

Denny Skinner, District Governor, 2003-2004



Lend a Hand

Loose Change... December 2003 Family of Rotary



Governor's six month update...

I can hardly believe that 6 months of the "Lend A Hand" year has passed. What a great 6 months it has been in lending our hand to those in our club, our community, and the world. I trust all of you are feeling good about your year in whatever capacity Rotary calls you to serve. President Jonathan has designated December as Family of Rotary Month. With the holiday season upon us, there is no better month than to honor our family including our Rotary family.

I say thank you to all the District Chairs and their committees for the stellar job you are doing to further the goals of Rotary and the District. Through the efforts of the Interact Committee and the local clubs of Iowa City Noon and Perry, our district has two new Interact Clubs. Due to the efforts of West Des Moines Rotary and the Rotaract Committee we have the new Drake Rotaract Club. And with the help of Ames Morning and others, the ISU Rotaract Club has been revived. The continuing efforts of Bill Koellner and the Extension Committee, Doug Parsons of Coralville North Corridor, and guidance of PDG Gary Pacha and others the Power of Rotary will rise again in Iowa City with a new club, Downtown Iowa City.

There have also been successes this half-year by non-Rotarians and Rotarians. RYLA, led by Art Dinkin and his committee, had the largest number of students attending the daylong event at Camp Dodge with over 150 sophomores from 52 clubs. THE BEST EVER! For those clubs that didn't send students from their school, I would encourage you to make it a priority next year. The participation by Rotarians was also exceptional at the Regional Foundation and Membership Seminars. Six regionals were held around the district, located no more than 50 miles from any club. We had over 147 Rotarians from 47 clubs, and 15 clubs attending said they have never been to this seminar before. Results have shown an increase in participation in the Foundation Programs like Matching Grants, a new awareness of the benefits of giving to the Foundation, and new strategies to increase a club's Sustaining Members by using Recognition Points. A new initiative of **Every Rotarian Every Year** has been ushered in and PDG Don Goering has developed creative ways for

Non-Sustaining Members to become Paul Harris Sustaining Members. This is accomplished by using the generous gifts from other Rotarians as matching funds. *We must remember that the goal is not the PAUL HARRIS FELLOW PROGRAM but the Paul Harris Sustaining Member Program.* (See article on page 3 about Every Rotarian Every Year)

One of the biggest success stories is one that has been in the making for over 8 years. As of December 1st, District 6000 now has a district office and a district administrator. District files, banners, plaques, etc., that have been passed from one District Governor to the next, will now be in Knoxville at 212 South Third Street where we have leased space from the Iowa Saving Bank. Jerri Uitermarkt, from Knoxville, is our new District Administrator. She will be outfitting the office during December and we will be in full operation by 1st January 2004. (See article on page 2 about Jerri and her duties)

I am sure there have been many success stories in your community as well. At the beginning of this Rotary year I encouraged all clubs to submit an article for the newsletter. I assigned each club a month and prior to the submission deadline a reminder was sent out. I think it is important that we all know what other clubs are doing in their communities; maybe it will spark a new service project or a fundraiser idea. Many of you have contributed to the monthly newsletter and I thank you for that. Others have chosen not to. Isn't anything good going on in your community and/or your club? I know there is. Even though your month might be past, we can still add your contribution to the newsletter these remaining months.

Kathy and I extend our most heart-felt wishes to all of you and your families. May you have a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

**2003-2004 District Governor
Denny and Kathy Skinner**

District 6000 News...

Rotary Foundation Programs Grow....Funding Does Not Keep Pace.

If you attended one of the six regional Foundation and Membership Seminars during October and November, you heard about the new initiative EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR - \$100.00. If you were present at the District Governor's official visit to your club, you heard EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR - \$100.00.

It is important for you to know that the programs supported by The Rotary Foundation are growing. As clubs hear about Matching Grants, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchanges, Individual Grants, District Simplified Grants, they want to get involved. As the involvement grows, world wide, the funding must also grow. There are more requests for funds from clubs and districts to participate in these programs than there is money to fund the programs. That is why The Rotary Foundation needs our support.

On November 1st I sent a letter to all Governors, Past and Future, Assistant Governors, and District Committee Chairs to ask them to commit to be a Paul Harris Sustaining Member. They have all sent back their commitment. 100% of District 6000 leadership team are PAUL HARRIS SUSTAINING MEMBERS. I told them I would expect nothing less. They didn't prove me wrong. I expect nothing less from all of you. A letter went out on December 12th to all club presidents asking for their commitment.

The District has innovative ways to help you get non-sustaining members to become Paul Harris Sustaining Members. Matching Funds are available from the generous gifts of other Rotarians. You may contact PDG Don Goering for all the details.

MEET JERRI UITERMARKT...

Jerri Uitermarkt is the new District 6000 Administrator as of December 1, 2003! Jerri brings a great deal of experience to this position. She is recently retired from Verizon Communications where she supervised 16 people in a cross-functional atmosphere. She will take over administrative duties as of January 1, 2004 and her duties will include,

- ✓ Administrative duties that relate to District Governor & District Governor Elect
- ✓ Maintain current content of Web-site
- ✓ Develop and print District Directory (when necessary)
- ✓ Disseminate correspondence to appropriate committees
- ✓ Registrar for Foundation, PETS, Assembly and District Conference
- ✓ Track attendance from clubs
- ✓ Attend Budget and Executive Committee meetings
- ✓ Track District Alumni
- ✓ Ex-Officio on District Committee
- ✓ Public relations coordination for committees
- ✓ Other duties as assigned by the District Governor

An e-mail will be sent at a later date to all Presidents and Secretaries with Jerri's contact information. Please welcome Jerri as the first administrator in the District's new district office!



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EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR.

You or a representative of your club attended one of the six recent District 6000 Rotary Foundation Seminars. At those meetings the **"Every Rotarian Every Year"** program was introduced and explained calling for all Rotarians to contribute at least \$100 to the Annual Program Fund of The Rotary Foundation each year by June 30, 2005.

As we discussed, the 2002-03 Annual Program Fund per District 6000 Rotarian contribution was \$67.95. Our Rotary International leaders are encouraging each club to increase their Annual Program Fund giving this Rotary year by one-half of the difference of what your club gave in 2002-03 and \$100.00. For District 6000, that means we need to collectively increase our giving to \$83.97. $((\$100.00 - \$67.95)/2 + \$67.95) = \$83.97.$

To help achieve this increase for 2003-2004, two Rotarians in the same family have made a challenge major gift, which is to be used to encourage non-giving Rotarians to become Sustaining contributors of \$100 per year to The Rotary Foundation. You will be receiving additional information regarding this challenge gift in the very near future.

In addition, we asked that each club review their membership to identify one or more potential major donors who could be contacted and encouraged to provide another challenge type gift to the other

Rotarians of your club and other clubs in District 6000. In our roles as Major Gift committee members for District 6000, we are asking that you send us the names and contact information of potential major donors from your club. Major donors are individuals that have the capacity to contribute \$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation.

Please send information by December 20, 2003 to:

Margaret Wilson
314 Eaglewood Drive
Ankeny, IA 50021

E-mail address: Margaret.Wilson@mchsi.com

If you have any questions, please contact either Margaret or Don.

In Service to Others as we "Lend A Hand,"

Dennis Skinner
District Governor
2003-04

Margaret Wilson
Major Gifts Chair, District 6000

Don Goering
District Governor 1998-99
National Advisor, Permanent Fund

Family of Rotary

'Each Child is One of Kind'

Last month our club did something new. It all started from a letter I received as club president from the District 5610 Governor in the great state of Minnesota. The letter informed me of an opportunity to participate in a great service project. At the time, it was nearing the end of my term and I just didn't have time to 'get it going'. Of course the great thing about Rotary and having such a close-knit club is that it was very easy to carry this great idea over to the next president and next year. Little did I know that this

project would fit in so nicely with my wife, Michelle and my involvement in the Family of Rotary Committee.

The one true fear we have as parents is losing a child, especially to abduction or kidnapping. Every parent has this same fear and we always hope and pray it will never happen to anyone or us. But what can we do about it. Yes, we can talk to our kids. But we want to be sure we are doing everything we can to make sure it doesn't

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happen. The Jacob Wetterling Foundation was started by parents who were not so lucky. Their son Jacob disappeared and is yet to be found. But what they have done is try to make sure it never has to happen to any other family. Their story is remarkable and humbling and inspires one to do as much as possible to avoid the same fate. Jacob's Foundation has put together a way to combine child identification kits and safety education in hopes of preventing further child disappearances and minimizing the horrors involved when it does happen.

It's simple and goes something like this. It's a 'Child Identification Packaged Program' that your club can purchase and explains all the things to do in a completed packet complete with promotional materials, brochures, assistance with planning, and easy step-by-step instructions. The involvement can be as simple as assembling the child protection kits and distributing them to the local schools and day cares. Or, if you want to get more involved your club can host or co-host a safety fair day at the school. Both are easy to do because the package you receive gives you all the instructions.

At Nevada Rotary, we chose the simpler version due to timing with the local school. The school had their first of the year parent/teacher conferences coming up in about a month so time was of essence. Our process went like this.

1. Contacted the elementary principal to see if a child protection kit or something similar had been done in the past.
2. Kiwanis had done one about 5 years ago so the principal was very open to the project.
3. Principal met with her staff and building committee and chose the best time for the event, which correlated with the parent-teacher conferences.
4. We received the materials via mail within 5 days of ordering and quickly reviewed the contents.

5. Our 'Family of Rotary' committee spent approximately 4 hours assembling the kits, which involved putting Ziploc bags, hospital gloves, and Q-tips together with the instructional brochure.
6. The completed kits were then boxed and delivered to the school to be passed out to all the parents during the conferences.
7. We also contacted the local day care providers and assembled enough kits for their kids and delivered the kits to each day care.
8. As a back up for anyone who didn't get a 'kit' or for other area schools we asked the local hospital to be the pick-up sight for parents wanting to get a kit. The hospital also graciously agreed to donate the gloves for the kits.
9. We also provided to the school and day care centers the safety video to be used in the classrooms or centers to educate kids on how to be safe.

The whole process went extremely smooth and was appreciated by the community. The local paper took some pictures during the assembly line process of putting the kits together. We all had fun.

To get started call the Jacob Wetterling Foundation at 1-800-325-HOPE and ask them for their Child Protection Kit Package. They will also ask you how many brochures you will need (so find out ahead of time the approximate number of elementary and day care age kids your community has). Help keep our kids safe and our families together forever. Thanks.

**Steve and Michelle Cassabaum,
Co-Chairs, Family of Rotary Committee**

Centerville Rotary Club helps build new playground...

On Saturday, October 17, 2003 members of the Centerville Rotary Club were joined by area service groups in the construction of age appropriate playgrounds for a community day care and preschools.

Boy Scouts of America, Americorps, Centerville Rotary, and parents of students at the Appanoose County Day Care and Preschool joined together to plant trees, landscape, and assemble play Equipment provided by a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Development.

"The cooperative effort left all with a great sense

of satisfaction," noted Tracy Daugherty Miller, Rotary Club President. "By pooling resources with the other service organizations, we were all amazed at how quickly and effectively the playgrounds came together."

The play areas at the day care now provide age-appropriate, stationary equipment for the children. Trees, flowers, shrubbery, and grasses enhance outdoor play where concrete once existed as the primary environment.

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Photos: 'Centerville Rotary'-
Tom Johnson and Dick Dietzman of Centerville
Rotary review instructions for the assembly of a play
station while Mike Miller looks on.



'Centerville Rotary 2'-
Bob King and Tom Johnson get down to business as
they tighten bolts on a stationary piece of equipment.



Front Row: Mike Miller, Tracy Daugherty Miller,
Dick Dietzman, Tom Johnson, and Mark Fulton.
Second Row: Bob King and Ed Shirley.

Centerville Rotarians take a break to test out the
Recently construction play station and to snap
a photo for the local newspaper.

Tracy Daugherty Miller, President
Centerville Rotary Club
tmiller@cvrcc.org

Atlantic Rotary

The Atlantic Rotary Club held their 21st Annual
Rotary Auction and Dinner on November 22nd at
the Atlantic Golf & Country Club. Tickets were
sold prior to the auction at \$20 per person and
were sold out approximately 10 days prior to the
event. There were 236 people in attendance.
The evening started at 5:30 with a cocktail hour,
which allowed bidders to preview items to be
auctioned and begin the bidding process on the
silent auction items. Dinner was served at 6:30
with door prizes following shortly thereafter. The
auction began at 7:30. The auction items raised
\$28,700, about \$3,000 more than last year.
Some of the larger items included: Colorado
condo and ski package - \$1,500; Corn grower's
seed challenge with 12 bags of seed - \$1,100;
Barn Party for 150 people including DJ, roast

hog and keg beer - \$1,100. A complete auction
bill is available if anyone is interested. In
addition to the auction, we also conducted a
raffle as we have for the past few years. We
raffled a 2003 27' Sunny Brook Travel Trailer.
Raffle tickets were sold for \$50 a piece with the
net proceeds going to the Atlantic Booster Club.
After paying for the camper and sales tax, we
netted \$5,750 bringing our total funds raised at
\$34,450. Our goal for the raffle was to sell 700
tickets, however, we only sold 426. Past years
raffle items include a Harley Davidson Fat Boy,
Chrysler PT Cruiser and a Dodge Dakota
Extended Cab Pickup.

Steve Tjepkes
Atlantic President

Odyssey Rotary Club

The Ottumwa Odyssey Rotary Club is in the process of evolving and growing to meet our "mission" goals. For those of you who are not familiar with the Odyssey Club, let me first give you a bit of history. The Ottumwa Odyssey Club was formed and awarded the opportunity to be a part of Rotary International's Pilot Project with a mission to adapt to a changing world, to continue to be a relevant part of the communities in which it serves, and to attract younger professionals. The purpose of the pilot clubs is to explore ways to address these issues in innovative ways and in a more simplified structure than the recommended club structure. To put it simply, at this point in time we are a "test club". Our mission is to share leadership, mentoring skills, and business skills with a group of first year and second year Indian Hills Community College students. The goal is to provide them with leadership skills that will assist them in their professional careers and in return it is our desire that the students become an asset to our community and active long-term members of Rotary. In light of this goal, the Ottumwa Odyssey Club is working hard in its second operational year of exploration – or in other words, its odyssey.

Odyssey started off the new school year in September adding new student members to its group. Further, we maintained many of the student members from last year. As part of our program, we hold two 1.5 to 2 hour evening meetings a month. Although it is a different schedule than traditional clubs, we strive to meet approximately as many hours as traditional clubs, and it is our hope, that meeting in this fashion, we are afforded the time to work on projects without being rushed and we have the added benefit of handling all club business

without additional committees. The first meeting of the month consists of a speaker or activity that typically pertains to leadership in business, professional relationship/team building, understanding the different work styles of individuals and other relevant topics. The second meeting is a less formal meeting that may include planning for the next meeting as well as developing the relationships between the students and the professional members.

Currently, as part of our leadership development program, our second year students are taking what they learned in their first year and applying it to a project. Our students are working to develop the project idea, obtaining the necessary information to define the parameters of the project, define the resources needed, and work with a small group of our professional members to put it all into action. Further, the students will be working to obtain the necessary funds to complete the project as well as complete the paper work for applying for a District Simplified Grant. It is our goal to not only talk about leadership, but to help our students put it into action in our own community.

Lastly, we believe as part of serving our community, it should be enjoyable. Therefore, we will be having a Christmas dinner in December to celebrate the holidays, to celebrate the hard work our student and professional members have contributed to our club, to enjoy the relationships we have formed with each other, and to sum it all up, to celebrate our odyssey.

Kellie Weilbrenner
Odyssey President

Xicotepec Project Update...

By Jim Peterson

Exciting progress continues as preparations are made for the Project Team visit to Xicotepec in March 2004.

- Applications for the D6000 Project Team that will visit Xicotepec in March 2004 are available and have been sent to each club President and Secretary in the District. Applications are also available from [Jim Peterson](mailto:jim-peterson@mchsi.com) (jim-peterson@mchsi.com).
- On November 20th the fire truck sent to Xicotepec by FAMSCO was inaugurated into service with a parade and a celebration organized by the Xicotepec Rotary Club and the Municipal Government. This is Xicotepec's first fire truck ever and will provide emergency fire service to a population of some 130,000 people in and around Xicotepec who have never had this kind of service – until now. Congratulations to FAMSCO Members who helped to successfully complete this project.
- The school bus and school equipment and furnishings that were sent to Xicotepec by the Dallas Center Rotary Club using a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant have also arrived in Xicotepec and the bus has been donated to the municipality by Xicotepec Rotarians. It will be used to provide bus service to and from the town center for students attending the Centro Escolar, the Technological University and the Xicotepetl University.
- The District 6000 Humanitarian Service Committee has approved the use of \$10,000 for matching funds, which will be used to improve the “Tele-secundaria” secondary school in the Los Tezontles neighborhood of Xicotepec. This school is currently operating with dirt floors in some of the classrooms, and with only the most basic of facilities, furniture, etc. The long-range plan calls for three new buildings that will house classrooms, laboratory space and restrooms. These improvements will be done as time and funding permit. The NW Des Moines Rotary Club has assumed leadership of the effort to improve this school. Are you or your club interested in supporting NW Des Moines in this interesting and exciting project? Contact President [Lloyd Hill](mailto:lrhill@american-equity.com) (lrhill@american-equity.com),
- The Project Team's activities in Xicotepec in March will in large part be related to the theme of literacy. Among the projects being considered are the construction and/or outfitting (books, shelves, tables, catalog, etc.) of library space at the Primary and Tele-secondary schools of Los Tezontles; reading events with parents and children; assessment of adult literacy needs and formulation of a plan to address them, assisting in the teaching of English classes at both the Technological University and the Xicotepetl University, etc.
- If your club would like to sponsor a matching grant project in Xicotepec, the District Xicotepec Committee will help you find a project, find a partner, complete the matching grant paperwork and execute the project. Contact [Ray Muston](mailto:raymuston@mchsi.com) or [Jim Peterson](mailto:jim-peterson@mchsi.com) (raymuston@mchsi.com or jim-peterson@mchsi.com)

Humanitarian Service Committee In Action...

History

Following is an excerpt from the Rotary District 6000 Manual of Procedure:

The Humanitarian Service Restricted Fund (Disaster Relief) was established in 1993 to administer funds received from Rotarians worldwide that responded to the RI appeal for assistance needed due to the disastrous flooding in District 6000. The majority of these funds were distributed to needy individuals in grants of up to \$1,000. Recognizing that District 6000 owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Rotary world, the continuing purpose of the Restricted Fund provides the means for timely monetary response to disaster or other humanitarian needs within District 6000 or in other Rotary districts.

The source of cash for this fund is monies, which may be designated from time-to-time by the various clubs of District 6000, or monies which may be authorized for transfer by the Budget and Finance Committee from any unexpended portion of the previous year budget contingency allowance. This fund is held in a separate account by the District Treasurer and is subject to all accounting policies promulgated and published by the Budget and Finance Committee.

The District Governor appoints a Humanitarian Service Committee consisting of four Rotarians, two of whom are Past Governors. One of the Past Governors is designated as Chairman. Members of the Budget and Finance Committee may not concurrently serve on this committee. All requests for disaster relief or other aid are screened by this committee and, upon majority vote thereof, recommended to the Governor for disbursement.

Committee Members

The Humanitarian Service Committee is presently chaired by Past Governor Lynn Johnson and also includes Past Governor Bill Reese and Rotarians Dan Foley and Steve Laughlin.

Grant Awards

During the 02/03 Rotary Year, the Humanitarian Service Committee began the year with a \$41,000 balance and awarded six grants totaling \$23,500. Grants awarded included \$2,500 flood relief grants to Rotary Districts in the Czech Republic, France and Austria; a \$10,000 grant for the first Rotoplast mission trip to El Salvador; a \$1,000 grant to a South African student enrolled at DMACC and in need of emergency financial assistance and a \$5,000 grant to help establish a scholarship program for the new school is Xicotepec, Mexico.

During the 03/04 Rotary Year, the Humanitarian Service Committee began the year with a \$34,000 balance and has thus far awarded grants of \$10,000 each to the Rotoplast 2004 Project and the Xicotepec Secondary School Project. The grant to the Xicotepec Project was made as a matching grant up to a maximum of \$10,000 to provide an incentive for donations from local clubs and individual Rotarians.

Source of Funds

In recent years the Humanitarian Service Restricted Fund has been funded by an annual transfer of the contingency funds remaining from the previous year's district program and donations from local clubs within District 6000. With contingency fund transfers typically in the \$5,000 - \$10,000 range, maintaining the long-term viability of this fund is going to require more local club participation or locating additional sources of funds.

The Humanitarian Service Restricted Fund is invaluable tools in helping our district respond relatively quickly to a wide variety of disaster relief and humanitarian service requests and we invite and encourage local clubs and individual Rotarians to help financially support this program.

Steve Laughlin
Humanitarian Services Fund Committee

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Congratulations...

to the following clubs that were awarded banners for their outstanding achievement in giving to the Rotary Foundation in 2002-2003

Top three clubs Annual Programs Fund Giving....

1st Place Des Moines Noon \$37,500.00

2nd Place Ames Noon \$23,850.00

3rd Place Muscatine \$19,898.33

Top three clubs per capita Annual Programs Fund Giving....

1st Place Wellman \$152.35

2nd Place West Liberty \$152.27

3rd Place Bettendorf \$143.63

Recognition banners have been awarded by either the
District Governor or Assistant Governor for the clubs.



Governor Denny Skinner at Zone 27-28
Institute escorting DGE Bill and Linda Tubbs in
their coming out viewing.

Linda, Bill and Denny

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*Not Reported

November Attendance

<u>Name of Club</u>	<u>No. of Meetings</u>	<u>No. of Members</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>	<u>Rank for November</u>
Adel	*			
Albia	*			
Ames	4	265	68.51%	27
Ames Morning	*			
Ankeny	4	62	68.00%	28
Atlantic	*			
Bettendorf	4	89	82.01%	10
Bloomfield	4	14	61.00%	36
Boone	4	38	56.00%	37
Burlington	4	116	82.21%	9
Carroll	3	62	73.33%	18
Centerville	*			
Chariton	3	58	70.00%	23
Clinton	4	127	66.67%	29
Coon Rapids	*			
Coralville No Corridor	4	46	96.00%	2
Corning	4	59	80.46%	11
Corydon	*			
Creston	*			
Dallas Center	*			
Davenport	3	210	61.08%	35
Decatur County	4	19	78.00%	13
Des Moines	3	388	71.37%	21
Des Moines AM	3	151	69.00%	26
East Polk County	4	38	72.00%	19
Fairfield	*			
Fort Madison	*			
Grinnell	4	33	74.80%	16
Indianola	4	39	76.39%	15
Iowa City AM	4	291	56.00%	38
Iowa City	4	55	52.90%	44
Iowa Quad Cities	3	44	55.56%	40
Jefferson	*			
Johnston	4	31	69.64%	25
Kalona	4	39	85.71%	7
Keokuk	4	97	44.50%	45
Keosauqua	4	31	53.30%	43
Knoxville	4	67	65.30%	32
Lenox	4	37	66.00%	30
Manning	4	26	63.00%	34
Marengo	*			
Marshalltown	4	193	73.34%	17
Mount Pleasant	*			
Mount Pleasant PM	*			
Muscatine	*			
Nevada	4	68	76.53%	14
Newton	4	102	70.29%	22
North Scott	4	104	87.56%	6
Northwest Des Moines	4	82	98.00%	1
Odyssey	2	22	55.00%	41
Osceola	4	42	55.00%	42
Oskaloosa	4	59	72.00%	20
Ottumwa	4	117	65.97%	31
Pella	4	47	82.70%	8
Perry	4	38	64.00%	33
Tipton	4	33	79.90%	12
Washington	*			
Waukee	3	42	88.62%	5
Wellman	3	37	94.23%	3
West Des Moines	3	83	70.00%	24
West Liberty	4	41	56.00%	39
Winterset	3	37	90.54%	4