

District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Diana Reed, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –
December/January/February 2007-08

Governor's comments . . .


What 'Rotary Shares' means in District 6000

By DG Diana Reed/Northwest Des Moines

Well, the official club visits are completed and I must share with you how impressive all the clubs are in District 6000. What a wonderful experience Rick and I have had in being able to see first hand all the great things going in every club.



Diana Reed
District Governor



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Some clubs have a community focus while others a global focus and, of course, there are many that balance the two perspectives. For most of us, our perspective of Rotary comes from our experience with our own club and this is as it should be, so it is a unique opportunity to be able to see Rotary in action from a multiple-club experience. It is this perspective that truly demonstrates how strong Rotary is when each and every club brings its own uniqueness into the picture.

I truly wish each and every one of you could have the opportunity to visit all 62 clubs in our district as Rick and I have been

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This is the cover of the “Iowa Rotary Tabloid,” a 16-page full-color supplement promoting Rotary that is financed with an RI Public Relations grant and is being offered to clubs for distribution in their communities in early May.

Information needed:

Rotary's 'biggest PR project' coming soon

The most ambitious Rotary public relations project ever in Iowa – the “Iowa Rotary Tabloid” – is moving rapidly toward its distribution in newspapers across the state.

About one third of the clubs in District 6000 have provided information about their membership and projects, as well as the number of copies they will need for insertion in their local newspapers. Those who have not will have the chance to do so at P.E.T.S. on March 28-29.

“Enhancing Rotary’s internal and external public image” is the No. 2 priority in the RI strategic plan, second to polio.



RI President-Elect D.K. Lee of Korea and his wife, Young, congratulate Joe Dittmar for his inspiring talk at the Zone 27-28 Institute last September. Dittmar told about descending 105 flights to safety in World Trade Center Tower No. 2 on Sept. 11, 2001. He will speak at District 6000 Conference on April 25. Information about Conference is on pages 15-19.

'Reach for the Stars; Rise to the Challenge!'

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able to do. We have been received with warmth and graciousness beyond compare. We have witnessed firsthand all the efforts that every Rotarian gives to make things better in this world. It is humbling to know how hard every Rotarian works to do the most good. Rick and I thank all of you for making the club visits so worthwhile and showing, in every sense of the word, what Rotary Shares means in District 6000.

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Nigeria: The "Nigerian Initiative" is starting to really get exciting here in District 6000 with two more Rotarians making the trip to Nigeria to see what is happening with our polio efforts.

Jim Nelson, Rotary Club of Newton, and Jennifer Pfeifer, Rotary Club of Indianola, traveled to Nigeria in February to participate in polio immunizations in District 9120. They had experiences in the Kaduna and Kano areas, and even though their experiences are different from the six of us who traveled to Nigeria in November, it is another way to give a realistic picture of the conditions that exist in Nigeria. I know they will be just as excited to share what they saw, experienced and learned as the others of us are willing and ready to do.

The project lists from the November visit are finally starting to get disseminated. The first set of projects from the Lagos region where Loring Miller, Rotary Club of Decatur County, traveled is already posted on the Zone 27 and 28 Web site. You can either go directly to www.zones27-28.org to view them or go to our district Web site and follow the link.

The projects from Kaduna, Kano and Abuja will be posted shortly. The Kaduna and Kano project list is completed and is only missing the pictures of the projects, so should be up soon. The Kaduna and Kano list is already available from the members of the World Community Service Committee in the district if anyone is interested in knowing more about those projects. We will also be presenting information regarding them at President-Elect Traoning Seminar (P.E.T.S.) and Assembly for any club who might be interested in getting involved. I am hoping many clubs will want

involvement, as these are very worthwhile endeavors. The projects cover many diverse efforts as the following examples show.

In the Kano area there are needs for:

- a borehole to supply water for a dispensary;
- air photo mapping of the city of Kano for polio eradication initiatives;
- urgent need in a hospital for a waiting shed for antenatal care unit, a surgical theater and other medical equipment;
- need for artificial limbs for accident victims for the poorest population;
- construction of a modern solar powered, reverse-osmosis water treatment system in the largest slum dwelling of Sharada Village with a population of over 800,000 people.

Kaduna also has great needs such as:

- desks/chairs and writing supplies for children ages 3-7 in a primary school;
- provision of pit latrines, tubewells, and furniture for another primary school;
- provision for hospital equipment for a hospital serving a population of approximately 750,000 low income workers and peasant farmers;
- an orphanage desperately needing every day living supplies for a growing population of abandoned children.

Please contact Brock Earnhardt, chair of the WCS committee, Denny Skinner, African matching grant coordinator, or anyone of us who went to the Kaduna/Kano area in November (Roger Borup, Bill Tubbs, Diana Reed) if any of these projects are of interest to you.

Keep watching our District 6000 Web site also to see when these plus the Abuja projects are posted on the Zone site. The need is great and I sincerely hope that there is something of interest your club would like to get involved with. Remember, it is possible for several clubs to go together on one of these projects.

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District Conference: The District Conference is fast approaching (April 24-26) and it will feature the "Nigerian Initiative" along with an outstanding array of presentations and events. The conference committee has been hard at work and I think you are going to find this to be a high energy, fast paced conference. Please, please plan to attend. All the District Conference Club Ambassadors are hard at work bringing you the highlights of the conference. There is a great mix of useful information, highly skilled speakers, opportunities for networking and just plain old fun.

The theme for this year's conference is:

***Reach for the Stars
Rise to the Challenge!***

This theme really embodies all the things that Rick and I learned about you in our club visits as well as the "Nigerian Initiative" now underway in the district. What a great way to bring all of this together and celebrate all the accomplishments that all of you are achieving this year and in the years to come. Please go to the district web site www.rotary6000.org and follow the link to the information on the District Conference. There is a full agenda available as well as registration material that can either be downloaded or completed on line.

**SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 24 – 26, 2008**

Please join with all your fellow Rotarians for a great conference. I look forward to seeing you there as well as many other places around the district. Remember Rotary Shares and District 6000 is really great in doing just that!



Newton Rotarian Jim Nelson (c) met polio survivors during a trip to Kano, Nigeria, in February. They assemble bicycles like these for the Kano State Polio Victims Trust.

Award deadlines approaching

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

D-6000, Awards Committee chair

Has your club accomplished service to others or had a major increase in membership this Rotary year? If so, your club should complete the nomination forms to be considered for recognition from Rotary International or District 6000.

The following applications are due by April 1 to DG Diana Reed!

- Membership Development and Extension Award.
- Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives.
- Rotary International Presidential Citation.
- District Governor Diana's Club Recognition Award.
- Public Relations Award.

The following applications are due by May 15th to DG Diana Reed!

- Recognition of Smaller Club Membership Growth.

Two Rotary Foundation awards are available. Nominations for The Rotary Foundation District Service Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service should be submitted to D-6000 Rotary Foundation Chair Don Goering, 1939 Bel Air Dr., Ames, IA 50010.

The explanation for each of these awards was included in the last issue of District 6000 News and in a special e-mail message to each 2007-08 club president. For the Rotary International Awards, application/nomination forms are available from the Rotary International web site.

Questions regarding any of the awards should be directed to me at: (515) 232-1736; or donaldgski@aol.com, by April 1.

D6000 RYLA slated

The Annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Camp Dodge in Johnston, on Tuesday, April 15, sponsored by Rotary clubs and coordinated by the Rotary Club of West Des Moines.

RYLA is a daylong leadership program for high school sophomores. Last year, 175 students participated, including Youth Exchange students. Winners of the RYLA essay contest receive \$1,000, \$750 and \$500. Transportation for participants outside of the Des Moines metropolitan area will be provided via motor coach.

Information: Ed Minnick, (515) 558-6063; eminnick@storeykenworthy.com.



A Group Study Exchange team from District 4500 in Brazil will be hosted by District 6000 Rotarians April 1-29 (l-r): Augusto Dos Santos, Kelly Falcao, Dr. Pablo Brito, Hericka Santos, and Patricia Borges.

District 6000 to welcome Group Study Exchange team from Brazil

District 6000 Rotarians will welcome a Group Study Exchange team from District 4500, Recife, Brazil, from April 1-29.

Here is the tentative home host schedule that has been arranged by the Inbound Committee chaired by Mark Snell of Des Moines:

April 1-5: Team Arrives and is hosted by Chariton Rotary Club;

April 5-9: Team hosted by Keokuk/Ft. Madison Rotary clubs;

April 9-15: Team hosted by Iowa City Rotary clubs;

April 15-19: Team hosted by Nevada – Highway 30 clubs;

April 19-22: Team hosted by Jefferson/Coon Rapids Rotary clubs;

April 22-29: Team hosted by Indianola/Des Moines Rotary clubs.

Rotarians will be able to meet the team at District Conference, April 25-26, for the Friday noon luncheon, the Friday evening activities, at a GSE breakout session Saturday morning and at the Saturday luncheon.

Members of the Brazilian team include a Rotarian team leader four non-Rotarian team members:

- Team Leader Dr. Pablo Brito, a 40-year-old physician. He is married and has two children, ages 10 and 8, and is interested in visiting occupational health public or private assistance services.

- Augusto Dos Santos is a 32-year-old police officer. He is married and the father

of children ages 5 and 3. He would like to see police structures, anti-drug policies and special response teams, hostage situations, police gear and equipment, National Guard, and crime statistics.

- Patricia Borges is a 31-year-old law clerk. She is single. She would like to experience anything related to civil law, criminal law, adoption law, immigration law or family law.

- Kelly Falcao is a 27-year-old physiotherapist. She would like to experience physiotherapy centers that work with cardiopulmonary rehabilitations, and intensive care units of hospitals.

- Hericka Santos is a 36-year-old kindergarten teacher at ASR (American School of Recife) and an English as a Second Language teacher at a local language school. She would like to learn as much as possible about the educational system in the U.S., visit local nurseries, pre-schools and elementary schools.

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The District 6000 outbound team will travel to Brazil April 29-May 27. Team leader is Lynn Hicks of Des Moines, and team members are Kelli Andresen of Iowa City, Magali Marquez of Marshalltown, David Patterson of Kalona, and Michael Ott of Iowa City.

Group Study Exchange is an educational program of The Rotary Foundation.

District leadership training for 2008-09



Assistant District Governors for 2008-09 discussed goals and received training with District Governor-Elect Susan Herrick on Feb. 16 at Newton. Front (l-r): Terry Geiger (Decatur County), Linda Hartkopf (Atlantic), DGE Susan Herrick (Boone), Rachel Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), Jacque Andrew (Jefferson) and trainer Jack O'Leary (Nevada). Back: Dave Reiff (Fairfield), Ted Carpenter (Coralville-North Corridor), DGN Gary Welch (Ankeny), Ginny Hughes (Fairfield, AG & public relations chair), Ros Dunblazier (Nevada), Harvey Kadlic (Des Moines), Gary Anderson (Knoxville), John McNeer (Newton), Carol Machael (Clinton), AG Coordinator PDG Dale Belknap (Des Moines) and Jim Stein (Muscatine). AG John Tone of Des Moines was present but is not pictured.



Selected committee chairs joined the assistant governors for training at Newton on Feb. 15. Front (l-r): Carolyn Scharff (district administrator), Mike Ruby (Muscatine, membership), DG Diana Reed (Northwest Des Moines), Jack O'Leary (Nevada, trainer). Back: Jim Riordon (Waukee, Polio Challenge), Norm Van Klompenburg (Newton, substance abuse prevention), DGE Susan Herrick (Boone), Loring Miller (Decatur County, RotaKids), Bob Herrick (Boone, RotaKids), Doug Fournoy (Fairfield, Interact and District Simplified Grants), Jeff Brehmer (Northwest Des Moines, Ambassadorial Scholars), DGN Cal Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), Becky Swift (Des Moines AM, substance abuse prevention), Jerri Heid (Ames Morning, literacy), and Doyle Sanders (Northwest Des Moines, Annual Giving co-chair).

Register now . . .

P.E.T.S., Assembly are March 28-29

Two days of important training for Rotarians in District 6000 have been planned by District Governor-Elect Susan Herrick and District Governor Diana Reed, working with trainer Jack O'Leary, for March 28-29 at the Sodexho DMACC Newton Conference Center in Newton.

There is no cost, as the events are paid with district dues, but registration is required to plan meals and facilities. Register at the district Web site, www.rotary6000.org.

"This is a great opportunity to learn, network and have fun with your fellow Rotarians. We look forward to seeing you. It will be a privilege and pleasure to work with Rotarians during the 2008-09 Rotary year. Let's all 'Make Dreams Real'," says DGE Herrick, who will be convening Friday's President-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.).

"There will be sessions designed specifically for all areas of club development. The focus is to strengthen clubs by providing the latest information for club officers as well as club committee chairs and members, board members and all other club members who might have an interest," says District Governor Diana Reed, who will be convening Saturday's sessions.

A block of rooms is available for Rotarians at the Holiday Inn Express, across the street from the conference center. The rate is \$65. To make reservations, call (800) 465-4329.

Clubs or committees who would like to set up a display should contact Carolyn Scharff, district administrator, at (877) 976-8279. Tables are 30"x60".



DG Diana Reed, DGN Cal Litwiller and DGE Susan Herrick prepare for P.E.T.S. and Assembly.

Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.) Day Two Saturday, March 29, 2008

Sodexho DMACC Newton Conference Center at Newton, IA
(Rotary display tables will be set up from 8:15-2:00)

- Registration, Coffee, Juice, Rolls 8:30-9:15
- **TRACK ONE**, Session A for club Presidents-Elect 8:30-9:15
 - involvement in District Simplified Grants
 - Nigeria project
 - awards
- **SESSION 1: OPENING PLENARY** (all) 9:30-9:55
 - welcome, introductions
 - theme, program and goals for 2008-09
 - polio challenge
- **SESSION 2: TOPICAL TRAINING** (select one) 10:00-11:30
 - Track One: Session B for club Presidents-Elect
 - conducting an effective meeting
 - elements of good public speaking
 - developing the qualities of an effective leader
 - service roundtable
 - questions and answers
 - Track Two: Club Youth Exchange officers and counselors
 - new federal, SCRYE and district procedures
 - Track Three: Club Foundation Chairs & Committee Members
 - polio challenge
 - increasing understanding of The Rotary Foundation
 - programs of The Rotary Foundation
 - how can clubs get involved?
 - what can individuals do to support The Rotary Foundation?
 - TRF recognition for individuals and clubs
 - what reports are available for club leaders?
 - Track Four: Membership and Public Relations
 - member retention
 - finding good members
 - public relations resources & opportunities
 - Track Five: International Chairs & Committee Members
 - Nigeria project
 - matching grant opportunities
 - Xicotepec project
 - Track Six: Club Secretaries
 - maintaining membership records
 - recording meeting attendance
 - reporting monthly attendance
 - recording & preserving minutes
 - making required reports to RI
- **SESSION 3: District Annual Business Meeting** (all) .. 11:40-12:20
 - Trends, update in district Foundation giving
 - Trends, update in district membership
 - District budget
 - Election of District Governor for 2010-11
- **SESSION 4: Luncheon, Entertainment** (all) 12:30-2:00
 - Special speaker: DG Ted Gurzynski, D6270, Greendale, WI
 - (Adjourn)

Rotary International District 6000

Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.) Day One

Friday, March 28, 2008

Sodexho DMACC Newton Conference Center at Newton, IA

- Registration in Foyer 1:00-1:45
- Meet your Assistant District Governors and Fellow President-Elects 1:45-2:00
- Opening & PETS Objectives 2:00-2:15
- Welcome 2:15-2:20
- 2008-2009 Rotary International Theme, R.I. President's Goals & District 6000 Goals 2:20-2:35
- Roles & Responsibilities of the Club President, Goal Setting 2:35-3:30
- Break 3:30-4:00
- Working with Your Club and District Leaders 4:00-4:30
- Meet in Discussion Groups with your ADG (breakouts) 4:30-6:00
- *Submit your Club EREY Form*
- Dinner & Model Rotary meeting 6:15-7:00
- Service Projects 7:00-7:30
- The Rotary Foundation and Polio Challenge 7:30-8:00
- Public Relations 8:00-8:30
- Planning Your Membership Approach 8:30-8:55
- Your Year as President: Putting it All Together 8:55-9:10
- Closing Comments 9:10-9:15
- (Adjourn to party at the hotel!)

Polio eradication: Will it Happen?

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

D-6000, PolioPlus chair

Polio eradication. Will it Happen?

After spending over \$600 million of Rotarians' money and reducing the number of polio victims from 1,000 a day in 125 countries in 1985 to under 1,200 in only four countries last year, do we want to quit now?

A study has shown that if the world switches to "control" and giving up on "eradication," the number of children afflicted with the polio virus will skyrocket to 200,000 a year and cost billions of dollars over a 20-year period than eradication.

For Rotary (and I hope each of us) Polio Eradication is our No. 1 goal. We cannot stop now!

For this Rotary year of 2007-08, Rotarians and Rotary club contributions are being matched with District 6000 Designated Funds. Over \$8,300 dollars has been matched to date with the Rotary Club of Muscatine leading the way by contributing nearly half of that amount.

Your club and club members are strongly encouraged to make another contribution to the PolioPlus Partners Program. Checks should be made out to PolioPlus Partners and sent to me: PDG Don Goering in Ames. I will complete the necessary paperwork to match the contributions.



As Bill Gates Sr., stated in announcing the \$100 million challenge grant to Rotary International, "The extraordinary dedication of Rotary members has played a critical role in bringing polio to the brink of eradication. Eradicating polio will be one of the most significant public health accomplishments in history and we (the Gates Foundation) are committed to helping reach that goal."

Over the next three years, Rotary clubs are being asked to conduct community fund raisers, letting the community know what Rotary has done in eradicating polio and raising \$1,000 each year for three years. The funds raised through these efforts will go to Rotary's commitment of matching the Gates Foundation challenge grant. For District 6000, our challenge is to raise \$186,000 (62 club x \$1,000 per year x three years).

Can the children of the world depend on you and your club to fulfill our promise to protect them from the ravages of the polio virus?

Get a bumper sticker with your donation to PolioPlus Partners

A supply of bumper stickers that read "Good-bye Polio – Thanks Rotary" has been donated to District 6000. For a \$25.00 donation to PolioPlus Partners we will send one of these bumper stickers to you to proudly display on one of your vehicles.



Send your check in multiples of \$25.00 made out to "TRF – PolioPlus Partners" to D-6000 Rotary Foundation Chair Don Goering, 1939 Bel Air Drive, Ames, IA 50010



Sen. John Culver



Dr. Ignacio Ponseti



Rep. Jim Leach

Hoover-Wallace Dinner April 19

Rotarians and their guests are invited to the Fifth Annual World Hoover-Wallace Dinner on Saturday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Coralville Marriott and Conference Center.

The Hoover-Wallace Dinner was established in 2004 to honor Iowa's humanitarian heritage. It is a collaboration of the World Food Prize Foundation, the Rotary clubs of Iowa, the host city's chamber of commerce, and Iowa's Regent universities.

With the support of Gov. Chet Culver, Senators Charles Grassley and Tom Harkin, former governors Tom Vilsack, Terry Branstad and Robert Ray, and Iowa's legislative leaders and state elected officials, the Hoover-Wallace Dinner has been hosted in Cedar Rapids, Cedar Falls and Des Moines, and has sold out with over 600 in attendance each year.

Ambassador Kenneth Quinn, event organizer, said the 2008 Hoover-Wallace Dinner will honor three Iowans whose exemplary careers in public and humanitarian service impacted the world: Sen. John Culver, Rep. Jim Leach, and Dr. Ignacio Ponseti. He commented:

"Serving in the U.S. Congress, Iowa natives John Culver (a Democrat) and Jim Leach (a Republican) were models of bipartisanship in public service and dedication to resolving intractable global issues like nuclear armament, natural resource degradation, and poverty. Ignacio Ponseti, a native of Spain who has made Iowa his home for over 60 years, has similarly won national and international renown for his work to correct clubfoot – the congenital bone defect that leaves children and, when untreated, adults, unable to walk, and is a particularly severe problem in developing countries.

"With diverse backgrounds in law, government, business, and medicine, these three men are united by their global perspective and their dedication to service, making each of them an outstanding ambassador on behalf of Iowa to the world."

Past laureates were Dr. Norman Borlaug, Vice President Walter Mondale, Gov. Robert Ray, George Washington Carver, and John Deere.

The theme of the dinner is exemplified by the achievements of its namesake native Iowans: Former President Herbert Hoover who arranged for the delivery of food to Europe during World War I, saving hundreds of millions of people from starvation; and former Vice-President Henry Wallace, whose agricultural innovations increased food availability and nutrition for millions more.

Proceeds from the event help fund the World Food Prize Borlaug-Ruan International Internship Program which sends students abroad for 8-week internships to study food security issues and nutritional problems in poverty-stricken areas.

Tickets are \$125 per person, and tables can be reserved for \$1,250. Reservations are needed by April 10. Tickets may be ordered at www.hooverwallace.org, or by calling (800) 682-8976.



Forty-four Rotarians, family, faculty, students continue D-6000 relationships in Xicotepec

Forty-four members of the District 6000 Project Team spent March 8-16 in Xicotepec, Mexico, where they continued an annual relationship that began in March 2003. Projects undertaken with the Xicotepec Rotarians this year were to have included:

- Furnishing and equipping of the new library at the Telesecundaria School. Construction of that library is going on now.
- Expansion of previous projects – more water filtration systems, more support for schools, including wellness checks of the children, new equipment and classrooms, de-worming and fluoride treatments for students.
- Expansion of activity at the Hogar Victoria Orphanage to include support of an indigenous bi-lingual school, the Cuautemoc School, where classes are conducted in Nahuatl and Spanish.

The 2008 team is geographically diverse. Students (some repeaters, some new to the project) come from North Carolina (UNC), Pennsylvania (Penn), Connecticut (Wesleyan) and UI.

Team members are from Colombia, Vietnam, U.S. and Honduras. Included are pharmacy and engineering students from the University of Iowa and a professor from the UI Education Department. The youngest ever participant (3 years old) is a member of a family of three that will participate. There is a Nevada family of five going, as are District Governor Diana Reed of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines and her husband, Rick Rarick. As always, there are many participants who have been to Xicotepec before and are drawn back as well as new faces among the crowd.

Making the trip for the sixth consecutive year was team leader Jim Peterson of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM.

Xicotepec team members:

Amanda Boswell (Rotary Club of Corning, youth); Kay Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor); Elli Cassabaum (Ro-

tary Club of Nevada, youth); Emma Cassabaum (Rotary Club of Nevada, youth); Kati Cassabaum (Rotary Club of Nevada, youth); Michelle Cassabaum (Rotary Club of Nevada); Steven Cassabaum (Rotary Club of Nevada); Christine Catney (University of Iowa, College of Pharmacy, faculty); Art Check (Rotary Club of Nevada); Amelia Conrad (Mt. Pleasant Interact); Matt Craig (Cedar Rapids, Rotary Club of East Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina); Jessica Eveleth (University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, student); Serena Everhart (Muscatine Interact); Georgia Flaum (Iowa City, student at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut); Imani Fuller (University of North Carolina, student); Tom George (Rotary Club of West Des Moines); Renee Graber (Mt. Pleasant Interact); Stephanie Grau (Ankeny Interact); Amit Gupta (University of North Carolina, student); Craig Just (University of Iowa College of Engineering, faculty); Daria Kieffer (Iowa City West Interact); Becky Lamis (University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, student); Tuyen Le (Rotary Club of Nevada, Junior Rotarian); Joshua Lipman (University of Pennsylvania, ex-Interactor from Iowa City West); Estela Lozier (three-year-old, Iowa City); Leda Lozier (University of Iowa Water Team); Matt Lozier (University of Iowa Water Team); Bob Main (Rotary Club of Newton); Holly Moriarty (Peosta, University of Iowa Service Learning, Water Team); Tom Narak (Rotary Club of West Des Moines); PDG Gary Pacha (Rotary Club of Iowa City); Nancy Pacha (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM); Michael Paci (University of Pennsylvania, student); Anita Rao (North Liberty, University of North Carolina, student); Priyanka Rao (North Liberty, University of North Carolina, student); Michael Schaefer (University of Iowa Service Learning, Water Team); Hazel Hilton Seaba (University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, faculty); Brandi Simpson (Rotary Club of Corning, youth); Craig Matthew Sink (Rotary Club of Corning, youth); Melanie Smith (University of North Carolina, student); Connie Trowbridge (University of Iowa College of Nursing, faculty); Paula Vasquez (University of North Carolina, student); Anita Wubena (Rotary Club of North Scott); and Emily Zepeda (University of North Carolina, student).

Rotary meets the media at newspaper convention

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

RI Public Image Resource Group/North America rep

To help Rotary be understood by the media, Districts 6000 and 5970 of Iowa had a booth at the Iowa Newspaper Association Trade Show, Feb. 7-8 in Des Moines.

District Governor Diana Reed, DGE Susan Herrick, and PDGs Bill Tubbs and Dave Buck (D5970) encouraged publishers to distribute the "Iowa Rotary" tabloid and to work with the Rotary clubs in their communities. They handed out 50 "Humanity In Motion" CD/DVD sets to publishers and journalism students.

"I was really pleased. It was well worth the effort," commented Governor Reed. With nearly 900 in attendance, this was one of the largest newspaper trade shows in the U.S.

Publishers gave positive feedback about the work that Rotary clubs are doing in their communities, and wrote favorable comments in a guest register. "In many ways, it doesn't happen if Rotary doesn't do it in our town," commented Missouri publisher Dave Berry, who was a student Rotarian in high school.

Rotary alumni were quick to lend their support. "I was a Rotary Exchange Student in Germany," wrote Jessica Smith of Ames. "It was the most amazing and enlightening experience of my life."



At the Iowa Newspaper Association Trade Show, D6000 Rotarians Bill Tubbs, Susan Herrick and Diana Reed, and Dave Buck of Waterloo (D5970) visited with publishers and journalism students about Rotary's work in the world.



Inbound and outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students from District 6000 celebrated friendship in Davenport March 8-9, including a birthday party for Arthur Souza from Brazil (c). Seated are (l-r): Ana Marie Purice (Romania, Wellman), Leonardo Garcia (Ecuador, Iowa City) and Maria Eugenia Maeder (Argentina, Muscatine). Standing: Kelsey Jensen (NW Des Moines, outbound 2008-09), Aaron Masover (Fairfield, outbound 2008-09), Rayma Hipp (Fairfield, outbound 2008-09), Ed Maestri (Brazil, Tipton), Lucas Artmann (Germany, Indianola), Adrian Trent (North Scott, outbound 2008-09), Charlene Ecard (France, Pella), Arturo Souza (Brazil, North Scott), Isuf Hajdari (Kosovo, Muscatine), Vincent Pinte (France, Winterset), Nina Marega (Brazil, Manning), Carolina Echaide (Mexico, Keokuk), David Mpunda (France, Corydon), Sara Toellner (Germany, Nevada), Giulia Ibba (Italy, Decatur County), Renato Ferraz (Brazil, Ottumwa), and Parita Vashi (India, Mt. Pleasant).

Membership in Youth Exchange group approved

By Don Peters/District 6150

Rotary Youth Exchange, Central and NE Arkansas

In a historic vote that concluded with a teleconference call last night (January), the South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) Board voted 21 to 0 for accepting the six membership applications of Rotary Districts 5510, 5610, 5630, 5650, 5970 and 6000.

The benefits to SCRYE and the applying districts mentioned during the discussion on the teleconference call and in e-mails leading up to that call were the compelling reasons for approval of these applications.

The primary concern raised by several member districts during the discussions was the associated organizational and administrative impact of SCRYE of such a material expansion at the same time as SCRYE is dealing with the administrative requirements of the CSIET audit.

As a result, I will work with the management committee to name a special committee that will be asked to prepare a recommendation on dealing with these issues for the Summer Board Meeting in July. I will also be working with the new districts on the administrative requirements regarding their membership, e.g., notifying RI, etc.

Thanks to everyone for expressing your vote on this very important issue for SCRYE and the applying districts as well as identifying the many benefits for all involved of such a move and the issues that we should address to make this material expansion

result in an organization that is as effective and efficient as possible.



D6000 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee chair Chris Knapp (Iowa City AM) speaks to students at the winter retreat in Indianola in January..

Team members for Iowa M.O.S.T. mission

Team leader PDG Gary Pacha reports that the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.) sponsored by District 6000 will travel to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala (commonly known there as Xela), on April 5-15 to perform facial-cranial repairs.

"We formed a partnership with the Rotarians there and hope to alternate between Hehuatenango and Xela each year, as long as fund raising remains successful," Pacha said. "We are welcoming Sal and Maru Danial to our team as volunteers this year, as they made a very generous gift of nearly \$30,000 to fund the trip, and we are hopeful they will see it as a worthy enough investment to continue their generosity in future years."

Pacha encourages Rotarians to visit the Web site, www.IowaMOST.org. "You can learn about us, view pictures, contact us, or make a contribution to keep this wonderful life-changing mission work viable into the future. At the same time, we also wish to thank all Rotarians in D6000 for their generosity this past year for the more than \$9,000 they donated to our cause."

Team members for the 2008 trip are listed at right:

Team Leader:
Gary Pacha

Surgeons:
John Canady
Drew Dillman
Jodi Jones
Juan Carlos Garcia
Moran
Antonio Rosal Alvarez

Anesthesia:
Robert Forbes
Jim Schuh
Chandra Beals
Tom Cannon

Dental:
Bill LaVelle
Steve Hedlund

Pediatrics:
Oscar Gomez
Pete Wallace

Medical Students:
Natalie Freed
Lael Stander

Nurses, OR:
Pat Wehrle
Deb Strike
Jody Meyer
Jen Oliver
Ana Victoria Lopez

Nurses, RR:
Mindy Bowen
Susan Adamson

Nurses, Floor:
Emily Berglund
Dee Grems

Nursing Assistant:
Ruben Zuniga

Supply/Quartermaster:
Karin Franklin

Translator:
Francisco Fernandez

Photo Journalist:
Melody Rockwell

Record Keeper:
Jan Ahlberg

Pediatric/Recovery Room Assistant:
Pat Pohlman

Dentist Emeritus:
Bill Olin

Volunteer:
Sal Danial
Maru Danial

Biomedical Engineer:
Rick Borchard

D6000 matching grants: \$820,000 for water, schools, sanitation, alleviation of poverty

By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport

D-6000, World Community Service chair

What are Rotarians in District 6000 doing to promote world understanding, goodwill and peace?

One of the most notable successes is our international humanitarian grants program. Active projects supported by our clubs will accomplish more than \$820,000 worth of humanitarian good work around the world this year. Eighteen clubs in District 6000 are partnering with 22 clubs in 12 districts in eleven countries on projects that improve health, support education and alleviate poverty.

The projects are being accomplished in Argentina, Bolivia, Columbia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, India, Kenya and Tanzania in impoverished communities where the poorest of the poor live. They involve water supplies where there have been none, safe drinking water where there have been only contaminated supplies, school supplies for some of the most disadvantaged children in our hemisphere and equipment for their schools, latrines – outhouses – for families who have lacked this most basic need of human dignity, cataract surgeries for hundreds and hundreds of Asia's poorest, innovative technical education to provide employment for people who had no hope of productive work, medical supplies and equipment for dedicated rural practitioners whose patients

have minimal ability to pay, fire trucks and ambulances for communities that cannot afford such fundamental resources.

The sources of the \$820,000-plus that is paying for the projects demonstrate how Rotary has become the greatest of all service clubs. Almost 50 percent of the funds are coming directly from The Rotary Foundation. District 6000 District Designated Funds, our own contributions to The Rotary Foundation coming back for our discretionary use for humanitarian purposes, are providing nearly one-third of the funding. The remainder of the funding is provided by the generosity of District

6000 clubs and individual Rotarians and, to a lesser extent, by our partners in the project countries.

It's a terrific accomplishment that 18 District 6000 clubs are promoting world understanding, goodwill and peace through partnerships to accomplish humanitarian projects. But that means that 44 clubs do not have active international matching grants while the needs are greater than we can even imagine. The World Community Service Committee is anxious to support club leaders by suggesting how clubs can develop projects and by assisting with the application process.



The 2007-08 District 6000 Matching Grants Committee met recently at North Liberty (l-r): PDG Don Goering (Ames), Brock Earnhardt (Davenport, committee chair), Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM, Latin America grants coordinator), PDG Denny Skinner (Nevada, Europe and Africa grants coordinator), DGE Susan Herrick (Boone), DG Diana Reed (Northwest Des Moines), PDG Bill Tubbs (North Scott), Rachel Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant, Asia grants coordinator), Bill Burress (Davenport), and DGN Cal Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant). Additional committee members are Bill Ashton (Davenport), Larry Nash (Fairfield), AG John Tone (Des Moines), PDG Corliss Klaassen (Chariton) and PDG Del Bluhm (Ames).



Big Blue Sky Ensemble, Pella Rotary pay tribute: **A LIFE ENDED TOO SOON**

Funds raised for children's art institute

By AG Jim Ebbers/Pella

Pella was the site of a transcending experience on Saturday, March 1. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pella and hosted in the historic Opera House, native son Jon Stravers gathered his Big Blue Sky ensemble and shared their version of the music of the spheres.

The result was a far cry from the metronomic mind deadening and repetitive beat and boom of some contemporary music. Rather, it had the flow of the Mississippi where Jon earns his livelihood and the space of Idaho where his musician son wrote much of the music played, some of it in collaboration with his father.

Rotary's favorite current couple, District 6000 Governor Diana Reed and husband, Rick Rarick, were there to listen and applaud. Rotarians felt great satisfaction in having brought this inspiring group to the city and in promoting the attendance. They were particularly motivated by the memory of Jon's father, the late Tony Stravers, who had been a member of the club for nearly 40 years.

Musicians were gathered from the local area as well as various



"Jon Jon" Stravers, in an image from the Web site of the Children's Dance Institute (childrensdanceinstitute.org).

parts of Iowa and as far away as New Mexico. Guitarists, flautists and percussionists, under Jon's subtle direction set the pace. Soloist Kristina Castaneda from Dubuque provided the vocal and visual enhancement.

Big Blue Sky is a musical concept started as a father-son duo in the mid-90s by Jon Stravers Sr. and Jon Stravers Jr. (Jon-Jon). Their music has been referred to as "Ecofolkanrock." The music is inspired by wild places and celebrates our natural heritage and the natural rhythms of life.

Jon-Jon and his son, Jonah, were killed in a tragic auto accident last fall. At the time of his death, Jon-Jon was musical director of the Children's Dance Institute which is a part of the Treasure Valley Institute for Children's Art in Boise, Idaho. The concert was a memorial to Jon-Jon and Jonah and a part of the proceeds from the concert will be sent to the Treasure Valley Institute.

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The Denver Post reported that Jon-Jon and his 3-year-old son were killed by a suspected drunken driver when a pickup crashed head-on into Stravers' car. The driver of the other car, Bryant C. Hays, 26, of Sussex, Wis., was also killed.

The *Post* noted that Jon-Jon made his own Native American flutes. "Such a big light in the world shouldn't be snuffed so soon," said Erin Frazier of Lafayette. The Stravers stayed at Frazier's home on his way to visit his father in Iowa, she said.

Stravers, who has done extensive research on hawks, was taking the country road so he could drive through grass land preserves. He and his father, Jon "Hawk" Stravers, who founded the Midwest Raptor Research Fund, planned on taking boat trips on the Mississippi during his vacation, *The Post* reported.

According to his dance studio website, Jon Jon Stravers composed music for the studio performances. He played mandolin, guitar, piano and drums. He made many of the instruments himself and also taught music to children at home. "He touched a lot of children's lives," Frazier said.



In a concert sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pella, musicians raised funds to commemorate the life of Jon-Jon Stravers.

Friendship Exchange to host Australians, send teams to Sweden, England

After sponsoring an outbound exchange team to India and hosting inbound teams from India and England during 2007, the Rotary Friendship Exchange Committee is on target to continue a high level of activity in 2008.

Keith Whigham (Ames Rotary) chairs the committee and has announced that District 6000 will host a team from Australia in June and a team from Sweden in September.



Also, Friendship Exchange teams from D6000 will be departing for a visit to Sweden in August and another one to England in September. There are openings for five couples and each traveler will be responsible for their own travel expenses.

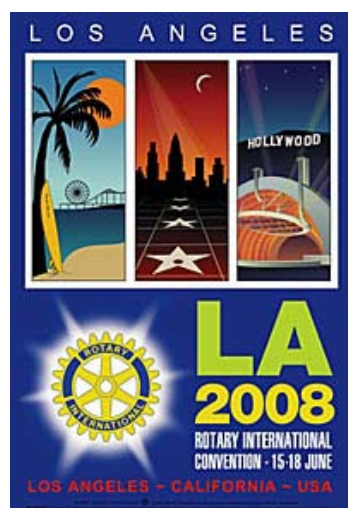
Dennis Nygaard is the District 6000 RFE contact person for the trip District 2340 in Sweden. If interested, you may send your e-mail to dennism@federation-bankia.com to become part of the selection process.

The opportunities for both hosting and participating in visits to other Districts are most enjoyable and even if it is not possible to be away for the 15 to 30 days usually involved in outbound experience, Rotarians may want to be a part of the exchange process by helping to welcome and host visitors.

Those interested in either hosting our visitors or being a part of an outbound team to Sweden should contact Keith Whigham at soy@iastate.edu for more information. Those interested in participating in the visit to England District D1080 should contact John Lewis at jmlinc@netins.net for details.

Meet us in Los Angeles at the District 6000 Breakfast

"See the Stars! Share the spotlight with fellow Rotarians in the entertainment capital of the world" at the Rotary International



Convention, June 15-18 in Los Angeles. The deadline for pre-registration for the convention is March 31.

The way to connect with District 6000 friends amongst the thousands of Rotarians from the 168 countries in the Rotary world is to attend the District 6000 Breakfast, hosted by DGE Susan Herrick. It will be Monday, June 16 from 7:00-8:30 a.m. at the Garden West Room at the Wilshire Grand Hotel. The inclusive buffet cost is \$32.00 per person. Send your registration and check by June 1

to: Rotary District 6000, P.O. Box 46, Knoxville, IA 50138.

You can register for the convention at: www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx?housead

Paul Harris Society has 44 members . . . and growing

The Paul Harris Society was begun in District 6000 in 2004-05 to encourage and recognize Rotarians who exceed the \$100 per year expectation for Sustaining Members of The Rotary Foundation by pledging \$1,000 or more a year. In the first 3-1/2 years, 44 Rotarians from 19 clubs have made this commitment, including 10 from the Rotary Club of Ames.

One Rotarian, Bill Koellner of West Liberty, is supporting the Foundation at the \$600 per month level (\$7,200 per year) with a goal of eventually reaching \$100,000. Inspired by Bill's example, all Rotarians are challenged to support the Foundation's educational and humanitarian programs as one of our "charities of choice." To sign up, contact DG Diana Reed or District Rotary Foundation Chair Don Goering.

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY IN DISTRICT 6000:

Charter Members (2004-05):

Bob Anderson (Ames)
Del & Georgia Bluhm (Ames)
Roger & Pat Borup (Wellman)
Tom Brooke (West Liberty)
George Christiansen (Ames)
John & Linda Dasher (Ames)
Dave Dickson (Ames)
Mary Gibbons (Ames)
Don & Doris Goering (Ames)
Conrad Gregg (West Liberty)
Paul Hellwege (Boone)
Corliss & Jeanne Klaassen (Chariton)
Bill Koellner (West Liberty)
Loring Miller (Decatur County)
Phyllis Miller (Decatur County)
Bill Oglesby (Coralville-North Corridor)
Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM)
Bob Rudman (Ames)
David Suntken (Ames)
Bill & Linda Tubbs (North Scott)
Don Wandling (Ames)
Herb Wilson (Iowa City Downtown)
Janice Wilson (Iowa City Downtown)



Paul Harris Society Members (2005-06)

Bill & Ann Ashton (Davenport)
Ed Barker (Iowa City)
Trent W. Frohock (East Polk)
Marvin Hartwig (Coralville-North Corridor)
Doug & Meldoy Huette (Iowa City AM)
Ev & Ruth Lanning (Indianola)
Steven F. & Karen Laughlin (Coralville-North Corridor)
Darrell & Sharon Limkeman (Ottumwa)
Nancy & Jeff Stroburg (Jefferson)
Richard Young (Iowa City)

Paul Harris Society Members (2006-07)

John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM)
Michael E Mumma (Jefferson)
Kent Angerer (Iowa City)
Harvey Kadlec (Des Moines)
Deepak Giri (West Liberty)
William & Dixie Burress (Davenport)
Lee Holmes (Waukee)
Chelon Stanzel (Ames Morning)
Alan Hermanson (Ames Morning)

Paul Harris Society Members (2007-08)

Charles Funk (Iowa City)
Jim Swaner (Iowa City)
Geraldene Felton (Iowa City)

EXTENDING ROTARY:

Davenport dentist brings smiles – and a new Rotary club – to Cambodia

By Jon Ryder/Davenport

When I was in college there was a man I knew, a dentist and Rotarian, who regularly made volunteer trips to other countries. He would take exotic journeys up the Amazon or to the Far East, and help people out of pain, help educate them, and simply provide compassion to those who would otherwise not have received it.

From this inspiration I made the decision to go to dental school, and someday follow in my mentor's footsteps. Of course dental school was demanding and difficult. Graduation, starting up in practice, building a new life with my family, teaching, and worrying about patients, kids and money, made me lose sight of my original goal.

It wasn't until several years later when life started to stabilize that I remembered my role model and the inspiration he gave me.

Armed with a background in Asian studies, a duffel bag of dental supplies, and a camera, I boarded a plane for Cambodia. Three days later I arrived at Siem Reap International Airport. I was greeted by 90-degree heat and a never-ending flow of beautiful smiling and welcoming faces. Two escorts with a private car drove me to my hotel and graciously introduced me to Khmer culture.

One of my first stops was a quick tour of the Angkor Hospital for Children where I was scheduled to work for the next 10 days. I was told to report back promptly after lunch as the dental team was going out to the countryside to provide care in a small village.

After an arduous ride over dirt roads, we arrived at a small cement block building. Outside, there were about 20 people lined up

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This child and many more in Cambodia can smile, thanks to the Service Above Self of Davenport Rotarian Dr. Jon Ryder.

‘Many nights after returning to the privacy of my hotel room, I sobbed with despair realizing both the pain and suffering of these beautiful children, and the intense and profound satisfaction I was feeling from helping them.’



Charter members of the Rotary Club of Siem Reap Angkor in Cambodia.

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waiting. Inside, I found a single table and chair, no electricity and no running water. Using flashlights and natural light from high overhead windows, we extracted teeth all afternoon until we ran out of sterile instruments.

The rest of the trip was spent treating children at the hospital dental clinic. Luxurious by comparison to the first day with the fully equipped clinic, I was able to give over 125 children their smiles back and relieve their pain.

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Traveling in this way, as volunteer Rotarians, places us in an environment that the average sightseer would most likely never experience. We are able to connect with a culture in a simple, transparent way by sharing our time, and avoid the pomp and circumstance of buses, tour guides and souvenir shops.

I was able to spend time with people in their homes and share a meal, or go swimming and play with kids I treated in the clinics. I watched the sunrise and breathed in the sandalwood incense as I walked with the Buddhist monks on their morning alms quest. I spent a lazy afternoon practicing the Khmer language and laughing out loud while it rained so hard we could barely see the surrounding rice fields.

I experienced unbelievable sights, such as the Angkor Wat temple complex, and an entire village that floats, and moves with the floods and droughts, on the largest lake in South East Asia.

And most importantly, I realized the magic of empathy and compassion.

Since that first visit, I have returned to Cambodia 13 times. I have made life-long friends, joined the boards of local NGOs and universities, helped found a non-profit organization and helped develop and sponsor the third Rotary club in Cambodia.

Siem Reap Angkor Rotary Club was officially chartered on June 29, 2007, with 21 founding members. Cambodia had hundreds of nonprofit organizations but only two Rotary clubs, so the opportunity for fellow international Rotarians to partner with, and develop joint projects was very limited.

Siem Reap Province is one of the poorest and most poverty stricken areas in Cambodia, so a Rotary club here would be of particular significance.

I e-mailed the district office in Bangkok, Thailand, and told them I would like to help create a club in this area. It turned out there was a man who had been trying to start a club. Mr. Prom Bunthai had been to Rotary training and was now looking to gather the 20 minimum members.

On my next trip to Cambodia I contacted Mr. Prom and assisted him in recruiting members. I then contacted my club in Davenport and proposed we sponsor this new club. Since the SRA Rotary Club has started, it has partnered with five international clubs for various projects including building a school and a major 3H project to provide clean water.

Right now, today, there are over one billion people living around the world in terrible poverty. They are living without clean water, without decent food or shelter, without regular access to education or health care, and without hope. We are the world's most privileged. It is simply our responsibility to extend help and compassion if we are able.

Dr. Ryder is the son-in-law of Henrietta Cahill, the longtime executive secretary for the Rotary Clubs of Davenport and North Scott. He can be contacted at: drryder@mac.com.



Iowa City Rotarian Linda Muston gives a book to children at the Tezontles Rotary School in Xicotepec, Mexico, in honor of those who give programs at her club. One hundred-fifty such books have been presented since 2004.

Speakers' books at Iowa City given to library at Xicotepec primary school

The Iowa City Noon Rotary Club continues to support a project in Xicotepec, Mexico, which was initiated in 2003 and supported by District 6000 funds. As a result of the continuing relationships established with the Rotary club there, a primary school was built and a library was established. The school's name is Rotary School Tezontles.

The leadership in our club recognized the need for books for the library. Therefore, an idea was spawned to purchase age appropriate books in Spanish for the primary school. Instead of giving speakers gifts such as pens, mugs or key chains, a book would be given to the speaker each week. Bookplates were prepared for the speaker to sign and date. The bookplates are affixed to each book and the books are collected until they can be transported by the next team or mailed.

To date approximately 150 books have been contributed to this library. The contribution of books as speaker gifts was initiated by president Steve Hedlund (2004-05) and continued by presidents Ann Parker (2005-06), Maggie Mowery (2006-07) and Charlie Funk (2007-08.)

In October 2007, several members of our club had the opportunity to visit the school library and interact with the happy children who were delighted to have access to these books.

Additionally, secondary school is being built with assistance from Rotary and will include a library sponsored by three Rotarians from this club. Thus, the need for equipping another library with books!

— submitted by Eleanor McClelland

INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY:

Rotary's governors for 2008-09 get together at San Diego

By Susan Herrick/Boone

D-6000, District Governor-Elect

Rotary International Assembly is offered during January of the year that a DGE (District Governor-Elect) will take over the office of district governor.

The International Assembly is designed to deepen your Rotary knowledge, broaden your experience with Rotary's internationality, and challenge you to exemplify the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self. Rotary International assembles every DGE from 530 districts around the world along with their spouse to train with RI's team of general officers, training leaders and others to help you prepare for your year as district governor.

On Jan. 13, Bob and I left the freezing temperatures of Iowa and flew on a Rotary-booked flight from Des Moines to San Diego, Calif., where it was sunny and 75 degrees. We knew this was going to be a great adventure and wonderful experience, although I don't think we were prepared to have people who would ensure that everything that we needed would be provided for us.

We were met at the airport by San Diego Rotarians who recovered our luggage and guided us to buses that would transport us to the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego on the bay. Our schedule that first day included a buffet lunch and a Presidential Welcome Reception where we met with RI President Wilf Wilkinson from Canada, RI President-Elect Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee from South Korea, and RI President-Nominee John Kenny from Scotland.

It was breathtaking to walk around a room that held over 500 couples from nearly every country on earth. The languages, faces and clothing were delightful. And on that first night we encountered for the first time Vox and Meiching Hsieh, our Group Study Exchange partners from Taiwan. Vox and Meiching are truly wonderful people with whom Bob and I immediately formed a friendship.

During the week we exchanged gifts with well over half of the couples at Assembly and received beautiful, intriguing, fun gifts to bring back to District 6000. We experienced foods from many cultures and discovered that the desserts from India have to be the best in the world.

You could find yourself sitting at a table with Rotary dignitaries sharing breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Laughing with Past RI President Bill Boyd and his wife Lorna, or PRIP Frank Devlyn and his wife, Gloria Rita, was just as possible at a meal as was sitting with a table of Brazilians who spoke only Portuguese. *All* of these experiences create rich memories of that week of training.

Our first plenary session featured the presentation of flags of the Rotary world and the national anthems of the current president and president-elect. That was followed by D.K. Lee's theme address, announcing "Make Dreams Real" as the 2008-09 theme, that left not a dry eye in the house.



District 6000 DGE Susan Herrick (r) with Vox and Meiching Hsieh of Taiwan, our 2008-09 partner district for Group Study Exchange.

Our daily plenary sessions touched on all of the Avenues of Service and many Rotary programs. District 6000 and our Zone Institutes had prepared us well with a solid base of knowledge of Rotary, but seated in discussion groups each day with governors-elect from throughout the Rotary world, you are given a wide appreciation for the challenges and triumphs of many, many districts.

Bob was involved in the spouse program that is as intensive as the DGE program. He had his own training manual and discussion groups like mine. There are now many husband partners of district governors and he was as deeply involved in the training as I was.

Although we had much serious work to accomplish in San Diego, we also had a lot of fun. There was an International Fellowship Dinner and Dance with great food, good dance music and a dance floor that was crowded with dancers – it was not unusual to see RI General Secretary Ed Futa dancing next to PRIP Jonathan Majiyabe and his wife, or see D.K. Lee and his wife in a Conga Line!

On Thursday night we participated in a Host Hospitality Dinner where we were hosted along with a couple from Australia and a couple from South Africa in the home of a female cosmetic dentist who is a Rotarian in Coronado, Calif. She is a gourmet cook and the evening in their home is a memory we will cherish.

On Friday evening we had the International Festival Talent Night – our Zone group performed an act to "We Are Family" that brought the house down!!

On the last night we had the Go Forth and Serve Banquet where we all felt that we were part of a great class of friends.

By the end of this intensive but rewarding training, each of us was sad to leave our new friends but looking forward to the challenges of our governor's year.

We will meet most of those people again in Los Angeles at the Rotary International Convention. And with business cards and connections that we will use many times over the coming year, none of us feel that we are facing those challenges alone.



The 2008-09 Rotary International theme



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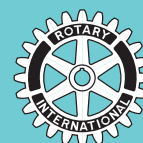
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, April 24th, 2008

- 12:00 **Golf at Iowa's Premier Golf Course** – Tournament Club of Iowa
 Noon One of the opening events of District 6000 Conference is a scramble golf outing at TCI – an Arnold Palmer Course in Polk City. It takes place on Thursday, April 24 with a 12:00 noon shotgun start. With a scramble/best ball format all levels of golfers can enjoy this gorgeous course. This should be a lot of fun! We want at least one foursome from each club to be represented. If you can't get a foursome together, that's OK, we'll pair you with other Rotarians for an unforgettable day. Cost is \$60 and includes green fees, cart, and practice facility with range balls.
 Mark your calendar and get your foursome ready for a great day at the Tournament Club of Iowa. Sign up on conference registration.
- 1:00- **Tennis Anyone?**
 4:00PM On Thursday, April 24th Rotary District 6000 will be holding a Tennis Doubles Round Robin Tournament (60 players maximum). The event will be held from 1-4pm at the Aspen Athletic Club located at 10930 Hickman Road in Clive. Trophies will be awarded for the first 3 places. Signup on Conference registration.
- 1:00- **Back by Popular Demand – Spouse/Guest Program – Meredith Publishing/Better Homes & Gardens Tour**, conducted by Michael and Lynne Belknap, Art Directors. (Limited to 20 maximum) Transportation to and from hotel provided by Link Associates. Sign up on conference registration.
- 6:00PM **Opening Casual Dinner at the gorgeous Tournament Club of Iowa.**
 Don't miss this event in the dining room and patio overlooking the great outdoors and beautiful course.
- 9:00PM **Afterglow at the Sheraton Hotel (lobby bar)** – unwind after an active day of golf, tennis and spouse/guest program for cash bar – hosts are Susan and Bob Herrick of Boone.



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DISTRICT 6000 CONFERENCE

Friday, April 25, 2008

7:00AM **Registration & Club Display set up.**

7:30-9:00AM **Welcome and Conference Breakfast** with R.I. Representative, Karen Babin, Saratoga Springs, New York.

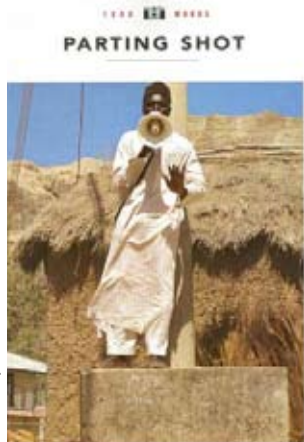
9:00AM **Back by Popular Demand-Spouse/ Guest Program** – including lunch
Speaker: Dr. Michael Irish, M.D. Pediatric Surgeon/Robotic Surgery. Blank Hospital is significant to Rotary because of its role in caring for children with polio in the 1950's. (Limited to 50 maximum) Transportation to and from hotel provided by Link Associates.

9:00-10:00AM **Opening Plenary Session** – The Nigerian Initiative presented by District Governor, Diana, with special guests and team members. The purpose of the trip

was to develop relationships with the Rotarians in Nigeria and give them the visibility and support they need, identify projects that the districts in zones 27 and 28 can work on, build trust with the people of Nigeria, attend the West Africa Project Fair and to be a part of Nigeria's Polio Immunization Plus Days. Come experience the Nigeria Initiative through District Governor Diana's eyes and emotions.



Looking in Windows - Visiting parents and families at Blank Hospital in Des Moines, September, 1948



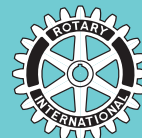
Health Call

In Ganguwa, Nigeria, the town crier gathers villagers for an immunization day in January. With the help of Rotarian Busuyi Onobolu, chair of the Nigeria PolioPlus Committee, they're vaccinating thousands of children in the world's most polio-endemic area.

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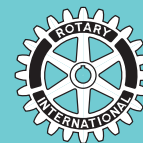


- 10:15-11:15AM **Ambassador Ken Quinn, President of the World Food Prize Foundation** will highlight its work to eliminate world hunger and its important partnership with Rotary to provide youth scholarships annually. Rotary sponsored students work in foreign lands on food production projects. Ambassador Quinn has received numerous awards for his work in foreign service and humanitarian efforts on behalf of refugees – International Hunger Relief and Refugee Re-settlement.
- 11:15-11:45AM **Club Projects Showcase** – get inspiration and ideas from these amazing projects.
- 11:45-1:15PM **Conference Luncheon** – Joe Dittmar, Speaker – “Lessons from a 9/11 Survivor”. Here’s what Bill Tubbs had to say in his Impressions column in The North Scott Press (Eldridge, Iowa) Wednesday, September 12, 2007, “Dittmar went well over the allotted time but his audience listened in hushed silence, some holding back tears and others not even trying. No one moved”.



1:30-2:15PM

Jo Kline Cebuhar, J.D., “Last things first, just in case: Preserving your values in word and deed” - Few people prepare advance directives because they don’t realize how simple it can be to create this vital record of wishes for care. It can be just as daunting to plan a value-inspired financial legacy. An Ethical Will, by letter, video, journal or oral story-telling, is a bequest of personal beliefs, life lessons and hopes for loved ones. Award-winning uthor Jo Kline Cebuhar will explain how this ancient tradition can identify and affirm values and act as a guide for charitable giving and for planning a meaningful end of life.





2008 DISTRICT 6000 CONFERENCE

2:30-3:30PM **Ambassador Mary Kramer and husband, Kay Kramer** will present their challenges in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean and how each of their Rotary memberships opened doors for them to do their work more effectively. You won't want to miss their insight into international Ambassadorial duties. – International Service Above Self.

3:30-4:15PM **L.D. McMullen**, former Rotarian and retired CEO and General Manager of the Des Moines Waterworks and currently Water Resources Practice Leader with Snyder & Associates will speak on his many trips to work with drinking water challenges in Ukraine. One of the fallouts from the Chernobyl accident was radioactive water. His topic is "How to make drinking water out of "HOT" water in the Ukraine". You'll never take our clean water for granted again.



4:15-5:00PM **Club Projects Showcase** – wonderful projects with great results.

5:15-6:00PM **District 6000 Business Meeting** – District Governor, Diana Reed, Session Chair.



7:00-10:00PM **Friday Evening Extravaganza** – Big Band under the Big Top brings you the fabulous sounds of the Waukee Big Band, a 28 piece Big Band, for dancing, heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar – even a dance contest. Wear your business casual so you can dance the night away. If dancing isn't your thing, conversation, wine and song will keep you in the swing of things in a circus atmosphere. You don't want to miss this fun!

10:15PM **Governor's Reception** – Governor Diana and husband, Rick Rarick invite you to Salon B on the hotel's second floor for refreshments following your dancing the night away to the music of the Big Band under the Big Top.

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2008 DISTRICT
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Saturday, April 26, 2008

7:00AM **Registration**

8:00- **Conference Breakfast & Awards**

9:15AM

Anita Rieder, Annual Giving Officer, The Rotary International Foundation will team up with Apoorva Mallya MBA, CPA, who is a part of the Financial Planning and Analysis team for the Global Health Program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to discuss the November, 2007 Rotary International announcement of a partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates



Rieder



Mallya

Foundation that will inject a much-needed US \$200 million into the global campaign to eradicate polio. The Rotary International Foundation has received a \$100 million Gates Foundation grant which Rotary will raise funds to match, dollar for dollar, over three years.

9:30- **The Morale Mechanic** – Gavin Jerome, nationally recognized
10:30AM radio and television personality.

10:45- **Group Study Exchange Teams**
11:15AM

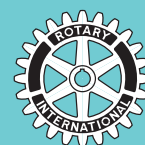
11:30- **Governor's Luncheon**

1:00PM

1:00PM **Conference Adjourns**



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(each Rotarian should complete a separate form)
Thursday, April 24- Saturday, April 26, 2008
Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel

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D-6000's GLOBETROTTING AMBASSADOR:

Former Scholar Andy Stoll travels, blogs his way around the world

By Andy Stoll/Iowa City

Ambassadorial Scholar

Happy Chinese New Year! Twenty-one months ago I quit my job at The University of Iowa and 19 months ago I left the U.S. to attempt a solo trip around-the-world. I am happy to report that I am alive and well, having covered a lot of ground since last we spoke.

In that time, I've sampled the best dim sum in Hong Kong, tip-toed across The Great Wall of China, slept in a capsule hotel in Tokyo, unloaded a machine gun in Vietnam, chanted with monks in Tibet, learned to cook curries in India, sand surfed in the Emirates, hitchhiked through Kazakhstan, cooked apple pie on Armenian national television, sampled the best lagers of the Czech Republic, surfed in Germany (yes, you read that right), jumped into ice cold Lake Zurich (totally naked) in Switzerland, dipped my feet in the Persian Gulf, narrowly missed political turmoil in Kenya, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro (Africa's tallest mountain), and lived as a farmer in a remote African village in northern Zambia – among other things.

Suffice it to say, it has been fun, challenging, interesting, and perspective changing. I have come to realize that the true essence of travel is not to get away from everything we know, but really to take everything we know, turn it on its head, shake it up a bit, and piece it back together so we come to a better understanding of the things we "thought" we already knew.

On request of my mother, I have decided to send out more regular updates (probably monthly) for the last few months of my trip, which hopes to conclude this summer when I return to the States. I know many of you have been keeping up on my online travelogue at <www.noboundaries.org>, and if you haven't, I'd encourage you to check it out for my latest location,



The Taj Mahal (above) was one of many stops on Ambassadorial Scholar Andy Stoll's worldwide trip (below).



FOLLOW ANDY'S BLOG

On Jan. 22, Andy wrote to say that Rotary.org is promoting a Rotary Interactive feature on his time as an Ambassadorial Scholar and his present around-the-world trip. "The feature is currently the lead story at <www.rotary.org>, and if that link disappears, it can also be found at: <<http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/Newsletters/Interactive/Pages/ridefault.aspx>>"

photos, stories, videos and more.

Right now you can:

- Learn how to speak a little 'Zulu';
- See my entire trip in fewer than 60 photos;
- Watch a video on "What It's Like To Buy A Duck In China";
- See four things that make me laugh in Japan.

As many of you may note, my travelogue lags a few months behind – between when I visit a place and when I post about it – this is because it takes some time to write up the stories and process the pictures and videos. So, if you tune in starting today, you will be treated in the next few months with stories from Tibet, India, Armenia, Germany (including a surfing video), Switzerland, Qatar, Africa and places in between.

Depending on the availability of the Internet, I try to post something once or twice a week, so check back regularly.

In the next few months you'll be able to:

- Hear machine gun fire in Vietnam;
- Learn what "Water Harvesting" is;
- See photos of my visit to Borat's homeland of Kazakhstan;
- Hear my story in India that begins, "So I was naked and covered in coconut oil..."

• Watch a video of me attempting to make a pizza over a cooking fire in an African village – and sampling it with the locals.

Also, I asked humbly for you to please forward my Web site on to your friends if you like it, and let me be the first to encourage you to

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Fund raising? Decatur County has a (Christmas) deal for you!

By John Henderson/Decatur County Club President

"Yes, we need a little Christmas – Right this very minute."

Has your club ever wished for a fund raising promotion that requires little effort but has a high profit potential?

The Decatur County Rotary Club has a deal for you! Your next profitable club promotion wish can be realized.

Our club has been a wholesale supplier of fresh balsam Northern Wisconsin wreaths to Rotary clubs and youth groups for the past 12 years. Club members sell in advance and we order only the amount needed.

This last season, the wholesale price was

\$10.50 per wreath, which included the cost of delivery. The suggested retail price was \$18.00. Quantity orders over 500 reduced the wholesale cost to \$10.00 per wreath.

What alternate promotion can you compare that will guarantee an \$8.00 profit per sale and pass the Four-Way Test?

Local youth groups have earned over \$5,000 profit annually from this same promotion.

Timeline to remember: Sell in October, deliver in November, and rake in the money in December.

"We need a little Christmas now."



District 6000 is looking for a Rotarian to repair or replace this plaque on which the names of district governors of District 6000 and its predecessors since 1923 are inscribed. Contact DGN Cal Litwiler, (319) 385-8440.

State Fair booth nixed due to cost

Due to escalating costs, for the first time since 2003, District 6000 will not have a booth at the Iowa State Fair when the annual event opens in August. The consensus of the executive committee was that \$4,000 is more than we can afford at this time. District Governor Diana Reed commented, "I do hope that this issue will be revisited in the future and we might find a creative solution so that we can again be represented at the State Fair."

Next stops: Zambia, Capetown and then???

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leave comments on the travelogue stories, videos and photos (this helps me know someone other than my mom is reading along). I really appreciate comments.

The final few months of the trip will take me from Zambia overland to Capetown, South Africa, and from there I head either eastward towards Australia/New Zealand or westward towards South America.

Thank you to those of you who have sent e-mails and such in the last year and a half; thank you to those of you who have met me on the road; and a special thanks to those who have hosted me, fed me and welcomed me into your countries, communities and homes along the way.

It has been an experience of a lifetime.

I write to wave briefly and say** 'hello', 'ne hao', 'konichi-wa', 'salesmatsizba' 'barev', 'dobry den', 'hujambo', and 'byepi monay' and to wish you the best in 2008 and the year of the rat.

Safe travels and all the best.

** "Hello" in [Mandarin Chinese], [Japanese], [Kazak], [Armenian], [Czech], [kiSwahili], [kiKaonde (Zambia)]



Andy's traveling companion, "The Cow," on top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, in Tanzania.

Lobsterfest nets \$28,000 at Bettendorf

By Carolyn Leutwyler/Bettendorf

Club President, 2006-07

Lobsterfest – a first-of-a-kind fundraiser – netted \$28,000 for the Rotary Club of Bettendorf in June 2007, and an encore event will be June 14, 2008.

How did we do it?

It started with a suggestion from Lisa Brown, our incoming president at the time. We started delving into the logistics of having a Lobsterfest – something that had never been done in the Quad Cities. We formed a committee and started getting sponsors. Nicole McWilliams, our president-elect this year, did some wonderful art work and graphics which have become our theme.

We gave 75 percent of the proceeds to Christian Cares Battered Women's Shelter, with the other 25 percent going into our budget for other charitable projects.

We had a food committee, an equipment committee, a sponsorship committee, auction items committee, a committee to solicit additional volunteers, and a decorating committee, as well as logistics, and parking.

We decided to limit our tickets to 300 since that was a manageable number that could fit into the space. We sold out two weeks before the event.

The chef at Scott Community College volunteered to be the chef for our party and to have his students help with the preparations. We had volunteers from our club bring hors d'oeuvres for guests before dinner while they browsed the auction items, and then desserts after the dinner while they made their final bids. Starbucks provided coffee with the dessert. We had a cash bar with wine and beer and soft drinks and water.

Rick St. Laurent volunteered to let us have the Lobsterfest at Rivermont Collegiate, which was an ideal location.

We decided to keep Lobsterfest on the day before Father's Day from now on. The price of tickets is \$60 and will give you a complete lobster dinner along with delicious hors d'oeuvres, home-made desserts and coffee. We'll have lots of unique auction items. We had musical entertainment and lots of fun, fun, fun! Dress is casual, as the meal is served in a tent on the grounds of Rivermont Collegiate. Auction items and the bar are inside Becherer Hall.



Rotarian Carter Lebeau enjoys the Lobsterfest.



Decker Ploehn and Rob McWilliams don lobster costumes.



Dr. Amir Arbisser and State Rep. Linda Miller (r) chow down.



The sign points to Lobsterfest 2007.

Rotary Foundation Annual Program Fund giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008

CLUB (Members/Jul 07)	(1) 07-08 Goal	(2) Thru 2-29-08	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (26)	\$ 2,700	165	6	\$ 6.35
Albia (34)	2,280	50	2	1.47
Ames Morning (70)	6,900	8,650	125	123.57
Ames (268)	35,750	19,880	56	74.18
Ankeny (69)	7,400	4,868	66	70.55
Atlantic (63)	3,300	2,425	73	38.49
Bettendorf (90)	9,100	10,248	113	113.87
Bloomfield (15)	1,400	305	22	20.33
Boone (61)	5,525	2,575	47	42.21
Burlington (103)	11,300	10,200	90	99.03
Carroll (56)	5,500	3,000	55	53.57
Centerville (49)	1,000	1,770	177	36.12
Chariton (55)	5,200	860	17	15.64
Clinton (110)	7,600	6,880	91	62.55
Coon Rapids (26)	2,600	160	6	6.15
Coralville-North Corridor (37)	6,300	0	0	0
Corning (53)	2,160	3,500	162	66.04
Corydon (18)	460	100	22	5.56
Creston (19)	475	50	11	2.63
Dallas Center (21)	2,400	2,100	88	100.00
Davenport (180)	13,650	7,722	57	42.90
Decatur County (15)	2,500	1,350	54	90.00
Des Moines AM (127)	14,850	3,970	27	31.26
Des Moines (353)	18,250	22,580	124	63.97
East Polk County (48)	2,250	400	18	8.33
Fairfield (75)	7,400	1,475	20	19.67
Fort Madison (49)	2,500	2,191	88	44.73
Grinnell (30)	2,500	291	12	9.70
Indianola (51)	5,400	2,390	44	46.86
Iowa City A.M. (54)	7,250	1,145	16	21.20
Iowa City Downtown (28)	3,000	0	0	0
Iowa City (300)	23,100	24,614	107	82.05
Iowa Quad-Cities (54)	1,500	1,735	116	32.13
Jefferson (53)	5,300	423	8	8.00
Johnston (42)	4,100	100	2	2.38
Kalona (45)	2,500	850	34	18.89
Keokuk (78)	3,950	3,650	92	46.79
Keosauqua (31)	2,300	1,088	47	35.10
Knoxville (66)	6,700	100	1	1.52
Lenox (28)	1,800	1,250	69	44.64
Manning (17)	1,200	500	42	29.41
Marengo (14)	1,000	150	15	10.71
Marshalltown (182)	10,000	500	5	2.75
Mount Pleasant Noon (36)	3,330	1,010	30	28.06
Mt. Pleasant (28)	2,520	3,731	148	133.25
Muscatine (132)	16,200	18,789	116	142.34
Nevada (61)	6,800	0	0	0
Newton (91)	9,500	8,170	86	89.79
North Scott (101)	10,800	6,175	57	61.14
Northwest Des Moines (70)	12,780	7,945	62	113.50
Osceola (34)	2,160	0	0	0
Oskaloosa (56)	6,000	0	0	0
Ottumwa (111)	11,500	200	2	1.80
Pella (40)	4,000	1,000	25	25.00
Perry (33)	3,400	0	0	0
Tipton (32)	2,201	1,550	70	48.44
Washington (63)	6,200	1,705	28	27.06
Waukee (68)	6,800	2,570	76	71.39
Wellman (36)	3,400	2,270	67	63.06
West Des Moines (79)	7,200	4,125	57	52.22
West Liberty (36)	3,600	8,300	231	230.56
Winterset (37)	1,850	1,600	86	43.24
Total	\$ 382,591	\$ 225,733	59	\$ 52.41

Rotary Foundation: 2006-07 was a record year

By John Kleinschmid/Ames

D-6000, Annual Giving chair

2006-2007 was a record year for The Rotary Foundation:

Since the introduction of EREY, the effort to increase per capita giving to a minimum of \$100 per member – Every Rotarian Every Year – contributions to the Annual Programs Fund has grown steadily.

The top 10 per capita giving clubs in 2006-07 were located in eight different countries! That's a striking indication that Rotarians' growing support for the Annual Programs Fund is worldwide!

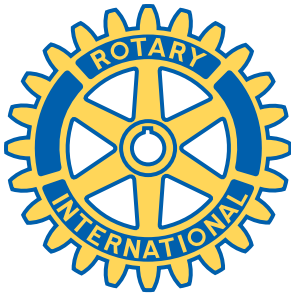
The largest-ever number of new Paul Harris Fellows – 57,190, were recognized last year, along with 40,462 Multiple PHFs.

In addition, 177 districts are now actively involved in the Paul Harris Society, which asks members who can, to give \$1,000 each year.

The real success stories, however, are spelled out in the Foundation programs funded each year. The Foundation spent a record \$44.8 million on humanitarian programs and \$23.3 million on educational programs in 2006-07, which proves that "You can change the world even with as little as \$100 each year.

"You get the best for others when you give the best of yourself."





ENCOURAGING YOUNG MINDS:

East Polk Rotarians sponsor Iowa Industrial Technology Exposition

By Marti Kline/East Polk
Club Secretary

The 20th annual Iowa Industrial Technology Exposition hosted by Southeast Polk Schools and co-sponsored by East Polk Rotary Club is gearing up for May 9 at Southeast Polk Senior High.

Last year, more than 1,000 entries from nearly 1,200 students in 52 Iowa school districts were on display at this "state tournament" for tech projects.

'These are the students from all of Iowa who will design and build our future homes and office buildings. They will be our carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and will repair our vehicles and operate our factory equipment.'

— Marti Kline

Some of these projects look as if they were made by master carpenters, mechanics, and machinists rather than high school students. Entries also include portfolios and cost-analyses of projects. The public is invited to view the projects from noon-1 p.m.

Entry categories include: Machine and Architectural Drafting and CAD; Photography; Computer Graphics; Commercial Printing; Illustration; Elec-

tricity; Electronics; Hydraulics and Alternate Energy; Auto/Truck Repair or Restoration; Metric 500 Dragster Races; Metalworking; Woodworking; Plastics; Computer-Aided-Machining; Problem-



A Perry student drives the first-place entry in the Ultimate Mileage Vehicle Contest at the Iowa Industrial Technology Exposition, sponsored by the Rotary Club of East Polk.

Solving; Inventions and Experiments; Robotics; and the Ultimate MPG Vehicle Contest.

Divisions include those for middle school entries as well as beginning and advanced level courses in grades 9-12.

The Ultimate MPG Vehicle contest is always popular. Held at Adventureland Park's parking lot in Altoona starting at 9:00 a.m., the contest is a problem-solving project designed to challenge students to design and build a vehicle which will obtain the maximum miles per gallon possible. Vehicles are run over a specified course. Last year's winner got more than 500 mpg!!

The Expo is co-sponsored by Southeast Polk, the Rotary Club of East Polk County, and the Iowa Department of Education. Medals and trophies are awarded to project winners. The Rotary club also awards one \$1,000 scholarship and three \$500 scholarships to qualifying senior students with the top applications and projects. Rotary members help judge projects and hold an annual golf outing to raise funds for the Expo.

Rotary clubs around Iowa are asked to check with the industrial technology instructors at their



East Polk Rotarians participate as judges for the Tech Expo.

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Former Russian PEP delegates return to U.S.; will be hosted by Rotarians in Quad Cities

Members of the Rotary Clubs of Davenport, Bettendorf and North Scott plan to renew acquaintances with Russian private medical clinic managers that they hosted in 2006 through the Productivity Enhancement Program (PEP).

Inna Shcherbina, a medical doctor from Moscow, will arrive on April 30 with two other physicians. They will leave May 10.

The follow-up visit was prompted by continued communication between Shcherbina and the Iowa Rotarians – Carolyn Leutwyler of Bettendorf, Bud Hagen of Davenport and Merle Anderson of North Scott, with significant help from Sergey Pasheyev, a Russian immigrant who is a member of the North Scott club. Arrangements included home hosts, vocational visits and transportation – the same elements that are necessary for hosting a Group Study Exchange team. The Russians will be staying in three different homes. One day will be a tour of the Quad Cities. Vocational activities include University Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Genesis Medical Center, Mississippi Valley Surgery Center, Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center and visits with several physicians. They'll also enjoy a cruise on the Mississippi River.

PEP was sponsored by the Center for Citizen Initiatives (CCI), based in San Francisco, with offices throughout Russia. With funding from the U.S. State Department, teams of 11 Russians came to the U.S. to live in homes and learn vocational skills that would help them rebuild the Russian economy after years of communism.

Due to the costs of the Iraq war, funding for PEP was discontinued in 2005 and the program ended in 2006. But in a small way, these District 6000 Rotarians are carrying on the tradition of people-to-people diplomacy and vocational training.

Knoxville projects . . .

By John Chadwick/Club President

Each year we give dictionaries to third- or fourth-graders in Marion County. I continue to be amazed how excited these kids are to receive a dictionary. Their names are already posted inside the cover, and we briefly go over the contents, as well as what Rotary does.

In the fall we work with the Methodist church to collect winter clothing. The church distributes the clothing, but we do our part to help out. We will also have a spring clothing drive.

Scholarships are given yearly to Marion County seniors who are going to college. The kids and their parents are our guests at a Wednesday lunch where the scholarships are presented.

Our group takes an entire month for Meals on Wheels. We are proud to bring warm meals to folks who cannot get out.

We will begin reading at the Public Library during April and May to pre-schoolers. The books are already chosen by the librarian, so we merely go to the children's reading area and enjoy sharing stories with the children. Great fun, even though sometimes the attention span is not quite a minute for the younger ones.

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Note: All clubs are invited to share information about their projects and successes. The deadline for the next newsletter is May 28. Send word or text files to: btubbs@northscottpress.com. High resolution free-standing (not embedded) .jpg images are welcomed.



East Polk Rotarian Jim Blaney (r) and another judge look at a woodworking project.

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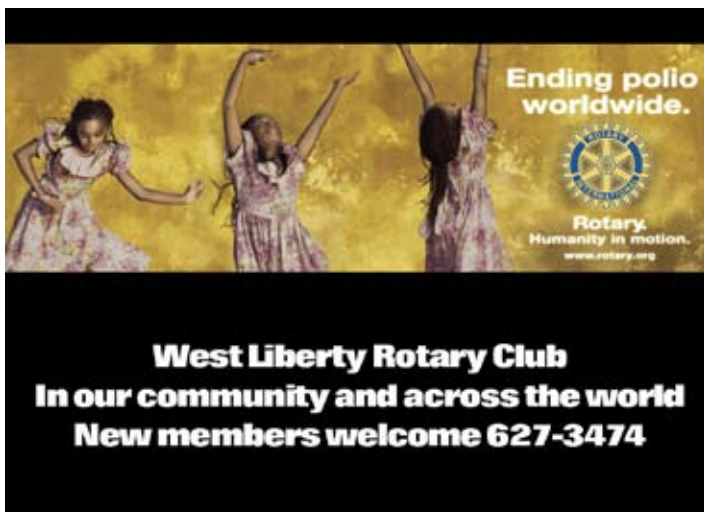
high schools to see if financial constraints keep them from bringing their students and projects to the Expo. Many clubs have offered support by paying for substitute teachers and/or transportation so students can participate in this event.

These are the students who will design and build our future homes and office buildings. They will be our carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and will repair our vehicles and operate our factory equipment. They deserve the opportunity to showcase their talents and check out opportunities available to them for advanced training and education. Those opportunities are available through a Tech Fair run simultaneously with the Tech Expo so manufacturers, tool distributors, post-secondary training programs, union groups, community colleges and military organizations can show students what they have to offer.

For more information, posters, video, photos and registration forms, log on to www.se-polk.k12.ia.us and click on TECH EXPO on the right hand column.



Rotarian Brad Miller examines a miniature roadster.



Movie goers at West Liberty learn about Rotary.

Polio message hits the silver screen at West Liberty theatre

The New Strand Theatre in West Liberty opened in 1910 as a Vaudeville Opera House. Today it is a focal point for movie goers of any age from West Liberty and surrounding communities. Sitting on a historical downtown brick street, the New Strand entertains thousands of families each year.

Across the street from the New Strand you will find the Rotary Club of West Liberty meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Hawkeye Steak and Pizza.

If you were in West Liberty you could set your watch against the Rotary clock that stands across from the Hawkeye and beside the New Strand!

Now, thanks to a public relations project, the Rotary club will have an ongoing presence before each and every movie shown at the New Strand!

President Gerry Wickham and theatre owner Todd Leach sat down to review the RI public relations tool kit which includes CD-ROMS, and DVD resources. During the conversation Gerry asked Todd if he thought it would be possible to display a Rotary message during the advertisements prior to each movie. Leach, an independent owner of the theatre, said "of course!"

Working together, Gerry and Todd chose and re-formatted the "ending polio worldwide" slide and added contact information for the West Liberty club. It is hoped that the image will help families and children to understand the impact Rotary has in the world and also that Rotary has a local presence.

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The Rotary Club of West Liberty has many local and international projects ranging from sponsorship of the local chapter of the National Honor Society to two on-going projects in Mexico (orphanage) and Brazil (oncology treatment center).

West Liberty was also the first club in District 6000 to become a 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow club.

And now, we are the first in D-6000 to have a digital advertisement in a movie theatre!

— submitted by Gerald Wickham

The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund:

'The easiest money you'll never miss!'

By PDG Dave Piersel/Northwest Des Moines

D-6000 Permanent Fund chair

The main emphasis of the district's Permanent Fund Committee continues to be promotion of The Rotary Foundation Benefactor program. Only the money earned as interest is spent from the Permanent Fund, and the principal remains intact. Becoming a Benefactor is an easy way to assure that the fund's principal amount continues to grow.

"Every Rotarian Every Year" is the motto for the Annual Fund, with the goal that all Rotarians contribute at least \$100 annually. If we could have a similar goal for the Permanent Fund, with every Rotarian becoming a Benefactor, imagine all the good things Rotary could do in the future!

Becoming a Benefactor is easy. Probably the simplest way is to add a codicil to one's will, leaving at least \$1,000 to the Permanent Fund. Club presidents and Foundation chairs are urged to regularly highlight the Benefactor program in your clubs. In other words, members need to hear about it more than once a year!

Benefactor commitment cards are available free of charge from the Foundation, and may easily be ordered at the Rotary Web site. Begin by clicking "Shop" in the upper-right-hand corner of the home page.

Remember, this is the easiest money to give that you'll absolutely never miss!

University of Iowa grad with Nigerian heritage is Peace Fellow candidate

By PDG Ev Laning/Indianola

D-6000 Peace Fellow Candidate Committee

After a drought of nearly five years, a prospective Peace Fellow applicant from District 6000 is on the horizon.

Amindi Umanah was born in Iowa City and is an alumna of The University of Iowa, as is her Nigerian father. Having held dual citizenship until reaching majority age, she now holds only a U.S. passport.

Fluent in both English and several other languages, she volunteered for the Peace Corps and served in Moldova in the former Soviet Union. Since returning to the U.S.A. she has been employed in a Washington, D.C. federal agency.

My last communication with her indicated she is heavy into filling out the application and lining up references to support her desire to become a Rotary Peace Fellow. Watch for future announcements of how her application is progressing.

New day, place for Grinnell meetings

Effective Feb. 5, the Grinnell Rotary club changed its meetings to Tuesdays instead of Mondays, and will meet at West Side Family Dining, 229 W. 6th Avenue, Grinnell.

Dictionaries a hit for Rotarians in Muscatine, D6000

This is the third year the Rotary Club of Muscatine donated dictionaries to all fourth-grade students in the Muscatine School District. The club has adopted this program as part of their literacy initiative. Pictured are some of the fourth grade class with their teacher from McKinley School and members of the Muscatine Rotary.

The goal of this program is to assist students with writing, reading, and creative thinking skills by providing the students with their own personal dictionaries. The dictionaries are a gift to each student to use at school and at home for years to come.

— submitted by Muscatine Rotary

Dictionaries are free

Dear Editor: My name is Larry Hutchinson and I have been actively involved with The Dictionary Project in Iowa for the past 1-1/2 years. Because of that, Mary French, the director of The Dictionary Project, recently contacted me to say that Iowa has reached the 80 percent level of participation and she would like to help Iowa achieve 100 percent participation.

So she sent me 5,000 free dictionaries to be distributed to the remaining 20 percent of Iowa's third graders. Since Rotary has been so involved in this project the past couple of years, I contacted District Governor Diana Reed to inform her of the free dictionaries and she advised me to contact you.

Any Rotary club (which hasn't already participated in The Dictionary Project for school year 2007-2008, or which has a new school to sponsor) which is interested in providing dictionaries to the third (or fourth) graders in the local school district(s) should contact me. We can then make arrangements for how to get you the number of dictionaries that you need.

I have also enlisted the help of the NE-IA Kiwanis district and have contacted the Iowa State Grange, as well as some BPO Elks Lodges and Optimists clubs.

It is fun and very gratifying to see how excited each student gets when receiving his/her very own dictionary. For some students, it can be the first book they have ever owned.

Feel free to leave a message at any time if I'm not available. Thank you.

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Muscatine Rotarians Becky Furlong, Tom Williams, Gary Carlson, President Gary Wieskamp, Brenda Garcia-Van Auken and Barb Christensen enjoy giving Student Dictionaries to fourth-grader students.



Des Moines Rotarians disperse for popular Vocational Fellowship Days

In the tradition of Rotary's founders and to learn about members' vocations, the Rotary Club of Des Moines observed its annual Vocational Fellowship Days with members dispersing to various places of business on their meeting day of Thursday, Feb. 21.

Members of the 353-member club signed up to attend Rotary at the site of their choice. Hosts included:

- **Bankers Trust**, hosted by Bob De-Waay, Al Gross and Steve Ferguson. Bankers Trust is the largest independent bank in Iowa with over \$2 billion in assets. Bankers Trust celebrated its 90th Birthday in 2007.

- **Business Furniture Warehouse**, hosted by Dave Kenworthy, President-Elect. They provide quality office furniture at low prices and have a 10,000-sq.-ft. showroom.

- **Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines**, hosted by Mike Wilson, is a \$60 billion wholesale bank that provides liquidity and financial services to commercial banks and thrifts throughout the Midwest.

- **KCCI - TV 8**, hosted by Dave Busiek.

- **Mercy Medical Center**, hosted by Debra Peckumn.

- **On With Life**, hosted by Julie Fidler Dixon, Ankeny. On With Life is an intensive, inpatient rehab center for persons who have experienced a brain injury.

- **Poertner Consulting Group**, hosted by Shirley Poertner. Poertner Consulting Group is a leadership development firm headquartered in West Des Moines.

- **Stickel Chiropractic**, hosted by Dr. Jeff Stickel.

— Rotary Club of Des Moines newsletter

'I Can Read' launched at Iowa City

■ Preschoolers, kindergartners learn through music, movement

Distribution of the "I Can Read Songs for Reading DVD" begins in March. The digital video disc (DVD) is a teaching resource designed to encourage preschool and kindergarten age children to learn to read and write words through music and movement.

The Iowa City Noon Rotary Club is assisting in bringing "I Can Read Songs for Reading DVD" to low- and moderate-income residents of Johnson County. The DVD was designed and produced by LaDonna Wicklund, a recently retired elementary school reading specialist.

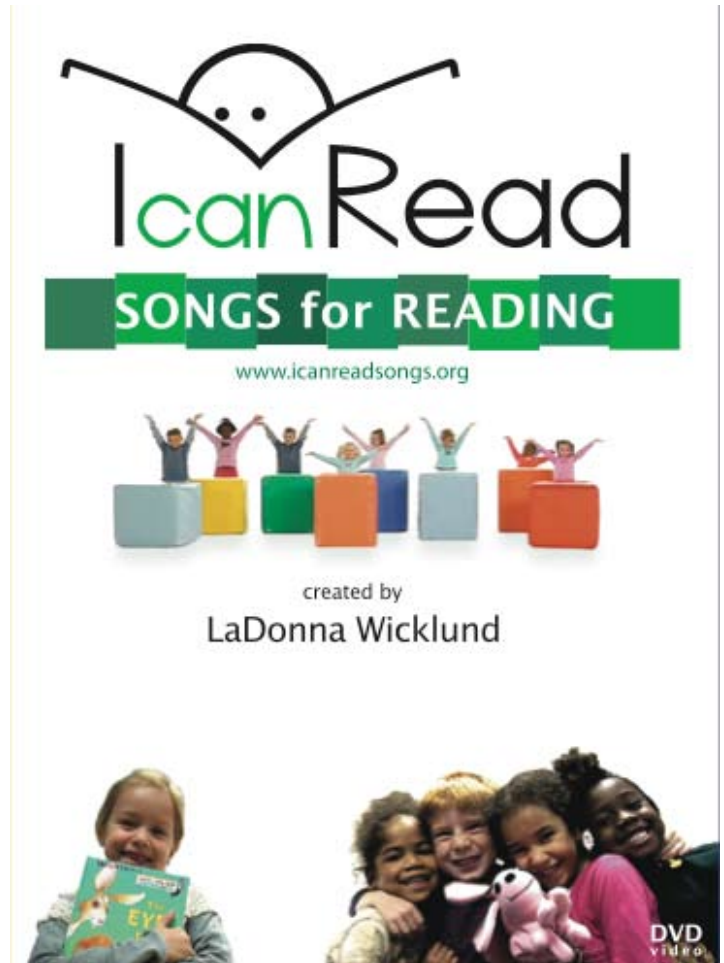
Children who have seen the DVD love it. Teachers who work with the DVD are enthusiastic about it. The project goal is to engage parents in their child's learning by allowing parents to see and hear the DVD in their own homes, and to assist those parents in helping their children to read and write simple words. The DVD is attractive and easy to use and children are enchanted by the songs and images.

Rotary funds will be used to defray the cost of duplicating the DVD and to host pizza parties and other activities to encourage parents to visit one of the Family Resource Centers located throughout Johnson County.

Rotary members will attend each Family Resource Center event to greet families, serve pizza and beverages, and distribute the DVDs. This project is consistent with Rotary International's goals for literacy and District 6000's ongoing efforts to further literacy within the district.

For more information on "I Can Read Songs," please visit the website www.icanreadsongs.com.

— submitted by Eleanor McClelland



The "I Can Read Kids" dance "Y-O-U." Bottom: Raven Davenport, Reese Hill, Isabel George and Raeghan Jefferson. Middle: Mia Nolte, Emerie Bell and Maggie Ross. Top: Teagan Bell.



Leslie Nolte shows how to write the word "my" with big muscle movements.

'Workplace Reading Corners' at Ames

By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning

D-6000, Literacy Chair

Rotarians for Reading!

Rotarians around the world recognize March as Rotary Literacy Month. Ames Rotarians are taking this opportunity to launch a new "Workplace Reading Corners" literacy project and to celebrate the many ways they already promote early literacy.

A mobile "book-friendly" area has recently appeared in the lobby of the First National Bank at 405 5th Street. In honor of Literacy Month, Rotarian and bank president Scott Bauer volunteered to be the first workplace to host the traveling literacy display prepared by Ames Morning Rotary Club.

A rocking chair and basket of books invite adults and young children to sit for a moment and enjoy reading together. The display features photos of area Rotarians engaged in various local, state and international literacy-related service projects.

Making good books available to young visitors in public waiting rooms has many benefits. Attractive reading corners in public places welcome families and remind them that our community values literacy. When books are widely available, busy parents can take advantage of brief opportunities to read with their children. Minutes add up to hours of learning, and time spent reading together strengthens bonds between parents and children.

Ames Rotarians have earned a reputation for being leaders in promoting early literacy by sharing their dollars, time, and creative messages.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Ames Rotary Club

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First National Bank of Ames

- Ryan Lynch, Marketing Project Manager; 663-3051 or Ryan.Lynch@FNBames.com

One of their ongoing service projects is to support the Reach Out and Read program in Story County which is co-sponsored by McFarland Clinic and the Raising Readers organization. Ames Morning Rotary provides funds for all the books that doctors give to children at the 6-month checkup (Baby Faces series). Ames Noon Rotary funds the books for the 2-year checkup (Moo Baa La La La).

At the state level, Ames Rotarians are leading the Iowa "Rotarians for Reach Out and Read" campaign, an effort to raise \$30,000 to provide books to ROR programs serving 12,000 children of Iowa families at risk. Internationally, Ames Rotarians have contributed books to start-up libraries in Mexico and Guatemala.

Ames Rotary volunteers contribute their time to visit parents of newborn babies, read to young children in waiting rooms, and help in elementary school classrooms.

Rotarians have fun promoting literacy. For three months in 2007, Morning Rotary placed weekly ads in the *Ames Daily Tribune* that featured local Rotarians "Caught in the Act of Reading." The club also created a moving billboard, "Joy of Reading: Build Relationships, Build Minds – Read to a Child" that was featured on the backs of Cy-Ride busses.



Tom Pohlman, chair of Ames National Corporation and a member of the Ames Rotary Club, visits with Anderson Fife, a 2-year-old who discovered the new reading corner when she came to the bank to visit her grandmother, Tanya Anderson, Trust Officer and a member of Ames Morning Rotary.

Moldovans to 'talk turkey'

Two Moldovans who worked with D6000 Rotary Volunteer chair Merle Anderson in the eastern European country of Moldova last October will be hosted by Anderson from May 7-20. Ion is a 43-year-old veterinarian. Galina, a 52-year-old lady who speaks English, will accompany him. Ion has 15 vet clinics and co-owns a 150,000-bird layer operation. He wants to expand into turkey production.

"Since turkey is not part of the Moldovan diet, I suggested he invest in plane tickets to America and I would expose him to the turkey business and American agriculture," said Anderson, a member of the Rotary Club of North Scott. The club has a Twin Club relationship with the Rotary Club of Chisinau, Moldova.

Anderson will meet them in Minneapolis and will visit a major turkey breeding and hatching farm near Willmar. Three days later, they will travel to Eldridge where they will stay with the Andersons and visit eastern Iowa turkey production facilities: the Ron Kardell farm at Walcott, West Liberty Foods at West Liberty, ag lenders, the River Valley Cooperative Grain, Agronomy and Feed Departments, John Deere, Locks & Dam 15, and other attractions.

News Briefs

Youth Services Fund: In response to a request for a continuing source of funds for the District 6000 Youth Services Fund, which supports students who participate in activities such as the Xicotepec Project Team, the executive committee took the following actions: 1) Clubs will be asked for a voluntary contribution of \$2 per member starting in 2008-09. 2) A change in the District 6000 Manual of Procedure (bylaws) was recommended that would give the executive committee the discretion to transfer any future unspent contingency fund balances to the Humanitarian Services Fund OR the Youth Services Fund, according to the needs at the time. The change will be voted by the clubs at the March 29 District Assembly. 3) The committee also recommends that Youth Services Funds should not be awarded to students who receive support from other Rotary sources.

District Assembly: Other matters which will be presented for a vote at District Assembly include: 1) Adoption of the 2008-09 budget, which has been e-mailed to Presidents-Elect and is posted at the district Web site. 2) Approval of the five-year Strategic Plan. Committee members are: PDG Del Bluhm (Ames), Brock Earnhardt (Davenport), Karin Franklin (Iowa City), DGE Susan Herrick (Boone), Craig Hertel (Jefferson), PDG Corliss Klaassen (Chariton), DGN Cal Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), DG Diana Reed (Northwest Des Moines), PDG Denny Skinner (Nevada) and Sheila Tipton (Des Moines). Facilitator is Jim Black. The plan was sent to club presidents and is posted at the district Web site.



Assistant District Governors helped DGE Susan Herrick and Bob celebrate their wedding anniversary at AG Training on Feb. 16.

Ambassadorial Scholars: D6000 Ambassadorial Scholars chair Jeff Bremer (Northwest Des Moines) reminds clubs that the deadline for nominations for ambassadorial scholars for 2009-10 is April 4. Rotary Foundation-supported Ambassadorial Scholars is a post-graduate award of up to \$27,000 for an academic year abroad. Information: (515) 440-7064, (641) 828-2080, or (515) 249-5366.

Peace Summit: Rotarians are invited to a Rotary World Peace Summit in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, on April 25-27. That is also the weekend of our District Conference in West Des Moines. The North American event is the fourth and final in a series that have taken place this year in Bulgaria, Turkey and Africa. The event will be highlighted by RI President Wilf Wilkinson, ambassadors and Nobel Peace Prize laureates. Information: www.rotarypeacesummit.org.

Anniversary: PDG Ken Noble of West Liberty and his wife, Jo, will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, April 19, with an open house at First Church United in West Liberty, from noon until 4:00 p.m.. All friends and relatives are invited. "Please no gifts," say the Nobles, but non-perishable food items will be accepted for the Community Food Pantry. "We will appreciate your presence and the opportunity to exchange memories." Address: Ken and Jo Noble, 1568 100th St., West Liberty, IA 52776.

Necrology: Club secretaries are asked to submit names of club members who have died in the past year to district administrator Carolyn Scharff for inclusion in the Necrology Report for District Conference.

Obituary: Sympathies to the family of PDG Bill Cameron (1993-94) on the death of Joan L. "Jody" Cameron, 80, of Keokuk, who died Friday, Feb. 1. The Camerons were married in 1951 and moved to Keokuk in 1970. Bill was superintendent of schools and Jody was a teacher. She was a member of United Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women, AARP and Retired School Personnel, League of Women Voters, Lee County Historical Society and Iowa Questers. She was instrumental in planning the art glass exhibit, "The Golden Age of Glass," at the Brunier Art Gallery in the Schemann Building at Iowa State University. She sold SERRV handy crafts to support families in third world countries.



Jody Cameron

Bill wrote: "On behalf of my family and me, I would like to thank the Rotary members throughout District 6000 for their support and good wishes as we went through the tough time of losing Jody. I think you all know that although she was not an official member, she was probably more supportive of the work and principles of Rotary than many of us. Her help in 1993 during my year as district governor and her efforts to make the literacy project successful are known to many of you. She prided herself on being able to name all past friends in Rotary as we drove to meetings and conferences. The one question I could always look forward to was, 'Have you sent in your reservation, yet?'"

"Again, thank you for your support!"

Rotarians rebuild at Muscatine

The Muscatine Rotary Club gave more than \$7,000 to the City of Muscatine to replace trees in city parks that were destroyed in a tornado on June 1, 2007. Dale Lucht, 2006-07 president (I), presents a check to Mayor Dick O'Brien and City Administrator A.J. Johnson. Included were contributions from the Rotary Clubs of Muscatine, Bettendorf, Burlington, Davenport, East Polk, Keokuk and North Scott. Muscatine Rotarians planted the trees.



NEWS BRIEFS/continued

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Presidential Letter: *The following was sent to Carolyn Leutwyler, who was president of the Bettendorf Rotary Club in 2006-07:* Dear Carolyn: It was a delight to receive your card and the photo. Bettendorf will always be one of our happy memories. The pressure of your letter writing campaign made me smile every time that a new one arrived, the special people we met who are the heart and soul of America, the weather [which was impressive for New Zealanders], and the attendance at the meetings despite the snow and ice, all left an impression on us. To us, this was what being President was all about. We will not forget you and our visit, I promise. Our warmest regards to you and our best wishes for a successful and happy 2008. -s- *Bill and Lorna Boyd, RI President, 2006-07, New Zealand*

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Public Relations! How's this for PR?! On World Rotary Day, Feb. 23, a giant Rotary wheel with the words beneath it saying "Stop Polio Now" was beamed onto the House of Parliament in London right next to Big Ben. Parliament had given permission for this unique event, reports Bob Tomlinson, RI Public Image Resource Group Area Coordinator for Europe. Tomlinson commented, "The BBC filmed it and broadcast it with a long interview with Gautam Lewis on BBC News 24, and interviews with DG Colin Mathews for BBC national Radio. The image looked stunning!"

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Rotary Day – Feb. 23 – in London.

New Clubs? The Club Extension Committee met on March 4 and looked at demographic data from all areas of District 6000. In the coming weeks, club leaders in areas where growth appears most likely will be asked, "How can Rotary grow in your area?" Rotarians anywhere who are interested in new clubs should contact DG Di-

ana Reed, (515) 224-4696, or Club Extension chair Bill Koellner, (319) 627-4545.

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Thank You: Thank you for the recently received newsletter...32 pages!!! WOW! – and every one is interesting and extremely readable! Please accept our thanks. -s- *John Kleinschmidt, Annual Giving chair, Ames*

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK November, 2007 - January, 2008

CLUB	NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	71.00 %	22	61.00 %	40	72.00 %	17
Albia	59.00 %	39	49.00 %	50	51.00 %	44
Ames	55.00 %	45			57.00 %	40
Ames Morning	54.86 %	47	57.41 %	42		
Ankeny	72.00 %	20	86.00 %	9	73.00 %	15
Atlantic	58.47 %	42	50.78 %	46	66.23 %	30
Bettendorf	73.91 %	17	71.54 %	27	81.97 %	6
Bloomfield			77.00 %	16		
Boone	65.00 %	32	63.00 %	36	69.00 %	25
Burlington	80.10 %	9	77.20 %	14	76.70 %	11
Carroll	76.19 %	14	74.83 %	20	73.60 %	13
Centerville	66.00 %	29	50.00 %	48	50.00 %	45
Chariton	76.00 %	15	79.00 %	13	72.00 %	18
Clinton	55.71 %	44	52.49 %	45	59.57 %	38
Coon Rapids	55.00 %	46	53.00 %	44	61.00 %	37
Coralville-North Corrido	97.00 %	1	89.00 %	5	86.00 %	2
Corning	67.59 %	26	80.86 %	10	70.91 %	22
Corydon						
Creston					71.00 %	20
Dallas Center	77.00 %	13	67.00 %	31	81.00 %	7
Davenport	45.03 %	53	44.88 %	52	49.35 %	46
Decatur County	66.00 %	30	72.00 %	25	71.00 %	21
Des Moines	66.60 %	28	68.03 %	28	69.82 %	24
Des Moines A.M.	53.00 %	49				
East Polk County					45.00 %	48
Fairfield	59.94 %	38	73.71 %	21	55.58 %	41
Fort Madison	62.45 %	35			58.40 %	39
Grinnell			77.00 %	17		
Indianola	67.80 %	25	67.40 %	30	64.36 %	33
Iowa City			68.00 %	29		
Iowa City A.M.	67.00 %	27	63.00 %	37	66.00 %	31
Iowa City Downtowr						
Iowa Quad-Cities	73.18 %	18	63.84 %	35		
Jefferson	65.00 %	33	76.00 %	18		
Johnston	72.16 %	19	75.76 %	19	72.73 %	16
Kalona	83.53 %	6	73.56 %	22	83.43 %	4
Keokuk	50.56 %	51	49.25 %	49	52.41 %	43
Keosauqua	50.00 %	52	62.00 %	38	66.30 %	29
Knoxville	64.23 %	34	60.61 %	41	71.51 %	19
Lenox	80.00 %	10	88.00 %	7	67.00 %	28
Manning	75.00 %	16	73.00 %	23	78.00 %	10
Marengo	85.00 %	5	93.00 %	2		
Marshalltown	53.69 %	48	50.42 %	47	54.03 %	42
Mount Pleasant Noon	53.00 %	50	54.70 %	43		
Mt. Pleasant	82.00 %	7	88.00 %	8		
Muscatine	58.67 %	41	47.58 %	51	48.58 %	47
Nevada	71.20 %	21	90.00 %	3	79.58 %	8
Newton					63.00 %	35
North Scott	77.63 %	12	72.43 %	24		
Northwest Des Moines	85.49 %	4	80.47 %	11	73.22 %	14
Osceola	58.00 %	43	61.11 %	39	78.57 %	9
Oskaloosa			77.20 %	15	76.20 %	12
Ottumwa	59.00 %	40	67.00 %	32	62.00 %	36
Pella	78.00 %	11	89.00 %	6	69.00 %	26
Perry	62.00 %	37			69.00 %	27
Tipton	70.31 %	24	65.70 %	34		
Washington	62.10 %	36			63.75 %	34
Wauke	70.38 %	23	71.83 %	26	82.76 %	5
Wellman	92.80 %	2	96.30 %	1	97.80 %	1
West Des Moines	65.63 %	31	65.97 %	33	65.54 %	32
West Liberty	81.00 %	8	80.00 %	12	70.00 %	23
Winterset	87.88 %	3	89.39 %	4	85.45 %	3

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Club leaders' checklist



From DG Diana Reed . . .

- Submit information about your club's projects and turn in your order for the "Iowa Rotary Tabloid" (p. 1).
- Register your 2008-09 club president and other future presidents for the District 6000 President-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.), March 28-29 (p. 5).
- Register committee chairs, board members and club leaders for P.E.T.S./District Assembly, March 29 (p. 5).
- Register club leaders and club members for District Conference, April 24-26 (p. 1-2, 15-19, insert).
- Submit nominations for club awards and recognition to DG Diana Reed and PDG Don Goering by the April 1 and May 15 deadlines (p. 3).
- Register club members to attend the 2008 Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles, June 15-18, by March 31, and register to attend the District 6000 Breakfast at the RI Convention, June 16 (p. 11).
- Plan activities to raise \$1,000 a year for three years for PolioPlus Partners (p. 6).
- Arrange for students to attend RYLA April 15 (p. 3).
- Incoming club presidents, bring your 2008-09 Every Rotarian Every Year goal to P.E.T.S.
- Nominate Ambassadorial Scholar candidates by the April 4 deadline (p. 30).
- Submit names of members who have died in the last year for District 6000 Necrology Report (p. 30).
- Promote attendance at the Hoover-Wallace Dinner on April 19 at Coralville (p. 6).
- Ask the vocational education teachers at your local schools if your Rotary club can Lend a Hand for their students' participation in the Iowa Industrial Technology Exposition (p. 24-25).
- Ask your club to participate in a WCS Matching Grant project (p. 2, 9).
- Support literacy in your community (p. 28-29).
- Provide information to members about upcoming Friendship Exchange opportunities (p. 11).
- Lead by example, and ask members to increase giving to The Rotary Foundation, including Sustaining Members (\$100/year); Paul Harris Society Members (\$1,000/year); Major Donors (combined personal outright or cumulative giving to the Annual Programs Fund of \$10,000); Benefactors (minimum \$1,000 to the Permanent Fund as an outright gift or in an estate plan); and Bequest Society Members (\$10,000 or more for The Rotary Foundation in an estate plan) (p. 11, 23, 26).
- Submit news of your club's successes or upcoming events by May 28, 2008 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or assistants Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacque Andrews (Jefferson).