



District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

William F. Tubbs, Governor

— A Global Network of Community Volunteers —

August 2004

Centennial Impressions*

Dear District 6000 Family of Rotary,

Rotary's Centennial year was launched in District 6000 with a whirlwind of activity:

Telling Rotary's Story: Our 64-page Centennial District Directory/July newsletter was mailed to 4,500 members on July 9. Linda and I have heard many favorable comments about the directory, which attempted to celebrate the great things Rotarians are doing in District 6000. *Thank you!*



Bill Tubbs

The directory is the blue-print for our year in District 6000. Please save and use it for your own reference and to share Rotary!

When we visit clubs, we are stopping at the newspaper offices to greet our publisher friends in the Iowa Newspaper Association. First, we ask if they're Rotarians and if not, why not? Then, we give them the Directory so they can see what Rotary is doing. We invite them to join us at Rotary, and tell them that we will provide any picture, article and image in the Directory to them electronically, so they can work with the local Rotary club to publish a special page, pages or section celebrating Rotary – anytime is OK – but Feb. 23, our 100th birthday, would be ideal. Newspapers are looking for "plus business" in February, so it's a good time! We encourage Rotarians to buy ads to support these pages and tell them not to always beg for free publicity. If they'll help the publisher make money, the publisher ought to bend over backwards to tell Rotary's story and everybody, including the sponsors, is a winner!

We encourage all clubs to keep a Centennial scrapbook and to send clippings to me, Governor Bill Tubbs, at P.O. Box 223, Eldridge,

CENTENNIAL IMPRESSIONS/

continued on p. 3



The Rotary Club of Davenport "celebrated Rotary" by ringing the traveling Centennial bell on July 26. Pictured (l-r): AG Brock Earnhardt, president Teresa Thinnies and District Governor Bill Tubbs and Linda.

Centennial bell rings in D-6000

To celebrate Rotary's centennial year, 2005, a Rotary Centennial Bell is traveling to the world's first 100 Rotary clubs, honoring 100 years of service to communities worldwide.

The bell's voyage began at the Rotary International Convention in Brisbane, Australia in June 2003. It will come full circle, ending at the 2005 Rotary International convention in Chicago.

Two of the first 100 clubs are in District 6000. The bell was rung at the Rotary Club of Des Moines (No. 27) in June, and the Rotary Club of Davenport (No. 34) on July 26.

The first 100 Rotary clubs are located in five

countries: United States, Canada, England, Scotland and Ireland. Four additional Centennial bells will be routed to the first Rotary club in 158 other countries, by regions: Asia/Pacific, Africa, Latin America/Caribbean and Europe/Middle East. The bells will stop at each country joining the organization.

Congratulations to the Des Moines and Davenport clubs for their legacies of service – together they chartered 17 other clubs.

Plan now to celebrate in June 2005 – District Conference in Davenport and the Centennial Rotary International Convention in Chicago!

Polio eradication update, opportunities

By PDG Donald H. Goering/Ames

PolioPlus Partners Zone 27 Assistant Coordinator

While there has been an increase in the number of reported cases of Polio so far in 2004, progress is being made. Since the implementation of the eradication strategies, the number of countries with endemic polio has been reduced from 125 in 1988 to six in 2003. However, an unprecedented 10 countries reported poliovirus importations, including eight in West and Central Africa, one in Southern Africa, and one in the Middle East.

Progress towards Polio eradication continues in India where only 25 cases have been reported this year as of 28 July 2004. There were 225 confirmed cases in 2003.

Progress is also steady in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Egypt, which are reporting cases of 19, 3, and 1 respectively. India plans to aggressively attack the remaining few pockets of polio through six rounds of supplementary immunization activities in the next seven months.

West and Central Africa now face a possible major epidemic in the coming months. Due to the continued exportation of polio from Nigeria, several surrounding countries are under threat. The most recent importation has occurred in the Sudan, which previously had not reported a case of polio in more than three years.

Nigeria has reported 383 cases this year now accounts for more than 77 percent of all global cases. Niger, the other endemic country, has reported 20 cases thus far this year.

Kano State in northern Nigeria just recently announced the resumption of polio immunizations. WHO, UNICEF, CDC and Rotary continue to work closely with this local government to resolve any lingering issues so that immunizations can proceed.

In total, 486 cases of polio have been reported to date in 2004. Because of the outbreak in Central and West Africa there are 11 Polio eradication projects on the current Open Project list needing a total of \$2,792,437 through the PolioPlus Partners Open Project List.

I would urge each of you to ask your clubs if they could send in as



At the six Regional Foundation meetings, PDG Don Goering displayed items we purchase every week without a thought that all cost more than the \$1.93 a week that it takes to be a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member.

little as \$40 dollars which would be used to purchase 1000 posters for use in India, or \$100 which would purchase 36 t-shirts to identify health workers in the DR of Congo. This and additional information is available at Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus website. Also available is information on upcoming National Immunization Days and opportunities to volunteer locally to assist in the eradication of polio.

You, too, can become a member of the Paul Harris Society!

"Every Rotarian, Every Year" forms have been signed by the Rotary Clubs of Manning and Corydon to push our District 6000 pledges to \$447,595 from 58 clubs. When pledges are received from the five clubs who have not submitted goals, we expect giving to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund to exceed \$100 per Rotarian for the first time – won't that be an occasion to *Celebrate Rotary!*

And yet, at 27.5 cents a day, is that really so much? I ask the clergy members of District 6000 how their churches would be doing if every family gave \$100 a year. "I'd be looking for a job," said Corey Miller of Carroll, underscoring the fact that Rotary has set its target too low, considering most Rotarians' capacity for giving.

Recently, however, two couples of District 6000 Rotarians raised the bar by making Major Gifts of \$10,000. Congratulations and thank you to DGN Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen of Chariton and Loring and Phyllis Miller of Decatur County!

As we strive to build a solid base of Foundation giving for the future, we are encouraged that thus far, 22 Rotarians have made commitments to be charter members of the District 6000 Paul

Harris Society by pledging \$1,000 per year to the Annual Programs Fund, working toward Major Donor status of \$10,000 and then hopefully continuing at the \$1,000 level. Leadership has come from Dave Suntken, Jeff Gibbons and others of the Ames Rotary Club.

Any District 6000 Rotarian who makes this commitment this year will be recognized as a Charter Member at District Conference, June 15-17. To sign up, please call Don Goering, (515) 232-1736 or John Kleinschmidt, (515) 233-3773. We will publish this list in each newsletter, hopefully adding names every month. *Congratulations, Rotarians, and Thank You!*

– Bill Tubbs

Bob Anderson, Ames
Del Bluhm, Ames
Tom Brooke, West Liberty
George Christensen, Ames
John/Linda Dasher, Ames
Dave Dickson, Ames
Mary Gibbons, Ames
Don/Doris Goering, Ames
Conrad Gregg, West Liberty
Paul Hellwege, Boone
Bill Koellner, West Liberty

Loring Miller, Decatur County
Phyllis Miller, Decatur County
Don/Donna Cowen Newbrough, Ames
Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM
Bob Rudman, Ames
David Suntken, Ames
Bill/Linda Tubbs, North Scott
Don Wandling, Ames
Herb Wilson, Coralville-North Corridor
Janice Wilson, Coralville-North Corridor
Margaret Wilson, Ames

201 register at six regional meetings

CENTENNIAL IMPRESSIONS/continued from p. 1

all be displayed at District Conference, June 15-17 in Davenport and we'll all see and learn from one another as we celebrate Rotary.

Regional Meetings: Rotary Foundation chair Del Bluhm and Membership Development chair Bill Koellner organized six regional meetings on Foundation and Membership Development topics at which a record 201 Rotarians registered, representing 43 clubs. We owe a huge thanks to Del and Bill and all the volunteers who went "above and beyond" to present information at these meetings. "Every Rotarian, Every Year" chair Don Goering was at all six and numerous other presenters shared timely messages: Ed Barker, Gene Beach, Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen, Bill Ashton, John Kleinschmidt, Sheila Tipton, Dale Belknap, John Ockenfels, Denny and Kathy Skinner, Ray Muston, Gary Pacha, Bill Christensen, Cal Litwiller, Margaret Wilson, Jeff Gibbons and Dean Stocker.

Group Study Exchange: Karin Franklin and the GSE Committee have been doing double duty, publicizing our "Centennial Group Study Exchange" for not one, but two teams, through news releases, radio interviews, flyers at the Iowa State Fair, classified ads and announcements to colleges, universities and business groups. Clubs are asked to nominate candidates for teams to District 9810, Melbourne, Australia, and District 1890, Hamburg (Schlesweig-Holstein) by Sept. 10. This "once in a lifetime" opportunity is available to one Rotarian team leader on each team, and four non-Rotarian team members. Team members must be ages 25-40. There has been interest in both, but more for Australia than Germany. Our teams will travel to Australia, Feb. 17-March 22, and Germany, May 10-June 6. Interviews will be Sept. 24-25. Competition will be keen, but Karin and Outbound coordinator Andy Knebel and their committee are determined that District 6000 will have two high quality teams of Ambassadors for both trips. Orientation sessions for candidates were held in the homes of Richard Ellis in West Des Moines, Bob Bainter in Eldridge and at the HBA Office in Iowa City. *Thanks, all!*

State Fair: We'll have more about our presence at the Aug. 12-20 Iowa State Fair in the September newsletter, but John Lewis and his committee outdid themselves! The booth in the Varied Industries Building was outstanding and drew far more interest than last year. Several clubs enthusiastically staffed the booth for a day and are eagerly looking forward to next year!

Zone Meetings: The DMAC Center at Newton in District 6000 was the site of Zone leadership training in Membership Development (July 30) and Rotary Foundation (Aug. 4). It is always great to get together to compare progress, goals and opportunities with Rotarians from neighboring districts in Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Rotary is good everywhere, but in District 6000 it's especially worth celebrating, and that's just what we'll be doing Aug. 25-29 at the Zone Institute in Mackinac, Mich. PDGs Ray Muston and Gary Pacha will *Celebrate Rotary* there with their heartfelt stories and multi-media account of our projects in Xicotepec. In attendance will be RI representatives and leaders of the 25 districts that comprise Zones 27 and 28 in the upper Midwest USA and southern Canada. We especially wish Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen all the best at the Governor-Elect Training Seminar (G.E.T.S.) Aug. 23-25.

Looking Ahead: Our Rotary Youth Exchange students have been arriving almost daily during August with all their hopes, fears and

expectations. The students will meet each other on Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Fall Picnic at Knoxville. Thank you to our experienced and enthusiastic district Youth Exchange leaders for making it happen! Sept. 15 is the deadline for applying for District Simplified Grants, and now is the time to enroll students from your area for RYLA, which will be Oct. 12. There's always a lot of ways to *Celebrate Rotary* in Super District 6000!

(*) "*Impressions*" is the name of a personal editorial column that Bill has written weekly since 1971 for *The North Scott Press*.



PDG King Herr (seated) and his wife, Margaret, celebrated King being honored as the first recipient of the King Herr Award at Coralville-North Corridor Rotary. They are pictured with President Jeff Koeppel (standing at right) and Governor Bill Tubbs and Linda. Iowa City news reporters were also present.

Coralville-North Corridor Rotarians honor King Herr

Coralville-North Corridor Rotarians honored one of their own, PDG King Herr, for 70 years of service at their regular meeting on July 14. "King Herr has spent the last 70 years living by the Rotary creed of putting Service Above Self," said president Jeff Koeppel in announcing Herr as the first recipient of the King Herr Award.

The award will be given annually to a Rotarian in the Coralville North Corridor Rotary Club who shows outstanding service and dedication to the club and community. A \$1,000 donation to The Rotary Foundation will be made in the name of the honoree.

"I'm honored to start this award named after King Herr. King is what Rotary is all about," said Koeppel. "His leadership and dedication for almost 70 years in Rotary speaks for itself. He never misses a meeting and is a joy to be around. I admire him for being such a loyal Rotarian."

Over the years, Herr has held many positions, including District 5970 Governor in northern Iowa in 1977-78. Centennial Governor Bill Tubbs were present to honor Herr. "We salute you for your years of service and dedication to the ideals of Rotary," said Governor Tubbs.

What clubs should know about District Simplified Grants: Application deadline is Sept. 15

By DGN Del Bluhm/Ames

District Rotary Foundation Chair

District Simplified Grants (DSGs) allow districts to use a portion of their District Designated Funds (DDF) to support their service activities or humanitarian endeavors. Districts may choose to undertake a large district wide service project or support the endeavors of individual clubs.

District Simplified Grants will allow districts to use these funds at their own discretion for international humanitarian projects that improve the lives of the economically disadvantaged and/or for humanitarian projects in their own local communities within District 6000 such as part of a Club Centennial Project if it is new this year.

The maximum amount available for district use is 20 percent of the district's DDF. District 6000 allocates the full amount of 20 percent. For the Rotary Year of 2004-2005, the grant award is \$48,435.

All clubs will need to be thinking about what projects they want to apply for in the first two and one-half months of Rotary Year 2004-2005, since Rotary Community Service-DSG Applications will be received on or before Sept. 15, 2004. All presidents and assistant governors received the DSG Announcement and Application Form as part of an email on July 7, 2004, but the Application Form is also available on the District 6000 website under "District" and then under "Download Forms." Rotary clubs in District 6000 are all eligible but they *must* have totally completed last year's DSG (if they had one) to be additionally eligible this year.

The DSG Committee will review these DSG applications and select worthy proposals meeting all the DSG criteria by early October 2004. The early selection process with funding provided is to allow most clubs receiving a DSG to complete the project during the same Rotary year, that is, on or before June 30, 2005. This year the DSGs will be awarded with funds granted immediately as long as the funds last. There will be a maximum limit of \$5,000 per club but there is no lower limit. And each club must provide club funding of at least one dollar of cash or at least one dollar of equivalent value for each dollar of DSG funds received.

DSGs must adhere to the grant policies that govern all grant programs, such as they cannot be new construction and cannot benefit Rotarians or a specific group of people. The DSG Committee asks that they be informed of the status of approved DSG Projects with brief interim reports every six months and with a final report within one month of completion. There is a standard reporting form that will be forwarded with each selected DSG Project.

The DSG Committee will notify club presidents that we have received your DSG application and will officially notify club presidents of the status of your DSG application after the DSG Committee review as to its selection or non-selection for funding.

TRIVIA QUESTION:

What past Rotary International president was born in District 6000 and has connections with what club?
E-mail your answer by Sept. 20 to Jerri Uitermarkt at dis6000admin@lisco.com. A free "Celebrate Rotary" pin to all with the correct answer(s).



Ankeny Rotary president Gary Welch with the \$250,000-plus "Ankeny Rotary Band Shell" that was conceived from a strategic plan initiated by past president Gerald Bair five years ago. Rotarians provided the seed money and leadership to bring together the public and private funds that made it possible.



Don Gingerich of the Wellman Rotary Club (above) is pictured at the soccer field complex that bears the club's name. Funds for the complex, which is now owned by the Mid-Prairie School District, were raised when the club bought a rundown house for \$12,000, moved it, rehabilitated it and sold it for \$75,000 (below). Club president Steve Slabaugh said there are 10 soccer fields, including two large ones.



Hurricane Charley and other news . . .

Miscellaneous from the Governor's notebook:

Hurricane Charley: As of Aug. 20, Rotarians from the U.S., Australia, Japan and Puerto Rico had committed over \$60,000 to help Florida residents recover from the devastation of Hurricane Charley. Phone calls are coming in every day, according to District Governor Jerry Hearn of District 6960 in southwestern Florida. Linda and I met Jerry and his wife, Denise, last February at Anaheim, and I have full confidence that relief aid directed through Rotary will be used wisely. "It's like a war zone. The destruction is enormous. It's drastic. We desperately need help," Jerry said in a phone conversation on Aug. 20. There have been 23 deaths. Twelve to 15 Rotary clubs are directly affected. A past vice president of Rotary International was staying with Jerry and they were joining AGs from District 6960 to cook meals for 600 homeless persons in Aracadia. Clubs wishing to make contributions should direct them to: Rotary District 6960 Hurricane Relief Fund, c/o Governor Jerry Hearn, 11011 Water Lily Way, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202. (Ed Whitham of Burlington Rotary said his club passed the hat and raised \$343, which the club will match. They'll do it again. He expects a \$1,000 contribution.) Keith Mattke, our District 6000 Disaster Relief chair, attended the meeting of the Iowa Human Resources Disaster Council Aug. 19. He said 28 faith-based organizations now know about Rotary because of District 6000's involvement with the committee. Thirty-two volunteers from Iowa went to Florida to provide on-the-ground aid. To serve in a disaster area, you must be with a team that is from a recognized organization such as IHRDC. *Thank you, Keith!*

Remember FAMSCO, Iowa M.O.S.T.: When you pay your district dues, please include an amount for FAMSCO, our exemplary Fire and Medical Supply Company (see article in this newsletter by Jim Peterson) and Iowa M.O.S.T., the "Miles of Smiles Team" (formerly Rotaplast) that performs cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries. Our goal is to increase the number of clubs contributing to both of these very worthy programs that involve the hands-on service of District 6000 Rotarians. A \$5.00 per member contribution (maximum of \$500 per club) is suggested, but any amount is appreciated!

Attendance Reporting: Thanks to Ankeny secretary Trent Frohock for calling to our attention that the deadline for reporting club attendance didn't meet the Four-Way Test when it was the 10th of the month. That's because members have two weeks to make up. The new deadline is the 15th of each month. Administrator Jerri Uitermarkt says the time she spends on attendance is disproportionately high but could be made easier if clubs report on time. This can be done at the district website, www.rotary6000.org. Congratulations to July's leader, Wellman, with 94.24 percent. Thanks to all who report on time and make Jerri's job easier!

Newsletter Deadlines: If you have an item for our monthly newsletter, please submit it by the 15th of the month. Send it to District Governor Bill Tubbs, P.O. Box 223, Eldridge, IA 52748, or e-mail it to: btubbs@northscottpress.com.

Planning Guides: Club presidents, *please* complete the form, "Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs" NOW and submit one copy to your Assistant Governor and one to the Governor. This inventory of club membership and goals is supposed to be done at the *beginning* of the year. Your conscientious consideration of the questions on this form will help you organize a balanced year in all avenues of service. Send it to the Governor today and I won't have to beg for it at the time of the Official Visit. *Thank you!*

Literacy Project: We've seen many outstanding service projects in our club visits, but here is one any club can do. The Coralville-North Corridor Rotary Club presents "A Student's Dictionary" to 1,400 fourth-graders in the Iowa City public and private schools. This is a tremendous paperback dictionary, 5-1/4" wide x 7-3/4" deep with 478 pages chock full of readable and useful information, including weights and measures, the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, maps of the seven continents, information about the 50 states, biographies of the 43 presidents and facts about the nine planets in the solar system. Teachers love it. They say that for many students, this is the only dictionary in the home. The Rotary wheel in blue and yellow is on the dedication page along with the Coralville-North Corridor Rotary Club's name. The books can be purchased for less than \$2.00. The Coralville-North Corridor Rotary Club's volume discount was \$1.45 per copy. If you would like to participate in this project, here is the address: The Dictionary Project, P.O. Box 1845, Charleston, SC 29402.

Presidential Profiles: Another easy-to-complete form that I would like to pick up with each club visit is the Centennial Presidential Profile. The booklet that we'll produce from them and distribute at the end of the year will be really neat and we want *all* presidents included.

Chicago Convention: We're holding our breath that rooms are still available at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers for the Centennial Rotary International Convention, June 17-22, 2005. Any day, our allotment could be frozen at the 60 rooms we've already booked, but thus far our allotment of 100 remains available. If you're interested at all, don't risk losing the chance to celebrate the Centennial Convention at the hotel with Rotarians from District 6000. Contact AG Lloyd Hill immediately, (515) 457-1746.

Chicago Buses: Information will be posted on our website and sent to club presidents soon regarding District 6000 buses from District Conference in Davenport to the Centennial International Convention in Chicago. Departure times, based on Rotarian interest, will be Friday, June 17 at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 18 at 9:30 a.m. Return times will be Monday, June 20 at 11:00 a.m. and Thursday, June 23 at 9:00 a.m. The bus will deliver to and pick up from the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers and 1-2 other places in downtown Chicago. The "early bird" discount until 12-31-04 is \$50 roundtrip. The price will be \$60 until 3-31-05 and \$70 thereafter.

Ambassadorial Scholar: Our new Inbound Ambassadorial Scholar in District 6000 is Haeyoung Kim of Korea. Counselor Doug Huette reports that Haeyoung joined his family for a meal at his home and is most appreciative of Rotary's contribution to her education. "She is a total delight!" he said.

Club Newsletters: Clubs who are not now sending newsletters to the District Governor are urged to do so, whether it is electronic or through the mail: btubbs@northscottpress.com, or Governor Bill Tubbs, P.O. Box 223, Eldridge, IA 52748. It would also be beneficial to send your newsletter to DGN Corliss Klaassen and all future governors, and to exchange with nearby clubs. That is a great way to share your information and to know what clubs in your area are doing. And file your newsletters in a 3-ring binder for future reference and to create a historical record. You'll be glad you did! – BT)

Veterans Housing: Merrill Anderson of the Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Club reports that Rotary International will include the hous

DISTRICT NOTES/continued on p. 8

Tipton Rotary celebrates 50th anniversary

The Tipton Rotary Club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a Corn Boil at the picturesque home of past president Dave Stephens and Janelle on July 24th. Guests included Governor Bill and Linda Tubbs, Past District Governors Ray and Linda Muston, Herb and Janice Wilson and Gary Pacha, and AG Sarah Simpson and Tex. Special entertainment was by Miss Iowa 2003, Nicole White, with her 91-year old grandmother, Dorothy, at the keyboard.



Blue and yellow balloons direct visitors to the Stephens' country home.



Rotarians and guests line up for an anniversary feast of sweet corn and steaks.



Hosts Dave and Janelle Stephens, Nicole White, Linda and Bill Tubbs.



Anniversary cake (l) and president Doug Boldt and Rotarians (above)

World Community Service: How your club can become involved



By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

District 6000 FAMSCO Chair, WCS Committee

Is your club looking for an international humanitarian project in which to become involved? Rotary International says "World Community Service" is "when Rotary clubs from two or more countries join together to accomplish a community service project."

This broad definition encompasses nearly every different type of project and leaves Rotary clubs free to choose their international partner club based on existing relationships or perhaps a desire to become active in a certain part of the world or with a particular partner club.

If your club is looking for a World Community Service project in which to get involved, you will find plenty of ready-made opportunities right in District 6000! Here are some ideas and suggestions for international service projects that are open to participation from every club in District 6000:

Sponsor a FAMSCO shipment: FAMSCO typically ships several 40' x 8' x 8' shipping containers and one or more vehicles each year to various countries, including Mexico and countries of Central America. Your club can take on the sponsorship of one of these shipments. Sponsorship may include one or more of the following:

- Funding for shipping costs;
- Finding goods available for donation;
- Picking up donated goods and delivering them to a warehouse;
- Packing donated items in preparation for shipping;
- Loading packed goods into a container.

FAMSCO can handle the logistics side of arranging a shipment, completing paperwork, etc. Shipping costs for a 40-ft. container to Central America range from \$500 to \$3,000, depending on the amount of outside funding available. Sponsoring a container shipment presents a great opportunity to start new relationships with Rotary clubs in the destination countries and work together to get medical goods and emergency vehicles to the communities and institutions where they are most needed.

For more information on FAMSCO, visit www.fam스코.org.

Participate in the Xicotepec Project: In March a team of Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors will go to Xicotepec to continue the community development projects that are ongoing there. The team will be chosen from among those applying and the maximum team size is 40. Look for application dates and procedures elsewhere in this newsletter.

If you aren't able to go to Xicotepec, you and your club can still take an active, important part in this project by sponsoring a matching grant or contributing funds to be used for a new secondary school, clean water projects, libraries and literacy projects, project team volunteers, etc.

Well over half the clubs in D6000 have participated in the Xicotepec Project—has yours? E-mail one of the following for more information, according to your interest:

- Ray Muston, Project Committee Co-chair, raymuston@mchsi.com.
- Jim Peterson, Project Committee Co-chair, jim-peterson@mchsi.com.
- Nancy Pacha, Youth Coordinator, npacha@aol.com.
- Margaret Wilson, Speakers' Bureau, margaret.wilson@mchsi.com.
- Pat Schnack, Libraries and Literacy, RSchn5028@aol.com.

– Lloyd Hill, Telesecondary School Project, lrhill@american-equity.com.

– Dave Fox, Clean Water Initiative, dfox@foxeng.com.

– Steve Jones, Clean Water and ISU Service Learning, sejones@iastate.edu.

– Craig Just, Clean Water and Uof I Service Learning, craig-just@uiowa.edu.

Attend the Central American Project Fair in January, 2005:

The 12th annual Uniendo América Central America Project Fair will be held in Antigua, Guatemala on Jan. 20-22, 2005. The fair provides an opportunity for North American attendees to meet Rotarians from Districts 4240, 4250 and 4260 and find out about the projects that their clubs are involved in.

You will be presented with many opportunities to become an international sponsor of a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant project, and you'll meet a lot of active, committed Rotarians from the U.S., Canada and Central America and learn about the good things Rotary accomplishes through international partnerships.

And – there is time for fun and sightseeing, too! Antigua is a UNESCO world heritage site and just 45 minutes from the Guatemala City airport. If you are interested in the Project Fair, e-mail the North American Coordinators, Shawn Leimbach and Karl Stucki at Rotarian@compuserve.com.

Support a Project in the Altai Region of Russia: Katya Boltanova was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar who came to Iowa City from her home in Siberia to pursue graduate studies. Currently, Katya lives in Iowa City with her husband, Steven Mitchell, and is now a Rotarian herself.

On a recent trip to her home in Russia, Katya contacted her sponsoring Rotary Club and they (all 11 of them!) sent her back to Iowa with suggestions for projects for which they would like to have an international partner. Katya has offered to help with communications by providing translation services for e-mails, project paperwork, etc. This is a unique opportunity to connect with a club in a another country in which to date D6000 has had no presence – and without language difficulties!

For more information, contact Katya Boltanova at altaikak@hotmail.com.

Find Your Own Project and Apply for a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant: The Rotary Foundation provides matching grant funds for humanitarian projects that are jointly undertaken by Rotary clubs or districts in two or more different countries. This is a great way to leverage your club's funds with funds from District 6000 and The Rotary Foundation to complete a needed project.

Often contacts made in the course of overseas business or vacation travel by your club members (or their friends or family members) can help identify projects and find partner clubs in developing countries.

District 6000 also has three Matching Grant Coordinators who can help your club find a project and submit the necessary paperwork to The Rotary Foundation, depending upon the project location:

– Bill Ashton, fax: (563) 324-8060: India, East Asia (except China).

– PDG Denny Skinner, e-mail: udubdad@midiaowa.net: China, Africa.

– Jim Peterson: jim-peterson@mchsi.com the Americas, the Caribbean.

Their phone numbers and other contact information is in your District Directory.

District 6000 news briefs

DISTRICT NOTES/continued on p. 8

Peace Scholar: We're delighted that Wendy Boxx, our first Peace Scholar, has agreed to submit newsletters of her experiences at the International Christian University in Tokyo. Watch for her reports in future newsletters.

Brazil Mission: Mark Warchol of the Rotary Club of Davenport will join 100 Rotarians from District 7390 in Pennsylvania Oct. 14-24 in Brazil, where they will perform dental, gynecological and cataract surgeries and administer the polio vaccine. Additionally, they'll install X-ray equipment in a hospital, re-equip a pediatric center, provide a dental office for a school and purchase a utility vehicle for patient transport. District 6000 is contributing \$5,000 from our Rotary Foundation District Designated Fund (DDF) toward a cistern type well and small earth dam impoundment. Last year, in a similar project, Mark and Rotarian Kathy Skinner of Nevada, joined the Pennsylvania Rotarians in Ethiopia.

District Office: The District 6000 office in Knoxville is in need of a laser printer. Do you have one to donate? Please call Technology Committee chair Del Bluhm, (515) 232-5163 or (515) 450-1110 (cell).

EREY Speakers: "Every Rotarian, Every Year" chair Don Goering urges every club to schedule a presentation by their Assistant Governor on the importance of the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" campaign for The Rotary Foundation. Your Assistant Governor has been provided with this presentation. "I urge you to make arrangements with your Assistant Governor to schedule this presentation as soon as possible. Nearly every club in District 6000 has submitted their club goal report. I sincerely hope you and your Rotary Foundation Chair have developed plans to reach your club goal."

Club News: Does your club have a project or upcoming event that you would like to share with District 6000 Rotarians in our newsletter? Describe your project or event and submit the information to Administrator Jerri Uitermarkt, P.O. Box 46, Knoxville, IA 50138, ph. (877) 976-8279, or e-mail: dis6000admin@lisco.net.

Experimental Clubs: The RI Council on Legislation recently extended the New Models Pilot Project to continue through June 30, 2007. Clubs will be evaluated in their ability to grow and sustain membership; participate in service projects both in their communities and throughout the Rotary world; support The Rotary Foundation both financially and through its programs; and develop future Rotary leaders. The Odyssey of Ottumwa Rotary Club in District 6000 is among those affected. *Congratulations and best wishes!*

District Conference: Among the attractions at our District 6000 Centennial Celebration District Conference will be the Percheron hitch of Tipton Rotarian Dave Stephens. He generously offered to haul his black beauties and show cart to the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds in Davenport and offer rides to Rotarians. *Thank you, Dave!*

August Rotarian: Two items of special note from the August issue of The Rotarian: 1) Please read the tremendous feature about how The Rotary Foundation is building schools and providing job training for 40,000 Afghan refugees in Pakistan. At the Brisbane Convention in 2003, one of my "chance" meetings was with A.Y. Moshan, a Past District Governor from Pakistan. He described the profound, positive impact that Rotary was making through the job training, of which he was in charge. This program, funded by The Rotary Foundation, will sow the seeds for peace by empowering these



Newton Rotary Club president Cheryl George (l) with John McNeer and Linda Tubbs at Newton Rotary Point, where Newton Rotary installed \$15,000 in playground equipment.

refugees to be productive citizens when they return to Afghanistan. *Want to make a difference? Give to The Rotary Foundation!* 2) The "Rotary Basics" in that issue is one of the best overviews anywhere. Save it and use it in your new member orientations. Additional copies can be ordered through RI Publications by calling (847) 866-4600. Ask for Publication 595A-EN.

Des Moines Video: Congratulations to the Des Moines Rotary Club on an excellent video of the Centennial Bell's visit to your club.

District Rotarian Honored: Super Rotarian Bill Ashton of the Rotary Club of Davenport will receive the Distinguished Service Award from the National Iowa Varsity Club Athletic Hall of Fame inducts new members Sept. 4. He will be honored for more than 40 years of service as an athlete, coach, contributor, leader and volunteer. For D-6000, Bill has been active in assisting clubs with Rotary Foundation Matching Grants for many years. *Congratulations!*

Centurian Clubs: Add Washington and North Scott to the list of clubs those whose contributions to The Rotary Foundation averaged more than \$100 per member in 2003-04. The complete list: Ames Morning, Ames, Bloomfield, Chariton, Coralville-North Corridor, Muscatine, Newton, North Scott, Ottumwa, Washington, Wellman, West Des Moines and West Liberty. *Congratulations!*

Keep up the good work

Dear District 6000 Rotary Leadership,

Last night's (Aug. 19) meeting was very worthwhile! A ton of information was shared during those brief three hours, you kept right on schedule, your enthusiasm and commitment to Rotary is obvious, the fellowship was refreshing, and the pie and beverages were appreciated.

It was one of the best organized, most beneficial Rotary meetings I've been involved in yet. Keep up the good work.

One of the perks of driving to a Rotary meeting like this with a fellow Rotarian is processing much of the information in the car on the way home. Be assured John Schwandke and I did just that.

Your mission at last night's meeting was accomplished and you should be bursting with pride.

Proud to be a Rotarian,

-s- Mike Ruby, president, Muscatine Rotary

View this newsletter in full color at www.rotary6000.org

Apply now for Xicotepec team trip 2005

The dates for the third annual spring Project Team Trip to Xicotepec, Puebla (México) will be March 12 – March 20, 2005.

Project Team members will be adult Rotarians as well as Rotaractors, Interactors and Junior Rotarians. A maximum of 40 District 6000 Team Members will be chosen from applicants based on the following criteria:

- Membership and participation in a Rotary Club or other Rotary-affiliated club or group (Rotaract, Interact, Junior Rotarians, etc.);
- A written "Statement of Purpose" that explains the applicant's interest in the project, his/her expected contribution, personal goals and other relevant information;
- Adults may be chosen based on their job or professional skills and the current needs of the project;
- Spanish-language ability is desirable but not required;
- Clubs in District 6000 who have not yet sent a Project Team Member to Xicotepec are especially encouraged to have someone from that club apply;
- Rotarians from clubs that have provided financial or other support for the project are also encouraged to apply.

Each applicant must be approved by his/her club president (or in the case of Interact, Rotaract, etc. the sponsoring Rotary club's president). Interactors and Rotaractors will also need approval from their club's adult advisor.

A deposit payment of \$200 must be submitted with the application. An application will not be considered unless this deposit payment is

included. If an applicant is chosen as a project team member, the deposit will be applied toward travel and subsistence costs. If an applicant is not chosen, his or her deposit will be returned in full. Once an applicant has been chosen as a project team member, the deposit becomes non-refundable.

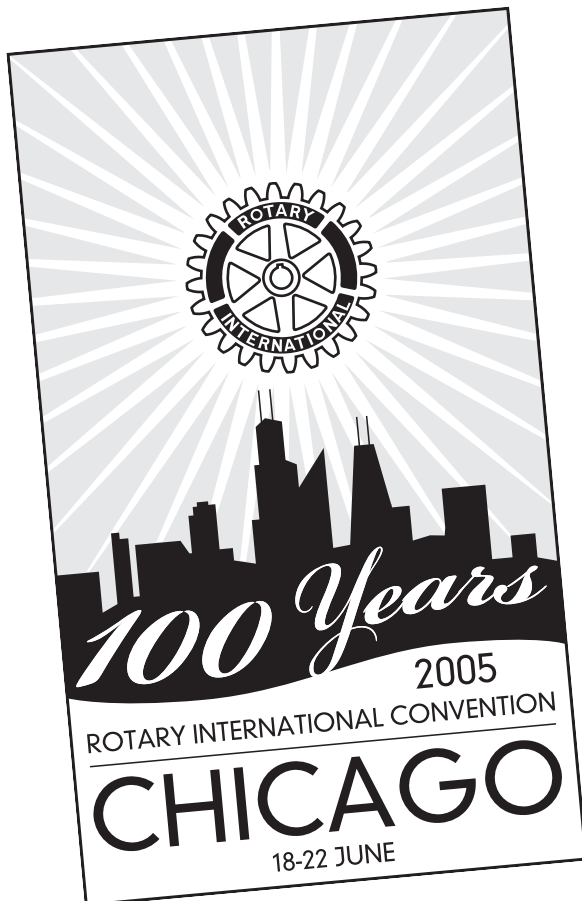
The cost of participation on the project team is expected to be about \$1,000 per team member if the cost of airline tickets does not escalate between now and March. Youth team members will be eligible for reimbursement of up to 50 percent of travel costs (provided the total reimbursement to all youth is \$10,000 or less). Please note that this is a *reimbursement* (not an advance payment) which typically is paid in late April or early May. Youth participants must first pay the full cost of their trip to be eligible for reimbursement.

Applications will be available around the end of September and will be due no later than Nov. 30. Selection of the project team will be completed by early January.

If you would like to receive an application when they are available, please send an e-mail to: jim-peterson@mchsi.com with the subject line "Mexico Project Team". The e-mail should contain your full name, your club name and your e-mail address.

Questions about the Xicotepec Project may be directed to Jim Peterson or to Ray Muston, raymuston@mchsi.com. If your club would like a program on the Xicotepec Project, contact Margaret Wilson at margaret.wilson@mchsi.com.

– submitted by Jim Peterson



– Celebrate Rotary – **YES!**

Mark your calendar now – save the dates for the grandest Rotary Celebration of all – District Conference in Davenport, June 15-17, 2005, and the Centennial Rotary International Convention in Chicago, June 18-22. Register for the convention with RI and book your rooms for Chicago now. Information will be sent to club presidents soon on bus schedules and fares from Davenport to Chicago. Have fun en route with District 6000 Rotarians and avoid city driving, highway tolls and expensive parking. Join 59,500 Rotarians from 166 countries in Chicago to *Celebrate Rotary!*