 6000 Rotarians Mike O'Leary (far left, Iowa City AM), Brad Baldes (second from left, Iowa City) and Phil Peterson (far right, Iowa City AM). Loyce Arthur, designer of the mural, is the fifth from the right. Next to her (fourth from right) is Laura Téllez, advisor to the Xicotepec Futuract Club that proposed the mural and playground project.



Iowa Interactors and Xicotepec students meet and talk.



# Xicotepec: Lots of service, fellowship

## XICOTEPEC/continued

Other projects carried out during the week included:

- Installing two new – and checking 20 previously installed – school water purification systems;
- Deworming preschool and primary school children;
- Installation of a cistern for three schools (preschool, primary and secondary) in the rural village of Rancho Nuevo;
- Improving a playground area at a special education school;
- Construction of a roof over a multi-use area at a rural school;
- Painting a classroom and a wall mural at a rural preschool; and
- Continuing an ongoing dental hygiene program at several schools.

Many project team members were able to visit schools, clinics, government offices and local organizations such as the Red Cross as they learned more about the community, its needs and priorities.

As always, the food was tasty, the fellowship was warm, and the Friday night farewell fiesta was enjoyed by all.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Xicotepec Project or how to contribute to the project, please visit [xicoproject.org](http://xicoproject.org).



Loyce Arthur, professor of Theatre Arts at the University of Iowa, was designer of the mural at Tik Nime.



La Ceiba CAM – the playground improvement project at a special ed school.



The Farewell Fiesta on Friday night is a final chance to enjoy Mexican culture in Xicotepec before departing on Saturday morning. After a 3-hour trip to Mexico City, project team members spend the rest of the day there and then depart for Iowa on Sunday.



On May 5, University of Iowa service learning students in pharmacy, dentistry and the career leadership academy who were members of the 2016 Xicotepec Project Team presented their findings at a symposium, "International Perspectives: Xicotepec." They spoke passionately about service above self, empathy, good will, peace and volunteerism. Since 2011, 219 students have gone to Xicotepec at a cost of \$412,000, of which Rotary provided \$50,000.

Photo by Bill Tubbs





District Governor Loring Miller and Phyllis helped the Rotary Club of Ottumwa celebrate its centennial on May 19 (l-r): Ottumwa Rotarian and AG Bill Reece, keynote speaker Nate Stewart of HyVee, Loring and Phyllis Miller, club historian and past president Ron Brickey, and president Mike Heffernan.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



The beautiful centennial gardens on the Des Moines riverfront in Ottumwa were recently dedicated to the city of Ottumwa by the Rotary Club of Ottumwa, symbolizing the club's 100 years in the community. The project was supported with Rotary Foundation community grant funds.

Provided by Bill Reece

## Ottumwa Rotary celebrates 100 years

The Rotary Club of Ottumwa was chartered July 1, 1916, and celebrated its first century of service with a gala banquet the evening of May 19 at the Bridge View Center on the banks of the Des Moines River in downtown Ottumwa.

Past president Ron Brickey reviewed the club's history in its first 100 years, including community and international service projects, fellowship, and the huge chicken barbecue fundraisers.

Keynote speaker was Ottumwa native and HyVee vice president Nate Stewart, whose topic was "servant leadership."

The Rotary Club of Ottumwa has chartered six clubs: Oskaloosa (1920), Fairfield (1920), Washington (1920), Albia (1922), Bloomfield (1937) and Keosauqua (1955).

District leadership in attendance for the occasion included District Governor Loring Miller and Phyllis, past district governors and spouses Cal and Rachel Litwiller, Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen, Terry and Peggy Geiger, and Bill Tubbs. Also DGE Chris and Vernetta Knapp, DGN Mike and Jo Anne Ruby, DGND Tom and Carol Narak, assistant governor Bill Reece, and past assistant governors Doug Flournoy, Dave Reiff and John and Helen Schroeder. — *Bill Tubbs*



Music has been an important part of Ottumwa Rotary meetings and pianist Ruth Seim livened the centennial festivities with a medley of patriotic tunes.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Club projects and history were on display at the Bridge View Center for the Rotary Club of Ottumwa's 100th anniversary celebration. Three district governors were Ottumwa Rotarians: Albert Efner (1975), Russell "Bunny" Harper (1964), and Lester Glover (1957).

Photo by



A chorus of Ottumwa Rotarians sang at the Rotary International Convention in San Francisco in 1938.





District 6000 Rotary Youth Exchange students (IB=Inbound and OB=Outbound), front (l-r): Beatrice Winn (OB, Fairfield), Andres Bravo (IB, Ecuador), Kyler Rippenkroeger (OB, Keokuk), Jacqueline Kgohloane (IB, South Africa), Jordyn Chomycia (OB, Coralville-North Corridor), Erin Sheehy (OB, Ottumwa). Row 2: Ada Hulseberg (OB, Wellman), Rachel Leon (OB, Ankeny), Victoria Ewering (IB, Germany), Phyllis Miller (Decatur County), DG Loring Miller (Decatur County), Ines El-Ouachini (IB, France), Inga Weger (IB, Norway), Jaimeson Hicklin (OB, Italy), Sara Creatini (IB, Italy). Row 3: Allie Biscupski (OB, Iowa City AM), Jenna Jensen (OB, Ankeny), Lara Celeghin (IB, Italy), Arnon Reichow (IB, Brazil), Luis Warkentin (IB, Germany), Luiz Carlos (IB, Brazil), Hector Gonzales (IB, Mexico), Andres Cienfuegos (IB, Spain), Jakob Schmidt (IB, Austria), Millo Gonzales (IB, Mexico), Pauline Bantegnies (IB, France), Petra Kolembusova (IB, Slovakia), Kinuka Miwa (IB, Japan). Not Pictured: Isidro Ganzales (OB, Italy).  
Provided by Doug Peterson

# Rotary Youth Exchange changes lives!

**By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities**

D6000 Youth Exchange chair

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) changes lives!

This is a fact that is discovered time and time again when we talk to current and past exchange students, host families, and club and committee volunteers. The following letter from one of our students currently in the district provides insight into the way RYE has influenced his thinking and his career choices.

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Open letter to the exchange students of district 6000, year 2015-2016:

*"Before I came here, my original thought was to go to college here with a scholarship from basketball. It seemed pretty natural at the time, since my dream of being a basketball player since I was 6 was finally starting to take shape. Around the fourth month, I started to have doubts with that, since in my mind I was missing too many opportunities of my exchange. And that really hit me. My so called 'life time' goal was seeming not so much important at the time to me. After a lot of thinking I decided to quit basketball, and try something new, and so I did. I joined the bowling team, and in my opinion that was my best decision of my exchange. I met so many incredible people and I'm really thankful for that.*

*"What I'm trying to say is that exchange really opened my mind. It*

*made me see what is important to me, and it made me realize, life's too short to put that level of pressure on yourself at such a young age.*

*"Even though I knew I wanted to go to college here, I had no idea what for. Like I said, it opened my mind, and that also applies to this. It made me realize how much I'm fascinated by cultures and people, so I decided to seek a career in international relationships.*

*"After saying all of this, I want to talk about my fellow exchange students and future ES. Even if you don't want it, you're going to get a strong opinion about your group, and it's your job to make that a positive thing. Speaking specifically about my group, they literally became my family. I remember the first time I met them, and specially what it came through my mind: 'Who am I going to get the closest with?' And today, I can see how wrong I was. The right question was: 'How am I going to live without these people living relatively close to me?'*

*"With today being the last official day being all together on our exchange, I want to thank Rotary for giving this gift to me, molding my adult life in such a way that I couldn't even imagine. After all, not all those who wander are lost. After all, it's the journey that matters, not the destination. After all, we travel because we need to, because distance and difference are the secret for creativity. When*

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Rotary Club of Des Moines scholarship winners are pictured with Bob Reid, RCDM Local Scholarship Committee chair and RCDM president Janet Phipps Burkhead. Scholarship winners (l-r): Ariadna Delgado Ruiz (Hoover), Barbara Gartei (Lincoln), Afi Atchale (East), Katherine Mason (Roosevelt), Dorothea Polk (North), and Darby Payne (Scavo).



Educators of the Year were honored by the Rotary Club of Des Moines on April 21, (l-r): Club president Janet Phipps Burkhead, Jo Walker, Kevin Klimowski, Deborah Vogel, Joseph McCright, Kate Galligan, Dale VandeHaar (Awards Committee vice chair), and Chuck Kuba (Awards Committee chair).

## Scholars, educators honored in Des Moines

**By Kitte Noble/Des Moines**

Club Executive Director

The Rotary Club of Des Moines (RCDM) is proud to announce the 2016 Local Scholarship recipients. RCDM gives scholarships each year to one graduating senior at each of the six public high schools in Des Moines: East, Hoover, Lincoln, North, Roosevelt and Scavo.

They were honored at the April 28th Rotary Club of Des Moines lunch.

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

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

## RYE changes lives

**YOUTH EXCHANGE/continued**

*we get home, home is still the same, but something in our minds has changed, and that changes everything. After all, being an exchange student is letting your heart be divided into several little pieces and letting them be taken to every corner of the world, and hope that one day they all meet again. Today, I can say, it's a long road, but we're not alone. Together we stand and together we'll thrive."*

Boy from District 4500 in Brazil to District 6000

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This is not unusual. It happens in varying degrees throughout the Rotary world in the lives of 8,000 students who annually participate in Youth Exchange. The D6000 RYE Committee encourages all clubs in the district to consider being a part of these life-changing happenings by sponsoring and/or hosting an exchange student. We need your support every year as we strive to follow Rotary's Fifth Avenue of Service. For information on how your club can be a part of RYE, contact Doug Peterson, chair, D6000 RYE Committee.

**By Kitte Noble/Des Moines**

Club Executive Director

The Rotary Club of Des Moines (RCDM) is proud to announce the 2016 Educator of the Year award winners. Awards this year are being given to two high school teachers, a middle school teacher and two elementary school teachers whose dedication and devotion to teaching provides a great value to our community.

This year's winners are: Joseph McCright, a teacher at Stowe Elementary; Jo Walker, a teacher at Madison Elementary; Kevin Klimowski, a teacher at Harding Middle School; Kate Galligan, a teacher at Roosevelt High School; and Deborah Vogel, a teacher at Ruby Van Meter.

The teachers were nominated by their principals. They then completed a written narrative describing aspects of how their teaching provides excellence in education. A Rotary committee reviews the applications and selects the recipients. Each winner receives a certificate and a monetary award, which recipients often use for classroom materials or community service activities. The awards were handed out Thursday, April 21st at the RCDM's meeting at the Wakonda Club.



## Earth Day Trash Bash ...

The Rotary Club of Des Moines participated in the Earth Day Trash Bash event sponsored by the City of Des Moines on Friday, April 22, (l-r): Ganesh Ganpat, Kyle McCormick, Lynette Rasmussen, Rick Chabot, Becky Greenwald, Walt Githens, Kitte Noble, Dale VandeHaar, Jim Slife, John Kelley, Hal Chase and Al Gross and family. The community service committee of RCDM led this initiative.

– Kitte Noble



# Report of the Council On Legislation

**By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott**  
Council On Legislation Delegate

Rotary leaders are calling the 2016 Council on Legislation one of the most progressive in Rotary history.

In what was truly an international gathering, 523 delegates traveled from every corner of the world to the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center on the Miracle Mile in Chicago for the April 9-15 Council.

We checked in Sunday morning, and delegates were seated Sunday afternoon to hear a presentation of the Rotary Strategic Plan and five-year financial forecast, and to go over procedures that would be followed as we debated and took action on 181 proposed enactments and resolutions over the next five days.

The Council follows a formal parliamentary process. The proposals were published and distributed to delegates in three-ring binders prior to our arrival. At the 2016 Council, they were also available for the first time on an app that could be downloaded to computers or smart phones. With the app, proposed amendments were posted immediately and could be read before debate.

Proposed legislation is numbered and the items are taken in order, with enactments to the RI bylaws and constitution first, and resolutions, which are only advisory to the RI board, last.

The Council chair and co-chair, PDG Duane Benton of Kansas City, and PDG Michael Webb of Somerset, England, presided over the proceedings. A parliamentarian, secretary, and members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Credentials Committee, all Rotarians, are seated in the front of the room and are ready to render rulings on whether amendments are in order, and other procedural matters.

RI directors, trustees and staff are seated at the far left of the wide room, observers are in the back and 21 interpreters who provide



The COL chamber in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in downtown Chicago is a formal setting. Photos by Bill Tubbs

simultaneous translation in eight languages (English, Japanese, French, Italian, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese and Spanish) are at the far right.

Delegates are seated in the large hall alphabetically by first name Sunday through Tuesday and by last name Wednesday through Friday. The random seating requires each delegate to think for him/herself rather than following the lead of countrymen who are seated in a bloc.

Each piece of legislation is introduced by a speaker from the proposing district, and then debate begins. Those who wish to speak proceed to one of six microphones and raise a green if they wish to speak in support of the proposal, a red card to speak in opposition, a yellow card to seek clarification or propose an amendment, or a blue card to call for the end of debate.

Some proposals are dispatched quickly, some are withdrawn (for various reasons, including if action on another proposal made

action unnecessary), and some are debated for up to an hour. Such was the case on proposed enactment 16-21, legislation that passed with a vote 392-82 and allows for new flexibility for clubs in meetings and attendance (see RI summary, at right).

Likewise, there was healthy debate about a \$4 per member dues increase that will take effect on July 1, 2017. Passionate arguments were made on both sides. In the end, I was persuaded when Past RI President Raja Saboo of India supported it. "Even though I come from an area where \$4 is not a small amount, we need to think of the future. What we get from Rotary is worth it." The measure passed, 317-197.

Proposed legislation fell into three categories: Issues affecting clubs, districts and Rotary International. While Rotary is one worldwide family, the Council On Legislation is where we come to seek consensus

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PDG Bill Tubbs (I) at the Council On Legislation with PDG Roger Kueter of Cedar Falls (District 5970) and PDG Newell Krogmann of LeSueur, Minn. (District 5960).



Simultaneous translation of Council proceedings was provided in eight languages by 21 interpreters, including these helpful men and women.



# 'One of the most progressive Councils'

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history.

Not only did this Council grant clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, it also approved an increase in per capita dues of \$4 a year for three years. The increase will be used to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs and services to help clubs increase membership.

The Council is an essential element of Rotary's governance. Every three years, members from around the world gather in Chicago to consider proposed changes to the policies that govern the organization and its member clubs. Measures that are adopted take effect July 1, 2016 (except the dues increase, which is effective July 1, 2017).

The tone for this year was set early, when the RI Board put forth two proposals that increase flexibility. The first measure allows clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second allows clubs flexibility in choosing their membership rules and requirements. Both passed.

Representatives also approved removing six membership criteria from the

RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.

The \$4 per year dues increase was based on a five-year financial forecast that predicted that if Rotary didn't either raise dues or make drastic cuts, its reserves would dip below mandated levels by 2020. The yearly per capita dues that clubs pay to RI will be \$60 in 2017-18, \$64 in 2018-19, and \$68 in 2019-20. The next council will establish the rate after that.

"We are at a moment in time when we must think beyond the status quo," said RI Vice President Greg E. Podd. "We must think about our future."

Podd said the dues increase will allow RI to improve My Rotary, develop resources so clubs can offer a better membership experience, simplify club and district reporting, improve website access for Rotaractors, and update systems to keep Rotary in compliance with changing global regulations.

Also because of this Council's decisions:

A Council on Resolutions will meet annually online to consider resolutions — recommendations to the RI Board. Council members will be selected for three-year terms. They'll participate in the Council on Resolutions for three years and the Council on Legislation in their final year only.

The Council on Resolutions will free the Council on Legislation to concentrate on enactments — changes to Rotary's governing documents. Proponents predict that the Council on Legislation can then be shortened by a day, saving \$300,000.

Rotaractors will be allowed to become members of Rotary clubs while they are still in Rotaract. Proponents argued that too few Rotaractors join Rotary. Sometimes it's because they don't want to leave their Rotaract clubs before they have to, upon reaching age 30. It's hoped that giving them more options will boost the numbers of qualified young leaders in Rotary.

The distinction between e-clubs and traditional clubs will be eliminated. The Council recognized that clubs have been meeting in a number of ways, and given this flexibility, the distinction was no longer meaningful. Clubs that have "e-club" in their names can keep it, however.

The reference to admission fees will be removed from the bylaws. Proponents argued that the mention of admission fees does not advance a modern image of Rotary.

A standing committee on membership was established, in recognition that membership is a top priority of the organization, and polio eradication was also reaffirmed to be a goal of the highest order.

— Arnold Grahl, *Rotary News*

despite our regional and cultural differences.

This year's Council, for example, on a vote of 463-52, gave the RI board the authority to terminate a club if it initiates litigation against RI or The Rotary Foundation when it has not exhausted remedies provided by Rotary. That is not a big issue in North America, but it is elsewhere. Last year, there were 13 lawsuits. Rotary had to spend \$20,000, and the publicity was unwelcome.

In 2013, District 6000 sponsored a resolution asking RI to designate Rotex as an official program of Rotary so that the involvement of returning Youth Exchange students would be officially recognized. We came up short on a vote of 229-283.

This year, the same Rotex resolution was proposed by districts in Belgium, Germany and France. I spoke passionately in favor again and was supported by delegates from Brazil and Sweden. Judging from the debate, there appeared to be strong support, but the measure failed again, 229-268.

Significantly, in my view, the Council defeated a proposal to cut the number of COL delegates in half by having each delegate

represent two districts instead of one.

And, we defeated a proposal, 303-209, that would have given Rotarians the option not to receive *The Rotarian*. This would have been a major step backwards and with only nominal savings, in fact, it might have cost MORE. I was grateful that Past RI President Cliff Dochtermann and our Past RI Director Tom Thorfinnson spoke passionately against the measure. Thorfinnson said the power of images in print has great value, and Dochtermann said the magazine "is a worthwhile medium for communication in our organization."

Maybe we didn't plead enough! A proposal from District 2680 in Japan asking the RI board to remind clubs of their autonomy looked like it would fail until the proposer begged, "If this doesn't pass, I won't be able to go back to Japan!" It passed, 274-208.

One item that did receive unanimous support, however, was "to endorse and affirm that the eradication of polio is a goal of the highest order of Rotary International." No proposal to adopt another corporate project will be considered until polio is eradicated!

Another item that received unanimous support — when news was received of a horrible earthquake in Japan — was solidarity with our Japanese Rotarians. Rotarians worldwide care!

Above is a summary of key legislation as provided by Rotary International. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (563) 579-7402 or email: btubbs@northscottpress.com.

Serving as your delegate to the Council On Legislation in 2013 and again in 2016 has been a meaningful and educational experience and I strived to represent you well. Thank you for the privilege.





# Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

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(Members: Jul 14/Jul 15)	(1) 15-16 APF Goal	(2) Thru 6-6-16	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita	(5) PolioPlus	(6) Other (**)	(7) TOTAL
Adel (27/37)	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,770	94	\$ 101.89	\$ 60	0	\$ 3,830
Albia (30/22)	1,200	350	29	15.91	30	0	380
Ames Morning (56/55)	10,500	8,075	77	146.82	120	0	8,198
Ames (232/224)	27,366	31,130	114	138.97	7,588	0	38,718
Ankeny (61/61)	10,460	12,185	116	199.75	5,000	0	17,195
Atlantic (56/58)	7,400	3,062	41	52.79	0	0	3,062
Bettendorf (107/103)	13,330	15,782	118	153.22	2,000	5,700	23,482
Bloomfield (11/10)	900	1,025	114	102.50	318	0	1,343
Boone (45/42)	6,380	14,925	234	355.36	1,617	0	16,557
Burlington (75/80)	14,550	6,115	81	76.44	230	0	6,345
Carroll (45/45)	2,600	0	0	0	3,050	0	3,050
Centerville (50/46)	4,160	3,790	91	82.39	250	0	4,040
Chariton (50/41)	5,100	5,225	102	127.44	1,050	0	6,275
Clinton (103/98)	9,125	5,502	60	56.14	0	0	5,502
Coon Rapids (27/27)	1,400	1,500	107	55.56	0	0	1,500
Coralville-North Corridor (17/20)	2,100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corning (36/34)	1,375	1,254	91	36.88	565	0	1,819
Corydon (21/18)	100	200	200	11.11	30	0	230
Creston (23/23)	200	100	50	4.35	0	0	100
Dallas Center (27/27)	2,700	2,500	100	92.59	0	0	2,500
Davenport (120/112)	14,850	6,330	43	56.62	230	1,175	7,735
Decatur County (26/30)	5,700	6,710	118	223.67	1,387	0	8,096
Des Moines AM (160/170)	13,000	4,500	35	26.47	0	0	4,500
Des Moines (278/276)	22,000	19,801	90	71.74	3,361	0	23,162
East Polk County (38/34)	2,950	1,841	62	54.15	710	0	2,551
Fairfield (58/74)	7,900	4,555	58	61.55	1,442	0	5,997
Fort Madison (45/49)	7,500	2,600	35	53.06	405	0	3,005
Greater Des Moines (16/12)	510	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grinnell (37/38)	9,800	2,642	27	69.63	811	0	3,453
Indianola (57/54)	6,500	6,450	99	119.44	0	18,912	25,362
Iowa City AM (62/66)	15,000	17,700	118	268.18	1,893	0	19,593
Iowa City Downtown (19/23)	3,500	2,020	58	87.83	565	0	2,585
Iowa City (302/312)	46,200	37,495	81	120.18	1,581	1,050	40,126
Iowa Quad-Cities (40/41)	2,475	1,150	46	28.05	65	0	1,215
Jefferson (56/59)	4,129	6,325	153	107.20	2,048	1,500	9,873
Johnston (56/60)	3,500	7,192	205	119.87	1,459	0	8,651
Kalona (42/42)	2,700	2,300	85	54.76	1,030	0	3,330
Keokuk (68/66)	4,950	2,905	59	44.02	800	0	3,705
Keosauqua (23/24)	1,200	1,251	104	52.13	100	0	1,351
Knoxville (61/61)	5,000	2,375	48	38.93	0	2,100	4,475
Lenox (27/29)	2,875	2,310	80	79.66	396	0	2,706
Manning (19/19)	1,700	4,267	251	224.56	450	0	4,717
Marengo (11/11)	120	135	113	12.27	0	0	135
Marshalltown (157/150)	21,000	17,595	84	117.30	1,043	0	18,638
Mount Pleasant Noon (55/52)	3,030	4,211	139	80.98	2,000	0	6,211
Mount Pleasant (22/20)	550	250	45	12.50	1,400	250	1,900
Muscatine (99/79)	10,400	13,279	128	169.09	1,500	0	14,779
Nevada (73/71)	8,876	8,200	92	115.49	1,860	0	10,060
Newton (57/60)	4,200	1,500	36	25	2,005	0	3,505
North Scott (81/85)	11,000	14,896	136	176.31	1,385	20,000	36,371
Northwest Des Moines (43/34)	7,400	8,172	110	240.35	40	11,269	19,481
Osceola (30/28)	2,070	200	10	7.14	60	0	260
Oskaloosa (49/56)	2,300	200	9	3.57	0	0	200
Ottumwa (105/97)	11,600	12,100	104	124.74	812	0	12,912
Pella (28/29)	4,200	2,251	54	77.59	500	0	2,751
Perry (26/26)	810	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tipton (31/30)	2,800	990	35	33.00	1,025	1,000	3,015
Washington (52/49)	5,300	2,800	53	57.14	0	750	3,550
Waukee (63/58)	6,300	7,975	127	137.50	3,211	0	11,261
Wellman (38/36)	2,808	2,805	100	77.92	0	0	2,805
West Des Moines (76/62)	4,300	2,600	2,750	44.35	622	1,000	4,372
West Liberty (36/43)	10,343	15,475	150	359.88	1,775	0	17,250
West Polk County (30/31)	4,000	0	0	0	3,002	0	3,002
Winterset (27/25)	2,240	5,125	229	205.00	120	0	5,245
District Contributions	0	0	0	0	715	0	715
<b>Total (3,900/3,854)</b>	<b>\$ 434,332</b>	<b>\$ 380,207</b>	<b>88.98</b>	<b>\$ 98.65</b>	<b>\$ 62,316</b>	<b>\$ 80,817</b>	<b>\$ 508,722</b>

(\*) Interim report as of June 6

(\*\*) Other includes endowment fund and restricted giving for grants



# Make sure your end-of-year contributions count

Here are the year-end deadlines to make sure that member and club gifts are received in time to qualify for giving during the 2015-16 Rotary year.

**Credit Cards:** Online via [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) – must be authorized on or prior to Thursday, June 30, at midnight (Central Standard Time) Note: Sending credit card information by mail is less secure and slower than contributing online. For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions by email, rather fax them to (847) 328-5260. Faxes must be received by Thursday, June 30.

**Phone:** 1(866)976-8279 must be received prior to the close of business on Thursday, June 30, 2016.

**Checks\*:** Must be postmarked Thursday, June 30 or prior

and received at the Foundation by Wednesday, July 6. Send to: The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Dr., Chicago, IL 60693.

(\*) Please do NOT send in checks for the 2016-17 Rotary year until Friday, July 1, 2016.

**Wire transfers:** Must be initiated prior to Thursday, June 30 and received by Tuesday, July 5th.

**Securities:** must be received prior to Thursday, 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](mailto:plannedgiving@rotary.org) or call 1(847)866-3100.

# IRA charitable rollover is now permanent

By Andrea Reason/Ames

District 6000 Endowment Committee

If you have not taken your required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA, we have a special request. Please consider making a direct rollover of that IRA to The Rotary Foundation or D-6000 HEF, Inc.

As a bit of history, the IRA Rollover was first enacted in 2006 as part of the Pension Protection Act. The provision expired and has been reinstated multiple times, and was made permanent by law as of December, 2015. The provision allows individuals aged 70½ and older to donate up to \$100,000 from their IRAs to public charities without having to count the distributions as taxable income. Individuals may begin taking distributions from their IRAs as early as age 59½, but are required to begin taking them at age 70½. Normally, these distributions are subject to income taxes.

There are benefits beyond the support of Rotary.

Since the provision was first enacted, Americans have made millions of dollars of new contributions to nonprofits that benefit people every day. These contributions are not subject to income taxes when rolled directly from the IRA to charity. In addition, the distribution amount is not included in adjusted gross income (AGI). AGI is used for many phase-outs, including the phase out of itemized deductions and personal exemptions, so decreasing your AGI could keep your deductions working for you. Because of this, the rollover is more attractive than donating cash to some individuals.

As originally enacted and renewed, the provision mandates the following:

- **Eligibility Age.** Taxpayers age 70½ and older are required to make annual distributions from their IRAs which are then included in the taxpayers' adjusted gross income (AGI) and subject to taxes. The IRA Charitable Rollover permits those taxpayers to make donations directly to charitable organizations from their IRAs without counting them as part of their AGI and, consequently, without paying taxes on them.

- **Annual Cap.** A donor's total combined charitable IRA rollover contributions cannot exceed \$100,000 in any one year. The contribution must be otherwise eligible for a contribution deduction. For example, typically the gift cannot exceed 50% of income.

- **Eligible Charities.** Charitable contributions from an IRA must go directly to a public charity that is not a supporting organization. Contributions to donor-advised funds and private foundations, except in narrow circumstances, do not qualify for tax-free IRA rollover contributions.

- **Eligible Retirement Accounts.** Distributions can only be made

from traditional Individual Retirement Accounts or Roth IRAs. Charitable donations from 403(b) plans, 401(k) plans, pension plans, and other retirement plans are ineligible for the tax-free treatment.

- **Directly to the Charity.** Distributions must be made directly from the IRA trustee payable to the public charity. Contact your IRA custodian for help in making this gift.

- **No Gifts in Return.** Donors cannot receive any goods or services in return for charitable IRA rollover contributions in order to qualify for tax-free treatment.

- **Written Receipt.** In order to benefit from the tax-free treatment, donors must obtain written substantiation of each IRA rollover contribution from each recipient charity.

Since the IRA Charitable Rollover provisions are permanent, please consider donating in this way in 2016 and in future years.



## Rotary scholar honored ...

On April 11th, Rotary District 6000 Scholar Dylan Clark spoke to the Rotary Club of Ames about his experiences in researching demographic and climate changes affecting the Inuit peoples of northern Canada. Dylan was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow recognition by Liz Beck, the chair of the District 6000 Scholars Committee, who used her recognition points to honor Dylan.

from Rotary Club of Ames newsletter





The West Liberty Community Center was abuzz with energy the night of the Rotary Gala.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

## Rotary Gala raises \$66,078 in West Liberty

By Tom Brooke/West Liberty

What else can be said? The fourth West Liberty Rotary Gala was a stunning success on Saturday evening, May 7, at the West Liberty Community Center.

"We shattered our ticket selling record from two years ago," said West Liberty Rotary president Ethan Anderson. "When everyone pitches in, this is what happens."

At the last gala, 1,620 raffle tickets were sold, but the Rotary club and its two partners, the West Liberty Child Care Center and West Liberty Athletic Boosters, broke the record by selling 1,811 tickets.

Organized by Dr. Dana Nelson, the gala also boasted more than 100 silent auction items, 20 live auction items and an abundance of desserts that adorned the front part of the room.

Its purpose was to raise funds for the Rotary club as well as both of its partners.

The Rotary Gala is held once every two years. It is one of the West Liberty club's most well known events, though there are many. \$66,078 was the net profit that will be distributed to over 40 charities over the next two years.



DGN Mike Ruby examines an item at one of nine silent auction tables, each identified by the color of the tablecloth. The closing time for bids was different at each table.



Above: Auction chair Dr. Dana Nelson (l) invites bids on the West Liberty Comets quilt.

Left: Club president Ethan Anderson and Bethany with one of the prized items, a hand-made Iowa Hawkeys quilt.



# RLI offers leadership training opportunities

**By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County**

District 6000 RLI Chair

District 6000 Rotarians are encouraged to attend upcoming RLI sessions July 9 in Omaha (Parts 1, 2 and 3), Aug. 27 in Iowa City (Parts 1, 2, and 3), and Oct. 15 in Lincoln or Omaha (Parts 1, 2, and 3). Parts 1 and 2 were presented June 11 in Des Moines. Our district is part of the Heartland Division formed by Rotary District 5650, southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska.

*Who should attend RLI?* New Rotarians who want to learn more about what Rotary is, and weaned Rotarians who want to become more seasoned on Rotary.

*What is the cost?* The cost is \$85.00/session and we are encouraging clubs to seek interested Rotarians who want to participate, and pay the registration fee for their members.

*How do I register?* Go to the following link: <http://www.rli-heartland.org/Register.aspx>.

The philosophy of RLI is, "Having leadership skills does not assure good Rotary leadership. An effective Rotary leader must ALSO have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is now and a vision of what it should be." The success or failure of a Rotary club depends primarily on the quality of club leadership. RLI is a program to train and prepare future Rotary leaders for our clubs.

Consider attending an RLI session and learn more about this great organization of ours. If you have any questions, please call PDG Terry Geiger at (641) 442-5559 or send me an email at [tgeiger@grm.net](mailto:tgeiger@grm.net).



RYLA students like these young people in 2015 make friends and discover new possibilities. Photo by Bill Tubbs

## RYLA team gears up for another great conference

**By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny**

District 6000 RYLA Chair

Thank you for your support! Every club in D6000 has either sent students or committed to send students to RYLA. The response has been overwhelming. Thank you for your commitment to the youth in your community.

We have received over 240 applications for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). RYLA will be held at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, from July 17-22. Be sure to check with your selected students a week before to make sure they will follow through with their commitment. We have to give a guarantee to Grinnell College by June 17, which becomes the basis of our cost. If your student does not attend, we still incur the cost. Also make sure that they have transportation to Grinnell.

One of the great opportunities for you is to continue to mentor the student when they return from RYLA. They will be excited and ready to use their new skills, and it is your job to continue to mentor the students. Be sure to include them and their parents in club activities. The parents can very easily become new members once they understand the value of Rotary. Also, many of these students would be wonderful candidates for our world class Rotary Youth Exchange program. It is a wonderful life changing opportunity and they will only take advantage of it, if you inform, encourage and support them.

Please check with your club treasurer to make sure they have sent your fees to: John Last, RYLA treasurer: 324 29th St. SW, Mason City, IA 50401-6512. If you have not sent in your fee for your students, please do so ASAP, which will guarantee your slot so I will not have to call your club president.

Rotarian volunteers are the backbone of the RYLA conference. We have been fortunate to have 20 volunteers this year for 20 teams. Without your willingness to be a volunteer, we cannot provide this high quality opportunity for your youth. So please consider being a volunteer next year. We have found that it is as amazing experience for the volunteer as it is for the student.

We do encourage any Rotarian to visit the RYLA conference during the week and suggest either July 19, 20 or 21. Please let me know if you are coming so we can arrange for a guide, and if you are able to stay for the day we will provide lunch for you as our guest. We encourage you talk to the students and get their perspective.

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact Gary Welch at (515) 419-3707, or [gwelch3002@msn.com](mailto:gwelch3002@msn.com).



## Fun fundraising at Waukee ...

The Rotary Club of Waukee Rotary held its annual Auction and Beer and Wine Tasting on Saturday, April 16th. Approximately 175 guests and Rotarians attended the auction which included hors d'oeuvres, desserts, soft drinks, beer and wine tasting, and music as well as the silent and live auctions. Rotarians Brian Hughes, Ray Meister and Tim Morman lend their support. The event was held at Stottencirk Chevrolet in Waukee and raised \$23,000 for the club's service projects.

Provided by Mark Heffernan

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



# Fellowships add value to Rotary membership

**By Sue Rasmussen/Waukee**

District 6000 Fellowships Chair

June is considered as Rotary Fellowship Month in the Rotary calendar. When we talk about "Rotary Fellowships," we actually refer to the groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses and Rotaractors who join together to:

- Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.);
  - Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession;
  - Make new friends around the world;
  - Explore new opportunities for service;
- and
- Have fun and enhance their experience in Rotary.

Examples of Rotary Fellowships include: Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI), International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR), International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians (ICUFR), International Fellowship of Rotary Convention Goers, International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians, International Fellowship of Rotarians Musicians, Rotary Global History Fellowship, etc.

The field is widely varied. It includes marathon running, scuba diving, flying, bird watching, chess, doll lovers, environment, Esperanto, gourmets, lawyers, magic, nurses, police and law enforcement professionals, recreational vehicles, singles, stockbrokers, venture capitalists, wine and yoga.

**The newest fellowship, announced May 30 on Linked In, is Rotarian Educators.**

Each Rotary Fellowship operates independently of Rotary International, with its own rules, dues requirements and administrative structure. Membership is open to current or former Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians and Rotaractors. It must be international in nature with active members in at least three countries. Each fellowship elects at least three officers to oversee the group's administration.

## Administration

Rotary Fellowships are expected to facilitate communication among their members and maintain regular communication with RI. While many have websites, others only maintain a Facebook page to communicate fellowship events and fellowship news.

*What are the benefits for Rotarians in joining the Rotary Fellowships?*

Fellowships provide opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own club, district or country. Fellowships contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace. Also, fellowships serve as a vehicle to attracting new members to Rotary and retaining our existing members.



Carl Stigdon, a past president of the Rotary Club of North Scott and now a resident of Grand Island, Fla., is a director of the Rotary RV Fellowship, where he met Peggy Geiger from the Rotary Club of Decatur County.

## Opportunities

District 6000 has a District Fellowship Committee consisting of Sue and Dick Rasmussen, Waukee; Peg and PDG Terry Geiger, Decatur County, and Dan Divine, Ames. Our purpose is to spread the word about fellowships in the district. If you would like information for yourself, or a program on fellowships for your club, please contact one of the committee members. We also would welcome additional committee members.

The Wine Fellowship has a Chapter in the Ames-Nevada-Boone area that has monthly meetings to learn about wine. It hosted a Wine Tasting Event at the last District Conference. The Recreational Vehicle Fellowship had a rally in Dubuque two years ago that was attended by 14 couples from various parts of the U.S. and Canada, including three from District 6000. Contact us if you have a fellowship event that you would like to publicize or would like help in hosting.

Interested Rotarians can join a Rotary Fellowship at <http://www.rotary.org/programs/fellowships/index.html> or even start a prospective Rotary Fellowship if their recreational or vocational interest is not in the list of approved Rotary Fellowships.

# Iowa City: Past and future leaders exchange ideas

**By Jody Braverman/Iowa City**

Past district governors and past presidents in the Iowa City area met with current and future Rotary presidents in a first-ever meeting of its kind on May 20.

The 31 attendees included DGE Chris Knapp, members from the four Iowa City/Coralville/North Liberty Rotary clubs, plus a past president of Fort Dodge Rotary who recently moved to the area. The meeting was limited to one hour in keeping with longstanding Rotary tradition.

"Everyone who attended realized the endless possibilities for sharing among Rotary clubs," said Iowa City AM Rotary past president Jim Peterson. "We only scratched the surface."

Assistant District Governor Jody Braverman organized the meeting after hearing a suggestion voiced by an attendee at this

year's PETS. The suggestion was for past presidents to meet with presidents-elect to provide guidance for new leadership. The close proximity of clubs in Area 7 made this joint meeting an ideal forum.

"Just knowing others are in your situation and willing to help is great," said past president, past AG Vicki Struzynski-Olson of Coralville-North Corridor Rotary, "and a wonderful opportunity to build collaborations."

PDG Gary Pacha: "I continue to strongly believe that RI was, is, and will in the future be a powerful, peaceful army."

Favorite suggestion received by Iowa City Downtown Rotary PE Kim Schillig, "Put Carolyn Scharff on speed dial."

A questionnaire was sent to the past presidents prior to the meeting. One past district governor and past president who could not attend sent written responses.





Receiving books and checks are (l-r): Allison Ames Galstad, Coralville; Jennie Garner, North Liberty; Keith Jones, president of the Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor; Mark Moody, Clear Creek Amana High School principal; Heather Fox, Amana; and Ben Macumber, Amana principal.

## A commitment to literacy at Coralville-North Corridor

By Vicki Struzynski Olson/Coralville-North Corridor

The Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor presented books and checks to area libraries at its regular club meeting on March 9. Libraries receiving the annual donations this year include Coralville, North Liberty, Clear Creek Amana High School and Amana Elementary.

Coralville-North Corridor Rotary supports literacy as a major project and also provides over 700 Dictionaries to area fourth-grade students each fall. In addition, the club supports the SAT/Rotary Interact Club at Clear Creek Amana High School.

The Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor meets Wednesday noon at Vesta Restaurant in Coralville.



## Davenport scholarships ...

Scholarships totaling total of \$58,500 were presented by the Rotary Club of Davenport on April 25th at the regular meeting at the Outing Club. Funds are raised from a variety of sources, including the Ackerman Endowment, the Dunn Endowment, the Scholarship Fund and Rotarians' birthday and anniversary checks. Recipients were (l-r): Hannah Hansen (Central), Briana Little (Mid-City), Alex Belzer (North), Tony Nguyen (West), and Madeline Kroeger (Assumption). Thompson Teasdale (Central) is not pictured.

Provided by Anita Zemba-Schadt/Executive Secretary



## Telling the Rotary story ...

The Rotary Club of Ames invested in yard signs which we place at locations in which the club has sponsored a local project. The signs read, "Another Local Project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ames," with "Service Above Self" below. In this photo, a sign is placed next to the Little Free Library we funded at the Ames Community Preschool Center. The signs are catching people's eyes. Even the Kiwanis are jealous!

Provided by Karen Sevde

## Rotary Club of West Des Moines plans 90th anniversary celebration

By Amy Feters/West Des Moines  
Club President

The Rotary Club of West Des Moines is planning a 90th Celebration Gala which will be June 17 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Marriott West Des Moines, 1250 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines.

The event is an evening of celebrating the past and the future of West Des Moines Rotary. Music will be by the CJC Big Band (with the club's very own Bob Start), and there will be a tribute to great past members and a delicious plated dinner.

Tickets are \$90, just \$1 for each year the club has worked to follow the Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do. For tickets, call Diana at Humble Travel, (515) 421-410, or mail your check to: West Des Moines Rotary, 4949 Westown Parkway, Suite 165 PMB 120, West Des Moines, IA 50266.



# Club surprises Rotarian with 99th birthday party



Jim Stopulos, WWII pilot

On May 23rd, the Rotary Club of Davenport threw a surprise celebration for James Stopulos who turned 99. The surprise included his family and many Rotarian Friends, a slideshow depicting his life and accomplishments over the past 99 years, and a small history lesson for the events that occurred in 1917.

Jim played football for Davenport Cen-

tral, and proudly served as a pilot in WWII. He and his wife Jeanne married in 1945, and had four wonderful children. He was the owner and operator of the Coronet Theater in Davenport. He continues to attend the noon Rotary meeting. Jim was treated to 99 blue and yellow cupcakes. The club was honored to celebrate this amazing milestone for such a special man. — Anita Zemba-Schadt



The Stopulos family (l-r): Mary Fran, Mike, Jim (Davenport Rotarian), Jeanne, Pat (Bettendorf Rotarian), Megan and Pete. Grandson Joe Stopulos is a member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM.

## Thank you for supporting the Dictionary Project

*The Student Dictionary project was introduced to District 6000 in 2004-05 and has become a popular project for many of our clubs. Below is a letter from Mary French, who is the director of the Dictionary Project. She can be reached at Dictionary Project, P.O. Box 1845, Charleston, SC 29402.*

### By Mary French

Director of The Dictionary Project

Fortunately the majority of teachers in America encourage children to use a dictionary to learn to spell words properly and recognize a word and its correct meaning. A dictionary teaches a child to be self-reliant.

Every day we hear from civic organizations who want to participate in the Dictionary Project by giving dictionaries to students in their local schools, however, they are being told by teachers and administrators that paperback dictionaries are outdated, old fashioned and no one uses them anymore.

These teachers tell their 8-year-old students to Google a word to find the meaning.

This is a shameful path for the teacher to lead the children on since it will not help their students learn to spell words properly and recognize a word and its correct meaning in the context in which it is used. Teaching children to use an iPad as a primary spelling resource will exacerbate illiteracy in our country because children do not know if they are looking at the right word. The teachers who turn down the gift of a dictionary from local residents on behalf of their students are insulting a caring individual and they are depriving the students of an essential tool for a quality education. A child cannot do his or her best



Mary French

work without a dictionary.

Now that everyone has an iPad in school, educators believe the device is a teaching tool. The iPad was designed to be an advertising and entertainment platform. Americans spend more money on entertainment than they do on education; placing more value on entertainment. Actually Americans don't spend billions on entertainment, they spend it in search of entertainment.

Acquiring knowledge through reading is the best way to learn because reading sparks the imagination. A child builds his or her frame of reference by implementing ideas that come to their mind. The fact of the matter is that people get paid for what they know. If they want to make a contribution and earn a living they have to be more than spectators. Nothing will divide this nation more than ignorance and nothing can bring us together like educating our population.

Thank you to the Rotary clubs and school districts who recognize the value of Student Dictionaries!

## The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and profes-

sions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



# Atlantic presents 'Outstanding Teacher Award'

**By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic**

Club Publicity Chair

The Rotary Club of Atlantic presented the third Outstanding Teacher Award on May 18. The Atlantic teachers gathered at the Atlantic High School for snacks provided by the 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."

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 winner was Jodie Hogue. Ms. Hogue has been teaching in the Atlantic School District for four years and had spent two years at Riverside, prior to that. "I'm very surprised," she said. "I want to thank Rotary for everything they do for us, and all my co-workers for all the hard work they put in, too." Hogue said it was her grandmother who inspired her to be a teacher. "My grandmother was a teacher for a long, long time, and she was great at it. It just made me want to do it."

She teaches the multi-age kindergarten and first-grade class, where the students stay in her class for two years. The students start in kindergarten and the next year move to first grade but have Ms. Hogue for their teacher again. The first graders are "mentors" to the kindergarteners. She loves the fact that when the student comes to kindergarten they are like a blank slate and by the time they leave first grade they are reading, writing and full of knowledge wanting to learn more.

This is the third year the Rotary club presented the award.



**Jodie Hogue**  
Teacher of the Year



FFA students at the Rotary Club of Atlantic's "Salute to Agriculture" day.

## FFA speaks at 'Salute to Agriculture'

**By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic**

Club Publicity Chair

The Rotary Club of Atlantic held its annual Salute to Agriculture on March 15th at the Cass County Community Center. The luncheon was catered by the Downtowner Café. In attendance were many local individuals involved in agriculture, farmers from the area, agriculture dealers, and owners of stores that carry agricultural items, along with the FFA students from the senior class of Atlantic High School.

The FFA students were asked how FFA had influenced their lives. Many expressed the fact that they could now talk in front of a

large group of people. Learning more about agriculture and the opportunities available to them in the agriculture industry was great but the opportunity to feel comfortable in a large group situation really made a difference for them. They felt that if they hadn't been in FFA they wouldn't be able to do that at all.

The main speaker for the event was John Becker, a local seed dealer and former FFA student. He agreed wholeheartedly with the students that if it hadn't been for FFA, he wouldn't be able to make presentations so important to passing on information about the agriculture industry.

## Scholarship winners named at Atlantic

**By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic**

Club Publicity Chair

The Rotary Club of Atlantic held its annual Atlantic High School Senior Recognition luncheon on April 26th. 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 2016.

Along with presentations from the students, the Rotary scholarship winners were introduced to the club by Gary DeGeest, a member of the Rotary Club Scholarship Committee.

Haley Carlson is the recipient of the \$2,000 Rex Moorman Memorial Academic Scholarship. Alaena Pelzer received the \$2,000 Rotary Club Scholarship and Hannah Greene received the \$1,000 scholarship for a community college which is renewable for another \$1,000 her second year of school.





Second graders in the Davenport and Bettendorf school districts learn bicycle safety and receive helmets in the "Lids For Kids" program sponsored by the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities.

## 'Lids for Kids' teaches safety, provides helmets

**By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities**

This spring, the Rotary Club of the Quad Cities distributed more than 368 bicycle helmets to all the second graders in the Bettendorf Elementary Schools and one Davenport Elementary School.

The safety program, "Lids for Kids," was originally started by Mike and Tese Atkins after Tese sustained a near fatal bicycle accident. If it weren't for the use of her bicycle helmet, Mrs. Atkins may not be with us today.

Trying to make something out of a near tragic situation, Mike and Tese started the "Lids for Kids" program. This is the fourth year the Iowa Quad Cities club has spearheaded the project in the Bettendorf School District and second year in the Davenport School District.

More than 25 Rotary volunteers assisted in unboxing and orga-

nizing the helmets for distribution, and fitting students after each safety presentation. The club hopes to expand the program to other elementary schools over the next few years.

"Lids for Kids" includes a 30-minute program instilling the importance of wearing a bicycle helmet while riding on any scooter, bicycle or other wheeled instrument, proper road etiquette, and safety precautions each student should take while riding. Upon completion of the program, each child is provided a helmet and a proper fitting from local experts to make sure the helmet is safe for use.

It is the goal of the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities to continue to support programs, service projects, scholarships, and grants initiatives that help all children, with an emphasis to assist disadvantaged youth whenever possible.



The Gilbert High School Junior Rotarian Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ames, raised funds for the Boys and Girls Club of Story County and for Youth and Shelter Services.

## Gilbert High School Junior Rotarians boost Boys and Girls Club, Youth and Shelter Services

**By Karin Sevde/Ames**  
Club Executive Secretary

The Gilbert High School Junior Rotarian Club presented checks from the funds they raised to the Boys and Girls Club of Story County and to Youth and Shelter Services for their Teens Against Human Trafficking program.

With matching funds from the Rotary Club of Ames, each or-

ganization received \$500. The GHS Junior Rotarians had several fund raisers throughout the school year and volunteered for several organizations, including ringing the bell during the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign.

The Rotary Club of Ames has sponsored this youth group since it was started. The students focus on service to the community, while they learn parliamentary procedures and organizational skills.



# Connecting with project partners in Colombia

Rotarians Dave Reiff (Fairfield), Brock Earnhardt (Dav-enport), and Douglas Flournoy (Fairfield) visited friends and matching grant partners in Cartagena, Colombia, in April 2016. Pictured with them are German Spicker and Miguel Desmoineaux (Hogar Crea), both of the Rotary Club of Cartagena.

Fairfield has partnered with two clubs in Cartagena (Cartagena and Cartagena de Indias) over the last 10 years to write six matching or global grants. The clubs have just completed their seventh proposal. This long-standing close relationship has resulted in three trips to Cartagena by Rotarians from Fairfield and one return trip by Rotarians from Cartagena.

The relationship began in 2002 with a GSE visit to Fairfield.  
— Doug Flournoy, Fairfield



# Leader honored for Iowa Industrial Tech Expo

**By Tom Downs/East Polk**

Assistant District Governor

The Rotary Club of East Polk County recently honored Southeast Polk High School teacher Phillip Cronin at its weekly meeting, presenting him with the District 6000 Club Builder Award. (He was unable to attend the District Conference to receive the award.)

Phil is the director of the Iowa Industrial Technology Exposition, the "state tournament" of industrial technology projects of Iowa high school and middle school students, held annually at Southeast Polk High School each May. The Tech Expo is the "signature" project of East Polk Rotary, and is co-sponsored (funded) by the Iowa Department of Education. Phil has coordinated the Expo for the past 17 years and has enjoyed 39 years as an Iowa educator. He plans to retire at the end of this school year.

Rotary Clubs throughout District 6000 and other parts of Iowa annually provide financial support, enabling their middle and high school students to attend the Expo. Rotarians from East Polk and other central Iowa clubs attend the event and serve as judges of student projects including: graphic communication; energy and power; transportation; material processing; problem solving, inventions and experiments; and robotics.

The philosophy of the Tech Expo aligns with the Rotary Four-Way Test: "Organizers of the Iowa Industrial Technology Exposition believe that successful completion of technology courses will enable students to be more technically skilled, work cooperatively, develop a positive attitude toward learning and work and apply knowledge obtained in all areas of the curriculum to the world of work."



Phillip Cronin received the Club Builder Award in appreciation of his leadership with the Iowa Technology Expo.

**Enter YOUR project in one of these categories...**

**Graphic Communication**  
Machine Drafting  
Architectural Drafting  
CAD-Machine Drafting  
CAD-Architectural Drafting  
Photography  
Silk Screen Printing  
Illustration Drawings  
3-D Computer Design  
3-D Computer Graphics  
3-D Printed Model  
Commercial Printing  
Computer Animations  
Computer Graphics  
Other Graphics

**Energy and Power**  
Electricity  
Electronics  
Hydraulics, Pneumatics and Alternate Energy

**Problem Solving, Inventions and Experiments**  
Material Testing  
Environmental Research  
Lasers  
Etc...

**Material Processing**  
Metalworking  
Woodworking  
Plastics  
CAM-Computer-Aided Machining of Various Materials

**Transportation**  
Auto/Truck Repair/Restoration  
Ultimate MPG Vehicle Contest  
Metric 500 Dragster Races

**Robotics**  
Robots constructed in class or examples of programming done on a commercial, programmable robot. A functioning robot may be exhibited, or a videotape of a programmed robot in action plus written documentation.

**Group**  
Mass production and entrepreneurship entries by a group of students are typical examples.

Sponsored by:  
Southeast Polk Community School District, East Polk Rotary, Iowa Department of Education.

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**May 13, 2016**  
The **State Tournament**  
of Industrial Technology

**INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY EXPOSITION**

The Rotary Club of East Polk's Iowa Technology Expo inspires students and brings good publicity to Rotary.



# Teaching Tanzanian teachers:

## A report on District 6000's first Vocational Training Team

By Thomas Walsh Jr./Ames

D6000 Vocational Training Team

An ongoing problem facing many teachers and secondary schools in Tanzania is a teacher shortage created with the opening of government public “community” secondary schools and a required national testing scheme. The teacher shortage has resulted in higher staff turnover and the recruitment of teachers with limited post-secondary education (i.e., a graduation certificate) and formal teacher preparation or training provided with a university teaching diploma. This turnover has been perpetuated by lower student achievement test scores and compounded with limited delivery of English instruction required at the secondary level. This is a challenge for teaching staff since they speak the national language of Swahili along with their local language (e.g., Pare) and possibly an additional family tribal language.

Given this need, a VTT Rotary grant staff development on effective teaching methodologies and English conversation was provided, by a team of four trainers to teachers at five secondary schools, in the Mwanga District, Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania in March 2016. The grant was a partnership between the host Rotary Club of Moshi-Manga, District 9211 in Tanzania, East Africa, and the international Rotary Club of Ames in District 6000. The host Rotary club selected the schools receiving the training program, with trainer assignments made by the project team leader (T. Walsh) to Mandaka, Kisangara, Kirya, Ngujini, and Kiriki Secondary Schools. All schools are government schools except Kiriki, is owned by the Muslim Order of Usage. (See photos 1 and 2)

### Project Goals and Objectives

The primary goal of the project was to train two faculty or staff at each school site, with an alternative trainer, to learn the program teaching strategies so they could conduct and continue the training in the future. The goal provided sustainability for the training program and included support resources for teacher trainers, with a monetary stipend for their teaching and classroom coaching provided to staff. The resources would include teacher textbooks and print material to support student performance and achievement.

There were three learning skill objectives. One was to provide effective teaching strategies on questioning techniques, graphic



1. Student impact showing morning assembly before classes at Kiriki.

organizers, cooperative learning, models of teaching and models based on the CRISS (Creating Independence through Student-owned Strategies). A second objective was to improve the teacher’s English through discussion and dialogue activities. A third objective was to provide access to technology and e-books (i.e., English and Swahili) through the use of donated Amazon Kindle Fire Readers, including donated solar panels from PowerFilm for charging, at each school. If available, computer training and support would be provided.

### VTT grant development

Initial efforts in writing the grant began in July 2014 with support and revision efforts provided from the VTT team, Gerald Klonglan and Mary Wells, members of the Rotary Club of Ames Global Grant Committee. Alimiya Osman, Tanzania country grant officer, reviewed the grant providing clarification for the proposal with suggestions to improve sustainability. Osman then recommended approval to Tanzania grant officer Stephen Mwanje for grant authorization.

Authorization and support of the project was then given, after completion of the Rotary online application, to the Rotary Club of Moshi-Manga, the Rotary District 6000 committee members, and the Rotary international review team. The grant was the first VTT project approved for District 6000, based on this thorough review by The Rotary Foundation. The VTT was funded \$15,000 from District 6000 District Designated Funds (DDF) and \$15,000 from The Rotary Foundation World Fund.

Essential support to implement the grant was provided by the Rotary Club of Moshi-Mwanga host VTT members who reviewed elements of the draft (e.g., line budget items) and traveled to the selected five schools in the Mwanga district for on-site training approval based on a contract of expectations signed by the school headmaster or headmistress. They also traveled to the training sites to receive signatures from school officials, headmasters, and selected trainers to support sustainability of the project.



2. The Kisangara Secondary School teachers charging the Kindle with the solar panel.

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The approval forms were critical to the project since the primary goal of the project was to train two faculty or staff at each school site, with an alternative trainer, to learn the program teaching strategies so they could conduct and continue the training in the future. Additional logistical efforts provided by the Rotary Club of Moshi-Mwanga included frequent computer communication and scanning of information about school demographics with map identification of campus sites and completed forms. Much success of the project was due to the Rotary Club of Moshi-Mwanga in arranging home-stays, ground transportation, and administrative tasks supporting the seminar plans for each of the schools selected by their VTT team. With the leadership of Tegemea Mfanga and team members Gasiano Senziche and Dr. Mark Mvungi the Rotary project was successfully organized for implementation.

### Sustainability and Instructional Coaches

The primary goal of the project was to train two faculty or staff at each school site, with an alternative trainer, to learn the teaching strategies so they could conduct and continue the training in the future. The primary goal provided sustainability for the training program and included support resources for teacher trainers, with a monetary stipend for their teaching and classroom coaching provided to staff. Identified school coaches would then be required to submit reports, using a format guideline, showing intervention with teaching staff on continued use of the teaching strategies. The first set of reports have been received and evaluated by the Rotary Club of Moshi-Mwanga and Ames VTT teams documenting interventions by classroom observations with teacher feedback, facilitated teaching training sessions, staff mini-conferences, and support using Kindle Readers. The next set of reports will be due on Oct. 1, 2016, April 1, 2017, and Oct. 1, 2017. Teacher trainers are provided a monetary stipend for their teaching and classroom coaching provided to staff, after the reports have been received and approved.

Additional resources provided in the grant included a monetary stipend for each school to purchase textbooks and resources to support student performance and achievement. All school trainers worked with the school coaches and teacher teams to develop a prioritized list of needed books and schools resources. At a bookstore in Moshi, the trainers and coaches purchased the requested books aligned with the Tanzania national curriculum and exams. Some additional smaller purchases included medical kit, calculators, chairs, and sports equipment for the schools.

### Evaluation of the training program

Evaluation instruments were developed to measure the impact of the seminar-training program and included the pre- and post-evaluation: Staff Development Implementation Survey. Generally teacher responses to the Pre- and Post-Evaluation: Staff Development Implementation Survey showed a general shift, using a 5-point rating scale, in comparing current practices and anticipated plans to use the teaching strategies at all five schools. At all five schools, staff reported a decrease in the use of the lecture method from the pre- to post-evaluation. (See photos 3 and 4)

The secondary teachers at the schools completed an evaluation of the staff development seminar experience, provided by the trainers. Faculty feedback from the Staff Development Seminar Post-Evaluation showed strong support for the seminar-training program. Mean scores indicate teachers rated highly the evaluation items, while giving more variable ratings for discussion topics, cooperative learning, and use of information collection strategies. Teacher open-ended responses identifying most or least useful strategies, overall, varied among the schools. Lower mean scores were reported suggesting more time and opportunities to practice

strategies. When asked for recommended changes in the seminar, teachers most frequently reported the need to provide more staff development and support in learning the strategies. Teachers reported the most needed support to improve their classroom teaching were teaching material books or aides and reference books.

High ratings were found for instruction and presentation of the strategies, and the overall rating of the quality and value of the training seminar. The findings from the staff development post-evaluation were substantiated anecdotally by feedback from the headmasters and headmistresses, including Rotary Club of Moshi-Mwanga Rotary meetings attended by the trainers. Tusu Tusubira from Uganda visited Kiriki, during service work by the team leader, and the VTT project school sites to evaluate the Rotary grant project. The VTT project was selected randomly as an international grant program for evaluation. Based on interviews from the VTT team at the Rotary Club of Moshi/Mwanga and school sites (i.e., headmasters or headmistresses, coaches, and teachers), Tusu reported strong enthusiasm for the program and “fit” with the national curriculum. According to Tusu, teachers and students want to continue using the strategies and students report having gained more confidence with these approaches. Tusu will provide a final report to VTT project stakeholders. (See photo 5, next page)

### Conclusion

The Rotary VTT grant project was overall successful in meeting its primary goals in providing training in teaching methodology through English activities and discussion. Some curriculum compacting and modifying (e.g., deleting some discussion activities)

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3. Students practicing the cooperative learning strategy at Ngujini



4. Penuel Samwel Mtae using inductive teaching for her Swahili lesson at Mandaka.





5. Teachers certificates of completion for participation in the seminar program at Kirya.

## Vocational Training Team

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was necessary in order to focus on the presentation of teaching strategies to school staff due to time constraints. Schools had to reduce training contact hours because of scheduling limitations (e.g., Friday afternoon school dismissal for Islamic worship and prayer) and availability of the staff. With the leadership of Tegemea Mfanga and team members Gasiano Senziche and Dr. Mark Mvungi, the Rotary project was successfully implemented. President of the Rotary Club of Moshi/Mwanga, Omary Mbelenje, along with other members expressed support for continuing the VTT program in the future with an ICT computer technology training component included. This recommendation is needed, given the recent Internet upgrades in Tanzania, however, the need to update electricity capacity at the school sites by use of solar panels or an alternative consistent power source will be required.

The Rotary Club of Ames' support of the VTT team Gerald Klonglan and Mary Wells provided valuable guidance in development and implementation of the grant. Their involvement was critical in writing the initial grant proposal, final report, and article submission prior to departure and after returning from Tanzania. The Iowa VTT team made the project a success due to their dedication and involvement in preparation meetings before departure for the service work assignment, along with the post follow-up requirements contributing to the grant report.

### Author's comment

The activities and evaluation instruments for the VTT (GG1525724) program are based on the author's seminar training experience at the North and South Pare dioceses schools in Tanzania in 2006, 2008, 2011 and 2014. Curriculum development was also developed based on English as a Secondary Language (ESL) teaching experiences in Costa Rica and Chile. The seminar text provided to teachers includes components from staff development training provided by the Ames Community Schools, including CRISS strategies, models of teaching, and cooperative learning. Later revisions of the guide have included questioning strategies and tribal articles based on survey data from the Staff Development Course Post-Evaluation and narrative feedback received by seminar participants.

To access the Trainer's Manual and accompanying Student Activity Guide go to the Home page description of the training program and type the URL @ <https://sites.google.com/site/tzteachstratenglish/>. Then select the title link in the side menu window Strategies to Promote English Language Conversation in Tanzania, Africa (Walsh, 2015). You can then proceed to view or download pdf copies.

# What is a VTT?

## Training program replaced GSE

By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

District Rotary Foundation Chair

A VTT is short for Vocational Training Team. And so what is a Vocational Training Team?

I hear VTT thrown around in various training sessions we have been attending in District 6000 and have noted the expression of confusion on many Rotarians faces so I want to explain what it is and how it came about.

Rotary used to financially support Group Study Exchanges which were cultural exchanges between two districts. When Rotary International was preparing for Future Vision, now known as the "New Grant Model," the research indicated that we weren't getting the "bang for our buck" that we would had hoped to get from the GSE experience. There were certainly many positives in creating international friendships, but RI felt we could do better. And so out of that came the VTT program.

So, what is a VTT? There is a document prepared by RI entitled "Facts about Vocational Training Teams," so I have copied directly from that document as follows:

*"Vocational training teams are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about a particular field or to learn more about their own. Teams can be funded by district grants and global grants."*

*"VTTs build on the Foundation's long-standing commitment to vocational training. Activities vary from one team to the next but may include training medical professionals on cardiac surgery and care, sharing best practices on early childhood education, or explaining new irrigation techniques to farmers. A successful VTT increases the capacity of the host community to solve problems and improve the quality of life."*

One thing I might add to the above is that it must be in one of the six Areas of Focus: Water and Sanitation, Basic Education, Promoting Peace, Community Development, Child and Maternal Health, and Disease Prevention.

District 6000 has already been quite active in approving Global Grants for VTTs. The Rotary Club of Ames recently had a VTT that went to Tanzania for staff development on teaching strategies and English conversation for secondary teachers.

The Rotary Club of Adel is also working on a VTT to train midwives in Nigeria because the mortality rate for new mothers is alarmingly high there.

There are also two VTTs in the works to train doctors on the Ponsetti Method for Clubfoot correction in both Mexico and Brazil. Both of these projects we are doing in cooperation with our friends in District 5970, northern Iowa.

The Rotary Club of Ames also has a VTT proposal in process: "The objective of this Vocational Training Team grant is to train borehole drilling contractors and their employees on the best methods to use in drilling, casing, screening, packing, finishing and testing a borehole for optimum results."

So you can see, this is something that should have great long term positive results in The Rotary Foundation's objective to do good in the world. And then next time you hear someone use the term VTT, and someone next to you has that puzzled look, you can explain to them what it is.



# Ames Testimonial: 'My mother had polio'

Dear Rotarians,

*I wanted to share with you a letter that one of our Rotary Club of Ames members sent to me following a presentation update from Sarah Buck, our Foundation chair.*

*I felt it was quite moving and would be worth sharing with others. I hope you feel the same.*

*Tanya Anderson*

*President-Rotary Club of Ames*

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"I was gratified by Sarah's report on the Rotary's continuing efforts to eradicate polio world wide. The goal of Rotary with respect to polio was the reason I joined Rotary.

"I was born in 1947, and my mother had polio from childhood.

She died in 1954 from polio and heart disease. I was 7 years old. After her death my dad took over raising my older brother and me. He was a strong bricklayer of Swedish descent and a great man.

"Life for mother was not easy. Our Maytag wringer washer was down two flights of stairs in the basement of our home in Hammond, Ind. With crutches and heavy braces on her legs, she could not negotiate the stairs as you and I might.

In order to do the laundry, she sat on her bottom and went down the stairs one at a time until she reached the bottom of the stairs. Once there, she had a spare set of crutches and she raised herself up and did the laundry on crutches. When the laundry was clean, she sat on the first step and bumped her way to the top, one step at a time. Once by the back door, she pulled up the clean laundry in a basket that was tied to a rope. Once again rising and getting on crutches, she pulled the rope to get to the back yard, where she hung the clothes on the line on crutches.

"When we would go out shopping, we would take the bus to downtown Hammond, Ind. In the early 50's, there were no accessible restrooms. There were no grab bars in the stalls. When she was done using the facilities I would back into the stall to preserve her privacy and then I would stand as straight and tall as I could and she would put both hands on my head raise to herself off the commode.

"Life was indeed not easy for her or for any person afflicted with this disease. You can see, that eradicating this disease is personal and very important.

"I am proud to be a Rotarian and I am grateful for the work of our club in eradicating this terrible disease."

— Reno



## Youth program ...

The Rotary Club of Ankeny presented Whitney Garcia, recreation coordinator for the City of Ankeny, with a \$500 to help sponsor their Youth in Parks Summer Camp Program. This program includes week-long sessions for youth in grades 6-9 in a half-day of community service and a half day of recreation. The program is designed for the participants to develop a sense of community pride through public service. Pictured (l-r): Mike O'Connor, Rotary Service chair, Whitney Garcia and Damon Miller, president of the Rotary Club of Ankeny.

Provided by Jody Savage



## For Special Olympics ...

Rotarians Matt Corwin, Tom Hunt and Erna Morain of the Rotary Club of Waukee served root beer floats at the West Des Moines and Waukee HyVee stores on May 21. The root beer floats were free to the public with a suggested donation of \$1 each. All donations were donated to Special Olympics of Iowa.

Provided by Mark Heffernan

## Financial support for Youth Services

Voluntary contributions from clubs raised \$2,163 in 2015-16 for the District 6000 Youth Services Fund for scholarships for projects like Xicotepec. Clubs are asked to make a voluntary contribution of \$2 per member with the annual District dues billing that will be sent to clubs in July. Thanks to these clubs!

Boone	Iowa City Downtown	Nevada
Chariton	Iowa Quad Cities	North Scott
Coralville-N. Corridor	Jefferson	Northwest Des Moines
Dallas Center	Keokuk	Pella
Des Moines	Keosauqua	Washington
East Polk	Manning	Waukee
Grinnell	Marengo	Wellman
Iowa City AM	Mt. Pleasant Evening	West Liberty
		Winterset



# DGE Chris Knapp's Official Club Visits

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR CHRIS KNAPP & VERNETTE'S OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS AND OTHER DATES IN 2016-17:

July 5 ..... **Kalona** (noon)  
 July 5 ..... **West Liberty** (6 PM)  
 July 6 ..... **Wellman** (noon)  
 July 7 ..... **Washington** (noon)  
 July 8 ..... **Chariton** (noon)  
 July 9 ..... Heartland Rotary Leadership  
 Institute (Omaha, NE) 8:30 AM-3:30 PM  
 July 11 ..... **Carroll** (noon)  
 July 12 ..... **Manning** (noon)  
 July 14-15 ..... **SKRYE**  
 July 16 ..... RYE Outbound Picnic  
 (Newton), 10 AM-4 PM  
 July 17-22 ..... RYLA at Grinnell College  
 July 18 ..... **Ames** (noon)  
 July 18 .. Johnston Board Meeting (evening)  
 July 19 ..... **Johnston** (7 AM)  
 July 19 ..... **West Des Moines** (noon)  
 July 20 ..... **Adel** (noon)  
 July 20 ..... **Des Moines** (noon)  
 July 22 ..... **Indianola** (noon)  
 July 26 ..... **Lenox** (noon)  
 July 27 ..... **Nevada** (noon)  
 July 28 ..... **Winterset** (noon)  
 Aug. 1 ..... **Creston** (noon)  
 Aug. 2 ..... **Atlantic** (noon)  
 Aug. 2 ... East Polk Board Meeting (evening)  
 Aug. 3 ..... **East Polk County** (7 AM)  
 Aug. 3 .... Waukee Board Meeting (evening)  
 Aug. 4 ..... **Waukee** (6:45 AM)  
 Aug. 5 ..... **Northwest Des Moines** (noon)  
 Aug. 8 ..... **Ottumwa** (noon)  
 Aug. 9 ..... **Albia** (noon)  
 Aug. 10 ..... **Centerville** (noon)  
 Aug. 11 ..... **Decatur County** (noon)  
 Aug. 15 ..... **Jefferson** (noon)  
 Aug. 16 ..... **Dallas Center** (noon)  
 Aug. 17 ..... **Boone** (noon)  
 Aug. 18 ..... **Iowa City** (noon)  
 Aug. 22 ..... **West Polk County** (noon)  
 Aug. 23 ..... **Ankeny** (noon)  
 Aug. 23 ..... **Ankeny Evening**  
 (Satellite), 5:45 PM  
 Aug. 25 ..... **Keokuk** (noon)  
 Aug. 26 ..... **Fairfield** (noon)  
 Aug. 27 ..... RYE Inbound Student Training  
 Kick-Off (Newton), 10-4  
 Aug. 27 ..... Heartland Rotary Leadership  
 Institute, (Iowa City), 8:30 AM-3:30 PM  
 Aug. 29 ..... **Burlington** (noon)  
 Aug. 29 ..... **Mount Pleasant** (6:15 PM)  
 Aug. 30 ..... **Fort Madison** (noon)  
 Aug. 31 ..... **Mount Pleasant Noon** (noon)  
 Aug. 31 .. Iowa Quad Cities Board (evening)

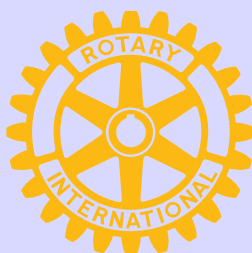


District Governor Chris Knapp and Vernetta will convey the theme "Rotary Serving Humanity" during their 2016-17 club visits. Photo by Bill Tubbs

Sept. 1 ..... **Iowa Quad Cities** (7 AM)  
 Sept. 6 ..... **Marshalltown** (noon)  
 Sept. 6 ..... Ames Morning Board (evening)  
 Sept. 7 ..... **Ames Morning** (7 AM)  
 Sept. 7 ..... **Perry** (noon)  
 Sept. 8 ..... **Coon Rapids** (noon)  
 Sept. 8 .... Des Moines AM Board (evening)  
 Sept. 9 ..... **Des Moines AM** (7 AM)  
 Sept. 12 ..... **Iowa City Downtown** (noon)  
 Sept. 13 ..... **Corydon** (noon)  
 Sept. 14 .... **Greater Des Moines** (5:30 PM)  
 Sept. 19 ..... **Muscatine** (noon)  
 Sept. 20 ..... **Marengo** (noon)  
 Sept. 20 ..... **Grinnell** (6 PM)  
 Sept. 21 ..... **Bettendorf** (noon)  
 Sept. 22 ..... One Rotary Summit  
 (aka Fall Training Seminar) (6-9 PM)  
 at Shive-Hattery, West Des Moines  
 Sept. 26 ..... **Clinton** (noon)  
 Sept. 26 ..... Iowa City AM Board (evening)  
 Sept. 27 ..... **Iowa City AM** (7 AM)  
 Sept. 28-Oct. 2 ..... Zone, Governor-Elect  
 Training, Cleveland, OH  
 Oct. 3 ..... **Davenport** (noon)  
 Oct. 4 ..... **Oskaloosa** (noon)  
 Oct. 5 ..... **Coralville-North Corridor** (noon)  
 Oct. 5 ..... One Rotary Summit  
 (aka Fall Training Seminar) (6-9 PM)  
 at West Liberty Community Center  
 Oct. 8 ..... Assistant Governors' Social  
 Iowa City

Oct. 10 ..... **Corning** (noon)  
 Oct. 11 ..... **Pella** (noon)  
 Oct. 11 ..... Budget & Finance Committee  
 and Board of Directors, Pella (2 PM)  
 Oct. 12 ..... **Knoxville** (noon)  
 Oct. 15 ..... RYE Student Fall Fun Day  
 Indianola (10 AM-2 PM)  
 Oct. 15 ..... Heartland Rotary Leadership  
 Institute (Omaha, NE) 8:30 AM-3:30 PM  
 Oct. 18 ..... **Osceola** (noon)  
 Oct. 19 ..... **Tipton** (noon)  
 Oct. 21 ..... **North Scott** (noon)  
 Oct. 25 ..... **Newton** (noon)  
 Nov. 1 ..... **Keosauqua** (noon)  
 Nov. 2 ..... **Bloomfield** (6:45 AM)  
 Nov. 5 ..... District Rotary Foundation  
 Banquet, Coralville Radisson  
 (formerly Holiday Inn) (6 PM)  
 Nov. 6 ... Past District Governors' Gathering  
 Iowa City (11 AM-2 PM)  
 Nov. 19 ..... RYE Outbound Student  
 Interviews (Grinnell)  
 Dec. 6 ..... Budget & Finance Committee  
 and Board of Directors, Pella (2 PM)  
 Jan. 7-8 ..... RYE Retreat (Newton)  
 Jan. 15-20 ..... International Assembly,  
 San Diego (DGE Mike Ruby)  
 Feb. 2-12 ..... Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team  
 (M.O.S.T.) trip, Guatemala  
 Feb. 7 ..... Budget & Finance Committee  
 and Board of Directors, Pella (2 PM)  
 Feb. 18 ..... Grant Management Seminar  
 West Liberty Community Center  
 (9 AM-2 PM)  
 Feb. 23 ..... Happy 112th Birthday, Rotary!  
 March 4 ..... Grant Management Seminar  
 West Des Moines (9 AM-2 PM)  
 March 9 ..... Assistant Governor Training,  
 Ames, Iowa State University  
 March 10-11 ..... President-Elect Training  
 Seminar (P.E.T.S.), Ames, Iowa State  
 March 11-19 ..... Xicotepec Project Team  
 to Xicotepec, Mexico  
 March 24 ..... Grant Management Seminar  
 Newton, DMACC (5-9 PM)  
 March 25 ..... District Training Assembly  
 Newton, DMACC  
 May 4-6 ..... District Conference 2017  
 Coralville Marriott Hotel  
 & Conference Center  
 May 23 ..... Budget & Finance Committee  
 and Board of Directors, Pella (2 PM)  
 June 10-14 ..... Rotary International  
 Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

# Rotary



✓ **Join Leaders**  
 ✓ **Exchange Ideas**  
 ✓ **Take Action**



# Pope welcomes Rotarians

Thousands of Rotary members, motivated by a special invitation from Pope Francis, gathered at the Vatican in Rome on April 30 to celebrate a message of compassion, inclusiveness, and service to humanity. At midmorning, the group – numbering some 9,000 members from 80 countries – made its way through the congested streets of Rome, past the tight security surrounding St. Peter's Square, and settled into the area reserved for Rotary in front of St. Peter's Basilica for the Jubilee audience.



Alka Khanolkar

Alka Khanolkar of the Rotary Club of Keokuk was there. "I was there for the whole ceremony," she said. "We were at the back.

There were thousands of Rotarians and not everyone was able to sit in the designated area for Rotarians. It was full. We were standing the whole time as we reached by 8:30 a.m. it was packed. The function started around 10 a.m. There were Rotarians all around us and we just could not make our way in front."



Pope Francis greets Rotary International President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran at a Jubilee audience at the Vatican on April 30, where 9,000 Rotary members, including Alka Khanolkar of Keokuk, Iowa, were special guests of the pontiff.

Photo Credit: Courtesy of the Vatican



Christine Grant

## AD: Gender equity helps sports, Rotary

University of Iowa Women's Athletic Director Christine Grant was the keynote speaker at the District 6000 District Training Assembly for club leaders April 16 at the DMAC Center in Newton. She talked about how gender equity has increased achievement for women's in sports and society, including Rotary.

The Assembly was an opportunity for leaders to learn about the many programs of District 6000, including Rotary Foundation, youth programs, administration and more.

### CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

CLUB	JANUARY 2016		FEBRUARY 2016		MARCH 2016	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	60.00%	26	54.00%	39	51.00%	39
Albia	43.00%	46	51.00%	44	47.20%	48
Ames	60.68%	25	61.92%	24	60.02%	26
Ames Morning	55.80%	32	51.80%	42	49.30%	44
Ankeny	85.60%	6	92.06%	2	74.90%	9
Atlantic			28.51%	53	25.61%	52
Bettendorf	51.20%	41	57.00%	34	54.00%	37
Bloomfield			60.00%	30	70.00%	12
Boone	58.00%	29	64.00%	21	54.00%	37
Burlington	86.50%	5	89.90%	3	84.70%	4
Carroll	64.52%	21	61.65%	25	58.09%	28
Centerville	53.00%	38	47.00%	47	49.00%	46
Chariton	67.33%	17	66.45%	17	61.08%	23
Clinton	55.46%	33	49.89%	45	54.05%	36
Coon Rapids	67.00%	18	60.00%	30	58.00%	29
Coralville-North Corridor	75.00%	10	99.00%	1	75.00%	8
Corning	66.00%	19	63.00%	22	61.00%	24
Corydon	50.00%	43	48.00%	46		
Creston	58.00%	29	60.00%	30	57.00%	30
Dallas Center	75.00%	10	81.00%	8	72.00%	11
Davenport	47.41%	44	43.33%	49	49.99%	43
Decatur County	67.00%	18	65.00%	19	70.00%	12
Des Moines	53.70%	37	54.76%	38	50.09%	41
Des Moines A.M.	70.00%	14	78.00%	10	55.00%	34
East Polk County	58.87%	28	61.29%	26	55.65%	32
Fairfield	30.70%	48	35.62%	51	37.03%	50
Fort Madison	54.00%	36	55.00%	37	60.00%	27
Greater Des Moines	54.00%	36				
Grinnell	72.93%	12	78.70%	9	76.22%	7
Indianola					50.00%	42
Iowa City	30.35%	49	29.90%	52	27.98%	51
Iowa City A.M.	83.46%	7	81.15%	7	83.64%	6
Iowa City Downtown	96.67%	1	85.53%	6	84.72%	3
Iowa Quad-Cities	61.59%	22	58.75%	32	61.31%	22
Jefferson	58.00%	29	57.00%	34	54.00%	37
Johnston	69.90%	15	60.56%	28	60.03%	25
Kalona	64.56%	20	65.19%	18	61.93%	21
Keokuk	39.27%	47	40.80%	50	38.71%	49
Keosauqua	61.30%	23	60.50%	29	67.80%	15
Knoxville	55.00%	34	51.67%	43	54.67%	35
Lenox	57.00%	31	62.00%	23	60.00%	27
Manning	78.00%	9	59.00%	31	69.00%	13
Marengo			73.00%	13	73.00%	10
Marshalltown	52.43%	39	46.54%	48	50.92%	40
Mount Pleasant Noon	60.00%	26	62.00%	23	65.00%	17
Mt. Pleasant	83.00%	8	76.00%	11	67.00%	16
Muscatine	51.65%	40	55.07%	36	48.82%	47
Nevada			56.25%	35	49.26%	45
Newton	68.47%	16	64.67%	20	63.74%	18
North Scott	92.49%	2	89.83%	4	91.78%	1
Northwest Des Moines	70.55%	13	72.50%	14	68.35%	14
Osceola	55.00%	34				
Oskaloosa						
Ottumwa	54.02%	35	53.45%	40	51.15%	38
Pella	74.00%	11	63.00%	22	55.00%	34
Perry	57.00%	31	54.00%	39	58.00%	29
Tipton	51.00%	42	55.00%	37	54.00%	37
Washington	61.00%	24	61.00%	27	58.00%	29
Wauke	57.88%	30	58.71%	33	55.36%	33
Wellman	89.70%	3	88.24%	5	84.47%	5
West Des Moines	59.90%	27	52.60%	41	56.81%	31
West Liberty	55.00%	34	71.00%	15	62.00%	20
West Polk County	45.86%	45	73.33%	12	85.71%	2
Winterset	89.00%	4	69.00%	16	63.00%	19



# Letters

**Peace:** I've just read your article about the peace conference. Thank you for your report and for your defense of the sage and sane path of peace locally and globally amidst the fear mongering that we are being subjected to now. I hope everyone reads this carefully and reviews his or her careful use of words.

**Nancy Pacha, Iowa City AM**

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**News:** I received the newsletter online last night and had planned to just briefly scan it. I would read the hard copy more closely when it arrived. I got so engrossed in the stories I couldn't put it down and ended up reading every syllable, staring at the computer screen. Fantastic issue! This is one of your finest pieces of work. Way to go!

**DGN Mike Ruby, Muscatine**

## Future RI Conventions

The 2016 RI Convention in Seoul, Korea, is over, and promotion is underway for the June 10-14, 2017, convention in Atlanta, Ga. Here are the dates of other future conventions:

- 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).



## Financial support for FAMSCO

**Voluntary contributions from clubs support the operations of FAMSCO throughout the year. Thanks to the clubs named below who contributed \$6,839 to FAMSCO in 2015-16.**

**Clubs will NOT be asked to make a voluntary contribution to FAMSCO with the annual District dues billing that will be sent to clubs in July.**

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

## 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 \$7,323 to M.O.S.T. in 2015-16. 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.**

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



From age 8 until his death on April 17, Doug Oberman slept in an iron lung.

## Remembering a warrior in the global campaign to eradicate polio

PDG Jill Olsen of District 5970 asked that we notify Rotarians of the passing of Doug Oberman on April 17. Doug is the Rotarian from Waterloo who contracted polio at age 8 and despite living a life of paralysis during which he slept in an iron lung and couldn't travel without it, graduated from law school with honors and returned to Waterloo to pursue a career of success and service, including longtime membership in the Rotary Club of Waterloo.

Doug's life was an inspiration to all who share our dream of polio-free world. In 2001, he spoke at the Rotary International Convention in Barcelona, Spain, and was escorted there by his close friends, my governor classmate PDG Steve Thorpe and his wife, Liz. It was a harrowing trip overseas with the iron lung in the belly of the plane and miscommunications about whether the airline would even TAKE the iron lung – which Doug couldn't live without! Later he traveled to Rotary meetings in Cleveland and Windsor, Canada, where he gave powerful presentations about polio eradication. A video of Doug's life, "The Uncommon Rotarian," has been widely used to raise awareness of Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio.

At this year's RI Council On Legislation in Chicago, world-wide delegates voted unanimously to declare polio eradication as Rotary's No. 1 worldwide focus, and not to designate any other corporate project until the polio campaign is finished. Thus far in 2016 there have been 11 cases of polio, including one this week; eight were in Pakistan and three in Afghanistan. Soon, the next case will be the world's last, but until polio is eradicated everywhere, it can return anywhere. It is but an airplane flight away.

Our best gift to Doug and all the others who were afflicted will be a world that is polio-free. We have joined leaders and exchanged ideas. Now is the time to take action.

– Bill Tubbs



# In Memoriam

The lives of Rotarians who died in 2015-16, and which were provided to the district, were remembered at District Conference on April 2 in a beautiful ceremony with the Rotarian's name and photo projected on the screens. As District Governor Loring Miller read the names, Phyllis placed a yellow rose in a vase in honor of their lives of service. Below are the names of those who were remembered. *May light perpetual shine upon them.* — BT

**Ames**  
Robert Baumann  
James Triplett

**Ames Morning**  
Richard Johnson

**Bettendorf**  
William Harvey, Sr.  
Glenn Kass

**Bloomfield**  
Robert Wheatland

**Chariton**  
William E. Ballard

**Clinton**  
Donald F. Krambeck

**Coon Rapids**  
Mark Thomas

**Corning**  
Dean R. Davis

**Davenport**  
Eugene G. Rettenmaier

**Des Moines**  
Herbert Hill

**Grinnell**  
Duane "Dewey" Meyer

**Indianola**  
Raymond Heinicke  
Steve Pfeifer  
Gilbert "Gib" McConnell

**Iowa City AM**

L.W. "Pete" Knapp

**Iowa City**  
Stanley Barber

**Marshalltown**  
Darrell D. Eaton  
George G. Fagg  
David L. Fagle

**Muscatine**  
James W. King  
Eugene Mathern  
David M. Stanley  
Jean Leu Stanley  
Ronald G. Yohe

**Nevada**  
Dan Engler

**North Scott**  
Keith D. Matthe  
Harlan L. Meier  
C. John Pfeiffer

**Ottumwa**  
Kenneth L. Keith  
John H. Kneen

**Pella**  
John H. Van Berkum  
Dick D. Van Zante

**Tipton**  
Max E. Keller

**West Des Moines**  
Ryan D. Wedemeyer

**West Liberty**  
Kenneth Reugsegger



Rotarians were remembered at the necrology service at District Conference.



# In Memoriam



## Bill M. Reese

### 1933-2016

District Governor,  
Rotary International  
District 6000, 1994-95



Bill M. Reese, 83, passed away May 6, 2016. He was born on April 3, 1933 in Jewell, Iowa, and graduated from Jewell High School in 1950.

Bill is survived by his wife Joyce, son Billy (Bette), son-in-law Bill Zweber, daughter Tami Witte, daughter Teri (Jerry) Wonderlich, son Todd (Rhonda), son Rob (Clairen), son Ron, sister Betty (Herb) Halleland, sister-in-law Helen Reese, 20 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Talton Ben and Ruth Pauline (Smith) Reese, brothers Robert and Howard, sister LaVonne Hanline, and daughter Rebecca Zweber.

Bill met Joyce Marrington in Webster City in 1950. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1951-1954. On Oct. 11, 1952, he eloped with Joyce and they were married again at a family ceremony on Dec. 28, 1952. They moved to Des Moines in 1954.

Bill graduated from Drake University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration in 1958 and passed his CPA exam in 1960. He started his accounting career with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. in 1958 and eventually opened his own firm, Reese & Company, P.C. in 1971.

He has served in leadership positions in multiple organizations, including president of the Des Moines Chapter of the National Association of Accountants, president of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines, and Rotary District 6000 District Governor in 1994-95 when Bill Huntley of England was RI president and the theme was "Be A Friend." His district activities in Rotary included district treasurer, Budget Committee, Rotary Foundation Committee, Youth Exchange Committee and chair of the District Conference in 1991-92. As a past district governor, he wrote the Manual of Procedure which served as the guide for district finances and operations for many years. In 2000, he published the book, "Rotary: The IOWA Influence," which compiled historical facts about District Governors, District Conferences and Rotary Highlights of District 6000 and its precursors. He was the recipient of the District 6000 Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award in 2012.

Bill was an active member and elder in his church. He loved to carve wood, care for animals, garden, camp, travel and read constantly.

A memorial service was held on May 23, 2016, at West Des Moines Christian Church. Private burial was at Jordan Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Rotary Foundation or West Des Moines Christian Church.



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Tony Conn, Keokuk  
Steve Dakin, Boone  
Tom Downs, East Polk  
Bob Freeman, Wellman  
Ruth Freeman, Jefferson  
Gary Loss, Davenport  
Bonnie Lowry, Marshalltown  
Chris Nelson, Waukee  
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# Club leaders' checklist



*From DG Loring Miller . . .*

- 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. 22).
- Watch for your 2016-17 **district dues** billing after July 1, including voluntary contributions to **Iowa M.O.S.T.** and the **Youth Services Fund** (p. 35, 38).
- Check the calendar and prepare for **District Governor 2016-17 Chris Knapp's Official Visit** to your club (p. 36).
- 2016-17 club leaders: **Enter your club goals now** on Rotary Club Central at [www.rotary.org/MyRotary](http://www.rotary.org/MyRotary).
- Identify a community project for 2016-17 to qualify for a Rotary Foundation **Community Grant**, and submit your application by June 30 (see [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org)).
- Set a challenging goal for membership development and invite quality **new member(s)** to your club and **recognize members who propose new members**.
- Encourage members to attend **RYLA** for a day or part of a day to learn about the program and show interest and support (p. 25).
- Support the **Ponseti Clubfoot Repair Project**.
- Encourage members to attend **RLI Training** (p. 25).
- Promote **attendance** and report your **attendance** monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 37).
- Explore how your club can become involved with **Rotary Youth Exchange** (p. 19).
- Encourage your members to learn about **Rotary Fellowships** and join one or more of them! (p. 29).
- **Submit news** of your activities by Aug. 26 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs at [btubbs@northscottpress.com](mailto:btubbs@northscottpress.com).

## The Four-Way Test

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

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



# District 6000 Club, Individual Awards 2016

## RI SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

PDG William Tubbs,  
North Scott

## RI VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

David M. Fox, Ames

## RI ROTARIAN SPOUSE/ PARTNER SERVICE AWARD

Jo Noble (West Liberty)

## ROTARY FOUNDATION CITATION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Doug Flournoy, Fairfield

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD

PDG William Tubbs,  
North Scott

## ROTARY GLOBAL WOMEN OF ACTION NOMINEE

PDG Susan Herrick, Boone

## DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION SERVICE AWARDS

PDG Susan Herrick, Boone  
Doug Flournoy, Fairfield  
PDG Terry Geiger, Decatur  
County

Brock Earnhardt, Davenport  
PDG Don Goering, Ames  
PDG John Ockenfels,  
Iowa City AM  
Deborah Ockenfels,  
Iowa City AM  
Kristin Ockenfels,  
Iowa City AM  
PDG Corliss Klaassen,  
Chariton

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SIGNIFICANT SERVICE AWARDS

John Schultz, Iowa City  
(District Trainer)  
Linda Chastain, Decatur  
County (District  
Conference co-chair)  
Mary Ellen Stanley, Decatur  
County (District  
Conference co-chair)  
Peggy Geiger, Decatur  
County (District  
Conference co-chair)  
PDG Terry Geiger, Decatur  
County (District  
Conference co-chair)  
PDG Herb Wilson, Iowa  
City (RAG4 Clubfoot)  
PDG John Ockenfels, Iowa  
City AM (RAG4 Clubfoot)  
PDG Jill Olsen, Marion  
(RAG4 Clubfoot)

## PAUL E. HELLWEGE GUARDIANS OF INTEGRITY

Al Hermanson, Ames  
Morning  
Nate Burnham, Ankeny  
Jim Slavens, Bettendorf  
Bob Herrick, Boone  
Lee Elson, Decatur County  
PDG Dale Belknap,  
Des Moines  
Deb Dunkhase,  
Iowa City AM  
Gary Von Ahlsen, Jefferson  
Ken Andresen, Johnston  
Patrick Olsen, North Scott  
PDG Diana Reed,  
Northwest Des Moines  
Bill Koellner, West Liberty

## DISTRICT 6000 PUBLIC IMAGE AWARDS

Burlington (Centennial)

Clinton (Centennial)  
Iowa City (Centennial)  
Marshalltown (Centennial)

## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH JULY 1-FEB. 29

### Clubs Under 39:

1. Manning
2. Decatur County
3. Winterset

### Clubs 40-79:

1. Northwest Des Moines
2. West Liberty
3. Fort Madison

### Clubs 80-Plus:

1. Burlington
2. Davenport
3. Iowa City

## CLUB BUILDER AWARDS

Phil Cronin (East Polk)  
Steve Dakin (Boone)  
Matt LaFrenz (Ft. Madison)  
Libby Goodman (Clinton)  
Ed Arnold (NW Des Moines)  
John Cortesio (Des Moines)  
Kevin Boyle (Manning)  
Tony Conn (Keokuk)  
PDG Gary Welch (Ankeny)  
Carolyn Scharff (Pella)  
Chris Bertelson (Winterset)

## DISTRICT INTERACT AWARD

Des Moines Hoover

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CITATIONS

Ames  
Ankeny  
Bettendorf  
Burlington  
Decatur County  
Des Moines  
Indianola  
Iowa City AM  
Manning

Northwest Des Moines  
North Scott  
Washington  
Waukee  
Wellman  
West Des Moines  
West Liberty  
West Polk  
Winterset

## ASSISTANT GOVERNORS COMPLETING SERVICE

Gary Anderson (Knoxville)  
Jody Braverman (Iowa City)  
Tony Conn (Keokuk)  
Sue Rasmussen (Waukee)  
Mike Ruby (Muscatine)  
AG Coordinator, PDG  
Jacque Andrew, Jefferson

## BEST ATTENDANCE AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2015 (NO. MEMBERS x MILES TRAVELED):

Decatur County

## 100% PAUL HARRIS FELLOW CLUBS

Boone, 2015-16  
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 3 CLUBS PER CAPITA GIVING TO ANNUAL FUND, ROTARY

## FOUNDATION, 2014-15 (Banners To Top Three)

1. West Liberty, \$340.69
2. Decatur County, \$239.42
3. Iowa City AM, \$233.77

## EREY CLUBS (Every Rotarian, Every Year Giving To Annual Fund)

Chariton  
Decatur County  
North Scott  
Ottumwa

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

Chariton

## CLUBS WHO GAVE \$1,500 OR MORE TO POLIOPUS

Ames  
Ames Morning  
Ankeny  
Atlantic  
Bettendorf  
Boone  
Clinton  
Decatur County  
Des Moines  
Des Moines AM  
Iowa City  
Iowa City AM  
Jefferson  
Keokuk  
Marshalltown  
Mount Pleasant Noon  
Nevada  
Newton  
Northwest Des Moines  
Oskaloosa  
Waukee  
West Polk County

# Major Donors, Bequest Society, Paul Harris Society

(Italics denotes new in  
2015-16)

## 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  
George Christensen, Ames  
Gerald Clausen, Carroll  
Theodore Clausen, Grinnell  
Kent Dallmeyer,  
Washington  
David Dickson, Ames  
Jon Fagre, Ames Morning  
Verne Folkmann, Iowa City  
Trent Frohock,  
East Polk County  
Douglas Garner, Davenport  
Terrence & Peggy Geiger,  
Decatur County  
Jeffrey & Mary Gibbons,  
Ames  
Deepak Giri, West Liberty  
Conrad Gregg, West

Liberty  
Anne Hargrave, Iowa City  
Mary Harms, Ames AM  
Alan & Karen Hermanson,  
Ames Morning  
Lee & Roberta Holmes,  
Waukee  
Kenneth Kinsey, Iowa City  
Christopher W. & Vernetta  
Kaye Knapp, Iowa City  
AM  
Everett Laning, Indianola  
Darrell Limkeman,  
Ottumwa  
Mike & Margaret Mumma,  
Jefferson  
Coons Foundation, Chariton  
Scott & Beth Neff,  
Marshalltown  
William & Sharon Oglesby,  
Iowa City  
Gary & Nancy Pacha,  
Iowa City/Iowa City AM  
James & Diane Patton,  
Ames  
Ernest & Rita Perea,  
Greater Des Moines/  
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 Iowa City High School, RC of Iowa City AM  
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 Mt. Pleasant High School, Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant

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 Pleasant Valley High School, Rotary Club of Bettendorf  
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