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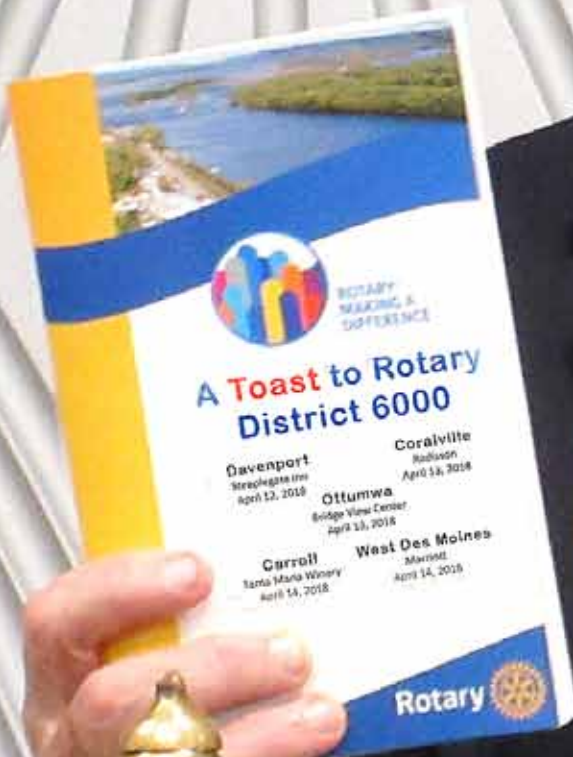


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# ***District 6000 News***

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District Governor Mike  
Ruby's vision of a traveling  
District Conference results in  
record attendance!



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# Choosing the right picture

**Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,**

When the decision was made to mail *District 6000 News* to every member, we experimented with a cover photo, magazine-style. Photos promoting district activities were given first priority – but which photo? Images from RYLA, Xicotepec and World Bicycle Relief were naturals for the first three issues.

District Governor Mike Ruby's preference for this issue was a photo from one of the five Toasts to Rotary District 6000. Along with Governor Mike and Jo Anne Ruby, Tom and Carol Narak, Steve and Leslie Dakin and Ed Arnold, I attended all five and had pictures from all.



Bill Tubbs

The editor's choice, which you see on the cover from the Coralville Toast, was easy. But Governor Mike is not one to toot his own horn, and assistant editor Jacque Andrew and I were afraid he'd say No – so we had to sell the idea.

Fortunately, Mike went along with us. The Toasts that rotated (a familiar word to Rotarians!) were a blast, connecting us with old friends and new in a way that has not been achieved at the traditional District Conferences.

Each, in its own way, was special, but the cumulative effect, of which you will get a flavor in the coverage on pages 4-11, was impressive. From 117 at Davenport to 146 at Coralville to 173 at Ottumwa to 56 at Carroll (despite a snowstorm) to 226 at West Des Moines – the Toasts reached more people than ever before. There were more at West Des Moines, alone, than at the biggest banquets at most District Conferences!

There were inspirational speeches from youth, testimonials from Rotarians, and projects featured at each location that affirmed our belief in the magic of Rotary to transform and bring us together. RI Rep Lisa Herring and World Bicycle Relief's Mary Beth Johnson were dynamic.

Combined, the Toasts truly did cover the landscape of District 6000. There was a Service Above Self Award and a Citation for Meritorious Service Award. There were Guardians of Integrity. Youth Exchange and Interact were involved. We even had a past Rotary International president, Ray Klinginsmith, at Ottumwa!

This was all a vision of Governor Ruby that had been incubating for three years. It's our pleasure to be able to put it together in this newsletter as a historical record, along with the other great stories of District 6000 Rotarians. The cover picture tells the story.

**PDG Bill Tubbs**  
**Editor, District 6000 News**



DG Mike Ruby led the way from Carroll to West Des Moines eastbound on Highway 141 on April 14 on the final leg of the 578-mile Toast to Rotary cycle that brought the District Conference to five locations.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



**District Governor**

# A banner year for District 6000!

**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE****By DG Mike Ruby/Muscatine**

**B**ecause of the strong commitment and support of hundreds of Rotarians in our district, this has indeed been a banner year. It's been a pleasure to serve as your district governor as I have taken this exciting, once-in-a-lifetime Rotary roller coaster ride with you.

This year's theme *Rotary: Making a Difference* has clearly been implemented in a wide variety of ways. Refer to the last three issues of this district newsletter and you will see numerous examples where our members have made a difference. The outreach of our clubs this year has been phenomenal!

Rotary International President Ian Riseley set just three goals this year, and the majority of our clubs have successfully responded. He asked clubs to:

- Plant one tree for each member.
- Report the total amount of money spent on serving others, both locally and globally.
- Report the number of volunteer hours the club has invested in serving others, both locally as well as globally.

Please be sure your local media is made aware of your projects and the impact you have made. This information will be an eye-opener for the general public and can serve as a wonderful promotional tool for your club. Attract new members to your club because of your Service Above Self commitment!

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Over a year ago I introduced three pilot projects planned for this Rotary year. Here is an update:

**District Newsletter**

All Rotarians are being kept in the loop by receiving a hard

**Mike Ruby**

copy of this newsletter. Prior to the pilot, about 90 percent of our members received it electronically. It appears the readership has increased substantially as a result of this pilot. The pilot will be continued next year and then a final decision will be made, based on input from you, whether to continue hard copy for all.

**World Bicycle Relief**

District 6000 is the first one in the world to partner with World Bicycle Relief as a district project. All 66 clubs have participated, donating more than \$160,500 for 1,091 bikes. The actual number is about 1,855, since about 70 percent of your gifts were matched by WBR from donations received during July, November and December. My original hope and dream was to donate 400 bikes and that goal was reached in less than three months! If you want to make a last minute online donation in any amount, you can do so at <http://rotary.worldbicyclerelief.org/rotary-district-6000>.

Read about where we go from here on page 21.

**Rotary Toasts**

This pilot was a different format to the traditional District Conference. The five "Toasts" were held the weekend of April 12-14 in Davenport, Coralville, Ottumwa, Carroll and West Des Moines. A record number of 654 registrations from 62 clubs made this pilot one to remember. We are encouraged by the 156 Rotarians who attended a District Conference for the first time. Hope to see you next year!

Yes, it's been an honor and a privilege for me to serve as your District Governor this year. All DGs are dependent on the *Service Above Self* commitment of Rotarians throughout the district and you have again shown why our district ranks among the very top of all 535 districts in the world. I am proud to have played a role in the continuing success of our district.

Hats off to you, the faithful members of District 6000!

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# TOAST: Davenport: April 12 • 117 attendees • 11 clubs



Jo Anne and DG Mike Ruby begin the "Toasts" journey they've been planning for three years!

Photos by Bill Tubbs



Allie Stutting (c), RYLA leader and Xicotepec alum, with hosts Deb and Dennis Peterson.



Jeff Ashcraft told about North Scott's Rotary Inspiration Play Zone.



Linda Tubbs welcomed RI President's Rep Lisa Herring to District 6000.



World Bicycle Relief's Mary Beth Johnson presented a Trailblazer Award to Clinton Rotary president Rich Klahn.



Iowa Quad Cities Rotarian J.D. Walls (above) told about Miracle Field, a project of 11 Quad-Cities Rotary clubs, and North Scott Rotarian Jeremy Kaiser (r) was asked to give an inspirational speech on "Why I Am A Rotarian."



**Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Awards were presented by PDG Bill Tubbs to Lynn Washburn Livingston (Davenport), Conrad Gregg (West Liberty) and Becky Bray (North Scott)**

**Rotary** 



# TOAST: Coralville: April 13

• 146 attendees  
• 30 clubs



Charlotte Schultz, daughter of John and Rebecca Schultz, raised \$1,056 for World Bicycle Relief with her violin music during breaks at the Coralville Toast to Rotary.



Iowa City Rotarian Assanta Caldwell, 25, a scientific medical illustrator, gave an inspirational speech, "Why I Am A Rotarian."



PDG Ray Muston, Iowa City, was presented RI's highest honor, the "Service Above Self Award" (l-r): Bill Koellner, Ray and Linda Muston, RI Rep Lisa Herring and District Governor Mike Ruby.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

## Two honored by Rotary International

**By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson**

Rotary International awards only a select few Service Above Self awards each year. This year only 100 were chosen worldwide from the hundreds of nominations submitted. This year's District 6000 recipient is PDG Ray Muston, Iowa City, long considered the "founder" of the District project in Xicotepec, Mexico, which includes a significant youth component to help young Interactors, Rotaractors and college students experience international humanitarian service. The continuation of the District Youth Services Fund, under his direction, has provided opportunities for life-changing experiences to hundreds of young people. His service to the Iowa City/Coralville area has stimulated economic growth and cross-cultural understanding.

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One of the highest honors of The Rotary

Foundation, the Citation of Meritorious Service, recognizes the work and dedication of a Rotarian who has, over time, shared the mission and focus of The Rotary Foundation with others.

District 6000's CMS honoree, Bill Koellner, West Liberty, is the embodiment of dedication to The Rotary Foundation and the good that it does worldwide to improve the lives of others. For more than a dozen years, Koellner has served in numerous district Foundation leadership positions during the tenure of many district governors to encourage philanthropy and understanding of the Foundation by individuals, clubs and others. Through his leadership he led his own club to be the first 100% Paul Harris Fellow club in the district. As a speaker, trainer and committee chair, he has inspired countless others to make giving to TRF a priority in their lives.



West Liberty Rotarian Bill Koellner (second from left) was presented The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service (l-r): Annual Giving Chair PDG Corliss Klaassen, Bill and Jan Koellner, DG Mike Ruby and RI President's Rep Lisa Herring.



# TOAST: Coralville: April 13

• 146 attendees  
• 30 clubs



PDG Jill Olsen of District 5970 (I) presented the "Strider Award" to PDG John Ockenfels and Deb, in appreciation of their leadership with RAG4Clubfoot. Photos by Bill Tubbs



Members of the Rotary Club of Muscatine were at Coralville to support their club member, District Governor Mike and Jo Anne Ruby.



Iowa City AM Rotarian Amy Nicholson shared an inspirational message, "Why I Am A Rotarian."



DGE Tom Narak, as he did at all five Toasts, shared his vision: Literacy, Prevent Child Abuse, and PolioPlus.



Mary Beth Johnson of World Bicycle Relief (r) presented the Trailblazer Award to Muscatine Rotarian Erika Cox.

## A time of remembrance at all five Toasts

The lives of Rotarians who died in 2017-18, which were provided to the district, were remembered at the five Toasts and their pictures were in the program. Here are the names of those who were remembered.

*May light perpetual shine upon them. – BT*

**Ames**  
Warren B. Kuhn  
Richard Willham

**Atlantic**  
Roger A. Carter

**Centerville**  
Richard Strobe

**Clinton**  
Edith R. Pfeffer

**Davenport**  
James C. Stopolus

**Decatur County**  
Vaughn L. Clark

**Des Moines**  
Joy C. Corning  
Walter P. Githens  
Sam Kalainov  
Robert W. Kem  
Ralph F. Schlenker  
Dewey Vukovich

**Iowa City**  
William J. Ambrisco  
James A. Lowe  
William H. Olin, Sr.

**C.H. "Larry" Parsons**  
Ronald R. Reed

**Iowa City Downtown**  
Thomas J. Hussey

**Keokuk**  
William Logan

**Knoxville**  
M. Jane Conway

**Manning**  
Ruth A. Ohde

**Marshalltown**  
William C. Gross  
Rex J. Ryden

**Muscatine**  
Richard H. Stanley

**Newton**  
John C. Mellinger

**NW Des Moines**  
Charles C. Corwin

**Ottumwa**  
Robert A. Helgeson

**Tipton**  
Reno J. Droll

**Washington**  
Robert K. Ruppert  
John A. Winga, Jr.

**West Des Moines**  
Norman W. Pogemiller

**West Liberty**  
Steven W. Hinkhouse



# TOAST: Ottumwa: April 13

- 173 attendees
- 25 clubs



Rotary Youth Exchange students prepare for the parade of flags at the Toast to Rotary at Ottumwa's Bridge View Center.



Host PDG Cal Litwiller welcomed Ashley Albertson, a 2009-10 Ambassadorial Scholar who returned to Ottumwa where she heads the International Studies program at Indian Hills Community College.



District Governor Mike Ruby with Shannon Ramsey of Cedar Rapids, of Iowa Trees Forever, which provided a \$1,000 grant for 14 trees which were planted by Youth Exchange students.



RI Rep Lisa Herring gave a prize to Fairfield Rotarian Joshua Larabee, who shared an inspirational talk, "Why I Am A Rotarian."



Wellman Rotarian, AG Bob Freeman, talked about innovative ideas and visioning.



An honored guest was Past RI President Ray Klingensmith (l), who was welcomed by PDG Bill Tubbs.



Mary Beth Johnson of World Bicycle Relief (r) presented the Trailblazer Award to Burlington Rotarian Joel Sieren.



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- 25 clubs



Fairfield Interact students at the Ottumwa Toast to Rotary.



Rotarians from southeast Iowa and beyond came together for the Toast to Rotary at Ottumwa's Bridge View Center.



PDG Chris Knapp with Inbound Youth Exchange student Josi Teuber from Germany.



DG Mike Ruby (l) and PDG Bill Tubbs (r) with Guardian of Integrity honorees (l-r): PDG Terry Geiger, Gary Anderson and Dev Kiedaisch.



The Ottumwa Toast reunited travelers to the 2014 Sydney RI Convention: Cheryl and Steve Miller, Jo Anne and Mike Ruby, Rachel and Cal Litwiller, and Lesley and Steve Dakin.



Past RI President Ray Klingensmith with Peggy and PDG Terry Geiger.



Ed Arnold of NW Des Moines attended all five Toasts.



District administrator Carolyn Scharff.



# TOAST: Carroll: April 14

- 56 attendees
- 17 clubs



Members of the new Boone Satellite Club (l-r): Sam and Tish Germer, Ruth Thompson and Lesley Dakin.



DGE Tom Narak and Carol of West Des Moines (r) were official hosts for RI President's Rep Lisa Herring and her husband, Alan, from District 5840 in Texas.



Jefferson Rotarian Adam Pedersen talked about his club's successful auction.



DG Mike Ruby thanked Ruth Freeman of Jefferson for her years of service.



A rare April snowstorm made travel difficult. Due to a snow-packed Highway 30, Greene County Interactors were unable to attend.  
Photos by Bill Tubbs



Mary Beth Johnson of World Bicycle Relief (r) presented the Trailblazer Award to Troy Thompson of the Rotary Club of Boone.



Brad Vollstedt of Manning gave an inspirational testimonial: "Why I Am A Rotarian." He, and Don Orris of Jefferson and Dave Cook of Boone were honored as "Guardians of Integrity."



# West Des Moines: April 14

- 226 attendees
- 32 clubs



DGN Erna Morain (r) and Steve (l), chairs of the West Des Moines Toast, introduced Interact students from Waukee and West Des Moines.



The Toast at the West Des Moines Marriott drew 226 attendees, which is greater than many District Conferences.



Rotary Club of Des Moines president-elect Shawn Mullen is dressed in style with a Rotary bow tie. Photos Bill Tubbs



2018 RYLA counselor Kyler Johnson of Waukee told how Rotary has changed his life.



Des Moines AM Rotarian Joe Stopulos said he joined Rotary for networking and stayed to change the world.



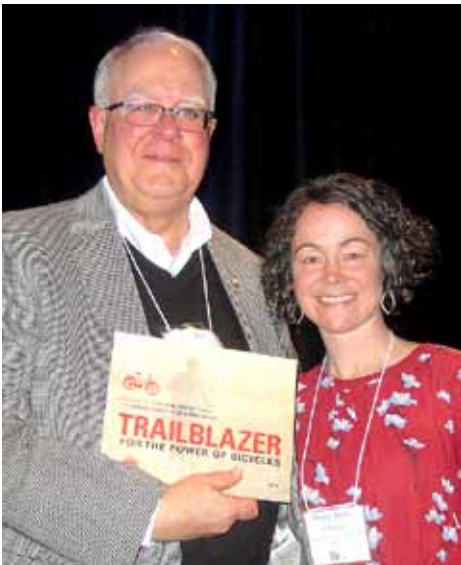
## *Des Moines' mental health project*

Tamara Kenworthy of the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM (at left), with teacher Mia Nelson (right), talked about the 10-club mental health project of Rotarians in the greater Des Moines region.



# West Des Moines: April 14

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- **32 clubs**



Mary Beth Johnson of World Bicycle Relief presented the Trailblazer Award to NW Des Moines Rotarian Bill Corwin in tribute to the late Chuck Corwin, who was an avid biker.



Des Moines Rotarian Matt Busick received a standing ovation for his powerful testimonial of how being a Youth Exchange student to Denmark, and a spinal cord injury, changed his life.



Bonnie Lowry of Marshalltown (I) was thanked for her service as an assistant governor by team leader PDG Susan Herrick. Linda Chastain and Mary Ellen Stanley of Decatur County also retired.



District Governor-Elect Neil Fell and his wife, Kathy, of Garner, in District 5970 (northern Iowa) were in attendance.



RI President's Rep Lisa Herring and Alan, with DG Mike and Jo Anne Ruby, gave a Texas-sized Thank You to District 6000 Rotarians. "This has been phenomenal, spectacular!" she said. "We traveled 578 miles and one thing we all have in common is our passion for Rotary." She lifted up District 6000's signature projects of Xicotepec, Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team, RAG4Clubfoot, RYLA and Youth Exchange, and praised the projects of clubs which she learned about at the Toasts.



**Profiles of the Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity recipients who were honored at the five 'Toasts to Rotary' are on the next pages**



Rotary Club of Ankeny president Sally Schroeder (r) with Ankeny Guardian of Integrity honoree, Kathy Sibbel.





David Miller  
Ames Morning



Kathy Sibbel  
Ankeny



Ann Kappeler  
Bettendorf



David Cook  
Boone



Terry Geiger  
Decatur County



Lynn Washburn  
Livingston  
Davenport

## 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 the Rotary Toasts. It was the eighth 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 of Boone (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 which were read by PDG Bill Tubbs at the Toasts:*

**Ames Morning Rotarian David Miller** retired in 2017 as Associate Vice President at Iowa State University where he directed care of campus facilities. The work done under his leadership garnered the Governor's Iowa Recognition of Performance Excellence Award. But Dave's commitment to people, young and old, is his signature trademark. Whether it is steadfast support with hands-on help for his son and daughter-in-law on the birth of their triplets or loyalty to Scouting or guidance with the Northcrest Retirement Community expansion or devotion to Rotary, Dave has "worked to honor everyday people."

**Ankeny Rotarian Kathy Sibbel** retired in 2014 from ownership and management of her business, Creative Children's Preschool, which had been named "Small Business of the Year" in 2005. A theme in her life is youth and children. Besides her career as a preschool educator, she is a volunteer for RYLA, counselor for youth exchange students and Rotary Advisor to Interact. She is a founding member of the women's philanthropic organization, 100 Women Who Care. Kathy was named Ankeny YMCA's Volunteer of the Year in 2008, Rotarian of the Year in 2015-16, and "Ankeny's Outstanding Citizen" in 2017.

**Bettendorf Rotarian Anne Kappeler** works for the American Red Cross, having first come to the organization as a volunteer and later a board member before becoming employed by Red Cross. Not only her Rotary club, but also the Red Cross Executive Director roundly approve of the Guardian of Integrity Award nomination for this "person of unquestioned integrity and high moral character." A

member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Library Foundation, Anne has also been a dedicated fundraiser for community organizations. She has chaired many fundraisers and raised thousands of dollars to the benefit of her community.

**Boone Rotarian David Cook** is described as a "community builder" who helps to guide new businesses in his community and who volunteers to contribute to its improvement, as he did when he successfully organized and passed a local bond issue for a new middle school and high school. Symbolic of his community betterment goal is his enduring service to Rotary. Past president, "dad" to an exchange student, founder of the annual Boone Rotary fundraising auction – each project carries Dave's mark. His energy and commitment extend to service to District 6000 as an Assistant Governor and through his work to support district clubs through the Visioning Project.

**Davenport Rotarian Lynn Washburn-Livingston**, the former Chief of the Davenport Fire Department, is a Renaissance woman. She is a singer, a flutist, a board member of Red Cross, a paramedic, a firefighter, a leader of the United Way Campaign and an educator of fire safety and prevention. A member of many professional groups, in 2016-2017, she was elected president of the Iowa Association of Professional Fire Chiefs and was their representative on the Governor's Fire and Emergency Services Council. She has promoted hiring female and minority fire personnel and "instills a sense of honor and integrity" in her employees in their service to the community.

**Decatur County Rotarian Terry Geiger** is a retired banker who "passed the Four-Way Test in his 35 years of bank management." He has served as president of three Chambers of Commerce and as a Lions Club president, which named him "Lion of the Year." He has been a supporter of Habitat for Humanity wherever he has lived, and has served his Rotary club and District 6000 in a myriad of capacities. Now this Past District Governor is the District Rotary Foundation Chair, an immense charge. He balances the serious responsibilities of leadership tasks with membership on the board of Rotary Recreational Vehicle Fellowship, spending time with like-minded friends.

**Fort Madison Rotarian Matt Lafrenz** is in the insurance business. He is an actively involved citizen of his community, working with various service projects that benefit Fort Madison and a smaller Illinois town where his business is located. Already the chair of the Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club, Matt jumped into Rotary service as a new member by serving two years as president. His

**INTEGRITY/continued on next page**





**Matt Lafrenz**  
Fort Madison



**Don Orris**  
Jefferson



**Dev Kiedaisch**  
Keokuk



**Gary Anderson**  
Knoxville



**Brad Vollstedt**  
Manning



**Becky Bray**  
North Scott

# Thank you, Rotarians, for your service!

creative thinking provided the notion of a child-focused community project and his leadership skills inspired other community organizations to partner to create what became a free annual event. But it all begins at home. Matt “has three young kids and is a great father.”

**Jefferson Rotarian Don Orris** is known as a role model in business and as a community volunteer. For serving as president of the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, campaign head to develop and fund the Jefferson Olympic Plaza, decades-long chair of the Bell Tower Festival Parade, member of the national True Value Corporation Advertising Circular Board, member of the United Methodist Church Council, founding member of the Board of the Thomas Jefferson Gardens of Greene County, Don was honored by his Rotary club in 2006 as its “Professional of the Year.” Don is “an unassuming individual” who finds his honors “unexpected and a privilege.”

**Keokuk Rotarian Dev Kiedaisch** is a champion for women, youth and vulnerable groups. She dedicated her teaching career to providing opportunities for youth, particularly young women, to actively participate in STEM learning. Providing career days and after-school programs to educate students about non-traditional careers were her hallmark. After the Ferguson riots, Dev began the Keokuk Human Rights Commission. She has designed volunteer programs for youth and for senior citizens and is a member of commissions, boards and organizations that create community. “Dev doesn’t complain about problems, she actively tries to resolve them.”

**Knoxville Rotarian Gary Anderson** is a retired systems engineer from 3M where he initiated the quality movement when the plant first opened. Because of Gary’s groundwork, the company continues to enjoy a reputation for excellence. For Gary, the heart of Rotary is the Four-Way Test, which is included on a label in each dictionary that Gary and his club members gift to elementary students. It is Gary’s delight to encourage the children to think about how the Four-Way Test can be important in their lives. A man who has “fostered and lived the practice of integrity,” he urges the same considerations from his club members and the youth exchange and RYLA youth.

**Manning Rotarian Brad Vollstedt** has been an insurance adjuster and, for the last 16 years, the company manager of Home Mutual Insurance Association. Active in his community, Brad has served on the boards of the Manning Child Care Center, the Senior Center, the Betterment Foundation, Section 202 Housing, the Manning Community Services Board, Community Chest, Quakerdale Development Counsel of West Central Iowa, and Mutual Insurance Association of Iowa. A 27-year member of Rotary, serving three

times as president and hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Sweden, Brad will next perform Assistant Governor duties.

**North Scott Rotarian Becky Bray** expanded programs to serve urban as well as rural populations of all economic levels and ages in her role as ISU Extension Education Director for Scott County. Becky is a member the Riverboat Development Authority Board, a member and former chair of the Haiti Committee, supporting a medical mission team, and member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church where she sings in the choir on Sundays. And no matter what else may be happening in her life, Becky is true to her commitments. When she was president of her Rotary club, it was rated No. 1 among all clubs Zone 28 and No. 2 in North America in the Presidential Citation recognition.

**West Liberty Rotarian Conrad Gregg** spent four years in the Air Force, another 25 years working for the Federal Aviation Administration and subsequent years farming the family farm. He has served the West Liberty Chamber of Commerce, the Heritage Foundation, and has been an active member and volunteer for Rotary since 2002. When there is a Rotary meeting, Conrad is in attendance. When a volunteer is needed, Conrad steps up. When financial support is necessary, Conrad gives. When someone needs to visit his club’s Manzanillo, Mexico orphanage, Conrad says, “I’ll go!” In his community, he is known as “a humble, kind, gentle and generous person.” *(With sadness we learned that Conrad’s earthly journey ended June 1. May light perpetual shine upon him. – Ed.)*



**Conrad Gregg**  
West Liberty



## **Rotary** **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?



# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## Iowa Miles of Smiles Team changes lives

By Deb Dunkhase/Iowa City AM

Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team Leader

Our 12th Iowa MOST mission to Guatemala is a wrap!

District 6000 Rotarians and our medical partners have successfully completed another Cleft Surgical Mission to Huehuetenango, Guatemala! This year's Miles of Smiles Team, at the request of the Rotary Club of Huehuetenango, is thrilled to have added cataract surgeries to our mission, working with SEE International who provided both the surgeon and all medical supplies.

This year's team of 40 dedicated individuals (the largest team we've ever taken) traveled to Huehuetenango, a town located in the Western Highlands of Guatemala, to run two simultaneous medical missions in two different private hospitals.

Though the MOST medical mission is primarily made up of non-Rotarian medical professionals, this year we were thrilled to have a high percentage of Rotarians from three different districts making up 25 percent of the team. Rotarians participating in the Feb. 22-March 4 2018 mission included:

- Dr. John Canady: Iowa City Noon Rotary Club
- Cassye Dunkhase: Boulder, Colo., New Generations Club
- Deb Dunkhase: Iowa City AM Rotary Club
- Nan Johnson: Iowa City AM Rotary Club
- Dr. Dan Jorgensen: Spencer Rotary Club
- Matt Kelly: Iowa City Noon Rotary Club
- Amy Nicholson: Iowa City AM Rotary Club
- Dr. Tom Novak: Iowa City AM Rotary Club
- Dr. John Stamler: Iowa City Noon Rotary Club
- Thais Winkleblack: Iowa City Noon Rotary Club

### Patient screening day

Patient Screening Day is always one of the highlights of the mission for our team. We often see former patients return for continued cleft repairs, which is a true joy for the Miles of Smiles Team! It's incredibly heartwarming to see the difference a year makes in the healthy growth and development of "our" kids after having surgeries to repair their cleft birth defects. This year we screened 59 kids for cleft and 50 adults for cataracts.

Not every child or adult that we screen is able to have surgery. Sometimes the reason is poor health, or it could be that they present an issue that our team is just not equipped to address. This year, we were all very happy that we were able to perform life-changing surgeries on 78 children and adults. The impact of the cleft and cataract surgeries performed by the Iowa Miles of Smiles Team truly brings hope of a better quality of life to a child who's not allowed



The Iowa Miles Of Smile Team sponsored by Rotary District 6000 performed life-changing surgeries for 78 adults and children in Guatemala.

to attend school because of a cleft defect, and to an adult whose life diminishes more each day while their vision fades.

The patients who are served by this international Rotary project would never have access to the medical services that we provide to them at no cost. As difficult as the work can be, Iowa MOST is a mission that spreads hope and joy to both the Guatemalans we serve and to our team members.

There wasn't a dry eye on our team when Fernando showed up on screening day with his dad, Ricardo – we were all just so thrilled to see our young friend! Fernando first came to the Iowa MOST clinic when he was a toddler. The team was able to do one lip surgery at that time. The next year when Ricardo brought his son back to the clinic, the screening revealed a heart condition that needed to be addressed, so no further surgery could happen during that trip.

The following year, after Fernando had received medical care in Guatemala City for his heart condition, father and son returned again for a third year to be disappointed when a bad cold and congestion prevented the team from performing any further procedures.

This year, Fernando was cleared for surgery and the 2018 team

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# Cleft lip-cleft palate and cataract surgeries performed for 89 children and adults

performed a tooth extraction, repair to the right lip, and surgery on half of Fernando's palate.

There are more surgeries ahead for Fernando, as the Iowa MOST team continues to work on his palate. Much will depend on how Fernando's teeth erupt and what condition they are in. Medical Team leader John Canady is working with local orthodontist and Rotarian Rita Morales to help plan future dental care for our young friend.

The Iowa MOST mission is the epitome of the African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." Fernando and the many young children just like him, as well as the Guatemalan elders who now have renewed sight, would still be living lives void of a healthy future without the entire Rotary village.

It takes Rotarian donors, doctors, nurses, volunteers, and our Guatemalan Rotarian partners to help Fernando lead a life filled with hope for a bright future. On behalf of the hundreds of people who are impacted by Iowa MOST, thank you for your support!

Plans for the 2019 Iowa MOST Mission to Guatemala are underway. We're working with our amigos from the Rotary Club of Huehuetenango to host our mission Jan. 31 to Feb. 10, 2019. Applications for non-medical positions open on our website [www.iowamost.org](http://www.iowamost.org) on July 1.

This year we have some new exciting strategies to recruit a record number of patients AND we'll be holding our very first clinic at a local orphanage in Huehuetenango. All very exciting!

You can help in several ways:

- 1) Ask your Rotary club to dedicate some financial support for this District 6000 international project;
- 2) Donate at <https://iowamost.org/donate-now>;
- 3) Support the mission by purchasing the best freshly caught salmon you'll ever experience at <https://iowamost.org/order-salmon>;
- 4) Contact us to donate medical or outreach supplies at [ddunkhase@theicm.org](mailto:ddunkhase@theicm.org).

On behalf of all of the people of Guatemala whose lives have been touched by Rotary's Iowa MOST Mission, MUCHAS GRACIAS A TODOS!



Fernando pre-surgery with the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team.



The surgery (left), Fernando with the doctor (above), and with his dad and a new lease on life (right).





# Ames is newest All Paul Harris Fellow club

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Rotary Foundation Annual Fund Chair

The Rotary Club of Ames joined a select group of Rotary clubs in the world with membership over 200 with 100 percent of its members qualifying as Paul Harris Fellows of The Rotary Foundation.

The honor was recognized on Wednesday, May 16 at a special dinner in the Reiman Ballroom of the Iowa State University Alumni Center in Ames with several hundred members, guests and Rotary District 6000 dignitaries in attendance.

District Governor Mike Ruby of Muscatine conveyed hearty congratulations to the club in his remarks, as Ames joins 17 other district clubs to have achieved 100 percent PHF status. Twelve years ago the Rotary Club of West Liberty became the first club in the district to accomplish this recognition. Ruby presented the club with its 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow Club banner from The Rotary Foundation.

A member of the club, Past District Governor Don Goering, a longtime leader in The Rotary Foundation at the club, district and zone levels, presented an overview of the Foundation, the origination of the Paul Harris Fellowship and the utilization of recognition points which result from donations to TRF.

Ames club president Don Borcharding, club Foundation chair Monica Porter and club executive secretary Karin Sevde, awarded the initial Paul Harris Fellowships to the following members: Mason Adams, Scott Anderson, James Baker, Kim Behrendt, Carl Bern, Chris Betts, Rod Bodholdt, Kelsey Carper, Alan Carver, Frank Clark, Theresa Cooper, Chad Copley, Wayne Ellingson, Curtis Engelhardt, Paul Ferrone, Mark Greufe, Mif Grotnes, John Grzywacz, Colette Gunhus, Jane Halliburton, Jeff Harris, Brad Heemstra, Maynard Hogberg, John Jennett, Jeff Johnson, Drew Kamp, Scott Lawrence, Jason Lee, Jim Lohr, Kurt Mathewson, Katy McMahon, Beth McNeil, Cari McPartland, Chris Nelson, Andrew Perry, Greg Peterson, Mike Phillips, Doug Ragaller, Don Rahn, Jason Rechkemmer, Glen Rippke, Mike Roof, Sara Samms, Kaitlin Sandine, Lisa Stephany, Jodi Stumbo, David Swanson, Sarah Swanson, Sunni Swarbrick, Eric Thorsbakken, Brian Torresi, Chad Vogel, Tom Wacha, Thomas Walsh jr., and Keathen Winter.

Four additional Paul Harris Fellowships were secured for mem-



Ames president Don Borcharding, left, and Foundation chair Monica Porter accept the 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow Club banner from District Governor Mike Ruby.

Provided by Karin Sevde

bers who transferred to other clubs before the presentation: Lynn Barbier, Shelby Fields, Dan Nutini and Andra Reason.

In addition, Donna Cowan-Newbrough who recently reached the TRF Major Donor level was recognized. All Ames club members who have reached other levels of giving to TRF were listed in the event program.

*It started in 2006*

## West Liberty was the first All Paul Harris Fellow club

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty

Foundation Fundraising Co-Chair

Recently I was looking at the March/April/May 2006 District 6000 News when Corliss Klaassen was district governor. The front page article was "All for Paul (Harris) at West Liberty." In July 2005, then-club president Ken Donnelly charged the Rotary Club of West Liberty members to work toward a goal of becoming the first 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Club in District 6000.

Club members became excited about this goal. We were interested in doing international grants (now called global grants) in Mexico with an orphanage where members of our club visited yearly, and club members wanted to contribute to international grants. With the help of PDG Herb Wilson, who provided matching incentives, our members pulled together for a challenge to reach the 100 percent PHF goal.

This goal of becoming a 100 percent PHF club not only pulled us together as a club, but gave us great pride as Rotarians, let alone

"Making a Difference" in the world through grants. That year, 2005-06, we increased our giving so that our per capita was \$322.50, which ranked the club as No. 1 in giving to the Annual Fund that year.

In 2005-06, District 6000 had 63 clubs and 4,466 members and the total giving to the Annual Fund was \$406,104. The average giving for 4,466 members was \$90.78. Last year, District 6000 had 65 clubs and 3,844 and the total giving was \$479,591. The average giving for 3,844 members was \$124.76.

The week of May 14, 2018, the Rotary Club of Ames joined the ranks of becoming a 100 Percent PHF club and became the 18th Rotary club in our district to attain this goal.

The status of becoming a 100 Percent PHF club started in 2005-06 with West Liberty. Other clubs joined:

2006-07: Nevada and Iowa City Downtown

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# Foundation chair plans to visit clubs

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

As I approach the end of my three-year term as your District 6000 Rotary Foundation Chair, I can't help but reflect on all the great things and the lives we, here in District 6000, are affecting for the better through your Rotary Foundation.

It is easy for us to take for granted all the blessings that we have in this country. We seldom think about the clean water that comes out of our tap, or the educational opportunities we have or the medical services we have available to us. Oh yes, all of these may have their own challenges in America, but think about the challenges of obtaining good water in Haiti, or Nepal, or South Africa, or Nigeria or Tanzania, or the high maternal death rates in Nigeria.

Think about the poor educational opportunities for young women in Afghanistan or Chile. These and many more international challenges in which clubs in District 6000 are helping through the TRF Global Grant process. More than half of all Rotary clubs in D6000 have participated in some way in this process.

We are continuing to have a very positive effect in our communities through the Community Service Grant program. Last year we had 37 grant applications and we were able to fund at least a portion of all of them. These projects run the gamut of innovation and creativity but all for the purpose of making a difference in our communities.

We continue to provide coats for kids who are less fortunate; we continue to support various literacy projects; we continue to do park improvement projects; Habitat for Humanity, Jaws of Life, maternal and child wellness and many, many more.

And as I wrote this, the deadline was fast approaching for our 2018-2019 Community Service Grants and we will begin anew with our projects that will make our communities a better place to live.

If your club has not participated in either of the two grant programs, I encourage you to consider doing so in the future.

We joined Rotary for many different reasons, but I hope to think that we all want to have a positive impact on our communities and a positive impact around the world to help those who are not as blessed as we are. We want you to attend the various District 6000 events where you can learn more about grants and how you can become involved.

And I can't end this without commenting on Foundation giving. We continue to pursue the last case of polio in the world and we will find it, but the polio eradication effort still needs our financial support. And with our ability to finance the grant projects I spoke of above, it is vitally important that we continue supporting the Annual Fund because that is where those grant funds come from.

Finally, I thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity as your District Rotary Foundation Chair. It has been an honor and a privilege and I have met many great Rotarians as I have been visiting your clubs.

PDG Chris Knapp will be following me in this role and Chris will do an outstanding job. I wish him the best. I know Chris will be visiting all the clubs next year but I will say, if I am available and Chris is not and you are looking for a foundation program, I will be glad to fill in.

So I say to all District 6000 Rotarians, continue your great work of "Rotary Making a Difference."

## 23 could easily be All Paul Harris Fellow clubs

### FOUNDATION/continued

2007-08: Coralville North Corridor, Decatur County and Iowa City AM

2010-11: Northwest Des Moines

2011-12: Marshalltown

2012-13: Pella

2013-14: Wellman, Jefferson, Iowa City and Chariton

2015-16: Boone

2016-17: North Scott, Dallas Center and Ames Morning

2017-18: Ames

All of these clubs gained club camaraderie, pride in giving to The Rotary Foundation, and helping D6000 become one of the top giving districts in our zone. Giving by these clubs have allowed all clubs in District 6000 to participate in both District and Global Grants, provide global grant scholarships and vocational teams.

Future district leadership asked me to examine the other 47 Rotary clubs in District 6000 to determine if it was possible for them to become 100 Percent PHF Clubs in the next three years. I have submitted the results to future district governors and Foundation team members. There are 23 clubs who can easily become 100 Percent PHF clubs in the next three years. Five of the 23 clubs can become a 100 Percent club only by a vote of the board of directors of each club, club membership approving that decision, simple paperwork by the club officers, and validation by the district governor. District governors will be contacting each of the clubs along with the District Foundation Committee members.

My dream is that we increase our 100 Percent PHF clubs from 18 to 41 in the next three years. Future district leadership will work with the remaining 23 clubs to attain the same status and make our District a 100 Percent PHF District.



**Foundation Dinner scheduled  
Nov. 3 at West Des Moines**

**Saturday November 3, 2018**

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

West Des Moines Sheraton

Keynote Speaker: Carl Chinnery, Polio Survivor  
and PDG 2002-03 D6040

Seating is Limited!

Registration will open Oct. 1, 2018. Please save the date and encourage club members to attend.



# Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

## District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2017 - June 5, 2018 (Interim Report)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(Members: Jul 15/16/17)	17-18 APF Goal	% of Goal	Per capita	Thru 6-5-18	PolioPlus	Other (*)	TOTAL
Adel (37/37/34)	\$ 2,200	166	\$ 107.57	\$ 3,658	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 3,758
Albia (22/28/28)	1,000	0	0	0	52	0	52
Ames (224/226/217)	29,000	85	114.08	24,755	14,575	0	39,331
Ames Morning (55/55/59)	9,000	31	47.46	2,800	4,115	0	6,915
Ankeny (61/77/85)	7,500	170	149.76	12,730	5,100	0	17,830
Atlantic (58/58/58)	5,500	46	45.72	2,652	0	0	2,652
Bettendorf (103/101/102)	11,000	107	115.44	11,755	2,000	0	13,775
Bloomfield (10/10/10)	1,000	0	0	0	50	451	501
Boone (42/34/41)	3,500	623	531.66	21,798	3,475	0	25,273
Burlington (80/79/80)	3,000	147	55.00	4,400	0	3,000	7,400
Carroll (46/44/43)	4,500	48	50.58	2,175	728	0	2,903
Centerville (50/46/45)	5,000	49	54.44	2,450	0	0	2,450
Chariton (41/41/34)	3,400	122	122.35	4,160	1,000	0	5,160
Clinton (98/97/94)	10,000	48	50.80	4,775	1,120	0	5,895
Coon Rapids (27/31/34)	1,500	100	44.12	1,500	0	0	1,500
Coralville-North Corridor (20/21/22)	2,100	1	1.14	25	100	0	125
Corning (34/33/32)	1,000	128	40.09	1,283	2,000	0	3,283
Corydon (18/15/15)	1,200	108	86.67	1,300	0	0	1,300
Creston (23/19/17)	100	100	5.88	100	0	0	100
Dallas Center (27/29/26)	2,700	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davenport (112/113/110)	13,000	93	110.29	12,132	50	1,275	13,457
Decatur County (30/32/31)	5,000	125	201.61	6,250	1,393	0	7,643
Des Moines (276/270/269)	21,000	89	69.25	18,628	2,250	0	20,878
Des Moines AM (170/170/179)	13,000	56	41.01	7,340	0	0	7,340
East Polk County (34/31/29)	2,500	98	84.86	2,461	727	0	3,188
Fairfield (74/60/57)	5,500	55	52.63	3,000	1,400	43,515	47,915
Fort Madison (49/53/55)	6,000	45	49.09	2,700	2,797	1,500	6,997
Greater Des Moines (12/12/11)	1,000	10	9.09	100	0	0	100
Grinnell (38/40/35)	5,500	88	138.57	4,850	180	0	5,030
Indianola (54/53/54)	6,500	78	94.37	5,096	0	0	5,096
Iowa City (312/329/333)	45,000	96	130.28	43,383	2,775	5,000	51,158
Iowa City AM (66/69/74)	15,900	52	111.08	8,220	10,138	0	18,358
Iowa City Downtown (23/21/23)	4,000	74	128.04	2,945	1,207	0	4,152
Iowa Quad-Cities (41/42/38)	5,000	17	22.63	860	0	0	860
Jefferson (59/59/56)	6,500	42	49.11	2,750	203	0	2,953
Johnston (60/49/52)	5,400	139	144.62	7,520	1,125	0	8,645
Kalona (42/41/43)	3,000	108	75.58	3,250	1,100	0	4,350
Keokuk (66/71/57)	3,500	77	47.19	2,690	125	0	2,815
Keosauqua (24/22/23)	1,200	100	52.17	1,200	270	0	1,470
Knoxville (61/58/48)	4,500	100	93.60	4,493	2,405	0	6,898
Lenox (29/28/27)	2,000	102	75.49	2,038	0	0	2,038
Manning (19/25/21)	100	1,300	61.90	1,300	250	0	1,550
Marengo (11/10/10)	150	100	15.00	150	0	0	150
Marshalltown (150/147/145)	10,000	50	34.56	5,012	1,493	0	6,505
Mount Pleasant Noon (52/55/47)	5,000	82	87.71	4,123	2,000	1,000	7,123
Mount Pleasant (20/20/18)	800	25	11.11	200	1,479	2,500	4,179
Muscatine (79/77/69)	13,000	82	153.86	10,616	1,516	0	12,132
Nevada (71/69/61)	12,500	70	144.26	8,800	1,525	0	10,325
Newton (60/55/49)	3,000	10	6.12	300	3,191	1,024	4,515
North Scott (85/86/89)	12,500	111	156.51	13,929	2,050	22,500	38,479
Northwest Des Moines (34/40/36)	8,000	98	218.75	7,875	0	0	7,875
Norwalk (0/0/20)	500	0	0	0	60	0	60
Osceola (28/29/25)	800	100	32.00	800	60	0	860
Oskaloosa (56/55/57)	4,500	84	65.97	3,760	0	0	3,760
Ottumwa (97/98/92)	11,000	101	121.20	11,150	0	3,056	14,206
Pella (29/30/29)	4,000	87	119.63	3,469	754	0	4,223
Perry (26/26/26)	1,000	74	28.31	736	204	0	940
Tipton (30/26/27)	2,500	5	5.00	135	600	1,000	1,735
Washington (49/48/43)	4,900	46	52.67	2,265	0	0	2,265
Waukee (58/64/69)	8,000	135	155.94	10,760	1,545	100	12,405
Wellman (36/34/30)	3,100	76	78.83	2,365	160	1,150	3,675
West Des Moines (62/63/52)	5,000	62	59.62	3,100	50	0	3,150
West Liberty (43/44/46)	18,000	83	325.72	14,983	1,500	1,000	17,483
West Polk County (31/18/19)	500	20	5.26	100	0	0	100
Winterset (25/30/33)	5,000	52	78.18	2,580	4,016	0	6,596
District Contributions	0	0	0	0	615	1,000	1,615
<b>Total (3,854/3,853/3,793)</b>	<b>\$ 413,050</b>	<b>85.40</b>	<b>\$ 93.00</b>	<b>\$ 352,748</b>	<b>\$ 85,567</b>	<b>\$ 89,073</b>	<b>\$ 527,388</b>

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



# A symbol of gratitude for defeat of polio

**By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County**  
District 6000 Public Image Chair

It has been two years in the making since I approached the leadership team of D6000 for approval to proceed on having a polio statue done as a memorial for the work that Rotarians here in D6000 have done and are doing. With that approval, the Public Image Committee went to work on finding an artist. It was a unanimous vote to commission Dave Biehl from Elkhorn, Neb., to create our statue. Since then we have followed the making of it all along the way. And now IT'S DONE! We are hoping to announce confirmation of the placement during the summer with delivery/dedication early fall.

**The Bronzing:** In early April Terry and I went to Loveland, Colo., to tour the foundry where our statue had been taken by artist David Biehl for the final steps towards bronzing. Not only were we welcomed into the foundry, but the artist was in house and gave us a personal tour. What an amazing place. It is a nine-step process and even though our statue was on the last step, we were able to walk through each station of production that it had been through. Several really interesting pieces were also there being worked on besides our statue.

Not only have our Rotarians in D6000 fundraised for the cause, but many have gone on NIDs (National Immunization Days) to administer the vaccine to children around the world. We've had the assistance of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, WHO (World Health Organization), UNICEF, and Rotary International to help eradicate Polio, but this statue is a symbol of thanking every Rotarian in D6000 for their



Our statue commemorating Rotary's victory for all of humanity. The location will be announced when the legal permissions have been signed.

efforts in the war against polio. At the time of this writing we may have actually seen the last case of Polio – who knows? There have been only 10 so far this year.

This statue is a symbol of gratitude to the Rotarians of D6000 for their past, present and future efforts yet to come. I am very proud of this accomplishment, very proud to be from D6000, and am very proud to be a Rotarian. This statue is for all of us.



Artist Dave Biehl with Peggy and PDG Terry Geiger in Loveland, Colorado, only steps from being complete.



The patina is sprayed on.

## Has your club contributed to PolioPlus?

**By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone**  
District 6000 PolioPlus Chair

Polio eradication remains the No. 1 goal of Rotary International. District 6000 Rotarians stand shoulder to shoulder with Rotarians across the globe in their commitment to keep our promise to the children of the world.

In the 2017-18 Rotary year District 6000 Rotarians set a goal of \$76,345 as our part of keeping the polio promise. The great news is that at the time of the April results of giving, District 6000 has achieved 102.24 percent of our goal by submitting \$97,970 to The Rotary Foundation in the cause of the PolioPlus campaign.

This is, as I said, great news. But the pathetic full picture is that we have EIGHTEEN Rotary clubs in District 6000 who have contributed NOTHING to PolioPlus yet this year.

It is my hope and prayer that these 18 clubs just have not yet sent their contributions in to TRF at this time. Perhaps they are wait-



ing for the end of the Rotary year to do so. But please be aware that the later in the year you wait to submit these contributions, the larger the risk is that your donations will not be counted in this Rotary year. Remind your treasurer or your polio chair that it is important to get your polio donations in to The Rotary Foundation sooner and not later at the end of this Rotary year.

The best news at this date is that there have only been 10 wild polio virus cases reported this year. Those cases have been reported, all of them in Afghanistan except one in Pakistan, and the most recent case was June 5.

There have been 17,500,000 children saved from this crippling killer since we entered this fight. And how wonderful will it be if the case on June 5 was the LAST case of polio in the world!

Be sure that every Rotarian and every Rotary club in District 6000 is doing everything we can to achieve that magic number of ZERO sometime this year!





Attendees at the District Assembly with "Rotary: People of Action" towels provided by Public Image chair Peggy Geiger.

## Rotarians: 'People of Action!'

Sixty-four made it to DMACC at Newton on March 24 for DGE Tom Narak's District Training Assembly despite a snow storm. "Under the circumstances, this was good," said district administrator Carolyn Scharff. DGE Narak talked about his goals and theme, "Be the Inspiration," and club leaders heard the latest about district programs: Ron Heideman (trainer), DG Mike Ruby (Toasts), Erna Morain (DGN), Steve Dakin (DGND), Carolyn Scharff (administrator), Chris Nelson (membership), PDG Chris Knapp (Rotary Foundation), PDG Susan Herrick (polio), PDG Loring Miller (Youth Exchange), PDG John Ockenfels (RAG4Clubfoot), Mark McAndrews (RYLA) and Jim Petersen (Xicotepec). There were breakouts on these plus "Innovation and Flexibility" (Ron Heideman), secretaries and treasurers (Carolyn Scharff), and Public Image (PDG Bill Tubbs). DGE Narak wrapped up with a video a National Geographic photographer's pictures, "What's Right with the World."

— Bill Tubbs



The Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines led the way with six members at the District Training Assembly (l-r): Sean Lee, Mia Nelson, Tyler Phelps, Briana Fortner, and Mario and Ana Rodriguez.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



**Chris Nelson**  
Membership



**Loring Miller**  
Youth Exchange



**Tom Narak**  
Governor-Elect



**Susan Herrick**  
Polio



**Mark McAndrews**  
RYLA



**John Ockenfels**  
RAG4Clubfoot



**Jim Petersen**  
Xicotepec

## Come, join us at RYLA July 17 at Grinnell

**By Mark McAndrews/Northwest Des Moines**  
District 6000 RYLA Chair

Clubs have finalized their selections for the conferees their clubs will be sponsoring to RYLA 2018. District 6000 clubs have sponsored over 160 students to attend RYLA this year. Thank you for your support and investment in our youth!

Clubs are encouraged to make the most of the investment they are making in students. Invite the students and their parents to a club meeting to present them with their award prior to RYLA. Have your program committee schedule a meeting when the students can tell the club about what they learned at RYLA. For clubs that meet at noon, it is often easiest to schedule this prior to school starting as coordinating multiple students schedules during the school year can be difficult. You are providing them an honor and a gift, it is a good chance to engage them with your club.

Another thing to be aware of is RYLA will overlap with the Iowa high school boys state baseball tournament. The RYLA program builds from day to day and is not amenable to having students check in and out through the week. The students need to be present for the entire week. If one of your students may have a conflict, consider having an alternate available should they be unable to attend.

RYLA is also a chance for all Rotarians to come and see the environment we create to allow these students to recognize their leadership potential.

July 17 will be Rotarian visit day at RYLA. If you are interested in seeing how RYLA works and spending some time with students as they participate in RYLA, please let us know so we can plan for your visit.

Contact Mark McAndrews at [markmcandrews@msn.com](mailto:markmcandrews@msn.com) or (515) 371-0863 for details.



## Vision 2020 event held at West Des Moines

By Wayne Steen/West Liberty

District 6000 Membership Development Chair

District 6000 began the Rotary year (July 1, 2017) with 3,793 members, and as of May 14, 2018, we have 3,755 members; a net decrease of 38.

On May 2, 2018, we had a very successful second annual Vision 2020 event in West Des Moines. We had former RI Director Mary Beth Growney-Selene as our featured speaker.

I have had many Rotarians ask for a Vision 2020 event next year in eastern Iowa. District trainer John Schultz and I were unfortunately not able to get our schedules to work together to have a Vision 2020 event this year in eastern Iowa.

I would recommend having two Vision 2020 events (or something similar to it) in Tom Narak's year as DG, one in eastern Iowa and the other in central Iowa.

It has been an honor to serve these past three years as District Membership Development Chair for District 6000. I have been greatly privileged to work for three great district governors in Loring Miller, Chris Knapp and Mike Ruby!

I also want to thank Steve Wieneke, Chris Nelson, Susan Herrick and Carolyn Scharff for all of their hard work and support.



Past RI Director Mary Beth Growney-Selene from Madison, Wis., spoke at the Vision 2020 event May 2.

## Ames Tanzania Global Grant to be presented at Toronto

The Kigogo and Masandare Water System Projects of the Rotary Club of Ames have been selected for a presentation at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto on Monday, June 25 from 3-4:30 p.m. in Room 717 of the Metro Convention Center. The president of the Rotary Club of Same (the host club for the projects), Amon Noel Mchomvu, and the project manager for both projects, Giliard Eneza Mkumbwa, are traveling halfway around the world to be in Toronto to do the presentations.

Is your Rotary club interested in joining this Global Grant Humanitarian project? Both men will be in Ames a few days prior to the RI Convention. This is very likely a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet these men from Tanzania to hear firsthand the life-altering changes that have come to these two villages now that each has a village-wide water system. The gentlemen from Tanzania will give their presentation prepared for the Rotary International Convention, meet all of you and answer questions you might have. They will also talk about our up and coming new project for the village of Mhezi.



Mary Beth Johnson of World Bicycle Relief shares a light-hearted moment with DG Mike Ruby and JoAnne at the Rotary Toast at West Des Moines. Spontaneous volunteer donations during the Toasts raised \$3,626 for the bike project, which is enough for 24-plus bikes. Photo by Lisa Herring

*Spread the word at Toronto*

## What's next for the bicycle project?

By DG Mike Ruby/Muscatine

There are some exciting things ahead for World Bicycle Relief, and District 6000 will play a part in these plans.

In the next several weeks I will meet with the WBR staff and give them a written summary of the administrative process we used to promote the bike project. This summary will be shared with others, including future district governors, to serve as a template for those who show interest in supporting World Bicycle Relief. We are currently in conversation with a district in France who is interested.

Imagine the impact Rotary can have on developing countries if our District 6000 bike project can be duplicated by other districts. Remember, each bike changes the economic family tree for an average of five persons, so when students, farmers, and health care workers receive a bike, that bike impacts many more lives.

The really exciting news is that we've helped make arrangements for World Bicycle Relief to have a display booth at the House of Friendship at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, June 23-27. A corner booth was snagged; a most desirable location! The booth will be staffed by Mary Beth Johnson (WBR representative who attended all five Toasts) as well as several district Rotarians.

The House of Friendship will draw 25,000 Rotarians and their families from around the globe. What a fantastic opportunity to showcase this incredible project. Look for more information in the next district newsletter.

## Avenues of Service

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## Planting trees

# Youth Exchange students lead the way

**By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities**  
District 6000 Youth Exchange Chair

As I reminded Rotarians in the last issue of *District 6000 News*, there is always something happening in Rotary Youth Exchange. Here are just a few of the recent "happenings," as well as a look into the future.

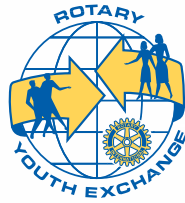
- Both our Inbound and Outbound students attended the Ottumwa Toast to District 6000. They served as greeters and carried on a D6000 tradition – the flag ceremony. After the Toast, our students enjoyed a bonfire at the home of Rotarian Karen Wertheim before spending the night with several local Rotarians who hosted our students. At the bonfire the students enjoyed music, conversation and snacks, including S'mores – a first for several of our international students.

- On Saturday following the Toast, our students participated in a service project by planting 14 trees along a bike path in Ottumwa. It was a cold and rainy morning during which our students planted a variety of 10-foot-tall trees into pre-dug holes, adding dirt and mulch under the direction of Shannon Ramsey, a representative of Trees Forever. This project was funded by a generous grant from Trees Forever and contributions from the host and sponsoring clubs of our students. This project helped fulfill Rotary's mission as a service club, and RI President Ian Riseley's ambitious goal of planting one tree for every Rotarian in the world. Great job, students!

- Looking ahead, our Inbound students are winding down their exchanges by participating in school graduation ceremonies and going away parties, and, for ten of our students, preparing for the USA tour which starts mid-June. This 28-day, 8,000-mile bus trip is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the United States with other students who will become lifelong friends. The trip goes from coast to coast following a route across the southern tier of states, stopping at many national parks, historic sights, beaches, and amusement parks. The students will be in Washington, D.C. on the Fourth of July to witness how Americans celebrate our Independence Day. When they return to their host towns and cities, preparations will begin for the return home to their natural families with suitcases filled with memories and bathed with tears, celebrating what most will call the best year of their life.

- While the Inbounds are preparing to go home, our 13 Outbounds are preparing for

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Rain on April 14 didn't stop Rotary Youth Exchange students from planting 14 trees along the bike path in Ottumwa, in cooperation with Trees Forever.

Provided by Doug Peterson



Volunteers from four Rotary clubs in the Iowa City area planted 459 trees at Lake Macbride State Park on April 21. Please see article on opposite page.

Photo by Dick Huber



# Iowa City clubs plant 459 trees at Lake Macbride

**By Vicki Struzynski Olson/Coralville-North Corridor**

The four Iowa City area Rotary clubs created a unique tree planting project by working with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Lake Macbride State Park to establish a timber stand improvement near the shore of Lake Macbride in Johnson County.

The four clubs together number 459 members. One tree was planted for each Rotarian. The species of native trees were selected by the DNR district forester to improve the quality of the woodland area.

We placed signage at the restoration site on Sail Boat Road, including the Rotary wheel and the names of the four Rotary clubs: Iowa City, Iowa City AM, Iowa City Downtown and Coralville-North Corridor. The site is located near an accessible shelter available for gatherings.

Members from all four Rotary clubs and the Clear Creek Amana High School Interact Club were present to plant trees on April 21, the day before Earth Day. The project began as a challenge by Rotary International for each Rotarian to plant a tree, over 1.2 million trees worldwide! The four clubs plan to be involved with site maintenance to ensure this project's sustainability, including ensuring protective tubes and netting are in place.

Whenever you are in the Iowa City area, take a few minutes to drive out to this lovely site, check on the trees and enjoy the beautiful



A sign at Lake Macbride State Park names the four Rotary clubs who planted 459 trees, (l-r): Rotarian Katharine Marshall; Coralville North Corridor president Vicki Struzynski Olson; Mike Hamilton of Timber Management LLC; ADG Peggy Doerge; Iowa City Downtown president Kim Shillig; Rotarian Ryan Bell and Rotarian Geoff Willming. Photo by Dick Huber

ful Sail Boat Road area in Lake Macbride State Park. Picnics are encouraged!

# Knoxville trees honor current and past Rotarians

**By T. Waldeman-Williams/Knoxville**

Club President

Rotary Club of Knoxville completed RI President Ian Riseley's goal of planting a tree for every member by considering our past, current and future members. The original "Tree Team" were Rotarians Cassi Pearson, Kevin Kincaid and Kirsten Meyers, which expanded to include Harv Sprafka and Tyler Christian as unit leaders. Their creativity took our project to a unique level by aligning the timing of planting our trees with our community's Thrive initiative, "Spring into Parks," scheduled for Earth Day.

Pearson chaired the entire "Spring into Parks" project, increasing it to include current and future Rotarians, the city, DNR, Rotarian and other organizations and sponsors, and citizens of all ages as community partners. Earth Day was the perfect time to plant, rake, paint, gather trash, and put up new signs.

How did our club honor its past, current and future Rotarians? The day started with a flag raising ceremony at Rotary's Auld Park. Our tree budget allowed the community to plant 13 flowering mature trees in the Paws and Pals Dog Park, which previously was a baseball field. Sprafka explained that native trees like Swamp White Oak, Sugar Maple and Red Maple October Glory are long lived, have good fall color, and can withstand harsh growing conditions. Three Eastern Redbud trees and three Prairiefire Flowering Crabapples may be enjoyed by migratory birds; and finally four White Pines will provide valuable shade over the pets in the park during the afternoon and early evening hours.

These mature trees honor our past and current Rotarians. Current and future Rotarians are honored by creating a nursery at Marion County Park for future transplants. These future mature trees will get used to Knoxville soil to more easily replace trees damaged by storms and winter. The Kincaid family planted 50 bare root mixed oak and sycamore trees with grow tubes in the DNR Nursery. By planting both mature and "nursery" trees the community will have a lifetime of remembering our past, current, and future Rotarians.



Knoxville Rotarians started their tree planting day with a flag raising and prayer ceremony at Rotary's Auld Park.

# 'Thanks for supporting students'

**YOUTH EXCHANGE/continued from page 22**

their year abroad, to places like Japan, Germany, France, Belgium, Spain, Italy and Brazil. Training sessions have been ongoing and we will see them as a group for the last time at a picnic in July. Most will be leaving in August for an adventure of a lifetime.

• Also in August, we will be welcoming a new group of Inbound students. This is always an exciting and anxious time as our new friends become acclimated to a new home and school environment. Training for counselors, clubs and host families will be going on during the summer months in preparation for the arrival of these young women and men.

With these important events and activities, the Rotary Youth Exchange cycle begins again. Thanks to all who make it possible!



# Tree project educational for Keokuk students

**By Alka Khanolkar/Keokuk**

Assistant District Governor

Rand Park is one of Keokuk's main attractions. It sits on 50 acres of beautiful rolling hills and a bluff that overlooks the Mississippi River. The park was "born" in 1882 and named after the mayor during that time, George Rand. The park is home to the remains of Chief Keokuk and a lovely memorial statue donated by Wellie Walker in 1913.

Rand is also home to 50 different species of trees. Over the last several months, six Keokuk high school students, Philip Dunlap, Shelby Haage, Jamin Klose, Gavin Walker, Brooklyn Washburn and Alex Wolter, have participated in a project-based learning activity as part of Kim Pfeiferling's Biotech II class that was introduced to them a few weeks into the school year. They were approached by the city after AAUW presented a concern regarding trees in Rand Park.

The project's parameters were to catalog the park since the last tree inventory was in 1993. They had to determine the species, health and the diameter at breast height (circumference of the tree and divide by pi). This would help the city determine how many trees they have lost over the last 25 years, what trees should be removed, and where they could plant more. The final tree count is now 450 trees with a total of 53 different species.

The students took their job a step further and wrote a Branching Out grant sponsored by Alliant Energy and Trees Forever in November. The grant asked how they could tie saving energy and involving the community in a tree planting project. They were awarded a grant for \$2,440 in February for 23 trees. Private donors also donated three trees of the students' choosing. They chose to plant three service berries for Mike Krebill, his favorite tree, as a thank you for teaching them how to identify trees, the proper way to plant a tree, and the proper care for them.

May 2 was their planting date. They had organized a planting project bringing in grades 4-6 and teaching the proper ways to plant a tree, how to care for a tree, and why they are important; this also brought together many volunteers from the community.

Community organizations included AAUW, Rotary, and the Keokuk Garden Club. Six classes participated with five rotations. Each high school student wore a color-coded name tag and took a group of 3-9 kids who had received their tags a week ahead of time.



Keokuk students learned tree identification and care while planting trees with Rotarians at Rand Park.

Not all students were able to plant. Some groups helped by setting up early in the morning and others ran water to stations. We were thankful for the help any way that it came.

The project offered a real world experience that students will remember for years to come. Through this experience, students have not only learned tree identification but how to place, plant, and provide care for

trees. Grant writing, grant reporting, and marketing were also skills gained through this project. Communication was also important as students presented to community organizations, professional organizations, and volunteers both young and adult.



Volunteers plant trees at Rand Park in Keokuk.



## 100-plus trees at Clinton ...

Clinton Rotarians Matt and Jody Brooke lend a hand to the club's project of planting 100-plus trees throughout the Clinton area. Many Clinton Rotarians have purchased trees through Rotary and many have already begun planting! The program has taken root here in Clinton and we hope to branch out more.

Provided by Jody Brooke



## Measuring community impact, Rotary Club of Des Moines ...



### Scholarship winners ...

Six students from Des Moines area high schools were recently awarded four-year \$8,000 college scholarships (\$1,000 per semester). Because of member support of the Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation, nearly \$850,000 has been given out in scholarship funds to Des Moines high school students since these awards were started in 1982. Recipients were selected with input from representatives at each of the six Des Moines Public High Schools (Scavo, Roosevelt, North, Lincoln, Hoover and East) following multiple interviews by our scholarship committee. Pictured (l-r): Shawn Mullen (president-elect), Sarai Rice (scholarship committee chair), Maleah Hall (Scavo), Ashley Martinez-Torres (East), Joslyn Cardenas-Flores (Lincoln), Jose Luis Rodriguez Camps (Hoover), Emma Hildebrandt (Roosevelt), and Jasmine Inthabounh (North).



### Honored educators ...

The Rotary Club of Des Moines honored three Educators of the Year with a \$1,000 stipend for their classroom, and a traveling plaque that stays in their school for the year. These educators are nominated by their school principal and the applications are reviewed and selected by their peers (recipients of previous year awards). This year's honorees (l-r): RCDM president Jamie Boersma, Stephanie Fowler (Roosevelt High School), Davena Johnson (middle school), Lisa Hesse (elementary) and Dale Vande Haar (RCDM Awards Committee chair). Provided by Kitte Noble, Club Executive Director



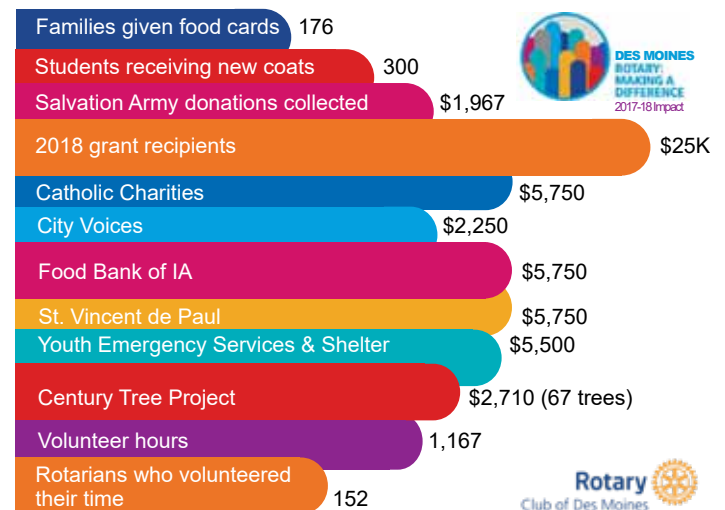
The Rotary Club of Des Moines collaborated with Polk County Conservation in a Century Tree Project at Easter Lake Park.  
Provided by Kitte Noble

## Rotary club, partners plant trees at Easter Lake Park

Rotary International President Ian Riseley challenged all clubs to make a difference by planting trees before the end of this Rotary year. The Rotary Club of Des Moines got involved with a Century Tree project in collaboration with Polk County Conservation, Green Iowa AmeriCorps and the RCDM community service committee.

This is a sustainable Century Tree Project at Easter Lake Park. This area has a significant invasive plant species issue with honeysuckle, autumn olive, Russian olive and oriental bittersweet choking out the existing woodland. The Century Tree area is currently under volunteer management with significant progress made in clearing the timber of these species. The goal is to reestablish a stronghold of native trees in this area through this collaboration.

The scheduled date to plant the trees by club members got rained out, but the 67 trees purchased by members did get planted on May 16.



RI President Ian Riseley, an accountant, asked clubs to calculate and report the value of their service so Rotary might show the world the impact of its service. The Rotary Club of Des Moines reported its impact in the community from July 1 through March 31 with this graphic,





## University of Iowa student leaders have strong Rotary connections

DGE Tom Narak reports that on April 28 he and Carol Narak attended the inauguration of the 2018-2019 University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) elected officers and witnessed a strong connection with Rotary. In the photo at right, Tom and Carol are pictured with incoming UISG President Hira Mustafa. In the photo above, outgoing UISG Vice President Lillian Sanchez and her sister, UISG Senator Alexia Sanchez, are pictured with the Naraks. Tom observed that all three of these outstanding leaders have been actively involved with Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Hira and Alexia have both been involved with the Xicotepec Project. They are all graduates of Valley High School in West Des Moines and were sponsored by the Rotary Club of West Des Moines for RYLA and Xicotepec.



## RV Fellowship plans Amana rally

By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

Rotary Fellowships may be the best kept secret in Rotary. The scope of fellowships has changed significantly over the years, but their purpose remains the same: to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide opportunities to enjoy favorite recreational activities, hobbies, sports, vocation, and most recently Rotary history and culture.

As members of the RV Fellowship, Peg and I have had some great times with Rotarians at our RV rallies and have developed new friendships from all over through these activities. We will be hosting an RV Fellowship rally at the Amana RV Park and Event Center right here in District 6000 from Oct. 2-5. We already have commitments from Rotarians from Texas, Nebraska and Arizona and will surely have many more states represented.

Why join a Rotary fellowship? Here are some of the benefits:

- Opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside of one's own club, district and country.
- Contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace.
- Serve as an incentive for attracting new members and for retaining existing members.
- Further vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession.
- Explore new opportunities for service.

What better and more enjoyable avenue to build new friendships and international understanding than to join your fellow Rotarians in a Rotary fellowship? If you are a camper with any type of RV, please join our fellowship and join us in the Amanas Oct. 2-5 for a great experience with Rotarians from all over the country. Please contact PDG Terry Geiger if you are interested at [tgeiger@grm.net](mailto:tgeiger@grm.net).



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## Columbian pediatrician studies Ponseti Method in Iowa City

Dr. Astrid Medina Canon, a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon and Rotarian from Bogota, Columbia, was in Iowa City studying the Ponseti clubfoot repair technique with Dr. Jose Morcuende at the University of Iowa Hospital. While in Iowa City, she visited the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM (l-r): PDG John Ockenfels, co-chair of RAG4Clubfoot; Jim Peterson, grant writer for a Vocational Training Team which will train doctors in Columbia; Dr. Astrid Medina Canon; Phil Peterson, president of the Rotary Club of Iowa City; and PDG Chris Knapp.

Provided by Vernetta Knapp



# Rotary Leadership Institute training slated

By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

District Public RLI Chair

District 6000 will be holding its next RLI session in West Des Moines on Nov. 3. We are offering all three sessions that day, so please consider being part of this wonderful opportunity. We like to have a minimum of six in a session so we can have good and lively discussion. We are part of the Heartland Division formed by Rotary District 5650, of southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska.

The next RLI is scheduled to be held in Omaha on Oct. 6.

**Who should attend RLI?** 1) New Rotarians who want to learn more about what Rotary is; 2) Seasoned Rotarians who want to become more seasoned on Rotary; 3) Club board and committee members.

**What is the cost?** Cost is \$85/session and we are encouraging clubs to seek interested Rotarians who want to participate and pay the registration fee for their members.

**Where will the Nov. 3 session be held?** Shive-Hattery, Inc., 4125 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines.

**Where will the Oct. 6 session be held?** Dundee Presbyterian Church, 5312 Underwood Ave., Omaha, NE 68132.

**How do I register?** Go to the following link: <http://www.rli-heartland.org/Register.aspx> and select the session you wish to register for and continue with the registration.

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

Consider attending one of these sessions to learn more about our great organization. If you have any questions, please call PDG Terry Geiger at (641) 442-5559 or send me an email at [tlgeiger@grm.net](mailto:tlgeiger@grm.net).



Nayem Fayad Rodriguez from Spain is surrounded by his host families (the Butlers, Nicodemus' and Petersens), his Rotary counselor's family (the McAndrews) and his father's exchange sister and her family (the Boucks).

## Youth Exchange at its best!

By Mark McAndrews/Northwest Des Moines

Nayem Fayad Rodriguez from Marbella, Spain, was jointly hosted this past year by the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines and the Rotary Club of Waukee. While this hosting arrangement is unusual, it barely scratches the surface of Nayem's family's involvement in Youth Exchange.

In the early 1990s Nayem's father was a Youth Exchange student who visited Syria. His family also hosted Amy Bouck, a young woman from California, at their home in Marbella. Through Facebook, the families reconnected and Amy and her family visited Spain in 2014 as she reinforced the bonds formed nearly a quarter century before.

As Nayem's graduation approached, Amy and her daughters made plans to visit Iowa to celebrate this accomplishment. They truly embraced the goals of Youth Exchange of building bonds across the world.

The Rotary Foundation embraces peace and conflict resolution as one of its goals. Surely, building these bridges between cultures, countries and generations is key to reducing the change for conflict as people understand each other on a personal level. This is Rotary Youth Exchange at its best.



## Fellowship is a core value of Rotary ...

One of our outstanding members at Mt. Pleasant Rotary, Clint Rila, is receiving physical rehabilitation at Park Place Elder Living following an injury he sustained at home. He is a faithful, loyal and committed Rotarian, always putting Service Above Self. He has an excellent attendance record at club meetings and special events. Since he has been unable to participate in the weekly meetings, we decided to take the meeting to him. We conducted an official meeting and had great fellowship at Park Place. Clint entertained us with his jokes and amazing wisdom. We wish him well and are praying for a "powerful recovery." — Betty Mullen





Scholarships valued at \$59,750 were awarded by the Rotary Club of Davenport on May 7, (l-r): Ben Loeb (club vice president and Scholarship Committee chair), Andrew Thompson (Central), Madison Cousins (West), Pam Friede (West), Kylee Jakubowski (Mid-City), Ashley DeWisplaere (North), Kale Hyder (Assumption), and Jim Wegener (club president).

## Rotary Club of Davenport awards \$59,750 scholarships

By Patt Englander/Davenport

The Rotary Club of Davenport has a long history of awarding scholarships to local high school students. It began with a \$2,500 donation in 1922 in memory of the 276 men and women of Scott County who gave their lives during World War 1. Along with continued donations from club members on their birthdays and significant other events, and two major donations, the Scholarship Fund continues to grow.

The intention of these scholarships is to provide an opportunity for higher education for students who are interested in achieving a place of leadership in their chosen field. Students applying for scholarships submit an application and are interviewed by the scholarship committee considering GPA, test scores, community service and recommendations.

On May 7, the club awarded \$59,750 to seven local high school students. Kale Hyder, Assumption High School, received \$16,000, Madison Cousins and Pam Friede (West High School), Andrew Thompson (Central High School), and Ashley DeWisplaere (North High School), each received \$10,000 and Kylee Jakubowski and Alexandria Summers (Mid-City High School), each received \$2,500.

The Rotary Club of Davenport is proud of its ongoing commitment to students in our community and of the many students who have benefited from these scholarships.

## Ames sets Centennial goal of \$300,000 for Miracle League Field

The Rotary Club of Ames is committing \$300,000 for the naming rights to the Miracle League Field as the club's signature project for its Centennial year which will be 2021.

Club president, Don Borcharding, in the club newsletter, reports that on March 6, PE Brian Dieter announced that \$110,387 had been raised towards meeting that goal. He also asked all members to help raise an additional \$189,612 to achieve the goal.



At the District 5390 District Conference in Anaconda, Montana (l-r): DG Joe and Libby McBride, RI President's Rep PDG Chris and Vernetta Knapp, and PDG Darrell and Juanita Hansen who were the aides to PDG Chris and Vernetta. The Hansens are friends of the Knapps from South Central Rotary Youth Exchange.

## Knapps are RI President's Reps in District 5390, Montana

District 6000 salutes PDG Chris Knapp upon being selected as RI President Ian Riseley's Presidential Rep to the District 5390 District Conference April 27-28 at the Fairmont Springs Resort in Anaconda, Montana. District Governor Joe McBride presided over the conference.

The two-day conference consisted of several plenary sessions that included Membership, Public Image, Foundation Awards, and Youth Exchange students. PDG Chris had the opportunity to preside over the memorial service, induction of District Governor-Elect Rick Moore and his keynote address on Membership.

Chris and Vernetta said they enjoyed the conference very much.

## Thank you for your support!

All of the clubs named below made voluntary contributions to support the operations of the Iowa Miles of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.) in 2017-18 to perform cleft lip and cleft palate repairs in Guatemala. Those contributions totaled \$10,725.

The clubs in *Bold Italic* also made contributions to the Youth Services Fund for scholarships for projects like Xicotepec. These contributions totaled \$2,463.

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. and \$2 per member to the Youth Services Fund with the annual District dues billing that will be sent to clubs in July.

Thanks to all clubs who support these District 6000 projects!

Ankeny	Iowa City	<i>Muscatine</i>
Bettendorf	<i>Iowa City AM</i>	North Scott
<i>Bloomfield</i>	<i>Iowa City Downtown</i>	<i>NW Des Moines</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Iowa Quad Cities</i>	Oskaloosa
<i>Chariton</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Pella</i>
<i>Coralville-N. Corridor</i>	<i>Keosauqua</i>	<i>Washington</i>
Davenport	<i>Manning</i>	<i>Waukee</i>
<i>Decatur County</i>	<i>Marengo</i>	<i>Wellman</i>
<i>East Polk</i>	Marshalltown	<i>West Liberty</i>
Fort Madison	<i>Mt. Pleasant Evening</i>	<i>Winterset</i>
<i>Grinnell</i>		





Jefferson grants, front (l-r): Teresa Lansman of New Opportunities; Gabe Fincel and Andrew Martin of Webb House; Jane Millard of Jefferson Public Library; Micah Destival of Jefferson Community Golf Course; Rotary president Joel Williams. Back, (l-r): Rotary auction chair Adam Pedersen; Dwight Marshall of the Paton American Legion; Scott Johnson of Boy Scout Troop 534; Jim North of Webb House; Don Orris, representing the animal shelter committee, and Jamie Daubendiek of the Greene County Youth Athletic Association.



Jefferson grants, front (l-r): Peg Raney of Jefferson Matters; Main Street; Heather Wuebker and Teresa Hoyle of the Greene County after prom committee; Julie McAleer of the Scranton park and recreation committee; Karen Lawton of Jefferson Matters; and Greene County Schools nurse Mary Pedersen. Back (l-r): Rotary auction chair Adam Pedersen; Greene County elementary art teacher; Shawneene Kenan of the Rippey Public Library; Diane Kafer of the Grand Junction Public Library; Jeff Lamoureux of Heart of Iowa Habitat for Humanity; and Jefferson Rotary president Joel Williams.

## Jefferson Rotarians disburse \$42,429

The Rotary Club of Jefferson awarded \$28,688 in local community grants from the proceeds of its 2017 charity dinner and auction, held in November at the Greene Room at Wild Rose Casino. All told, \$42,429 was disbursed to projects in Greene County and around the world.

The club received 25 grant requests totaling more than \$108,000. "All the projects we received grant applications for are outstanding projects," said Rotary past president Adam Pedersen, who was the 2017 auction chair. "There are many groups doing a lot of great things in the county. Being part of those projects is why we've held 19 auctions and are already planning the 2019 event."

More than \$600,000 has been awarded by the Rotary Club of Jefferson to local projects/grants and Rotary District 6000 projects and Rotary Foundation funds. The club became a 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow club in 2014 and maintains that status.

Grants ranged from \$4,623 to \$260. Recipients of grants are:

- **Jefferson Community Golf Course:** Acoustic panels and signage in the meeting room, \$4,623;
- **City of Jefferson:** Animal facility and dog park, \$3,000;
- **Jefferson Public Library:** Children's Innovation Station, \$3,000;
- **Greene County Elementary School Art Department:** Clay kiln, \$2,397;
- **Webb House:** Kitchen renovation, table for gaming system, \$2,170;
- **Jefferson Matters: Main Street:** Mini grants for building improvements, \$2,000;
- **Greene County Elementary School:** Water bottle filling station, \$1,800;
- **Grand Junction Public Library:** Technology, \$1,500;
- **Greene County High School After Prom Party:** Inflatable entertainment, \$1,238;
- **Rippey Public Library:** Create, Connect & Communicate, \$1,200;
- **American Legion Post 417 of Paton:** Cemetery flag replacement, \$1,000;
- **City of Scranton:** Scranton school Memorial Park shelter, \$1,000;
- **Greene County Youth Athletic Association:** Scholarships for sports, \$1,000;
- **Heart of Iowa Habitat for Humanity:** 2018 Helping Hands, \$1,000;
- **New Opportunities:** Back-to-school supply drive, \$1,000;
- **Jefferson Park and Recreation Department:** Play equipment

for Tot Time, \$500;

- **Boy Scout Troop 534:** Shelf containment system for trailer, \$260.

The grant committee also allocated \$4,000 for college scholarships to graduating seniors and \$4,741 as a match to a grant received from Rotary District 6000 for upgrades to the meeting room at the Jefferson Community Golf Course.

The grant committee allocated \$500 each for three Rotary District 6000 projects: Iowa MOST (cleft palate repair in Guatemala); the annual district-wide service trip to Xicotepec, Mexico; and RAG4Clubfoot treatment of congenital club feet. The committee allocated \$3,150 to the Rotary International Foundation for its projects, including the effort to eradicate polio.

— provided by PDG Jacque Andrew



## Iowa City AM awards grants ...

The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM held a thank you dinner on May 1 at the Kirkwood Room, Iowa City, for the recipients of Community Grants. Grants were awarded to the following organizations of the community: 4 Cs Community Coordinated Child Care (Susan Gray); Domestic Violence Intervention program (Alta Medea-Peters); Elder Services Meals on Wheels (Dorene Nott); Kimana Pearson; Antelope Lending Library (Cassie Elton); United Way Early Literacy Kit Project (Patti Fields); Table to Table (Nicki Ross). A District Grant was used for completing playground equipment at New Creations Nursery School at the International Church (Pastor Anthony Smith and teacher Kimana Pearson).

Provided by Vernetta Knapp

# North Scott grants boost QC groups

## Reprinted from Eldridge North Scott Press

Twelve projects benefitting youth and families received \$17,207 from the Rotary Club of North Scott in the club's semi-annual spring grants cycle. Funds for the projects are raised at the club's annual "Rotary Rallies for Youth" auction and other fundraisers.

The November 2017 auction netted \$82,340 for the club's scholarships, grants and projects such as the \$170,000 Rotary Inspiration Play Zone at Sheridan Meadows Park in Eldridge. Checks were presented to these grant recipients at the club's luncheon meeting on April 6, and an additional \$8,800 was awarded in the June grant cycle.

**Family Resources, Inc., Domestic Violence Shelter, \$3,000:** Represented by Jasmin Campbell. They will be using the grant to purchase a commercial size refrigerator/freezer. Due to the increase of clients in Scott County, they need a way to keep emergency food supplies on hand for the victims they serve.

**Handicapped Development Center, \$2,500:** Represented by Carol Foster and Linda Gill. They will be purchasing a power lifting device to aid in the safe transfer of clients/patients from one location to another. This greatly reduces the risk of injury for the staff and the person needing assistance.

**Davenport Central High School Vocal Department, \$2,500:** Represented by Jon Flynn, principal, for Michael Reese, director of choral activities. This money will be used to award scholarships to students who would otherwise not be financially able to participate in the great music and arts programs that the school offers.

**Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities, \$2,000:** Represented by Elesha Gayman. This money will be used to help purchase the lumber for the next house build in Davenport. Total material costs for one home is around \$8,000. Simple and affordable homes are built for low income families who are willing to donate 250 hours of sweat equity and complete home ownership classes.

**Camp Shalom, Inc., \$2,000:** Represented by Tom Bley and Michael Byrne. A first-time Drama Camp for Autistic Youth is being planned for this summer. The campers will be on site for four days and three nights to learn performance techniques with the week ending in an on-stage performance. All actors and production people will be individuals on the autism spectrum.

**Davenport North High School Marching Band, \$1,300:** Represented by Kaci Stirling, directors of bands. This money will be used to purchase a new baritone for the marching band. Kaci is especially excited to have a senior band member experience a new instrument before he graduates. Their current baritones are old and falling apart. Many are beyond repair.

**North Scott High School Post Prom, \$1,000:** Represented by Cheryl Simmons, Post Prom chair. This money will help fund the games, entertainment, food and prizes that the parents work hard to provide for a safe after-prom party. Many parents volunteer to plan this function which is attended by nearly 400 students.

**Princeton Park Board, \$877:** Represented by Park Board members Dawn McMeen and Myrna Dannatt. Being new members on the park board, they have decided to improve the equipment available in the town parks. They decided on a New Generation Swing which would allow a parent to swing with a young or handicapped child.

**Scott County Library System, \$600:** Represented by Rotarian Tricia Kane. The money will be used in conjunction with the Figue Art Museum, as it brings Summer Enrichment Opportunities to the Youth programs at each of the library branches. Similar classes have been offered in the past at the Eldridge location only.

**Dance Marathon Support for the University Of Iowa Stead Family Hospital, \$500:** Represented by Rotarian Bob Bainter for his



Rotary Club of North Scott grant recipients, front (l-r): Elesha Gayman (Habitat for Humanity); Carol Foster and Linda Gill (Handicapped Development Center), Kaci Sterling (Davenport North), and Tricia Kane (Scott County Library). Back: Rotarians Chris Connolly and Bob Bainter, Cheryl Simmons (North Scott High School), Rotarian Jeff Helms, Jasmin Campbell (Family Resources), Jon Flynn (Davenport Central), Dawn McMeen (Princeton Park Board), Tom Bley (Camp Shalom), Myrna Dannatt (Princeton Park Board), and Michael Byrne (Camp Shalom).  
Photo by Jeff Martens

granddaughter, Laura Bainter, chair of campus fundraising for Loras College. The students dance for 12 hours straight to raise money for sick children. Each student solicits pledges from family, friends and organizations.

Not attending but receiving grants:

**Harrison Elementary School Kindergarten Class, Davenport, \$80:** To purchase a special cube chair for an active student. This chair would help the student know his own personal space and he will have more success in learning. Currently teacher Ann Peterson is borrowing a chair and desires to have a permanent one in her classroom.

**God's Mercy Orphanage (Uganda, Africa), \$850.** To build pens and purchase rabbits and chickens for the very poor people to learn how to provide food for themselves. Rotarian Merle Anderson coordinates this International project. This is in addition to members' ongoing support of children at the orphanage, and the club's \$87,000 Rotary Foundation Global Grant which provided a safe water system, supplies, and sustainable agricultural enterprises for the orphanage.

An additional \$8,800 was awarded in the June grant cycle.

## Try the Mississippi Mudder!

The inaugural Rotary Club of North Scott Mississippi Mudder fundraiser will take place on Saturday, Aug. 18 on a farm near Coal Valley, Ill., in the Quad Cities. The course is a 5K Mud Run filled with 30-plus obstacles. You'll run up and down hills, through

pastures, woods and rugged terrain. You'll snake through a creek the last 3/10 of a mile. This course will test your endurance – and it's all for Rotary! This event is great for team building – no experience is necessary. Rotarians and non-Rotarians are invited and encouraged to participate! Walkers are welcome and all obstacles are optional.

Register today at <http://www.mississippimudder.com/>.





# Grinnell enjoys 'ripple effect' of grants

**By Effie Hall/Grinnell**  
Club President

Thanks to two community service grants (CSG) last fall, the community of Grinnell is enjoying the ripple effects of two projects of the Rotary Club of Grinnell.

The first grant enabled the collaborative work of Grinnell Rotary and Shults & Co., a musical group founded by Rotarian Frank Shults, reach a significant fundraising milestone this spring.

This particular story actually started in 1995 when Shults was president of Grinnell Rotary. A music teacher, Shults and his wife Sherry had been sharing their common love of music with the community through various programs. Shults had the idea of creating a musical show, selling tickets and ads with the help of the Rotary club to raise funds for various community causes.

Twelve shows later, this collaborative effort reached a milestone. This year's musical revue, "As Time Goes By and Other Great Movie Songs," presented in April, netted \$11,500. This sum was augmented with a Community Service Grant of \$1,500 from The Rotary Foundation and Rotary District 6000. Adding these to past proceeds of \$87,000, the decades-long joint effort of Shults & Co. and Grinnell Rotary has raised \$100,000 that has been donated to various Grinnell organizations and institutions through the years.

This milestone was celebrated at a weekly Rotary club meeting in May with a presentation of this year's net proceeds to UnityPoint Health-Grinnell Regional Medical Center Paul W. Ahrens Fitness Center, represented by its director of wellness/fitness and integrated health, Chad Nath. The occasion was marked as well with the presence of members of Shults & Co.

Shults, in his remarks, noted that past beneficiaries have been: Drake Community Library; GRMC's Medical Lab and Chemo Unit; the music department and middle school music lab of the Grinnell-Newburg School District; Grinnell Area Arts Council; Grinnell Recreation Dept.; Grinnell Senior Center; and the former Grinnell Productions. He likewise thanked Effie Hall, current Grinnell Rotary club president, Bruce Blankenfeld, chair of the ad sales committee, and the many Rotarians who sold ads and provided vital behind-the-scenes support.

The second grant was for the purchase of non-fiction books for K-2 in the Grinnell School District. A CSG of \$1,875 was matched by Grinnell Rotary for a total gift of \$3,750 to enable the district to purchase 600 books. The supplier, Rosen Classroom, an independent educational publishing house, donated 100 books for every 100 purchased, giving the school district a total of 1,200 new non-fiction books. As part of the grant, in April ten Rotarians went to different classrooms to read to the children from the non-fiction collection.

Grinnell-Newburg school superintendent and Rotarian Janet Stutz led this project. She said, "What we know about developing literacy in our early readers is that students typically lack exposure to non-fiction text. The earlier that we can expose students to non-fiction text and the features of non-fiction, the easier it is for them to study the content. The grant has enabled students to have immediate access to these materials in the classroom on a regular basis."

The books covered a wide range of topics, among them marine-life, animals of the planet, historical places, and much more.

Stutz said, "We are grateful to Rotary for providing our students access to non-fiction materials. This effort will enable our students to feel more comfortable in reading non-fiction."

All in all, the community service grants were money well-spent in Grinnell!



These four have smiles for a job well done, (l-r): Chad Nath, representing UnityPoint Health-Grinnell Regional Medical Center Paul W. Ahrens Fitness Center, which was the recipient of the net proceeds from this year's musical fundraiser presented by Shults & Co. and the Rotary Club of Grinnell – matched by a community service grant from The Rotary Foundation and Rotary District 6000; Sherry and Rotarian Frank Shults, creators of the show; and Effie Hall, Grinnell Rotary Club president. Photos provided by Janet Stutz



Members of Shults & Co. entertainers celebrated reaching the \$100,000 fundraising milestone, (l-r): Rick Young, Anthony Nieuwsma, Debby Pohlson, Sherry Shults and Gailanne Dill. Standing: Bill Hammen, Austin Jones, Keith Briggs, Chad Nath of UPH-GRMC, George Drake, Tim Dill and Rotarian Frank Shults. (Not present: JoAnn Britton, Mary Fopma, Kent Kastendick and Adam McFee)



Students from Fairview Elementary School hold up some of the non-fiction books for K-2 donated this year by Grinnell Rotary, matched by a community service grant.





### *Rotarians upgrade preschool ...*

Iowa City AM Rotarians Ron Logsden (and Cara Logsden), PDG John Ockenfels and Jim Peterson upgraded the playground for low income pre-school children at the New Creations International Church, Little Creatures Pre-School, 2929 Court St., Iowa City. They started last fall tearing out vegetation and a dilapidated shed, then built a new playhouse, put in a 30-foot sidewalk, and a large playground with rubber chips and a large play structure. The pre-school serves only low income families.

Provided by Mark Patton



### *Corning Rotarians clean up ...*

Twice a year, every year for more than 20 years, Corning Rotarians clean litter from two miles of State Highway 34 near Corning. Among the volunteers this year were Tim Ennis (foreground), Chris Nelson, Burton Heaton, project chief Phil Morris, Melissa and Dennis Villhauer, Katrina Ogburn, and Jayne Templeton. Nancy Turner is not pictured.

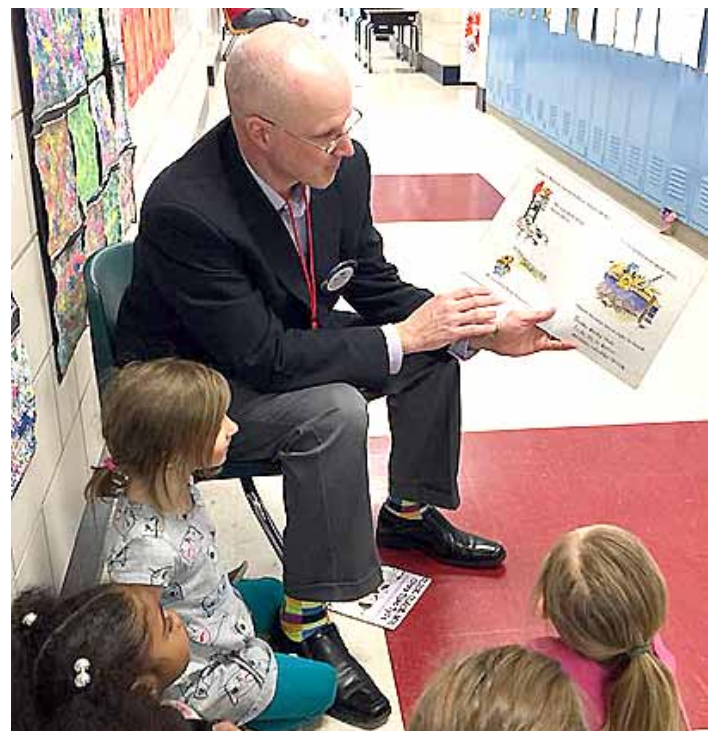
Provided by Tim Ennis



### *District Governor Mike Ruby addresses scholars at Tipton ...*

For more than 60 years the Rotary Club of Tipton has honored the top 10 seniors from Tipton High School at a recognition banquet. This year's banquet, held on May 23, was attended by 55 Rotarians, students, and parents. The program was emceed by club president Rick Fleshin and District Governor Mike Ruby was the keynote speaker. He explained how life is made up of choices and talked about ten major areas in students' lives that will have a major impact, based on the choices they make. Pictured, front (l-r): Aubri Hein, Zoe Rezac, Allie Ryan, Blair Nebergall, Mackenzie Waltz, Hannah Sweeney and Kayla Behrle. Back: Rick Fleshin, Logan Hoffman, Bryce Deerberg and DG Mike Ruby. Emmarie Husemann is not pictured.

Provided by Mike Ruby



### *1,000 books at Burlington ...*

Feb. 26 was an inspiring and rewarding day for over 50 Burlington Rotarians like club president Joel Sieren (pictured) who distributed 1,000 books and read to children in five elementary schools.

Provided by Leah Galvin



# Rotary grant builds Veterans' Memorial Plaza at Adel



Veterans' Memorial Plaza at Adel.

The Rotary Club of Adel received a District 6000 Community Service Grant that assisted Oakdale Pride to create a Veterans' Memorial Plaza for Adel's Oakdale Cemetery. Other partners included the Adel American Legion Penoach Post 464 and the city of Adel. The insignia coins from all branches of the armed forces are inlaid in bricks that surround the new flagpole that marks the center of the plaza, which contains commemorative bricks from community members and organizations. The memorial stone dedicates the plaza to the memory of those who have given their lives in the service of our country and to all who have served. The contribution of the Rotary Club of Adel is marked by an engraved plaque on the wall by the entrance to the plaza. A dedication service was held as part of the Adel American Legion Memorial Day ceremony on May 28.



Pictured are President-Elect Doug Pfeiffer and President Shirley McAdon.

## Enhance Rotary's brand: A public image 'to do' list!

**By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County**

District Public Image Chair

Here's a "Public Image 'To Do' List" to enhance Rotary's brand in your community:

- 1) Tell your Rotary story through text and pictures. Post on social media. Submit to *District 6000 News* and to *The Rotarian* magazine.
- 2) Have fun with your Rotary photos and be sure to find a way to have your Rotary brand/sign in the picture.
- 3) Brand. Brand. Brand. We must brand the good work that Rotarians do for our club, district and internationally. A great way to spread our public image.
- 4) Use the correct brand beginning now and going forward.
- 5) Replace those old faded, damaged signs with the new Mark of Excellence.
- 6) Identify clubs correctly as the "Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_."
- 7) Display our brand image by wearing our logo and passing on the word that Rotarians build relationships and do good in the world.
- 8) Don't forget about including the branding cost as you are submitting Community Service Grant applications.

Branding is all about having a positive identity that instantly comes to mind when someone sees our name and our logo. When they see our brand on a neat project/event for your community it may be just the thing to bring them in to join your club.

I want to end by saying how much fun it has been to be chair of the D6000 Public Image Committee. Beginning July 1, 2018, Liz Cox will become the new chair. You will be in good hands. I will forever encourage the spreading of our public image branding and logos. Keep up the good work D6000 Rotarians and thank you for the work you've done!



Use the correct Mark of Excellence and identify your club as "Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_."



## Reading with Josh the Otter!

Rotary Club of Clinton president Rich Klahn joined Josh the Otter in a literacy project when they visited elementary schools in the Clinton area. All nine kindergartens were presented Josh the Otter books and coloring books! What fun was had by all who were involved!

Provided by Jody Brooke



## West Liberty Rotary and Volunteer Fire Department

# \$2,500 haircuts highlight huge fundraiser

By Gretchen Nollman/West Liberty

The fifth biennial Rotary Gala took place on Saturday, May 12, at the West Liberty Community Center. Occurring every two years, the philanthropic fundraiser was a successful event. West Liberty Rotary Club co-hosts the Gala every two years with another community organization. This year they shared with the West Liberty Fire and Rescue Department (WLFD).

The Rotary club plans to use part of the proceeds to purchase new playground equipment for Kimberly Park, as well as many other Rotarian endeavors. Meanwhile, the WLFD is purchasing a brand new ambulance with its half of the proceeds.

According to Rotarian and master of ceremonies, Steve Hanson, the new ambulance is a necessity. "Our area of service is one of the largest in the state – over 650 ambulance calls in one year," Hanson said, "That's two a day."

During the Gala, hors d'oeuvres, both warm and cold, and drinks were provided by Deepak and Amrita Giri of Giri BP, members of the Rotary Club of West Liberty. Among the many auction items at the Rotary Gala, there were a variety of desserts, each just as delicious as the last that were auctioned off. The desserts include crescents from the Tipton bakery, cakes from Kirkwood culinary school, cheese cake by Brett Simon, chocolate silk pie by Rhonda Heckman, cakes by Nancy Knight-Barr, cupcakes from Maria's Mangolandia and many more!

Tables upon tables were filled with silent auction items. As the people poured in they walked through a crowded path of their peers to look at everything. The gala featured a raffle, silent auction and live auction. Many of the items up for grabs were locally produced, not the least of which was an adorable baby fainting goat. A big part of the Gala are the raffle items. Items included a Samsung 55-inch TV, an XboxOne S, a Microsoft Surface Tablet, an Amazon Eco and a Fitbit. "The Gala set an all-time record for raffle tickets sold. This year 2,068 tickets sold, breaking the previous record of 1,811 set two years ago," said Rotarian Ken Donnelly.

Then there was the live auction, the main event. Some of the live auction items included a vacation trip to Mexico for six went for \$4,000, while an overnight stay at Iowa City's Brown Street Inn and Pressbox tickets for four to the Hawkeyes' Homecom-



Darren Brooke and "Dog" Christensen sport their new looks – for the good of the cause at West Liberty.



Dessert table (l to r): Dana Nelson, Anna Hanson, Marci Goulette, Jodi Kelly and Tomeka Petersen.



A crowd of 300 filled the Community Center at West Liberty for the auction party co-sponsored by Rotary and the West Liberty Fire Department.

ing game went for \$1,000, there was even a goat on the live auction list. The little brown 'kid' delighted the gala-goers as West Liberty Fire Chief Kirt Sickels held him up for all to see. Every time the fuzzy little goat went "bah" the entire crowd, roughly 300 people in all, simultaneously said "aw" and

the price jumped up another \$200.

Fire Chief Sickels took a moment to tell a brief history of the fainting goat, a sad and fascinating story. They were originally bred to be wolf-bait. They ran with sheep, so when wolves attacked the goats would faint and provide an easy meal for the wolfpack, who then left the valuable sheep alone. "They were bred to faint, fall over and stiffen up," Sickels said, "And then the wolves would eat these little critters instead of the sheep. True story!"

The goat went for \$700 to Stephanie Mueller, who couldn't wait to cuddle her new best friend. While it may have not gone for the most money, no other item drew more "aws."

Some auction items came with a story, like the shrimp boil for a party of 12 to be cooked by Lawrence McNaul, another West Liberty Rotarian, which sold for \$650, accompanied by a sign that read "Hurry Up Shrimp!" Cliff McFerren, who made the sign, explained that the sign is a Family Guy reference. "Not responsible for undercooked shrimp," he added.

But the biggest moment of the live auction was the haircut. Tom "Dog" Christensen, assistant fire chief and local treasurer, put his shaggy locks on the auction block. His style was chosen by the highest bidder to be worn all week long. The bidding began to get outrageously high at \$1,200 (it was for charity after all) when Dirk Sterner shouted "What if we throw in Darren Brooke?!" A timeout was called while new arrangements were negotiated.

Ultimately, for \$2,500 "Dog" Christensen and Darren Brooke got new haircuts on stage Saturday night. The cost was shared amongst Dirk Sterner, WLFD members and Tom and Mary Pat Brooke. The audience was at the edge of their seats as Mary Pat Brooke chopped off her son's ponytail and held it in the air to laughter and applause. Tom Brooke held Darren's ex-ponytail on top of his own head. Darren Brooke got his long locks shaved off entirely, and the shaggy "Dog" Christensen got a thorough grooming, complete with a flat-top, to the rapt attention and huge guffaws of everyone in the room.

We can all look forward to the next Rotary Gala in 2020 and hope that enough hair has grown back by then to get another \$2,500 haircut. Congratulations to the Rotary and the Fire Department for a wonderful night out and a great fundraising event!



# Rotarians dress in character to promote literacy

By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning  
District Literacy Committee

The ninth annual Ames Step Into Storybooks event was celebrated Saturday morning, April 14, at the Ames Public Library, co-sponsored by Ames Morning Rotary, Ames Public Library and Raising Readers in Story County.

There were 2,100 visitors in three hours, and 132 volunteers contributed over 500 hours.

Rotarians and friends who dressed as storybook characters added to the festive atmosphere.

This year's theme was "Play Matters!" Community groups hosted 26 creative stations related to children's books. Stations featured hands-on brain-building activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers and their families. Children explored a fairy garden path, a big teepee, boxes, and small hide-a-ways. They built with blocks, Legos, real tools, ramps, recycled items and play-dough. Families interacted with storytellers, musicians, and Derek Anderson, who was on hand to celebrate Little Quack's birthday. Adults regularly exclaimed, "What a great idea that we can do at home!"



Ames Morning Rotarians dressed as storybook characters to promote literacy at Step Into Storybook day on April 14. There were 2,100 visitors in three hours.

Ames Morning Rotary purchased a collection of attractive books so each child could choose one. Children took 720 books to enjoy at home.

There is no charge for the event. Families from all walks of life attend. The budget is modest. Station hosts typically assume their own costs. Ames co-sponsors provide in-kind support and some funding. Several local organizations, businesses and individu-

als also donate.

Step into Storybooks is adaptable for communities of all sizes. For three years, the Nevada community has held a smaller successful event personalized for eastern Story County.

A guide for hosting a Step into Storybooks event is available to view or download at no cost: <http://www.raising-readers.org/programs/step-into-storybooks/>



## Pella Rotarians at Tulip Time!

Pella Rotarians played an important part in the Pella Tulip Time on May 3, 4 and 5. Twelve club members washed and dried ten large tour wagons for visitors to enjoy tours around Pella as historical information is presented. Club members volunteer many hours meeting and greeting visitors on the tour wagons. On the Wednesday preceding the actual Tulip Time, club members volunteered many hours using two of the wagons to give tours to visitors here early, even "spieling" on each tour providing historical information. The club got to keep the income for the day, which was \$975, despite rain that reduced the number for tours. Pella Rotarian Carolyn Scharff, who is District 6000 administrator (at right) dressed for the parade and waved to parade watchers.

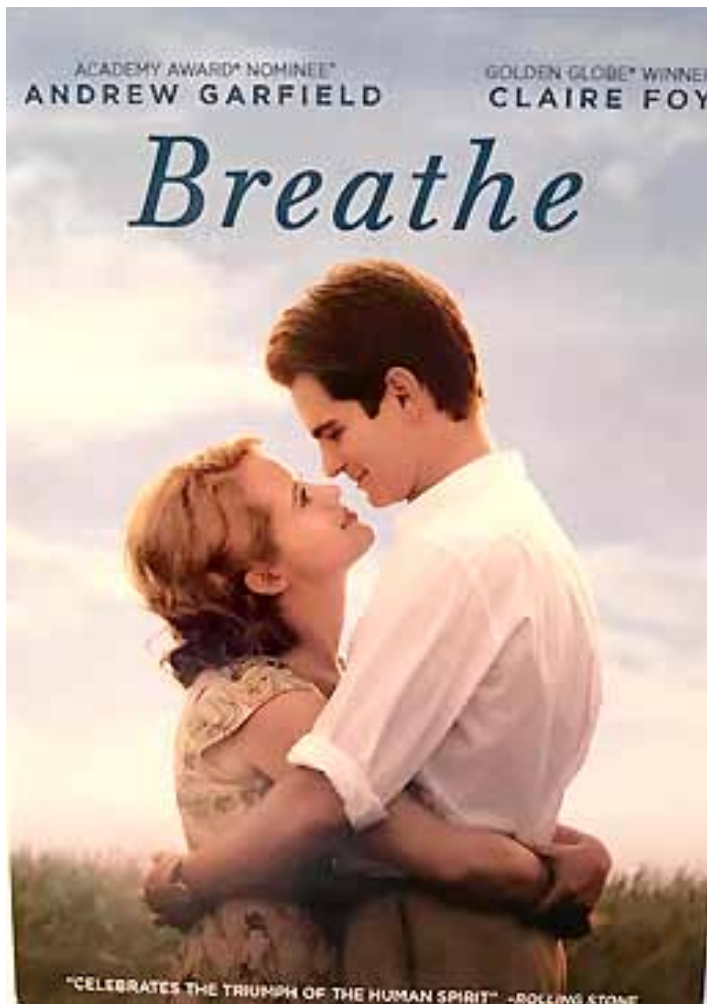
Information from Orville Dunkin and photo provided by Erna Morain



## Blessman Ministries ...

Former Waukee Rotarian Lee Holmes (I), now of Arizona, was presented the inaugural Blessman Ministries "Volunteer of the Year" award from Dr. Jim Blessman at Blessman's 6th annual fundraising gala, "Teach A Child How to Fish," on April 26 at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn. The event raised \$546,626 in pledges and gifts for projects in Limpopo, South Africa, in which 600 Iowans have participated. Learn more at [www.blessmaninternational.org](http://www.blessmaninternational.org). Lee is a member of the Superstition Mountain Rotary Club and an assistant governor for four clubs in Mesa, Ariz. (District 5495). Photo by Bill Tubbs





## Movie 'Breathe' is a love story about a polio survivor

Rotary was involved at a special showing of the movie "Breathe," at the SCIT Theater in Leon on May 2.

"Breathe" is a love story of a polio survivor and how in his hardship he made life easier to bear for many other disabled people..

"We won't quit until polio is eradicated," says Rotarian Peggy Geiger of the Rotary Club of Decatur County who is District 6000's Public Image Chair, and traveled to Nigeria last year to participate in polio National Immunization Days.

Before the movie began, Peggy's husband, PDG Terry Geiger, explained how the world has gone from 460,000 cases in 1981 to eight cases (as of May 2) in 2018. (Now sadly, 10. – Ed.) He explained how in 1985 Rotary International took on the challenge to eradicate this dreadful disease from the planet. He explained how we are almost there, but even when the last case of polio has been reported in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria, the world will need to go three more years without a polio case before it is declared eradicated. Thus we must continue to immunize.

With the assistance of Rotarian Marcia Stephens, The Rotary Club of Decatur County was able to host this special showing. A free will offering was received and enough was raised to vaccinate approximately 1,500 children. A door prize drawing for a Rotary water thermos was held. Movie goers came from the Leon, Lamoni, and Chariton areas. #End Polio Now

– information provided by Peggy Geiger



The Rotary Club of Ankeny recently held its annual fundraiser and one of the paddle raisers in the auction went to benefit the Puppy Jake Foundation. This organization trains and places service dogs in the homes of wounded veterans.



## Perfect attendance ...

The Rotary Club of Ankeny named Mike Lydon Rotarian of the month for April. Mike joined the Rotary Club of Ankeny on Aug. 17, 1987, and has had perfect attendance for 29 years. President Sally Schroeder is pictured with Mike.

Provided by Jody Savage



A check for \$3,950, payable to World Bicycle Relief, was presented by the Rotary Club of Ankeny on March 20, (l-r): Jo Anne Ruby, club president Sally Schroeder, and District Governor Mike Ruby. This generous gift purchases 27 bikes, changing the economic tree for about 135 residents.

Provided by Mike Ruby



# Vocations, farmers, scholars and educators honored at Atlantic

**By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic**  
Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Club of Atlantic continues its visits to local businesses. On March 20, members visited Renew Ag Supply, owned by Jim and Danelle Skartvedt. Renew Ag is a unique store. It started out as a feed and vet med supply store. They slowly got into selling cowboy boots and apparel. This part of the store has grown more than they ever expected. They also have a little twist to the clothing items. They have designed a line of tee-shirts that appeal to the "farmer" in all of us. Danelle is shown in the picture with one of those shirts. Note the saying on the shirt: "Beefy – Corn Fed and Full Figured."

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On March 13, the club held its annual Salute to Agriculture luncheon. This year the speaker was Tony Licht, with Premier Crop Systems. He spoke about Precision Agriculture. The event was attended by many local farmers and others involved with agriculture.

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On April 24 the Club held its annual Atlantic High School Senior Recognition luncheon. 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 2018. A flute and clarinet duet, a poetry presentation, a song from the vocal students and projects from the art students were enjoyed.

Along with the presentations from the students, the Rotary scholarship winners were introduced to the club. Dolly Bergmann, Rotarian, made the presentation. The recipients are Emily Saeugling, Heather Freund and Melanie Hart. Emily is the winner of the \$2,000 scholarship and Heather is the recipient of the Rex Moorman Memorial Academic Scholarship, also for \$2,000. Melanie is the recipient of the \$2,000 Scholarship to attend a two-year vocational or technical school.

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The club presented its fifth annual Outstanding Teacher Award on May 16 at the Atlantic High School Commons. This

year's recipient is retiring special education teacher Gini Jordan. Last year's Teacher of the Year award winner Lisa Munsey, read from some of the nomination forms submitted on Jordan's behalf. One of the respondents said "This teacher is an excellent role model for our Six Pillars of Education: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship." "[She] treats students with dignity and respect.... [she] has one of the biggest hearts in education... [she] is committed to students with special needs. [She] is skillful and creative in the classroom and shares knowledge and expertise with others."

The nominator said Ms. Jordan also "Has always has a special knack with some of our tougher students... [She] isn't afraid to take on a challenge and is an expert in building relationships with students." Jordan, who is also retiring after 42-years in education, said she always knew she wanted to be a teacher. As "Teacher of the Year" she receives a \$3,000 cash award to further enhance her educational resources, further her education or any other purpose she deems appropriate.

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On May 22 the club held its annual Employee Recognition luncheon. The luncheon was held in the newly remodeled Heritage Room at the Wesley Heritage House. More than 75 Rotarians and employees attended and enjoyed a program presented by a special speaker, Jill Russell, with Your Clear Next Step, LLC, which was established in 2008 for professional development and a training company. Their goal is building a culture of appreciation. Jill spoke about the five Languages of Appreciation: 1. Words of Affirmation; 2. Acts of Service; 3. Quality Time; 4. Receiving Gifts; and 5. Physical Touch. Which of the five languages are you?

She gave examples of each type of language, which included such things as simply saying "Thank you" for a job well done, to a hand written note of thanks, a high five or just a simple smile. Jill advised us that learning to recognize and speak the languages of those around us increases the collective joy of any work environment.



Danelle Startvedt



Salute to Agriculture: Rotarian Ted Robinson and Tony Licht.



Scholarship winners: Emily Saeugling, Heather Freund and Melanie Hart.



Gini Jordan



Jill Russell



✓ Join Leaders ✓ Exchange Ideas ✓ Take Action





Jo Anne and DG Mike Ruby with Iowa City AM president-elect Dick Huber at the Rotary Bike Ride Fundraiser.

Provided by Dick Huber

## Ride raises funds for bicycle projects

Four Iowa City area Rotary clubs (Iowa City, Iowa City AM, Iowa City Downtown and Coralville North Corridor), co-sponsored the first annual Rotary Bike Ride Fundraiser on Saturday, June 2. The profits are designated for the construction of a Tako-Rotary (Take a Kid Outdoors) shelter at Rotary Camp Park in Coralville and World Bicycle Relief – a District 6000 project promoted by DG Mike and JoAnne Ruby. The Rotary bike ride raised over \$1,100. Great job, Rotarians!

## News briefs

**Xicotepec:** Students from the University of Iowa schools of Pharmacy, Public Health and Dentistry presented reports on the March 2018 Rotary project teams to Xicotepec, Mexico, May 1 at "Xicotepec Perspectives" at the U of Iowa. Team leader Jim Peterson reports another highly successful event. Watch for a full report in the September issue of *District 6000 News*.

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**Breakfast:** District administrator Carolyn Scharff reports that 71 had registered for the District 6000 Breakfast at the June 23-27 RI Convention in Toronto as of May 17. The popular breakfast will be Monday, June 25 from 7:30-9 a.m. at The National Club, 303 Bay Street, Toronto. Cost is \$40. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yawx4e4n>.



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**Toronto:** RAG4Clubfoot will be in Booth 313 in the House of Friendship at the Toronto convention. Also at Toronto: World Bicycle Relief, Ames Tanzania project, and Rick Burns of Atlantic.

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**Gavel Passing:** Leadership will pass from DG Mike Ruby to DG 2018-19 Tom Narak at the annual gavel passing Saturday, June 30 at 2 p.m. at Shive-Hattery, 4125 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines. Pie, coffee, lemonade and water. Rotarians and guests are invited. RSVP by June 23 to [tom.carol@msn.com](mailto:tom.carol@msn.com).

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**Citations:** Club leaders are reminded that all activities for the Rotary Citation need

to be completed, reported, and reflected in Rotary's database by June 30 to qualify for the Rotary Citation. View your club's citation dashboard by signing in to My Rotary and going to Manage, then Club & District Administration, then Reports. The Rotary Citation is in the Awards section. All citation certificates will be distributed in digital format in September. If you have questions about earning your club's citation for 2017-18, write to [rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org](mailto:rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org).

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**Ornaments:** The Rotary Club of Jefferson has powder coated steel ornaments crafted by a local metal artist with the Rotary logo in an Iowa outline for sale. They measure 19" wide x 11" high (40" high over all). This is a fundraiser for Polio-Plus. The price is \$40. Email: [jeandrew@netins.net](mailto:jeandrew@netins.net) to order.



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**Letter:** Thanks for the nice spread about Youth Exchange in the March issue. I appreciate your support, as does the entire committee. – *Doug Peterson, D6000 Youth Exchange Chair*

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**Letter:** It was so great to go "on tour" with you in Iowa! What an amazing week and experience. I was grateful to be surrounded by so many inspiring Rotarians, and to learn more about the impactful things members of your district are doing on a daily and yearly basis. Thank you for your kindness and support during the conference. (The pictures you sent) remind me of each stop, which was like a different chapter in an excellent book. If you'll be in Toronto, I'll see you soon! – *Mary Beth Johnson, World Bicycle Relief*



## District 6000 Rotarians engage in peace programs ...

District 6000 Rotarians attended RI Peace programs this spring. In the photo at left, PDG Bill Tubbs and Linda met graduating peace scholars at the "Pieces of Peace" convocation April 6-7 at the Rotary Peace Center at Duke-UNC, North Carolina. While there, they enjoyed a surprise connection with Lee Scott (l), the brother of Washington, Iowa, Rotarian Becky Patterson. Six District 6000 Rotarians attended the June 2 RI Peace Conference in Chicago, which focused on education, (l-r): DGE Tom Narak, Megan Cox, Carol Narak, Alka Khanolka and Ron Heideman. Rick Burns (r) of Atlantic was one of the presenters, and he will also be at the RI Convention in Toronto.

Provided by Bill Tubbs and Ron Heideman



# DGE Tom Narak's Official Club Visits

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR TOM NARAK & CAROL'S OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS AND OTHER DATES IN 2018-19:

July 15-20 ..... Iowa RYLA (Grinnell)  
 July 9 (M) ..... **Jefferson** (12:10 PM)  
 July 10 (Tu) ..... **Ankeny** (11:45 AM)  
 July 11 (W) ..... **Tipton** (noon)  
 July 12 (Th) ..... **Winterset** (noon)  
 July 16 (M) ..... **Ames** (noon)  
 July 17 (Tu) ..... **Newton** (noon)  
 July 18 (W) ..... **Perry** (12:10 PM)  
 July 19 (Thu) ..... **Coon Rapids** (12:05 PM)  
 July 20 (F) ..... **Indianola** (noon)  
 July 21 (Sa) RYE Outbound Picnic, Newton  
 July 23 (M) ..... **Corning** (noon)  
 July 23 (M) ..... Johnston Board (evening)  
 July 24 (Tu) ..... **Johnston** (7 AM)  
 July 24 (Tu) ..... **West Des Moines** (11:45 AM)  
 July 25 (W) ..... **Adel** (12:05 PM)  
 July 30 (M) ..... **Carroll** (noon)  
 July 31 (Tu) ..... **Osceola** (noon)  
 Aug. 2 (Th) ..... **Decatur County** (noon)  
 Aug. 3 (F) ..... **Chariton** (noon)  
 Aug. 5, 7, 9 ..... RYE Local Coordinator/  
 Counselor Training (Go To Meeting)  
 Aug. 6 (M) ..... **Muscatine** (noon)  
 Aug. 7 (Tu) ..... **Kalona** (noon)  
 Aug. 7 (Tu) ..... Bloomfield Board (evening)  
 Aug. 8 (W) ..... **Bloomfield** (6:45 AM)  
 Aug. 8 (W) ..... **Coralville-N. Corridor** (noon)  
 Aug. 20 (M) ..... **Ottumwa** (12:10 PM)  
 Aug. 21 (Tu) ..... **Oskaloosa** (noon)  
 Aug. 22 (W) ..... **Nevada** (noon)  
 Aug. 22 (W) ..... Waukee Board (evening)  
 Aug. 23 (Th) ..... **Waukee** (6:45 AM)  
 Aug. 24 (F) ..... **NW Des Moines** (11:45 AM)  
 Aug. 27 (M) ..... **West Polk County** (noon)  
 Aug. 28 (Tu) ..... **Dallas Center** (12:05 PM)  
 Aug. 30 (Th) ..... **Keokuk** (noon)  
 Sept. 5 (W) ..... **Centerville** (noon)  
 Sept. 6 (Th) ..... **Des Moines** (11:45 AM)  
 Sept. 8-9 ..... RYE Fall Kickoff, Newton  
 Sept. 10 (M) ..... **Iowa City Downtown** (noon)  
 Sept. 11 (Tu) ..... **Corydon** (noon)  
 Sept. 12 (W) ..... **Bettendorf** (noon)  
 Sept. 13 (Th) ..... Des Moines AM Board (eve.)  
 Sept. 14 (F) ..... **Des Moines AM** (7 AM)  
 Sept. 17 (M) ..... **Davenport** (noon)  
 Sept. 17 (M) ..... **Mt. Pleasant** (6:15 PM)  
 Sept. 18 (Tu) ..... **Keosauqua** (noon)  
 Sept. 19 (W) ..... **Mt. Pleasant Noon** (noon)  
 Sept. 19 (W) Iowa Quad Cities Board (eve.)  
 Sept. 20 (Th) ..... **Iowa Quad Cities** (7 AM)  
 Sept. 20 (Th) ..... **Iowa City** (noon)  
 Sept. 24 (M) ..... **Burlington** (noon)  
 Sept. 25 (Tu) ..... **Marengo** (12:05 PM)  
 Sept. 25 (Tu) ..... Ames Morning Board (eve.)  
 Sept. 26 (W) ..... **Ames Morning** (7 AM)  
 Sept. 26-30 (W-Su) ..... Governor-Elect  
 Training and Zones 28-29  
 Institute at Erie, Pa.  
 Oct. 2 (Tu) ..... East Polk Board (evening)  
 Oct. 3 (W) ..... **East Polk County** (7 AM)  
 Oct. 5 (F) ..... **Fairfield** (noon)  
 Oct. 6 (Sa) ..... Heartland Rotary Leadership  
 Institute at Omaha (8:30 AM-3:30 PM)  
 Oct. 8 (M) ..... **Clinton** (noon)



## Governor-Elect Tom and Carol Narak ...

DG 2018-19 Tom Narak and Carol will convey RI President Barry Rassin's theme, "Be the Inspiration," during their club visits. Photo by Bill Tubbs



## Governor nominee is Citizen of the Year

District 6000 Rotarians are proud of Waukee Rotarian Erna Morain who was named Waukee Citizen of the Year. Mayor Bill Peard (I) declared May 16, 2018, as "Erna Morain Day" in appreciation for all her great service to the community. Erna will begin her year as District 6000 District Governor on July 1, 2019. Provided by Mark Heffernan

Oct. 9 (Tu) ..... **Pella** (noon)  
 Oct. 9 (Tu) ..... **West Liberty** (6 PM)  
 Oct. 10 (W) ..... **Wellman** (noon)  
 Oct. 20-21 ..... RYE Fall Social Event  
 Oct. 22 (M) ..... Iowa City AM Board (evening)  
 Oct. 23 (Tu) ..... **Iowa City AM** (7 AM)  
 Oct. 23 (Tu) ..... **Albia** (noon)  
 Oct. 24 (W) ..... World Polio Day  
 Oct. 24 (W) ..... Greater Des Moines  
 Board (4:15 PM)  
 Oct. 24 (W) **Greater Des Moines** (5:30 PM)  
 Oct. 25 (Th) ..... District Budget & Exec  
 Meetings at Pella (10 AM)  
 Oct. 26 (F) ..... **North Scott** (noon)  
 Oct. 30 (Tu) ..... **Lenox** (noon)  
 Oct. 30 (Tu) ..... **Ankeny Satellite** (6 PM)  
 Nov. 3 (Sa) ..... Heartland Rotary Leadership  
 Institute, West Des Moines  
 (8:30 AM-3:30 PM)  
 Nov. 3 (Sa) ..... Rotary Foundation Dinner  
 Sheraton West Des Moines (6-9 PM)  
 Nov. 4 (Su) ..... Nominating Committee  
 DGN Interviews at Pella (11:45 AM)  
 Nov. 5 (M) ..... **Creston** (noon)  
 Nov. 6 (Tu) ..... **Fort Madison** (noon)  
 Nov. 7 (W) ..... **Knoxville** (noon)  
 Nov. 8 (Th) ..... **Washington** (noon)  
 Nov. 12 (M) ..... Norwalk Board (evening)  
 Nov. 13 (Tu) ..... **Norwalk** (6:30 AM)  
 Nov. 13 (Tu) ..... **Marshalltown** (noon)  
 Nov. 13 (Tu) ..... **Grinnell** (6:00 PM)  
 Nov. 19 (M) ..... **Boone** (5:30 PM)  
 Nov. 20 (Tu) ..... **Manning** (12:05 PM)  
 Nov. 24 (Sa) ..... RYE Outbound Interviews  
 at Newton  
 Nov. 27 (Tu) ..... **Atlantic** (noon)  
 Nov. 29 (Th) ..... District Budget & Exec  
 Meetings at Pella (10 AM)  
 Jan. 12-13 ..... RYE Winter Retreat (Newton)  
 Jan. 13-19 ..... International Assembly  
 at San Diego (Morains)  
 Jan. 31-Feb. 10 ..... Iowa Miles Of Smiles  
 mission to Guatemala  
 Feb. 16 ..... Grant Management Seminar  
 West Liberty (8:30-11:30 AM)  
 Feb. 23 ..... Grant Management Seminar  
 West Des Moines (8:30-11:30 AM)  
 Feb. 23 ..... Happy 114th Birthday Rotary!  
 March 14 ..... AG Training (Ames)  
 March 14-16 ..... North Central President-  
 Elect Training Seminar (Ames)  
 March 16-24 ..... Xicotepec Project Team  
 to Xicotepec, Mexico  
 March 29 ..... Grant Management Seminar  
 Newton DMACC (5-8 PM)  
 March 30 ..... District Training Assembly  
 Newton DMACC (9 AM)  
 May 2-4 ..... DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
 at West Des Moines Sheraton  
 May 16 (Th) ..... District Budget & Exec  
 Meetings at Pella (10 AM)  
 June 1-5 ..... Rotary International  
 Convention at Hamburg, Germany







Let's keep our eye focused on the goal of a polio-free world! There were 22 cases of polio in 2017; and 10 so far in 2018, all except one in Afghanistan. The last reported case was June 5, 2018.

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## Club leaders' checklist

*From DG Mike Ruby . . .*

- 2017-18 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. 18-19).
- Watch for your 2018-19 **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 Tom Narak's Official Visit** (p. 39).
- **Plant a tree** for every member of your club in support of RI President Ian Riseley's challenge (p. 22-25).
- Calculate the value of your **Financial** and **Volunteer Service** and report it to RI so President Ian Riseley can measure **Rotary's worldwide impact** (p. 25).
- 2018-19 club leaders: **Enter your club goals now** on Rotary Club Central at [www.rotary.org/MyRotary](http://www.rotary.org/MyRotary).
- Encourage members to attend **RYLA** for a day or part of a day (p. 20).
- Encourage members to attend **RLI Training** (p. 27).
- Be aware of a scheduled visit to your club from **Rotary Foundation Chair Chris Knapp** (p. 17).
- Set a specific **Membership Goal** and invite quality new members to become a part of Rotary.
- Review the "Public Image To Do List" to **Promote Rotary's brand** the right way in your community, including the correct use of Rotary's Mark of Excellence (p. 33).
- Share your copy of **District 6000 News** to show others what Rotary is about!
- **Value your Rotary membership, celebrate and share with others**, Rotary's fun and fellowship, service, integrity, diversity and leadership development opportunities!
- **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). Send text as a Word file or in the body of the email; and free-standing high resolution .jpg images.



## The Object of Rotary

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

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

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

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

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

## Rotary Core Values

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