

# Rotary District 6000 News

Rotary District 6000, Iowa USA

Chris Knapp, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

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## As Rotarians How do we serve?

By DG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

**H**ow Do We Serve?

The Rotary year is almost over but Rotary's Service to Humanity continues. How do we serve?

The ways we can and do serve are too numerous to enumerate here but ... a few do need to be listed so that we can appreciate and celebrate all that we do.



**Chris Knapp**  
District Governor

**We Serve through our gift of time.** We serve as an officer or a committee member in our club. We are counselors at RYLA, host Youth Exchange students and so many other youth related programs. We volunteer as drivers for Meal on Wheels, rocking readers for grade school children, telephone operators at crisis centers and so much more. We go to Africa on NIDs, travel to Mexico to help a community in need, drill wells in Haiti and so much more.

**We Serve through our gift of money.** This year, as we always do, District 6000 Rotarians give not only their time but continue to invest financially in the present and future of their clubs and The Rotary Foundation.

The dollars that they have given in the past, today and for some, pledge for the future, are and will be providing park benches, bike paths and bike stations, literacy projects



Celebrating achieving the million dollar milestone at the Legacy Dinner were (l-r): PDG Terry Geiger, Rachel Greenhoe of The Rotary Foundation, Stephanie Urchick from Pittsburgh, PDG Cal Litwiller, Zone 28 RRFC Newell Krogmann from Minnesota, and DG Chris Knapp. Another photo is on page 2. Photo by Bill Tubbs

## Million Dollar milestone!

By DG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

On Wednesday, May 24, 48 Rotarians and friends gathered at the Coralville Radisson Hotel and Conference Center to celebrate a huge milestone in District 6000 Rotary Foundation participation.

A dinner was held to celebrate the successful end of the 2016-2017 campaign to raise \$1 million for The Rotary Foundation. The total of funds raised was \$1,071,849. These funds, which will flow to our foundation over time, will provide a continuous and hopefully increasing stream of future funding for the district's local and global projects.

The purpose of the dinner was to recognize and thank those who contributed to the Legacy Campaign. The Rotarians came from all across our district. Communities represented were Altoona, Ames, Bettendorf, Boone, Chariton, Des Moines, Ft. Madison, Iowa City, Jefferson, Keokuk, Leon, Mt. Pleasant, Muscatine, North Scott, Waukee, West Des Moines and West Liberty.

Among the guests present at the dinner were Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Newell Krogmann from LeSeur, Minn.,

and from The Rotary Foundation, Rachel Greenhoe, Major Gifts Officer for Zone 28.

The guest speaker for the dinner Rotary International Strategic Planning Chair Stephanie Urchick of Pittsburgh. The dinner began with a Rotary Moment from Mark Ruggeburg, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown, and later Rebecca Schultz of the Rotary Club of Mt. Vernon-Lisbon presented her Rotary Moment.

Stephanie's message was, "What Matters Most to the Rotary Foundation." The Rotary Foundation's six Areas of Focus allow Rotarians to serve the world and to carry out the mission of the Foundation.

As she spoke, Stephanie wore different hats or held up a memento and told a story about each. Each item represented a challenge to which one of the Foundation's Area of Focus could be applied. Those areas are: Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Maternal and Child Health, Water and Sanitation, Basic Education and Literacy and Economic Development. The evening was a great success. New friendships were forged and old ones renewed.

# Rotarians: Time, money given for others

**GOVERNOR/continued**

ects and after school programs.

These are just a few of the community engagement projects Rotarians have undertaken this year. District 6000 Rotarians are making a difference in Tanzania with water wells, Nigeria with mid-wife training, and Brazil with clubfoot treatment training. Polio eradication continues with NIDs (National Immunization Days) in Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Your dollars matter!

This year, as of April 30, our district had contributed \$362,735 to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation (TRF). During the same period, we have contributed \$45,893 to the End Polio Now campaign. Additionally, the District 6000 Legacy Campaign raised in current and future contributions (bequests) to The Rotary Foundation \$1,071,849. Our district is truly generous. Rotarians in our district are committed to the Object of Rotary: to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise.

This year every club across the district has committed itself to strengthen their lines of leadership. Clubs are reaching down and across their club membership and getting the commitment of their membership to become future leaders of their clubs. Rotarians are signing up to be the next president-elect, the next club secretary and club treasurer. We are building our bench! We are strengthening the future leaders of our communities. Being a leader in your Rotary club makes you a stronger civic leader in your community.



The team captains who helped District 6000 achieve its goal of \$1 million for The Rotary Foundation celebrated at the Legacy Dinner, (l-r): DGN Tom Narak (West Des Moines), Wayne Steen (West Liberty), Jim Slavens (Bettendorf), PDG Jacques Andrew (Jefferson), AG Steve Dakin (Boone), PDG Terry Geiger (Decatur County) and DG Chris Knapp (Iowa City AM).  
Photo by Bill Tubbs

This year, as it ends, we prepare for the coming year. We are focused on Serving Humanity and we prepare to Make A Difference! We prepare to exceed the goals that we place before ourselves. We prepare to

meet challenges and celebrate successes. We join in fellowship to strengthen our families, clubs and communities.

This is How We Serve.  
We are Rotarians!



Rotarians from Xicotepec, Mexico, who have partnered with District 6000 since 2003 were special guests at the District Conference, May 5 at Coralville, and presented a plaque of appreciation for Iowa Rotarians' 15 years of service, (l-r): Luis Arturo Arroyo, DG Chris Knapp, Oscar Rodriguez, Millo Fosado District 6000 Xicotepec Project co-chairs DGN Tom Narak and Jim Peterson. More District Conference photos are on pages 3-9.  
Photo by Bill Tubbs

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District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Terry Geiger presented the Citation for Meritorious Service to PDG Cal Litwiller of Mount Pleasant. Photos by Bill Tubbs

# Five from District 6000 honored by Rotary International

Congratulations to five District 6000 Rotarians who were recognized at District Conference, May 5-6 at Coralville, by Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation for their longtime service.



Service Above Self Award, Rotary's highest honor (l-r): Awards co-chair Bill Koellner, Amy Nicholson, PDG Herb Wilson (Iowa City), RI Rep Rich Rowland, Janice Wilson, DG Chris Knapp, PDG Jacque Andrew (awards co-chair).



Service Award for a Polio-Free World, one of 10 globally (l-r): RI Rep. Rich Rowland, Bill Ashton (Davenport), PDG Jacque Andrew, DG Chris Knapp.



Rotarian Spouse Award (l-r): PDG Gary Welch (Ankeny), honoree Colleen Welch, DG Chris Knapp.



Vocational Service Award (l-r): DG Chris Knapp, Merle Anderson (North Scott), RI Rep. Rich Rowland.





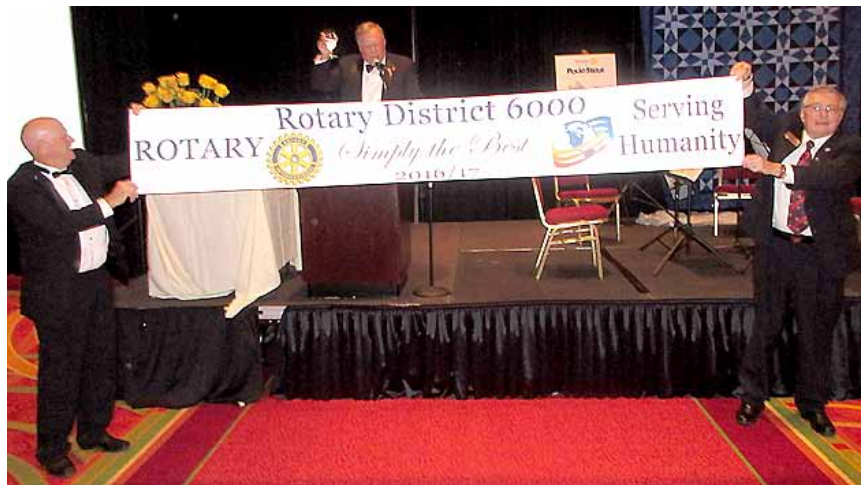
RI President's Rep Rich Rowland from Omaha addressed attendees at Thursday night's reception. His aides were Mike and Jo Anne Ruby.



An attentive audience heard service learning students tell their inspirational stories about their activities in Xicotepec, Mexico.



Author David Forward gave an inspirational keynote speech and signed copies of his book on 100 years of The Rotary Foundation. His aides were PDG Terry Geiger and Peggy.



As RI Rep Rich Rowland shared a toast, PDG Terry Geiger and DGE Mike Ruby unfurled a banner, "Rotary District 6000: Simply the Best."

## Images of District Conference



Youth Exchange students line up for the parade of flags with Outbound Chair Paul Kalainoff.

Rotary 

**April 4-6,  
2017, at the  
Coralville  
Marriott  
Conference  
Center**



"The Voice," Helen Schroeder of Bloomfield (I), with Nancy Pacha, who served as District Conference co-chair with Myrene Hoover.



Saturday speaker, U of Iowa crew coach Andrew Carter.



District Governor Chris Knapp and Vernetta introduced their family of Rotary, with sons Thomas and Andrew.  
Photos by Bill Tubbs





Rotary Youth Exchange students Elinor Sagemo and Aleck Krob shared hopes and reflections from their experiences during the Saturday luncheon. Photos by Bill Tubbs



A special guest was District 6420 PDG Jim Nelson of Rockford, Ill., formerly of Newton.



Longtime Iowa Miles Of Smiles team leader PDG Gary Pacha was delighted to welcome Juan "Paco" Fernandez to Iowa. "Paco" has been District 6000's primary partner in the cleft lip, cleft palate repair missions to Guatemala. He delivered a heartfelt thank you to Rotarians for their service.



Xicotepec, Mexico, guests Tete Gonzales and Gabriella Fosado at the wheel of a 1908 Cadillac at Thursday's reception at the Antique Car Museum.



Administrator Carolyn Scharff, as always, ran registration efficiently – with a smile.



DGE Mike Ruby and JoAnne announced that next year's District Conference will be non-traditional, with events April 12-14 in Davenport, Iowa City, Ottumwa, Carroll and Des Moines.



District Governor 2017-18 Mike Ruby will be asking clubs to support a bicycle project for third world countries.



Sean Saxton of the Rotary Club of Decatur County provided expert technical AV services.



Sergeants-at-arms Karin Franklin, Jack Cameron and Pam Ehly.



## District Conference programs and presenters



**Generations:** Stories of how Rotary projects affect lives were, (l-r): moderator PDG Cal Litwiller of Mt. Pleasant, "Paco" Fernandez of Guatemala (Iowa M.O.S.T.), Ed Arnold of NW Des Moines (polio) and Tomeka Peterson of West Liberty (Ponseti). Sponsored by Herb and Janice Wilson.



**Signature Relationships:** Deb Dunkhase and Jim Peterson of Iowa City AM, and DGN Tom Narak of West Des Moines, told about Iowa M.O.S.T., District 6000's committed presence at Central American Project Fairs, and Xicotepec. The forum was sponsored by Herb and Janice Wilson.



**Parents:** Sharing stories of Rotary projects through the eyes of parents were, (l-r): moderator Casey Kidwell of Iowa City, Kristen Rummelhart of Iowa City (RYLA), Karen Wertheim of Ottumwa (RYE) and Tom Novak of Iowa City AM (Xicotepec). The forum was sponsored by Oaknoll Retirement.



**Foundation Funded Projects:** DGE Mike Ruby of Muscatine, Pam Ehly of Iowa City AM and Del Christensen of Adel talked about Global Grants in Haiti, a Community Grant in Iowa City and a Global Grant Nigeria. The forum was sponsored by the Iowa Children's Museum and Iowa M.O.S.T.



**Fund Raising:** Sharing stories about successful fund raising projects were (l-r): Rick Fleshin of Tipton, Dolly Bergmann of Atlantic, Pat Olsen of North Scott and Dee Willoughby of Clinton. The forum was sponsored by Hancher Auditorium.



**Membership:** Stories of engaging and growing membership were presented by, (l-r): moderator Wayne Steen of West Liberty, Assata Caldwell of Iowa City, Matt Olson of Waukee and Steve Wienke of Ankeny. The forum was sponsored by the University of Iowa Credit Union.



## District awards and recognition



Brad Helgemo of Northwest Des Moines and PDG Susan Herrick of Boone are two of four who received public image awards.



District Governor Chris Knapp's Significant Service Awards, front (l-r): Carolyn Scharff, Deb Pullen-Van Auken, Helen Schroeder, Myrene Hoover, Beth Saxton and Nancy Pacha. Back: John Schultz, Phil Peterson, Wayne Steen, Greg Probst, Sean Saxton, David Cook and Dick Huber. Also Vernetta Knapp.



Del Christensen of Adel, Tomeka Peterson of West Liberty, and PDG Terry Geiger of Decatur County are three of six who received District Rotary Foundation Service Awards.



On behalf of District 6000, Rotary Youth Exchange chair Doug Peterson (r) honored the longtime service of Jo and PDG Ken Noble of West Liberty with a District Service Award.



The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM won the award for most attendance at the 2016 District Conference in Des Moines (members x miles traveled), front (l-r): Vernetta Knapp, Pat Schnack, Deb Dunkhase, Karin Franklin, Nancy Pacha. Back: Phil Peterson, Dick Huber, Tom Langenfeld, DG Chris Knapp and PDG John Ockenfels.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

**A complete list of award winners, including clubs receiving the District Governor's Club Citation, is on the insert with this newsletter. Clubs who qualified for RI President John Germ's Presidential Citations will be announced at a later time.**



Shari Bender of Waukee and Peggy Geiger of Decatur County are two of five who received District Club Builder Awards from District Governor Chris Knapp.





Thomas Walsh  
Ames



Gary Welch  
Ankeny



S.K. Nanda  
Bettendorf



Jeff Anderson  
Boone



Dick Kleine  
Davenport



Phillip Metcalf  
Decatur County

# Thirteen honored as ‘Guardians of Integrity’

**By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott**

District 6000 Vocational Service chair

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

*Nancy Pacha prepared scripts of the winners except her own, which was a surprise!*

**Ames Rotarian Tom Walsh**, a retired educator, has taken his expertise and knowledge far beyond Ames classrooms. In 2003, Tom traveled to Tanzania to study a secondary school, and he was to recommend a teacher education program. Over the years in four subsequent visits of two months each, Tom returned to Tanzania to implement the teacher training he devised. When he retired in 2013, Tom joined Rotary and helped develop the first D6000 Vocational Training Team grant to offer teacher training in Tanzania. Now Uganda wants the program, too.

**Ankeny Rotarian and PDG Gary Welch** has served his Rotary club, District 6000 and the wider Rotary world for 18 years in countless ways. Gary’s career in social work has functioned as a fitting complement to the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self,” and he has been shown appreciation by recognition as Ankeny Citizen of the Year, Friend of Community Education and recipient of the Governor’s Leadership Award. Gary is the untiring driver behind the very successful district RYLA program, which valuably and positively impacts so many youths and, therefore, the future.

**Bettendorf Rotarian S. K. Nanda** is an engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers. He has served his Rotary club as its president and its longtime Foundation chair. A member of countless task forces, committees and field review groups,

his very full and active career has resulted in numerous commendations for his work, including from Vice President Al Gore. He has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council and the Exceptional Civilian Service Medal. S. K. is a founding member and past president of American Academy of Water Resources Engineers.

**Boone Rotarian Jeff Anderson** is an optometrist who has been recognized again and again in his field, initially as Young OD of the Year in 1993 and most recently as Iowa OD of the Year in 2009. Jeff is a longtime member of the Boone Board of Education and has provided leadership on several local boards in his community. Three international students and several Group Study Exchange participants have enjoyed the hospitality of the Anderson home. In 2010, Jeff led D6000 Group Study Exchange members to New Zealand, some of whom have become Rotarians.

**Davenport Rotarian Dick Kleine** is known in retirement to make this statement: “It’s been said there are three stages of life: Learn, Earn and Return. I’m in the ‘Return’ stage.” Dick is actively involved in donating his time, talent and treasure to non-profits in the Quad Cities area. A life-long learner, Dick earned a doctor of business administration degree at St. Ambrose University after he retired from a long and very successful career in leadership at John Deere. Along the way, Dick made himself known as an active Rotarian, a civic contributor and a generous philanthropist in his community.

**Decatur County Rotarian Phillip Metcalf** is a pharmacist who has been honored as a 50-year member of the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association. He also has the distinction of being the longest currently active member of his Rotary club, serving three times as president. A member of the county conservation board for 45 years, the Leon Boy Scout Board and the local draft board at a particularly difficult time in our nation’s history, Phil is appreciated by his community as shown by the recognition he received as Leon Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1997.

**Fairfield Rotarian Larry Nash** is a retired dentist who has belonged to Rotary for over 50 years. With Rotary groups,

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Larry Nash  
Fairfield



Harold Bischman  
Iowa Quad Cities



Mary Jane Goeke  
Keokuk



Glen Keppy  
North Scott



Roger Schlaefer  
Waukee



Tom Brooke  
West Liberty

## Thank you, Rotarians, for your service!

Larry has provided dental health care to children in Xicotepec, Mexico, and citizens of Cartagena, Colombia. Larry volunteers along with his wife to build houses for Habitat for Humanity, and after Hurricane Katrina, he traveled to Mississippi to help repair damage there. Larry has been recognized as Fairfield Volunteer of the Year for behind the scenes and hands-on work for Fairfield's Maasdam Barns preservation project.

**Iowa Quad Cities Rotarian Harold Bischman** is a retired restaurant owner who led as president of restaurant associations. A large presence and personality in his club, Bisch has served in many capacities as a founder of the club, as Foundation chair, Sergeant of Arms and coordinator of events. No visitor is a stranger when visiting Iowa Quad Cities Rotary because Bisch will make you his friend. You may not know when you leave that Bisch is a former Korean War pilot or that he was an officer of the Chamber of Commerce or that children love him, but you will know a new friend.

**Keokuk Rotarian Mary Jane Goeke** has shared her talent as a pianist for 60 years throughout the Keokuk community, playing piano accompaniment for her own church, but also for other churches and for many charitable functions. If you attend a Keokuk Rotary Club meeting, Mary Jane will be there to accompany your singing. She has imparted her love of music to countless young Keokuk piano students who now have a lifetime appreciation for piano and singing as well as memories of a kind and patient teacher who cared that they share her passion for music.

**North Scott Rotarian Glen Keppy** chose a career in farming over a chance to play in the NFL. His many leadership positions have included the Cenex Harvest States board, chair of the National Pork Producers, and U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. A school board member, he is an eager reading and math mentor in his grandchildren's schools and led a district grant project for a time-out room at Davenport's Fillmore School. He also acts as the father figure to a family of boys being raised by a single mom. He has traveled to Uganda where he helped farmers improve their methods, and promoted a Rotary global grant to bring water and other services to the orphanage his club supports there.

**Waukee Rotarian Roger Schlaefer** is a retired pastor and Army chaplain in the Korean War who has always encouraged his club to thoughtfully consider the Four-Way Test. As the sponsor of four of the Lost Boys of Sudan and a staunch financial supporter of a sanitation project in South Africa for Blessman Ministries, as well as other humanitarian projects, Roger's influence has been far-reaching. In his own community, he was a driver to establish the plantings in Songbird Park, which had been his own back yard. He continues work to maintain the park. Roger's credits include serving as Governor of North Dakota for a day, and in 1996, he was named Waukee Citizen of the Year.

**West Liberty Rotarian Tom Brooke** is a retired petroleum marketer and consummate humanitarian, giving generously of his time, his skills and his financial means. This humble man is a quiet, but driving force in his Rotary club, his community and beyond. An example is his support of Camp Courageous. Since 1981, Tom has volunteered his time, given financial support and arranged matches by the company whose product he sold so as to touch thousands of lives. The writer of Tom's nomination for this award keeps Tom's picture in his office to remind himself of the difference one person can make.

**Iowa City AM Rotarian Nancy Pacha** has dedicated her life to fostering and mentoring young people to give them the tools to go into the world and be contributing members of society. A retired Spanish teacher, she inspired students for Service Above Self as advisor of the 1440 Interact Club, and served as District Interact Chair. A "natural leader," she is a board member of the University of Iowa Women's Foundation and the Iowa Children's Museum, and volunteers with the Iowa City Crisis Center. She helped found District 6000's international service projects in Xicotepec, Mexico, and the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team in Guatemala. Her life demonstrates a quiet patience and trust in youth, helping them discover their passions and abilities. One nominator summed it up: "All kids are her kids, whether in Iowa, Mexico or Guatemala."



Nancy Pacha  
Iowa City AM



# Statue will commemorate global campaign to eradicate polio

*If Rotary does not tell our story in a big and bold way within five years of the eradication of polio, we will have failed from a public relations standpoint.*

– RI General Secretary Ed Futa  
to PDG Bill Tubbs and the RI Public Image Group, 2007

**By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County**

District 6000 Public Image Chair

It's time to tell our polio story!

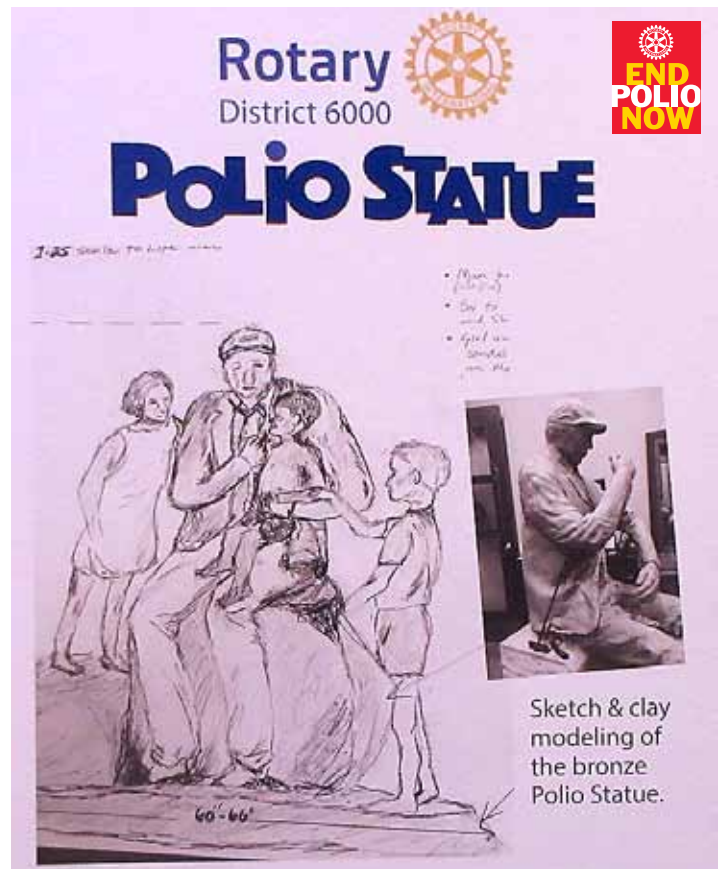
District 6000 has commissioned sculptor David L. Biehl, The Bronze Horse, LLC, of Elkhorn, Neb., to create a bronze sculpture to be placed in a high visibility location near a children's hospital in our district.

The sculpture will feature a man holding a 2-year-old boy (African) and administering the oral polio vaccine ("drops of life"). At the man's left is a boy (Caucasian) wearing a T-shirt and shorts with sneakers and his right hand on the 2-year-old's arm. At the man's right is a girl (Asian) wearing a sun dress and sandals with her left arm resting on the man's shoulder.

The branding of this sculpture will commemorate Rotary and our district's commitment to polio eradication.

District Governor Chris Knapp reminds us that, "The 536 districts of Rotary International and its partners – WHO (World Health Organization), UNICEF, CDC (United States Centers for Disease Control), and The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – have all been involved in the End Polio Now effort.

"We are now down to a handful of cases in three countries of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. These last few cases and these countries where they have been reported are providing extraordinary



The poster promotes fundraising for the polio statue.

challenges to the army of volunteers tasked with the immunization of the children living there. The terrain, logistics, culture and politics conspire to create an often unsafe environment for the teams of volunteers.

"Loss of life by polio workers has happened in the cause of eradication. Additionally, vaccination of children worldwide must continue for three years after the last case is reported. Rotarians have committed more than \$1.6 billion to defeat this disease. Iowa Rotarians have raised during the past 30 years of the End Polio Now effort over \$1 million."

With our statue we will pay tribute to the District 6000 Rotar-

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Sculptor David Biehl (l) with Peggy and PDG Terry Geiger and the beginning form of the statue.



Sculptor David Biehl's sketches for the polio statue, which is projected to be 82 inches tall on a base that is 66 inches wide.



# Commemorative bricks to raise funds for statue

ians for their dedication and contributions towards this effort. This is expected to cost \$60-70,000 and one third has been paid from district funds and money raised at the May 5-6 District Conference at Coralville when special Cinco de Mayo glasses were sold and Rotarians were invited to make special gifts to this project rather than bid on Deb Ockenfels' beautiful Rotary Foundation Centennial quilt.

And we are now about to kick off the "buy a brick campaign" where every club and every Rotarian will have the opportunity to purchase an inscribed brick in a landscaped area surrounding the statue. These fund-raising efforts will go towards the making of the statue, landscaping, and placement.

Recently, PDG Terry and Public Image chair Peggy Geiger met with and toured the artist's studio in Elkhorn. They were able to see first hand the development of the statue that will recognize Rotary's past, present and future efforts to rid the world of this dreaded disease. We are "this close" and the time to recognize our effort is now so that we never forget the good work we have done.

When the initial mold has been completed, we anticipate being able to duplicate the statue for additional locations.



The statue to commemorate polio eradication is beginning to take shape in David Biehl's workshop in Elkhorn, Neb.



Beth Saxton of Decatur County sold Cinco de Mayo glasses at District Conference to raise funds for the polio statue.



ISU professor of psychology emeritis Fred Brogan as a boy in Red Wing, Minn., with polio.

## 'I continue to be awed by global eradication efforts'

### Dear Polio Warriors,

I am Fred Borgen, retired ISU psychology professor. With a spinal tap, I was diagnosed at age 6 with polio 70 years ago last August in my hometown of Red Wing, Minn. I was raised by the village and by the grit of my parents. Then my teenage sweetheart Dianne provided the adult supervision for the rest of my life.

Today, I have the same paralysis of my right leg and weakness in my left leg that was present two weeks after the diagnosis. Nonetheless, I have had [and do have] a wonderfully fulfilling life. It may give you cognitive dissonance, but I would say, "Polio is the best thing that ever happened to me, AND I hope than no child on the planet ever again has polio."

I continue to be awed by the global eradication efforts, and by the opportunity to collect money from my relatives and combine it with Dianne and mine for PolioPlus. I happily buy Microsoft products while remembering the generosity and vision of Bill and Melinda Gates.

With gratitude and best wishes,

**Fred Borgen, Ames**

ISU Professor of Psychology Emeritus  
Fred Brogan <FHBORGEN@aol.com>



'Rollin' with Rotary':  
Providing service and ...

# Telling Rotary's stories

**By Wayne Steen/West Liberty**

District 6000 Membership Chair

On Monday morning May 1, the Rollin' with Rotary team visited Iowa City. The team included Rotary International Vice President Jennifer Jones of Ontario, Canada, Assistant Regional Coordinator Kathy Fahy of the Iowa Great Lakes Rotary Club in Spirit Lake, Jason Brown of the Rotary Club of State College, Penn., and District 6000 AG Steve Dakin of Boone.

The 10-day tour which began April 28 at Cedar Falls and ended May 7 in Albany, NY, raised awareness of Rotary and rendered service along the way.

In Iowa City, the team first visited the Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown at the Lepic-Kroeger offices early in the morning. Once a month the club puts together Birthday Bags for Iowa City area children who may not otherwise have a birthday party celebration.

PDG John Ockenfels, DG Chris Knapp and Vernetta Knapp, and members of the Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown welcomed the team to Iowa City. Team members helped put together the Birthday Bags (which included cake mix, icing, candles, plastic ware, a book and a toy).

The team then visited the Iowa City Crisis Center and took a tour of the local community food bank. Everyone was amazed with the amount of food that is distributed each week out of the food bank to the residents of Johnson County.

Finally, the Rollin' with Rotary team planted two trees near the Crisis Center. Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley wants each Rotarian to plant a tree during his year as president in 2017-18. The Rollin' with Rotary team is getting an early start on planting trees for RIPE Ian. DGE Mike Ruby also helped plant the trees in Iowa City.

District 6000 AG Steve Dakin is the driver of the Rollin' with Rotary RV. The Rollin' with Rotary team is touring the United States and Canada on its way to the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta in June. Steve said, "I am having a really great time being the driver of the Rollin' with Rotary RV."

It was great to have Jennifer, Kathy and Jason visit us in District 6000. We wish them safe travels as they continue their tour to cities in the eastern part of the United States and Canada.



Rotarians helped make Birthday Bags for ages 3-15.

Photo by Amy Nicholson



Rollin' with Rotary team members (l-r) Steve Dakin, Jason Brown, Jennifer Jones and Kathy Fahy on the bike racks in downtown Iowa City.

Provided by Amy Nicholson



Rollin' With Rotary came through Iowa City May 1st. RI Vice President Jennifer Jones (front, left) toured the Crisis Center and saw bicycle racks put up by the Rotary Club of Iowa City. Among those joining RIVP Jones were DG Chris Knapp, AG Steve Dakin, and PDG Kathy Fahy from Spirit Lake in District 5970.

Provided by Vernetta Knapp





DGE Mike Ruby and AG Steve Dakin (foreground) help plant wild plum trees during the Rollin' with Rotary visit in Iowa City on May 1. Steve was also the driver of the RV on the Rollin' with Rotary tour which began April 28 in Cedar Falls and ran through May 7 in Albany, New York.

Photo by Wayne Steen



Rollin' with Rotary team members (l-r) Jason Browne, PDG Kathy Fahy, Whitney Pandgon, Ian Callanan, RIVP Jennifer Jones, Steve Dakin and Marie Fallon, in Pittsburgh, Penn..

Provided by Steve Dakin

## 'We want to show Rotary is cool, hip and relevant'

**By AG Steve Dakin/Boone**

District 6000 Membership Chair

"Rollin' with Rotary," a group of energized young professionals, packed an RV and traveled through ten states with a passion for community and Rotary. The Rollin' crew is filled with the desire to inspire others by bringing attention to local and international needs by doing massive Random Acts of Kindness; highlighting Rotary clubs and Rotary youth club activities; and creating large scale community service projects.

"We want everyone to see that Rotary is cool, hip and relevant," said Rotary International Vice President, Jennifer Jones. She is one of 17 global directors who oversee the stewardship and governance of Rotary. Jones adds, "My job on the tour is to introduce you to the bright future of our organization. These young professional Rotarians exemplify how Rotarians feels at every age – ready for service to their communities and the world."

When the engine started and the Rotary wheel started cranking, cities along the tour route included: Cedar Falls, IA; LaCrosse, WI; Madison, WI; Portage, WI; Lakeville, MN; Iowa City, IA; Cedar Rapids, IA; Rockford, IL; Chicago, IL; Detroit, MI; Bowling Green, OH; Ambridge, PA; Pittsburgh, PA; Rochester, NY; Canandaigua, NY; and Albany, NY.

Jason Browne (State College, PA), Kathy Fahy (Spirit Lake, IA), Ian Callanan (Stamford, CT) and Steve Dakin (Boone, IA), – brought the Rollin' with Rotary People of Action Tour tour to Iowa City on May 1. In collaboration with local Rotary clubs, we packed birthday bags and planted trees for the Crisis Center, and visited the new Rotary bike rack project.

You can learn more about these young professionals and all of their adventures, hilarity, excitement and craziness on Twitter (@Rollinrotary), Facebook (Rollinwithrotary), Instagram (Rollinwithrotary) and SnapChat (Rollinrotary).



Jessica Morris(co-director of food bank) gave a tour of the Crisis Center Food Bank.

Provided by Amy Nicholson



The "Rollin' with Rotary" team viewed the District 6000 Conference quilt at the Crisis Center in Iowa City on May 1. The quilt was made to honor TRF's 100th anniversary. RI VP Jennifer Jones is pictured with DG Chris Knapp, DGE Mike Ruby and PDG John and Deb Ockenfels. Photo by Deb Ockenfels





# RAG4CLUBFOOT

## RAG4Clubfoot: Q&A for clubs

**By Tomeka Peterson/West Liberty**

We frequently hear common questions when Rotarians meet with us. Here is information to help you understand us.

### 1. How can Rotarians support the RAG?

- Join us! Become a member of the RAG. For details visit: [www.rag4clubfoot.org](http://www.rag4clubfoot.org)

- Invite RAG4Clubfoot to provide a program during your club meeting. This is most likely to occur if your club is in Iowa; however, we have access to a great webinar program making it possible to virtually "join" your meeting if an internet connection is available.

- Contribute to the Iowa's Gift to the World campaign or hold a fundraiser for the campaign. Donations support Ponseti Method global grant activities. This is a unique opportunity for Iowa Rotarians, as a generous Iowa Rotarian will match dollar to dollar for the first \$125,000 raised through June 30, 2018.

- The RAG4Clubfoot is creating work committees to accomplish specific activities like outreach, fundraising, marketing, etc. We are looking for Rotarians who want to get involved. More details about these committees and their activities to be available at a later date.

- Encourage your district to get involved by contributing District Designated Funds (DDF) to global grants supporting Ponseti Method training. Several training grants are currently under development and often we are seeking additional funding for these projects. Contact us to discuss any of these ideas.

### 2. Why was this Rotarian Action Group started?

The global challenge is that too many children born with clubfoot do not have access to the Ponseti Method treatment. The world needs more physicians trained to provide quality Ponseti Method.

The RAG4Clubfoot primarily works as a clearinghouse to facilitate links among Rotarians and our partner, Ponseti International Association, to organize and plan Ponseti Method training grants.



The RAG4Clubfoot was explained to Rotarians at the District 5970 District Conference, April 29 at Cedar Falls, (l-r): District 6000 PDGs Jacque Andrew, Herb Wilson and John Ockenfels, with District 5970 PDG Jill Olsen.

## District Conference presentations

**By Tomeka Peterson/West Liberty**

RAG4Clubfoot had a booth at the District 6000 District Conference May 4-6 at Coralville, for Rotarians to stop by and ask questions regarding clubfoot and Ponseti Method training grants.

Tomeka Petersen (West Liberty) shared a story of a young girl in Brazil who received treatment during the Vocational Training Team visit in August 2016. The child's clubfoot was properly diagnosed immediately at birth; however, the mother was initially informed that the child would have to wait until she was 2-years-old to receive surgery to treat the clubfoot.

Then by chance, the mother was told of a physician treating young children with the Ponseti Method at a hospital run by Rotarians of the Santo Andre Club in São Paulo. The child was brought to meet Dr. Tatiana Guerschman (Rotarian) to start the Ponseti Method. After six casts, the child was given a brace to wear at night. The child is still wearing the brace at night and she will for several more years. The child is now walking with no pain or limping.

Herb Wilson, founder of RAG4Club-

foot, was awarded the Rotary International Service Above Self award for his dedication and support to many Rotary programs. Tom Cook (Iowa City) and Tomeka Petersen (West Liberty) also received district level Foundation Service Awards for their efforts with RAG4Clubfoot.

At the District 5960 District Conference, RAG4Clubfoot co-chair PDG Jill Olsen receive the Service Above Self Award.



PDG John Ockenfels answers questions about the Ponseti Method at the District 6000 District Conference.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

The RAG4Clubfoot has been the vision of PDG Herb Wilson (District 6000) for many years. Because of Rotary's success with polio eradication and Rotarians' involvement with community service projects for improving health worldwide within large cities to rural communities, Herb felt that

clubfoot/Ponseti Method activities would be a good fit for Rotarians. We consider Iowa the "headquarters" for RAG4Clubfoot because Ponseti Method was created by Dr. Ignacio Ponseti whom studied and perfected the clubfoot treatment known as the Ponseti Method at the University of Iowa.



## The RAG4Clubfoot Campaign: "IOWA'S GIFT TO THE WORLD"

*To Advance The Ponseti Method of Clubfoot Treatment*



RAG4Clubfoot



## RAG4Clubfoot campaign: Iowa's Gift to the World

**By Tomeka Peterson/West Liberty**

The Ponseti Method is a gentle, non-surgical casting method to correct clubfoot created at the University of Iowa by the late Dr. Ignacio Ponseti. Dr. Ponseti's method lives on through the activities of the Ponseti International Association and the Rotarian Action Group: RAG4Clubfoot.

The RAG4Clubfoot campaign, "Iowa's Gift to the World," furthers the work of Iowa's Dr. Ponseti in treating children of the world. Iowa Rotarians and Rotary clubs have a unique opportunity to raise funds to facilitate training in the Ponseti Method in underserved regions of the world.

The campaign goal is to raise \$125,000 by July 2018. A generous Iowa Rotarian will match your contribution dollar to dollar for the first \$125,000 raised. Through May 2017, nearly \$31,000 has been donated (not including the match).

Donations can be made by credit card on the website or by check payable to: Iowa's Gift to the World. Mail check to: Phil Peterson, RAG4Clubfoot Treasurer, 330 Butternut Lane, Iowa City, IA 52246.

More information is available at: [www.IowasGifttotheWorld.org](http://www.IowasGifttotheWorld.org). Tomeka Petersen, Ponseti International Association, University of Iowa, 200 Hawkins Drive, CMAB Suite 100, Iowa City, IA 52246, Ph: (319) 384-4747.

## Ponseti Method training

**By Tomeka Peterson/West Liberty**

**Brazil:** Ten physicians are being trained in Passo Fundo. In total, 29 physicians have been trained in the Ponseti Method.

**Mexico:** The grant team is awaiting receipt of a letter from the Mexico City DG saying he gives approval for the proposed grant activities.

**Bolivia:** This grant is nearly ready to be submitted to TRF for their review. The project committees will be meeting to finalize the budget and training dates, and to discuss brace issues related to shipment to Bolivia, importing, warehousing and distribution within the country.

## 240 youths registered for RYLA, July 16-21 at Grinnell College

**By Mark McAndrews/Northwest Des Moines**

District 6000 RYLA Chair

Thank you to the clubs of District 6000!

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) has 240 Iowa students entering their junior or senior year of high school registered to participate in the 2017 conference. Your commitment to fostering the development and education of our future leaders is outstanding.

RYLA will be held at Grinnell College, in Grinnell, Iowa, from

July 16-21. All clubs should have finalized their student selections by this time. Please verify with your students that they plan to attend. If a student cannot attend, contact the registrar to arrange for an alternate to fill their slot. We must confirm our number with Grinnell College and will be charged for students who do not attend. Help us to use our resources as efficiently as possible.



Mark McAndrews

Your students will return from RYLA enthused to lead, enthused to serve and enthused about Rotary. This is a prime opportunity to involve the students in your club. They will be introduced to Interact and Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) at RYLA. They

may well be interested in participating in RYE, hosting a student or starting an Interact club. Support and encourage them in these endeavors. They will be eager to serve, invite them to participate in your next club service project.

Please invite your students and their parents to your club before they leave for RYLA so they get to know your club. This is an opportunity to honor them and impress upon them the value you place on RYLA. Being familiar with the club makes it easier to make a presentation to the club after returning from RYLA. I have heard testimonials from parents after their students return from RYLA—the parents will value RYLA and Rotary. This may be an opportunity to recruit the parents to become Rotarians!

Former RYLAians lead each team through the week of RYLA, however, each team is also supported by a Rotarian volunteer who can provide perspectives that can only be gained through experience. We need volunteers to continue providing this life changing experience for our youth. Please consider being a volunteer at RYLA.

If you would like a brief experience of RYLA, consider visiting us on July 18th. Come for part or all of the day and see how RYLA exposes new perspectives and experiences, and teaches life and leadership skills. Let me know if you will be attending and I will arrange a guide during your visit and make a reservation, if you will be joining us for lunch.

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**Young RYLA** is a pilot project being launched this year with 30 students from July 23-28. Young RYLA is aimed at students entering 8th or 9th grade to help prepare them to make the transition to high school. It has many of the same goals as RYLA, but uses activities that target younger students at their developmental stage in life.

If you have any questions about RYLA please contact Mark McAndrews at (515) 371-0863 or [markmcandrews@msn.com](mailto:markmcandrews@msn.com) or visit the web site at [www.iowaryla.org](http://www.iowaryla.org).





# THE ROTARY FOUNDATION Centennial Celebration

## Metro clubs fete Rotary Foundation centennial

**By Bradford Helgemo/Northwest Des Moines**

The third value of the Rotary Four-Way Test reads, "Will it build goodwill and better friendships?"

This value was practiced with eight months of planning and collaboration for the Des Moines Metro-wide 100-year Rotary Foundation Celebration.

Eleven Metro clubs were represented on the committee to host this social event for 300 Rotarians on April 11 at the Kum & Go Theater in the Des Moines Social Club.

Everyone enjoyed the food, fun, fellowship and great music provided by the Chuck Kuba Band.

To top it all off, April 11th was officially proclaimed "Rotary Foundation Day" by Gov. Terry Branstad and most of the Metro mayors!

I want to give a big Thank You to all of the 14 committee members that organized this event!



Organizing the Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration in Des Moines were, front (l-r): Tom Bosch (West Polk), Bradford Helgemo (Northwest Des Moines) and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Terry Geiger (Decatur County). Back: Sharon Vickery (Des Moines), Todd Wheeler (Des Moines), Joyce Wheeler (Waukee), Ron Heideman (Indianola), Sally Schroeder (Ankeny), Jim Arthur (Northwest Des Moines), Kasey Vogel (Northwest Des Moines) and Kesha Meisner (Great Des Moines). Not pictured: Al Meyer (Johnston), Chris Nelson (West Des Moines), Jeff Russell (Des Moines AM) and Tom Downs (East Polk).  
Provided by Bradford Helgemo



Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad signed a proclamation declaring April 11 as Rotary Foundation Day and was joined at the State Capitol by (l-r): PDG Terry Geiger (Decatur County), Ron Heideman (Indianola), visitor Terra Geiger, Peggy Geiger (Decatur County), Rotary District Governor Chris Knapp and Vernetta, and visitor Troy Geiger. Provided by Vernetta Knapp



Des Moines Mayor Frank Cownie joined Rotary leaders in celebrating The Rotary Foundation, (l-r): DGND Erna Morain, AG Chris Bertelsen, PDG Corliss Klaassen, PDG Gary Welch, DGN Tom Narak, DG Chris Knapp, Mayor Cownie, PDG Diana Reed, DGE Mike Ruby and PDG Terry Geiger.

Provided by Erna Morain



### All Paul Harris Fellows Club ...

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Ames Morning, which is a new 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow Club. President Bob Anderson received the banners on May 14 from District Governor Chris Knapp who was accompanied by District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Terry Geiger (I), PDG Jacque Andrew and AG Steve Dakin.

Provided by Carolyn Jons



# 'Rotary Foundation Minutes' provided to clubs

**By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County**  
District Rotary Foundation Chair

Each week we are sending clubs a "Rotary Foundation Minute" that I hope all clubs are using to help inspire your members to continue their support of our great Rotary Foundation. I do know some clubs add it each week to their bulletin and some clubs are actually reading the message at their club meeting.

As we approach the end of another Rotary year, the end of this special year for The Rotary Foundation, the "Centennial Year," I thought it appropriate that the most recent Rotary minute be shared here. It reads as follows:

"The end of this centennial Rotary year is near – one more month to go before we enter our next 100 years – one more month when you can continue to make a difference in the world:

## ROTARY FOUNDATION MINUTE

*"The Rotary Foundation is grateful for its donors, whose support makes life-changing projects possible, both locally and globally. Your gift to the Annual Fund brings about those impressive projects and grants, which are presented weekly at your meetings as a Foundation Minute or you read about them in your club or district newsletters.*

*"If you've already made your gift this year, the world and your*

*communities thank you. If not, please consider doing so at rotary.org/give before June 30 to help us reach our \$300 million fundraising goal for our centennial year. No matter how big or how small, your financial support does make a difference. You can do it – it is as easy as "googling" Rotary's Contribution Form! OOOO it will feel so good to do so. Thank you."*



And so as the message says, and I also say, thank you. We currently are on record pace for giving to the annual fund but we must keep up the pace to actually set that record. Because we are not giving "to" The Rotary Foundation, we are really giving "through" The Rotary Foundation to change lives around the world. All club foundation chairs or whoever

in your club is responsible for sending in your club's contribution, don't wait until the last minute. Get it submitted so your club and all your club members can receive proper credit for the gifts.

I have one final message to all clubs in the district. I am always willing to come to your club and speak about the foundation and the good that is being done with your gifts. Many new members and even "seasoned" members know little about our great foundation. If you would like me to come to your club, contact me at [tlgeiger@grm.net](mailto:tlgeiger@grm.net) or call (641) 442-5592 and we can schedule a time for me to come to your club.

# Paul Harris Society members boost giving

**By PDG Corliss Klaassen/Chariton**  
District 6000 Paul Harris Society Chair

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants. The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation.

District 6000 started this program back in 2004-2005 and that first year 23 Rotarians made that commitment. Eleven years later in 2015-2016 we have a total of 98 Rotarians who made a contribution of \$1,000 or more. Of that number, 69 were Paul Harris Society Members and 29 were Paul Harris Society Eligible (they contributed \$1,000 but did not make the commitment to do it every year).

What is the impact? Even though these 98 Rotarians make up



about 3 percent those Rotarians who contribute to the foundation, it is estimated they contribute about 17 percent of the total money contributed to the Annual Fund, 13 percent of the money contributed to the PolioPlus Program and 10 percent to Global Grants.

So far this Rotary year we had an additional six Rotarians who made that commitment: Catherine Staub (Des Moines); Mark McAndrews (Northwest Des Moines); Daniel Divine (Ames); Michelle Cassabaum (Nevada); Chester Woodman, Jr (Iowa City); and Sally Schroeder (Ankeny).

A list of Paul Harris Society members and Paul Harris Society eligible members in on the awards insert with this newsletter. If you would like to know more about the Paul Harris Society please feel free to contact me: [corlissk@mediacombb.net](mailto:corlissk@mediacombb.net), or (641) 203-2896.

In SERVICE Above Self, Corliss.

# Deadlines for year-end Foundation contributions

Here are deadlines for gifts to The Rotary Foundation to be credited to the 2016-17 Rotary year:

**Checks:** Both the postmark on the envelope and the date written on the check must be dated no later than June 30, 2017. Via the Bank of America lockbox: All checks must be received at the lockbox by Friday, July 7, 2017.

Checks sent to Rotary World Headquarters must be received no later than noon on Friday, July 7, 2017.

The address: The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693, USA. Please do NOT send in checks for the 2017-18 Rotary year until Saturday, July 1.

**Credit Card Payments and Online via Rotary.org:** Must be authorized on or prior to midnight on June 30, 2017 CST.

**Fax or Phone:** Electronic items should indicate that the fax was sent no later than June 30, 2017. For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions electronically or via mail, rather fax them to (847) 328-5260.

**Wire Transfers:** Must be initiated prior to June 30 and received by Monday, July 3, 2017.

**Email:** [RotarySupportCenter@rotary.org](mailto:RotarySupportCenter@rotary.org)

**Phone:** +1 (866)-9ROTARY (+1-866-976-8279) Fax: +1 (847) 328-5260



Visioning seminars  
seek answers to

# Rotary's membership challenge

**By Wayne Steen/West Liberty**

District 6000 Membership Chair

District Membership and Visioning events were held Thursday, April 6 at the Steeplegate Best Western in Davenport, attended by 40, and Wednesday, April 19 at the Shive-Hattery Office in West Des Moines, attended by 58. The goal of the events was to engage the attendees to think and discuss how we can better attract and engage Rotarians.

The agenda for the Davenport meeting included welcome by district membership chair Wayne Steen and district trainer John Schultz. DGE Mike Ruby presented his "Twelve Points for a Vibrant Club." "Attracting Members" panelists were PDG Bill Tubbs, DG Chris Knapp and AG Libby Goodman. "Engaging Members" panelists were DGE Ruby, AG Peggy Doerge and Muscatine Rotary past president Tony Joseph.

AG Chris Nelson made arrangements for Shive Hattery to be the host location for the West Des Moines event. Steen, membership vice chair Steve Wieneke and AG Chris Nelson were the moderators.

Wayne Steen began the programs discussing DGE Ruby's "Twelve Points for a Vibrant Club" (printed at right). He also shared an idea with the attendees called Start, Stop, and Continue: Ask each of your club members the following three questions: 1) What one activity do you want your club to Start doing?; 2) What one activity



District 6000 Membership Chair Wayne Steen of West Liberty organized two Membership and Visioning events.

do you want your club to Stop doing?; and 3) What one activity do you want your club to continue doing?

At Davenport, PDG Tubbs said he met recently with Lions International leaders who are experiencing the same membership trends as Rotary: a steady decline in North America and growth in Asia. Rotary and Lions are both losing zone representation in North America due to the shift. Tubbs said the challenge to leaders was summed up by RI Director Brad Howard at NCPETS: "Make your members love their club!"

At West Des Moines, the highlight of the program was Assistant Rotary Coordinator Kathy Fahy from Spirit Lake who delivered an inspiring keynote address. She was glad to hear about Start, Stop and Continue. She said that idea came from a Young Leaders Rotary Conference she attended a couple of years ago.

Kathy talked about the need for Rotary clubs to have a membership engagement plan. Clubs should have a well-organized new member orientation process. She suggested having the new member meeting(s) at a different location from where the club normally meets. For example, have the meeting in someone's home or at a

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District Trainer John Schultz addresses attendees at the Membership and Visioning meeting at Davenport. Panelists were AG Peggy Doerge of Iowa City AM, DGE Mike Ruby and Tony Joseph of Muscatine.

Photo by Bill Tubbs





The Membership Engagement team at Shive-Hattery in West Des Moines (l-r): Alka Khanolkar, DGN Tom Narak, Assistant Rotary Coordinator Kathy Fahy and DG Chris Knapp.



The Attracting Members panel at the West Des Moines meeting (l-r): Steve Wieneke, DGND Erna Morain and Rob Oxenfeld with AG Chris Nelson. Photos by Jacque Andrew

## Membership meetings

### MEMBERSHIP/continued

casual bar.

Kathy also discussed about the need to find out what new and veteran members are passionate about. Are they passionate about helping children in their local school district or are they interested in getting involved in international Rotary projects?

After Kathy's address there were two "Ask the Expert" panelist discussions. The first group of experts discussed how to attract potential new members to Rotary clubs. The panelists were Steve Wieneke, DGND Erna Morain, and Rob Oxenfeld, president of the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines.

The second panel discussed how to improve membership engagement within Rotary clubs. The panelists were ARC Kathy Fahy, DG Chris Knapp, DGN Tom Narak and AG Alka Khanolkar.

The second half of the program had the attendees having round-table discussions on membership issues impacting their clubs.

DG Chris Knapp closed the meeting urging the attendees to take what they learned during the evening back to their clubs and discussing the new ideas with their clubs.

Next year at least one Vision 2020 District Membership Event is being planned. A Vision 2020 Membership Event will be held May 2, 2018, at the Shive Hattery Office in West Des Moines. Other locations may be added. Check the next issue of the District Newsletter for more information.



The Membership and Visioning meeting at Shive-Hattery in West Des Moines was well attended.

## Twelve points for a vibrant club

### By DGE Mike Ruby/Muscatine

*When a club does the majority of these things they will prosper by attracting new members as well as having current members staying connected and engaged – a win-win for everyone.*

1. **Create club loyalty.** Instill a **club mindset**; I don't have to attend – I want to attend meetings.

2. **The food is good.** Good food is always a drawing card. Poor quality food is a serious turn-off.

3. **Programs are meaningful** and varied. Have a healthy mix of serious, light, and strictly Rotary related.

4. **Good fellowship.** The meetings are fun! There are a lot of laughs and lighthearted conversation.

5. The club is **visible in the community.** They take pride in doing local projects. The town would quickly notice if the club disbanded.

6. **The meeting is lively**, not mechanical. A joke, a raffle, recognize the vocational accomplishments of members, acknowledge birthdays and Rotary anniversaries, have a fun 5-minute table exercise or quiz to encourage interaction.

7. **All members are nurtured.** Members need to feel wanted and appreciated whether they are new or longtime Rotarians.

8. **Member input is valued.** Members are encouraged to make suggestions of how to make their club stronger and the board responds by keeping members in the loop regarding board decisions.

9. **Membership reflects community population.** There is a good mix of male and female, younger members, vocations, and ethnic diversity.

10. Club has a good relationship with the **school district and local media.**

11. Club is **well represented at district events:** Grant Management Seminar, One Rotary Summit, District Training Assembly, RLI, District Conference. Consider giving a stipend for the attendees because the whole club benefits. It may be nothing more than a \$10 gas or fast food card but that gesture is important.

12. The club has a **broader picture of Rotary.** This can be done by doing a "Rotary Minute" frequently to acquaint members with a much larger view of Rotary than their own club.



Mike Ruby





Rotarians from 32 clubs were represented at the District Training Assembly March 24 at DMACC in Newton. They had "Fun with Coke" for this photo, which will be featured on one of the screens in the Tasting Room at the World of Coca-Cola during the Zone party at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, June 14-20. Photo by Erna Morain

## Thirty-two clubs represented at District Assembly

Rotarians connected for fellowship and learning at the District Assembly, March 24 at DMACC in Newton. Presenters at the half-day seminar included DG Chris Knapp (welcome), DGE Mike Ruby (theme and goals), Wayne Steen (membership), PDG Susan Herrick (polio), PDGs Terry Geiger and Loring Miller (RLI), PDG Terry

Geiger (Rotary Foundation), DG Chris Knapp and Doug Peterson (RYLA, Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange), Carolyn Scharff and Phyllis Miller (club secretaries), DGN Tom Narak and DGND Erna Morain (club fundraising and best practice), and John Schultz and Peggy Geiger (public image).



**Doug Peterson**  
Iowa Quad Cities



**Michelle Cassabaum**  
Nevada



**Chris Bertelson**  
Winterset



**Alka Khanolkar**  
Keokuk



**Tomeka Peterson**  
West Liberty



Bob Herrick, Boone, talks about youth programs Interact, RYLA and Youth Exchange with Waukee Rotarian Shari Bender.



PDG John Ockenfels of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM makes a point. Photos by Bill Tubbs



# Transition time for Youth Exchange students

**By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities**

District 6000 Youth Exchange Chair

The Rotary Youth Exchange year is drawing to a close. Our Inbound and Outbound students, 20 in all, are experiencing one of the toughest periods in their exchange, as they realize that their year abroad is nearly over. Many of our Inbound students will be returning home in June, with extra suitcases, a blazer full of pins and mementos, a phone full of pictures, and a new appreciation of the world and its many cultures.

Several of our Inbound students will start a 28-day whirlwind tour of the United States. These students board a bus in Iowa, head to West coast, and then turn back to travel across the southern tier of states to Florida. The bus heads north from Florida toward Washington, D.C. (for the Fourth of July), on to New York City, and then back to Iowa via Chicago. All our students will have memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our Outbound students will return with a new title – rebounder. Having had a year abroad, these students will now start the adjustment of re-acclimating to their old environs, with some returning to high school and others to college. Your Youth Exchange Committee works with the students on this process and then invites these rebounders to become teachers for the new class of Outbounds. These rebounders have insights into Youth Exchange that they can pass on to the new Outbounds in a way that the committee cannot. We are fortunate to have them help us!

Looking back on this exchange year helps recall many happy and some tearful moments for the district: retreats, social events, sleepovers, District Conference, interviews, good-byes, and long hugs.

Clubs who have hosted students, and the host families, will have had similar moments and many happy memories. We are hopeful that more clubs in the district will want to have similar experiences – ones that cannot be duplicated in any other Rotary program.



District 6000 Youth Exchange chair Doug Peterson introduced Inbound and Outbound students in the always impressive Youth Exchange parade of flags at District Conference.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

If your club wants to become involved, why not start with the recruitment of an Outbound student for the 2018-19? Contact a committee member to find out how to get started. You will not be disappointed with the result!

Doug Peterson ([louanddoug@mchsi.com](mailto:louanddoug@mchsi.com))

## Interview leads to Rotary connections in Liberia

*James Smith, who was District 6000's nominee for the Rotary Peace Fellow scholarship in 2016, was not selected for the scholarship and remains in the Des Moines area working on humanitarian service projects for his home country of Liberia, on the west coast of Africa. On May 12, he told District 6000 Peace Scholars Committee chair Kathy Skinner of Nevada about his plans:*

I am working on plans to return home to Liberia late this year or early next year to launch the not for profit called New World Initiative (NWI) which I initiated in Liberia late last year along with other Liberians and an American. The State of Iowa subsequently granted us a certificate as a not for profit to allow the organization to work with American development partners like Rotary of Des Moines, individual Rotarians, philanthropists, etc. We are planning the fund raiser event to be held sometime in August here in Des Moines. I will keep you updated for involvement of fellow Rotarians as you have requested based on your discussions at the conference.

We have started working with a small but serious group of visually impaired youths in Monrovia, the capitol of Liberia, known as "Accessing Materials Resource Center for the Blind" (AEMRECB).

On the basis of giving back a little to our needy communities in Liberia, my fellow Liberian and organization member called David B. Smith and I used some of our meager resources here in Des Moines and bought a few essential food and material items including used clothes, footwear, canned foods, biscuits and toiletries, among others, which we will ship next week to Liberia for use by those



Former Peace Scholar candidate James King (r) is organizing aid for visually impaired youths in Liberia.

visually impaired youths who are undergoing skill development in computer and Internet education. Some of the little relief materials we are shipping to AEMRECB members as a beginner are generous donations by a few American friends after a request was made to them few weeks ago.

I am in contact with our coordinator in Monrovia to start discussions with the Rotary Club of Sinkor in Monrovia for programs collaboration and support. We see this idea as a good link between Monrovia and Des Moines.

*Peace, James S. King*  
[jamesking7@gmail.com](mailto:jamesking7@gmail.com)



# Rotary puts spotlight on human trafficking

**By George Belitsos/Ames**

Chair, Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking

The Rotary Club of Ames funded a major \$10,000 project which includes \$5,000 in match funding from Rotary District 6000. The 12-month project was entitled "Human Trafficking in Central Iowa: How You Can Be Part of the Solution."

Information about this successful project will be on display at the Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS) booth No. 2926 at the Atlanta Rotary International Convention. The Rotary Club of Ames urges other District 6000 clubs to join the fight to end modern day slavery, both here in Iowa, and across the globe.

For more information about RAGAS, go to their website [www.ragas.online](http://www.ragas.online) and sign up for their regular newsletter. For more information about labor and sex trafficking here in Iowa, go to the Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking website at [www.iowanaht.org](http://www.iowanaht.org). Once you connect to this website, please subscribe to the twice monthly blog post written by Rotary Club of Ames Rotary board member Dr. George Belitsos, by clicking on the contact tab. Dr. George also serves as chair of the Iowa NAHT board of directors.

Major outcomes of the Rotary Club of Ames human trafficking project:

- The level of public concern and interest in learning about sex trafficking was outstanding as measured by the large turnout for project-funded speaking engagements and six major public forums. A grand total of just over 4,500 attended these forums and public awareness events. This Rotary funded project helped to also create enough awareness of the growing trafficking problem in Iowa, that the group was able to reach our Iowa legislators, resulting in passage of two anti-trafficking bills. One of these bills created the Office to Combat Human Trafficking within the Iowa Department of Public Safety, which opened last August 2016.

- Twenty-four hotel managers and supervisors attended a sex trafficking awareness meeting hosted by Rotary. Seven of these hotels agreed to have their employees trained on how to recognize and report suspected trafficking. Each hotel received a plaque to display in their lobby that certified the training, and that the hotel will report suspicious behavior.

- Rotary funded a showing of the documentary, "Sex Trafficking in the USA," and discussion of Nicholas Kristof's new film, "A Path Appears." This forum was held one week prior to a lecture featuring Nicholas Kristof. The documentary was viewed by 480 in attendance, which far exceeded our expectations. Copies of the documentary were offered to groups, schools and service clubs who were unable to attend the forum. The 1-1/2-hour documentary has been an excellent anti-human trafficking training tool.

Nicholas Kristof, Pulitzer-Prize winning columnist for *The New York Times*, spoke on the global fight against human trafficking. His address was entitled, "Why We Should Care About the World and Want to Change It." An astonishing 1,600 attended the lecture. Rotary was listed as a major funder and sponsor. Kristof began with slides of trips to Asia and his early exposure to human trafficking. He has been expanding his research and discussed writing about trafficking. Domestic U.S. sex trafficking became the focus of the documentary special he wrote and produced. Kristof's writing on human trafficking resulted in winning a Pulitzer Prize. His book was for sale after the

lecture, and he signed many copies for those attending.

- Two Human Trafficking Community Forums were held at the Ames Public Library. The forums included the first showing of "Any Kid Anywhere: Protecting Our Children." Rotary was the lead forum sponsor and Rotary was listed as the sole funder. The DVD, "Any Kid Anywhere," features interviews of three Iowa women who were trafficked starting in their teens. The Rotary grant funded the production of 100 DVDs which were distributed free to schools across Iowa. The DVD was followed by a local panel discussion. *The Ames Tribune* had a front page article about the two forums.

- Rotary hosted a lecture at which James Kofi Annan spoke on "Stopping Child Slavery in Ghana." Through his work, Mr. Annan has rescued and supported over 10,000 children who have been forced child labor slaves. Approximately 460 attended the James Kofi Annan lecture. A Rotarian introduced the speaker.

James told his personal story of being sold into child slavery at age 6 and escaping at age 12. He has established a survivors' program which provides safe housing, counseling, medical care and a school. A group from Ames, including Ames Mayor Ann Campbell (a member of the Rotary Club of Ames) will be traveling to Ghana to help expand the school and its library.

- The Rotary Club of Ames presented checks to four direct service agencies as budgeted in the Human Trafficking grant. Photos were taken of the check presentations with a cutline listing eight Rotarians who were present for the check passing. Rotary published two of these photos in the Rotary Club of Ames newsletter.

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- YSS, a statewide child welfare agency, used the Rotary funds to print an informational brochure on child sex trafficking. Rotary is listed on the brochure as the funder.

- Rotary funds assisted the startup of the Ames High School Teens Against Human Trafficking (TAHT). *The Ames Tribune* carried a front page article about the establishment of the AHS group. In addition, Rotary funds helped to expand TAHT in Ankeny, Fort Dodge and Des Moines.

- Rotary was very fortunate to secure Luis CdeBaca to come to Ames and central Iowa for two entire days to commemorate Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness month. Luis CdeBaca recently stepped down as Ambassador to monitor and combat trafficking in person. He now leads the Department of Justice Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) based in Washington, D.C. Although we had budgeted \$2,500 for this Rotary grant line item, very little was spent since Ambassador CdeBaca decided to donate his time and pay for his own travel from Washington, D.C. to Iowa. Ambassador CdeBaca spoke at two major community forums and also addressed the Rotary Club of Ames. He also consulted with the Iowa Department of Public Safety, and met with non-profits providing rescue and services to survivors of human trafficking.

- Rotary funded the production and display of anti-trafficking signs for the CyRide buses in Ames. Primarily high school and college students ride CyRide. The signs were designed by Iowa State University students. Houck Transit Advertising produced the signs and displayed the signs on buses. All the CyRide buses rotate to a new route daily, giving full market coverage. The signs were displayed for three months.



Large audiences attended forums on human trafficking.





## *Southeast clubs meet for communication, collaboration ...*

We had a very successful meeting May 18th at the Southeast Iowa Rotarian gathering held at the First United Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant. Over 42 fellow Rotarians were present. DGE Mike Ruby presided and gave an informative and enlightening presentation, followed by Q&A from the audience. Nine Rotary clubs in Area 11 with AG Alka Khanolkar (Burlington, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Mt. Pleasant Noon and Mt. Pleasant Evening) and Area 15 with AG Bob Freeman (Fairfield, Kalona, Wellman and Washington) were invited.

The purpose was to provide the clubs with an opportunity to network and build enthusiasm for next year's Rotary theme: Making a Difference, and to have interaction and dialogue with one another, perhaps be the springboard for future inter-club projects, and to strengthen the overall health of the nine clubs. The Mt. Pleasant evening club was the gracious host for the evening and a variety of delicious International food was served. Thanks to everyone who came and made it a huge success. — submitted by Alka Khanolkar, Keokuk



Assistant governors Bob Freeman of Wellman (l) and Alka Khanolkar of Keokuk with DGE Mike Ruby of Muscatine.

## School safety signs create Rotary awareness



Decatur County Rotarians Peggy Geiger, Shannon Erb, Loring and Phyllis Miller, Chris Coffelt and Terry Geiger.

### **By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County**

Club President

School Safety + Rotary Awareness = Great Public Image

The Rotary Club of Decatur County was excited to place six "Drive Safely" signs in the Leon and Lamoni school zones this month.

A relatively inexpensive project, it allowed the club to not only draw awareness of Rotary, but to remind vehicles that they were entering a school zone and needed to drive with caution as children may be walking.

Working with the city coordinator, chief of police, and the school superintendent was great, as they were all excited about the idea when approached. They were the committee who helped us get site approval on where to dig and place the poles for the signs.

Rotarian volunteers that evening were president Peggy Geiger, PN Shannon Erb, PDG Loring and Phyllis Miller, school superintendent Chris Coffelt, and PDG Terry Geiger.

A great example of "Service Above Self!"

**✓ Unite Leaders ✓ Exchange Ideas ✓ Take Action**





## District 6000's newest All Paul Harris Fellows Club ...

The Rotary Club of North Scott celebrated the milestone of becoming an All Paul Harris Fellows Club at the annual Rotary Foundation Day May 12. Fifteen first-time Paul Harris Fellows were recognized along with nine next-level Paul Harris Fellows, two spouse awards, four Paul Harris Society Members and two Major Donors. The 90-member club has contributed \$443,618 to Rotary Foundation programs since it was chartered in 1973. Among those achieving Paul Harris Fellow or next-level status were (front, l-r): Nancy Glawe, Marty O'Boyle, Jim Smith, Tricia Kane, Josie Seymour, Jan Touney and Alex Dirck. Back: Ken Tank, Chris Connolly, Jonathan Cole, Jeff Martens, Scott Earl, Brian Goerd and Tyler Bindrum. Speaker for the day was Jennifer Blair, the Assistant Director for Undergraduate Programs for the Tippie School of Business at the University of Iowa, pictured at left in the photo at right with club Rotary Foundation Chair Teresa Paper. Jennifer was a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar to Ireland in 1999-00.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



Corning Rotary cleanup up crew (l-r): Burton Heaton, Phil Morris, Jan Leonard, Jamie Stargell, Brian Peterson and Jayne Templeton (front). Not pictured: cameraman Tim Ennis.



\$4,000 in scholarships were awarded at the Corning Rotary Scholarship Barbecue.

## Corning Rotarians have busy start to summer

By Jamie Stargell/Corning

President-Elect

The Rotary Club of Corning has had a busy start to the summer.

For several years, we have adopted a portion of U.S. Highway 34. Seven Rotarians collected several bags of trash, and enjoyed fellowship time after all our hard work.

We hosted our annual Rotary Scholarship Barbecue in May. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors and community members, the Rotary Club of Corning was able to give \$4,000 in scholarships to our Southwest Valley High School.

Our latest project was partnering with the City of Corning to purchase pea gravel for Grove Park. The city was able to haul a truck load of pea gravel to the park. Rotarians put in hard work to spread the gravel amongst all the play equipment at the park. We had a total of eight Rotarians and a couple youth help with the chore of spreading a truck load of pea gravel.



Corning Rotarians spread pea gravel around play equipment at Grove Park.



# Leadership Iowa lends support for RAG4Clubfoot

**By Richard Campagna/Iowa City**

Shawn Reineke, Usha Balakrishnan and PDG Jacque Andrew

At the Rotary Club of Iowa City meeting held on March 2, a multi-generational gathering of leadership “titans” descended upon Iowa City’s University Club. One could feel the energy reverberating throughout the dining area as the large crowd took their seats.

Our club’s president, Usha Balakrishnan, a 2002 graduate of Leadership Iowa (LI), introduced Kay Neumann-Thomas, VP of Programs for the Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) Foundation. Kay described the Leadership Iowa program as being a premier issues-awareness forum which promotes leadership within our state. She indicated that the organization educates, challenges and inspires its participants to bring out their inherent qualities to “point the way.” The ultimate goal is to instill passion in our current and emerging leaders while fostering a high level of civic engagement. Other LI graduates attending included PDG Jill Olsen of Mt. Vernon (5970) and PDG Jacque Andrew of Jefferson (6000).

Since its inception in 1982, LI has graduated over 1,000 leaders from both the private and public sectors. This diverse group of alumni represents every geographical region of the state and virtually all walks of life; the group travels on a monthly basis to a different Iowa community to stimulate conversations on diverse themes.

In early March the group came to Iowa City to study healthcare and while here, the participants volunteered with the Hope Lodge, the Ronald McDonald House and Oaknoll Retirement Community. Although a few members of the Leadership Iowa class are already members of Rotary clubs around the state, several acknowledged themselves as “Rotarians-to-be” and were encouraged to join Rotary in their respective hometowns.

President Usha then invited RAG4Clubfoot co-chairs John Ockenfels and Jill Olsen to share their visionary humanitarian initiative, which is deeply rooted in Iowa. (The journey of this story is described on pages 14-15.) The mission is to train doctors around the world to practice the non-surgical, non-invasive Ponseti Method to treat clubfoot.

With several of the RAG4Clubfoot board members also present at this meeting, RAG4Clubfoot founder PDG Herb Wilson delivered thought-provoking remarks on past, present and future roles that Rotarians can assume. Immediately thereafter Tom Cook,



Leadership Iowa members learned about the Ponseti Method and lent support to RAG4Clubfoot at the meeting of the Rotary Club of Iowa City on March 2.

Provided by Usha Balakrishnan

director of global operations for the Ponseti International Association, gave a presentation on RAG4Clubfoot, including highlights of how the LI Class can specifically help in advancing “Iowa’s Gift To The World!” – an inspiring match-funding challenge proposed – and made possible – by the generosity of John and Ellen Buchanan.

LI class members immediately selected RAG4Clubfoot as their philanthropic effort for the month of March 2017 and donated \$645 to support RAG4Clubfoot’s mission along with an expressed commitment to

share the RAG4Clubfoot message in their home communities.

President Usha concluded the fact-filled, “big ideas” meeting by thanking all of the speakers and participants and urging all of the Leadership Iowa Class to make a personal and professional commitment to become active and creative in helping to advance humanitarian projects such as RAG4Clubfoot.

The entire program was videotaped and has now been posted for easy viewing at [www.iowacitynoonrotary.org](http://www.iowacitynoonrotary.org).



## *Rotary Foundation proclamation ...*

Mayor Bill Peard proclaimed April 11 as Rotary Foundation Day at the Waukee City Council meeting on April 3. Through The Rotary Foundation, members have supported thousands of projects in their local communities and around the world to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace and provide basic education. They are also a leader in the fight to eradicate polio worldwide. From left to right: Waukee Rotarians Chad Leonard, John Quinn, Dan Dutcher, Joyce Wheeler, Erna Morain, Mayor Bill Peard, Anna Bergman and Tim Moerman. Provided by Erna Morain





Some of the 400 bicycle helmets given away in the "Lids for Kids" program.



More than 25 Iowa Quad Cities Rotarian volunteers helped unbox and organize bicycle helmets for children.

## 'Lids for Kids': 400 receive bicycle helmets

**By Dawn Johnson/Iowa Quad Cities**

This spring, the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities distributed approximately 400 bicycle helmets to all the second graders in the Bettendorf elementary schools and one Davenport elementary school. The safety program called "Lids for Kids" was originally started by Mike and Tese Atkins after Tese sustained a near fatal bicycle accident. This is the fifth year the club has spearheaded the project. More than 25 Rotary volunteers assisted in unboxing and organizing the helmets for distribution, and fitting students after each safety presentation.

"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 support all children with an emphasis to assist disadvantaged youth whenever possible.

## Chimes will ring at Bettendorf's Faye's Field

**By Jonna Schuler/Bettendorf**

Club President

The Rotary Club of Bettendorf held its May 5th dedication of Rotary Row chimes and drums at Faye's Field.

A set of four life-size chimes and one set of drums were installed thanks to a grant from the Rotary Club of Bettendorf and a Rotary Foundation Community Grant.

Faye Clow, for whom the outdoor space at the Learning Campus is named, was the first female president of Bettendorf Rotary and director of the Bettendorf Public Library for 30 years.

At the May 5th dedication, which received very good media coverage, President Jonna said, "With Faye's focus on youth, the community and education, we feel this makes a perfect addition to this beautiful green space, and a great addition to the community."



The granite plaque commemorates the sponsorship of the chimes by the Rotary Club of Bettendorf and The Rotary Foundation.



Chimes and drums were dedicated at Faye's Field by the Rotary Club of Bettendorf in honor of the late Faye Clow, a longtime member and the club's first female president.





Ray Klinginsmith



### *Past President speaks at Fairfield ...*

The Rotary Club of Fairfield welcomed Past Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith of Kirksville, Mo., to its meeting on April 7. He addressed the club about Rotary's role in polio eradication, and The Rotary Foundation's No. 1 ranking among charitable foundations. Among those welcoming Klinginsmith were (l-r): AG Bob Freeman of Wellman; District 6040 PDG Ralph Cupelli, who is also president of the Rotary Club of Kirksville; PDG Terry Geiger of Decatur County; Linn Cornick, past president of Fairfield Rotary; Past RI President Klinginsmith; District Governor Chris Knapp; and PDG Loring Miller, Decatur County.

Provided by Sue Gail

## Davenport awards \$58,500 in scholarships

More than \$1 million  
has been awarded  
since 1922

**By Anita Zemba-Schadt/Davenport  
Club Executive Secretary**

On May 1, the Rotary Club of Davenport awarded \$58,500 in college scholarships: one \$16,000 scholarship, four \$10,000 scholarships and one \$2,500 scholarship, to six Davenport high school students.

Students from Davenport Assumption, Central, North, West and Mid-City high schools were eligible to apply. Scholarships were presented to the recipients, along with their families, during the noon luncheon at the Outing Club.

"We received a talented pool of applicants for this year's scholarship committee to review: 24 applicants from North, West, Central, Assumption and Mid-City high schools were interviewed," said club president Gary Loss.

The following scholarship recipients were selected and the scholarship recipients found out their scholarship amount at the luncheon.

"The students selected represent the next generation of leaders and professionals. As a Rotary club, it is extremely rewarding and truly an honor to support these students as they pursue their education and embark on various academic and career endeavors,"



Davenport Rotary president Gary Loss (l) and Rotarian Ben Loeb (r) with scholarship recipients (l-r): Mackenzie Curran, Anthony Smith, Lauren (Mickey) Sloat, Jalen Crawford, Caitlin Steimle and Lexi Coiner.

said Loss.

Scholarship recipients:

- Lauren (Mickey) Sloat, Central High School, \$16,000;
- Lexi Coiner, West High School, \$10,000;
- Jalen Crawford, Mid-City High School, \$2,500;
- Mackenzie Curran, North High School, \$10,000;
- Anthony Smith, Central High School, \$10,000;
- Caitlin Steimle, Assumption High School, \$10,000.

Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients. The Rotary Club of Davenport wishes them only the best as they go forward in their educational journey.

The Rotary Club of Davenport scholarship program is one of the largest in the Quad Cities metro area, providing over \$58,500 annually.

Since its inception as the Rotary Memorial College Loan and Scholarship Fund in 1922, the Fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$1 million to seniors graduating from Davenport high schools.



# Reading to the animals a 'win-win' at Keokuk

**By AG Alka Khanolkar/Keokuk**

The Rotary Club of Keokuk replaced the doors in the animal shelter located at Carbide Lane. The new doors provide a safe environment for the pets and the children visiting them.

The animal shelter has a unique program like a "Shelter Buddies Program" (that is followed in many states in the U.S.). In the

Shelter Buddies program, the local community kids read children's books to the rescued dogs who are a little shy and filled with anxiety. It turns out to be a win-win for both. The pets become less shy and anxious, as they are comfortable around people in a very safe environment. On the other hand, the local community kids become more confident and better readers.

Initially, before the Keokuk Rotary local community project was started, the doors were different and needed to be replaced. The rescued pets would chew on the previous cage doors, and in the process could hurt themselves. Thus the doors needed to be replaced.

Seen in the pictures at the inauguration on the 25th of May 2017 are Past District Governor Calvin Litwiller, children from the Keokuk Community (who volunteer their time at the shelter), former Police Chief Tom Crew, who is the director of the Animal Shelter at Carbide Lane here in Keokuk, fellow Rotarians president Kathy Gabel, president-elect Lori Conn, Past District Governor Calvin Litwiller his wife, Rachael, local community children volunteers and many fellow Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Keokuk.



Past District Governor Calvin Litwiller participated in the inauguration ribbon cutting of new doors at the Keokuk pet shelter.

Provided by Alka Khanolkar



Children from the Keokuk community who volunteer at the shelter are pictured with Rotarians and leaders, including former police chief Tom Crew (who is the director of the Animal Shelter at Carbide Lane), Rotary club president Kathy Gabel, president-elect Lori Conn, PDG Calvin Litwiller his wife Rachael, local community children volunteers and many fellow Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Keokuk.

## Financial support for Iowa M.O.S.T.

Voluntary contributions from clubs support the operations of the Iowa Miles of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.) that performs cleft lip and cleft palate repairs in Guatemala. Thanks to the clubs below who contributed \$8,902 to M.O.S.T. in 2016-17. That is an increase from \$7,323 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	Nevada
Bloomfield	Iowa Quad Cities	North Scott
Boone	Jefferson	NW Des Moines
Chariton	Johnston	Oskaloosa
Coralville-N. Corridor	Kalona	Pella
Decatur County	Keokuk	Tipton
Des Moines	Keosauqua	Washington
East Polk	Manning	Wauke
Fort Madison	Marengo	Wellman
Grinnell	Marshalltown	West Liberty
Iowa City	Mt. Pleasant Evening	Winterset
Iowa City AM	Muscatine	

## Financial support for Youth Services

Voluntary contributions from clubs raised \$3,106 in 2016-17 for the District 6000 Youth Services Fund for scholarships for projects like Xicotepec. That is an increase from \$2,163 in 2015-16. Clubs are asked to make a voluntary contribution of \$2 per member with the annual District dues billing that will be sent to clubs in July. Thanks to these clubs!

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



# Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

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(1) (Members: Jul 15/Jul 16)	(2) 16-17 APF Goal	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita	(5) Thru 5-31-17	(6) PolioPlus	(7) Other (**)	(8) TOTAL
Adel (37/37)	\$ 4,000	75	\$ 80.81	\$ 2,990	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,990
Albia (22/28)	1,150	65	26.79	750	0	0	750
Ames (224/226)	32,000	88	124.95	28,239	8,102	36,410	72,751
Ames Morning (55/55)	8,000	435	632.27	34,775	0	1,765	36,540
Ankeny (61/77)	12,000	102	158.33	12,192	4,900	0	17,092
Atlantic (58/58)	5,500	49	46.74	2,711	0	0	2,711
Bettendorf (103/101)	14,500	101	144.34	14,578	0	1,974	16,552
Bloomfield (10/10)	900	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boone (42/34)	17,000	19	94.27	3,205	2,105	25,482	30,792
Burlington (80/79)	7,500	57	53.67	4,240	0	0	4,240
Carroll (46/44)	952	906	187.50	8,625	684	500	9,808
Centerville (50/46)	3,360	111	85.00	3,740	0	0	3,740
Chariton (41/41)	4,500	107	117.07	4,800	1,000	500	6,300
Clinton (98/97)	8,500	87	75.81	7,353	3,488	0	10,841
Coon Rapids (27/31)	1,500	93	45.16	1,400	0	0	1,400
Coralville-North Corridor (20/21)	2,500	0	0	0	25	0	25
Corning (34/33)	1,300	113	44.47	1,468	1,000	0	2,468
Corydon (18/15)	1,200	113	90.00	1,350	0	0	1,350
Creston (23/19)	100	200	10.53	200	0	0	200
Dallas Center (27/29)	2,550	6	5.17	150	166	0	316
Davenport (112/113)	12,760	116	131.09	14,814	225	2,250	17,288
Decatur County (30/32)	6,300	120	236.67	7,573	1,102	2,420	11,095
Des Moines (276/270)	21,000	115	89.42	24,143	3,209	1,050	28,402
Des Moines AM (170/170)	13,000	55	42.35	7,200	810	0	8,010
East Polk County (34/31)	3,000	74	71.77	2,225	1,484	0	3,709
Fairfield (74/60)	5,800	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Madison (49/53)	6,000	47	53.30	2,825	259	0	3,084
Greater Des Moines (12/12)	600	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grinnell (38/40)	5,000	90	115.00	4,600	565	0	5,165
Indianola (54/53)	6,500	82	101.07	5,357	1,331	3,593	10,281
Iowa City (312/329)	45,000	103	141.21	46,458	2,877	2,135	51,470
Iowa City AM (66/69)	12,500	86	155.01	10,696	4,740	1,135	16,571
Iowa City Downtown (23/21)	2,100	88	87.86	1,845	1,277	0	3,122
Iowa Quad-Cities (41/42)	3,500	27	22.38	940	0	0	940
Jefferson (59/59)	6,000	90	91.53	5,400	1,500	0	6,900
Johnston (60/49)	4,000	166	135.49	6,639	0	0	6,639
Kalona (42/41)	2,200	123	65.85	2,700	1,200	0	3,900
Keokuk (66/71)	3,500	94	46.34	3,290	375	500	4,165
Keosauqua (24/22)	1,200	102	55.75	1,227	0	0	1,227
Knoxville (61/58)	5,500	41	38.79	2,250	0	0	2,250
Lenox (29/28)	2,500	59	52.84	1,480	0	0	1,480
Manning (19/25)	4,692	0	0	0	1,400	0	1,400
Marengo (11/10)	150	107	16.00	160	0	0	160
Marshalltown (150/147)	15,000	27	27.86	4,096	1,291	0	5,387
Mount Pleasant Noon (52/55)	5,000	85	77.11	4,241	2,000	0	6,241
Mount Pleasant (20/20)	400	76	15.28	306	513	0	819
Muscatine (79/77)	13,500	85	148.48	11,433	1,610	0	13,043
Nevada (71/69)	8,200	133	157.91	10,896	1,975	0	12,871
Newton (60/55)	3,000	34	18.66	1,027	1,530	1,050	3,807
North Scott (85/86)	11,000	120	154.12	13,254	3,260	20,000	36,514
Northwest Des Moines (34/40)	7,500	71	133.00	5,320	3,413	0	8,733
Osceola (28/29)	800	100	27.59	800	56	500	1,355
Oskaloosa (56/55)	3,000	146	79.46	4,370	0	0	4,370
Ottumwa (97/98)	12,500	87	110.97	10,875	0	0	10,875
Pella (29/30)	3,000	124	124.17	3,725	550	0	4,275
Perry (26/26)	900	92	31.92	830	723	0	1,553
Tipton (30/26)	2,500	170	163.85	4,260	725	987	5,972
Washington (49/48)	5,000	60	62.29	2,990	500	0	3,490
Waukee (58/64)	7,300	98	111.70	7,149	7,193	5,066	19,417
Wellman (36/34)	3,100	94	85.29	2,900	0	0	2,900
West Des Moines (62/63)	5,000	70	55.42	3,492	500	0	3,992
West Liberty (43/44)	13,000	129	382.48	16,829	250	0	17,079
West Polk County (31/18)	2,200	125	152.38	2,743	0	50,000	52,743
Winterset (25/30)	5,240	66	115.90	3,477	2,800	500	6,777
District Contributions	0	0	0	150	0	10,101	36,900
<b>Total (3,854/3,853)</b>	<b>\$ 428,954</b>	<b>93.19</b>	<b>\$ 103.75</b>	<b>\$ 399,746</b>	<b>\$ 72,914</b>		<b>\$ 667,235</b>

(\*) Interim Report as of May 31, 2017

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



Many clubs support three grants totaling \$790,000

# Ames Rotary Foundation Global Grants raise village in Tanzania

By Gerald Klonglan and Mary Wells/Ames

One year ago the construction of a village-wide water system for Kigogo Sub-Village was completed (Rotary Foundation Global Grant GG1414552 Water and Sanitation; Tanzania, Kilimanjaro Region, Same District, Kigogo Sub-Village).

This included bringing electric power to the village, digging a deep borehole, installing an electric pump, building a large water storage tank and a water distribution system to several access points throughout the village. Villagers hand dug all the trenches for the water pipes.

Two additional years of the project remain to conduct required impact assessment studies. The ownership of the entire system was transferred to Kigogo Sub-Village in January 2016. The Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania (District 9211) is the host sponsor implementing the project. The Rotary Club of Ames is the international sponsor. The following Rotary clubs are international partners providing financial and program support: District 6000 (Albia, Ames, Ames Morning, Des Moines, Grinnell, Indianola, Iowa City, Newton and Pella, plus District Designated Funds; District 5970 (Webster City); District 5960 (Hudson, Wis.); District 5300 (South Pasadena, Calif.); Hy-Vee; and the Rotary Foundation World Fund.

The total cost of the project is \$250,000.

In the year that has followed, the villagers have learned the need to sustain this water system for personal and economic reasons. For the first time, safe drinking water is available to all villagers and schools. The villagers are learning how to use water and sanitation. The Kigogo Sub-Village livestock trough is large enough to allow neighboring villagers to bring their animals (paying a per head fee) to Kigogo Sub-Village to provide water for their cattle and goats. Now that there is water, a small business has begun to make bricks for new housing in the area.

## Training

In December 2016, the members of Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania, provided Kigogo Sub-Village four days of training in effective water use. Sixty-seven men, women and school children of Kigogo Sub-Village completed the workshop. Men and women were equally represented. The topics were kitchen gardening, organic gardening, compost making, use of grain amaranth, water acts and policies, simple techniques in tree nursery establishment, tree planting and



Digging trenches for water lines.

care, entrepreneurship skills, poultry keeping, water trough and charco dam management.

The Rotary Club of Same will provide follow-up at regular intervals over the next year and will consider a refresher course. The Rotary Club of Same gave each participating household three tree saplings (one for fruit, two for shade). Each household purchased two further saplings to support this project.

Given the success of this training, plans are to include the content as part of the sustainability component in future grants for the region. When the Rotary Club of Same created this workshop, funds (\$2,200) were provided by the Rotary Clubs of Ames, Indianola and Webster City (representing two Rotary districts) in a combined club to club grant.

The Rotary Club of Same is considering constructing a grain mill and storage for Kigogo Sub-Village as the farmers in the area grow grain Amaranth.

## Water system grant

As Kigogo Sub-Village flourishes, the second water system grant is underway (Rotary Foundation Global Grant 1532740 Water and Sanitation; Tanzania, Kilimanjaro Region, Same District, Masandare). The concept (at a cost of \$240,000) is nearly identical to the

**GRANTS/continued on next page**



Livestock trough.



Making bricks.



Tree saplings.



Water for life in  
Tanzanian villages



## GRANTS/continued

Kigogo village-wide water system with a deep well, storage tank, numerous distribution points for village and school use, and a live-stock trough. The professionally dug deep well is in. The villagers are assisting in the pump house construction and trenching for all the many meters of piping to the distribution points.

Prior to the Masandare well drilling, Justin Rewerts of Rewerts Drilling in Nevada, Iowa, who has a decade of well drilling experience in Tanzania, trained well drillers of the Northeast region of Tanzania on improved methods of drilling and casing through a Rotary Foundation Vocational Training Team Global Grant 1639096 (\$30,000). The local drillers learned as they drilled new boreholes for Masandare and other sites.

The following Rotary Clubs are international partners for the Masandare grant: District 6000 (the Rotary Clubs of Ames, Ames Morning, Des Moines, Indianola, Newton and District Designated Funds); District 5960 (the Rotary Clubs of Hudson and Hudson Daybreak, Wisc., and District Designated Funds); District 5970 (Webster City); District 5300 (South Pasadena, Calif.); Hy-Vee and the Rotary Foundation World Fund.

## Third grant

The third Rotary Foundation Global Grant is in the development phase, seeking financial and program support from fellow clubs and individuals as the designs are planned and the grant is written (Water and Sanitation; Tanzania, Kilimanjaro Region, Same District, Mhezi). Mhezi village has an excellent natural spring high on a mountainside which will be encased, then connected to a water distribution system built to provide water for the Mhezi sub-villages lower on the mountainside and plains below.

To date the following Rotary clubs have committed to be International Partners for the Mhezi project: District 6000 (the Rotary Clubs of Ames, Ames Morning, Des Moines, Grinnell, Indianola, Newton, Winterset and District Designated Funds); District 5960 (the Rotary Club of Hudson, Wisc.); District 5970 (the Rotary Club of Webster City and District Designated Funds); District 5300 (the Rotary Club of South Pasadena, Calif.).

New Rotary club partners are being sought. Funds need to be raised as the Mhezi application is being written. The cost of the Mhezi grant is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$300,000 USD. Clubs are also invited to consider the many professional and humanitarian program opportunities for individual Rotarian involvement at the Mhezi village site or here at home. At least a half dozen Rotarians from two Rotary districts have worked at the first two Tanzanian sites (Kigogo and Masandare) since this journey began in 2013.

To learn more on how your Rotary club and members can be involved in this third lifesaving Rotary Humanitarian Grant, please contact Gerald Klonglan (geraldk@isunet.net). He is chair of the Global Grants Team for the Rotary International sponsor. Gerald can be reached at geraldk@isunet.net. Feel free to talk with members of any of the Rotary club partners.

# In ten years, 46 clubs sponsored 82 global grants benefitting 900,000

**By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport**

District 6000 Global Grants Chair

The Rotary Foundation has approved two global grants to fund humanitarian projects for District 6000 clubs this year.

In Nicaragua, the Rotary clubs of Iowa City AM, Bettendorf, Davenport, Iowa City, Tipton and Twin Rivers After Hours in District 6240 in the Illinois Quad Cities are partnering with the Rotary Club of Matagalpa to help provide ecological latrines for 85 families in three rural villages. The project brings basic human dignity to more than 670 poor people who are receiving the latrines, and helps 1,780 additional residents of the villages by removing sources of pollution to their drinking water supplies.

This is the third project in which District 6000 clubs have partnered with the Matagalpa club. A Nicaraguan exchange student who was hosted by late Bettendorf Rotarian Bernie Vogel provided the original connection to the club.

In Chile, the Rotary clubs of Decatur County, Carroll, Chariton, Osceola and Winterset are partnering with the Rotary Club of Huelén to help provide lab kits to six public schools for experiments in physics, chemistry and biological sciences. The lab kits will enhance education for 3,440 students in just the first year that they are available. Peggy and PDG Terry Geiger were host parents to a Chilean Rotary exchange student who provided the connection to the Huelén club.

In the last ten years, 46 District 6000 clubs have partnered in 82 international humanitarian projects with support from The Rotary Foundation. Our projects are helping transform the lives of more than 900,000 poor people around the world by developing water and sanitation systems, improving support for basic education and literacy, bringing better health care to mothers and children, preventing and treating diseases, developing opportunities for decent and productive work, and promoting peace.



## Service Above Self

PDG Jill Olsen of Mt. Vernon in District 5970 (second from left) has been a longtime friend of District 6000. On April 29 at the District 5970 District Conference in Cedar Falls, she received the highest honor of Rotary International, the Service Above Self Award, one of 150 worldwide. District 6000 Rotarians present to honor her were PDGs Bill Tubbs (I) and Jacque Andrew. RI President's Rep Bobby Davis of Kingston, Tenn., is in back and District 5970 DG Jim Colloff is at right. Congratulations, Jill!

Provided by Bill Tubbs





## Rotary Leadership Institute ...

Attending a session of the Rotary Leadership Institute facilitated by PDG Loring Miller are T. Waldemann-Williams (Knoxville), Steve Dakin (Boone), Alka Khanolkar (Keokuk), and Amanda McFadden (Iowa City AM). Information about upcoming sessions is below. Provided by Terry Geiger

### WHAT? HEARTLAND RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute)

Three sessions of interactive communication and learning.

**WHY?** Opportunity to learn so much more about the great organization of Rotary.

**WHO?** All Rotarians with a focus on new Rotarians as their introduction to Rotary.

**WHEN & WHERE?** September 30, 2017 in Iowa City

October 21, 2017 in Omaha

Registration required at [www.rli-heartland.org](http://www.rli-heartland.org)

Questions: RLI Chair Terry Geiger

[tlgeiger@grm.net](mailto:tlgeiger@grm.net)

641-442-5559



## Jim Stopulos' century of service

The Rotary Club of Davenport threw a 100-year birthday celebration for Jim Stopulos, who was born May 22, 1917. The meeting was filled with Jim's family and friends. To celebrate 100 years, Larry Minard conducted a fun trivia game testing the knowledge of Rotarians of what happened in 1917. We learned tons about what was happening in the world, the U.S., and Scott County 100 years ago. We were honored to be able to celebrate this milestone with Jim and we wish him all the happiness. Happy Birthday Jim!

Provided by Anita Zemba-Schadt



## 'The Duke' comes to Clinton ...

Western Gala was the theme of the Rotary Club of Clinton's big fundraising auction on April 28, which was attended by none other than a standup of "The Duke," John Wayne, with DG Chris Knapp and Vernetta at his right, and club president Jim Bruhn and AG Libby Goodman at his left. The gala was held at the lodge at Eagle Point Park, which Rotarians raised \$1.3 million to renovate for their centennial project.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



## Aid for Ankeny Service Center ...

Tom Friedman and Kathy Sibbel, board members of the Ankeny Service Center, recently received a \$3,390 check from the Rotary Club of Ankeny by president Carmen Davis (c). The money was raised in February by the Rotary club at its annual auction during the paddle raiser that was specifically set for the Service Center. Provided by Jody Savage



Gavin Jerome, the "Morale Mechanic," whose client list includes Fortune 500 companies, entertained at the Rotary Club of Atlantic's Employee Recognition Luncheon.



Rotary Club of Atlantic scholarship winners Lexi Freund and Emily Hohenberg with Ken Moorman.

## 'Morale Mechanic' inspires Atlantic Rotarians

**By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic**

Club Public Relations Chair

On May 16, the Rotary Club of Atlantic held its annual Employee Recognition Luncheon. The luncheon was held in the newly remodeled Heritage Room at the Wesley Heritage House. Over 80 Rotarians and employees attended.

Everyone enjoyed a program presented by a special speaker, funny man the "Morale Mechanic," Gavin Jerome. His program invigorated, educated and left us laughing while throwing in a few "Scooby Snacks" for you to take back to your workplace. Examples of "Scooby Snacks" are: 1. You always have a choice; 2. Laugh at yourself; 3. When pushed pull and when pulled push; 4. Take your job seriously but take yourself lightly, and much more.

Gavin Jerome has been a professional entertainer for the past 30 years. He has worked with Jerry Seinfeld, Paul Reiser, Dennis Miller, Steve Harvey and Pat Paulson. For nearly two decades, Gavin has been providing humor workshops for companies worldwide. His client list includes 3M, IBM, Target, Facebook, the Principal Financial Group, the Mayo Clinic, and the United States Probation Office.

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On Tuesday, April 25, the Rotary Club of Atlantic held its annual Atlantic High School Senior Recognition luncheon. The Rotary members were introduced to the high school seniors who have participated in band, vocal music, drama, the art program and the top 10 in academics of the Class of 2017.

Along with the presentations from the students, the Rotary scholarship winners were introduced. Dolly Bergmann, Rotarian, made the presentation. Lexi is the winner of the \$2,000 Atlantic Rotary Club Scholarship and Emily is the recipient of the Rex Moorman Memorial Academic Scholarship. Morgan Anstey is the recipient of the \$2,000 Scholarship to attend a two-year vocational or technical school. She was not available for the picture.

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The Atlantic Rotary Club presented its 4th Annual Outstanding Teacher Award on May 17th at the Atlantic High School Commons. This year's recipient is 8th grade math teacher, Lisa Munsey.

Nominations come from peers, colleagues, students, and parents of students. Rotarian Jennifer Plumb read from one of the nomination forms submitted by colleagues, who wrote: "This teacher's high expectations and growth mindset reminds students that the best learning happens from trying their best and understanding that mistakes are part of the process. This teacher's students have shown tremendous growth on their Iowa Assessment Tests."

A co-worker said in her nomination, "This teacher's passion for reaching all students shows each and every day."

Munsey has been teaching for 14 years in Atlantic and said she knew in the third grade she wanted to be a teacher. She said, "My third grade teacher – she was an inspiration. I just knew that was the route I wanted to go." She also wanted to thank the Rotary Club of Atlantic for deciding to offer this award to teachers, saying "This is a tremendous honor."

As "Teacher of the Year" Ms. Munsey receives a \$3,000 cash award to further enhance her educational resources, further her education or any other purpose she deems appropriate.



Rotary Club of Atlantic teacher of the year, Lisa Munsey, received a \$3,000 cash award.





Former GSE team leader to Chile, Linda Chastain, worked with PDG Terry Geiger and Rotary Club of Decatur County club president Peggy Geiger on a Global Grant for science labs in the Chilean schools.

Photo by Beth Saxton

## Global Grant provides 'Locker Science Labs'

**By Linda Chastain/Decatur County**

Approximately 3,000 Chilean school age children K-8 will now be learning science in a totally new hands-on way in their public schools in the cities of Santiago, Curacavi and Talca, Chile. With the aid of "Locker Science Labs," teachers will for many years be able to instruct students with a variety of experiments that brings reality to mere textbook teaching.

Club president Peggy Geiger had a major goal of writing a Global Grant during my presidential year at the helm of the Rotary Club of Decatur County. Other committee members were PDG Terry Geiger and AG Linda Chastain, assisting with the process. This grant falls under Rotary's Area of Focus of Literacy.

During PDG Terry Geiger's governor year, 2012-13 Rotary programs such as Youth Exchange, which brought Alberto Reyes Cosmelli of Santiago Chile to Central Decatur High School in Leon, and a Group Study Exchange where Linda Chastain lead a young professional group to Chile in the spring of 2013, we developed many Rotary friendships and partnerships between our two districts.

With these existing relationships in the Santiago, Chile, area and with PDG Terry and Peggy being able to meet with these Santiago, Chile, Rotary friends at the Rotary International Convention in San Paulo, Brazil, last June 2015, the Global Grant process to raise approximately \$41,000 was on its way!

Roberto Silva, in Chilean District 4340, and Peggy Geiger, from our Iowa Rotary District 6000, worked diligently to raise money from Rotary clubs in their respective districts. Other Rotary clubs partnering with Decatur County in District 6000 are the Chariton, Carroll, Osceola and Winterset clubs. Matching grants from The Rotary Foundation and the two districts made this funding possible.

The Rotary Club of Decatur County constantly works to improve quality of life locally, nationally and worldwide.



Northwest Des Moines Rotary is a sponsor of the Urbandale Mayor's Bike Ride.

## Bike ride raises \$9,500

**By Brenda Auxier-Mailey/Northwest Des Moines Club President**

The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, in collaboration with the Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN) and the Urbandale Lions Club, held the Sixth Annual Mayor's Bike Ride on May 7. The day began with UCAN and the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines volunteers checking in approximately 100 bike riders and providing each of them a "Back the Blue" T-shirt honoring the Urbandale Police Department.

After the riders were checked in, the Urbandale Lions Club served a pancake breakfast, followed by Ed Arnold and Joe Kobes handing out door prizes which included multiple gift certificates to local restaurants and a grand prize of a Burley Cargo Bike Trailer. At 1 o'clock the riders were off riding a loop of 5 miles, 8.6 miles or 17.8 miles. After the ride, Rotarian volunteers served root beer floats.

On May 12, our club wrapped up the Annual Mayor's Bike Ride event with the drawing of the raffle tickets. Raffle ticket winners were 1st prize: \$1,000 cash, Bill Griffith; 2nd prize, Adventureland Park two-day pass for a family of four, Ellen Burford; 3rd prize: Bike World gift certificate, Jeff Sayne; 4th prize: Foursome golfer's delight, Mark Ruggeberg from the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM; and 5th prize: One night stay at Hotel Patee, Jenn Anderson.

Over \$9,500 was raised from the Annual Mayor's Bike Ride and raffle ticket sales. Money raised will go towards local projects including winter coats, school supplies, literacy programs, bike and trail safety, swimming safety programs and scholarships.



## Hooping it up at East Polk ...

Drake University basketball star Catlin Ingle was the speaker at the Rotary Club of East Polk when DG Chris Knapp and Vernetta visited on April 19, (l-r): President Darrell Hanson, president-elect Bruce Mason, Ingle, DG Knapp and AG Tom Downs.

Provided by Vernetta Knapp



# Waukee Rotary in action!



The Rotary Club of Waukee held its annual World of Service Auction and Wine and Beer Tasting event April 8 at Shottenkirk Chevrolet in Waukee. Special guests included AG Chris Bertelson (l), DG Chris Knapp (c) and PDG Bill Tubbs (r), pictured with DGND Erin Morain and club president Matt Olson. The club auctioned 14 items in the live auction and over 50 items in the silent auction. Approximately 175 guests and Rotarians attended the auction, which included wine tasting and music. Special thanks to Boone Rotarian (and former Waukee Rotarian) Jim Riordan for serving as auctioneer for the event!



The Rotary Club of Waukee celebrated Earth Day on April 22, with Roadside Cleanup of two miles of adopted roads, with help from the Waukee High School Interact Club. Rotarians in the picture are Erna Morain, Tom Young, Roger Schlaefer, Tim Moerman, Drew Strube and Paul Kerkhoff.

Provided by Mark Heffernan



Waukee Rotarians served root beer floats at the West Des Moines and Waukee Hy-Vee stores on May 13. The floats were free to the public with a suggested donation of \$1 each. All donations are donated to the Special Olympics of Iowa. Pictured (l-r): Rotarians Erna Morain, John Eldred, Marcia Hammer and Frank Hayer.

Provided by Mark Heffernan



The Waukee Rotary Club presented a check for \$5,000 to the Waukee Public Library on May 18th to renovate its children's area. Among other things, the renovation will include new carpet, new picture book shelving, new hands-on learning, new Imagination Station, a Lego table and an IPAD Learning Station. Pictured (l-r): Rotarian Brian Hughes, Waukee Library director Kristine Larson and club president Matt Olson.

Provided by Mark Heffernan



Members of the Rotary Club of Waukee Rotary got an up close taste of the Apex Program at the Wilc building in Waukee on Thursday morning, March 30th, with a briefing about the program by Associate Superintendent, Kirk Johnson. After breakfast, club members were taken in small groups led by students of the Apex program to tour the building and learn about the many educational opportunities it offers for students, educators and business partners.

Provided by Erna Morain



# DGE Mike Ruby's Official Club Visits



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR MIKE RUBY & JO ANNE'S OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS AND OTHER DATES IN 2017-18:

July 16-21 ..... Iowa RYLA (Grinnell)  
 July 23-28 ..... Iowa Young RYLA (Grinnell)  
 July 16, 18 or 25 ..... RYE All Counselors/  
 Local Coordinators

July 22 (Sa) RYE Outbound Picnic, Newton  
 10 AM-4 PM

July 24 (M) ..... **Burlington** (noon)  
 July 25 (Tu) ..... **Fort Madison** (noon)  
 July 27 (Th) ..... **Keokuk** (noon)  
 July 31 (M) ..... **Mount Pleasant** (6:15 PM)  
 Aug. 1 (Tu) ..... **Keosauqua** (noon)  
 Aug. 2 (W) ... **Coralville-N. Corridor** (noon)  
 Aug. 3 (Th) ..... **Washington** (noon)  
 Aug. 4 (F) ..... **Fairfield** (noon)  
 Aug. 8 (Tu) ..... **Marengo** (noon)  
 Aug. 8 (Tu) ..... **Grinnell** (6 PM)  
 Aug. 9 (W) ... **Mount Pleasant Noon** (noon)  
 Aug. 15 ... RYE Host Family Training Online  
 Aug. 21 ... RYE Host Family Training Online  
 Aug. 22 (Tu) ..... **Kalona** (noon)  
 Aug. 22 (Tu) ..... **West Liberty** (6 PM)  
 Aug. 23 (W) ..... **Wellman** (noon)  
 Aug. 24 (Th) ..... **Iowa City** (noon)  
 Aug. 28 (M) ..... **Carroll** (noon)  
 Aug. 29 (Tu) ..... **Manning** (noon)  
 Aug. 30 (W) ..... **Boone** (noon)  
 Aug. 31 (Th) ..... **Coon Rapids** (noon)  
 Sept. 5 (Tu) ..... **Oskaloosa** (noon)  
 Sept. 6 (W) ..... **Bettendorf** (noon)  
 Sept. 6 (W) . Iowa Quad Cities Board (eve.)  
 Sept. 7 (Th) ..... **Iowa Quad Cities** (7 AM)  
 Sept. 10 (Su) ..... RYE Fall Kickoff, Newton  
 (noon-5 PM)

Sept. 11 (M) ..... **West Polk County** (noon)  
 Sept. 12 (Tu) ..... **Atlantic** (noon)  
 Sept. 13 (W) ..... **Adel** (noon)  
 Sept. 14 (Th) ..... **Winterset** (noon)  
 Sept. 18 (M) ..... **Creston** (noon)  
 Sept. 19 (Tu) ..... **Corydon** (noon)  
 Sept. 21 (Th) ..... **Decatur County** (noon)  
 Sept. 22 (F) ..... **Chariton** (noon)  
 Sept. 25 (M) ..... **Ames** (noon)  
 Sept. 25 (M) ..... Johnston Board (evening)  
 Sept. 26 (Tu) ..... **Johnston** (7 AM)  
 Sept. 26 (Tu) ..... **Ankeny** (noon)  
 Sept. 26 (Tu) ..... **Ankeny Evening** (6 PM)  
 Sept. 28 (Th) ..... Budget & Exec Meetings  
 Pella (10 AM)  
 Sept. 30 (Sa) ..... RLI at Iowa City  
 Oct. 2 (M) ..... **Clinton** (noon)  
 Oct. 3 (Tu) ..... One Rotary Summit  
 West Liberty (evening)  
 Oct. 4 (W) ..... **Tipton** (noon)  
 Oct. 5 (Th) ..... One Rotary Summit



District Governor Mike Ruby and JoAnne (r) will convey RI President Ian Riseley's theme, "Rotary Making A Difference," during their 2017-18 club visits.

Oct. 6 (F) ..... **North Scott** (noon)  
 Oct. 9 (M) ..... **Jefferson** (noon)  
 Oct. 10 (Tu) ..... **Marshalltown** (noon)  
 Oct. 10 (Tu) ..... Ames Morning Board (eve.)  
 Oct. 11 (W) ..... **Ames Morning** (7 AM)  
 Oct. 11 (W) ..... **Nevada** (noon)  
 Oct. 12 (Th) ..... One Rotary Summit  
 West Des Moines (evening)  
 Oct. 16 (M) ..... **Iowa City Downtown** (noon)  
 Oct. 17 (Tu) ..... **Dallas Center** (noon)  
 Oct. 18 (W) ..... **Perry** (noon)  
 Oct. 18 (W) ..... Waukee Board (evening)  
 Oct. 19 (Th) ..... **Waukee** (6:45 AM)  
 Oct. 20 (F) ..... **Northwest Des Moines** (noon)  
 Oct. 21 (Sa) ..... Heartland RLI at Omaha  
 Oct. 23 (M) ..... **Davenport** (noon)  
 Oct. 25-28 (W-Sa) ..... Zones 28-29 Institute  
 Itasca, Ill.  
 Oct. 30 (M) ... Iowa City AM Board (evening)  
 Oct. 31 (Tu) ..... **Iowa City AM** (7 AM)  
 Nov. 7 (Tu) ..... **West Des Moines** (noon)  
 Nov. 8 (W) ..... **Knoxville** (noon)  
 Nov. 9 (Th) ..... **Des Moines** (noon)  
 Nov. 10 (F) ..... **Indianola** (noon)  
 Nov. 12 Su) ..... PDG Social at Grinnell  
 Nov. 14 (Tu) ..... **Newton** (noon)  
 Nov. 14 (Tu) ..... East Polk Board (evening)  
 Nov. 15 (W) ..... **East Polk County** (7 AM)  
 Nov. 15 (W) ..... **Greater DM** (5:30 PM)  
 Nov. 16 (Th) ... Des Moines AM Board (eve.)  
 Nov. 17 (F) ..... **Des Moines AM** (7 AM)  
 Nov. 18 (Sa) ..... RYE Outbound Interviews  
 10 AM-3 PM  
 Nov. 27 (M) ..... **Ottumwa** (noon)  
 Nov. 28 (Tu) ..... **Albia** (noon)  
 Nov. 28 (Tu) ..... Bloomfield Board (evening)  
 Nov. 29 (W) ..... **Bloomfield** (6:45 AM)  
 Nov. 29 (W) ..... **Centerville** (noon)  
 Nov. 30 (Th) ..... Budget & Exec Meetings  
 Pella (10 AM)  
 Dec. 4 (M) ..... **Muscatine** (noon)  
 Dec. 5 (Tu) ..... **Pella** (noon)  
 Dec. 11 (M) ..... **Corning** (noon)  
 Dec. 11 (M) ..... Norwalk Board (evening)  
 Dec. 12 (Tu) ..... **Norwalk** (6:30 AM)

Dec. 12 (Tu) ..... **Osceola** (noon)  
 Dec. 13 (W) ..... **Lenox** (noon)  
 Jan. 6-7 ..... RYE Winter Retreat (Newton)  
 Jan. 26-28 (F-Su) ..... South Central Rotary  
 Youth Exchange (SCRYE), Tulsa, OK  
 Feb. ?? ..... RYE Spring Event (TBA)  
 Feb. 8 (Th) ..... Budget & Exec Meetings  
 Online, 10 AM  
 Feb. 17 (Sa) ... Grant Management Seminar  
 West Liberty  
 Feb. 22-March 4 ..... Iowa Miles Of Smiles  
 mission to Guatemala  
 Feb. 23 ..... Happy 113th Birthday Rotary!  
 Feb. 24 (Sa) ... Grant Management Seminar  
 West Des Moines  
 March 8 (Th) ... AG Training, Rochester, MN  
 March 9-10 ..... NCPETS, Rochester, MN  
 March 10-18 ..... Xicotepec Project Team  
 to Xicotepec, Mexico  
 March 14-17 (W-Sa) ..... North America  
 Youth Exchange Network (NAYEN),  
 Omaha  
 March 23 (F) .. Grant Management Seminar  
 Newton DMACC  
 March 24 (Sa) .... District Training Assembly  
 Newton DMACC  
**April 12-14 ..... A TOAST TO ROTARY  
 DISTRICT 6000**  
 • Thursday, April 12, **Davenport**  
 Steeplegate Inn (5:30-9 PM)  
 • Friday, April 13, **Coralville**  
 Radisson Conf. Center (11 AM-2:30)  
 • Friday, April 13, **Ottumwa**  
 Bridge View Center (5:30-9 PM)  
 • Saturday, April 14, **Carroll**  
 Santa Maria Winery (11 AM-2:30)  
 Saturday, April 14, **West Des Moines**  
 West Des Moines Marriott (5:30-9 PM)  
 May 2 (W) ..... Vision 2020 Membership  
 West Des Moines  
 May ?.. RYE Rotex Organized Social (TBA)  
 May 17 (Th) ..... Budget & Exec Meetings  
 Pella, 10 AM  
 June 24-27 ..... Rotary International  
 Convention, Toronto, Canada  
 July 7 ..... DG Gavel Passing (TBA)



# In Memoriam

The lives of Rotarians who died in 2016-17, and which were provided to the district, were remembered at District Conference on May 5 in a beautiful ceremony with the Rotarian's name and photo projected on the screens. As PDG Cal Litwiller read the names, Rachel 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*

<b>Adel</b> Wilma Hall Mitchell	<b>Donald Koch</b> Rex Montgomery Haywood Belle
<b>Ames</b> Richard Johnson John Mathison	<b>Keokuk</b> John Beaird Tom Huthcroft Leroy Watson
<b>Ames Morning</b> Mary Harms	<b>Marshalltown</b> Bill Bestmann
<b>Bettendorf</b> Eugene Miller Ronald A. Medd	<b>Muscataine</b> James R. Melson
<b>Carroll</b> Ken Shibata	<b>Newton</b> Ralph McAdoo Bill Shields Wendell Wriedt
<b>Chariton</b> William E. Ballard	<b>North Scott</b> Eugene Meyer Lindsay Thul
<b>Clinton</b> Dale Crockett Gene Machael	<b>Ottumwa</b> Don Courtney Max von Schrader Les Thostenson
<b>Corning</b> Richard Shellenberg	<b>Tipton</b> Dan Conrad
<b>Dallas Center</b> James B. Fox	<b>Washington</b> PDG Don Patterson
<b>Decatur County</b> Lee Elson	<b>West Des Moines</b> PDG Bill Reese Thomas Larson Judy Gustaveson
<b>Des Moines</b> Bill Patton	<b>West Liberty</b> Ron Brown
<b>Fort Madison</b> Dick Canella	<b>West Polk County</b> Gene Gabus
<b>Grinnell</b> Bob Brierly	
<b>Iowa City</b> Richard Feddersen Charles Gay	



Rotarians were remembered at the necrology service at District Conference.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

## Rotary In Memoriam

# Don Patterson

**District Governor, Rotary International  
District 6000, 2011-12**

Donald Eugene Patterson, 71, of Washington, passed away May 3, 2017, the day before the annual Rotary District Conference began in Coralville, at the Halcyon House in Washington, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Celebration of life services were attended by 40 Rotarians and spouses representing District 6000 on Sunday, May 7, at the United Presbyterian Church with Pastor Dave Stouffer officiating. Visitation was Saturday at the Jones & Eden Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established for Hospice of Washington County, the United Presbyterian Church or the Washington Rotary Club. On-line condolences may be sent for Don's family through the web at [www.jonesfh.com](http://www.jonesfh.com).



Don Patterson

Don Patterson was born Jan. 29, 1946, in Pittsburgh, Pa., the son of Donald and Gretchen (Burdette) Patterson. He graduated from Westminster College in New Willmington, Pa., in 1967, with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and from the Medical College of Virginia (Virginia Commonwealth) in Richmond, Va., with a masters degree in Hospital Administration. He was united in marriage to Rebecca Scott on May 31, 1969, in Beckley, West Virginia.

Don was the Chief Executive Officer of the Washington County Hospital and Clinics from 2000 until his retirement in 2011. Prior to Washington, he was the C.E.O. for hospitals in Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Virginia, Vermont and Pennsylvania.

Don served on the Community Foundation Board of Washington County and on the WAPAEC New Auditorium Committee. He also belonged to the American College of Health Care Executives.

Don joined Rotary in 1972 in Siloam Springs, Ark., where he became active in leadership and served as club president in 1999. He later joined the Rotary Club of Washington where he was active in the Board, Foundation, Grant, and International Youth committees and served as president in 2003-04. He served as Assistant District Governor in 2006-08 and was District Governor of District 6000 in 2011-12. He participated in District 6000 Project Teams in Xicotepec, Mexico, multiple times and served on the District 6000 PolioPlus Challenge Committee.

Don was a proud member of the Washington Community Band where he played the baritone for the past 17 years.

He is survived by his wife, Becky Patterson of Washington, Iowa; son, Matthew Patterson and wife Tenessa of Raleigh, North Carolina; son, Steven Patterson of Washington, Iowa; and son, James Patterson of Malvern, Arkansas. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Israel, Isabella, Chi, Eowyn and Rhys as well as two brothers, Robert Patterson and wife Shelly of Emory, Texas, and Tom Patterson of State College, Pennsylvania. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister-in-law, Debbie Patterson.



# News briefs

**Quilt:** The beautiful Rotary Foundation Centennial Quilt that was donated to the District Conference by Deb Ockenfels (photo on page 13) was not auctioned, but Rotarians made donations as if they were bidding. Kris Ockenfels reports that the total raised, including Cinco de Mayo glasses, was \$22,419, of which \$14,830 will go to PolioPlus, \$7,160 for the polio statue (pages 10-11), and \$429 for RAG4Clubfoot. With the Gates 2:1 match of \$29,660, \$44,490 will go to PolioPlus. The quilt will be displayed at a children's hospital in District 6000 to commemorate Rotary's campaign to rid the world of polio.

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**Grants:** Club leaders are reminded that the deadline for Rotary Foundation Community Service Grant applications for the 2017-18 Rotary year is July 1, 2017. Clubs can apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 for a qualifying community project. The application form can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y6vaarzp>. Information: Doug Flournoy, (641) 472-0216, email: [d6000csg@gmail.com](mailto:d6000csg@gmail.com).

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**M.O.S.T.:** Applications for the Feb. 22-March 4, 2018, Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team's cleft lip, cleft palate missions to Guatemala will be accepted until July 28 at <https://tinyurl.com/ybegeevr>.

Rotarians and friends can order wild caught Alaskan Sockeye salmon for \$22 a pound with \$10 supporting Iowa M.O.S.T. Orders in quantities of 25 or 50 pounds received by June 30 will be shipped by FedEx to your door between July 24 and Aug. 14. Order online at [www.iowamost.org](http://www.iowamost.org). Questions? Deb Dunkhase, (319) 321-5528, [ddunkhase@theicm.org](mailto:ddunkhase@theicm.org).

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**Captains:** DGE Mike Ruby announces his "dynamite" line-up of chairs for the five locations at next year's non-traditional "Toast to Rotary" District Conferences, April 12-14: Dennis and Deb Peterson (Davenport), PDG John and Deb Ockenfels (Coralville), PDG Cal and Rachel Litwiller (Ottumwa), PDG Jacque and Jim Andrew (Carroll), and DGND Erna and Steve Morain (West Des Moines).

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**Bicycles:** The Rotary Club of Burlington is going to help Mike Ruby kick off his "World Bicycle" event by hosting a July 1st bike

ride for Rotarians and friends – not a race, but a social event with planned stops to refresh. Club president David Miller said it will be approximately 15 miles, beginning and finishing at Aldo Leopold Middle School, on Sunnyside Avenue. The ride will have on display and a bicycle from Mike's project, so Rotarians can see what this project is about. There is no registration fee, however, please call or email so we have a rough count for planning the refreshment stops. Questions? David Miller, (319) 753-2480 or [iamillers@yahoo.com](mailto:iamillers@yahoo.com).

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**Foundation:** Two from District 6000 have accepted volunteer roles with The Rotary Foundation beyond the district level:

- PDG Corliss Klaassen of Chariton will serve as an Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator in Zone 28, starting July 1, succeeding PDG Cal Litwiller of Mount Pleasant in that role.

- PDG Bill Tubbs of North Scott and Linda attended the Rotary World Peace Conference March 31-April 1 in Ann Arbor, Mich., and the District 6380 Million Dollar Dinner with District Governor Michael Angelo Caruso, RI General Secretary John Hewko and RI Vice President Jennifer Jones in Ypsilanti, Mich. Speakers included Nobel Peace Prize winner Jody Williams, author of "The End of Poverty," Jeffrey Sachs, and others, including religion and media panelists and youth. Bill will assist Peace Centers Committee Chair, Peter Kyle, in reviewing 2018 Rotary Peace Fellowship applications.

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**Letter:** Many thanks for continuing to send me your District 6000 newsletter. It continues to impress me. Additionally I remain impressed with your District and all its various activities. My compliments to one and all! – *Dick Galitz, Naperville, Ill., Past RRFC*

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**Letter:** The current issue (March 2017) of the District Newsletter is outstanding! I think it is one of the best issues ever. Past District Governor Ken Noble also agrees it is one of the best issues ever ... I think that the District Newsletter ought to be used as a membership recruiting tool. What other service organization has anything like it?

The district board decision to have *District 6000 News* sent to all Rotarians beginning in the 2017-18 Rotary year (starting September 2017) is a super idea and well worth the cost. Thank you for all of your hard work and selfless service to Rotary. We ought to take advantage of your outstanding publication!

– *Wayne Steen, West Liberty, District 6000 Membership Chair*



## Welcome to the family of Rotary, Norwalk!

Our newest club, the Rotary Club of Norwalk, held its charter night May 31 at Echo Valley Country Club, attended by District Governor Chris Knapp and Vernetta, assistant district governors Chris Nelson, Chris Bertelson and Steve Dakin, DGE Mike Ruby and Jo Anne, DGN Tom Narak and Carol, and eight past district governors: Lynn and Nancy Johnson, Bill Tubbs, Jim Patton, Susan Herrick, Gary Welch, Terry Geiger and Peggy, Jacque Andrew, and John Ockenfels and Deb. Fourteen of 20 charter members are pictured, front (l-r): Char Vukovich, Barb Ranck, A.J. Samuelson, Matt Fett, Luke Nelson and Jeff Bergan. Back: Brodey Hanson, Desiree Claypool, Russ Smith, Terry Dvorak, Mike Foss, Justus Harris, Matt Uhl and Joe Moench. At right, charter president Mike Foss receives a Rotary wheel from PDG Johnson that was fabricated 50 years ago by Johnson's father, Russell, for the highway entrances to Chariton, with the help of his business associate and friend, PDG Ralph Kirk of Boone, who was CEO of Quinn Iron Works. Due to DOT regulations, the signs were not erected. Photos by Bill Tubbs

# Rotarian ex-POW speaks at Memorial Day meeting

By PDG Bill Tubbs

Editor, District 6000 News

District 6000 Rotarians were among 300 in attendance at the Cedar Rapids Metro All Rotary Clubs Memorial Day Luncheon May 22 in observance of Memorial Day.

The speaker was Maquoketa Rotarian and WWII POW Asher Schroeder, whose story was told, in part, in the January issue of *The Rotarian*. He landed at Utah Beach six days after the D-Day landing and on Aug. 24 marched into Paris as a liberator to thundering cheers for mile after mile.

The joy didn't last. During the push into Germany, his leg was wounded in a fox hole. He was captured and held prisoner of war from Nov. 13, 1944, until April 2, 1945. During this time, the troops were denied nutrition and sanitation and had no change of clothes. A tall man – 6-foot-4 – he lost 82 pounds, from 210 to 128.

When he was reached New York City on May 22 and was able to call home, his mom answered the phone. "Where's dad?" he asked. "You haven't heard?" his mother said.

His father, LeRoy, an attorney who was mayor of Maquoketa, died April 2, the day he was liberated. "My happiest day became my worst of all," he concluded. "That's how I spent my last teenage years."

Asher completed law school at Iowa on the G.I. bill and had a long career, including Jackson County Attorney and Assistant Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa. Now retired and age 92, he has been the longtime treasurer of the Rotary Club of Maquoketa. In 2005 he made the first donation to fund a foundation in Hamburg, Germany – the country of his captors – because of a connection with a Rotary Youth Exchange student, Marcel du Moulin, who is a doctor.

Although I've attended meetings of Maquoketa Rotary since 2009, I was not aware of his story until Kate Carinder, the former ISU Extension Information Specialist from Maquoketa, now of San Diego, asked if we could get it in *The Rotarian*.

In May 2016, PDG Jill Olsen from District 5970 heard Asher speak at my club, North Scott. She was so inspired that she persuaded Cedar Rapids Rotarians to invite Asher for their big day.

Kate Carinder returned from San Diego for the occasion. Col. Greg Hapgood of the Iowa National Guard, in dress uniform, introduced Asher. John and Rebecca Schultz played the National Anthem and everyone sang "God Bless America."

The meeting ended with military taps and no dry eyes for this Rotarian from the Greatest Generation. Cedar Rapids Rotarians awarded Asher two Paul Harris Fellows.



From left: PDG Bill Tubbs, PDG Jill Olsen, Kate Carinder, Asher Schroeder, PDG Jacquie Andrew and PDG John Ockenfels. Rotarian and ex-POW Asher Schroeder's daughter-in-law is Sally Schroeder of the Rotary Club of Ankeny.

## CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

CLUB	JANUARY 2017		FEBRUARY 2017		MARCH 2017	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	47.00%	52	53.00%	38	39.00%	49
Albia	47.10%	51	44.00%	48	0.457	47
Ames	54.23%	39	59.32%	28	58.57%	28
Ames Morning	53.10%	41	48.80%	44	0.554	32
Ankeny	75.80%	11	66.48%	17	63.76%	25
Atlantic	43.00%	55	38.00%	52		
Bettendorf	60.40%	30	52.30%	40	55.50%	31
Bloomfield	75.00%	12	60.00%	27	66.00%	19
Boone	52.00%	44	58.00%	31	51.00%	41
Burlington	79.60%	7	80.70%	7	81.60%	6
Carroll	56.31%	35	46.67%	45	48.04%	43
Centerville			55.00%	36	57.00%	30
Chariton	64.54%	19	66.15%	18	68.82%	17
Clinton	53.20%	40	46.65%	46	52.19%	38
Coon Rapids	58.00%	33	53.00%	38	59.00%	26
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00%	1	91.00%	4	80.00%	7
Corning	70.00%	15	64.00%	21	70.00%	14
Corydon	53.00%	42	43.00%	49	0	53
Creston	48.00%	50	44.00%	48	51.00%	41
Dallas Center	76.00%	10	74.00%	11	78.00%	10
Davenport	50.34%	47	40.39%	51	45.73%	46
Decatur County	73.00%	13	73.00%	12	70.00%	14
Des Moines	54.87%	37	58.81%	30	54.28%	36
Des Moines A.M.	65.00%	18	55.00%	36	64.00%	24
East Polk County	58.88%	32	61.61%	25	58.99%	27
Fairfield	38.98%	56	35.17%	53	34.63%	51
Fort Madison	56.00%	36	51.00%	43	55.00%	34
Greater Des Moines	100.00%	1	88.00%	5	74.00%	13
Grinnell	81.32%	6	82.17%	6	82.64%	5
Indianola			55.56%	34	51.35%	39
Iowa City	32.02%	57	27.78%	54	29.46%	52
Iowa City A.M.	76.11%	9	78.91%	8	78.96%	9
Iowa City Downtown	89.47%	3	91.67%	3	95.00%	1
Iowa Quad-Cities	60.98%	27	64.02%	20	65.85%	20
Jefferson	68.00%	16			66.00%	19
Johnston	63.64%	21	74.72%	10	68.85%	16
Kalona	63.49%	22	68.63%	14	69.33%	15
Keokuk	28.52%	58				
Keosauqua	61.10%	26	63.20%	23	65.80%	21
Knoxville	61.86%	25	54.17%	37	57.08%	29
Lenox	56.00%	36	59.00%	29	54.00%	37
Manning	63.00%	23	65.00%	19	64.00%	24
Marengo	78.00%	8	70.00%	13		
Marshalltown	50.68%	46	45.64%	47	47.61%	44
Mount Pleasant Noon	59.00%	31	60.00%	27	0.59	26
Mt. Pleasant	67.00%	17	68.00%	15	65.00%	22
Muscatine	45.30%	54	55.91%	33	45.96%	45
Nevada			63.51%	22	48.44%	42
Newton	60.65%	28	60.80%	26		
North Scott	88.96%	4	92.58%	1	93.57%	2
Northwest Des Moines	62.03%	24	76.10%	9	66.32%	18
Osceola	46.00%	53	41.00%	50		
Oskaloosa	52.10%	43	51.70%	41	74.60%	12
Ottumwa	51.81%	45	51.49%	42	64.88%	23
Pella	72.00%	14	57.00%	32	79.00%	8
Perry	64.00%	20	55.00%	36		
Tipton	68.00%	16	63.00%	24	55.20%	33
Washington	49.62%	49	52.33%	39	51.16%	40
Waukeke	57.55%	34	55.48%	35	38.40%	50
Wellman	84.29%	5			86.29%	4
West Des Moines	54.86%	38	67.27%	16	75.45%	11
West Liberty	50.00%	48	57.00%	32	40.00%	48
West Polk County	60.53%	29	55.00%	36	54.76%	35
Winterset	90.00%	2	92.00%	2	89.00%	3



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## Club leaders' checklist

*From DG Chris Knapp . . .*

- Schedule a speaker to let club members learn about the **Ponseti Method and RAG4Clubfoot** (p. 14-15, 25).
- 2016-17 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. 17, 29).
- Watch for your 2017-18 **district dues** billing after July 1, including voluntary contributions for **Iowa M.O.S.T.** and the **Youth Services Fund** (p. 28).
- Check the calendar and prepare for **District Governor Mike Ruby's Official Visit** (p. 36).
- 2017-18 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 2017-18 to apply for a **Rotary Foundation Community Grant** and submit your application by July 1 (p. 38).
- Set a challenging goal for membership development and invite quality **new member(s)** to your club and review and discuss "**Twelve points for a vibrant club**" (p. 18-19).
- Encourage members to attend **RYLA** for a day or part of a day (p. 15).
- Encourage members to attend **RLI Training** (p. 32).
- Recruit an **Outbound Exchange student** (p. 21).
- Explore sponsoring a **Global Grant** (p. 30-31, 34).
- Buy **Sockey Salmon** to support Iowa M.O.S.T. (p. 38).
- **Submit news** of your activities by Aug. 25 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs at [btubbs@northscottpress.com](mailto:btubbs@northscottpress.com).

## 90 expected for District Breakfast

A large contingent from District 6000 will be at the RI Convention in Atlanta, Ga., June 10-14. Ninety are expected for the District 6000 Breakfast, from 7:30-9:00 on Monday, June 12 at the Double-Tree Hotel. More than 40,000 are expected for the Convention.



## 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 2017

## RI SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

PDG Herb Wilson,  
Iowa City

## RI VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Merle Anderson,  
North Scott

## RI ROTARIAN SPOUSE/ PARTNER SERVICE AWARD

Colleen Welch (Ankeny)

## ROTARY FOUNDATION CITATION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

PDG Cal Litwiller,  
Mount Pleasant

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD

Bill Ashton, Davenport

## DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION SERVICE AWARDS

Tom Cook, Iowa City  
Del Christensen, Adel  
Verne Folkmann, Iowa City  
PDG Terry Geiger,  
Decatur County  
Jim Mease, Winterset  
Tomeka Petersen,  
West Liberty

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SIGNIFICANT SERVICE

## AWARDS

Dave Cook, Boone  
(Visioning)  
Myrene Hoover,  
Iowa City AM  
(Conference Co-Chair)  
Dick Huber, Iowa City AM  
(Program Developer)  
Nancy Pacha, Iowa City AM  
(Conference Co-Chair)  
Phil Peterson, Iowa City AM  
(House of Friendship)  
Greg Probst, Iowa City AM  
(Cindo de Mayo Polio  
Fundraiser)  
Deb Pullin-Van Auken,  
Iowa City AM (Script)  
Beth Saxton, Decatur Co.  
(Cindo de Mayo Polio  
Fundraiser)  
Sean Saxton, Decatur Co.  
(Technology)  
Carolyn Scharff, Pella  
(Administration)  
Helen Schroeder,  
Bloomfield (The Voice)  
John Schultz, Lisbon-Mount  
Vernon (District Trainer)  
Wayne Steen, West Liberty  
(House of Friendship)

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S.K. Nanda, Bettendorf  
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Philip Metcalf, Decatur Co.  
Dick Kleine, Davenport

Larry Nash, Fairfield  
Nancy Pacha, Iowa City AM  
Harold Bischman,  
Iowa Quad Cities  
Mary Jane Goeke, Keokuk  
Glen Keppy, North Scott  
Roger Schlaefer, Waukee  
Tom Brooke, West Liberty

## DISTRICT 6000 PUBLIC IMAGE AWARDS

DM Area Metro Clubs  
(Brad Helgemo)  
PDG Susan Herrick, Boone  
(Polio Purple Pinkie  
Cards)  
DGND Erna Morain,  
Waukee (Club and  
District Projects)  
Rotary Club of Northwest  
Des Moines (newsletter)

## CLUB BUILDER AWARDS

Bob Anderson, Ames  
Morning (100 Percent  
Paul Harris)  
Shari Bender, Waukee  
(Youth Service)  
Linn Cornick, Fairfield  
(Club Engagement)  
Peggy Geiger, Decatur Co.  
(Club Engagement)  
Bob King, Dallas Center  
(100 Percent Paul  
Harris)

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CITATIONS

Ankeny  
Bettendorf

Davenport  
Decatur County  
Fort Madison  
Iowa City AM  
Iowa Quad Cities  
Nevada  
North Scott  
Northwest Des Moines  
Washington  
Waukee  
Wellman  
West Des Moines

## ASSISTANT GOVERNORS COMPLETING SERVICE

Steve Dakin, Boone  
Brock Earnhardt, Davenport  
Bill Reece, Ottumwa

## BEST ATTENDANCE AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2016 (NO. MEMBERS x MILES TRAVELED):

Iowa City AM

## 100% PAUL HARRIS FELLOW CLUBS

Ames Morning, 2016-17  
Dallas Center, 2016-17  
North Scott, 2016-17  
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, 2015-16 (Banners To Top Three)

1. West Liberty, \$534.88  
2. Boone, \$403.76  
3. Iowa City AM, \$332.73

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

Ankeny  
Bettendorf  
Chariton  
Decatur County  
Iowa City Downtown  
Lenox  
Mount Pleasant Noon  
Nevada  
North Scott  
Northwest Des Moines  
Pella  
Washington  
West Liberty

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

Chariton  
Nevada  
North Scott  
Washington  
West Liberty

# Major Donors, Bequest Society, Paul Harris Society

(Italics denotes new in  
2016-17)

## 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  
Jody Braverman, Iowa City  
Nate Burnham, Ankeny  
William Burress, Davenport  
Willis Bywater, Iowa City  
George Christensen, Ames  
Gerald Clausen, Carroll  
Theodore Clausen, Grinnell  
Kent Dallmeyer,  
Washington  
David Dickson, Ames  
Jon Fagre, Ames Morning  
Doug Flourney, Fairfield  
Verne Folkmann, Iowa City  
Karin Franklin,  
Iowa City AM  
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  
Linda Hartkopf, Atlantic  
Lee & Roberta Holmes,  
Waukee  
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AM  
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Mount Pleasant  
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Jefferson  
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Des Moines  
James & Marilyn Radtke,  
Fairfield  
Diana Reed & Rick Rarick,  
Northwest Des Moines  
Robert Rudman, Ames  
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West Des Moines  
Roger Schlaefer, Waukee  
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Wayne Steen, West Liberty  
Dean Stocker, Albia  
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Todd Wheeler & Joyce  
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Chester Woodman,  
Iowa City  
Mark Zimmerman,  
Davenport

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Jacquelyn E. & James O.  
Andrew, Jefferson  
Roger Borup, Wellman  
Donald Henry & Doris  
Anne Goering, Ames  
Alan & Karen Hermanson,  
Ames Morning  
Corliss & Jeanne Klaassen,  
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Indianola High School,  
Rotary Club of Indianola  
Oskaloosa High School,  
RC of Oskaloosa  
Waukee High School,  
Rotary Club of Waukee  
Waukee 8-9,  
Rotary Club of Waukee

## DISTRICT 6000 INTERACT CLUBS

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Rotary Club of Ankeny  
Creek Creek Amana High School, Rotary Club of Coralville NC  
Des Moines Hoover High School, Rotary Club of Des Moines  
Des Moines Roosevelt High School, Rotary Club of Des Moines AM

Fairfield community, Rotary Club of Fairfield  
Iowa City High School, RC of Iowa City AM  
Iowa City West High 1440, RC of Iowa City AM  
Greene County Schools, Rotary Club of Jefferson  
Muscatine High School, Rotary Club of Muscatine  
Mt. Pleasant High School, Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant

North Scott Junior High, Rotary Club of N. Scott  
Ottumwa High School, Rotary Club of Ottumwa  
Pleasant Valley High School, Rotary Club of Bettendorf  
Southeast Polk High School, Rotary Club of East Polk  
Urbandale High School, RC of NW Des Moines

West Liberty High School, RC of West Liberty  
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