

# District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Susan Herrick, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

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*Governor's comments . . .*

## Rotarians step up to the challenge

By DG Susan Herrick/Boone

MAKE DREAMS REAL – this has been our challenge this year from RI President D.K. Lee, and the Rotarians of District 6000 are stepping up to meet that challenge. Last week I spoke on the phone with President D.K. and he congratulated us on our ongoing efforts on behalf of Rotary!

On Nov. 18 Bob and I finished our club visits at a meeting with the Rotary Club of Dallas Center. Certainly going out to each of your clubs to meet you in your own cities and to share a meeting with you is the best part of being governor. All of you have been so gracious to us and eager to share what you were planning for this year. And now that we are more than halfway through this Rotary year, you are doing some incredible things to show Service Above Self to your communities and to the world! District 6000 can take immense pride in the way we have stepped forward to MAKE DREAMS REAL.

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**Rotary Foundation:** In an economy that is presenting challenges at all sides, our District 6000 Foundation giving remains some of the best in the Rotary world. Look at our Unrestricted Giving for the past three years: by Jan. 31 in 2007 our giving was at \$191,351; in 2008 at the same time our giving was \$213,187; and in *this year* by Jan. 31 our giving is at \$246,543. This is truly incredible – and three years from now our District Designated Funds for District 6000 will reflect your generosity and commitment to “Doing Good in the World.”



**Susan Herrick**  
District Governor

This growth can be partially attributed to the fact that thus far this year we have 55 new Sustaining Members giving at the Every Rotarian Every Year rate of \$100/year to the Foundation.

The Rotarians of District 6000 are heeding the call of the Polio Challenge. From the Quad Cities area that held an Evening at the Ballpark to those clubs who are collecting weekly amounts at their meetings, we are meeting and exceeding the challenge that we received at the beginning of this Rotary year.

As I am sure you have heard by now, Bill Gates spoke to our

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incoming district governors at the International Assembly in San Diego in January. He surprised the gathering with the announcement that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was providing an additional US \$255 million to help with the fight against polio. At the same time, Rotary added another \$100 million to the challenge which will be raised by our members. As DGE Cal Litwiller will tell his presidents-elect at the President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS), we have an extended period of time to meet the newest Polio Challenge but that Challenge again represents a monetary commitment that I know District 6000 will be able to easily meet.

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**Membership:** I need to share with you an ongoing concern for membership in District 6000. Membership at the midpoint of the

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# Flood relief grant deadline extended to May 31

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year has diminished markedly since June 2008. We have fallen from 4,281 members to 4,223 – a loss of 58 members. In the Jan. 31 membership report from Rotary International we saw 21 clubs with increases in membership, eight clubs holding steady, and the balance of the clubs showing decreases in membership.

Since this is the midyear report I remain confident that by year's end we will make up and exceed these numbers to show a positive growth in membership, but this means that every Rotarian needs to concentrate on strengthening the membership of their own club. One very bright spot is the Rotary Club of Emerging Leaders of Greater Des Moines that will be chartering with 28 members this spring, and have grown each week with new members. This is a young, vibrant club that will serve as a model to many of our Rotary clubs in member recruitment. All these new Rotarians are joining as Sustaining Members to the Foundation.

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**Disaster Relief:** Our ad hoc Disaster Relief Committee has received two admirable flood disaster relief grant applications that have been funded from the monies that were forwarded to District 6000 for relief from the spring 2008 storms.

The Rotary Club of Washington has received \$10,000 for the reconstruction of the Columbus Community Senior Center at Columbus Junction that was destroyed by the June 14 flooding of the Iowa and Cedar rivers.

The Rotary Club of Burlington has received \$11,733 to install a new playground located at the 4th Pumping Station Plant in the northern part of Des Moines County off Highway 99, south of Oakville that was destroyed by the 2008 flood. The playground

provides a fun, safe place for children to be active while outdoors and the Rotary Club of Burlington states that a new playground at this popular site will lift the spirits of those impacted by the floodwaters.

Since the committee did not receive many applications for flood relief and Jim Riordan of the Rotary Club of Waukee, chair of the District Disaster Relief Committee, reported that there were still needs that are coming to the attention of the Iowa Human Resources Disaster Council, the ad hoc committee is reopening the application period for flood disaster relief until May 31. The committee is urging clubs to re-examine the needs in their area to see if there are still projects that they may wish to see funded.

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**Public Relations Grant:** It is my hope that many of you have seen the Humanities in Motion public service announcements on your local television stations and heard the PSAs on your local radio stations. It is a wonderful surprise to see the Rotary wheel and hear the Humanities in Motion announcements, as I have so often this past month.

This is the result of our Public Relations Grant that the PR Committee of District 6000, under the leadership of Chair Loring Miller of the Rotary Club of Decatur County, earned with a project done in cooperation with the Iowa Broadcasters Association to "blitz" the Iowa with multiple exposures to all radio and television stations with the Humanities in Motion materials. This campaign was done in cooperation with District 5970 during two weeks in February, the anniversary month of Rotary International.

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## Atlantic Rotarians, youth aid flood cleanup

Six Atlantic Rotarians made two trips to Cedar Rapids for flood cleanup, and involved students. Laura Stuetelberg, Mark Moline, Christina Hartkopf and Wendy Richter made the first trip. Wendy, a youth group leader, thought it would be a good project for her class to learn about Lending a Hand to others. She presented it to her students and on the second trip, three Rotarians took 11 teenagers on a day off from school. Rotarian J.C. Van Ginkel donated the use of his "Trojan" bus to transport the kids. The group removed debris from the exterior of the home of an elderly woman and removed the back part of the house. They traveled to a FEMA trailer to assist another flood victim by organizing her storage unit. The youth group was led by Rotarian Wendy Richter, accompanied by Rotarian Pat Markham.



# Group Study Exchange team heads to Taiwan

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**Group Study Exchange:** On Sunday, March 1, I had the privilege of seeing off our GSE Team at the Des Moines International Airport for their flight to District 3470 in Taiwan. The team, under the leadership of Rotarian Jeff Bremer of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, will spend a month in Taiwan and study the businesses and professions as well as the culture of that district.

The young professionals on that team, Amy Heinz of Des Moines, John Schultz of Mount Vernon, Mollie Ibbotson of Des Moines, and Jennifer Smith of Ankeny were so excited, and expressed over and over again their gratitude to District 6000 for this wonderful opportunity.

We look forward to welcoming them home on March 28 and to meeting them at the District 6000 Conference to hear about the things they will have learned during their month in Taiwan.

If you are interested in following their travels, you can connect with them at <http://district6000intaiwan.blogspot.com/>.

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**Substance Abuse Prevention:** I have been so pleased with the response of the Rotarians to doing a substance abuse prevention project. Many of your clubs have invited prevention professionals from local agencies to present at your weekly meetings. And many of you have used your imagination to develop projects that will



District Governor Susan Herrick (l) extended best wishes to the D-6000 Group Study Exchange team as they departed for Taiwan on March 1 (l-r): DG Herrick, Molly Ibbotson, team leader Jeff Bremer, Amy Heinz, Jennifer Smith and John Schultz. The team will return March 28 and District 6000 will host a team from District 3470, Taiwan, April 5-29. Follow the outbound team at <http://district6000intaiwan.blogspot.com/>.

make a significant difference in alcohol and drug abuse in your communities. For instance:

**Atlantic:** Raised \$4,500 for the Atlantic Police Youth Partnership for a project designed for police officers to teach children life skills and drug-free choices through mentoring, drug prevention

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## Retention plan addresses economic factors

*With an economy in transition, retention of members is a growing concern for Rotary clubs. The Rotary Club of Des Moines adopted a temporary "Career Transition Member" program that may serve as a model for clubs where this is a concern. Club executive director Kitte Noble said the plan was shared at the Large Club Conference Feb. 8-10 at Oklahoma City and was well received:*

"Whereas the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Des Moines recognizes that during these unprecedented times of economic uncertainty, members of the RCDM may be impacted by job loss. Such job loss may cause a member of the RCDM to feel that continued participation in the club as a Regular Member, paying full, quarterly membership dues cannot be justified.

"Therefore, in recognition of this short-term situation, the following temporary membership status in the Rotary Club of Des Moines is established by the board of directors and is effective with the approval by a quorum of the board of directors.

"This temporary Career Transition Member (CTM) membership status will be defined as follows:

- The executive director or the president of the club will be informed of job loss by the impacted regular member.
- Career Transition Member (CTM) status will be approved by the executive director or the president of the club and requesting member will be informed of their eligibility for this membership status by the club's executive director.
- CTM status will be effective the month following the approval of the request and be in force for the next three consecutive months.

- CTM's dues will be reduced for the 3-month period of CTM status to \$20 per meal eaten at the Thursday noon meeting of the RCDM or as a guest of another Rotary club. (\$20 is the club's meal cost – editor.) No general membership dues or other assessment will be invoiced during the CTM status.

- If during the 3-month period of CTM status, member returns to full-time employment, they will automatically be moved back to RCDM regular member status, with regular member dues and assessments, effective the first month following notification to the executive secretary of full-time employment.

- If at the end of the 3-month period of CTM status, member does not acquire full-time employment, a 3-month extension of the CTM status can be requested to the club executive director by the member.

- After two, 3-month periods in the CTM status, member will be automatically returned to regular member status with regular member dues and assessment back in force. At that time it is the accountability of the member to confirm their continued membership in the club, to resign the club, or to request some other currently recognized membership status, (i.e. leave of absence, special senior, etc.) which is subject to appropriate approvals.

"It is the intent of the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Des Moines that this Career Transitions Membership status is temporary and will no longer be available after June 30, 2009, which is the end of the current Rotary year. The board of director of the Rotary Club of Des Moines reserves the right to extend the CTM member status at anytime with the approval of the board of directors."

# Clubs tackle substance abuse prevention projects

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speeches, and other activities.

**Iowa City:** Four clubs in the Iowa City area obtained a District Simplified Grant to improve a playground at the MECCA substance abuse center that includes transitional housing for people recovering from substance abuse.

**Clinton:** Provides support for SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) at Clinton High School. Rotary provides guest speakers for their meetings, committed to raise funds or provide prizes for their meetings, sponsored a performance for the entire student body, and is working with the fire and police department to stage a mock vehicle accident prior to prom.

**West Liberty:** Support during Red Ribbon Week and purchased a message sign in the new athletic complex to promote ongoing abuse prevention information.

**Decatur County:** Working on a project to create case scenarios of young people who have died as a result of bad choices (drugs, alcohol, talking on cell phones while driving).

**Manning:** Joined forces with IKM Manning Community PAUD (Parents Against Underage Drinking) Coalition by providing funds and volunteers for their projects.

As you can see, the projects are varied and tailored to the communities in which these clubs serve. I am enormously proud of the activities this year and look forward to others that are still to be completed.

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**AG Training, PETS, District Assembly:** DGE Cal's year got

off to a great start with the Assistant Governor Training on Feb. 20. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to the AGs who are serving so well this year, and Cal has six new AGs for next year who look like they will inject lots of energy and enthusiasm into their new positions. I urge all clubs to get to know your assistant governors and work with them throughout the year.

Please take a look at the opportunities for training (in Rita Perea's article (below, left) that are being planned for the President-Elect Training Seminar and the District Assembly. Trainer Rita Perea has an exciting, interactive weekend planned to bring all of us into the next Rotary year.

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**District Awards:** PDG Del Bluhm has done great work researching and developing the awards that can be presented to our Rotarians for the great work they have done this year. I hope all of you have examined his articles and have taken the opportunity to nominate your deserving Rotarians for recognition at the District Conference. None of us give the service we do to get awards or stars in our crowns, but there really is nothing quite like being recognized by our peers for the work that we do. Please take the time to consider nominating your club or its members for the awards that they so much deserve.

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**Nigeria:** We continue to explore projects with Rotarians in Nigeria. Because Nigeria is the one country in our world with the most endemic polio cases, it remains a priority to develop partnerships and projects with our fellow Rotarians in that country. I urge you to invite the many Rotarians who have made trips to this country to come to your club and share their experiences. If you have questions about who those individuals are, please contact our district administrator, Carolyn Scharff, in the district office.

I am disappointed to tell you that my trip to Nigeria has been postponed until the fall due to the inability of the Rotarians in Abuja to find compatible dates for our trip. I hope to be able to report when that trip will be rescheduled.

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**Future Vision Vote:** Please see DGE Cal Litwiller's article on Future Vision and convey your ideas to your president elect before he or she casts a vote on Future Vision at PETS. Your vote on Future Vision will affect our district's activities for the next three years and on into the future.

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**Junior Olympics:** The Des Moines Area Sports Commission Vice President of Sports and Development, Al Lorenzen of the Rotary Club of Johnston, has asked District 6000 to help with the 43rd annual 2009 AAU Junior Olympic Games to be held in Des Moines July 26-Aug. 8. It is the largest annual premier multi-sport event for amateur youth ages 3 to 19 conducted in the United States. Participants will come to Des Moines from every state in the union and its territories to compete in 21 sports.

An estimated 35,000 fans, 2,300 coaches, 2,600 volunteers, and 13,000 athletes will be visitors in Central Iowa for 14 days of competition. We have been asked to volunteer to help run the games and in return will have media exposure, including podium time and inclusion in the athletes' packets for Polio Awareness.

This is a wonderful opportunity to promote the Polio Challenge and educate athletes, families and coaches. Al Lorenzen and his staff will be available to speak to any District 6000 Rotary club that invites them. Lorenzen will make a presentation to the presi-

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## 'Superstars' at PETS, Assembly

**By Rita Perea/Greater Des Moines**

D-6000 Trainer

Springtime brings many things to Rotary clubs everywhere – flowers, warm weather and District Leadership Training. President-Elect Training Seminar and District Assembly, like a long-awaited spring-break getaway, will be here before we know it.

Two Rotary International Superstars will share their expertise with us this year. Tom Thorfinnson of Eden Prairie, Minn., incoming director for Rotary International, will provide the Friday evening dinner keynote address to Presidents-Elect and guests. He will share the bright future that Rotary International holds as it moves toward the Future Vision structure.

Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator Mary Beth Growney-Selene of Madison, Wis., will deliver the keynote address at the Saturday farewell luncheon. She will provide inspiration for increasing our commitment to the Rotary International Foundation.

Mark your calendars and register now for President-elect training and District Assembly, to be held in Newton on Friday, March 27th and Saturday, March 28th. Detailed registration information can be found on the District 6000 website at [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org). There is no cost for registration or meals.



Rita Perea





Assistant District Governors for 2009-10 discussed goals and received training with DGE Cal Litwiller Feb. 20-21, at Newton. Front (l-r): Ros Dunblazier (Nevada), Carthy Spencer (Ankeny), AG Coordinator PDG Dale Belknap (Des Moines), Linda Hartkopf (Atlantic), Carol Machael (Clinton). Back: John Tone (Des Moines), Becky Eiting (Davenport), Kay Weiss (Burlington), Otto Hall (Grinnell), Jim Riordan (Waukee), Sam Harding (Jefferson), Ted Carpenter (Coralville North Corridor), Ginny Hughes (Fairfield), Dave Reiff (Fairfield), and Terry Geiger (Decatur County). Not pictured: Gary Anderson (Knoxville).

## Rotarians will help at AAU Junior National Olympics

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dents-elect at PETS regarding this opportunity.

On a personal note, I have been involved with several Junior Olympics competitions, as both of my children were national medalists in tumbling and trampoline during their school years. I can testify that this experience develops positive, ethical young people and is well within the scope of Rotary's mission to give Service Above Self and Do Good in the World.

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**100th Rotary International Convention, Birmingham, England:** The dates are June 21- 24, 2009. Take advantage of this exciting event in Rotary history! See the website [www.rotaryconvention2009.com](http://www.rotaryconvention2009.com).

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**District 6000 Conference, April 23-25, Ankeny, Iowa:** I am amazed to find myself just a few short weeks away from an event I have been thinking about and planning for so many years. I think every district governor hopes to make their District Confer-

ence the crowning glory of their Rotary year. Taking our theme MAKE DREAMS REAL and turning our Conference theme into DREAMS MADE REAL, we hope to truly celebrate the successes of this year.

We have housed the District Conference at the *new* Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny, and I am proud to say that we have this beautiful facility at the cost for rooms of \$99/night. And even better, we have held the registration to a cost that is significantly lower than many previous years – apparently angels whispered in my ear that cost would be a vital consideration this year. The registration for the entire conference is \$155. We have been able to offer a cost of \$10 to RotaKids, Interact and Rotaract students for Saturday morning and luncheon – this due to the generous donation of the balance of that cost by Dasher Management dba McDonald's.

We are offering a Saturday Spouses' Program: a Backtrack Tour of Prairie Meadows Racetrack – this is a race day, so there will be

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## Join District 6000 Rotarians in Birmingham

Rotarians attending the June 21-24 Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England, are invited and encouraged to attend the District 6000 Breakfast. It will be the one place where you will be likely to connect with Rotarians from our district. DGN Gary Welch has arranged for the breakfast to be Monday, June 22 at the Marriott Hotel, which is attached to the convention center. A full English breakfast will cost (with the current exchange rate) about \$45 US. This includes value added tax, tip and room. It will be informal and just an opportunity to socialize. Make your reservations with District Administrator Carolyn Scharff, (877) 976-8279. Information: DGN Gary Welch, (515) 964-7432.



# 'Dreams Made Real' District Conference

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horses and lots of activity to see that morning. There is no charge for the program and the Prairie Meadows shuttle will pick up the spouses and deliver them to the track. They will return in time for the noon meal on Saturday.

Rotary International Past President Frank Devlyn of Mexico is our speaker at the noon District Rotary Meeting on Friday. Frank's books, authored with David C. Forward, are the best selling, most widely read and quoted in the Rotary world. He is a dynamic, exciting, inspiring speaker and I promise you that you won't be disappointed. Everyone who attends the luncheon will receive a copy of Frank's latest book, "Frank Talk on Leadership: Ten Traits of SuperStar Leaders."



Frank Devlyn

RI President D.K. Lee said, "Frank Talk on Leadership" is an important message from Past RI President Frank Devlyn about a subject near and dear to the hearts of all Rotarians. He and David Forward have joined forces once again to create a very readable and entertaining resource for today's leaders and for all those who will become the leaders of tomorrow." Don't miss this opportunity to hear this amazing international leader speak!

AND you'll want to hear the King'NTrio. The King'NTrio is a multi-talented musical group based in Grand Junction, Colorado.

The group was formed in 2001 by local Grand Junction Rotary Club members who shared a common interest in the great folk music from the 50's and 60's, especially the Kingston Trio, Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, and other folk music icons. They have entertained at the 2005 Chicago Rotary International

## Focus on youth

If your Rotary club sponsors a RotaKids, Interact or Rotaract club, we want to extend a special invitation to those students to be a part of the District Conference on Saturday, April 25, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny. At 10:00 a.m. that day we will be celebrating the 'Future of Rotary' by featuring the students involved in Rotary programs – Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Youth Exchange, RotaKids, Interact and Rotaract. We want your students to speak to the Rotarians about the programs in which they have been involved this year. And then at noon we will be having a special speaker who will address students as well as the gathered Rotarians - Adrian Rusu, a former Rotary Youth Exchange student from Romania who has gone on to achieve his undergraduate degree from the University of Bucharest, has spent the past year in Beijing, China, and is currently working in Singapore. He will be an inspiration to everyone who hears him.

The great news is that although the cost for the luncheon on Saturday is \$24.19, Dasher Management dba McDonald's is underwriting the cost for the students, so that the cost to each student for the morning and the luncheon will be only \$10.

We hope you will enable your students to be present at our District Conference. I think it will be a great time of sharing and the Rotarians present who are not involved in youth programs may be inspired to return to their home clubs to start new programs next year.

– DG Susan Herrick

## President Lee's official representatives

The official representative of RI President D.K. Lee at District Conference will be Seunggi Paik and his wife, Myung Chang Paik, of Seoul, Korea. Seunggi is professor emeritus of Kyungwon University and past president of Kyungwon College.



Seunggi Paik



Myung Chang Paik

He received a doctor of philosophy degree in government at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in 1973 and an honorary D.H.L. degree from William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, in March 1988. She received a master of science degree in economics from Southern Illinois in 1973 and a doctor of philosophy degree in business administration in 1995 from Yonsei University, Seoul. She is a research professor in the School of Business at Yonsei University, Seoul. Seunggi Paik was district governor of District 3640 in 2001-02. He is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor Level II donor and member of the Bequest Society and Paul Harris Society. He has been a delegate to the Council on Legislation and is a member of the executive committee of Reach Out to Africa.

Convention, the Salt Lake City RI Convention, and the Los Angeles RI Convention. Their original songs, "The Four-Way Test" and "One Hundred Years of Rotary" are wonderful celebrations of the best of Rotary.

You won't want to miss the fun and fellowship of the Thursday Golf Best Ball Tournament at the Tournament Club of Iowa and the Friday evening Home Hospitality that will give you a chance to be entertained in the homes of some of the finest Rotarians in the Ankeny/Des Moines area.

How often do we see stories on television and in the media that despair about the youth of our state? Well, take the opportunity to hear about the bright future of Rotary and the amazing things our Interact, Rotaract, RotaKids and Ambassadorial Scholars are doing. Saturday morning and noon they will share with us their ambitious service projects.

You'll want to be there for the whole thing!! On Saturday evening at the Fire and Ice Banquet we will be giving away two Paul Harris Fellowships drawn from the pool of Rotarians who have attended the entire conference. That Saturday evening event will feature great food, the music of The Bill Martin Group, and the opportunity to welcome in your next governor, DGE Cal and Rachel Litwiller, who will showcase your next Rotary Year.

Please take advantage of this exciting weekend of Rotary activity and collaboration. I promise it will be one of the highlights of your Rotary year. You will leave energized and proud to be a Rotarian!



The new Courtyard by Marriott, 2405 SE Creekview Drive, Ankeny, home of District Conference.



## Vocational Service:

# How Rotarians can be part of the solution in tough economic times

*On Jan. 23, Dan Kent, the owner of Kent Farm Management and Real Estate and a 20-year member and past president of the Rotary Club of Chariton, wrote the following letter to Rotary club president Adam Bahr and PDG Corliss Klaassen of Chariton. The letter lifts up a vision of how Rotarians, through vocational service and ethics, can be part of the solution in tough economic times. The letter provides food for thought for all Rotarians:*

Dear Adam and Corliss:

In President Barack Obama's inaugural speech on Jan. 20, 2009, he called for a new level of responsibility in our country by all our citizenry. He stated, "What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility – a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task. This is the price and the promise of citizenship."

He also recounted the host of economic woes facing our country on which the national media has been relentlessly hammering for the past five months. There is too much bad news and too few willing to take a leadership role to reverse our nation's present economic crisis.

In short, our citizenry is scared. Those that have lost their jobs, homes, or businesses are actually terrified. Consumer spending has dropped dramatically and will continue to contract as our citizenry hunkers down and goes into a survival mode. Until this fear is countered with constructive, positive ideas, our economy as well as the world economy will continue to slide downward – probably much faster than most economists wish to project.

*What can Rotarians do to help right this huge sinking ship?*

The answer lies in our motto "Service Above Self" as well as in the basic makeup of Rotary – a worldwide network of business leaders. I'd submit that Rotary should consider doing the following



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– Dan Kent, Chariton Rotary

at this critical time in our world's history:

1. Create and distribute a DVD to all clubs. This DVD could contain the following:

a. It would encourage all employers who are Rotarians to be as transparent as possible their employees concerning their jobs and the company's performance.

b. The DVD could encourage these Rotarians to seek suggestions from the employees themselves on how to cut waste, improve products, and simply enhance the business for everyone's sake.

c. Rotarians could lead by taking wage cuts, if necessary, for the survival of the business as well as maintaining as many employees on payroll as possible through these tough times.

d. It would be a positive message aimed at reassuring the public and encouraging Rotarians to share their expertise whenever needed to help right our economic ship.

2. Rotarians could be trained to speak at schools, factories, civic groups on constructive topics – to counter all the negativism found in today's press.

3. Finally, Rotary could spoon feed the media positive clips of encouragement found in our everyday life and actually try to move the media away from all its negative reporting. Our country has encountered recessions before but never in the environment of around-the-clock news. This is a rather new phenomenon which can be downright dangerous during fragile economic times.

In summary, this cannot be a politically motivated campaign and that must be fully understood by all. But our nation's economy cannot right itself until the high level of fear in our country is dealt with head-on. What better opportunity for Rotary than to use

their vast network of business leaders to calm the waters and help restore public confidence. That leadership is needed now! Failure to do so could be catastrophic.

Thank you for your consideration. I'd like you to share these thoughts with (Rotarians) if you feel it is appropriate to do so.

–s- Dan E. Kent, Chariton  
A friend in Rotary!

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## Hold firm to Rotary ideals

Rotary has survived hard times before and emerged stronger by holding fast to its principles. In 1933, a delegate at the Boston convention asked General Secretary Ches Perry if current conditions meant Rotary should soften some of its ideals. He replied: "Today the world suffers – not because of an abundance of ideals, but because of a lack of ideals in those years when anything was all right that seemed to yield profit. We can do without brownstone mansions, expensive cars, and even bank accounts. These are not the essential ingredients to happiness. But one thing we must not lose is our vision. And one thing we must not do is permit a moratorium on the ideal of serving others."

– "A Century of Service," pp. 94-95

## Paul Harris Society

The Paul Harris Society was begun by PDG Bill Tubbs 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 4-1/2 years, 57 Rotarians from 22 clubs have made this commitment. 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 Susan Herrick 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)  
Jeff & 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)  
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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)

Ed Barker (Iowa City)  
Charles Funk (Iowa City)  
Jim Swaner (Iowa City)  
Geraldene Felton (Iowa City)  
Willis (Bill) Bywater (Iowa City)  
Stephen L. West (Iowa City)  
Dean Moore (Iowa City)  
Stan Barber (Iowa City)  
Verne Folkman (Iowa City)  
R.T. Feddersen (North Liberty)

#### Paul Harris Society Members (2008-09)

Jeff Disterhoft (Iowa City)  
Linda Hartkopf (Atlantic)  
Rita Perea (Greater Des Moines)  
Jacque Andrew (Jefferson)

## Project teams return from Xicotepec, Mexico

District 6000 Xicotepec Project Team members have just returned from the district's biggest World Community Service endeavor and will be reporting to their clubs shortly about the humanitarian service work that was accomplished.

Nine team members joined team leader Jim Peterson of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM in the first group, March 7-15, and 55 participated in the second group, March 14-22.

This is the seventh consecutive year that Rotarians, youth, college professors and service learning students cemented their relationships with the 30,000-population village in the mountains of eastern Mexico.

The partnership with Xicotepec Rotarians has yielded friendships and left a legacy of service in the impoverished community that includes fire trucks, ambulances, schools, libraries, clean water, orphanages, clinical care and more.

Team members:

#### Week No. 1 (March 7-15)

Emily Bell (Junior Rotarian, Rotary Club of Nevada), Kay Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Ted Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Art Check (Rotary Club of Nevada), Nancy Craig (Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids Sunrise, sponsored), Elizabeth Loeb (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM), Jim Peterson (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM), Ann Schwemm (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), and Cathy Spencer (Rotary Club of Ankeny).

#### Week No. 2 (March 14-22)

Jerry Anthony (University of Iowa faculty, Urban and Regional Planning), RaShauna Applewhite (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), James Arthur (Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines), Christina Balmer (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Mackenzie Bolt (University of Iowa Service Learning, education), Jeremy Bril (University of Iowa Service Learning, engineering), Lora Buckman (University of Iowa Service Learning, engineering), Kay Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Ted Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Justine Cassidy (University of Iowa Service Learning, nursing), Christine Catney (University of Iowa faculty, College of Pharmacy), Lori M. Curry-Whitcomb (Palmer College of Chiropractic), Christine Dimke (Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids Daybreak, daughter), Kristi Dimke (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Mark Dimke (Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids Daybreak), Rachel Dimmer (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Blanca Leticia Fernández, Jean Florman (University of Iowa faculty, Center for Teaching), Tom George (Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines), Taylor Goetzinger (Ankeny High School Interact), Susanna Harris (Ankeny High School Interact), Craig Just (University of Iowa faculty, College of Engineering), Daria Kieffer (Iowa City West High School Interact 1440), Krishna Kothary (University of Iowa Service Learning, nursing), Dixie Kurtz (Rotary Club of North Scott, spouse), Elyse Kurtz (Rotary Club of North Scott, daughter), Evan Kurtz (Rotary Club of North Scott, son), Scott Kurtz (Rotary Club of North Scott), Michael Levy (Iowa City West High School Interact 1440), Bob Main (Rotary Club of Newton), Stacy McCoy (University of Iowa Service Learning, nursing), Andra Metz (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Carol Narak (Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, spouse), Tom Narak (Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines), Jim Peterson (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM), Callie Pittard (Ankeny High School Interact), Hailee Reist (University of Iowa faculty, College of Pharmacy, daughter), Jeffrey Reist (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Amber Riesselman (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Jill Robertson (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Scott Sammons (Rotary Club of Ankeny), Jennie Schmidt (University of Iowa faculty, College of Engineering), Gregg Scranton (University of Iowa Service Learning, engineering), Hazel Hilton Seaba (University of Iowa faculty, College of Pharmacy), Luke Smith (University of Iowa Service Learning, engineering), Michael Stocks (Ankeny High School Interact), Chely Stroborg (Rotary Club of Jefferson, daughter), Emily Stroborg (Rotary Club of Jefferson, daughter), Nancy Stroborg (Rotary Club of Jefferson), Connie Trowbridge (University of Iowa faculty, College of Nursing), Marshal Tuetken (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Reed Underwood (University of Iowa Service Learning, nursing), Kiersha Wanlass (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Rikki Wilson (University of Iowa Service Learning, nursing), Anita Wubbena (Rotary Club of North Scott).



# D-6000 supports huge micro-credit finance project in Sri Lanka

District 6000 Rotarians launched a partnership with World Vision in February that will change the lives of the poorest Sri Lankans whose homes and livelihoods were destroyed by the devastating Tsunami in the Indian Ocean on Dec. 26, 2004.

Nearly \$90,000 was given by Rotarians and non-Rotarians of Iowa when PDG Bill Tubbs (2004-05) issued a call to clubs and through the media for aid for Sri Lankans and Indians whose homes and businesses were swallowed up in the cataclysmic disaster.

District 6000, through its Humanitarian Services Fund, advanced \$11,000 in the spring of 2005 to replace fishing boats and build schools. Rotary district governors Lucky Pieris (D-3220, Sri Lanka) and Ranga Rao Jashti (D-3150, India) attended Tubbs' June 2005 District Conference in Davenport to report on the needs and projects in their districts.

The District 6000 World Community Service Committee hoped to multiply the remaining money through Rotary Foundation Matching Grants. However, projects that met the committee's criteria of multiplying the funds and providing sustainable relief for those most severely impacted were not available.

"The committee believed it was more important to spend the money wisely than to spend it quickly," said PDG Tubbs, who has had conversations with D-3220 leaders, including at the 2008 Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles.

A breakthrough came in the fall of 2008 when district leaders saw the extraordinary power of micro-credit financing. "We learned at the Zone Institute in Kalahari that the best way to eliminate extreme poverty is to give people, especially women, economic control of their lives through micro-credit financing," said Tubbs. "Our task was then to partner with an organization that is active in micro-credit financing in Sri Lanka."

DGE Cal Litwiller soon found the answer in World Vision, an international relief organization based in Minneapolis. "It was the perfect match," said Tubbs. "World Vision established VisionFund Lanka for a purpose that is very much in keeping with donors' expectations – that their gifts would help people rebuild their lives."

Rynell Freeland of World Vision gives an illustration of how



This micro-credit loan recipient in India is all smiles thanks to her newfound economic empowerment. The photo was taken by DGE Cal Litwiller in December.

micro-credit financing works in Sri Lanka:

*"Mrs. Sivalingam Ranjini lived in a rural village of Kalutavalai 4B with her family. They were a poor family and they managed their day-to-day living by doing casual labor jobs with minimum income. Unfortunately, on the 26th of December 2004 the Tsunami struck the village and this poor family lost their house and property and their livelihood."*

*"Soon after the Tsunami, VisionFund Lanka commenced its lending process in this village and Mrs. Ranjini also joined a solidarity group, which was established in this area. She started a savings account with the other members of the group and became an active member. She obtained training on entrepreneurship and leadership from VFL. Thereafter she obtained a small loan for her working capital from VFL and started a shop."*

*"She paid off her first loan and then obtained a second loan to purchase a small grinding mill to be installed in the village. She is now able to give a better quality life to her family."*

Mrs. Ranjini's story is a typical micro-credit success story. The majority of the loans are less than \$200. The amount seems small, but in third world countries it is enough for women to open a shop, buy a sewing machine, an oven or a pottery wheel – and that can make all the difference.

Jeffrey Sachs, in his book, "The End of Poverty," says that women who receive micro-credit loans take control of their lives and have 2-3 children instead of 6-8. That alone can stop the cycle of poverty that runs from generation to generation.

Further, micro-credit lenders like World Vision, Opportunity International, MyC4 and others, report that nearly 100 percent of the loans are repaid – on time.

World Vision will match the \$78,233 that they received from District 6000 for a whopping lending pool of \$156,466!!! The number of loans that will be made and the lives that will be changed is staggering – and, because the loans are repaid, it is the gift that will keep on giving.

Tubbs said he hopes one day to accept PDG Lucky Pieris' invitation to see the work that Rotary is doing in Sri Lanka. "We want District 6000 Rotarians to be able to see how their generosity has changed the lives of Tsunami victims for the better."



At the Los Angeles convention, D6000 Rotarians Bob and DG Susan Herrick, PDGs Corliss Klaassen, Roger Borup and Bill Tubbs, and DGE Cal Litwiller and Rachel, met with Rotary Foundation trustee Ravi Ravindran (standing, far right) and Sri Lankan Rotarians.



# NIGERIAN CONNECTION:

*Rotarians 'Make Dreams Real' amidst extreme poverty*

By DGE Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

A group of 15 Rotarians from Zone 27 visited Nigeria from Nov. 8-17, 2008. The goal of this team of Rotarians was to follow up on contacts and relationships the Zone had begun to build with Nigerians in November 2007.

The 2007 team included five Rotarians from D-6000 who went to three different regions in Nigeria. The November 2008 team included Rotarians DGN Gary Welch of Ankeny, club president Julia Jenkins of Osceola, and DGE Cal and Rachel Litwiller of Mt Pleasant.

This year's team concentrated their efforts only in the Kano and Kaduna regions.

The enthusiastic team of Rotarians met at O'Hare Airport in Chicago. In addition to personal luggage, we had 51 extra suitcases filled with medical supplies, school supplies, clothes and toys. A Rotary club from Rockford, Ill., picked up the tab for excess luggage fees. Thanks to them we were able to take all the supplies on the same plane, so they would arrive with us.

The team included five medical staff, one surgeon, one family practitioner (Dr. Julia Jenkins), and three nurses.

The medical team's efforts were concentrated at St. Gerard's Hospital in Kaduna. They were involved with surgeries, ward care, teaching and training. The medical team connected with the student nurses, hospital staff and patients.

To summarize their responses, the medical team felt "they received more than they gave." Their time at St Gerard's was a worthwhile and rewarding experience.

The rest of the non-medical team visited projects proposed to the Zone in 2007. In one project, the Muscatine, Ankeny and Nevada clubs are funding a bore well at the Tsamiya Babba Village. The villagers were eagerly waiting our arrival. We were able to reassure them we are aware of their need for water, not only for daily use, but for a reliable water supply which will provide the necessary resource for the building of a desperately needed medical clinic/dispensary in this rural area. We are happy to report the grant is now in process and fully funded.

Besides visiting other projects, some being funded by other districts, the team was able to work on improving and painting two



Julia Jenkins, a family doctor and president of the Rotary Club of Osceola, lends a gentle touch to children.



DGE Cal Litwiller and DGN Gary Welch distribute writing utensils at a school in Kaduna. The Rotarians took 51 extra suitcases filled with medical and school supplies, toys and clothes.



Men and women who are paralyzed from polio live their lives as "crawlers" – a reminder to Rotarians of why we continue the global quest to eradicate the disease.

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# Litwillers also visit D-6000 projects in India

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classrooms, pour a concrete floor in a rural school (mixing concrete by hand!), fixing the pump of the village well, and painting a new HIV waiting room at St Gerard's hospital.

School visits provided us with the opportunity to give the children school supplies, toothbrushes with paste, and beanie babies as well as other toys. During our visit with the children from two orphanages, we were able to distribute clothing and toys. All of these items were included in our excess luggage.

Nigeria is a country of rich resources and potential wealth, but due to political corruption, the wealth is not distributed to the people. A large part of the population survives in substandard living and extreme poverty.

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After Nigeria, Rachel and I traveled to India to renew contacts begun by D-6000 Rotarians who had gone to India on NIDs, a Friendship Exchange, and their own previous visit accompanied by Bill Ashton of the Rotary Club of Davenport.

Since their January 2006 visit, Rachel has become part of the District World Community Service Committee. She works with matching grants in India. Part of this trip was to visit sites of matching grants which have been supported by clubs in our district:

- Check dams supported by the Rotary Club of Ft. Madison;
- School desks/benches for numerous schools by the Rotary Club of Mt Pleasant Evening;
- School desks/benches and playground equipment supported by the Rotary Club of Kalona;
- 50 computers for 50 schools by the Rotary Club of Wellman;
- Blood bank collection van for a blood bank by the Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant Evening;



DGN Gary Welch delivers the two drops of life during a polio Sub-National Immunization Day in Nigeria.

- Eye camp and cataract surgeries like those supported by the Mt. Pleasant Interact Club;
- Well, distribution system and storage tank for a school by the Rotary Club of Davenport;
- Eye bank vehicle for the collection and distribution of eyes by the Rotary Club of Davenport.

One of our biggest thrills was to return to the site of a 3-H grant which was completed after the 2001 earthquake in northwest India. D-6000 was a partner in building a village, a school, and a medical clinic. We were able to visit the village in January 2006 and now returned to see the villagers caring for their prospering village. The school is not large enough to accommodate the student population so they will be using part of the medical clinic for classrooms.

In 2006 we ended our presentations with a photo of a little girl in a classroom whose smile exhibited the hope and excitement we saw displayed by the villagers. We were thrilled when we were able to locate Disha again, three years later. She is now in the third grade.

Another memorable experience was being able to visit a Rotary Eye Camp in a remote village of India. We saw numerous villagers being screened for eye sight, and later either fit for glasses or transported to the nearby hospital for cataract surgeries. It was very impressive to be in the operating room and see the eye surgeon remove a cataract from one of the patients. She was very good!! The surgery was completed for the cost of between \$25 and \$50, with the help of Rotary.

While traveling from one site to another we were able to enjoy the rural countryside, and experience diverse agricultural crops and farming practices.

We were also privileged to experience some of India's rich heritage. Several of these points of interest and cultural activities included an Indian wedding, palaces, memorable forts (one of which include a camel ride), and the majestic Taj Mahal.

Most of the time we were hosted by very generous Indian Rotarians with whom we had co-sponsored a matching grant.

Rotary is indeed improving conditions in the world which in turn is changing lives. However, there is still much to be done, as so much of the world lives in extreme poverty.

If your Rotary club is interested in an international matching grant, there are many opportunities in both Nigeria and India.



DGE Cal Litwiller and Rachel visit an eye camp in India that performs cataract surgeries sponsored by District 6000 Rotarians.

# Rotary Foundation Matching Grants promote world understanding, goodwill and peace

**By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport**

D6000 World Community Service Matching Grants chair

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

One of our great successes is our international humanitarian grants program.

This Rotary year, so far, six District 6000 clubs have applied to The Rotary Foundation for funds to support four Matching Grants. The grants will enable the Rotary Clubs of West Liberty, Fairfield, Newton, Northwest Des Moines, North Scott and Mt. Pleasant to complete projects doing more than \$53,000 humanitarian service to benefit impoverished people and communities.

With matching grant funds donated by The Rotary Foundation and District 6000 District Designated Funds – our own donations to TRF returned to us – the six clubs are able to accomplish the work with only \$9,839 of their own cash. They leveraged their own money almost 5-1/2 times!

West Liberty Rotary's project is providing eight computers and peripheral equipment and furniture for a school in an orphanage in Manzanillo, Mexico. Club members identified the need while vacationing in the area.

The Rotary Club of Fairfield has accomplished several projects in recent years in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Cartagena, Columbia, as a result of friendships developed during visits to the area. This year's project will provide six patient monitors for a children's hospital.

The Rotary Clubs of Newton, Northwest Des Moines and North Scott have partnered in a project to furnish and install water purification systems in three schools and a community center in Xicotepec, Mexico. The need for the purification systems was identified by club members' participation in the Xicotepec project.

When Rachel and Cal Litwiller returned from India earlier this year, they brought an application for a project to provide school supplies and nutrition supplements to promote education for poor children, children that would not be able to attend school without the support. The Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown, India, proposed the project and Mt. Pleasant Rotary is their international partner.

Could District 6000 do more to help poor communities and build understanding around the world?

For sure! With District Designated Fund money available to us this Rotary year, we could accomplish at least ten matching grant projects worth \$300,000.

That is not all that District 6000 clubs are doing in world community service. Active projects from prior years supported by our clubs will accomplish about \$430,000 worth of humanitarian good work around the world. In all, 15 clubs in District 6000 are partnering 15 clubs in 11 countries on projects that improve health, support education and alleviate poverty.

The projects are being accomplished in Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Mexico, Russia, South Africa 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 the world and equipment for their schools, medical equipment and medical services for communities that cannot afford the most fundamental resources and temporary shelters for displaced and homeless people.

**'In addition to new grants this year, active projects from prior years supported by our clubs will accomplish about \$430,000 worth of humanitarian good work around the world. In all, 15 clubs in District 6000 are partnering 15 clubs in 11 countries on projects that improve health, support education and alleviate poverty.'**

**– Brock Earnhardt**

As a result of the budget reductions, no new Matching Grant applications will be accepted in the 2008-09 Rotary year. New applications received by TRF will be returned to the sponsors without processing. Applications that were received by TRF prior to the commitment of the available budget will remain at the Foundation and can move forward for processing in the 2009-10 Rotary year. Humanitarian Grants staff members are currently in the process of notifying the sponsors of these applications, and their district leadership, about these updates.

"At their April 2009 meeting, the trustees will evaluate the current financial situation and approve a budget for 2009-10. Detailed information about Matching Grant funding will be available after the trustee meeting and the RI Web site will be updated with all pertinent information. Please visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) for further updates. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult financial times."

## Budget reductions affect future grants projects

WCS Matching Grants Committee chair Brock Earnhardt notified clubs recently that the Foundation said no additional applications will be accepted until July 1. "I think we should recommend that all use the time between now and July 1 to fully complete their applications, including clubs' and districts' signatures so we can file immediately next Rotary year," he said.

The news was in a letter from James Robinson, the Foundation's division manager for humanitarian grants: "Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation have had to make important decisions in light of the current financial environment," he wrote. "At the January 2009 trustee meeting, a decision was made to reduce the 2008-09 Matching Grant budget in order to conserve The Rotary Foundation's World Fund. As of March 2, 2009, the Matching Grant budget has been fully committed and the trustees of the Foundation are unable to approve any additional grant applications.



# Clubs to vote on Future Vision at P.E.T.S.

By Cal DGE Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

In anticipation of The Rotary Foundation's 100-year anniversary in 2017, the Foundation trustees set out to develop a plan to move the Foundation toward its second century of service.

The Foundation has made only slight modifications to its programs since its inception and the trustees sought input from a wide variety of stakeholders through interviews, surveys, focus groups, and input sessions in developing the Future Vision Plan.

The plan updates the Foundation's mission and creates a more effective and efficient way to help Rotarians develop diverse projects with greater impact and sustainable outcomes.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Foundation's new mission, along with its new motto – "Doing Good in the World" – were approved by the Foundation trustees and the RI board and endorsed by the Council on Legislation.

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## The Future Vision Plan is designed to:

- Simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission;
- Focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians;
- Offer program options to help achieve both global and local goals;
- Increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels by transferring more decisions to the districts;
- Gain greater understanding of The Rotary Foundation's work and enhance Rotary's public image;

The Rotary Foundation Future Vision Pilot is a three-year test of the new grant structure offered in the Foundation's Future Vision Plan. To simplify the grant-making process, the plan offers only two types of grants: Rotary Foundation District Grants and Rotary Foundation Global Grants. Together, these grants will allow clubs and districts to carry out a broad spectrum of humanitarian and educational efforts, both locally and abroad.

All districts are encouraged to apply for participation in the pilot, which begins July 1, 2010. Districts selected for the pilot must agree to follow the new grant structure throughout the pilot and to not participate in any of the current Foundation programs, with the exception of PolioPlus and the Rotary Centers for International Studies.

Selected districts will be notified by June 1, 2009, and given an opportunity to accept or decline the invitation to become a pilot district before the pilot districts are announced to the Rotary world. Districts selected for the pilot must appoint a district Rotary Foundation chair who will serve for the three years of the pilot (2010-13). The district governor for 2010-11 may choose to extend the current DRFC chair's term or appoint a different Rotarian.

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**District 6000 Future Vision Vote:** One of the things that the President-Elects of District 6000 will be asked to do at PETS, March 27-28, is to vote on the Rotary International "Future Vision" Pilot plan.

Information concerning the "Future Vision" Pilot was presented at each of the Foundation and Membership Seminars by DGE Cal Litwiller in September and October 2008. The plan will be piloted from July 2010 through June 2013. One hundred districts, worldwide, will be selected from those who apply to be part of the Pilot.

The Matching Grant, World Community Service (WCS) Committee recommended to the executive committee that our district apply for the pilot. The reason for this recommendation was based on the fact that District 6000 has extensive experience with matching grants and therefore has input that will be beneficial as Rotary International develops the Future Vision Pilot. The executive committee agreed with the WCS committee and has recommended that our district apply to be part of the "Future Vision" pilot.

Before we can apply to be part of the pilot we have to have a vote where we have two-thirds approval from our individual clubs for the application. This written ballot will be turned in at PETS and District Assembly, March 27 & 28, 2009.

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**Future Vision Resources:** Here are three resources that you can use to get more information about the "Future Vision" plan:

1. The District 6000 Web site has the information I handed out at the Foundation and Membership seminars. Go to our District 6000 website, [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org). On the left column under Foundation you will find "Future Vision." When you click on "Future Vision" you will be linked to the information sheet, Frequently Asked Questions and PowerPoint presentation distributed at the Foundation and Membership seminars.

2. More Information is available at the Rotary International Web site at, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). At the top of the page, type Future Vision in the search box, and it will take you to a number of items that will give you more information about "Future Vision".

3. If you have specific questions either e-mail or call Cal Litwiller DGE: (319) 385-8440, or [clitwiller@yahoo.com](mailto:clitwiller@yahoo.com).



DGN Gary Welch of Ankeny (c) and his wife, Colleen (second from left) attended a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar Conference March 6-7 in Kansas City. Scholars from Iowa included (l-r): Ashley Allman, who will study in Hong Kong; Jill Moeller, who will study in South Africa; and Heidi Koester, who will study in Spain.

# Iowa City AM club celebrates 20 years of service ...

**By Dave Parsons/Iowa City AM**  
Club Historian

The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM held its 20th anniversary banquet on Tuesday evening, Jan. 20 at the Brown Deer Country Club in Coralville. Among those in attendance were District Governor Susan Herrick and her husband, Bob, Assistant District Governor Ted Carpenter and his wife, Kay, as well as many former club presidents and current board members.

A brief club meeting was conducted, followed by dinner and a slide presentation by club Historian Dave Parsons that detailed the club's early years.

The Iowa City AM club was proposed in July, 1987 by an extension committee comprised of five members of the Rotary Club of Iowa City, the only area club at that time. The first official meeting of the club was on Sept. 27, 1988, and was attended by seven Iowa City club members (two of whom are still perfect attenders – John Ockenfels and Roger Christian).

The club quickly grew to almost 60 members, gaining 10 members in the month of December alone. The club newsletter of Dec. 20, 1988, projected that if the current growth rate could be sustained, club membership would be 33,000 by July, 1989!!

The first two club Presidents (John Koza and Jack Koberg) were former Noon club members selected by the extension committee. The first elected president was Dave Parsons, one of the 59 charter members.

Community Service projects of the first five years included the

First Offender program, FAMSCO, Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-a-Highway, Meals on Wheels, youth reading, Honduran relief and the annual Crisis Center food drive.

Activities of the Vocational Service committee, Foundation Committee and World Community Service Committee were highlighted, including several Youth Exchange students and Ambassadorial Scholars in its first few years.

The AM club was one of fewer than 10 percent of District 6000 clubs to receive the Presidential Citation Award the first year it was available, and went on to receive it three of the next four years (missing the nomination filing deadline one year).

Early on, the club decided to bestow Honorary Paul Harris Fellowships on local community leaders. Those included UI President Hunter Rawlings, city historian Irving Weber, radio personality Dottie Ray, UI wrestling coach Dan Gable and

operatic baritone Simon Estes, all between 1991 and 1994.

## Dates of Interest:

Sept. 27, 1988	First meeting
Oct. 25, 1988	First slate of officers named
Dec. 6, 1988	First newsletter published (Rotary File)
Jan. 19, 1989	DG Cecil Porter reported club charter is official
Jan. 26, 1989	Rotary International votes to allow female members
Feb. 3, 1989	First official board meeting
March 14, 1989	Club's banner design unveiled
April 7, 1989	Charter Banquet
May 9, 1989	First foreign banner received (Sola, Norway)
July 18, 1989	First visit by a District Governor
March 24, 1992	First Offender project began



District Governor Susan Herrick (c) joined Iowa City AM Rotarians to celebrate 20 years of service on Jan. 20. With Governor Herrick are club president Jean Bartley (l) and charter club president Dave Parsons.

# ... while new Des Moines club eagerly awaits its charter

**By Bill Koellner/West Liberty**  
D6000 Club Extension chair

I received a call from Rita Perea this morning (Feb. 25) while I was out of the office. Her message was wonderful. Rita is organizing the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines Emerging Leaders and they had a Mardi Gras party last night for the Rotary meeting.

In addition, the latest *Business Journal* for Des Moines had a full-page ad taken out by the club recognizing the two members who achieved the "40 under 40" list. It was the only full-page ad in the *Journal*. Immediately, Rita had several new people come to the meeting last evening based on this ad. (What a great PR boost!) All of them want to join. A lady who was referred from RI also saw the ad in the *Business Journal*. She joined last night.

We sent the charter paper work in with 28 members. Prior to last

night, and after the charter was sent in we gained members up to 33. After last night, we gained as many as five more.

This truly is a great success story. It helps change the direction of losing members in D-6000, part of which is the low cost of belonging to Rotary of \$200, which includes \$100 to The Rotary Foundation. (Remember, this club is starting out at a sustaining member level. We don't have to convince them to be or strive to be; they are EREY at \$100.00!)

As I write this, the Rotary Club of West Liberty is putting

the Humanity in Motion DVD on our local access television channel as a part of our public service to West Liberty. Gerry Wickham, city councilman, is spearheading this activity. Gerry is also the Rotarian responsible of talking to the local movie theatre to have them put the Humanity in Motion information on the screen prior to movies. The owner is now a member of Rotary, and he is under 35.

## New Meeting Place

The new meeting place for the Greater Des Moines Rotary Club is Jimmy's American Cafe, 1238 8th Street, West Des Moines. Meetings are Wednesday evenings with 5:30 to 6:00 networking meetings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Watch for information about the club's charter night.



## Rotarians celebrate Iowa's humanitarian heritage at Hoover-Wallace Dinner

The Rotary clubs of Iowa are a sponsor of the World Food Prize's Sixth Annual Hoover-Wallace Dinner, which will be Saturday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites, 101 E. Locust St., Des Moines, IA 50309.

The event, named for Herbert Hoover and Henry Wallace, is a unique and inspiring celebration of Iowa's humanitarian heritage. Government and civic leaders of Iowa will be in attendance at the nonpartisan event. Laureates who will be honored this year are Iowa's U.S. senators, Tom Harkin and Charles Grassley for their leadership in agriculture and nutrition issues. Past laureates included Norman Borlaug, Walter Mondale and Robert D. Ray, John Deere, George Washington Carver, John Culver, Jim Leach and Dr. Ignacio Ponseti.



Sen. Harkin



Sen. Grassley

Tickets are \$125 each or \$1,250 for a table of 10, with the proceeds underwriting the Borlaug-Ruan International Internship program, which sends students abroad for 8-week internships where they will study food production and security issues. Last year's Dinner raised \$54,000 for the scholarships. For information, see [www.Hoover-Wallace.org](http://www.Hoover-Wallace.org). Tickets can also be ordered through the Web site with Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover; or, you can download a printable order form and mail it with your credit card information or a check payable to "Hoover-Wallace Dinner" to:

The World Food Prize Foundation  
Attn: Hoover-Wallace Dinner  
666 Grand Avenue; Suite 1700  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
Questions? 1 (515) 245-3783.

## Rotary Foundation will honor Ambassadorial Scholar who studied at Iowa State

A former Ambassadorial Scholar from Australia who studied food technology at Iowa State University in 1959-60 will receive The Rotary Foundation's Alumni Service to Humanity Award at the RI International Convention in Birmingham, June 21-24.

Alex Buchanan, now a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, is credited with putting food on the table for people in developing countries when they need it most. He created the high-protein Australian Milk Biscuit 25 years ago and later the High Energy Biscuit. He also developed an affordable infant food made from rice and soy that has been commercially produced in Thailand for more than 20 years.

Buchanan has been a member of Rotary clubs in Thailand and Australia where he initiated numerous humanitarian projects.



## District Simplified Grant boosts Fairfield preschool



Kids from the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Preschool class race to enjoy the new playground equipment that was recently installed, thanks to the Rotary Club of Fairfield. The project was supported with a Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant and club funds raised at a very successful auction. The 2009 auction will be held on April 21 at the Fairfield Arts and Convention Center for the benefit of the Fairfield Fire Department.

— Jim Pedrick



# ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE: *Bringing the World Together – One Student At A Time*



**'If every 17-year-old spent a year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student, there would be no wars.'**

**– Karl Wilhelm Stenhammar, Sweden, RI President, 2005-06**



Back: Theena (Jay) Keera of Thailand (Centerville), Zana Vejasa of Kosovo (Muscatine), Perparin Lloqanaj of Kosovo (Muscatine). Front: Christoph Westendorf of Germany (Winterset).



Daniel Maic of Brazil (Ames), Maie Chabrol of France (Decatur County), Luana Marega of Brazil (Newton), Fernando Storto of Brazil (Boone).



Outbound in 2009-10 (countries to be named): Shannon Sullivan (Iowa City), Stephanie Stang (Muscatine), Katherine Marshall (Iowa City AM), Carley Wright (Oskaloosa).



Outbound in 2009-10 (countries to be named): Audrey Dwyer (Muscatine), Lucas Asbury (Washington), Alaine Templeton (Corning), Nathan Snell (Ames), Jeanne Sheppard (Fairfield).





District 6000 2008-09 Rotary Youth Exchange leaders Norm Smith (Outbound chair, Muscatine) and Chris Knapp (chair, Iowa City AM).



Harumi Yomoguita of Mexico (West Des Moines), Vitor Fabris of Brazil (Mt. Pleasant), Christina Rode of Germany (Knoxville), Yungte Chen of Taiwan (Fairfield).



Susi Rodriguez of Xicotepec, Mexico (Nevada), Federico Presti of Argentina (Davenport West/North Scott), Diana Garcia of Guatemala (Wellman).



Christian Mujica of Argentina (Chariton), Adalgisa Cost of Brazil (Ankeny), Allais Marc Antoine of France (Tipton), Olivia Pereira of Brazil (North Scott).



Rotex students: Rick Stammer, Germany (Iowa State); Cal Davis, Japan (Drake); Sheri Bender, Germany (UNI).



And all together – at the District 6000 Rotary Youth Exchange Winter Retreat, January 17-18 at Camp Wesley Woods, Indianola.

***District 6000 has sent and received more than 470 students since 1965***

# NET SOLUTION FOR UGANDA:

## *Ambassadorial Scholar wants mosquito nets for children*

By Victoria Riley

Jefferson Bee & Herald

One of the nice things about winter in Iowa is that there are no mosquitoes. Iowans seldom appreciate that fact as they shovel snow or try to clear ice off the sidewalk.

Iowans also seldom appreciate the fact that during the summer, for the most part, mosquitoes are only an annoyance. Some carry West Nile virus, but the number of Iowans who contract West Nile virus is miniscule compared to the number of those in Uganda who contract another mosquito-borne illness, malaria.

Chris Deal, a 2003 Jefferson-Scranton High School graduate who is a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Uganda, has learned about anopheles mosquitoes, those that carry malaria. He's working on a project to reduce the incidence of malaria in Uganda by protecting children from anopheles mosquitoes.

Deal graduated from Iowa State University in May with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He has been in Uganda since August. His scholarship provides funding for one academic year of study. He is pursuing a master of science degree in renewable energy from Makerere University in Kampala.

In addition to classes and research, the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship is heavily based on service. Outside of class, Deal volunteers as a chemistry and math teacher at a local high school. He has done some consulting work with rural electrification projects, and has helped organize a pen pal exchange between sixth graders in Gilbert (IA) and two rural Ugandan schools.

It was his work as a liaison in the pen pal project that prompted him to initiate the mosquito net project. Deal's fiancée Tracy Paus-tian teaches sixth grade in Gilbert. When her students learned that Chris was in Uganda, they suggested collecting school supplies and perhaps raising some cash to send to a rural school there.

Deal called a Ugandan nonprofit organization to find out what supplies were most needed. "I expected to hear that the students needed pencils or paper or things like that, but the first thing I heard was 'mosquito nets.' I learned that only 25 percent of the students have mosquito nets, leaving 75 percent very vulnerable to malaria," Deal said.

Although the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship does not require a service project, there is an expectation that the scholars will go above and beyond what is required and will live the Rotary



Ambassadorial Scholar Chris Deal is asking Rotarians to raise \$25,000 for an endowment for a sustainable program to provide mosquito nets to children like those he is teaching in Uganda. The Ames Morning Rotary Club sponsored Deal to be an Ambassadorial Scholar.

motto of "Service Above Self."

Deal did some research on the effect of malaria on the people of Sub-Saharan Africa, the climatological region of which Uganda is a part. When a child contracts malaria, he or she may die within 24 hours. Those who don't die struggle with chronic illness that includes fever, chills, aches and vomiting. High absenteeism from school can put the child so far behind he or she must drop out. Continued bouts with the illness can cause anemia, ultimately requiring the child to have a blood transfusion. The blood supply in Africa may be infected with HIV/AIDS, which can infect the child and result in him or her ultimately succumbing to frequent sickness due to his or her impaired immune system.

Deal learned that there are between 350 and 500 million cases of malaria each year, and that more than 1 million people die each year from it. That computes to a person dying of malaria every 30 seconds, with most of them being children in Sub-Saharan Africa.

"The travesty of all this is that this disease is completely preventable," Deal said.

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— Chris Deal, Ambassadorial Scholar



# Partnership sought with Iowa State University Foundation

## SCHOLAR/continued

Mosquito nets surrounding beds can prevent contact with the anophele mosquito, which is active only at night. When the nets are pre-treated with an insecticide, they are even more effective. Widespread distribution and education to assure the correct use of mosquito nets can reduce the transmission of malaria by up to 90 percent.

Deal has proposed a project that would provide a sustainable source of mosquito nets for children in two schools, and he made presentations about the project to area Rotary clubs while visiting Iowa during the holidays. He would like to raise \$25,000, which would be put into an endowment operated by the Center for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods at Iowa State University, managed by the ISU Foundation. The interest from the endowment would be used to subsidize the purchase of mosquito nets by Ugandan families, reducing the cost from 10,000 Ugandan shillings to 1,000 Ugandan shillings, or about 60 U.S. cents.

“By charging for the nets, this program will hopefully avoid many of the drawbacks that accompany pure handouts, which result from a reduced inherent value of the item. By setting the price at 1,000 Ugandan shillings, it is hoped that the nets will still be affordable for anyone in Kamuli while maintaining an inherent value,” Deal said.

Deal plans to have an initial sale of subsidized nets for all current students who don’t have them, and thereafter making them available to new, incoming students each year.

Deal knows that most Iowans haven’t given much thought to malaria in Uganda, but he says there are several reasons Iowans should care. “First of all, from an altruistic point of view, it is the right thing to do. The vast majority of those living in Uganda have been dealt a tougher hand in life than most of us could imagine. On a daily basis they are confronted with worries about diseases like malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS; not having enough money to put food on the table for their family; natural disasters like flooding and drought; and much more.

“Many Iowans will go through their entire lives without facing challenges like many of those living in Sub-Saharan Africa face every day, and it is easy to block things like that out of our minds. But when you meet these people and see what they are struggling against, it’s easy to see that programs like this are the right thing to do,” he said.

“A strong case can also be made about how it is in our best interests, financially speaking, to help those countries trapped in a cycle of extreme poverty,” he continued. “If we can promote development in countries like Uganda, we are helping people escape from poverty while also lessening their reliance on resources from the developed world. As it currently stands, international aid goes into Africa, but it isn’t used effectively, and there isn’t enough of

it to help the countries really break out from extreme poverty. By instituting bottom-up approaches to development, like those practiced by Iowa State’s Center for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods, countries can get a jump-start on eradicating extreme poverty. Once extreme poverty is gone, it is much easier for countries to institute internal policies to effectively promote self-development and break away from reliance on international aid.”

Deal’s project has three phases. The first, the current phase, is to obtain donations to begin the endowment fund. The second phase will be an application for a Rotary Foundation matching grant to fund the initial large-scale offering of nets. Deal hopes to accomplish this by the end of 2009. The third phase will occur at this time next year and is based on obtaining the remaining funds to reach the fundraising goal of \$25,000.

In a culture that recognizes and applauds huge philanthropic projects and lifelong careers of service, Deal said he’s seeing that people can make a difference in smaller ways. “You realize there are incredible needs, but you realize it doesn’t take an entire career or a monumental effort to make a difference. There are smaller things people can do that really help others,” he said.

He’ll also take with him from Uganda an altered world view. “My view of the world, the lens through which I look at the world, has changed. I have a better understanding of how lucky we are just to live in the U.S.,” he said.

Deal has, by choice, immersed himself in the Ugandan culture, living with a Ugandan family rather than in a student apartment. “In Uganda, the whole culture is based on family. Family is the most important thing there. I’ve realized how lucky I am with the family I’ve been born into,” he said.

After Deal finishes his studies in Uganda, he has committed to serve as a high school science teacher in Kansas City for two years in the “Teach for America” program. After that, he plans to pursue a career in renewable energy, hopefully in Iowa.

Persons who would like to participate financially in the mosquito net project can send a donation to the Iowa State University Foundation (2505 University Blvd, PO Box 2230, Ames, IA 50010-2230) with “CSRL mosquito net project” on the memo line.



It’s not all rural. Deal refers to the above as “Old Taxi Park in all its glory.” He says the taxis he catches can’t be seen here; there is an “annex” a couple blocks away where he catches a mutatu headed toward his Ugandan home.

**“The travesty of all this is that this disease (malaria) is completely preventable.”**

*— Chris Deal,  
Ambassadorial Scholar*

# RYLA Conference slated April 16 at Camp Dodge

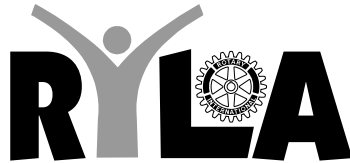
By Ken Angersola/West Des Moines

District 6000's annual Rotary Youth Leadership Award conference is set for Thursday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Camp Dodge in Johnston.

RYLA is a daylong leadership program for high school sophomores, which demonstrates Rotary's respect and concern for youth. Participants learn methods of responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership through a training experience that encourages continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth. The conference also publicly recognizes the high qualities of many young people who are rendering service in their communities as leaders, and provides positive motivation.

Leaders with a high public profile will address the participants. In the past, subject areas have included Leadership Styles, Leadership and Conflict Resolution, Leadership and Moral Values, Leadership and Community Service, and Leadership and the Art of Communication. The West Des Moines Rotary Club will have its regular meeting with an outstanding speaker who will be speaking on a topic directed toward youth. Participants will also be led in the Leadership Reaction Course, which combines teamwork and leadership skills to overcome various challenges.

RYLA is a great day where they learn about leadership while having fun. To encourage the students to put into practice the ideas they learn at RYLA, participants are sent home with a voluntary assignment to write an essay about what they learned at RYLA and they can use this new found knowledge to become a better leader.



The essays are judged and the top writer has the opportunity to read their essay at the District Conference where the first place winner is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, the second place winner \$750 and the third place winner, \$500!

Our goal this year is to have a minimum of two sponsored participants (ideally one male and one female per sophomore class) from every Rotary Club in District 6000. Last year we had approximately 135 students from all over the district.

Clubs were notified earlier of a March 15 deadline to register students at a cost of \$90, which includes transportation by motor coach for students outside the Des Moines metro area. Bus schedules for pick up and return will be sent to each club's contact person on or before April 6. Clubs are encouraged to send their Rotary Youth Exchange students as guests of the district.

Thanks to the cooperation of the Iowa Army National Guard, we have a new facility we will utilize for this year's conference. The conference will be held at the National Guard Freedom Center at the base location in Johnston. The Guard will also provide help with the conference. Participants should be made aware that there will be a short (10 minutes) presentation about the National Guard of Iowa. We hope to have the commanding general from the Iowa National Guard available to present a speech on leadership qualities and leadership skills.

At least one chaperone per bus is needed. These individuals would need to board each bus at the first pick-up location of either Burlington, Clinton or Manning.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact: Ken Angersola, 505 Market Street, Suite 300, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266; ph. (515) 224-5524; e-mail: ken.angersola@morganstanley.com.



ADG Linda Hartkopf of the Rotary Club of Atlantic (r) celebrates with students who raised money for polio eradication. The 8th grade students are nearing the end of their year-long community service campaign. A requirement for the students is to provide a minimum of 12 services hours to their community, church or school. These students have provided over 267 hours of service. One project they chose was to assist the Atlantic Rotary Club in their PolioPlus Change campaign. The Atlantic Rotary club committed to raising \$3,000 locally for PolioPlus over three years. In November, the confirmation students started filling their boxes with change (and some bills) to raise over \$220 towards PolioPlus. In addition to the PolioPlus change campaign, the students traveled to Cedar Rapids to assist flood victims, raked leaves for area residents, helped at blood drives, helped churches and schools during fundraisers, provided childcare services, and sorted pop cans. The youth group at SS Peter & Paul Church is led by Rotarian Wendy Richter and her husband, Tom Cappel.



## Mt. Pleasant Interactors introduce Dr. Seuss to kindergarten classes

"Do you know how old Dr. Seuss would be if he were still alive?"

This was the question kindergarteners in the Mt. Pleasant School District were asked on March 2. Members of the Interact club from Mt. Pleasant Community High School traveled to elementary schools to deliver books to every kindergarten in the community. March is Rotary Literacy Month as well as National Literacy Month, and March 2 is Dr. Seuss's birthday.



In observance of these special recognitions, senior Interactors from the Mt Pleasant Interact Club read two Dr. Seuss books to the kindergarten classes before handing out a copy to each student to take home and enjoy. The books that were read and distributed were "The Foot Book" and "There's a Wocket in My Pocket."

Kate Widmer, a senior Interactor at the high school said of her experience, "I really liked it! The little kids were really sweet and well behaved. They were just happy that we were there to read to them. They were so cute! Their reactions were adorable."

All members of the club who went to the elementary schools agree that the activity was a great way to honor the importance of literacy in America and celebrate the life of one of our most beloved authors.

— Renee Graber, Interact club secretary



## D-6000 Rotarians elected to leadership positions with South Central Rotary Youth Exchange organization

In 2007, District 6000 joined South Central Rotary Youth Exchange, SCRYE. This multi-district organization comprises 15 states and 36 Rotary districts united to annually assist over 400 Rotary student ambassadors realize their international dreams.

SCRYE supports member districts to remain current with changing directives and associated expenses required by the U.S. State Department, international regulatory bodies and Rotary International.

During the Tulsa Winter Meeting on Feb. 6, the board of directors voted the D-6000 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee members into SCRYE leadership positions. District Youth Exchange chair Chris Knapp of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM was elected to the Management Committee which facilitates procedural operations for the organization. Loring Miller of the Rotary Club of Decatur County was elected president nominee.

Rotary International President Nominee Ray Klinginsmith of Kirksville, Mo., is a founder of SCRYE and a strong advocate of service to youth. His address at the Tulsa meeting revealed a focus on Rotary youth programs during his upcoming administration.



Loring Miller of the Rotary Club of Decatur County with Rotary International President-Nominee Ray Klinginsmith at the winter meeting of SCRYE in Tulsa, Okla.



# Rotary at the Finish Line

## Polio campaign has given wings to Rotary

**By Herb Pigman**

Retired General Secretary, Rotary International

**T**he war to eradicate polio has been much longer in duration, and more complex in its resolution, than anyone anticipated 20 years ago.

In 1988, when the member-nations of the World Health Organization resolved that polio join smallpox in the history books, the year 2000 target appeared reasonable and achievable. However, 20 of the 125 polio endemic nations failed to reach polio-free status as we came to the end of the century.

Rotary's gift to the children of the 21<sup>st</sup> century was postponed, but you and other Rotarians have soldiered on.

*As I look out over this gathering of Rotary leaders, I see many veterans.* You have stayed the course. You have repeatedly re-enlisted. And two billion people in this world today thank you for hanging tough.

The title of this report is "Rotary at the Finish Line." But let me take you back for a moment to Rotary at the starting line.

If you were to trace the DNA of PolioPlus, it would lead you to the Pittsburgh areas and to District 7300. In 1973, Jack Davis was president's representative to the District 730 conference. On that occasion he met and talked with Dr. Robert Hingson, a Rotarian and an advocate of protecting children's health through immunization.

It was a fortuitous meeting. Destiny tapped Rotary on the shoulder.

For the next five years, Jack kept in touch with Hingson, and when Jack became president of Rotary International he invited Hingson to describe to the board of directors of RI, and later to Rotarians at the 1978 convention in Tokyo, the enormous potential for combating children's deaths from vaccine-preventable diseases.

His presentations created a climate for the adoption of the Health, Hunger, and Humanity program. Pilot polio projects succeeded in the Philippines and elsewhere. And then came Dr. Albert Sabin's challenge to Rotary at the 1985 convention in Kansas City.

Five months later, Rotary announced to heads of state gathered for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations a remarkable and

unprecedented offer: mobilize a million foot soldiers in the war on polio, and contribute \$120 million for the purchase of polio vaccine for the 100 million newborns of the developing world for five years.

(The pledge was not only unprecedented; it was audacious: we didn't have a dime in the bank!)

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is the largest concentrated effort in the history of public health.

The scope of this operation may be appreciated if you com-

pare the polio effort today with that of the program to eradicate smallpox. WHO launched a concerted small pox eradication program in 1967. At the time, there were an estimated 10 to 15 million cases annually in 44 countries. The campaign enlisted 300 professional health workers, cost \$300 million, and took 10 years.

Today, the polio battle engages 3,500 full-time health professionals, thousands of national of public health workers, legions of volunteers, 147 certified laboratories, a huge surveillance system, and costs \$60 million a month.

It is the "top operational priority of the World Health Organization." So stated in Rotary's convention in Los Angeles by Director General Dr. Margaret Chan.

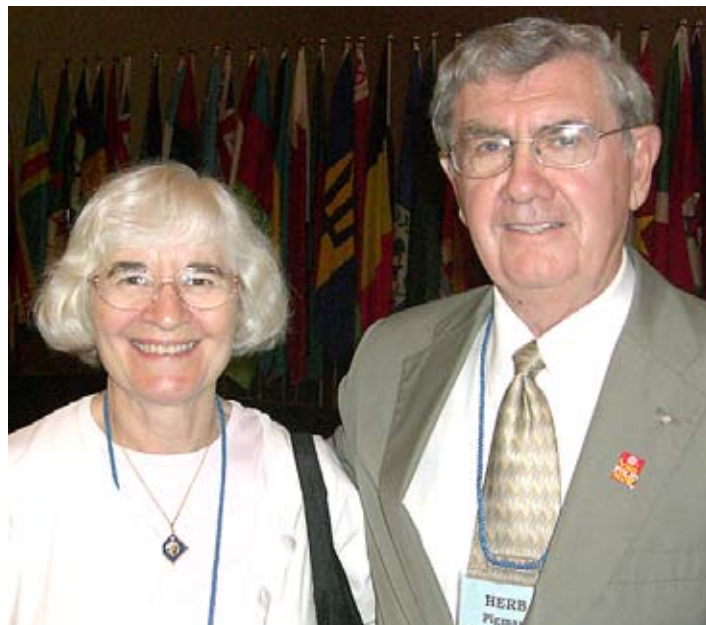
As you know, the early years brought spectacular reductions in polio cases: from 350,000 annually in 125 countries to a few hundred today.

But the past five years have found us on the one-yard line, inching forward against some tough foes: outbreaks in countries previously polio-free, civil war, program fatigue in health workers and volunteers and donor nations, and pockets of polio stubbornly resistant to accelerated tactics and ever more potent forms of oral polio vaccine.

Last year, in 2007, there were 1,315 cases of polio, 92 percent occurring in four countries considered endemic. The five circled areas are where the wild polio virus maintains a strong foothold.

So far in 2008 there have been 1,044 cases. This compares with 404 cases for the same period last year.

Nigeria (Africa's most populous nation) has emerged at the most challenging area – 575 cases this year compared with 159 for



Herb Pigman (r) was the general secretary of Rotary International from 1979-86 and 1993-95, and participated firsthand in the launching of the global campaign to eradicate polio. He and his wife, Betty (l), retired to Prairie View Farm near Ambia, Ind., where his business card says he raises "grass and alfalfa hay." This article is the text of his presentation at the Rotary Institute in September 2008 at Kalahari in Sandusky, Ohio.



# Global polio case count increased in 2008

the same period in 2007. Last month Nigerian president Yar'Adua officially launched the immunization days, appointed a new special task force, and pledged "to do everything possible" to achieve success.

Nigeria's cases are concentrated in the northern states. Because of travel patterns, most of the polio importations to former polio-free African countries (currently nine in number) come from Nigeria.

India has 359 cases compared with 163 a year ago. In the states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, traditional polio strongholds, India has made good progress in reducing Type 1 cases (the most infectious of the three strains). There was a major outbreak, however, of Type 3 polio in the state of Bihar. One cause of the Bihar increase was the decision to use a Type 1, monovalent polio vaccine, instead of the trivalent vaccine which produces antibodies against all three polio viruses. This type 3 outbreak is now being contained. Tragically, immense floods are now hampering efforts in Bihar. These are huge, populous states. In its immunization planning Uttar Pradesh must accommodate 500,000 new babies born – every month.

India has dramatically increased funding and operations for polio. Last year it began an aggressive campaign to administer at least eight doses MOPV1 to children in the remaining endemic areas of the country.

I have mentioned monovalent oral polio vaccines. These are new tools. They individually combat either type one or type 3. mOPV1 is three times as effective as trivalent OPV against type 1 polio in situations where there is a high prevalence of diarrhea and other infections.

Pakistan and Afghan are synchronizing their NIDs as a means of combating infections caused by cross-border migration. Cases are running slightly ahead of last year's pace. Despite ongoing political turmoil, Pakistan's prime minister Syed Usuf Gilani launched last month a nation-wide campaign, urging that no child be left behind in the campaign.

Afghanistan enjoys the personal support of President Karzai. It now has five Rotary clubs and a national PolioPlus committee in formation. The Taliban conflict there has restricted immunization activities efforts to periods of calm. Next SNIDs may take place later this month during the UN Peace Days.

International pressure is being applied to the polio-endemic countries in a variety of ways, incentives as well as regulations. For example, Saudi Arabia, home of Mecca, requires proof of polio immunizations as part of its entry visa requirements.

The polio campaign has cost a lot of money. Contributions from donor nations, organizations, foundations, and corporations now exceed six billion dollars. To this figure must be added the resources provided by the polio-endemic nations themselves, the value of

volunteer services, and the in-kind contributions of business enterprise large and small.

Note the substantial pie slice labeled Rotary International. Including the Gates Challenge grant and Rotary's response, Rotary has committed 850 million dollars to this cause, more than any other source except the US government.

Less well-known, however, is that Rotary's leadership in advocating polio eradication to some is largely responsible for many donor nations contributions. As a direct result of Rotary's lobbying, the United States has contributed thus far 1.4 billion dollars to polio eradication.

This task is not getting easier. In a discussion with the chairman of a U.S. Senate appropriations subcommittee one day, I was asked, "Since the number of polio cases has dropped by 99 percent, why can't we just declare victory and get on to battle another disease?"

His question disclosed a fundamental misunderstanding of the term "eradication." Eradicating a disease is like putting out a forest fire: you keep at it until the last spark is extinguished, or else it flares up again.

An analysis conducted independently of WHO found that abandoning the eradication goal, and switching to polio "control," would exceed, by billions of dollars over a 20-year period, the expected cost of polio eradication.

And in human terms, a polio control program that relies on routine immunization alone would result in over 200,000 children against paralyzed by polio each year.

And message is clear: stay the course. We have a window of opportunity which must be grasped.

In summary, the challenges that we have met and overcome in this two-decade fight against polio can give us both the courage and resolve that we will meet the challenges remaining.

Meanwhile, you can be very proud that PolioPlus has already created a lasting legacy:

The polio eradication initiative has become a global model for other health programs.

Five million people, mainly children, have been spared death or disability from polio.

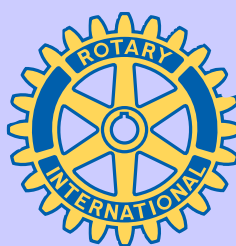
In the early 70s, only 5 percent, one out of 20 kids, was being immunized against polio, diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus. Today, some 80 percent of babies in developing nations are now being protected against common vaccine-preventable diseases. This miraculous advancement in the control of infectious disease would not have occurred if Rotary had not taken up Dr. Sabin's challenge. Polio and Rotary led the way.

The "plus" in PolioPlus is paying off.

In the realm of child survival, you have helped to change the world, and in the process you have given wings to Rotary.

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**– Herb Pigman,  
former General Secretary  
Rotary International**



# Theme: 'The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands,' Gates Challenge Grant highlights of International Assembly

By DGE Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

As incoming district governors, when we departed from the 2009 International Assembly in San Diego, CA, we left with a huge responsibility. The future of Rotary and its legacy of "Doing Good in the World" have been placed squarely in our hands.

The 530 District Governors-Elect convened in San Diego, CA, the week of Jan. 18-25. The week was spent listening to some incredible speakers, participating in discussion groups, and networking with district governors from around the world. It was common to have 10 countries represented in a given discussion group, looking at different areas of focus in the Rotary world.

When the 530 District Governors-Elect left, we were dispersed, armed with the resources needed to carry out our responsibilities: renewed energy, enthusiasm, and a heightened sense of empowerment in leading our districts and clubs in fulfilling the 2009-10 RI theme, "The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands."

We came home encouraged that one of Rotary's longest-standing campaigns has received a big boost with the infusion of \$635 million into the global effort to eradicate polio – a new \$255 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced by Bill Gates at the assembly, an additional \$100 million that Rotary will match over the next three years, which is part of the US\$200 Million Challenge grant – as well as a combined \$280 million pledged by the governments of Germany and the United Kingdom that does not count toward the money to be raised for the Gates Foundation matching grant.

District Governors-Elect left the International Assembly proud to be Rotarians. With few exceptions they find the theme an exceptionally timely one. The gathering of district governors is really a

phenomenal feat. It has been said there is more international representation at International Assembly than at the United Nations, and there is no religious discord, political strife or warfare.

During the week, as district governors-elect we were challenged by RI President-Elect John Kenny to continue working for the health and well-being of children and their families everywhere, through the emphases of water, health and hunger, and literacy. Kenny stressed that individual clubs, empowered by autonomy but working together through the structure of the RI Strategic Plan, are the backbone of the organization.

There was much time spent in discussion groups and many of the district governors expressed an appreciation that the emphasis is on local clubs. Our theme and emphasis is on empowering our clubs to develop goals and become even more dynamic in the years ahead.

We were reminded by RI President Dong Kurn Lee that

membership is critical to the future of the organization. He encouraged districts to achieve Kenny's goals of a minimum net membership increase of one member per club, a retention rate of 80 percent, and the addition of at least one new club per district. D.K. Lee also noted that diversity is important to membership growth.

Discussion groups were held that were intended to inspire the incoming class of district governors on topics including vocational service, leadership, public image, and service to youth.

The spouses' programs provided plenty of opportunity for them to learn more about what the district governor will be doing in the next 18 months, so they are able to play a supportive role.

International Assembly was a very inspiring, unique experience for all District Governors-Elect.

It is always amazing to hear what is happening in Rotary and to be friends with everyone.



District Governor-Elect Cal Litwiller and Rachel (l) with RI President-Elect John Kenny of Scotland and his wife at the International Assembly in San Diego.

## Miles Of Smiles Team completes mission in Guatemala

The Iowa Miles of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.) traveled to Huehuetenango, Guatemala, Feb. 12-22 to perform cleft lip and cleft palate repairs for indigent residents. Watch for reports in future issues of District 6000 News, as well as [www.iowamost.blogspot.com](http://www.iowamost.blogspot.com).

PDG Gary Pacha (2002-03) of Iowa City was the team leader and team members were:

**Medical Team Leader & Surgeon:** John Canady.

**Surgeons:** Murad Husein, John Renton, Juan Carlos Garcia Moran, and Antonio Rosa Alvarez.

**Nurses:** Pat Wehrle, Jody Meyer, Ann Schaapveld, Deb Strike, Mindy Bowen, Susan Adamson, Emily Berglund, Dee Grems, Ru-

ben Zuniga and Diane Miller.

**Anesthesiologists:** David Swanson, Bob Forbes, Rob Lance and Marty Hove.

**Biomedical Engineer:** Rick Borchard.

**Dentists:** Steve Aquilino and Bill LaVelle.

**Pediatricians:** Pete Wallace and Oscar Gomez.

**Medical Students:** Anna Marcinow and Jay Rilinger.

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# Canady helps kids 'turn the page'

## Surgeon, Rotarian 'Makes Dreams Real' with Iowa Miles of Smiles Team

By Rachel Gallegos/  
Iowa City Press-Citizen

**D**r. John Canady said when he and his wife had their two sons, he expected that being a parent meant being a teacher to his children.

"Really, ultimately, your kids teach you more than you can ever teach them," said Canady, a University Hospitals' plastic surgeon who specializes in cleft lip and palate repairs.

His 17-year-old son Frank, a West High cross country star, has taught him about resolve and commitment.

"If you believe hard work pays off, he's really captured that," Canady said.

His younger son Adam, 15, is good at music and digital creations, including designing the North Central Junior High and Run for the Schools Web sites.

"My biggest fear when he goes off to college is I don't know what I'm going to do when the computer breaks," Canady said.

"It's fun to watch their personalities develop and their interests. I never expected kids to be so different."

Watching children grow and develop also is what he enjoys about his work, serving as the director of the cleft lip and palate service at University Hospitals.

"I like taking care of the kids because they're very real," he said. "All they really want to do is get better."

By undergoing surgery for cleft lip or palate, Canady said he sees the kids "kind of turn the page." He's watched his former patients grow up, some becoming professional actors on stage, others college athletes.

"It kind of motivates you a little bit, too, because you see what they can accomplish," he said.

Canady was inducted as president of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons last month, an appointment that he calls "a real honor."

Although the common perception about plastic surgery is based on what's on television, "it's much, much more than that," he said. "There's a whole side of plastic surgery that is not



Dr. John Canady (r) performs cleft palate repairs with Rotary District 6000's "Miles Of Smiles Team."

'Dr. 90210' or 'Nip/Tuck.'"

Canady said he thinks that people like himself who have had good luck in life have a certain obligation to use their training and work to "pay some of that back."

"I think there are a lot of things people don't know about. There are a lot of good people and a lot of good things that they do," Canady said.

His involvement outside of the hospital

has included Operation Smile and the local Miles of Smiles Team that travels to Guatemala to treat children and adults who otherwise might not receive treatment for cleft lip and palate.

The Miles of Smiles Team is 30 people from University Hospitals, Mercy Hospital in Iowa City and the Iowa City Noon Rotary Club who have traveled to two different towns in Guatemala.

"It's really been a nice effort," Canady said, because the trips mean going with friends from work to help patients efficiently and safely.

"It's a very nice working environment ... everybody's doing their same job."

Gary Pacha, a member of the Iowa City Noon Rotary Club who has served as the overall team leader while Canady serves as the medical team leader, called Canady "absolutely a joy to work with."

"He's kind of just a basic Iowa farm boy," Pacha said. "He's the kind of guy you're comfortable around."

Working together on these trips, Pacha said Canady has become a very good friend and someone he admires a great deal. Although they do not have the same surroundings as they would here in Iowa City, Pacha said Canady never compromises the patient's care and treats the children there just as he does his patients here.

From his trips to these developing countries, Canady said he's seen a number of orphanages that give him a better understanding of what it means for a cleft lip or palate child to be adopted and treated in the U.S.

Without these trips, "you just can't appreciate the magnitude of what happens in a situation like that," he said. "Their whole life changes in an instant."

Working with the patients and medical professionals in Guatemala and the Philippines also helped him meet hard-working and dedicated people, despite not having the equipment and physical possessions people have here, he said.

Although he is there to help people, "it goes both ways," Canady said. "You can't put more into the system than you get out."

### Dr. John Canady

- Age: 51.
- Hometown: Jefferson.
- Occupation: Professor of plastic surgery at the University of Iowa.
- Education: Bachelor's degree in chemistry, Grinnell College, 1980. His first year of medical school was during his fourth year at Grinnell, so he received his medical degree from the University of Iowa College of Medicine in 1983. He interned one year in La Crosse, Wis., before two medical residencies -- otolaryngology at the University of Iowa from 1984 to 1988 and plastic and reconstructive surgery at the University of Kansas from 1988 to 1990.
- Family: Wife, Laurie. Sons, Frank, 17, and Adam, 15.
- Hobbies: Being outdoors, camping and training his Labrador retriever.
- Did you know? Canady wrote a book that was published earlier this year titled "101 Tips to Getting the Residency You Want: A Guide for Medical Students." He said the 81-page book contains straightforward observations and tips he's collected from interviewing people for residency programs and going through two residencies himself.



Dr. John Canady



Rotary clubs and districts have partnered with ShelterBox International to provide immediate shelter to thousands of victims of natural disasters. ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity – launched by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, England, and supported by Rotary clubs around the world. ShelterBox representatives will have a display at District Conference like the one pictured from the Los Angeles Rotary International Convention (above).



Thirty-one Rotary Youth Exchange and Rotex students of District 6000 enjoyed a spring get-together the weekend of March 7-8 at the Steeplegate Inn in Davenport. Students who are pictured with committee members and hosts Deb and Dennis Peterson of North Scott are (l-r): Rotex students Shari Bender of Waukee, at UNI; Amber Hoffman of Centerville, at Luther; Youth Exchange students Diana Garcia from Guatemala, at Wellman; Olivia Pereria from Brazil, at North Scott; and Federico Presti of Argentina, at Davenport West.

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## Ames Morning Rotarians deliver glasses, render Service Above Self in El Porvenir, Honduras

By Dean Harms/Ames Morning

The group from the Rotary Club of Ames Morning recently returned from a very successful trip to El Porvenir, Honduras. Our group of eight Rotarians made great progress on the community library. We were able to finish three coats of paint and assisted with building the book shelves.

During the medical screening brigade, we saw 169 people, gave out over 150 pair of glasses and diagnosed 21 people with diabetes and 14 with previously undiagnosed hypertension.

The people were very pleased to receive the glasses so generously donated by District 6000 Rotarians. They cannot afford glasses and most had never had access to them before.

We also did some rewarding work with pre-schoolers and elementary children as part of our literacy program.

Thank you for your generosity and support in collecting glasses. On behalf of the members of our club and especially the people of the village of El Porvenir, we would like to thank you and the Rotarians of District 6000 for your encouragement and support for our project.

## Group Study Exchange host clubs, schedule announced

The five-member Group Study Exchange team from District 3470, Taiwan, will arrive April 2. District 6000 GSE Inbound chair Mark Snell announces this preliminary schedule of host clubs:

April 2	Team arrives in Des Moines
April 2-7	Hosted by Rotary Club of Pella
April 7-13	Hosted by Rotary Clubs of Centerville and Decatur County.
April 13-17	Hosted by Rotary Club of Keokuk
April 17-20	Hosted by Rotary Club of North Scott
April 20-23	Hosted by Rotary Club of Iowa City
April 23-29	Hosted by Rotary Clubs of Des Moines and Indianola.
April 23-25	Participate in District Conference at Ankeny.
April 29	Team departs from Des Moines

## Statistics reported from Large Club Conference

Rotary Club of Des Moines President-Elect Therese Wielage and executive director Kitte Noble shared ideas with leaders of 62 large clubs from North America at the Large Rotary Club Conference in Oklahoma City, Feb. 8-10.

*They report these interesting statistics from this conference:*

- The average club size is 363 members.
- The average member age is 57.

*Four-year changes in club size:*

- Average change in club size is down 3.8 percent.
- 32 clubs are losing members (six clubs are down over 15 percent; two clubs are down over 30 percent).
- 16 clubs are *growing!*
- Six clubs are up 12 percent or more.





## Serbian students . . .

Three Graceland University students from Serbia attended the Rotary Club of Decatur County meeting on Feb. 12. Pictured are Nikola Unkovic, Rotary club president Gary Reese, Stevan Trisic, and Luka Stablovic. The students gave a presentation of their country's culture, government and history. The three also spoke at the Decatur County RotaKids meeting that afternoon. Their time and fellowship were very informative and entertaining.

— Peggy Geiger



# 'I'm proud to be a Rotarian'

*West Liberty Index editor Sara Sedlecek is one of the "under 30" Rotarians in District 6000. Recently she won first place for Master Columnist in the Iowa Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contests. Her column from Jan. 14, 2009, tells why she's proud to be a Rotarian. Why are YOU proud to be a Rotarian?!*

## By Sara Sedlecek/West Liberty

Over the holidays I missed a few Rotary meetings. I don't normally miss meetings but I got fairly busy this holiday season. So, tonight was my first meeting in three weeks. I've always enjoyed being a member of Rotary but I didn't realize how much I valued my time with the club until my return tonight.

First of all, I'd just like to say what a great group of people the West Liberty Rotary Club has as members. I'd be hard-pressed to find a more genuine, hard-working and caring group anywhere. Even though there is quite an age difference between me and most the other members, I still feel quite welcome and at home with my fellow Rotarians. I have gained great friends and mentors through the club and I'm so happy to know each and everyone of the men and women who I eat dinner with nearly every Tuesday night.

Second, I'm so proud of the things the West Liberty Rotary Club does for the West Liberty community and beyond. I'm happy to say I'm part of such an incredibly devoted group.

I'm sure most of you know about the Rotary Chicken Barbecue held each year and I know I see many of you with a turkey leg or tenderloin at the fair. I'm also sure there are probably a number of things the club does that you don't know about.

Our most recent event was the Cub Scout Father/Son Cake Bake Auction. Each year Rotary sponsors the auction to raise money for the Cub Scouts. This year we raised over \$1,600! This event helps

keep the Cub Scout Troop funded all year.

We also host a Senior Citizen Christmas Party at Simpson Memorial Home. Usually we bring in a local musician or group to entertain the Simpson Home residents but this year the club entertained. Though I was unable to make it due to a city council meeting, I heard the Rotary Singers went over beautifully at Simpson Home and have been invited back next year.

The West Liberty Rotary Club, along with many other West Liberty organizations, gives two college scholarships to high school seniors each year.

We host Cocoa & Carols, which brought in a record number of West Liberty residents this year. I brought my two-year old nephew and he loved watching the middle school choir sing.

Each year we serve dinner to the families of the volunteer firefighters at the West Liberty Fire Department. We host international exchange students, sponsor the National Honor Society Recognition Night with the Lions Club at the school, we are a sponsor of the Latino College Night, we give daffodils to the widows of Rotarians and that's just to name a few of our yearly events.

Something else we do that many of you may not know about is our international service. We sponsor an orphanage in Manzanillo, Mexico. Each year Conrad Gregg and Tom and Mary Pat Brooke head to Manzanillo to help out with maintenance and anything else with which the orphanage needs help. I can't wait until I can go there. I also hope to someday be part of a group to go to Africa to administer polio vaccines.

We also give books to the library and dictionaries to school kids.

Groups around Iowa and the nation recognize the efforts of the West Liberty Rotary Club. Unfortunately, I don't have room to talk about all the things Rotary does, but I'm proud to be a Rotarian and I hope West Liberty realizes what a great group of people are representing the community in this international organization.



Sara Sedlecek

# News briefs

**FAMSCO Work Day:** Rotarians are invited to a work day on Sunday, March 29 at 1:00 p.m. at the FAMSCO warehouse at 216 9th Street, Coralville. (FAMSCO is the District 6000 Fire and Medical Supply Company.) Secretary Karin Franklin says all Rotarians are welcome to come help

assemble shelving, and sort and arrange the medical supplies that will be shipped to Central America. Directions: from I-80, take the 1st Avenue Coralville exit, head south and take a left at the light that marks the entrance to the Iowa River Landing development (the Marriott). Proceed east and take the first driveway on your right; the warehouse is a green metal pole building. Questions, call Karin at (319) 321-8261.

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**Youth Exchange Training:** Clubs who do not have a defined Rotary Youth Exchange officer or committee chair, are invited to a training seminar at District Assembly at the DMAC Center in Newton, Saturday, March 28 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This training is mandatory and it's free. It is required for the counselors to meet Rotary International, Department of State and SCRYS certification. To register, contact Chris Knapp, (319) 338-0909; knappc1@mchsi.com.

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**Russians:** Bettendorf Rotary past president Carolyn Leutwyler received positive feedback from a medical doctor whom she hosted in the Productivity Enhancement Program in 2006. Inna Shcherbina is excited about her new clinic in Moscow: "It will be a nice building with winter garden and open spaces on the roof! We paid already for all paper work (planning, engineering, architectural) and now should review some variants – it is a nice job, believe me! I love it. The clinic will be in the countryside 17 km from Moscow (10 minutes by car) near the place where my townhouse is being built now. This project would never be real without my American friends' help. Best regards from our young doctors."

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**Foundation Information:** District Rotary Foundation chair PDG Don Goering says every Rotarian can check on their personal giving record or make a contribution to The Rotary Foundation by registering for access through the Member Access Portal of the Rotary International Web site, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). Each member can also search the Online Official Directory and register for meetings such as the annual RI Convention.

New for club Rotary Foundation chairs, you have just been granted access to your Rotary club's giving records through this member access portal. By registering, you now can view your club's Recognition Summaries (CRS), view your club's Monthly Contribution Report (MCR), SHARE, Polio Reports, and your club's EREY Eligibility Report. Club treasurers also have access to these reports. It is critical that club officers review these reports monthly to catch any errors in record contributions in the correct Foundation accounts. Changes can only be made for 90 days after the contribution has been submitted.

Club presidents and secretaries have been able to access these reports along with several other reports and activities.

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## In Memoriam:

**Donald A.  
Koch**  
1916-2009  
District Governor,  
Rotary International  
District 600,  
1981-82



PDG Donald Koch

Dr. Donald A. Koch, 93, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend passed away on Feb. 27, 2009, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. Services were March 1 at Overton Funeral Home in Indianola. Don ended his courageous battle with Alzheimers, succumbing to respiratory failure.

Don was born Jan. 5, 1916, in Lykens, PA. He married his college sweetheart, Ruth, on Oct. 25, 1941. His career in education began as a Literature professor at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. After earning his doctorate at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, Don and his family moved to Indianola, IA in 1960 where he taught American and English literature and served as Chair of the English Department at Simpson College for 20 years. He was a Fulbright Visiting Professor at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Don served the Indianola community as a member of the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem, City Utilities Board and a Cub Scout and Boy Scout Master. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and a 32nd degree Mason. He was active in professional societies.

He was a 32-year member of the Rotary Club of Indianola and past president. He served as District Governor of Rotary International District 600 in 1981-82.

Don is survived by his wife, Ruth; sons, Don Jr. (Cheryl), of Indianola, Dan (Julie), of Hudson, WI and Rick (Chris), of Denver, CO; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Simpson College or the Indianola Rotary Club. Online condolences may be made at [www.overtonfunerals.com](http://www.overtonfunerals.com)



# Rotary briefs

**Future dates:** For your long range planning calendars, here are preliminary dates of future activities involving District 6000 Rotarians:

## 2010:

International Assembly, San Diego.....Jan. 17-24  
Assistant Governor Training .....Feb. 19-20  
Xicotepec Week No. 1 .....March 6-14  
Xicotepec Week No. 2 .....March 13-21  
PETS/District Assembly.....March 26-27  
District Conference.....April 23-25, Burlington  
RI Convention, Montreal.....June 20-23

## 2011:

International Assembly, San Diego.....Jan. 16-23  
Assistant Governor Training .....Feb. 18-19  
Xicotepec Week No. 1 .....March 5-13  
Xicotepec Week No. 2 .....March 12-20  
PETS/District Assembly.....March 25-26  
District Conference.....April 28-30, Ankeny  
RI Convention, New Orleans .....May 22-25

## 2012:

Assistant Governor Training .....Feb. 17-18  
Xicotepec Week No. 1 .....March 5-13  
Xicotepec Week No. 2 .....March 12-20  
PETS/District Assembly.....March 23-24  
RI Convention, Bangkok, Thailand.....

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**Proclamation:** Gov. Chet Culver proclaimed Feb. 23 as "Rotary Day" in Iowa, thanks to an initiative by the communication committee of the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

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**Exchange student featured:** An article in the Aug. 31, 2008, Midwest Traveler section of *The Des Moines Register* chronicled Washington, Iowa, Rotary Youth Exchange student Kayla Schwartz's family visit in March to her in Cuenca, Ecuador. Her parents and sister spent nine days and stayed at a local hostel. They described the food, modes of travel, attractions and shopping they found there. Kayla had been there since August 2007 and had three more months left in her stay at the time of their visit. They describe Cuenca as beautiful, refreshingly laid back and very hospitable.

— from *Iowa City AM Rotary newsletter*

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**Cookies:** Olivia Pereira, a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Blumenau, Santa Catarina, Brazil, wanted to help when floods wreaked havoc that claimed 700 lives in her hometown in November. She spent many hours baking cookies that were eagerly bought by members of the Rotary Club of North Scott for \$420. Olivia's father, Alvaro Jorge Pereira, is a member of the Rotary Club de Herman Blumenau, which will administer the relief funds.

# Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2008 - Feb. 28, 2009

CLUB (Members/Jul 08)	(1) 08-09 Goal	(2) Thru 2-28-09	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (29)	\$ 2,900	140	5	\$ 4.83
Albia (33)	2,280	800	35	24.24
Ames Morning (69)	8,250	12,245	148	177.46
Ames (264)	39,875	19,052	48	72.17
Ankeny (60)	11,360	3,825	34	63.75
Atlantic (66)	3,840	3,086	80	46.76
Bettendorf (88)	9,450	11,680	124	132.73
Bloomfield (14)	650	300	46	21.43
Boone (62)	4,875	1,000	21	16.13
Burlington (96)	10,500	8,050	77	83.85
Carroll (59)	5,800	6,752	116	114.44
Centerville (40)	4,200	2,375	57	59.38
Chariton (54)	6,000	4,650	78	86.11
Clinton (124)	8,200	4,131	50	33.31
Coon Rapids (27)	1,450	1,350	93	50.00
Coralville-North Corridor (33)	7,364	0	0	0
Corning (53)	2,450	2,500	102	47.17
Corydon (15)	320	200	63	13.33
Creston (18)	500	0	0	0
Dallas Center (22)	2,420	50	2	2.27
Davenport (174)	18,000	7,705	43	44.28
Decatur County (17)	2,500	1,305	52	76.76
Des Moines AM (134)	14,700	4,475	30	33.40
Des Moines (345)	23,625	12,075	51	35.00
East Polk County (37)	4,000	5,437	136	146.96
Fairfield (68)	7,770	4,485	58	65.96
Fort Madison (55)	4,590	2,975	65	54.09
Grinnell (32)	2,875	2,064	72	64.51
Indianola (51)	6,550	2,262	35	44.35
Iowa City AM (57)	7,375	3,080	42	54.04
Iowa City Downtown (26)	2,800	675	24	25.96
Iowa City (308)	25,840	28,425	110	92.29
Iowa Quad-Cities (53)	2,600	1,875	72	35.38
Jefferson (57)	5,500	2,425	44	42.54
Johnston (47)	4,400	7,582	172	161.33
Kalona (45)	2,100	1,400	67	31.11
Keokuk (82)	8,000	2,834	35	34.56
Keosauqua (28)	2,300	1,291	56	46.11
Knoxville (68)	7,140	3,350	47	49.26
Lenox (26)	2,800	1,200	43	46.15
Manning (17)	1,700	525	31	30.88
Marengo (15)	1,292	0	0	0
Marshalltown (175)	9,999	5,525	55	31.57
Mount Pleasant Noon (34)	3,300	795	24	23.38
Mt. Pleasant (25)	2,900	700	24	28.00
Muscatine (131)	17,160	15,857	92	121.05
Nevada (61)	7,040	250	4	4.10
Newton (80)	8,500	3,281	39	41.01
North Scott (99)	10,605	5,125	48	51.77
Northwest Des Moines (58)	12,285	6,085	50	104.91
Osceola (34)	2,550	175	7	5.15
Oskaloosa (58)	5,600	2,570	46	44.31
Ottumwa (112)	12,540	11,550	92	103.13
Pella (39)	4,000	960	24	24.62
Perry (31)	1,600	425	27	13.71
Tipton (32)	2,700	1,300	48	40.63
Washington (62)	6,300	3,075	49	49.60
Wauke (57)	6,300	1,875	30	32.89
Wellman (33)	3,850	1,990	52	60.30
West Des Moines (81)	9,315	4,160	45	51.36
West Liberty (33)	7,632	8,600	113	260.61
Winterset (31)	1,760	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 427,077</b>	<b>\$254,030</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>

# News Briefs

**By-Laws:** With the incorporation of District 6000 (to comply with Rotary Youth Exchange requirements), the content of the district Manual of Procedure has been organized as corporation by-laws and must be approved in a vote of clubs that will take place at District Conference. The Manual of Procedure was inspired and largely written in 1994 by PDG Bill Reese of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines and has served District 6000 well. The by-laws were written by Des Moines Rotarian Sheila Tipton, a lawyer at Belin Lamson McCormick Zumbach Flynn. A tip of the hat to Sheila for her Service Above Self. Sheila's successful career as a corporate lawyer was featured on Jan. 30 in the *Des Moines Business Record*. Thanks, Sheila!

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**District Budget:** Information about the 2009-10 district budget has been sent to clubs and is posted on the district Web site. Presidents-elect will vote on the budget at District Assembly, March 28 at Newton. The \$144,900 budget is based on dues of \$30 per member.

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**Convention:** Featured speakers at the 100th annual RI Convention June 21-24, 2009, in Birmingham, England, include: Mia Farrow, actress, polio survivor, and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador; Dr. Jane Goodall, primatologist, humanitarian, and UN Messenger of Peace; Tom Henderson, Rotarian and founder of ShelterBox; Deepa Willingham, Rotarian and founder of PACE Universal; Desmond Tutu, archbishop emeritus and Nobel Prize laureate, at the Rotary World Peace Symposium. *Host events include* Mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins, Medieval Spectacular at Warwick Castle, the Birmingham Royal Ballet, Treorchy Male Choir, and more. To ensure that District 6000 is well represented, see information and pre-register by March 31 at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

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**40th Anniversary:** The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines will celebrate its 40th anniversary Saturday, March 28 with a 6:00 p.m. dinner, silent auction and dance at the West Des Moines Marriott, 1250 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines. The club was chartered Oct. 7, 1968. Cameron Torstenson reports that the club's new



One of the little-used advantages of Rotary membership is the opportunities for personal development and enjoyment that are available through Vocational and Recreational Fellowships. For a nominal fee, members can join a global fellowship of people with common interests. Two District 6000 Rotarians tended booths promoting their fellowships at the Los Angeles convention: PDG Roger and Pat Borup (l) with the Bird Watchers, and PDG Don Goering and Doris (r) with the Skiing Fellowship. Information about 64 fellowships is available at: <http://www.rotary.org/EN/SERVICEANDFELLOWSHIP/FELLOWSHIP/GLOBALNETWORKING-GROUPS/Pages/FellowshipsResults.aspx?k=FellowshipsInterest%3A%221%22&start1=21>.

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meeting place for regular meetings is the Urbandale Golf and Country Club located at 86th Street in Urbandale.

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**RI President-Elect Reception:** Rotarians from Keosauqua, Fairfield, Ottumwa and Bloomfield attended the 30th anniversary celebration of the Rotary Club of Scotland County, Missouri, on March 17, in Memphis, Mo. Special guest speaker was Ray Klingensmith, RI President-Elect, who lives in nearby Kirksville, Mo. President-Elect Klingensmith is the cousin of Bill Shewmaker, who will be president of the Rotary Club of Keosauqua in 2009-10.

**Shults and Company:** The Rotary Club of Grinnell will host its big biennial musical, "Shults and Company," April 2, 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Grinnell's B.G. Voertman Theatre. The theme for this year's show is "Live! From Las Vegas via Grinnell." Club members, under the direction of Frank Shults, have produced spectacular programs to sell-out audiences since 1992 and raised nearly \$40,000 for service projects. For tickets, contact president Otto Hall, (515) 236-8296, or any member of Grinnell Rotary.

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The D6000 2008-09 Matching Grants Committee (l-r): John Tone (Des Moines), PDG Corliss Klaassen (Chariton), Brock Earnhardt, chair (Davenport), PDG Denny Skinner (Nevada), Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM), DG Susan Herrick (Boone), PDG Del Bluhm (Ames), Bill Burress (Davenport), Rachel Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), PDG Bill Tubbs (North Scott), DGE Cal Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant). Not pictured: Larry Nash (Fairfield), DGN Gary Welch (Ankeny), PDG Don Goering (Ames).



# Rotary news

**Great Balls of Fire:** The Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities will host their annual "Great Balls of Fire" outdoor volleyball tourney Saturday, May 16 at Hawkeye Tap, 4646 Cheyenne Ave., Davenport. The tournament is a major fund-raiser for the club. Sponsorships and information: Erik Rolfstad, (563) 343-3795.

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**Rotary World:** Rotarians' response to the June 2008 flood that left 25,000 homeless in Cedar Rapids was featured on the cover of the January 2009 issue of the quarterly magazine, Rotary World, which is a publication for club and district leaders worldwide.

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**Annual Report:** Iowa City Rotarian Craig Just was pictured on the cover of the University of Iowa's annual report for 2007-08 with the headline: "Our people, our promise." The report included a story, "Stressing solutions for the developing world," which focused on his quest for safe water where there was none when he visited Guatemala with a Rotary project.

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**Endowed Chair:** The University of Iowa College of Engineering established an endowed faculty position with the William D. Ashton Professorship in Civil Engineering. It is named for Davenport Rotarian Bill Ashton, who led the way in World Community Service Matching Grants in District 6000.

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**Extension:** The latest figures from RI show the U.S. as having 371,749 Rotarians and Sweden as having 29,058 members. Comparing these figures to the total population yields some interesting results. In the U.S., one out of 822 people is a Rotarian; in Sweden it is one out of 318. In other words we could double the number of Rotarians in the United States and still not have the market penetration of Sweden! Clearly there is room for growth. "The best way to grow is to focus on starting new clubs," writes Terry Mueller, Zone 27 Membership Development chair. "Every district in this zone has room for new clubs and each new club brings in at least 20 new members to Rotary."

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**Report Your News!** Clubs in District 6000 are invited and encouraged to submit

news of past and upcoming activities for District 6000 News. Send Word documents and free-standing high resolution .jpg photos to: btubbs@northscottpress.com. The deadline for the next issue is May 20. If you have questions, please call: DG Susan Herrick, (515) 432-5240; editor Bill Tubbs, (563) 285-8111; Jacque Andrew, (515) 386-2114; Karin Franklin, (319), 321-8261; or your assistant governor.

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**Letter:** Way to go on the newsletter! Wow!!! 32 pages jam packed with helpful information, great pictures, and good layout. This one is definitely a keeper! Thank you for doing this. District 6000's newsletter is a gem and we couldn't be prouder of it as well as you, the editor. It's awesome!

-s- Mike Ruby, Muscatine  
(thanks Mike)

## CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK November 2008 - January 2009

CLUB	NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	78.00 %	10	61.00 %	37	74.00 %	21
Albia	48.40 %	51	48.40 %	50	48.40 %	48
Ames	58.00 %	38	56.00 %	40		
Ames Morning	50.00 %	46	50.00 %	48		
Ankeny	79.00 %	9	66.00 %	29	77.00 %	16
Atlantic	72.22 %	22				
Bettendorf	76.60 %	11	75.98 %	15	78.91 %	14
Bloomfield	64.00 %	32	71.00 %	19	79.00 %	13
Boone					64.00 %	32
Burlington	82.30 %	8	77.60 %	12	87.50 %	3
Carroll	66.98 %	29	61.51 %	35	62.25 %	34
Centerville	59.00 %	36	56.00 %	39	55.00 %	43
Chariton	75.00 %	15	69.00 %	23	76.00 %	19
Clinton	57.16 %	40	54.97 %	42	64.00 %	31
Coon Rapids			68.00 %	25	58.00 %	39
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00 %	1	76.00 %	14	70.00 %	24
Corning	72.50 %	20	64.00 %	32	64.00 %	30
Corydon	49.00 %	50	46.00 %	52	43.00 %	50
Creston	75.00 %	16	61.00 %	36	76.00 %	18
Dallas Center	72.00 %	23	67.00 %	27	76.00 %	17
Davenport	47.77 %	52	40.27 %	55	46.89 %	49
Decatur County	69.00 %	25	88.00 %	3	79.00 %	12
Des Moines	53.00 %	42	48.00 %	51	49.00 %	47
Des Moines A.M.						
East Polk County			53.95 %	44		
Fairfield	52.11 %	43	55.38 %	41	54.17 %	45
Fort Madison	52.00 %	44	50.70 %	47	56.76 %	41
Grinnell						
Indianola	61.00 %	35	69.00 %	22		
Iowa City	68.00 %	26	67.00 %	26	59.00 %	37
Iowa City A.M.	54.67 %	41	69.44 %	21	68.48 %	26
Iowa City Downtown	32.00 %	54	87.00 %	5	71.00 %	22
Iowa Quad-Cities	65.56 %	30	62.25 %	34	75.51 %	20
Jefferson	75.54 %	13	65.27 %	30		
Johnston	72.50 %	21	68.23 %	24	63.54 %	33
Kalona	75.30 %	14	70.44 %	20	83.33 %	9
Keokuk	49.70 %	47	44.15 %	54		
Keosauqua	51.00 %	45	54.30 %	43	67.50 %	27
Knoxville	62.70 %	33	62.96 %	33	66.27 %	28
Lenox	76.00 %	12	71.00 %	18	69.00 %	25
Manning	72.00 %	24	77.00 %	13	81.00 %	10
Marengo			86.00 %	6		
Marshalltown	57.18 %	39	49.12 %	49	57.18 %	40
Mount Pleasant Noon	59.00 %	37	53.00 %	46	70.00 %	23
Mt. Pleasant	83.00 %	7	88.00 %	2	90.00 %	2
Muscatine	49.60 %	48			50.10 %	46
Nevada	73.08 %	19	81.51 %	10	78.61 %	15
Newton					61.00 %	35
North Scott	86.07 %	6	84.57 %	7	85.90 %	7
Northwest Des Moines	91.36 %	3	87.65 %	4	83.73 %	8
Osceola	49.07 %	49	64.81 %	31	55.56 %	42
Oskaloosa	64.70 %	31	53.50 %	45	60.00 %	36
Ottumwa	62.00 %	34	57.00 %	38	65.00 %	29
Pella	87.60 %	5	82.30 %	9	86.40 %	5
Perry						
Tipton	73.50 %	17	71.70 %	17		
Washington	36.99 %	53	45.16 %	53	54.37 %	44
Wauke	88.68 %	4	82.47 %	8	86.60 %	4
Wellman	92.80 %	2	97.00 %	1	92.70 %	1
West Des Moines	67.99 %	28	71.84 %	16	85.93 %	6
West Liberty	68.00 %	27	66.00 %	28	80.00 %	11
Winterset	73.48 %	18	80.00 %	11	58.33 %	38

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# Club leaders' checklist



*From DG Susan Herrick . . .*

- Join fellow Rotarians at P.E.T.S. and District Assembly in Newton this weekend (p. 4, March 27-28); be prepared to submit your club's membership and EREY goals, and to cast your votes on Future Vision (p. 13), by-laws (p.30) and the 2009-10 district budget (p. 30).
- Lend a hand at the FAMSCO work day, March 29 at Coralville (p. 28).
- Register at the district Web site, [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org), and make lodging arrangements for District Conference, April 23-25 at Ankeny (p. 5-6).
- Pre-register at the RI Web site, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), for the Rotary International Convention, June 21-24 in Birmingham, England, by the March 31 deadline.
- Have a conversation with your club members about how Rotary ethics and ideals can be part of the solution in tough economic times (p. 7).
- Submit nominations for club and district awards by the deadlines specified on the insert with this newsletter. *Many of the deadlines are April 1 or sooner!*
- Identify projects that meet the criteria for disaster relief grants and submit grant proposals by May 31 (p. 2).
- Make reservations to celebrate Iowa's humanitarian heritage at the Hoover-Wallace Dinner (p. 15).
- Arrange for volunteers for the 2009 AAU Junior Olympics, July 26-Aug. 8 in Des Moines (p. 4-5).
- Support young people from your community at D-6000 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards day, April 16 (p. 20).
- Contribute to Ambassadorial Scholar Chris Deal's fund for mosquito nets for children in Uganda (p. 18-19).
- Nominate Ambassadorial Scholar candidates for the 2010-11 academic year (Jeff Bremer: [jeffbremer@mchsi.com](mailto:jeffbremer@mchsi.com)).
- Identify and support projects that address substance abuse and child mortality (p. 3-4, Governor's Citation).
- Plan community activities to create awareness of polio eradication and meet or exceed your club's three-year goal for PolioPlus Partners (p. 1, 20, 22-23, 24).
- Check progress toward your Rotary Foundation goals. 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. 1, 8, 29).
- Submit news of your club's successes or upcoming events by May 20, 2009 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacque Andrews (Jefferson).



# Deadlines, criteria for club, district awards

By PDG Del Bluhm/Ames

D-6000, Club Awards and Recognition chair

The purpose of the Rotary awards is to recognize an individual Rotarian or to recognize a Rotary club for outstanding accomplishment by meeting the award criteria or by making a significant achievement in a specified activity of Rotary International. It was our goal to give an overview of all of the various awards that are available as club-based awards, and as Rotary International- and district-based awards in the Jun/Jul/Aug issue of District 6000 News. In the issue of District 6000 News for Sep/Oct/Nov and now in this issue for Dec/Jan/Feb we are giving a more detailed description of each award or recognition, including the criteria that must be met.

## **Rotary awards available to your club and members:**

During this Rotary year there are many opportunities to recognize D-6000 Rotarians and our district's Rotary clubs for the hard work and dedication to help achieve the goals and ideals of Rotary in our clubs, our communities, our district, and throughout the world. The following is a list of Rotary awards that can be presented this 2008-09 Rotary year.

*I. A detailed description of club-based awards was given in the last issue of D-6000 News for the following:*

- **Family and Community Service Award (for individuals or organizations).**

- **Four Avenues of Service Citation (for Individual Rotarians).**

*II. A detailed description of Rotary International and district-based awards was given in the last issue of D-6000 News for the following:*

- **External Relations Best Cooperative Projects Award (for clubs).**

- **Service Award for a Polio-Free World (for Rotarians).**

- **RI Membership Development & Extension Award – MDEA (for clubs).**

- **RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives – MDI (for clubs).**

- **Recognition of Smaller Club Membership Growth (for clubs).**

- **Presidential Citation (for clubs).**

- **District Governor Susan's Club Recognition Award (for clubs).**

*III. A detailed continued description of Rotary International and district-based awards will be given for the following in this issue of D-6000 News:*

- **District 6000 Good Web site Award (for clubs - added recently).**

Nominators: Club president, club secretary, and club Web site chair.

Deadline: Noon on Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

District Governor Susan is giving 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards to the best club Web site in District 6000 for Rotary Year 2008-09. Please submit your entry by sending your 'url' (your Web site address), club name and club contact person to Phil Houle, chair of the Website/Technology Committee, to phil.houle@drake.edu by April 1.

- **District 6000 Good Club Bulletin Award (for clubs - added recently).**

Nominators: Club president, club secretary, and club bulletin editor.

Deadline: March 26, 2009.

District Governor Susan Herrick is presenting awards to the

best weekly club bulletins in two categories according to club membership size: 1) 55 members and less; 2) 56 members and up. Please submit your entry by sending one copy of your newsletter from the week of Aug. 10-16, the week of Feb. 1-7, and one week of your choice to Loring Miller, chair of the Public Relations Committee at 114 N. Main Street, Leon, Iowa 50144. Printed and electronic newsletters are eligible. If your newsletter is electronic, submit printed pages of the electronic newsletter. Newsletters will be judged on: 1) Content in support of Rotary goals in the Four Avenues of Service; 2) Presentation: projecting a positive image of Rotary; and 3) Best use of "elements of effective newsletters."

- **District Public Relations Award (for clubs).**

Nominators: Clubs or district governor.

Deadline: April 1.

This award replaces the RI Public Relations Award that has been discontinued and recognizes clubs for outstanding campaigns that improve Rotary's public image. Clubs interested in being considered for this award must submit their information no later than April 1, 2009 to DG Susan.

Award criteria: Campaigns carried out by a single club or clubs working together are eligible for this award. Before submitting your nomination, make sure it meets the following criteria:

- The public relations effort must focus on a club project, event, or campaign (activities pertaining to one topic – e.g., drug abuse prevention, literacy promotion).

- The media campaign must take place during the 12 months before March 15, 2009.

- The campaign must be directed at an external (non-Rotarian) audience. The promotion may be directed toward the media, local government officials, the business community, other civic organizations, and/or people directly affected by Rotary's service initiatives.

- It must demonstrably improve Rotary's visibility and image within the community. Effective public relations can result in increased attendance or monetary support for a Rotary event, increased community participation.

Clubs interested in being considered for this award must submit their information no later than April 1, 2009 to DG Susan.

- **Significant Achievement Award (for clubs)**

Nominators: District governor.

Deadline: 15 March.

This Award recognizes clubs for outstanding local community service projects. One project will be nominated by DG Susan to RI.

Award Criteria: Only club projects carried out by a single club are eligible for this award and only one club per district may be nominated. Projects previously recognized with an RI Significant Achievement Award are not eligible. Before selecting a project to be nominated for the RI Significant Achievement Award, make sure it meets the award criteria. The project must:

- Address a significant problem or need in the local community (international service projects, no matter how worthy, are not eligible for this award)

- Involve most or all the club members in personal rather than merely monetary service

- Be commensurate with the size of the club and the resources available

- Enhance the image of Rotary in the community

- Be able to be emulated by other Rotary clubs

**AWARDS/continued on reverse**

- Be currently active or be reaching a conclusion during the Rotary year for which the award is being given (though it need not have been initiated in the current Rotary year)

The nomination form is available from the RI web site and must be submitted to District Governor Herrick by March 1, 2009.

• **RI Service Above Self Award (for Rotarians)**

Nominators: District governors, immediate past district governors, RI directors, past RI directors.

Deadline: 1 September

As Rotary's highest honor for individual Rotarians, this award recognizes up to 150 Rotarians annually who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

There specific instructions about submitting your nomination form. The nomination:

- Must be submitted on this form;
- Must be typewritten;
- May not exceed the space provided;
- Nominations must be received at RI World Headquarters by the close of business Sept. 1; and,
- Eligible nominators may nominate no more than three candidates in any given year.

The nominee must have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, in any form and at any level, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. Service rendered by the nominee through Rotary must have been on a continuing basis. Personal financial contributions to TRF or any individual project are not relevant considerations for this award. There are numerous exceptions to eligibility which are listed on the nomination form. Any active Rotarian in good standing may be nominated except those listed as exceptions to eligibility.

Download the nomination form and lists of Service Above Self Award winners by year and by district from the District 6000 Website or the RI Website.

• **Rotary Volunteers Certificate of Recognition (for Rotary Volunteers - Rotarians or non-Rotarians)**

Nominators: District governor, district Rotary Volunteers chair, or district Vocational Service chair

Deadline: Ongoing

This certificate can be used to recognize outstanding volunteer service at the club, district, or international level.

RI will issue a recognition certificate at the request of the district governor, or the district Rotary Volunteers chair or Vocational Service chair. Please note that the requester is required to provide the name to be lettered on the certificate, the date needed, to whom the certificate should be mailed, and a description of the participation in Rotary Volunteers by the individual or club for which the certificate is requested. There is no charge for this service. Download the certificate request form from the District 6000 Website or the RI Website.

• **The Rotary Foundation District Service Award (for Rotarians)**

Nominators: District governor

Deadline: Ongoing

District 6000 can recognize 10 District Rotarians for service to humanity through Rotary Foundation programs. The Rotary Foundation created the District Service Award to recognize their efforts. Each recipient is given a certificate, awarded at the district level. Club presidents can nominate Rotarians they wish to be considered for this award to District 6000 Rotary Foundation chair Don Goering by April 1, 2009.

• **The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service (for Rotarians)**

Nominators: District governor and directors

Deadline: Nominations received on a rolling basis from 1 July to 15 May.

The Rotary Foundation Trustees recognize Rotarians who have rendered significant service to The Rotary Foundation. Only one Rotarian in District 6000 can be recognized.

This award shall only be given for demonstrated active service to The Rotary Foundation over a period of more than one year. (Thus, someone who has only contributed financially, however notably, to the Foundation would not be eligible.)

No district shall have more than one recipient of a Citation for Meritorious Service in each Rotary year.

If a person has received a Citation for Meritorious Service, he or she is not eligible to receive the award again.

If your club has a Rotarian to be considered for this award, submit the Rotarian's name and supporting information to District 6000 Rotary Foundation chair Don Goering by April 1, 2009.

• **The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award (for Rotarians)**

Nominators: Any Rotarian.

Deadline: Nov. 15.

Four complete years after receiving the Citation for Meritorious Service, a Rotarian becomes eligible for the Distinguished Service Award. Because this is the Foundation's highest service recognition, a recipient's exemplary service to the Foundation must extend beyond the district level and occur over an extended period of time.

If you or your club has a Rotarian to be considered for this award, please submit the Rotarian's name and supporting information to D-6000 Club Awards and Recognition Committee, Chair Del Bluhm before Oct. 1. This nomination will have to be endorsed by the District Governor before submission to The Rotary Foundation on or before Nov. 15.

• **The Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award (for alumni)**

Nominators: Foundation trustees, regional Rotary Foundation coordinators, current district governors, alumni subcommittee chairs, and Rotary Foundation alumni coordinators

Deadline: Zone committees set their own deadline; zone nominations are due to the Foundation by 31 December.

This award honors outstanding Rotary Foundation alumni who have contributed to greater understanding and peace through service to humanity, and whose significant achievements have enriched their profession or vocation.

• **The Rotary Foundation Contribution Recognition (for Rotarians)**

The Rotary Foundation honors its members and friends for their generous support in several ways, including Paul Harris Fellow Recognition and the Major Donor designation.

More Information About RI Awards (for clubs and Rotarians)

For additional information or questions, please contact D-6000 Club Awards and Recognition Committee chair Del Bluhm at (515) 450-1110.

Of course information about these Awards is always available on the District 6000 Website at <http://www.rotary6000.org> and the RI Website at <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/GeneralInformation/Awards/Pages/ridefault.aspx>. It defines items such as who can be the Nominator, the award criteria, the applicable deadlines, plus the Downloads of the brochure covering the award description, guidelines of the award, the number of a particular award allowed per club or district per year, the application/submission forms, and/or the nomination forms.