

*Denny Skinner, District Governor, 2003-2004*



Lend a Hand

*Loose Change...*  
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# DISTRICT 6000 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

**(THE RECREATIONAL PARTS)**



TOUR IOWA STATE  
UNIVERSITY'S  
REIMAN GARDENS

WALK WITH NEW  
FRIENDS 1K OR A  
"VOLKSWALK"



JOIN DENNY & KATHY FOR  
A MOTORCYCLE RIDE  
IN THE COUNTRY



SIT WITH FRIENDS FOR  
A CUP OF COFFEE AND A ROLL

DINE IN THE HOME OF A  
STORY/BOONE COUNTY  
ROTARIAN!



DANCE TO THE  
KUHLMANN SISTERS!



ENJOY A ROUND OF  
GOLF AT COLDWATERCREEK LINKS

## District 6000 News...



### Why should I go to the District Conference?

The above question was asked me by one of my members. I tried to explain the importance of the District in the scheme of Rotary International and the role the District plays in all that RI does. I told the member that the District provided "matching grants" to local clubs. The District was the focal point of achieving the worldwide goals of RI. The District actually was tasked with pushing the RI agenda for the other 61 clubs in District 6000. The District had the responsibility of training the new officers each year; hosting foreign exchange students; hosting Group Study Exchange teams; providing training for RYLA students;

coordinating the RI Foundation grants that must come through the District for approval; and about a dozen other things I could remember.

They still wanted to know why attend the District Conference. Then I told them it was an extension of our own club and the fellowship with other Rotary members from all over the state. Selfishly, I told them to be there when our club is recognized as a leader in many areas, including RI Foundation and our local projects.

Gasping for breath, I finally said: "I enjoy being with other Rotary members and it inspires me to hear what others are doing to Lend A Hand".

Lloyd Hill, President  
NW Des Moines

# IT IS FUN...IT IS EDUCATIONAL!



INFORMATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

This year District 6000's Website has grown leaps and bounds. Thanks to the efforts of Joy Weatherman and the folks at our host site.

The site has evolved into an interactive website with information with regard all facets of Rotary in our district. You can find information about each club, its President and Secretary, leadership of the District and all upcoming events.

The District Governor's monthly newsletter and the ability of each club to communicate their monthly attendance are two of the best features.

Please pass on the website, [rotary6000.org](http://rotary6000.org), to all of your members.

Lloyd Hill  
IMC, Chair

## *District 6000 News....*

# BUDGET & finance committee

The Budget and Finance Committee has the responsibility for managing all financial activities related to Rotary District 6000. Members of the committee include the current District Governor, three immediate Past Governors, all incoming Governors and the District Accountant and Treasurer. The senior Past Governor is the chair of the committee.

Each year an operating budget is prepared for the upcoming Rotary year. The budget is presented to the annual District Assembly, for approval by the incoming Club President Elects. This approved budget sets the level of income and expenses projected to meet the needs of the following Rotary year. The District accountant manages the receipts and

disbursements, and generates the monthly financial reports for review by the Rotary District 6000 Executive Team. Annual financial reviews are conducted each year by an independent auditing firm.

Other responsibilities of Budget and Finance, include management of the district assets, and monitoring District 6000's SHARE funds allocated from The Rotary Foundation. These are the funds our district uses for educational programs and humanitarian projects, including matching grants for use in funding local and international projects.

**Dale Belknap, Past Governor  
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee**

## polio update...

### HAVE WE MADE A DIFFERENCE?

As of 28 January 2004, there were 715 cases of polio worldwide confirmed for 2003, which is down from 1,866 reported for 2002. With 327 cases reported for 2003, Nigeria replaced India as the number one source of polio globally.

The situation in northern Nigeria continues to be the major roadblock in our drive to eradicate the polio virus. An article appeared in "The Atlanta Journal-Constitution" on Thursday, March 4, 2004 detailing the problems being caused by the political and religious leaders of the Kano province.

**Paul Carpenter of The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus program wrote the following: "On the eve of total victory, the struggle to wipe polio off the face of the earth is being undermined in Africa by politically motivated misinformation. This crippling disease, which as recently as the 1980's afflicted 350,000 people annually, was expected to become extinct next year. Last year, fewer than 1,000 people contracted polio. But the decline has not been steady – there was a spike in 2002, and now eight countries in Africa that had eradicated the disease have**

**had recent outbreaks. Polio in those nations spread from northern Nigeria, the only place in the world not fully cooperating with vaccination campaigns."**

A special Rotary Task Force has been established in Kano, chaired by the current Governor in District 9120 who is from Kano to undertake social mobilization activities for further reach out to the community.

To do our part to reach the goal of eradicating polio, I encourage all clubs that have unfulfilled pledges to the Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio fund raising campaign to honor those pledges as quickly as possible. After being suspended for one year during last year's fund drive, PolioPlus Partners is again fully operational in its project support activities. I urge clubs to support urgent social mobilization and surveillance needs. Clubs can contribute funds to purchase materials needed for upcoming NIDs. The current list of opportunities can be found on RI web page at: [www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus) or call 847-866-3000.

**Don Goering  
Assistant Zone Coordinator  
PolioPlus Partners and  
National Advisor to the Permanent Fund  
of The Rotary Foundation**



# District 6000 News...

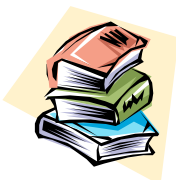
## XICOTEPEC 2004

### Introduction

Some 50 District 6000 Rotarians, Interact students and other project participants have just returned from Xicotepec, Mexico. It was productive, heart-warming, fulfilling – and truly “Service Above Self”. The city of Xicotepec benefits from a marvelously dedicated and involved Rotary Club of 17 members and their equally involved wives. The Iowa contingent was constantly impressed with the commitment of time and finances of this group. We formed close friendships and partnerships with these Rotarians. The Xicotepec project is a District priority, a vision of Rotarians Gary Pacha and Jim Peterson. It is not a single issue, but involves a number of areas. The local club had begun improving an underserved school a few years ago, a project District 6000 joined in last year and continued this year. We intend to continue our close relationship with this city and its Rotary Club, adding our skills to water purification, a secondary school and medical screening. What follows are descriptions of various initiatives we have been and continue to work on. The final segment are the impressions of two of our Interact young women, who contributed labor, supplies, money, and love to the elementary school.

### The Library

The library of the Rotary School in Xicotepec began as a room empty but for a few crates with some teachers’ material. Local Rotarians had obtained shelving that the team immediately began assembling, sanding and varnishing. Team members added protective covers, pockets, library cards, and checkout materials to the 170 Spanish language books that were purchased with District 6000 donations and carried from Iowa. Student team members designed and painted a mural covering three walls of the new library, including characters from some of the books. Clifford, the big red dog, dominated one corner of the room. Harry Potter flew high above as The Cat in the Hat peered out of a window at him. Harold drew with his purple crayon as Madeline walked under the Eiffel Tower and Curious George got into mischief. After the opening ceremony children flocked to the library where adults read to them, and they read to the adults and other children in small groups. “I could still feel that little girl in my arms long after she had sat in my lap and we had read together,” said Rotarian Pat Schnack.



### School Building Construction

Architectural design of the school buildings has begun under supervision of Carlos Gomez-Tello. Carlos is an architect and construction manager, and president-elect of the Xicotepec Rotario. He had worked on the elementary school, a project nearly completed on last year’s visit. The current plan for a new secondary school includes two two-level classroom buildings and an administration building, replacing the decrepit old school and its outhouse. CAPSFE, the government school agency, will provide only enough funds for one-story classroom buildings, and does not provide for restrooms, fresh water or wastewater treatment. The existing site topography will require some significant grading to provide the necessary building area for the new buildings. ISU engineer and Rotarian Steve Jones and his students have been provided with the preliminary architectural plans and proposed site layout. This team will review the plans and provide feedback to Carlos Gomez-Tello. The work ahead will include a grading plan for the site, a preliminary foundation design and alternatives for major structural components for the two-story buildings. The team will also provide a design for an on-site wastewater treatment system. When complete, there will be nine classrooms to support a total of 360 students in grades seven through nine.

### The Water Project

Engineers for a Sustainable Future, represented by U of I faculty and graduate students, worked in collaboration with District 6000 on the water project. The working premise was that environmental justice is a way of achieving social equity, too.

The seeds of sustainability were sewn on three levels. The first was for the elementary and secondary school students through a story of a little drop’s adventure through the water cycle. The second level was a three-day teaching, at the local university, of basic concepts in water treatment and the problems that Xicotepec will face in the near future. The third level addressed the average person, using interaction at a “water fair” in the downtown square. The fair was the culmination of their work and was visited by 300 people. The local college students helped by explaining the concepts of water treatment to the fair visitors. The climax was showing everyone the knowledge to make an impact on their lives. The engineering group feels that their future with Xicotepec is as clear as the water they created.





## District 6000 News....

### Medical

A medical and dental screening component was in the Xicotepec Rotary elementary school this year. Medical, dental and eye screening exams were done on 276 students. The Rotarian team consisted of a pediatrician, a dentist, an optometrist, numerous Interact students and District 6000 Rotarian wives. Dental problems were not as prevalent as anticipated, but 23 children were referred to the public health dentist in Xicotepec. The eye screening revealed a few problems. The upper grade students showed some signs of being nearsighted. Only three of the students wore glasses, and some were recommended to sit close to the front of the classroom in order to see better. A few medical problems were also identified and either referred for evaluation with the help of the Xicotepec Rotarians or "flagged" for follow-up in subsequent years. Each child had height recorded. A complete spread-sheet data base was developed to be used for reference by the school and for yearly progress by subsequent District 6000 teams. We also participated in the Just in Time program, a Mexican Rotary project of cervical cancer screening. This program is administered by a surgeon and his wife in multiple sites and happened to be in Xicotepec when we were there. For a minimal cost, patients receive a Pap smear and culposcopy, biopsy if necessary, and free treatment later by the Mexican health system if needed.

### The Interact Experience – Two views

For teenagers on the trip to Xicotepec, our journey began months before we left. Two girls on the trip had gathered toothbrushes and toothpaste for all the elementary school children. The goal was to encourage the children to brush their teeth and maintain good dental hygiene. But this was just the beginning of our friendships with the children. At the school we showed them how to brush their teeth and then watched as all of them ran to the bathroom and fought over space at the sink to practice. All the children at the Rotary School in Xicotepec were happy to see the team arrive and ecstatic to meet the new people coming into their lives. Smiling faces and giving hearts are the two best ways to describe these children. They wanted to get everyone's autograph on the first day and were willing to give away precious food to people they barely knew. Often we were surrounded by a group who just wanted to hold our hand for a while – to those children it was the best day of their lives.



**Gary & Nancy Pacha,**  
**Past District Governor**



## ADEL ROTARY

It has been a fabulous year for the Adel Rotary Club. We kicked off the year with a 4th of July celebration for the community, where we had Simon Estes come and perform on the courthouse steps. People came from far and wide. In August we participated in the Annual Sweet Corn Festival, the Rotary Club sells walking tacos and drinks out of the club food wagon. We also were in the Sweet Corn Festival parade with our legendary 10 person bike, where 10 Rotarians peddle their way through the parade with one Rotarian getting a free ride in the buggy at the back with music and rotary decor.

December quickly approached and we decided to have a booth at the Annual Christmas Open House, we pushed ticket sales for our upcoming play that was held in late February. The first couple months of the new calendar year are always consumed by play preparation, however, our hard work paid off on play

night with an outstanding turn out. We also had a soup and salad bar for those who wished to eat with us prior to the play. The play we had in February was called "My Way", which was a tribute to Frank Sinatra. The production is put on by the Iowa Des Moines Touring Group, which is a division of the Des Moines Playhouse.

We are currently preparing for the 80th Anniversary of the Adel Rotary Club on April 28, 2004. We are having dinner in the evening at a fellow Rotarians house, and we feel honored that Bob Tait has agreed to join us to share Rotary history and answer questions from the group.

The Adel Rotary Club will round out the year with possibly another 4th of July celebration.

**ROD WEST, PRESIDENT**

## District 6000 News...

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<u>Name of Club</u>	<u>No. of Meetings</u>	<u>No. of Members</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>	<u>Rank for March</u>
Adel				
Albia				
Ames	5	268	65.29%	20
Ames Morning				
Ankeny				
Atlantic	6	63	76.12%	9
Bettendorf	5	90	75.98%	10
Bloomfield				
Boone	5	72	62.00%	23
Burlington	5	108	86.48%	5
Carroll				
Centerville				
Chariton				
Clinton	5	123	70.17%	15
Coon Rapids				
Coralville No Corridor	5	47	98.00%	3
Corning	5	57	74.14%	12
Corydon				
Creston	5	36	43.00%	30
Dallas Center				
Davenport	5	210	51.15%	28
Decatur County	5	19	78.00%	8
Des Moines				
Des Moines AM				
East Polk County				
Fairfield				
Fort Madison				
Grinnell				
Indianola				
Iowa City				
Iowa City AM				
Iowa Quad Cities				
Jefferson				
Johnston	5	33	74.00%	13
Kalona	5	37	75.00%	11
Keokuk				
Keosauqua	5	31	58.40%	24
Knoxville	5	68	67.56%	19
Lenox				
Manning	5	26	72.00%	14
Marengo				
Marshalltown	5	192	69.93%	17
Mount Pleasant				
Mount Pleasant PM				
Muscatine				
Nevada				
Newton				
North Scott	4	101	85.70%	6
Northwest Des Moines	4	82	99.27%	1
Odyssey	3	23	65.00%	21
Osceola	5	41	54.24%	26
Oskaloosa	5	54	70.00%	16
Ottumwa	5	111	68.23%	18
Pella	5	45	84.60%	7
Perry				
Tipton				
Washington	4	63	51.00%	29
Waukee	4	47	64.00%	22
Welman	5	37	98.32%	2
West Des Moines	5	81	53.00%	27
West Liberty	4	43	55.00%	25
Winterset	4	34	86.76%	4

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