



District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Gary L. Welch, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –
Third Quarter (December-March, 2010-11)

'A Century of Service'

Rotary in Iowa turns 100 years old on May 1

'Laughing Monkeys and More' at April 28-30 District Conference

By DG Gary Welch/Ankeny

Laughing Monkeys and "Minute to Win It!"

This Rotary year is flying by for all of us! I remember when I visited your club and we talked about the District Conference to be held April 29-30 at the Courtyard by the Marriott in Ankeny.



Gary Welch
District Governor

Here we are over halfway through our year and the District Conference planning is well underway. I am very proud of all your accomplishments (fundraising, literacy projects, playground equipment, scholastic dinners, etc.) and I hope you will share that process with the other clubs at the conference.

Some of the highlights of our conference are as follows:

1. If you have a project, fundraiser or anything you want to share, please let Carolyn Scharff and me know so that we can reserve a display table for you

from 3:00-5:00 on Friday or Saturday in the House of Friendship. There are a limited number of tables available so please let us know since it will be first come, first served.

2. We are packaging toiletries for an abused women's shelter and would ask that you bring hotel sized shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste, mouth wash, bar soap and lotion.

3. We will have an opportunity to package "Meals from the Heartland" meal packets on Friday afternoon that will be sent to Haiti to feed starving families, so be sure to sign up.

4. We will also have a silent and live auction with proceeds going to Youth Exchange and Polio Plus. Please bring items for the auction.

5. We will have fun and games on Saturday "Minute to Win It" with a \$120 first prize along with other valuable prizes, so be sure to sign up when you arrive.

6. We will have internationally known Simon Estes and his high school choir from South Africa, music, entertainment, the Group

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RI President Ray Klingensmith highlights Des Moines celebration

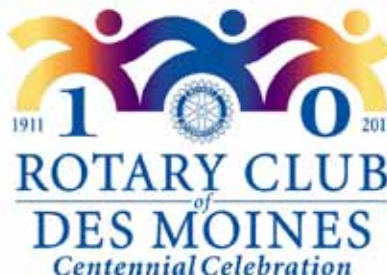
By Kitte Noble/Des Moines

Club Executive Secretary

All District 6000 Rotarians are invited to join their fellow Rotary members for a celebration of the 100th birthday of the Rotary Club of Des Moines!

The Rotary Club of Des Moines held its first meeting May 1, 1911, and received Charter No. 27 from Rotary founder Paul Harris on Aug. 1, 1911.

In recognition of its centennial year, the club is hosting an All-Club Centennial Celebration luncheon on May 5, 2011, at the Polk County Convention Complex,



501 Grand Ave., Des Moines.

The luncheon speaker will be Rotary International President Ray Klingensmith of Kirksville, Mo.

World-renowned opera star and Iowa native Simon Estes will be a special guest.

Many Rotary clubs in central Iowa have designated this meeting as their official weekly meeting for the first week of May. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please RSVP to info@RotaryClubofDesMoines.org or call the Rotary Club of Des Moines at (515) 244-6028.

The cost of the luncheon will be \$20. Reservations should be made by April 5, 2011.



Ray Klingensmith
RI President

District Conference at a glance



Thursday, April 28

10:30 a.m. Golf registration begins, Otter Creek
11:00 a.m. Lunch, Otter Creek
Noon Golf shotgun start, prizes awarded
6:00-7:30 p.m. Conference check-in at Marriott
6:30 p.m. Dinner at Marriott
8:30 p.m. Afterglow, Marriott DG suite

Friday, April 29

8:00-9:00 a.m. Coffee
8:00 a.m.-Noon Conference check-in at Marriott
8:50 a.m. Musical invitation
9:00-11:00 a.m. Opening session
Welcome, Conference overview, Meals from the Heartland, auction, games, Foundation giving and awards, membership and membership awards, GSE team from New Zealand (inbound).
11:00-11:30 a.m. Break
11:30 a.m.-1:40 p.m. District-wide Rotary meeting
Flag ceremony, Exchange students, SCRYE and invitation to New Orleans, "God Bless America" with Simon Estes, invocation, introductions, luncheon, speaker RI Rep Jennifer Jones ("New Generations"), Awards (Service Above Self, Citation for Meritorious Service, Arch Klump Society), introduction of Simon Estes (Malaria netting project and South African choir).
1:40-1:50 p.m. Bid on Silent Auction
Sign up for games for Saturday and Meals for the Heartland.
1:50-4:00 p.m. ...Partners tour, DCI Lab, transportation provided
2:10-3:00 District Assembly/Annual Business Meeting
3:00-5:00 p.m. House of Friendship opens
Shelter Box, Youth Exchange and more
3:00-5:00 p.m. Meals from Heartland package meals
3:00-3:30 p.m. Break
4:00 p.m. Desserts from DMACC Culinary Arts
5:00-5:30 Reception, Salon 1-2-3
5:30-7:00 p.m. Dinner, Salon 1-2-3
6:00-7:00 p.m. Live Auction
7:00-9:00 p.m. The Brewer Project band
9:00 to ?? Afterglow, lobby area

Saturday, April 30

7:00-9:00 a.m. Conference check-in at Marriott
7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast buffet
8:25-8:30 a.m. Piano invitation
8:35-10:00 a.m. Plenary Session
Welcome, "What's In Rotary?" (Jennifer Jones), Outbound GSE team presentation, Rotary's Public Image.
10:00-10:20 a.m. Break
10:25-10:45 a.m. Ambassadorial Scholar, Keegan Kautzky
11:25-Noon Break, House of Friendship Displays
Noon-1:45 p.m. Luncheon
Rotary moment, In Memoriam, Keynote speaker (Doug Oberman, polio survivor), Guardian of Integrity award, special announcements, Assistant Governor awards, District Governor's special award).
1:45-2:15 p.m. Club highlight, polio and polio awards
2:15-2:30 p.m. Break
2:30-4:30 p.m. Games
5:00-5:30 p.m. Reception and music
6:00-6:30 p.m. Ankeny Community Choir
6:30-7:00 Dinner and program,
DG Gary and Colleen Welch

Now's the time for a Rotary 'Full Court Press' to achieve our goals

By DG Gary Welch/Ankeny

As I traveled from Carroll to Keokuk, from Clinton to Lenox, Marshalltown to Leon I have been extremely impressed with all the good works that you have done locally and internationally.

Whether your club was 100 years old or just two years old, the impact that you have had on others is immeasurable. From playgrounds to bike trails, food baskets to scholarships, from FAMSCO to Iowa MOST, from Xicotepec to Youth Exchange, District Simplified Grants to Matching Grants, from Group Study Exchange to Friendship Exchange, club extension to disaster relief, Ambassadorial Scholars to Peace Scholars, you all have made a significant difference.

However, there are concerns. Our membership continues to decline and without committed Rotarians, it will become more difficult to complete all the good works that we do. Now is the time that I really need you to work hard to accomplish the goals that you have set for the year.

I am proud of you and I am honored to serve as your district governor during this year. I have seen the results of your dedication and service, not only in your community but internationally. Because of you, your community is a better place to live, work and raise a family.

I have been in countries where without you, people would die from starvation, disease and ignorance. But we can only continue to do that, if we continue to grow membership and donate to the Foundation. We also need to continue to support PolioPlus and tell our story.

As the end of your year approaches, it is imperative that you need to do a "Full Court Press" to accomplish our District and Club goals. As a reminder they are:

1. Increase your giving to The Rotary Foundation.
2. Everyone make it a personal goal to bring in one new member this year.
3. Continue to contribute to PolioPlus.
4. Increase your club's visibility through public relations and community projects.

Don't monkey around: Register for Conference!

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Study Exchange from New Zealand, a Rotary International speaker, special desserts, "laughing monkeys," and just plain fun!!!

Now is the time to register for the District Conference. If you want to play golf, sign up for Thursday, April 28th at Otter Creek, which is a newly designed golf course. The registration is on District 6000's website and early bird registration ends March 31, 2011. So don't monkey around and become an April fool – be sure to register before April 1st. Details are at www.rotary6000.org.

I look forward to seeing you in Ankeny on April 29th through the 30th.

District fund established to aid Japan recovery

By DG Gary Welch/Ankeny

We have all witnessed the horrible devastation caused by the earthquake and resulting tsunami that hit Japan two weeks ago. A letter from my Japanese District Governor classmate, Naoki Narayama, District 2520, on page 25 of this newsletter tells of the dark days they are experiencing. Obviously, we all want to step forward and assist. No doubt many of you are wondering how best to help. In anticipation of those inquiries I am sending out this letter.

As most of you know, Rotary is at its best in helping with regard to medium and longer term recovery following a disaster. Long after the emergency teams have gone home, Rotary remains involved and in fact steps up its efforts focusing on how best to rebuild the communities affected. We are the ones who will be in it for the long haul, since we have Rotarians living in those hard hit communities.

Many of you may recall the devastation experienced by Sri Lanka following the last major tsunami. However, this devastation was followed by some amazing long-term work from the Sri Lankan Rotarians as they drove the rebuilding efforts for 20 elementary schools in Sri Lanka.

I urge each of you to make certain that there is a balance to the giving by all involved. We need to make certain that we provide immediate help and we also must make certain that Rotary is able to help our own Japanese clubs rebuild their communities. After all, it is all about building communities and bridging continents.

In response to the disaster in Japan, District 6000 is setting up a line item through our Humanitarian Fund to deposit donations for Japan's recovery. I would ask each of you to give to this fund to assist our fellow Rotarians' recovery in Japan. Please make donations to:

Please send your donations to:

District 6000 Humanitarian Funds (Japan)
c/o Sandy Pickup, H.E.F. treasurer
818 Third Avenue
Iowa City, IA 52245

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District 6000's outbound GSE team to New Zealand (l-r): Jeff Anderson (team leader), Darren Fife, Colleen Rogers, Ginger Shaw and Christina Fernandez-Morrow.

See New Zealand GSE teams at District Conference

By DG Gary Welch/Ankeny

The GSE team going to New Zealand to District 9910 left on March 16, from the Des Moines Airport.

As I visited with them, they are very excited to begin their adventures. They also indicated that they are so sold on Rotary they all will be joining a Rotary club upon their return. You can follow their adventures on gse6000to9910.blogspot.com/.

Jeffrey Anderson is an optometrist who is the team leader. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Boone.

Darren Fife is an environmental project manager and sponsored by the Rotary Club of West Des Moines.

Ginger Shaw is an early childhood administrator sponsored by the Rotary Club of Keosauqua.

Christina Fernandez-Morrow is a foster care recruitment coordinator sponsored by the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

Colleen Rogers is a development director sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ames.

They will be presenting about their trip at the District Conference April 29-30 in Ankeny.

The inbound GSE team from District 9910 in New Zealand is hosted this year by District 5970 in northern Iowa and team members will also be present at our District Conference in Ankeny in the Des Moines area, May 13-16. You will not want to miss them.



The Inbound GSE team from 9970, New Zealand, (l-r): team leader Cath Millar (joint replacement nursing), Jim Scott (secondary school deputy principal), Steve Knight (agriculture-horticulture), Rachel Dodd (architect), and Cheryl Ford (health promoter, Cancer Society_.

MULTI-DISTRICT PETS:

Incoming presidents from four districts in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin receive training at Dubuque; it is the first Multi-District PETS for District 6000

Vice-President: Let's market Rotary's 'rock star' values

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Editor, District 6000 News

Rotarians need to tell about our "rock star" experiences if we are to change the image of Rotary. "We have to start talking about how amazing it is to be a member of Rotary," said RI

Vice President Tom Thorfinnson in a keynote address at Multi-District PETS March 4 at the Grand River Conference Center in Dubuque.

Thorfinnson said a 1996 survey found Rotary to be old, elitist and not relevant. The image matched what he saw in his early years in Rotary. "For ten years I was the youngest member of the Hopkins club. They sang 'Daisy, Daisy.' It made it difficult to invite new, young members. I knew my club wasn't attractive to my contemporaries."

But, given his chance at leadership, Thorfinnson said he didn't change a thing. Membership in the Hopkins club plummeted from 140 in 1989 to 52 in 2006. "Too many leaders did what I did, but there are two lessons: First, there is a time to lead; and second, you can screw up as president of a club and still be vice president of RI!"

To ensure Rotary's future, Thorfinnson asked presidents-elect to reach within. "Ask yourself, 'Is your club attractive? Is it a product you're proud to promote?'"

"What do Rotarians want?" he asked. "They want growing, vibrant, innovative clubs, focused local service driven by clubs, public recognition and streamlined programs and fewer directives."

"Find the courage to lead," he said. "Our challenge is to lead into the next century. Don't change for the sake of change, but change those things that must be changed."

In order for Rotary to survive, Thorfinnson said we must be flexible and innovative, be action oriented, have significant projects, engage in signature activities, and promote Rotary.

"What are the core values of your club?" he asked the presidents-elect. Rotary's core values, officially, are fun and fellowship, diver-

sity, integrity, service and leadership.

Fun and fellowship: Fun and fellowship are not the same, the vice president said. "You can have fun without fellowship." Fellowship is a sense of belonging, the feeling that people care – like sending cards and taking dinners and attending funerals and

members reaching out to one another. "Those are 'rock star' experiences."

Diversity: Clubs have work to do on diversity, too. "Does your club reflect the diversity of your community?" Thorfinnson asked. He pointed out that his successor on the RI Board, Betsy Demaray, will be just the second woman worldwide on the board. Twenty-two percent of Rotarians here are women and 17 percent worldwide. To show that progress has been made, he asked the presidents-elect of the Des Moines and Ames clubs (DeAnn Thompson and Allyson Walter), two of the largest clubs in the Zone, to stand. "Does this look like the Rotary of old?" he asked.

Integrity: Thorfinnson said it's good to recite the Four-Way Test, but he challenged the naive belief that there are just good people and bad people. "Any one of us can make bad choices if pushed to the wall," he said, telling of the club treasurer, a respected man, who committed suicide when his club discovered \$17,000 of contributions to The Rotary Foundation missing.

Service: The impact of a sanitary latrine for school children in Ghana connected with Thorfinnson's daughter when she remembered a teammate on a youth softball team who quit coming to the ballpark because it didn't have private restrooms.

"Dad, do you remember Emily?" the daughter said when the latrine that will keep young girls in school in Africa was discussed.

"Those are 'rock star' experiences," Thorfinnson suggested.

Leadership: "In Rotary, if you are willing to raise your hand and through trial and error you lead. This is the image of Rotary we should be marketing. If the members of our clubs believe Rotary has made them better friends, they will market our 'rock star' values."



RI Vice President Tom Thorfinnson of Eden Prairie, Minn., with presidents-elect Allyson Walter of the Rotary Club of Ames (I), and DeAnn Thompson of the Rotary Club of Des Moines. "Does this look like the Rotary of old?" he asked.

Thorfinnson's message was one of three inspiring talks during plenaries at Multi-District PETS. Jennifer Jones, North American Area Coordinator for Public Image, urged Rotarians to tell stories that touch the heart, including polio eradication, and shout it from the mountaintops. Marios Antoniou, a World Peace Scholar, told how Rotary is bringing people together in his native war-torn Cypress.

Presidents-elect participated in breakouts with peers from similar-sized clubs in the three states, and time was provided for districts to do their own team building with presidents-elect and AGs. Leading the training for District 6000 were DG Gary Welch, DGE Don Patterson, DGN Terry Geiger, DGND Rita Perea, Bill Koellner, PDG Susan Herrick and Bob Herrick, Chris Knapp, PDG Corliss Klaassen, Brock Earnhardt and Maggie Mowery. Carolyn Scharff and Michael Schmitz provided technical assistance for all!

Can you find your president?

Forty-seven District 6000 club presidents for 2011-12 who attended the first Multi-District President-Elect Training Seminar March 4-5 at the River Center in Dubuque are pictured at right with DGE Don Patterson. The names of all 63 club presidents-elect are below. Can you find your in the photo?

2011-12 Club Presidents:

Adel	Tim Bryte
Albia	James Jones
Ames	Allyson Walter
Ames Morning	Daryle Vegge
Ankeny	Doug Beech
Atlantic	J.T. Reisdorph
Bettendorf	Scott Naumann
Bloomfield	Gary Foll
Boone	Cody Bowers
Burlington	Mike Shinn
Carroll	Tristan Brown
Centerville	Lora Ashby
Chariton	Roger Struve
Clinton	Gary Foster
Coon Rapids	Mark Thomas
Coralville-North Corridor	Geoff Wilming
Corning	Jeff Slotsky
Corydon	Joyce Brown
Creston	Tim Hood
Dallas Center	Thomas Book
Davenport	Michael Hamann
Decatur County	Linda Chastain
Des Moines	DeAnn Thompson
Des Moines AM	Rowena Crosbie
East Polk County	Brad Miller
Fairfield	Steve Beltramea
Fort Madison	Joni McLees
Greater Des Moines	Kristie Bell
Grinnell	Duane Meyers
Indianola	Deb Virkus
Iowa City	Vern Folkmann
Iowa City AM	Tom Novak
Iowa City Downtown	Robert Hardy
Iowa Quad Cities	Doug Peterson
Jefferson	Karen Younie
Johnston	Mark Bowden
Kalona	Patricia Anderson
Keokuk	Tony Conn
Keosauqua	Marsha Appleman
Knoxville	Christine Buttell
Lenox	Beverly Kinker
Manning	Kevin Boyle
Marengo	Nancy Kohrt
Marshalltown	Scott Neff
Mount Pleasant Noon	John Freeland
Mount Pleasant	Bitrus Gwamna
Muscatine	Mike Ruby
Nevada	Mark Cahill
Newton	Rose Trapp
North Scott	Becky Bray
Northwest Des Moines	Wanda Armstrong
Osceola	Tom Andresen
Oskaloosa	Jill Brumbaugh
Ottumwa	Brenda Hostetler
Pella	Brenda Colvin
Perry	Scott Finneseth
Tipton	Teresa Horton Bumgarner
Washington	Denise Erpelding
Waukeke	Jim Strauss
Wellman	Richard Pippert
West Des Moines	Jamie Bunn
West Liberty	William Tharp
Winterset	Cathy Simon





Rotarian volunteers had fun and raised money for a good cause at Iowa Public TV's "Festival" on March 8.

Rotarians support 'Friends' at Iowa Public Television

By DG Gary Welch/Ankeny

On March 8, 28 Rotarians from all over Iowa answered phones for Iowa Public Television. We had 26 from District 6000 and two from District 5970 (northern Iowa). They all traveled in snowy weather to serve the public and raised over \$51,000 that evening.

As they answered phones there was a lot of laughing and socializing between phone calls. IPTV provided food. I even received a personal phone call from Bill Tubbs who wanted to make sure that I would take a picture. As you can see, I did.

This shows that Rotarians continue to live "Service Above Self." We did such a good job that they have invited us to come back next year. It will most likely be a Tuesday evening in March. Hope you will consider helping out next year.

A special thank you to all the Rotarians who gave up their evening to help others. *Volunteers from District 6000:*

Johnston: Greg Baker, Steve Grasso, Bob Gagne, Sonya Finch, Ken Andresen, Neal Thuente, Dennis Dietz, Chuck Ward, Steve Eineke, Mark Bowden, Gene Nelsen and Jim Miles.

Decatur County: DGN Terry Geiger and Peggy.

Boone: PDG Susan Herrick and Bob.

Nevada: PDG Denny Skinner.

Ankeny: DG Gary Welch and Colleen.

Ames: PDG Del Bluhm.

Northwest Des Moines: PDG Diana Reed and Rick Rarick.

Greater Des Moines: DGND Rita Perea and Ernie Perea.

Marshalltown: Leon Lamer and Bettie Bolar.



PDG Bill Tubbs and Linda were joined by District Governors Gary Welch of Ankeny and Roger Kueter of Cedar Falls in promoting Rotary to newspaper editors and journalism students at the Iowa Newspaper Association Trade Show.



Publisher Amy Duncan (c), who is president of the Indianapolis Rotary Club and past president of the Iowa Newspaper Association, visits with DGN Terry Geiger and DGE Gary Welch at the INA Trade Show.

Polio eradication, PR promoted at Press Convention

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

D6000 Public Relations chair

Rotary's presence was Big and Bold at the Feb. 3-4 Iowa Newspaper Association Convention and Trade Show, attended by more than 800 editors, publishers and journalism students and staffers at the Des Moines Marriott.

Districts 6000 and 5970 (northern Iowa) co-sponsored the booth to make newspapers aware of Rotary's service, and to provide resources (an electronic packet of news releases and ads) for the pages that they would be publishing with a "starter ad" that was paid for with a Rotary International Public Relations Grant. Ninety-five newspapers, some with state-wide readership, published special

promotions about Rotary during January, February and March.

Rotarians enjoyed visiting with publishers, most of whom were aware of the clubs in their communities and appreciative of their service. They completed the sentence in the registration book, "Rotary makes a difference in my community by ..." with glowing comments.

Students were especially engaged, but the most memorable visitor was the 65-year-old publisher who was visibly moved when he saw the large sign that read "END POLIO NOW." He is a polio survivor and was unaware of Rotary's efforts to eradicate the disease that changed his life. We pointed him to the Rotary club in his county and made their publisher/Rotarian aware, and if everybody follows through, he will become a *very* dedicated Rotarian!

Future Vision: It's on the horizon

■ Changes aimed at liberating clubs; embrace it enthusiastically!

By DGND Rita Perea/Greater Des Moines

D6000 Future Vision chair

"The only thing constant in life is change."

We've all heard this before. But nowhere might it be more pertinent than in our Rotary life. Change is on the way and it is called "Future Vision."

What is it? The Future Vision Plan is The Rotary Foundation's new funding model to support district and club humanitarian and educational projects, both internationally and in our own backyards.



Rita Perea
D6000 Future
Vision chair

Why was it adopted? The Rotary Foundation identified a growing need to streamline its operations for improved efficiency and focus its efforts to achieve greater impact and public recognition. By decentralizing the grant-making process, The Rotary Foundation hopes to provide more freedom and ownership at the District level.

When does it start? In July, 2010, 100 Rotary districts were selected as "Pilot Districts." They were selected to test the plan over a three-year period. All districts will adopt the

new model before or on July 1, 2013.

What is District 6000 doing to prepare? In September 2010, DG Gary Welch appointed me to chair our Future Vision Plan efforts. Pilot District 5960, led by DG Craig Leiser and District Foundation Chair, Newell Krogmann, has agreed to act as our mentor district through the process. We are in the process of realigning our District Foundation and grant committee structures and establishing new district procedures to become Future Vision compliant.

D6000 will also be developing Grant Training seminars so each club will be knowledgeable and confident in their abilities to complete Future Vision grant applications.

As Brock Earnhardt, chair of the District Global Grants subcommittee states, "This plan will be liberating for the clubs in District 6000."

As a future district governor nominee, I am enthusiastic about the possibilities and opportunities for our clubs and our district when the Future Vision Plan is implemented.

Stay tuned for the next edition of District 6000 News for more information about Future Vision.

Can't wait to learn more? Sign up for the monthly Future Vision Pilot newsletter from RI: www.rotary.org/futurevision.

Rotary's Core Values

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



Rotary International's second biggest meeting of the year (biggest is the RI Convention) is the International Assembly held in San Diego every January. Incoming district governors from Rotary's 530 districts meet one another as well as Rotary's senior leaders, and are engaged in a week of intense training and preparation for their years that begin on July 1. Representing District 6000 this year were DGE Don Patterson of the Rotary Club of Washington, and his wife, Becky. They are pictured with the sign that says, "Enter To Learn, Go Forth To Serve." Also in San Diego were PDG Diana Reed and Rick Rarick of Northwest Des Moines. Diana was a trainer. DG Gary Welch and Colleen of Ankeny, and PDG Susan Herrick and Bob, of Boone, attended the Past Officers Reunion that brings past district governors together for fellowship and training at the same venue.

Annual business meeting April 30

The District Assembly (annual business meeting) of District 6000 has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29 during the District 6000 Conference. The agenda includes:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of minutes from last year
- 3) From the Finance Committee, led by PDGs Diana Reed and Denny Skinner, is the change to add the Youth Services Fund and club extension as possible uses of unspent contingency funds.
- 4) Approval of the operating budget for next year, which has been sent to clubs and is posted on the district website.
- 5) Approval of DGND Rita Perea's nomination, introduction and action, led by PDG Gary Pacha.

– DGE Don Patterson

Three-district Rotary Project Fair in Oaxaca, Mexico

The faces of poverty

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Reprinted from Feb. 16 Eldridge North Scott Press

As the snow was flying in Iowa, my mind was racing as I played back the images I saw and the people I met during a quick (five-day) trip to the 80-degree warmth of Oaxaca, Mexico, between deadlines Jan. 26-30.

This was not a trip for business or pleasure, although it was fun meeting the men and women of the Rotary clubs of Mexico and Central America who are working to make their communities better. I, and a handful of “Gringos” among the 350-plus in attendance at the Project Fair, were their honored guests as we sought partnerships to improve the lives of people on the bottom of the economic ladder.

Wow! Can the Mexicans ever roll out the red carpet and make you feel at home. Our days were intense and hardworking, but the evening festivals immersed us in Mexican culture that is unforgettable – bands, pomp and circumstance, a style show with fashion models, and a grand march with luminaries, fireworks, native dancers and free-flowing mescal that would make the Eldridge Summer Festival look like a church picnic.

All in the name of humanitarian



At age 86, Andres, with three fingers missing and a tumor on his forehead, sorts garbage with his bare hands from sunup to sundown 365 days a year.

service, of course, but who says service can't be fun? Relationships matter, and the good that will come from events like this is hard to calculate. Through our Rotary Foundation and the support of individual clubs and members, lives will be changed for the better with rural water and sanitation systems, solar ovens, better equipped schools, clinics, libraries and orphanages, and much more – even a brass band for children of the street!

For me, it began when Tracy answered the phone at *The NSP* after Christmas and it was José Manuel Herrero, a civil engineer from Tehuacán, Puebla, Mexico, asking for Bill. Tracy wasn't sure whether this was a call she should take, so she asked, and I recognized the name immediately as a Rotary district governor I met during my year as governor in 2004-05. “Manolo” issued a personal invitation, and the rest is history.

It was indeed good to soak up the sun in Oaxaca (wa-HA-ka), a mile-high city of 265,000 in a mountain valley in the extreme south of Mexico. It is a place few of us have heard of, but a destination for artists and musicians, including many Americans who either changed citizenship or made Oaxaca their home away from home.

And why not? People come to large parks in the center of the historic city just to be there, to see the art, listen to the music, enjoy the good food and celebrate



To give an idea of size, PDG Bill Tubbs (6'1") stands beside a house at the landfill at Oaxaca, Mexico.

life. That's what Jim Peterson, a Rotarian from Iowa City, and I did on our first day there after a visit to the “must-see” Santo Domingo cathedral, which is an ornately adorned cultural center dating to 1555. Its gold dome and altars are stunning!

Two days later, we saw the “other side” at the landfill where “Andrés” and 149 others, including children, sort garbage, including medical waste, syringes and acids, with their bare hands from sunup to sundown 365 days a year.

Aurelia Annino, a young woman who is working with Sikanda (www.si-kanda.org), an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) that is partnering with Rotary to improve conditions for these poorest of the poor, said Andrés and the 40 families who live at the landfill 24/7 have no contact with the outside world. Their lives are absorbed in garbage, literally.

“They are the most vulnerable people,” Aurelia said, but because of the garbage pickers’ labors – separating and sorting – the garbage volume is cut in half, pollution is decreased 40 percent and the city saves \$5,000 a day.

Sikanda, with Rotary's help, is working to improve the workers' income, get them better housing, safer working conditions, and launch an anti-discrimination campaign.

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The tiny larvae on Esther's hand mean more worms and greater value for the compost she hopes to sell.

‘Garbage pickers’ thank us for coming to their house

With Aurelia’s permission, we met Andrés and two others, Esther and Alejandro, saw their homes, and talked with them. Despite the horrific conditions, they greeted us with smiles and thanked us for coming.

But make no mistake – the conditions these people live in are an assault on whatever is holy and decent! Their houses would not be fit for dogs if they were in the U.S. During the summer rainy season, the roofs leak and they sleep in the dampness. There is no medical care, no education, and if they die, they die. Aurelia said if they strike or quit working, there are others to take their place.

“Who are these others?” I asked.

“They are dying, too,” Aurelia said.

Andrés, however, is a survivor. In his 86 years he has known nothing else. Though he has a large tumor on his forehead and his right hand is a stump with three fingers lost to an accident, he smiles. “Thank you for coming to my house,” he said.

Inside, we weep. If there is a biblical Lazarus in our world today, it is Andrés and others like him. If the meek inherit the earth, Andrés will feast at a banquet and own a lot of real estate one day!

It is Saturday afternoon and there is less garbage coming to the landfill today, but the dogs and birds and workers alike seek their reward in the piles of rubble. Yet there is a twinkle in Esther’s eye as she reaches for a handful of prized gooey organic matter that is composting in a bucket by her one-room shanty which she shares with three children. She shows us some miniscule eggs (larvae) in the palm of her hand and that means more worms and a bonus to her \$2 a day wages. Hope springs eternal, even here.



We have high hopes for our children and grandchildren, but the future is a life of garbage picking for the "Children of the Dump" in Oaxaca, Mexico. With no school, no healthcare, subsistence living conditions and travel beyond the dump unimaginable, they survive day to day on what others throw away.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

‘Article reflected accurately the situation the recycler families face’

Editor:

Re: "The faces of poverty," Impressions (Feb. 16): Thank you to Bill Tubbs for making the trip to Oaxaca, Mexico, this January 2011 to better know the work the Rotary club is performing here. It was a pleasure to share our adopted projects at the Rotary Project Fair, as well as give you a taste of our culture and traditions.

We appreciate your specific interest in the Club Guelaguetza’s adopted projects, especially in SiKanda’s projects working with the families in the municipal landfill of Oaxaca. It was great to be able to share SiKanda’s work with you in more detail during your visit to the landfill.

Aurelia Annino sent us a copy of the article you published in *The North Scott Press*, regarding your impressions of Oaxaca and the landfill. Your article was beautifully written, and reflected accurately the situation the recycler families face. It gave a voice to a highly discriminated and marginalized community, bringing to light the context in which they live, reaching an audience outside of the borders of Mexico.

As the Guelaguetza Rotary Club, we are very interested in assisting the projects of SiKanda that dignify and improve the lives of the recyclers of Oaxaca.

Please let us know how we can stay in touch, and any steps we need to take to collaborate to allow SiKanda’s projects to make a greater impact on the critical situation of this minority population.

-s- Lupita Zarza, president
Rotary Club of Guelaguetza
Oaxaca, Mexico



Jim Peterson of Iowa City AM (r) visits with members of the Rotary Club of Guelaguetza about their projects for the people of the landfill at the Project Fair. A list of Matching Grants projects that clubs can sponsor in Oaxaca and throughout Mexico will be published shortly. One project resulting from the Project Fair, an orchestra for “children of the street” in Cuernavaca, Mexico, has already been claimed by PDG Bill Tubbs and the Rotary Clubs of West Liberty and Greater Des Moines.



Two volunteer firefighters/Rotarians from Huehuetenango, Guatemala, with a rescue vehicle provided by District 6000 through a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant. They are returning from an emergency call and are dressed in the fire turnout gear provided by FAMSCO.



In Huehuetenango, PDG Gary Pacha of Iowa City, MOST team leader and FAMSCO board member, with Nancy Pacha, past president of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM; Karin Franklin, FAMSCO president; Rachel Litwiller and PDG Cal Litwiller, both from the Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant.

FAMSCO delivers to Huehuetenango

By Nan Mercier/Iowa City AM

Iowa MOST Journalist

Rotary District 6000 has a long established relationship with Huehuetenango Rotary including an initial water project, our repeated MOST mission and ongoing involvement with Huehue firefighters and emergency responders.

FAMSCO (Fire And Medical Supply Company) shipped a fire truck and a 40-foot container with rescue and fire equipment and fire turnout gear to Huehue, thanks to the contributions from clubs

in District 6000. The district leveraged funds via a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant to purchase a much-needed rescue vehicle.

Members of Iowa MOST whose clubs were involved in securing these vehicles and equipment for Huehue were invited to the fire station for a celebration in recognition of Rotarians' efforts.

At the program we saw photos of the firefighters fighting fires and doing rescues. One of the photos showed a firefighter in a fire emergency without a helmet. We were told that would never happen again, thanks to Rotary.

Organizations boosted by Des Moines AM club

By Joe Hrdlicka/Des Moines AM

A group of local charitable organizations were recently awarded grants by the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM's (DMAM) Foundation.

Representatives of the recipient organizations of the 2010 DMAM Foundation grants attended a recent meeting to receive checks and recognition from club members. The total amount the foundation awarded to the groups was \$9,100, split between six organizations.

Receiving donations were YESS, Fort Des Moines Museum and Educational Center, Broadlawns Medical Center Foundation, Prevent Child Abuse, Blank Children's Hospital and Capitol View Elementary School.

According to DMAM Foundation President Jeff Pigott, the foundation is required to donate 5 percent of the Foundation's unallocated funds which is accomplished through the annual grant process. He also explained that weekly donations from club members, known as "sergeant" donations are also deposited to the foundation and become part of the 5 percent used for the grants.

— provided by Janette Larkin



Recipients of grants from the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM were (l-r): Steve Quirk (YESS), Amanda Pirog (Fort Des Moines Museum and Educational Center), Jerry Tormey (Broadlawns Medical Center Foundation), Steve Scott (Prevent Child Abuse) and Dave Stark (Blank Children's Hospital). Capitol View School, which is not pictured, was presented its check when the club met at the school in January.

Teams returned to Xicotepec for ninth consecutive year of humanitarian service

Project teams involving more than 50 Rotarians, friends of Rotarians and youth, continued District 6000's humanitarian work in Xicotepec, Mexico, for the ninth consecutive year. Fifteen were on the March 5-13 team and 40 on the March 12-20 team.

Team leader Jim Peterson said the projects for 2011 included:

1. Construction of a classroom at the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz preschool, which serves the poor neighborhood of Duraznotla in Xicotepec. The parents of the schoolchildren will be working on this project along with the Iowa project team. The cost of materials for this project will be \$10,000 and the project is not eligible for TRF matching funds. Clubs or individuals who want to help with the cost of this classroom can make (tax deductible) contributions to the Xicotepec Project Fund of D6000 HEF (aka FAMSCO).

2. Paving of the play area at the Cuautémoc indigenous bilingual school in the Ojo de Agua neighborhood. This school has been the site of several previous Rotary projects and the school and parents have made other major improvements on their own. The current play area is unpaved and is wet and muddy much of the time. The Xicotepec city government has agreed to build a permanent canopy over the play area when the school completes the pavement. As in the project above, the parents will be providing most of the unskilled manual labor. The cost of materials is about \$5,000 and the project is not eligible for TRF matching funds, so financial support for this project from D6000 clubs or Rotarians would be most welcome.

3. De-worming of about 3,500 preschool and primary school

students in Xicotepec. This will be the fifth year of the Xicotepec de-worming program; over 11,000 doses have been administered to date. Children whose bodies are not consuming resources by battling worms are better-nourished, grow faster, are sick less, absent from school less, etc., than children who contract worms and are not treated annually to reduce their worm load. This project is done in collaboration with third-year students of the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy.

4. The "Just in Time" cervical cancer screening project for poor women took place March 17-18. This program is now in its 11th year in Xicotepec; from 200-300 women are screened during the two-day program, which is held twice a year. Iowa youth and Rotarians will assist in this project.

5. A wall mural which was started last year in the "Casa de Cultura" (cultural center) will be completed this year. Iowans will assist artist Jacobo Domínguez in completing this project.

6. U of I Dental professor Steve Levy and two of his students started a pilot program for dental health at a rural school with nearly 300 students. The program included training teachers, parents and students how to use fluoride rinse on a weekly basis in order to reduce the incidence of dental caries (cavities). Diet and hygiene practices were also addressed as part of this program.

There will surely be other projects that the two Iowa project teams will work on during their time in Xicotepec. A full report will be given in the next issue of District 6000 News.

Friendship Exchange teams visited South Africa and British Columbia, Canada

By Al Orsborn/Ottumwa

D6000 Friendship Exchange chair

The District 6000 Rotary Friendship Exchange Committee organized two successful outbound exchanges in 2010. A group of ten visited District 5080 in British Columbia, and a group of 14 travelled to Districts 9400 and 9350 in South Africa.

We are expecting an inbound exchange from District 5080 in May of 2012. If your club is interested in hosting the group from British Columbia, contact Dick Johnson of Des Moines at richard-djia@hotmail.com.

No exchanges are currently scheduled for 2011. An outbound exchange to New Zealand is being planned for the Spring of 2012. Gary Murphy of Washington is heading up that exchange and you can contact him if you are interested at bandana319@yahoo.com.

The committee is currently planning exchanges with Australia and South Africa for 2013.



District 6000 Rotary Friendship Exchange team members with their hosts in British Columbia, Canada. Among the travelers: Dick and Marge Johnson (Des Moines), Jack and Jill Schreiber (Des Moines), Keith and Myrna Whigham (Ames), PDG Ken and Jo Noble (West Liberty), and Al and Krisanne Orsborn (Ottumwa).



Students came from across Iowa for the District 6000 RYLA day at Hope Lutheran Church, West Des Moines.

District 6000 gears up for another RYLA

By Ken Angersola/West Des Moines
D-6000 RYLA chair

By the time you receive this newsletter, students should have been registered for the 2011 District 6000 RYLA event that will be Tuesday, April 12, at Hope Lutheran Church in West Des Moines. It will follow a format similar to last year, but we are adding more speakers and interactive exercises in the afternoon session.

The 2010 annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference was held April 22, 2010, at the Hope Lutheran Church in West Des Moines. There were approximately 125 attendees from Rotary District 6000. As in past conferences, the focus of the meeting was to help the student participants gain a better understanding for team interaction and development of leadership skills.

Featured presenters for last year's conference included Jack Fellers, associate professor for information systems at Drake University, Randy Blum, associate dean for the Business College at Drake University, and the Rev. Michael Foss, head pastor at

St. Mark's Lutheran Church in West Des Moines and a fellow Rotarian in the West Des Moines club.

The students were asked to participate in a series of discussions and interactive exercises to test their leadership understanding and help them develop a better comprehension on how teams need to cooperate to meet goals. The feedback the RYLA committee received from the students was very positive and reinforced the committee's belief that more interaction among the students made for a much more positive experience at RYLA.

Students who were interested were asked to write an essay about their experience at RYLA and how this experience would help them in their future goals. From the more than two dozen essays submitted, three were selected as first, second and third place winners of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 one-year scholarships, respectively. These students in order from first to third place were:

1. **Libby Logsden**, Iowa City AM, \$1,000;

2. **Magdalene JR Van Roekel**, Wellman, \$750; and

3. **Claire Haney**, Des Moines, \$500.

The West Des Moines Rotary Club and the RYLA Committee want to thank all the students and the clubs that sponsored them. We look forward to another great RYLA conference in 2011.

Information: Kenneth Angersola, RYLA chair, Ph.: (515) 224-5524; WATS: (800) 488-0411; e-mail: ken.angersola@mssb.com



DG 2010-11 Gary Welch participated with students in the RYLA day 2010.



DG 2009-10 Cal Litwiller addressed students at RYLA 2010.



Assistant District Governors for 2011-12, front (l-r): David Cook (Boone), AG Coordinator PDG Diana Reed (Northwest Des Moines), DGE Don Patterson (Washington), Jen Pfeifer-Malaney (Indianola) and Chris Marshall (Washington). Back: PDG Bill Tubbs (North Scott), Craig Scott (Chariton), Lee Holmes (Waukee), Norm Van Klompenburg (Newton), Judith Cox (Fairfield), Bill Shewmaker (Keosauqua) and Tim Ennis (Corning). Not pictured: Chuck Briegel (North Scott), Sam Harding (Jefferson), John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM) and Jim Riordan (Waukee).

DGE Don Patterson convenes team training at Washington

DGE Don Patterson introduced RI President-Elect Kalyan Banerjee's theme, "Reach Within To Embrace Humanity," and convened training for the 2011-12 district leadership team Feb. 19 at the library in Washington, Iowa. The day's training was planned by co-trainers Maggie Mowery and Michael Schmitz of Iowa City.

District Governor Gary Welch gave the welcome, and topics and trainers included: "Nuts and Bolts" with AG Coordinator Diana Reed (Northwest Des Moines) and AG Ginny Hughes (Fairfield); "Accessing RI and District Resources" with district administrator Carolyn Scharff (Pella); The Rotary Foundation, with PDG Corliss Klaassen (Chariton); Matching Grants, with former AG Brock Earnhardt (Davenport); Future Vision, Membership and Club Extension, with DGND Rita Perea (Greater Des Moines) and former AG Bill Koellner (West Liberty); "In My Experience," with AG Ros Dunblazier (Nevada); and a panel of past club presidents (photo at right).



A panel of past club presidents talked about best practices, (l-r): Nancy Rash (Washington), Tom Buckwalter (Wellman) and Connie Boyer (Fairfield).

Bunny Harper Memorial Golf Outing June 6 in Marshalltown

By Greg Kenyon/West Des Moines

The District 6000 Bunny Harper Memorial Golf Outing will be Monday, June 6, at Elmwood Country Club in Marshalltown.

Here's a quick overview on Bunny Harper.

Bunny was a past District Governor of District 6000 from Ottumwa. He was active in community affairs and politics. I believe he ran for governor of the state at one time.

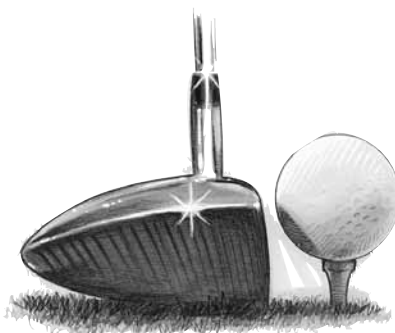
He was also an avid golfer and played in many Rotary International tournaments, including the 1965 event at the Old Course in St. Andrews Scotland.

In honor of Bunny, the District 6000 Tournament was established in 1980. Winners of the individual and team titles hail from all

across the district. The event has been played at a variety of locations throughout the district.

The West Des Moines club won the team title in 2010 at the Tournament Club of Iowa. The individual title was captured by Ed Minnick of West Des Moines, who edged Tom Apgar of Marshalltown. The Des Moines club snagged many of the prizes in the net score and shambles division. Come join the fun in 2011.

Cost is \$80 per person until May 31, then \$85. There is a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Questions: Tom Apgar, (641) 750-2222, or tapgar@apgarstudio.com.





Rotary International vice-president Thomas Thorfinnson of Eden Prairie, Minnesota shared with Barbara Woods, Ames Rotarian, his international experiences in Haiti.



Rotary Club of Ames president Steve Howell shares a celebratory moment with special guests past district governor Dale Belknap and his wife, Mary.

Rotary Club of Ames celebrates 90 years

By Carole Custer/Ames

Club Public Relations chair

It was a night of celebration for the Rotary Club of Ames, as 160 people gathered to observe the club's 90th birthday, February 28th.

Honored guest speaker, Rotary International Vice President Thomas M. Thorfinnson of Eden Prairie, Minn., challenged the members to honor what they have built over 90 years, but to also embrace the changes that clubs will need to make to stay current and attractive to future members. *Other special guests:*

- District Governor Gary and Colleen Welch;
- District Governor 2012-13 Terry and Peggy Geiger;

- District Governor 2013-14 Rita and Ernest Perea;
- Past District Governor 2008-09 Susan and Bob Herrick;
- Past District Governor 2006-07 Del and Georgia Bluhm;
- Past District Governor 2000-01 Dale & Mary Belknap;
- Past District Governor 1998-99 Don Goering;
- Assistant Governor 2010-11 Ros Dunblazier.

The club's history was compiled in a printed program for the evening event, and a special tribute to the club's birthday as a full-color, 20-page supplement to the *Ames Daily Tribune* that had been distributed several days earlier with the paper throughout the greater Ames area was available for guests.

Iowa City literacy project will be on display at RI Convention in New Orleans

A literacy project that was born in District 6000 will be on display for all the Rotary world at the RI Convention, May 22-25 in New Orleans.

LaDonna Wicklund, a professional educator and member of the Rotary Club of Iowa City, said "I Can Read Songs," the learning video she created, will have a booth at the Convention.

Thus far, eight District 6000 clubs have joined the "I Can Read Songs" Literacy Project: Iowa City, Iowa City AM, Coralville North Corridor, Iowa City Downtown, Oskaloosa, Washington, Mt. Pleasant and West Liberty.

"Thanks to the 'service above self' spirit of these clubs, 2,932 kindergarten children have had a musical, active, sing-along, dance-along start to learning to read and write words," LaDonna says.

"The Rotary Club of Iowa City challenges your club to join this early literacy project. This partnership with I CAN READ Non-Profit costs only \$3 per kindergarten child."

For information about this tremendous project to help young children in your community have fun as they become successful readers and writers, contact LaDonna at ldwicklund@aol.com.



Corning Rotarians recognized for service

By Chris Nelson/Corning

Club Public Relations chair

Three recognitions were presented at the Corning Rotary club meeting on Monday, Jan. 3. The first award was presented to Tim Ennis as "Rotarian of the Quarter." Ennis chairs the Rotary Roadside Cleanup activity along Highway 34 east of Corning each spring and fall and has also recently accepted a Rotary Assistant Governor position in Rotary District 6000. Ennis was selected for this quarterly award from the membership and by the Corning Rotary board of directors.

Two other Corning Rotarians were also recognized at the Jan. 3 meeting for their contributions to the Rotary organization. Guy Brace and John McMahon both received recognition as Paul Harris Fellows by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Presenting the awards at the Corning Rotary club's January business meeting at the Corning Community Center was Corning Rotary president Nancy Turner. A few days after this meeting, on Sunday, Jan. 9, we learned that John McMahon, one of the two new Paul Harris Fellows, passed away during the night. It is a shock to our community and our club. He was a very active member, a respected pharmacist and business leader in Corning. His passing is a great and untimely loss to our club. He was only 56 years old.

The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution of \$1,000 or more to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Those programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations, and shelter for millions of persons. Both Guy Brace and John McMahon have recently reached the milestone of \$1,000 in contributions to the Rotary Foundation.



Corning Rotary club president Nancy Turner honored Tim Ennis as "Rotarian of the Quarter."



Corning Rotarians Guy Brace (l) and John McMahon were honored as Paul Harris Fellows on Jan. 3. McMahon, 56, died on Jan. 9.

Nevada leads the way with literacy projects



Samatha Boyd of the Story County Medical Center with Nevada Rotarians Sara Clausen and Ros Dunblazier in the reading area that was established with a Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant.

By AG Ros Dunblazier/Nevada

The Story County Medical Center, South Campus children's waiting areas, benefitted from a District Simplified Grant with the Rotary Club of Nevada in 2009-2010.

In 2010-11, the club's Literacy Committee delivered books to Dr. Hobt's dental office and the McFarland Eye Clinic, Dr. Dugger.

Dictionaries were delivered to the Nevada Community Resource Center, Nevada Community Schools third-grade classes and the Nevada Public Library. The club purchases books for students in pre-K through second grade at Nevada Elementary School.

On March 9th, the Rotary Club of Nevada enjoyed lunch at Nevada Elementary followed by reading the books purchased by the club to pre-K through second grade students. Also during March, Literacy Month, the Literacy Committee coordinated the collection of gently used books from club members to be donated to the Nevada Community Resource Center.

In April and June, the Literacy Committee will again distribute books to local medical facilities. The books we donate to the medical facilities are signed by our weekly program presenters and purchased from Raising Readers in Story County and Reach Out and Read.

PRECIOUS MOMENTS:

Iowa Rotarians touch hearts in Huehuetenango

By Nan Mercier/Iowa City AM

Iowa MOST Journalist

Iowa MOST (Miles Of Smiles Team) is a Rotary District 6000 initiative that provides surgical repair for cleft lip and palate to individuals living in the western highlands of Guatemala.

Guatemala has significantly higher incidence of cleft lip and palate than the U.S. Individuals served by Iowa MOST do not have access to such surgery, due to proximity of limited surgical sites and family financial limitations. Some families travel well over 100 miles to the clinic on rough, steep mountain roads. Some come by bus and even need financial assistance to pay for the transportation. All come with the hope that this surgery can give their child a better life.

This is District 6000's sixth mission to Guatemala and the fourth to Huehuetenango. This mission's genesis was from the Rotary Club of Iowa City and has been nurtured through the relationship between District 6000 and the local Rotary club in Huehuetenango. It works and thrives because of this partnership. Local Rotarians inform families in the mountainous locations of western Guatemala about the MOST mission. They do so by word of mouth, posting fliers throughout the area, contacting health services to let families know of this help, and advertising on local TV and radio.

They provide assistance to families traveling to Huehuetenango and as the families stay for the duration of the surgery and recovery. Local Rotarians support the visiting team with our needs, including in-country transportation and lunch on the days that the clinic is doing in-take, surgery and recovery.

Returning team members look forward to seeing Guatemalan friends. Those of us new to the mission anticipate a common bond with local people who share the ideals of the MOST mission.

The 2011 Miles of Smiles Team had 33 members from the U.S., mostly Iowans; 24 are medical personnel: surgeons, anesthesiologists, medical students, pediatricians, dentists, bio-medical engineer and nurses. The rest are volunteers to assist in various capacities.

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If she lived next door, would you help?! The world is Rotary's neighborhood, and this child in Guatemala will be helped, thanks to District 6000 Rotary clubs and Rotarians.

'Now there is no sadness; may God grant you many blessings'

By Nan Mercier/Iowa City AM

Iowa MOST Journalist

There are moments when the value of our mission strikes at our hearts. That moment happened this morning when Carolina and her mother were ready to leave the hospital and return to their home.

Carolina had cleft lip surgery yesterday. Mama holding her precious one-year-old baby came to say her thank yous and good-bye. With tears in her eyes and running down her cheeks, she emotionally shared her feelings, "I did not want to take my Carolina out in public. People were cruel. There had always been so much sadness and now there is no sadness. May God grant you many blessings. May God bless you. Muchas gracias..." and again and again and again.



IOWA MOST /continued

In addition, we were joined by two Guatemalan doctors and a local translator/organizer. All of us come with a sense of service and dedication to the cause of helping to make life better for many children and their families.

Funding is through District 6000 Rotary clubs and from individual donations, which covers additional equipment, medical supplies and expenses for the medical team who donate their time and professional skills to the mission. Some equipment and supplies were generously donated for the mission from many sources and are handled through FAMSCO.

FAMSCO is an ongoing program of the District 6000 Humanitarian and Education Foundation that channels used, usable medical and emergency equipment and vehicles to needy communities in developing countries such as Guatemala.

District 6000 Rotarians on the MOST mission 2011 from the Rotary Club of Iowa City include: PDG Gary Pacha, team leader; John Canady, medical team leader; Karin Franklin, FAMSCO president; Tita Coffman, translator; and Pete Wallace, pediatrician.

There were two volunteers from the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM: Nancy Pacha and Nan Mercier. Two more volunteers are from the Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant, PDG Cal Litwiller, and Rotarian, Rachel Litwiller.



'Congratulations, Thank You, Good-Bye'

By Nan Mercier/Iowa City AM

Iowa MOST Journalist

Thursday morning, Feb. 17, 2011, was the last day of surgery for Iowa MOST in Huehuetenango, Guatemala. After the patients were safely in recovery and post-op it was time to inventory supplies for the next mission and say good by to our hosts and co-volunteers at the Hospital de Especialidades.

We all returned to where the mission had started on screening day, the courtyard of the hospital where just a few days ago the families had gathered to be seen by the doctors, dentists and nurses in hopes of being able to have a surgery that would improve their quality of life. It was a time for visitors from the United States and the local hospital staff to congratulate each other on a successful mission.

In the photo (above) we see team leader Gary Pacha joined by our medical team leader, Dr. John Canady (both of the Rotary Club of Iowa City), and pediatrician Oscar Gomez, present a defibrillator to Dr. Oscar Marroquin as a gift of thanks from MOST.

Dr. Marroquin has been the instrumental force in Huehuetenango behind MOST since its start. He had arranged for us to be located this year in the hospital he and his partners operate. The defibrillator is the first one in his hospital and a much needed and appreciated piece of medical equipment.

The tally of the medical mission is finalized. The most important statistic is that all surgeries were safe. SIXTY-SIX PROCEDURES WERE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ON 53 PEOPLE.



Huehuetenango Rotarian Carlos Salorzano (l) with Tita Coffman, translator, and Pete Wallace, pediatrician, both from the Rotary Club of Iowa City.

Why Guatemala?

By Nan Mercier/Iowa City AM

Iowa MOST Journalist

Why Guatemala? Why Huehuetenango? The answers start with Rotary International and two of its objectives:

- to encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- to foster the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of individuals united in the ideal of service.

"Acquaintance as an opportunity" is key. In the over 100 years since it was founded, Rotary has developed a system that works to provide humanitarian service and sustain the benefits. The system is to work with the people, to form a partnership and for Rotarians to give of themselves along with financial assistance.

The acquaintance with Rotarians in Huehuetenango started almost 10 years ago with a Central American Project Fair held that year in Guatemala. This is a match-making event where local Rotarians in Central America meet to discuss their needs and suggest projects as they talk with American and Canadian Rotarians who are looking for the "opportunity for service."

The Rotary in Huehuetenango partnership with Rotary District 6000 started in 2004 with a clean water project at a small village in the mountains. While checking on that project and meeting with some of the leaders of the community, it was noticed that one gentleman had a cleft lip. Our Rotary District 6000 Governor, Gary Pacha, asked him if any others had a lip like his. The reply was, "many," and the seed for Iowa MOST was planted.

The partnership between Rotary clubs in different countries that started as an "acquaintance" grew to a "fellowship of individuals united in the ideal of service" as several projects followed and expanded.

The need of the people of Guatemala matched with what we in MOST can give is important in answering why MOST is in Huehuetenango. Guatemala has a significantly higher incidence of cleft lip and palate than the U.S., and the families don't have access to medical facilities where that surgery can be performed.

The families served by MOST have very limited financial resources. There is a need and we have a gathering of individuals skilled in many ways who can help. Addressing this need is life-changing for the individuals.

Cleft lip and palate results in difficulties in eating and verbally communicating ideas and being involved in many social interactions. Most of the individuals who come for surgery are children, many of whom have limited personal contact outside of their homes. A new and happier world is open for these children with the surgeries that MOST provides.

The big answer to the question of why MOST is in Huehuetenango is because MOST can and does make a difference.



This year's inbound students, front (l-r): Valeria Guevara, Mexico (Bloomfield), Sarah Froebe, Germany (Fairfield), Isabela Melo, Brazil (Decatur County). Back: Maira Liuzzi Vianconi, Paraguay (Nevada), Raluca Abrudan, Spain (Marshalltown), Luisa Almendra, Brazil (Grinnell), Jeremy Reimier, Belgium (Muscatine), Nicolas Cabot, France (Corydon), Felipe Darquea, Ecuador (Boone), Donna Crnkovic, Croatia (Newton) and Gabriella Bizzocahi, Italy (Iowa City).

Celebrating Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange students spent a weekend together at the Winter Retreat, Jan. 15-16 at Camp Wesley Woods near Indianola, where these pictures were taken. The weekend of Feb. 26-27 they were together again, ice skating and sightseeing in Davenport, in an event sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Scott. You can meet the students at District Conference, April 29-30 in Ankeny, where they will be wearing their official blazers, and carrying flags and presenting tabletop displays of their countries.



Nine of the 13 outbound students from Iowa for 2011-12 (l-r): Matthew Siegel, Spain (Fairfield); Nathaniel Gaston, Ecuador (North Scott); Nohema Graber, France (Fairfield); Kenneth Cortum, Poland (Des Moines); Hannah Van Huekelom, Brazil (Pella); Julia Crouse, Germany (Urbandale); a student observer; Greta Hayer, Belgium (Waukee); Jeremy Hutton, Germany (Johnston); and Jerrin Crowell, Brazil (West Des Moines).



ROTEX students (clockwise from left): Shari Bender, Amber Hoffman, Kristen Moreland, Rebecca Moreland and Carley Wright, worked with the Youth Exchange Committee helping train the outbounds. They also support the inbounds and provide entertaining cultural experiences.

New Generations? Host a 2011-12 Youth Exchange student!

Dear District 6000 Rotary Clubs,

The District 6000 Youth Exchange Committee has received our first list of students for the upcoming school year. Please consider hosting one of these outstanding students. District 6000 has a tremendous reputation for being the best Rotary District for Youth Exchange because of our strong clubs and the communities that they are part of. Please open your hearts and communities to one of these fine young international youths. They really are our future. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you. Contact: Chris Knapp, chair, District 6000 Youth Exchange Committee, 2 Lime Kiln Lane NE, Iowa City, IA 52240-9642 (H) (319) 338-0909; (W) (319) 356-9048; e-mail: Knappc1@mchsi.com.

Iowa City AM Rotarians award community grants, join Interactors for Habitat

By Mike Messier/Iowa City AM

Club Public Relations chair

The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM presented its annual Community Grants to five very worthy local organizations at a gala event held in Iowa City on Tuesday evening, March 1.

Over \$10,000 was awarded to the Crisis Center of Johnson County, Iowa City Hospice, the Visiting Nurses Association, the Free Medical Clinic and United Action for Youth.

Projects recognized included new freezers for the local food bank, laptops to improve administrative efficiency, and a counseling program for the children of recently divorced couples. The grants are funded by the club's can redemption project which generates over \$14,000 annually.

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Habitat For Humanity: The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity and the two local Iowa City Interact Clubs to provide assistance and funding for a new initiative targeted at local citizens who are unable to perform simple tasks in their homes.

Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity will coordinate the effort on a Saturday in March, April and May to go into elderly residents' homes to replace incandescent light bulbs with CFL bulbs, replace batteries in smoke detectors and furnace filters. The goal is prevent falls and to make the home more safe.

While the work is being carried out, a simple survey of the home will be taken to determine if other work is needed to enable the homeowner to remain in their home safely. Funds will be used to purchase light bulbs, smoke alarms and batteries, and furnace filters.



The Rotary Club of Albia is pleased to announce that they have finished installing lights on the basketball court they built at the Albia city park last summer. The almost-abandoned park has been a long-time project for the club. Plans are in the offing for a shelter house. During Christmas time, the Albia club gave a free movie for kids and presented each moviegoer with a bag of free candy.

Submitted by Tony Humeston



Bill Gates, Sr., addressed Rotarians who attended the Large Rotary Club Conference Feb. 10 in San Diego.

Two clubs attend Large Rotary Club Conference

By Kitte Noble/Des Moines

Club Executive Director

President-Elect DeAnn Thompson and executive director Kitte Noble from the Rotary Club of Des Moines attended the Large Rotary Club Conference (LCC) in San Diego on Feb. 9-12. One hundred twenty-one clubs from the U.S. and Canada were represented.

On Thursday, Feb. 10, everyone attended San Diego's Rotary luncheon. Bill Gates, Sr., was the program for the meeting. San Diego has 533 club members.

The first conference of large Rotary clubs was organized in 1959 for eastern clubs and organized by Paul Armstrong, executive director of Cleveland, and Jim Morgan, executive director from Rochester. Five Clubs attended this first conference.

A Western division was added in 1961. Separate east and west large-club conferences were held annually, which was instituted due to geographical travel issues.

In 2008, the Rotary Club of Sacramento hosted a combined East/West Conference, initiating a trend that has continued.

In the beginning, the meetings were for clubs of 400 or more to help these clubs gain knowledge and exchange ideas and information. All of the clubs originally invited to the conferences have at least one full-time employee (executive director). While many of these original clubs are currently under 400 members, they have been 'grandfathered' into the LCC. The smallest club at the conference was Buffalo, NY, with 154 members. Seattle, Wash., was the largest with 665 members.

This year the Rotary Clubs of Ames and Cedar Rapids were invited to attend the Large Club Conference. President-Elect Allyson Walter attended from the Rotary Club of Ames.

Gates talks polio on Jon Stewart show

Bill Gates, Jr., was on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" recently talking about the Gates Foundation's efforts to eradicate polio. He refers to Rotary International in his interview. Below is the link if you would like to see the interview:

Link to video is: <http://techland.time.com/2011/02/01/bill-gates-were-making-progress-at-eradicating-polio/>



The Rotary Club of Fairfield paid for the shipping of new baby slings to South Africa. The slings were donated by a Fairfield retail store, Health and Wholeness, and are now being distributed by a women's clinic with the help of the Rotary Club of Sandton, Gauteng Province, South Africa.

submitted by Connie Boyer

'New Zealand's darkest day'

When an earthquake shook New Zealand, Merle Anderson, a member of the Rotary Club of North Scott, reached out to New Zealanders Vern and Barb Pain, who were in Iowa with a Friendship Exchange team in 2005. Here is their reply, received Feb. 27:

Thank you so much for your e-mail and concern for us and our family and friends. The horrific earthquake in our country was many hundreds of miles from where we live so were not really personally involved and luckily we had no family or friends in the area. This event has rocked all New Zealand and we are all finding it hard to believe and take in. The confirmed dead at this stage is 148 with approx. 200 still missing.

This is New Zealand's darkest day. Barb and I are fine as is all the family. We are going to Australia for two weeks on Thursday for a short break before the harvest which starts around mid March. Once again many thanks for your concern and please keep in touch. Kind regards, Vern & Barbara Pain.



Vern and Barb Pain are at the left in this Friendship Exchange photo at a Rotary meeting in Eldridge in June 2005.

In Oskaloosa, Rotarians lead the way to keep Christmas tradition alive

By John Sherlock/Oskaloosa

Club Public Relations chair

Many years ago, an Oskaloosa organization known as the Human Services Council started providing baskets of food to need families so that they could enjoy a Christmas dinner. In 2010, the project, known as the Christmas Food Basket Program, provided 543 baskets.

Over the years, this has become a community project. Local grocery stores provide the food purchased from donations solicited by many local businesses.

Oskaloosa's Central United Methodist Church opens its doors on distribution day and members of the Oskaloosa High School Student Council and a local sorority join other volunteers to help with food distribution.

For a number of reasons, the Human Resources Council made the decision to ask the Rotary Club of Oskaloosa to take over this program beginning in 2011. Living the Rotary motto, the Rotary Club of Oskaloosa gladly accepted this request. A Rotary Christmas Basket Committee was formed with Andy Glover serving as chair.

The Human Services Resources Council developed the food basket program and made it what it is today. The Rotary Club of Oskaloosa looks forward to keeping and overseeing this wonderful Oskaloosa tradition in 2011 and beyond..

Enjoy an evening of Broadway music with Grinnell Rotarians

For the past 18 years the Rotary Club of Grinnell has produced a biennial musical evening program featuring the best in Broadway-type music.

This year it will be the Shults & Co. production of "The Joint is Jumpin: A Salute to Great American Song Writers."

It will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 14, 15, and 16, 2011 at the Voertman Theatre in the Grinnell Community Center, across from the Drake Community Library.

Ticket prices will be \$10 per person. The proceeds will be presented to the Grinnell Area Arts Council in memory of the late Jon Lacina.

Along with that, Grinnell Rotarians will hold a "Club Night Out" to which members of all the clubs in the area can enjoy a fine meal with their significant other before the Saturday performance on April, 16. The dinner will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Westside Family Restaurant. Those who wish to attend must make a reservation at (641) 236.5939 or westside@iowatelecom.net by Monday, April 11, 2011.

At that time you may choose from prime rib (queen cut) at \$17.95; prime rib (king cut) at \$19.95; sesame crusted chicken at \$14.95; raspberry chipotle pork at \$14.95 or stuffed salmon (bell pepper stuffing) at \$14.95. All entrees come with baked potato, and salad bar. We welcome all who love the best in American Music to this gala event and night out.





Fairfield Rotarians catch the spirit of Christmas as they continue a longstanding tradition at holiday time.

Rotarians bring Santa to town in Fairfield ...

By Gene Luedtke/Fairfield
Club Historian

We have a great tradition here in Fairfield. We bring Santa to town! The original parade started in 1926 under the direction of J.H. Montgomery (Turney Wagon Works) and Fred Jericho (grocer). The first parade was held Christmas Day, 1926, but thereafter on Christmas Eve. In the early years, the sleigh was pulled by four draft horses with special bridles decorated with antlers. There were also four to six outriders dressed in red suits and tall red hats. The sleigh has always been lighted and batteries were used to light the first sleigh.



The parade was not held during World War II because of a shortage of materials and manpower, but Rotarians started it again in 1952, and the parade was expanded to include a bell float, lighted Christmas tree and carolers.

The 1952 sleigh was built under the direction of high school industrial arts teacher Bill Eddings. The sleigh is now pulled by a tractor, the reindeer were mounted on the tractor, and a generator provided the power for the lights on the sleigh and reindeer. The parade has always ended in Fairfield's Central Park where Santa would greet all the children, hear their wishes, and present candy to them.

The parade has continued every year since on Christmas Eve.



... and celebrate 40 years of serving senior citizens in Keosauqua

The Rotary Club of Keosauqua hosted the 40th annual Keosauqua Rotary Club Christmas Banquet on Dec. 17 for senior citizens who are widowed or single. The meal consisted of Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, jello salad and many types

of pie. We served approximately 100, including Rotarians. At this year's banquet, we were also able to present a Paul Harris Fellow recognition to Rich Lowe and to Twyla Peacock.

Submitted by AG Bill Shewmaker, Keosauqua



Keosauqua Rotarians sing carols (above), and serve senior citizens (r), while Paul Harris Fellow recognition are presented to Rich Lowe (left), and Twyla Peacock (right).



Rotarians give 'Energy' to polio eradication

■ At Iowa Energy game, Des Moines area clubs raise funds for 20,000 doses

By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines

Chair, Iowa Energy Game for Polio

January 22 proved to be a momentous day for Rotary and the efforts to eradicate polio from our planet. Rotary clubs from Boone, Chariton, Des Moines AM, Des Moines Noon, East Polk, Greater Des Moines, Indianola, Johnston, Knoxville, Northwest Des Moines, Waukee and West Des Moines partnered with the Iowa Energy D-League basketball team to raise money to help satisfy each club's \$25 per member per year Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Challenge.

What would normally be considered an enjoyable evening of good basketball, and a night family fun entertainment, was augmented by several hundred Rotarians participating in a successful fund-raising event.

This was the third year of our partnership with the Iowa Energy, and the event has grown each year. In year No. 1, more than \$4,000 was raised; in year two, \$8000; and this year, more than \$12,000. The three-year total of more than \$24,000 has provided between 45-50,000 doses of vaccine, saving that number of children from a lifetime of living with a potentially debilitating disease.

Other goals of the annual event were as follows:

- 1) Raise funds for PolioPlus/polio eradication through Iowa Energy ticket sales, donations, and selling of 50/50 raffle tickets at the Iowa Energy vs. Reno Bighorns game on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011;
- 2) Help the local basketball team fill the seats in the arena;
- 3) Provide a vehicle for promoting Community Service for both the Iowa Energy and Rotarians!
- 4) Provide information about the Iowa Energy, PolioPlus, and Rotary;
- 5) Establish a basis for repeating this fundraiser in future years, initially to support PolioPlus, then to support other worthy local and international service projects; and finally,
- 6) To give others in the community the opportunity to participate financially in the eradication of polio in our lifetime.

Rotarians provided more than 80 tickets to members of the George Washington Carver Boys and Girls Club. In addition, another 50 tickets were provided to the Childrens Cancer Connection, enabling children and their families to attend the game together.



DGE Terry and Peggy Geiger and Phyllis and Loring Miller of the Rotary Club of Decatur County promoted polio eradication at the Iowa Energy game.



Children celebrate funds raised for polio eradication by central Iowa Rotarians at the Iowa Energy game Jan. 22. With the children (back) are Adam Wolfe (Boys and Girls Club), Iowa Energy Mascot "Surge," and Ed Arnold and Diane Porter (Rotary Club Northwest Des Moines) presenting game tickets to the boys and girls from the Ellis I. Levitt Boys and Girls Club.

Rotarians in attendance judged the event to be a huge success on several different levels. First, several hundred Rotarians gathered and were recognized in the arena for providing a valuable service to the international community by being instrumental in the efforts to eradicate polio. Second, representatives from each club met on a monthly basis for six months to plan and organize the event with general manager Chris Makris and marketing VP Pat Kelly of the Iowa Energy. This was a unique opportunity for members of different clubs to work together for a common cause. Third, the exchange of marketing ideas at the committee meetings resulted in attempts to sell tickets at local high school basketball games, an appearance on a Mediacom Public Service spot by a Rotarian and Surge, the Energy mascot, promoting Rotary, Iowa Energy, and the partnership's efforts to combat polio; a podcast taping with a Rotarian and Iowa Energy Coach Nick Nurse, and an interview with Gary Monte on radio station KFMG 99.1. Finally, the game itself was a cliffhanger to the end. Each team had three players with NBA experience, and in the end, the Iowa Energy prevailed by a score of 100-98. Rotary members, club banners and polio eradication banners gave Rotary a very positive presence at the game, perhaps none more visible than Loring and Phyllis Miller, and Terry and Peggy Geiger from the Rotary Club of Decatur County in their "End Polio Now" t-shirts, clearly visible across the arena.

And finally, it's all about the kids and the eradication of polio. So far, the Des Moines area clubs have provided enough money to vaccinate 45,000 to 50,000 children against polio. We would also like to extend our most sincere thanks to the owners, players and staff of the Iowa Energy basketball operation who have been a most willing, generous and supporting partner in our global fight against polio. In addition to providing the platform for this fundraiser, they have also devoted hours to promoting the event and getting the word out the polio still exists on the planet and can be eradicated by active involvement by Rotarians and other service-minded organizations.

How much has your club given for polio eradication?

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

D-6000, PolioPlus chair

It's hard to believe that we are well over halfway through this Rotary year. Time flies and opportunities pass us by if we aren't paying attention!

Our Challenge in District 6000 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is \$378,000 by June 30, 2012. But we have all been challenged by our current RI President, Ray Klinginsmith, to meet this challenge by the end of his year and then to do what we have done with all other challenges – surpass our goal.

Worldwide the money given to the PolioPlus Challenge totals at \$162,000 - 81 percent. Here in District 6000 we have raised \$309,535 – 81.89 percent (includes \$67,599 of DDF)!

So, we are pretty much even with what is being done by Rotarians around the world. BUT please remember that there are many countries who cannot begin to meet their challenge, so there is reason to reach beyond our district's challenge – we are so much more fortunate than so much of the world's population, and we can easily afford to reach beyond our challenge number here in Iowa.

I truly believe that District 6000 can meet their minimum goal by the end of this Rotary year. There are 26 clubs who have not give a dime to polio eradication this year. I believe that these clubs are just waiting until the end of this year to send their contributions to the polio challenge but I would ask that those clubs not wait until the last minute to do this. It would be WONDERFUL if RI President Ray could tell Bill Gates at the International Convention (where Gates is a speaker) that the Rotary World has once again stepped to the forefront of the fight to eradicate polio from this planet!

Please talk as a club and examine what you can do to take the threat of polio away from the children of the world! Thank all of you for everything that you have done thusfar in our fight against this crippling killer.

2010 polio facts and figures

There were 950 cases globally* in 2010 (864 type 1 and 86 type 3), compared with 1,595 cases at the same time in 2009 (477 type 1 and 1,116 type 3 and 2 mixtures).

Twenty countries reported cases in 2010, compared with 23 in 2009.

- President of Pakistan kicks off emergency plan to stop polio: President Asif Ali Zardari of Pakistan formally launched an emergency plan to stop polio on Jan. 24. The only polio-endemic country with an increase in cases in 2010, Pakistan has struggled in the past six months to slow the transmission of poliovirus. The number of children paralyzed by the virus jumped by 60 percent (from 88 in 2009 to 144 in 2010, as of Feb. 1, 2011).

- President Jose Eduardo dos Santos of Angola reaffirmed the government's and his personal commitment to eliminating polio in a meeting with the UNICEF Executive Director and senior leadership from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and WHO African Regional Office. The president agreed to spearhead the country's 2011 vaccination campaigns; this pledge was echoed by vice ministers, vice governors and civil society organizations, who agreed they would work across the country to improve vaccination coverage.

(*) Many of the 540 cases of acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) reported from Congo do not have stool specimens but are clinically compatible with polio. When definitively classified, these cases will add to the yearly total.

PolioPlus Giving



July 1, 2010 thru Feb. 28, 2011,
and since December 2007

Club (Membership)	7-1-10 thru 2-28-11	Since 12-07
Adel (28)	\$ 25	\$ 3,356
Albia (32)	0	6,000
Ames Morning (61)	0	2,336
Ames (237)	2,375	10,845
Ankeny (63)	500	2,204
Atlantic (65)	0	2,225
Bettendorf (101)	0	3,541
Bloomfield (14)	617	1,487
Boone (54)	1,640	4,550
Burlington (90)	25	723
Carroll (56)	750	4,270
Centerville (40)	0	200
Chariton (57)	0	5,488
Clinton (115)	0	15,784
Coon Rapids (23)	0	0
Coralville-North Corridor (27)	0	641
Corning (49)	2,000	3,000
Corydon (17)	0	320
Creston (21)	0	27
Dallas Center (26)	0	1,617
Davenport (133)	650	2,860
Decatur County (20)	150	1,739
Des Moines AM (138)	0	3,419
Des Moines (306)	1,000	30,412
East Polk County (41)	485	2,284
Fairfield (65)	874	4,728
Fort Madison (58)	0	446
Greater Des Moines (44)	0	1,636
Grinnell (31)	525	1,915
Indianola (45)	367	6,090
Iowa City AM (55)	1,109	1,149
Iowa City Downtown (18)	507	507
Iowa City (297)	20	7,548
Iowa Quad-Cities (48)	0	4,756
Jefferson (54)	1,000	5,837
Johnston (49)	0	1,005
Kalona (45)	0	2,350
Keokuk (87)	1,471	4,887
Keosauqua (24)	390	1,095
Knoxville (67)	0	3,010
Lenox (26)	0	490
Manning (20)	0	1,500
Marengo (12)	0	50
Marshalltown (168)	5,200	10,315
Mount Pleasant Noon (37)	774	2,564
Mt. Pleasant (28)	524	3,219
Muscatine (125)	376	6,060
Nevada (61)	2,775	5,355
Newton (72)	200	5,405
North Scott (96)	100	11,060
Northwest Des Moines (51)	550	15,337
Osceola (30)	100	375
Oskaloosa (50)	0	3,000
Ottumwa (100)	2,038	(1,678)
Pella (39)	2,175	2,890
Perry (26)	0	184
Tipton (24)	0	670
Washington (61)	1,525	3,270
Waukee (48)	125	4,908
Wellman (37)	940	1,735
West Des Moines (74)	400	3,425
West Liberty (37)	1,450	3,402
Winterset (30)	0	410
Total (4,053)	\$ 36,423	\$241,936



DGN Terry Geiger (l), who traveled to Nigeria in November, assists Corydon Rotarians John Boatman and Denice Gradeless with a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.

Corydon Rotarians and United Methodist churches sponsor grant for well

Rotary Club of Corydon officers signed a Rotary Foundation grant application for a well project in Guida Village outside of Abuja, Nigeria. This is a combined project with the Corydon Club and the United Methodist churches in the area.

Signing were John Boatman, secretary-treasurer of the club and also the United Methodist pastor. With him is Denice Gradeless, president of the Rotary Club of Corydon, as well as DGN Terry Geiger of neighboring Decatur County.

Our international partner is the Rotary Club of Wuse Central, Abuja, Nigeria, whose president is Chris Umeh (see photo). This is a matching grant that District 6000 and Rotary International are partnering to provide clean water to the people in this remote village.

—submitted by Terry Geiger



Chris Umeh, president of the Rotary Club of Wuse Central in Abuja, Nigeria.

Keosauqua vocational project targets at-risk youth; helps keep school's dropout rate low

By AG Bill Shewmaker/Keosauqua

On March 15 the Rotary Club of Keosauqua hosted its 14th annual MOC Banquet. MOC is a program at our local high school that is primarily focused on the at-risk youth of the school. They do job shadowing, learn to deal with budgets, scheduling, etc. It has been a very successful program for the school and has kept our dropout rate very low. The Rotary club hosts a banquet for them each year just to say, "Thanks for staying in school." We hope to continue this banquet for many years to come.

Our 55th Annual Scholastic Banquet will be held on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Robert's Memorial Center. The banquet honors the top 10 students of each of the high school classes at Van Buren Community. Club members will again be serving the meal that evening.



The Rotary Club of Keosauqua's MOC Banquet for at-risk youth helps keep the Van Buren County's school dropout rate low. Students who attended the 2010 banquet are pictured.

ISU Rotaract Club seeks referrals for membership

Hello, my name is Andy Petersen. I am a junior here at Iowa State University and am the president of our university's Rotaract club. Recently we have been seeking new ways to expand our club's membership and find more students here on campus interested in Rotary International. Many individuals on campus simply do not know about Iowa State's Rotaract Club, which is why I'm contacting you today. If your club has provided a scholarship to or has previously worked with any students who are now attending Iowa State University, please pass along their names to me. With your help we will be able to expand our membership and be better suited to complete service projects here at Iowa State University. Thank you for your time.



Sincerely,

Andy Petersen, president, ISU Rotaract
andyjp@iastate.edu, (515) 419-9998

Service? It's in the (birthday) bag for Iowa City Downtown

By Bob Hardy/Iowa City Downtown
President-Elect

There are few things more important than a child's birthday. But for many families, a birthday party for their youngster can be a prohibitive burden on the family budget. That is why the Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown implemented the ongoing "Birthday Bag Project." Simply put, the goal of the project is to supply all the makings for a child's birthday party in a decorative bag and provide the bags to families in need.

The project started in May of 2005 when a Downtown member brought the idea of the project to our club as a program at one of our weekly meetings. We learned that in 2002, a woman in Iowa City saw an advertisement about the "Giving Back" to the community contest sponsored by The Dannon Company. The advertisement recognized 12-year old twins who had saved their babysitting money to buy all the trimmings for a birthday party in a bag.

Impressed with the idea, this good person enlisted a group of friends who committed to putting together birthday bags for one year to be distributed through the Johnson County Crisis Center. But as the year ended, the group knew they could not continue the project by themselves so they sought other community groups to help keep the project going. Downtown Rotarians loved the idea and at our next meeting we assembled our first group of Birthday Bags. That day, our club decided that we liked and wanted to continue to make birthday bags as an on-going project.

So how do you put a birthday party in a bag? Well, you begin with the essentials. You will need cake mix, frosting with sprinkles,

two aluminum cake pans, birthday candles (of course), paper plates, napkins, cups and tableware for eight, and don't forget party favors and balloons.

In keeping with the Downtown club's personal commitment to the child literacy mission of Rotary, we provide an age-appropriate book as the gift for the parents to give to their "birthday" child. Books are generously donated to the project by First Book of Johnson County. And last, but not least, a birthday outing with eight free passes to the Iowa Children's Museum provided free by the Museum.

Next you set up your "assembly line" of club members and guests who count needed items, put small items in plastic baggies, and carefully pack all the party makings in decorative gift bags. Each bag is carefully checked to guarantee that nothing has been forgotten and then marked for age and gender. Bags are delivered to the Crisis Center for distribution immediately after the meeting.

Since adopting the Birthday Bag project, the Downtown club has applied for and received District 6000 Simplified Grants

which, when added to the club's contribution and other donations, helps the Club to provide 35 bags every other month.

And what do we get out of it? A great local service project that we all truly enjoy; Club fellowship time at our "bag assembly" meetings so that we can enjoy one another; a hands-on opportunity to demonstrate to potential members what Rotary's commitment to service means, and the simple joy of knowing that we have helped to make a child's birthday a special day. After all, there are few things more important than a child's birthday.



"Birthday Bag" volunteers Roger Jensen, Carolyn Gross, Eric Goers, Eric Olsen, Sandy Pickup and Barb Faust.

Governor: Rotarians reach out in Japan's darkest hour

Letter received March 23 by District Governor Gary Welch:
Dear Fellow Rotarians of the World,

Regarding the Earthquake in the North Eastern Japan and Tsunami on its Pacific coast.

It is very sad that I have to report to you on the calamity which hit our 2520 District (Iwate and Miyagi Prefectures of Japan) on March 11. But every cloud has a silver lining. In this darkest hour, I received numerous heartwarming messages from Rotarians of all over the world. Their considerate inquiries and kind offers of helping hands greatly encouraged us to tackle with the destructions and confusions of daunting scale.

Our district, especially its Pacific coastal areas, sustained very severe damages from the magnitude 9.0 earthquake and ensuing monstrous tsunami which was as high as 50 feet in certain places. Even today, we are not yet able to communicate with some of the Rotary clubs in our district.

Already the numbers of dead and missing persons have exceeded 23,000. We are afraid that the toll would further increase as the situation becomes more clear in coming days and weeks.

In disaster areas, desperate efforts continue to search and rescue victims on land and sea, by defense forces (which mobilized reserv-

ist for the first time after the Second World War), police and fire fighters and volunteers from all over Japan, as well as rescue parties from many countries. About four 400,000 survivors are sheltered in cold school gymnasiums and other remaining public facilities. Fortunately, our district governor's office is undamaged and we are trying our best to gather information regarding the safety and damages of clubs and their members.

In the areas hit by the Tsunami, acute shortage of food, water, milk, diapers, medical supplies heating devices, fuel, gasoline, communication equipment, among many others, are reported. It is the shortage of almost everything, mostly due to the traffic problems, after transport and communication infrastructures, such as airports, seaports, expressways, railroads, telecommunication stations, were badly damaged.

I again thank you for your very kind and effective encouragements, literally from Rotarian of all over the world. Please let me wish your continual support for the people of Tsunami stricken area, so that they can stand up from debris and challenge the difficult work of reconstruction from such 7a destruction of gigantic scale.

With sincere gratitude,

Naoki Narayama, RID 2520 Governor

Representing the RI President

District 6000 will welcome Past District Governor Jennifer Jones to our District Conference April 28-30 as the official representative of RI President Ray Klinginsmith. Presidential reps are past district governors chosen by the RI president.

In the past year, two from District 6000 – PDGs Bill Tubbs (2004-05) and Diana Reed (2007-08) – represented RI President John Kenny (2009-10) at district conferences. Here, they tell about their experiences:

Our experience in Michigan: 'Exciting, fun, humbling'

By PDG Diana Reed/Northwest Des Moines

Being a President's Representative – Exciting! Fun!! Beautiful!!! Humbling!!!!

These are some of the very inadequate words that come to mind when thinking about being a President's Rep at another district's conference. It is hard to put into words what that experience is really like. Last April 23 and 24, Rick and I traveled to District 6310 in Midland, Mich., to be their President's Representative. If you hold your left arm out straight in front of you with your fingertips pointed upward and your palm facing outward, Midland, Mich., will be that spot where your forefinger attaches to the V of your thumb. I had never seen this done before but it describes accurately the location. Midland is the home of Dow Chemical Company.

District 6310 has 32 Rotary clubs with 1,481 members. It is small but mighty. District Governor Jim and Sally Brozzo worked extremely hard to make sure that their conference was a huge success.

Being a President's Rep is exciting because you are going to a new place where you have never been before and meeting Rotarians that instantly become your friends. You get the opportunity to see Rotary through their eyes. It is particularly exciting to have aides such as Ruby and Bob Iwamasa to take you in hand and make sure that everything is arranged for you. Their District Assembly is done during their conference and so brand new PE's and other club officers are there and so excited about what they are going to do during their Rotary year. It is exciting because of the special speakers that make presentations during the conference. I learned so many things and that is always exciting to me.

Being a President's Rep is fun because of the things that Rotarians do to experience fellowship with each other. They had a golf tournament, tours of the city of Midland that included seeing their absolutely wonderful baseball stadium where their baseball team the Loons play. We got to tour that stadium and even meet Louie the Loon, their mascot. We toured Dow Gardens which were absolutely wonderful even that early in the spring.

Being a President's Rep is beautiful because you meet up with people you have had previous contact with, such as DGN Eileen Jennings and DGN Allan Nietzsche. I had the privilege of meeting Eileen and Allan at previous Zone meetings during their training. It was like having your own special group of friends that you have not seen in a while and having that connection established



PDG Diana Reed and Rick Rarick, with District 6310 DG Jim and Sally Brozzo and aides PDG Ruby and Bob Iwamasa, are set to paint the town.

all over again. It is beautiful because of all the things that they do in District 6310 that involve international projects, Interact, Rotaract, and their GSE team from Portugal. District 6310 has the distinction of hosting the first ambassadorial scholars from both the Czech Republic and Afghanistan.

Being a President's Rep is truly humbling because you have to talk several times during the conference. What could I possibly say to this group of wonderful Rotarians that might mean something to them? What messages could I bring that would motivate them to achieve even more wonderful things than they are already doing? It is humbling because it is so daunting. It is also humbling because you get to see the breadth and depth of Rotary and how it affects so many other lives and communities throughout the world. This district with its clubs makes a difference in Michigan. It would be hard to imagine what those communities would be like if they did not have their Rotary clubs. It is awe inspiring.

So, do the words wonderful, fun, beautiful and humbling really describe the experience? It is that and so much more – genuine people, dedicated people and above all else Rotarians who care and make a difference in their corner of the world. Can the rest of us do any less? Of course not – this is Rotary and this is what we do.



PDG Bill Tubbs (r) reconnecting with DG Shane Burr of District 6910 in Georgai and his wife, Donna, at the RI Convention in Montreal. (See article on opposite page.)

District 6910, Georgia: We can learn from others

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

RI President John Kenny greeted me at the Past Officers Reunion in January 2010 in San Diego. “I hear you’ll be representing me at a district conference,” he said. “Which one?” “District 6910 at Jekyll Island, Georgia,” I said.

“Oh, they gave you a good one!” President Kenny replied.

President Kenny’s words were prophetic from the moment Linda and I landed at the Jacksonville, Fla., airport on Thursday, April 14, 2010, and were welcomed by our aides, Past District Governor Dianne Cammarata and her husband, Chuck.

Linda was less sure of traveling than I, but any doubts were quickly set aside during our 30-minute shuttle to historic Jekyll Island, nestled off the Atlantic coast in extreme southeast Georgia.

For the next four days, we were the recipients of first-class southern hospitality as we delivered President Kenny’s messages, shared our Rotary experiences, and had our horizons expanded as we saw new ways a district, and District Conference, can serve.

Jekyll Island holds a unique place in American history as the site where the Federal Reserve was born, some say secretly, in 1913. The tiny island was the retreat of men like Henry Hyde, J. Pierpont Morgan and William Rockefeller who had amassed extraordinary wealth, and conspiracy theorists view the events of 1913 as controversial.

The island has since become a state park and family destination, and the remnants of controversy are long forgotten amidst the fellowship that brought 525 Rotarians and partners to the island from the NORTHERN third of Georgia (but not Atlanta).

That’s right – 100 percent of the 525 attendees at this District Conference traveled long and far to be there and some, from Dalton, in extreme northwest Georgia, as much as seven hours!

We quickly learned that the District 6910 Conference is NEVER held within the district. The previous year it was in Florida, and this year (2011) it will be at Asheville, N.C., the same week as ours. So distance doesn’t keep them away – they come in numbers that would make any DG proud. *And they have fun!*

Two afternoons were set aside from 11:45 a.m. until 6:15 p.m. for recreation. The choices included golf, tennis, horseback riding, croquet, beaches, bicycling, bird watching, deep sea fishing, dolphin watching, and more.

But equally amazing is that they packed an extraordinary amount of Rotary content into the sessions they had. DG Shane Burr and his wife, Donna, uncluttered the agenda by hosting a dinner to honor and thank club presidents for their leadership on Thursday night at the Jekyll Island Mansion. Numerous awards were presented to clubs for achieving the Presidential Citation, District Governor’s awards, and many more.

A Friday breakfast celebrated the district’s support of The Rotary Foundation: 72 percent of Rotarians district-wide are Sustaining Members, Annual Giving is \$120-plus per capita, 56 of 67 clubs give more than \$100 per member, and the district has 1,492 Benefactors, 163 Bequest Society Members, 3,985 Paul Harris Fellows, and 28 Major Donors. *Wow!*

On the program side, the district sponsors five Ambassadorial Scholars, successfully nominated a Peace Scholar, and has sponsored multiple WCS Matching Grants in addition to a popular District Simplified Grants program. Their GSE team to District 1050 in Birmingham, England, included an Iowan who grew up in Dis-

trict 6000 – Alissa Donahue, a native of Monroe!

The Conference officially began with presentation of flags by a military color guard, and proceeded at a brisk pace with reports on international service, membership, literacy, public relations, and presentation of children’s books to the community.

Then we met the GRSP students, all 75 strong. GRSP stands for Georgia Rotary Student Program, the forerunner and model for Rotary’s Ambassadorial Scholars in 1946 by Will Watt, a soldier returning from WWII, who decided there must be a better way than war to resolve conflicts. A \$1,000 gift to GRSP denotes one as a Will Watt Fellow, and the three-district GSRP endowment exceeds \$6 million. Since its inception, more than 2,700 students from 78 countries who have been paired up with clubs and sponsoring families have spent an academic year at a Georgia college or university.

GRSP is an incredible program that may well be Rotary’s best kept secret! A young woman from Lebanon, for example, held 525 Rotarians in hushed silence as she explained it was only after coming to America – as a GRSP student – that she was able to see the world differently, that peace is possible, through her friendship with a fellow GRSP student from Israel. Moments later, they made me an honorary Will Watt Fellow, a distinction that was the subject of some humor when District 6000 PDG Roger Borup, who volunteers with Habitat for Humanity in Georgia, saw the Will Watt Fellow pin on my lapel and said, with self-deprecating humor, “They made you a Will Watt Fellow?! I PAID for mine!” (The rest of the story is that I was so impressed with GRSP that I, too, am now a fully-paid Will Watt Fellow.)

We saw too many remarkable things to name them all, but lift up a few:

- District 6910’s long established Caribbean Initiative put Rotarians in contact with Rotarians in Haiti within minutes of the 2010 earthquake.
- 11-year-old Tyler Dorsey, the recipient of an award from the governor of Georgia, hosted a food drive that netted two truckloads of items and \$1,800, then set out jars for pennies and raised more than \$1,000 for PolioPlus. He plans to do more.
- In 10 years, Rotarians built more than 600 disabled ramps at a cost of more than \$250,000, and involved entire communities.
- District 6910 has 44 active Interact clubs and a district-wide literacy initiative.
- The district’s Guatemala Nutrition Initiative addresses child malnutrition with the purchase and distribution of “Chispitas” or “Sprinkles,” a tiny but powerful micronutrient supplement which has been proven to combat malnutrition effectively.
- The Lee Arrendale Vocational Excellence and Robert E. Stubbs Guardian of Ethics awards inspired us to recommend the Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award for District 6000.
- Nearly every club had a large and informative display in the House of Friendship, including scrapbooks and clippings. A “goodie basket” of gifts from clubs awaited us upon our arrival, and we received two beautiful Georgia “peach” crystals at the Sunday farewell as keepsakes of a time we will never forget.

These are but the tip of the iceberg of an awesome experience that, above all, was marked with friendship and fellowship. Our acquaintances “around the Rotary wheel” grow ever larger, and I was delighted to reconnect with Georgia friends at the Montreal RI Convention, and hopefully beyond.

Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2010 - March 22, 2010*

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(Members: Jul 10/Mar 11)	10-11 Goal	Thru 3-31-11	% of Goal	Per capita
Adel (28/29)	\$ 2,800	1,306	47	\$ 46.65
Albia (32/32)	1,860	925	50	28.91
Ames Morning (61/63)	6,930	8,225	119	134.84
Ames (237/247)	35,700	14,790	41	62.41
Ankeny (63/60)	11,250	3,365	30	53.41
Atlantic (65/67)	5,025	3,584	71	55.14
Bettendorf (101/92)	11,000	9,925	90	98.27
Bloomfield (14/15)	1,500	100	7	7.14
Boone (54/58)	5,700	4,215	74	78.06
Burlington (90/97)	9,900	6,985	71	77.61
Carroll (56/59)	5,800	750	13	13.39
Centerville (40/39)	3,900	1,750	45	43.75
Chariton (57/53)	5,985	5,450	91	95.61
Clinton (115/119)	9,840	6,774	69	58.90
Coon Rapids (23/26)	1,250	0	0	0
Coralville-North Corridor (27/30)	3,080	0	0	0
Corning (49/47)	2,600	2,590	100	52.86
Corydon (17/15)	300	300	100	17.65
Creston (21/21)	525	50	10	2.38
Dallas Center (26/25)	2,500	0	0	0
Davenport (133/168)	14,300	9,040	63	67.98
Decatur County (20/19)	675	2,500	370	125
Des Moines AM (138/143)	12,000	4,850	40	35.14
Des Moines (306/331)	22,500	16,815	75	54.95
East Polk County (41/40)	4,000	2,067	52	50.41
Fairfield (65/68)	7,040	0	0	0
Fort Madison (58/54)	5,600	2,900	52	50.00
Greater Des Moines (44/40)	4,100	600	15	13.64
Grinnell (31/31)	3,000	800	27	25.81
Indianola (45/52)	5,060	750	15	16.67
Iowa City AM (55/56)	7,000	15,452	221	280.95
Iowa City Downtown (18/19)	1,600	1,460	91	81.11
Iowa City (297/298)	26,640	27,950	105	94.11
Iowa Quad-Cities (48/48)	2,940	2,425	82	50.52
Jefferson (54/56)	5,400	3,922	73	72.64
Johnston (49/49)	5,000	0	0	0
Kalona (45/45)	4,600	150	3	3.33
Keokuk (87/83)	9,000	3,050	34	35.06
Keosauqua (24/24)	1,650	1,475	89	61.46
Knoxville (67/64)	6,400	3,000	47	44.78
Lenox (26/26)	2,500	851	34	32.77
Manning (20/17)	1,700	1,500	88	75.00
Marengo (12/14)	1,500	50	3	4.17
Marshalltown (168/174)	10,000	2,600	26	15.48
Mount Pleasant Noon (37/39)	1,700	1,944	114	52.54
Mt. Pleasant (28/30)	3,200	550	17	19.64
Muscatine (125/123)	18,500	10,639	58	85.11
Nevada (61/64)	6,820	1,100	16	18.03
Newton (72/79)	7,800	3,580	46	49.72
North Scott (96/104)	12,600	10,040	80	104.58
Northwest Des Moines (51/54)	11,310	7,680	68	150.59
Osceola (30/31)	2,400	0	0	0
Oskaloosa (50/55)	4,125	0	0	0
Ottumwa (100/110)	11,880	10,325	87	103.25
Pella (39/41)	4,300	1,000	23	25.64
Perry (26/26)	435	275	63	10.58
Tipton (24/26)	2,600	637	25	26.57
Washington (61/62)	7,040	2,455	35	40.25
Waukeke (48/47)	5,500	2,075	38	43.23
Wellman (37/36)	4,248	1,780	42	48.11
West Des Moines (74/80)	8,970	3,305	37	44.66
West Liberty (37/32)	7,400	7,000	95	189.19
Winterset (30/31)	1,860	0	0	0
Total (4,053/4,184)	\$ 414,338	\$ 239,679	57.85	\$ 59.14

Foundation news

100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow Clubs:

Annual Giving Chair Bill Koellner confirmed with Rotary International that seven clubs in District 6000 have achieved the status of 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow clubs. Bill's club, West Liberty, was first in 2006, and is followed by Nevada and Iowa City Downtown (2007), Coralville-North Corridor, Decatur County and Iowa City AM (2008) and Northwest Des Moines (2009). *Congratulations, all!*

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Iowa-Africa: The date for the Rotary Club of East Polk's Iowa-Africa Rotary fundraising event that was explained on page 15 of the last issue of *District 6000 News* has been changed from April 28 to May 12. The goal is to raise funds and awareness for ongoing projects in Africa. The event will be held at Prairie Meadows and will include wine and beer tasting, an auction, and a dynamic special guest.

An area for posters and displays will allow clubs to "tell the story" of their unique projects. Any Iowa Rotary club is eligible to partner as long as they have some project ongoing or planned in Africa.

East Polk Rotary Club's International Committee will provide logistics and will comprise the planning committee. The auction will likely be divided into "live" and "silent" categories with those goods and services likely to yield at least \$500 reserved for the "live" portion. Watch the club website for details and contact information: www.eastpolkrotary.org/.

Obituaries

Clubs have reported or *District 6000 News* has learned of the deaths of these members. *May light perpetual shine upon them.*

- George "Red" Frye, 91, died March 19. A longtime member of the Rotary Club of Albia, he was a member of the famed University of Iowa "Ironmen" football team.

- John McMahon, 56, a respected pharmacist and member of the Rotary Club of Corning, died Jan. 9 (see page 15).

The lives of all District 6000 Rotarians who died in the past year will be remembered at District Conference. If you have not already done so, please report those from your club to administrator Carolyn Scharff.

They're 'Dancing with the Stars' in Manning

■ 225 attend event for 17-member club that raises \$3,500

By Jean Behrens/Manning

"Oh What A Night" is a phrase that could certainly describe the Rotary Club of Manning's first annual "Dancing with the Stars" show. The production took place Feb. 12 in Manning, Iowa. The setting was the Manning Hausbarn Hansen Halle with the format much like the television show of the same name.

Five local couples danced to one slow and one fast song of their choice, each dance lasting approximately two minutes. Each couple was then interviewed by the master of ceremonies and critiqued and voted on by a panel of three 'judges,' all Manning Rotarians.

To add a little extra fun, audience members were able to purchase unlimited votes at a \$1 "positive vote" for their favorite couple or a \$2 "negative vote" to "detract" from another couple. A local C.P.A. and her husband recorded the additional voting and tallied the scores. The couple receiving the most votes was declared winner of the coveted Crystal Ball Trophy.

A social hour and catered meal for 225



Manning Rotary's "Dancing With The Stars" at the Hausbarn Hansen Halle.

patrons preceded the dancing. Coffee and desert was served at intermission. Cost of the evening was \$25 per person.

"Dancing with the Stars" was a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Manning's scholarship program. The event netted \$3,500. In previous years, two \$500 scholarships have been awarded to graduating high school seniors. This year, thanks in part to the generosity of those attending "Dancing

with the Stars," there will be three \$500 scholarships presented during graduation ceremonies.

To enjoy more photos of the Rotary Club of Manning's "Dancing with the Stars," please go to www.davidkusel.com. Scroll down the main page until the photo of a couple with a crystal ball. Then click on Click to see the Stars. On the left hand side of this site you can then open other photos.



The Rotary Club of Davenport presented 23 recognitions for various levels of Rotary Foundation giving on Jan. 24. Sixteen recipients were in attendance. Our program that day was Jim Wischhusen and his wife Susan. They presented a program about their immunization trips abroad and Jim spoke about a dam project he helped with in India. They, with Rotary Foundation Committee chair Josh Lederman, presented a group of Paul Harris Fellow recognitions.

News Briefs

New Orleans: The District 6000 Breakfast at the RI Convention in New Orleans will be Sunday, May 22 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at 333 St. Joseph Street, hosted by DGN Terry Geiger and Peggy. Send your reservations at \$39 by May 1 to the District 6000 office, P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219.

District 6000 Rotarians have a special invitation to "Cajun On The Bayou" on Host Hospitality Night, Monday, May 23, with Rotarians for whom we raised over \$89,000 after Hurricane Katrina. An article was in the last issue of District 6000 News. Information: PDG Corliss Klaassen, (641) 774-2478.

Northland Breakfast: As if one invitation for breakfast on Sunday weren't enough, there are two. RI Vice President Tom Thorfinnson invites Rotarians in Zone 28 to the annual Northland Zone cruise at the RI Convention on Sunday morning, May 22. Gather at 8:30 a.m. and cruise from 9-11. Send checks for \$45 to Zone PDG Elise Cadigan, 225 Halford Place, Rockton, IL 61072.

Future Conventions: The New Orleans convention will be the last in North America until 2017 when it comes to Atlanta. The 2012 Convention will be in Bangkok, Thailand.

Council On Legislation: District Governor Gary Welch reports that PDG Bill Tubbs (2004-05) of the Rotary Club of North Scott will be District 6000's delegate to the triennial Rotary International Council On Legislation (COL) in 2013. That is the body with worldwide representation from 530 districts that votes on changes to Rotary International Bylaws and governing documents. PDG Susan Herrick (2007-08)



The Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines was awarded the Rotary International Membership and Extension Award. The club grew from 28 to 51 members during the 2009-10 Rotary year and was the fastest growing club in the district. 2010-11 club president Drew Engebrecht and founding president, DGND Rita Perea, received the award from DG Gary Welch.

from the Rotary Club of Boone is the alternate.

Pajamas: The Pajama Parties in support of domestic abuse shelters continue with Rotary clubs in District 6000. A party was held March 22 in at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, organized by Helen's Pajama Party founder Kelly Sargent. Attendees bring a nightgown or pair of pajamas. Clubs in the Quad Cities held a pajama party Feb. 10 at Gilda's Club to benefit the Family Resources Domestic Violence Shelter and victim services program

Letter: Dear Rotary, Thank you again for you help with FESTIVAL 2011! I wanted to let you know what the results were for Rotary's night of FESTIVAL. The Rotarians took a total of 269 pledges adding up to \$51,605. The average pledge was \$192.00.

FESTIVAL could not succeed without volunteer groups like Rotary. Thank you for

being a part of making that happen. Rotary is a great group to work with!

-s- Shellee Bailey, Iowa Public TV

Letter: Wonderful article on the Nigeria trip in District 6000 News! I'm so glad the Rotary Club Malali project could get some recognition. Keep up the great work!

-s- Del Christensen, Rotary Club of Adel

Peace Scholar: Peace Scholar Wendi Boxx, originally from the Ottumwa area, who was sponsored by District 6000, said in a card sent in December that she hopes to make it to the Rotary District Conference. She is a master's candidate in International Education Policy at the Harvard Graduate School of Education: wendi_boxx@mail.harvard.edu.

General Secretary: The big change at Rotary International this year is the retirement of General Secretary Ed Futa on June 30. A world-wide search by the RI board ended with the hiring of John Hewko. He has significant international experience both in the for profit world and in the world of assistance to developing countries. John speaks six different languages including Spanish, Russian, Portuguese and his native English. He is a former charter member of the Kyiv Ukraine Rotary Club and his father is a long-time member of the Clarkston Michigan Rotary Club. RI Vice President Tom Thorfinnson, who was involved in the search, says John will be a tremendous leader. "The process of selection was thorough and inclusive. I was as impressed with the process as I am with the selection."



John Hewko

Stay at work or attend Rotary? Consider this

Here are some answers to the question, "Why come to Rotary?" for you to consider the next time you're wondering: "Should I stay at the office, play golf, go to the gym – or attend the meeting of my Rotary club?" Clip and save for reference!

By Kitte Noble/Des Moines

Club Executive Secretary

Why come to Rotary?!

- Because there will be at least one person at your table whose company is worth traveling a long way to enjoy.

- Because two or three others will act as though they enjoyed the meeting more because you were there.

- Because someone will add to your knowledge by talking about his or her business or some recent experience he or she has had.

- Because someone across the room will wave at you and grin.

- Because Rotary club programs provide a continuing education.

Attend Rotary wherever you go!

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

November 2010 - January 2011



Children wearing Rotary Harvest Party sweatshirts form a line for dinner at the "afternoon at the pumpkin patch" sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of North Scott, Davenport and Bettendorf last fall. Transportation was provided for 431 and each child received an event-themed T-shirt. Activities included hay rack rides, picking pumpkins to take home, hot dogs, roasting marshmallows for s'mores over a camp fire, petting and feeding small farm animals, navigating a corn maze, Medic EMS ambulance, Scott County Sheriff's Department and Long Grove Fire Department vehicles, and a medical evacuation helicopter take-off and landing.

CLUB	NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	63.00 %	31	67.00 %	26	75.00 %	15
Albia	52.70 %	48	44.20 %	50	57.80 %	41
Ames	60.00 %	33	60.00 %	36	59.00 %	39
Ames Morning	57.90 %	39	55.60 %	42	54.70 %	44
Ankeny	73.86 %	14	80.79 %	9	81.39 %	6
Atlantic	49.19 %	51	42.62 %	52		
Bettendorf	73.00 %	15	69.80 %	23	78.50 %	10
Bloomfield	80.00 %	8	82.00 %	8	66.00 %	26
Boone	55.00 %	45	58.00 %	40	56.00 %	42
Burlington	79.10 %	9	76.90 %	13	80.30 %	8
Carroll			57.29 %	41	62.50 %	31
Centerville	55.00 %	44	50.00 %	48	60.00 %	36
Chariton	75.00 %	12	70.00 %	22	69.00 %	23
Clinton	58.18 %	37	41.80 %	54	55.23 %	43
Coon Rapids					72.00 %	20
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00 %	1	92.00 %	1	100.00 %	1
Corning	66.00 %	27	66.00 %	28	72.00 %	19
Corydon	53.00 %	47	48.00 %	49	51.00 %	49
Creston	70.00 %	25	61.00 %	34	61.00 %	35
Dallas Center	72.00 %	19	73.00 %	19	72.00 %	18
Davenport	53.26 %	46	41.86 %	53	50.65 %	50
Decatur County	71.00 %	23	78.00 %	12	81.00 %	7
Des Moines	64.60 %	29	61.24 %	33	57.84 %	40
Des Moines A.M.			71.00 %	21		
East Polk County	50.00 %	49	52.31 %	44	52.56 %	48
Fairfield						
Fort Madison	57.00 %	41	66.00 %	27		
Greater Des Moines	71.00 %	22	73.00 %	18		
Grinnell	81.00 %	7	83.00 %	6	75.00 %	14
Indianola	65.89 %	28	65.49 %	29	63.30 %	29
Iowa City	31.41 %	55	28.65 %	57	35.72 %	54
Iowa City A.M.	72.00 %	18	71.70 %	20	72.17 %	16
Iowa City Downtown	76.47 %	11	83.82 %	4	77.94 %	11
Iowa Quad-Cities	61.36 %	32	68.89 %	24	61.67 %	33
Jefferson			68.00 %	25	68.00 %	24
Johnston	74.84 %	13	73.33 %	16	70.56 %	21
Kalona	70.19 %	24	64.97 %	31	70.00 %	22
Keokuk	40.52 %	54	39.09 %	56	40.96 %	53
Keosauqua	57.40 %	40	65.30 %	30	53.40 %	46
Knoxville	58.59 %	36	58.33 %	38	64.05 %	28
Lenox	78.00 %	10	79.00 %	11	72.00 %	17
Manning	72.00 %	17	75.00 %	15	80.00 %	9
Marengo			73.00 %	17		
Marshalltown	46.50 %	52	40.30 %	55	46.58 %	51
Mount Pleasant Noon	57.93 %	38	51.22 %	47	65.00 %	27
Mt. Pleasant	69.00 %	26	75.00 %	14	75.00 %	13
Muscatine	43.07 %	53	42.82 %	51	44.16 %	52
Nevada	71.24 %	20			76.79 %	12
Newton						
North Scott	92.21 %	3			88.25 %	5
Northwest Des Moines	89.29 %	4	80.00 %	10	94.51 %	3
Osceola	55.78 %	43	51.92 %	46	53.26 %	47
Oskaloosa	56.70 %	42	54.80 %	43	67.30 %	25
Ottumwa	58.64 %	35	58.97 %	37	59.53 %	37
Pella	72.00 %	16	63.00 %	32	62.00 %	32
Perry						
Tipton	64.50 %	30	58.00 %	39		
Washington	49.44 %	50	52.20 %	45	53.45 %	45
Waukee	97.30 %	2	82.61 %	7	92.82 %	4
Wellman	87.16 %	5	85.59 %	2	97.30 %	2
West Des Moines	59.01 %	34	83.51 %	5	63.24 %	30
West Liberty	71.00 %	21	60.00 %	35	59.00 %	38
Winterset	86.75 %	6	84.67 %	3	61.00 %	34

Tell Your Rotary Stories

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 .jpg photos to: btubbs@northscottpress.com.

If you have questions, please call DG Gary Welch, (515) 964-7432; editor Bill Tubbs, (563) 285-8111; Jacque Andrew, (515) 386-2114; Karin Franklin, (319), 321-8261; or your assistant governor.

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Club leaders' checklist

From DG Gary Welch . . .

- Presidents-Elect, submit your **Rotary Foundation** and **Membership Goal Sheets** to your AG by April 8, and your **Club Planning Guide** by May 31.
- Register yourself and encourage members to attend **District Conference**, April 28-30 at Ankeny (p. 1-2).
- Pre-register for the May 22-25 **RI Convention** in New Orleans by March 31, and sign up for the District 6000 Breakfast (p. 30).
- Urge your members and clubs to support **disaster relief for Japan** (p. 3, 25).
- Submit your **Presidential Citation** forms to DG Gary Welch by March 31 and respond to any other requests for nominations for awards and recognition.
- Celebrate **100 years of Rotary in Iowa** with the Rotary Club of Des Moines (p. 1).
- Sponsor one or more students for the April 12 **District 6000 RYLA** conference by March 31 (p. 12).
- Become part of a New Generations project by hosting a **Youth Exchange** student in 2011-12 (p. 18).
- Nominate an **Ambassadorial Scholar** for 2012-13 by March 31. Contact Jeff Bremer, (515) 249-5366.
- Ask members to support the East Polk Rotary's "**Iowa-Africa**" fundraiser (p. 28).
- Contact Dick Johnson if you would like to host a **Friendship Exchange** team (p. 11).
- Encourage attendance and report your **attendance** monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 30-31).
- Plan activities to create awareness in your community of Rotary's campaign to **eradicate polio** and raise funds to meet or exceed your club's commitment (p. 22-23).
- Tell students in your community who are attending Iowa State University about **Rotaract** (p. 24).
- Encourage your golfers to sign up and enjoy the June 6 **Bunny Harper Golf Outing** in Marshalltown (p. 13).
- Encourage members to enjoy an evening of Broadway music at **Shults & Company** in Grinnell (p. 20).
- Check your club's progress toward your 2010-11 **Rotary Foundation** goal and take steps to meet or exceed it (p. 28).
- Invite a quality **new member(s)** to join your club!
- **Submit news** of your club's successes or upcoming events by May 31, 2011 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacque Andrews (Jefferson).



2011 Rotary
District 6000
Conference

Registration

(each Rotarian should complete a separate form)

Thursday, April 28, 2011 – Saturday, April 30, 2011
Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Ankeny

Part One – Your Information

Name _____ Badge Name _____
 Last *First* *First only if different*

Spouse/Guest _____ Badge Name _____
 Last *First* *First*

Address _____
 Street, City, State, Zip

Rotary Club _____ Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

Part Two – Registration

***There is an early bird discount for registering by March 31, 2011**

	# Attending	Cost thru March 31	Cost after March 31	Total
ALL Meetings & Meals for Fri. (L & D) & Sat. (B, L & D) _____		\$110.00 each	\$160.00 each	_____
----- (other registration options) -----				
Thursday Golf 4-Person Best Ball Tournament @ Otter Creek Golf Course, Ankeny (includes lunch) _____		\$70.00 each	\$70.00 each	_____
My team members are: _____		OR Assign me to a team		
Thursday Dinner @ Courtyard Marriott _____		\$20.00 each	\$25.00 each	_____
Spouse Program Friday – Tour DMACC Crime Lab (If no, leave blank) _____		Yes, I/we wish to attend no charge	no charge	
Friday – Luncheon only (\$40 after 4/22) _____		\$32.00 each	\$32.00 each	_____
Friday only – All Day (L & D) _____		\$70.00 each	\$90.00 each	_____
Saturday only – All Day (B, L & D) _____		\$90.00 each	\$110.00 each	_____
Saturday Banquet only (Reserve by 4/22) _____		\$40.00 each	\$40.00 each	_____
Special Dietary needs: _____			Total Due	_____

Part Three – Payment Information

Early bird discount registration deadline is March 31st

Payment by Check: Make Check Payable to **Rotary D6000**

Payment by Credit Card: _____ MasterCard _____ Visa

Card No. _____

Expiration Date (MM, YYYY): _____

Your Signature _____

Mail payment and registration form to: District 6000 Conference, P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219

Part Four – Hotel Room Reservation

The Courtyard by Marriott Hotel website for room reservations is:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dsman?groupCode=rotrota&app=resvlink&app.fromDate=4/28/11&app.toDate=5/1/11> rotrora will appear as Group Code

A Special Room Rate of \$99.00 plus 12% tax is available until March 25th. You may call the hotel: 515-422-5555.

For conference registration assistance call Carolyn, District Administrator at 877-976-8279

Or email: dis6000admin@Lisco.com

Online Conference Registration is available – www.rotary6000.org On the right side under District Events click
DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2011, then on the left in the blue section click Conference Registration ONLINE