

District 6000 News

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Celebrate Rotary at District Conference



Don Patterson
District Governor

By DG Don Patterson/Washington

Hello everyone!!

The high level of activity for District 6000 continues. So many Rotary leaders and Rotarians are very busy planning for all of our training sessions and District Conference. Club boards are making decisions on their Foundation commitments and Membership goals for the coming Rotary year.

The MOST and Xicotepec trips have happened. The Charles Gabus Foundation helped MOST with a \$20,000 gift to cover annual operating expenses. The Group Study Exchange team from District 9910 in New Zealand is here. Rotarians in the district and clubs are naturally beginning to think about next year.

Our District Conference this year is in Riverside, Iowa, at the Riverside Casino and Resort, April 12-14. Our emphasis is celebrating what we do in District 6000. We will focus presentations on our Foundation and the Five Avenues of Service. PDG Stephen Leonard of Martinsville, Ind., will be our Rotary International President's Representative. Command Sergeant Major Steve Blake of the Rock Island Arsenal will be our keynote speaker Friday evening. We will be packaging meals through "Kids Against Hunger." On Thursday we will have golf and visits to Kalona. On Friday and Saturday we will have entertainment, and much information about Rotary and our District 6000.

We want to encourage as many club members as possible to attend. An "All Club" luncheon is scheduled for Friday the 13th.

Let's have a good time and discover what "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" means to each of us.

District Conference, April 12-14 at Riverside



Come for friendship, fellowship and to celebrate service with our District 6000 and international friends. A schedule is on page 2. Register online today at www.rotary6000.org.



Rotary connection opens door for historic China visit

Rotarian Sarah Lande (r) greets Chinese vice president Xi Jinping at her Muscatine home during a historic visit to the U.S. that included two days in Iowa, Feb. 15-16. Below, Iowa Governor and Des Moines Rotarian Terry Branstad toasts Xi at a state dinner. On page 4, read how a visit to the Rotary Club of Muscatine in 1985 paved the way for the historic events.



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District Conference at a glance

District Governor Don Patterson
Co-Chairs Susan Wellington, Cheryl Kurtz



THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Noon Golf shotgun start, Riverside Golf Resort
5:00 p.m. Golf prizes awarded
5:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres dinner, Golf Resort pool area
6:00-7:30 p.m. Conference check-in, Golf Resort pool area

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 a.m. House of Friendship opens,
front of Main Ballroom
8:00 a.m.-noon Conference check-in,
Riverside Conference Center

9:00-11:30 a.m. **Rotary Foundation**
PolioPlus
Matching Grants
District Simplified Grants
Ambassadorial Scholars
Foundation awards

11:45 a.m.-1:20 p.m. **Youth/New Generations**
Exchange Student introductions and Flag Ceremony
Singing - Rotary songs

Noon **All-Club Luncheon**
District 6000 Youth Exchange
RI President's Rep PDG Steve Leonard (see p. 10)
Awards

1:45 p.m. **Club Service**
Business meeting
Membership
Club Extension
Public Relations
Awards

3:45 p.m. House of Friendship, view Silent Auction
Front of Main Ballroom

5:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception, Main Ballroom

6:00-8:30 p.m. **Governor's Dinner**
Black tie optional, Paul Harris Fellow medallions
Entertainment: Just Us Girls
Speaker: Command Sergeant Major Steve Blake (see p. 31)
Silent and Live Auction

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

7:00-9:00 a.m. Conference check-in,
Riverside Conference Center

7:30 a.m. House of Friendship opens,
front of Main Ballroom

7:30-8:30 a.m. PDG and Foundation Donor Breakfast
(invitation only), Wellman/Washington Rooms

7:45-8:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet, Main Ballroom

8:30-10:00 a.m. **Opening Session**
RI President's Rep Stephen Leonard
GSE Team Presentation, D9910, New Zealand
Awards

10:30-11:30 a.m. **International Service**
Iowa M.O.S.T.
Humanitarian Education Fund/FAMSCO
Friendship Exchange

11:30 a.m. In Memoriam, Main Ballroom

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Luncheon, Main Ballroom
Xicotepec Project Team

1:00-3:30 p.m. **Community/Vocational Service**
Guardian of Integrity Award
Invitations
Literacy
Awards
Membership Best Practices

3:30 p.m. Conference Adjourns

Miles Of Smiles Team returns from successful mission to Guatemala

By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM

Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team

The Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team (MOST) is a Rotary District 6000 project, which provides cleft lip and palate surgical repair to individuals living in the western highlands of Guatemala where there is a significantly higher incidence of the anomaly than in the U.S.

This free surgery serves individuals of extremely limited financial means. Families come from many miles around over mountain roads and rough terrain. They make the difficult trip in hopes that a family member can have the surgery that will change a life.

This year marks the seventh year of this District 6000 project. The mission team worked at the Hospital Regional in Quetzaltenango where they carry out the mission every other year alternating with the Hospital de Especialidades in Huehuetenango. This year's mission began on Feb. 23 and ran through March 4.

There were 37 members of the Iowa Miles of Smiles Team led by Medical Team Leader and Chief Surgeon Dr. John Canady and Team Leader PDG Gary Pacha. Other surgeons working in the OR with Dr. Canady were Drs. Ben Cable, Brian Andrews, Dan Jorgensen, Chris Baranano, Kristen Boyle and Antonio Rosal Alvarez. Dr. Rosal is a local doctor from Guatemala City who has worked with our teams all seven years we have traveled to Guatemala.

Anesthesiologists traveling with the team were Drs. David Swanson, Ron Abrons, Barry Beutler, Rebecca Floyd and Jessica Kelley. Pediatricians Drs. Peter Wallace and Oscar Gomez took care of patients in the pre- and post-op ward.

Many times dentists worked in the OR to pull infected teeth. Drs. Steven Aquilino, William Gates and Aaron Figueroa also made dental appliances for cleft palate patients who were not able to have the cleft repaired surgically.

Nurses Theresa Cody, Jennifer Oliver, Sandra Kessler, Kallie DeWall and Jody Meyer worked in surgery. Marilyn Wurth and B.J. Wagner ran the recovery room, and Dee Grems and Mindy Bowen worked with the pediatricians in pre- and post-op wards. Ruben Zuniga had the role of sterilizing the surgical instruments and he was also a valued translator.

Every mission has its snags with equipment. This year Keith Barkalow filled the position of bio-medical engineer, taking care of equipment problems that arose.

Not all tasks are managed by medical personnel. Volunteers Gary Pacha and Karin Franklin (Rotary Club of Iowa City) managed organizational responsibilities prior to and during the mission. Helping in country to add support in the recovery rooms and the wards, to keep records, maintain the blog and to act as translators were PDG Cal and Rachel Litwiller (Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant), Jim Arthur (Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines), Tita Coffman (Rotary Club of Iowa City) and Nancy Pacha (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM). Other volunteers were Robyn Braverman and two Johnson & Johnson engineers Krasimira Hristov and Reinhard Juraschek.

There will be a comprehensive account of the 2012 Iowa MOST mission to Guatemala in the next issue of District 6000 News. A day-to-day description of the activity can be found at www.iowa-most.blogspot.com.



Damian Dixon



Duane Wells



Laura McKenzie



Nirav Shah



Pip Bolton



Warren Patterson

Meet New Zealand GSE team at District Conference

A Group Study Exchange team from District 9910 in New Zealand arrived in Iowa on March 16 and will be hosted by clubs in District 6000, with help from District 5970 in northern Iowa.

All Rotarians will have a chance to meet the team and hear their presentations at District Conference, April 12-14 at Riverside.

Group Study Exchange is a program of The Rotary Foundation whose objective is to further international understanding, friendship, goodwill and peace. A team from District 5970 traveled to New Zealand last year.

Team leader is Rotarian Warren Patterson, a mobile learning facilitator at the University of Auckland, and non-Rotarian team members (ages 25-40) are:

- Pip Bolton, architect and engineer from Kerikeri (sponsored by Bay of Islands Rotary Club);
- Duane Wells, horticultural manager from Whangarei

(sponsored by Whangarei Rotary Club);

- Damian Dixon, dairy farmer from One Tree Point (sponsored by Whangarei South Rotary Club);

- Laura McKenzie, year 12 dean and teacher from Auckland (sponsored by North Harbour Rotary Club);

- Nirav Shah, cash funds investor from Auckland (sponsored by East Coast Bays Rotary).

Host clubs for this year's team:

March 16-22: Des Moines and Ankeny;

March 22-26: Jefferson;

March 26-30: Nevada;

March 30-April 1: Dubuque (District 5970);

April 1-6: North Scott;

April 6-12: Iowa City;

April 12-17: Washington.

For 2012-13, DGE Terry Geiger has arranged an exchange in April 2013 with District 4340 in Chile.

Participate in Conference:

Donate to the Charity Auction ...

By PDG Cal Litwiller/Mount Pleasant

The District Conference Committee for the 2012 District Conference to be held in Riverside is working hard. Here is your opportunity to support D-6000 and the District Conference.

We are in need of an item donated by your club for the Charity Auction. The proceeds will pay for the expenses of our Youth Exchange students to attend the District Conference with the remainder going to PolioPlus.

Examples: A basket representing your club or area; Artwork by club member or local artist; Wine from a winery near you; A theme basket; Vacations or weekends away.

To make a donation, please communicate with us: Rachel or Calvin Litwiller, 311 N. Adams St., Mt. Pleasant; litwiller457@gmail.com or rlitwiller@yahoo.com. Cell phones: 319-931-6440 or (319) 931-6441.

Bring a club or project display ...

Club and project displays are welcomed for the District 6000 District Conference, April 13-14 at Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA 52327. This is your chance to showcase your projects and see what others are doing.

Set up is Friday morning the 13th and tear down is Saturday the 14th at 3 p.m. There is no cost, but we would like to know who is coming. Contact DGE Terry or Peggy Geiger at tlgeiger@grm.net or geiger@graceland.edu, or call (641) 446-6576.

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Chinese diplomat proudly wears a Paul Harris Fellow pin

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Editor, District 6000 News

A 1985 visit to the Rotary Club of Muscatine and time spent in the home of Muscatine Rotarians Roger and Sarah Lande made a big impression on a young Chinese agriculturist named Xi Jinping.

Twenty-seven years later, on Feb. 15, 2012, Xi Jinping, who is the vice president of China and the likely successor of President Hu Jintao, repaid the visit to Muscatine and the Lande's residence in a high profile meeting with international implications.

The 1985 visit by Xi was arranged through Iowa's Sister State relationship with Hebei province. "They wanted to learn about agriculture and how the Chinese could feed their people better," said Sarah Lande. "It was his first time outside China. He was 32 then. He was in Muscatine three days and two nights and also stayed with Eleanor and Tom Dvorchak.

"He mentioned he had read as a youth about the Mississippi River and Mark Twain and he wanted to see the river. He was excited to see America and be welcomed. He stayed in the bedroom with our kids with Star Wars on the wall and was treated like one of our kids. That made a huge impression on him. It was fresh for him, and fresh for us to host someone from China.

"I always love people from other countries, probably because of my Rotary spirit," said Lande.

"When he was in Muscatine in 1985 he attended our Rotary club and when he came back this time, we were told he only wanted to meet with old friends. We got a letter from RI President Kalyan Banerjee saying they invited China to be part of Rotary and gave him that along with our Rotary banner from Muscatine."

Nobody is expecting a miracle that Rotary will suddenly ap-



Sarah Lande (l) welcomes Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping and diplomats to the living room of her Muscatine home. Xi was a guest in the Lande's home in 1985.

pear in China because of one visit, but Lande said seeds have been planted. "I mentioned that we could encourage Rotary there, and asked the consulate in Chicago (whom I was meeting with) if he would meet with the president of RI in Chicago," she said. "Most of (the Chinese) said it's a good idea but will take a little time. They think there might be an intermediary step of partnering with a nonprofit organization. They said just be patient."

Lande was encouraged about the credibility of Rotary, even in China, when the Chinese consulate was wearing a Paul Harris Fellow pin. "He's a seasoned diplomat and the fact that he wore that pin and felt good about it says something about Rotary. He said he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for his work in international relations. He wore the pin when we first met him, and also the day of the big event."

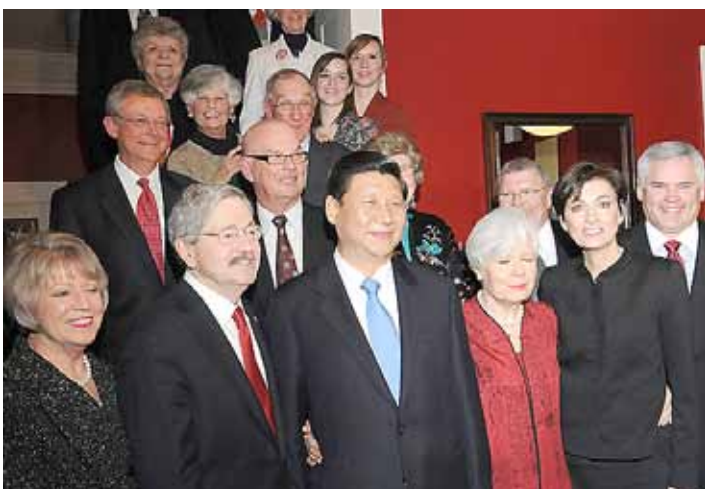
As we can only imagine, the amount of preparation and security for the 1-hour event at Lande's home on Feb. 15 was extraordinary. In the end, she says it was well worth the hassle. "Through all the preparation for the visit with the people from Chicago and everything else, everybody came through. It was just a HOME RUN!

"They were really happy with Muscatine, so the combination of all those things, maybe there is a path. The vice president has a warm spot in his heart for Muscatine."

The meeting at Lande's Victorian

house in Muscatine included Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad and First Lady Chris Branstad, Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds and her husband, Kevin, Muscatine Mayor DeWayne Hopkins, Sarah and Roger Lande, Joni Axel, Tom Hoopes, Eleanor and Tom Dvorchak and additional "old friends" from Xi's 1985 visit.

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, Chinese agriculture minister Han Changfu, vice finance minister Zhu Guangyao and other Chinese officials accompanied Mr. Xi to the meeting.



Welcoming Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping to Muscatine were Sarah and Roger Lande, Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad and his wife, Chris, Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds and her husband, Kevin, Muscatine mayor DeWayne Hopkins, Joni Axel, Tom Hoopes, and Eleanor and Tom Dvorchak.

Photo by Steve Pope

‘We got a letter from RI President Kalyan Banerjee saying they invited China to be part of Rotary and gave him that along with our Rotary banner from Muscatine.’

— Sarah Lande,
about the visit in her home of
Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping

Xicotepec: 70-member Project Team deworms children, builds schools, screens for diabetes

By Jim Petersen/Iowa City AM

Xicotepec Project Team Leader

A team of 70 – the largest in the 10-year history of District 6000's relationship with Xicotepec, Mexico – performed service projects and enjoyed fellowship with Rotarians and townsfolk in the eastern Mexican village March 10-18. The projects included:

- **Deworming 3,000-plus preschool and primary school students** (by U of Iowa Pharmacy service learning students).

- **Construction of two classrooms at the Rotary Club Primary School.** This is a big step forward, as these two new classrooms will allow the school to have two shifts, more than doubling its capacity. The enrollment is currently at about 400 and children who want to enroll are being turned away because the school is at its capacity. In order to have two shifts, a school building must have at least 12 classrooms (two for each grade, 1-6). The classrooms now nearing completion will be number No. 11 and 12.

- **Construction of 1 classroom at the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz preschool.** Last year a new classroom was built at this school, and after the March 2011 trip the Xicotepec Project provided the funds to purchase a small plot of land that was adjacent to the school's grounds, which really improved the outdoor space of the school. This new classroom will allow the pre-school to have reasonable sizes of class groups (which are now 40-plus). The master plan for the school allows for two more future classrooms if the enrollment of the school grows. This school serves several needy neighborhoods in Xicotepec.

- **Diabetes screening.** A group of U of I Nursing, Pharmacy, and Bioengineering students are performing diabetes screening at the Municipal Clinic of the DIF (Desarrollo Integral de la Familia, a government social services agency), and at the Red Cross in conjunction with the "Just in Time" cervical cancer screening project

of the Xicotepec Rotary Club.

- **A group of dental students and faculty from the U of I and Rotarian (and dentist) Larry Nash** are working with two different schools to develop new approaches for ensuring the dental health and general health of the children there. During the last year, one of the schools has used fluoride rinse – provided by Dr. Steve Levy of the U of I College of Dentistry – the rinse has been administered by the teachers each week of the school year to each of the 300 students at the school. Education on such subjects as nutrition and the importance of toothbrushing, etc. are also part of the program. Both of the schools are located in extremely poor neighborhoods.

- **DG Don and Becky Patterson are part of the project team this year, as is DGN Jacque Andrew.** The project team is the largest single team to ever visit Xicotepec: 70 persons. Also working with the U.S. team are the Xicotepec Rotarians, Nursing students from Xicotepec, doctors, nurses and others from the municipal DIF clinic, many school teachers and principals, and volunteers from the community.

- **The cost of the projects that will be completed in Xicotepec this year is in excess of \$45,000,** all provided by the participants of the project and by individual and club donations to the project. As usual, the Xicotepec Rotary Club has been a great partner to District 6000 in finding the community projects that will yield the greatest benefit to the community.

Individuals can make tax-deductible donations to the project through D6000 HEF; club donations are also needed and there are naming opportunities to honor individuals and clubs who contribute. Interested clubs or individuals can contact Jim Peterson, Kay Carpenter or Ted Carpenter for more information.

Photos and a list of team members will be in future issues of District 6000 News.



Rotarian volunteers from Districts 5970 and 6000 (with Johnston Rotary leading the way) staffed the phones during Iowa Public TV's "Festival" on March 6, earning praise from IPTV for their professionalism. In an interview on the statewide program, DG Don Patterson talked about Rotary service and polio eradication. Rotary's "Humanity In Motion" messages for Polio and Peace are airing on these five programs on IPTV, thanks to an RI Public Relations Grant: Nova, Nightly Business Report, The Newshour with Jim Lehrer, Washington Week in Review and Iowa Press. Districts 5970 and 6000 applied for a 2012-13 PR Grant to continue the relationship with IPTV as well as purchasing ads and lighting iconic structures in West Des Moines and Cedar Falls with "End Polio Now: Thanks Rotary" in conjunction with November 2012 Rotary Foundation events.



District 6000 Presidents-Elect for 2012-13 with DGE Terry Geiger at Multi-District PETS at the Mayo Civic Center.

Club presidents-elect travel to Minnesota for training

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Editor, District 6000 News

Fifty-four District 6000 club presidents for 2012-13 attended the second North Central Multi-District President-Elect Training Seminar March 2-3 at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, Minn.

The training began and ended with District 6000 sessions on Friday morning and before adjournment on Saturday.

In between, the presidents-elect learned about RI President-Elect Sakuju Tanaka of Japan's theme, "Peace Through Service," and presidential challenge, and heard talks by Past RI President Ray Klingensmith, Rotary Foundation Senior Annual Giving Officer Anita Rieder, RI Director Betsy Demaray, and RI Director-Elect Mary Beth Growney-Selene. They also had the chance to interact in breakout sessions with presidents-elect from District 5970 in Iowa, District 5950 in Minnesota, and District 5960 in Wisconsin.

PDG Diana Reed served on the Multi-District PETS Operations and Administration Committee, and will chair next year's Multi-District PETS in Des Moines. DGE Terry Geiger and DGN Jacque Andrew were on the board of directors.

District 6000 Rotarians who led breakout

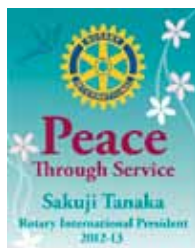
sessions for PETS included Doug Flournoy, PDG Gary Welch, DGN Jacque Andrew, PDG Susan Herrick, and PDG Don Goering, who is the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 28.

In the District 6000 sessions, presidents-elect met in clusters with their assistant governors, where they discussed common issues and concerns, and completed club goal sheets for 2012-13 for Rotary Foundation Annual Giving and Membership.

Leaders of the District 6000 sessions were DG Don Patterson, DGE Terry Geiger, PDG Gary Welch, Ros Dunblazier, Bill Koellner, Chris Knapp, PDG Corliss Klaassen, PDG Susan Herrick, Brock Earnhardt, Carolyn Scharff and LaDonna Wicklund. Also, a panel on fundraising with Mark Ross (Bettendorf), Dan Tunesvik (Boone), Bradford Helgamo (NW Des Moines) and Teri Crist (Ankeny).

2012-13 Club Presidents:

Adel	Greg Dufoe
Albia	David Paxton
Ames	Steve Goodhue
Ames Morning	Jerri Heid
Ankeny	Teri Crist
Atlantic	Jennifer Plumb



Bettendorf	Mark Ross
Bloomfield	William Giles
Boone	Dan Tunesvik
Burlington	Deb Mulch
Carroll	Clay Haley
Centerville	Gene Aldrich
Chariton	William Shelton
Clinton	Norlan Hinke
Coon Rapids	Mark Thomas
Coralville-North Corridor	Judy Meyer
Corning	Wayne Moore
Corydon	Alva Skiles
Creston	Adam Snodgrass
Dallas Center	Maureen Cahill
Davenport	Cheryl Goodwin
Decatur County	Corey Lindsey
Des Moines	Sharon Vickery
Des Moines AM	Jeff Russell
East Polk County	Thomas Downs
Fairfield	Earl Shepard
Fort Madison	Wayne Marple
Greater Des Moines	Todd Wheeler
Grinnell	Bruce Blankenfeld
Indianola	Michael Lindeberg
Iowa City	Nancy Quellhorst
Iowa City AM	Pamela Ehly
Iowa City Downtown	Eric Olsen
Iowa Quad Cities	Tim Perkins
Jefferson	David Pedersen
Johnston	Philip Young
Kalona	Meg Nagel
Keokuk	Nancy Symmonds
Keosauqua	Ken Burns
Knoxville	Kerry Garcia
Lenox	Bill McAlpine
Manning	Alison River
Marengo	Brent Nelson
Marshalltown	Bettie Bolar
Mount Pleasant Noon	Chad McMullin
Mount Pleasant	Don Panek
Muscatine	Kelly Garvin
Nevada	Michelle Cassabaum
Newton	Bruce Hoffmeier
North Scott	John Maxwell
Northwest Des Moines	Bradford Helgemo
Osceola	Bill Kuebler
Oskaloosa	Doug Mills
Ottumwa	Bill Reece
Pella	Chris Huston
Perry	Harley Weyer
Tipton	Teresa Horton Bumgarner
Washington	Terry Engelken
Waukee	Wendy Marsh
Wellman	Ryan Miller
West Des Moines	Chris Nelson
West Liberty	Jim Carey
Winterset	Rajenda Reddy



A District 6000 training session at Multi-District PETS in Rochester.

Would you like to serve on a District 6000 committee?

By DGE Terry Geiger/Decatur County

How would you like to get involved in a District 6000 committee? Are you interested in working with youth or are you interested in working with public relations, membership development, developing new Rotary clubs and many more?

There is something for everyone and we are always looking for new people to get involved to bring new and fresh ideas to the table.

Recently, a document entitled "District 6000 Committee Interest Sheet" was e-mailed to all the clubs in the district seeking Rotarians interested in helping with one of the many worthwhile district committees. It is our way of saying to all the Rotarians in the district that we would like you to get involved at the district level, but we don't know you are interested unless you tell us.

The document was sent out from the district with the No. 13 Rotary Highlights.

If you have not seen this and would like one, please email me at: tlgeiger@grm.net and I will e-mail you one. We would really like you to be a part of one of our many great district committees.



Participants in AG team training freely shared ideas. Above, David Cook, Gerald Clausen, Mike Ruby and Leon Lamers. Below, Carolyn Scharff, John Schroeder and Lee Holmes.



Assistant Governors for 2012-13 held their team training with DGE Terry Geiger one day before PETS, on March 1 at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester. Front (l-r): John Schroeder (Bloomfield), Tim Ennis (Corning), Chris Marshall (Washington), DGE Terry Geiger (Decatur County), Mary Ellen Stanley (Decatur County) and David Cook (Boone). Back: PDG Bill Tubbs (AG Team Leader, North Scott), Lee Holmes (Waukee), Gerald Clausen (Carroll), Mike Ruby (Muscatine), Doug Peterson (Iowa Quad Cities), Leon Lamer (Marshalltown) and Craig Scott (Chariton). Not pictured: DGN John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM), Jenn Pfeifer-Malaney (Indianola), Bill Shewmaker (Keosauqua) and Steve Wieneke (Johnston).

District Assembly March 31 at Newton

By DGE Terry Geiger/Decatur County

District 6000 will be holding the District Assembly at the DMACC Conference Center in Newton on March 31.

The purpose of this, as stated in the RI Manual of Procedure, is: "Annual training meeting preferably conducted in March, April or May, of club presidents-elect and incoming club leaders. Its purpose is to prepare incoming club leaders for their year of service and build their leadership team... and give district leadership the opportunity to motivate...and build their working relationship."

So that is why we have scheduled this important event.

For District 6000, we are going through a change in procedures as we transition to multi-district PETs being held this year in Rochester, Minn. In previous years, we have had our individual district PETs held on a Friday and the following day District Assembly was held, and both of these training sessions were held in Newton. We are going back to Newton this year for Assembly because it is somewhat centrally located in the district and the facilities are very amenable for our purpose.

The agenda for the session will include training for club secretaries, training for youth exchange officers and counselors, Rotary Foundation training, membership and public relations, and grant and international service information. In addition there will be a plenary session that will include informa-

tion on Future Vision, Board Member Ideas, and Club Visioning. The day will be culminated with lunch and a presentation from our Rotary International Director-Elect Mary Beth Growney-Selene, who will be speaking to us on Vocational Service.

I encourage all club leaders to go to the District 6000 web site: <http://rotary6000.org> and register for this training opportunity. There is NO cost, as it is covered in your district dues, but we need you to register so we have a firm count for lunch as well as room sizes for the breakout sessions.

I hope to see you all at District Assembly in Newton on March 31, 2012.



DGE Terry Geiger gives \$277 for polio eradication to PDG Susan Herrick, the District 6000 polio chair, from donations at PETS.

Big D-6000 RYLA event slated April 17 in West Des Moines

By Ken Angersola/West Des Moines

Chair, D-6000 RYLA

The annual Rotary Youth Leadership Award conference is set for April 17, 2012. This year's conference will be held from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines, on Tuesday, April 17.

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

Leaders with a high public profile will address the participants. In the past, subject areas have included Leadership Styles, Leadership and Conflict Resolution, Leadership and Moral Values, Leadership and Community Service, and Leadership and the Art of Communication.

The West Des Moines Rotary Club will have its regular meeting with an outstanding speaker who will be speaking on a topic directed toward youth. Participants will use the entire day's session at Hope Lutheran Church to interact with other students working in teams and utilizing leadership skills to overcome various challenges.

RYLA is a great day where the students learn about leadership while having fun. To encourage the students to put into practice the ideas they learn at RYLA, participants are sent home with a voluntary assignment to write an essay about what they learned at RYLA and they can use this new knowledge to become a better leader. The essays are judged and the first place writer has the opportunity to read their essay at the District Conference. The first-place winner is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, the second-place winner, \$750, and third, \$500!

Our goal this year is to have a minimum of two sponsored participants (ideally one male and one female per sophomore class) from every Rotary club in District 6000. Last year we had approximately 132 students from all over the district and the conference was reviewed very well by the students.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for the students in your area to take part! Please appoint a member of your club to discuss this program with your local high school principal(s) and gain their cooperation in nominating participants from the sophomore class. Then complete the form that was sent to your club providing your club's designated contact person, the names of the students you wish to sponsor and \$95 for each student. If your club is hosting a Rotary Exchange student, we ask that you include them in the conference. Fees for the exchange students are the responsibility of each sponsoring club. All of the participation forms including the medical authorization form and appropriate fees must be returned to me by March 31, 2012.

Once we receive your participation form, a welcome letter will be sent to your designated contact person for each student you sponsor. This letter will be sent on or around April 5, 2012. Transportation for participants outside of the Des Moines metropolitan area will be provided via motor coach. Bus schedules for pick up and return will be sent to each club's contact person on or before April 9, 2012.

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



While attending the International Assembly for all the District Governors-Elect in the world at San Diego in January, DGE Terry and Peggy Geiger were able to visit with the first woman in Rotary, Sylvia Whitlock, Ph.D. of District 5300 in California. She was an elementary school principal when she joined Rotary. She said it took her 11 years in the court system before she was allowed to join a Rotary club. She commented, "I just wanted to join the club." On her webpage it says, "Sylvia considers Rotary to be the best vehicle she knows for humanitarian ventures in service to mankind." She has definitely come a long way and now she is going to be a District Governor. Way to go, Sylvia! – DGE Terry Geiger



Presidents of the four Iowa Rotary clubs in the Quad Cities have been meeting this year for the first time to seek ways they can work together "to enhance Rotary's brand in the Quad Cities." They've talked about projects, programs, public relations, club operations, challenges and opportunities. In addition to learning about each others' clubs and getting to know each other, the four clubs co-sponsored a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant to provide a sustainable living for the garbage pickers in Oaxaca, Mexico. The meetings were facilitated by AG Bill Tubbs and will continue with new AG Doug Peterson. Pictured (l-r): Mike Hamann (Davenport), Becky Bray (North Scott), Doug Peterson (Iowa Quad Cities) and Scott Naumann (Bettendorf).

Friendship Exchange: See another country through the eyes of Rotarians who live there

By Jack Schreiber/Des Moines

Chair, D-6000 Friendship Exchange

Things are heating up for D-6000 Rotary Friendship Exchange!

There is a great line-up of opportunities to see the world.

Take Note! Join the fun!

Plans for 2012:

• **Outbound New Zealand, Feb. 28-March 14:** A 2-week experience visiting District 9910 on the north of the north island of New Zealand. By the time you read this, we will have completed this exchange. Contact Gary Murphy, Washington: bandana319@yahoo.com

• **Inbound British Columbia, Canada:** We will be hosting five Rotarian couples from District 5080 Sept. 3-17, 2012. A number of folks from our district visited British Columbia in 2010; so this will be our opportunity to host those wonderful Rotarians as they return to us to complete the inbound and outbound experience.

Interested? Please contact Doug Peterson, Bettendorf: louann-doug@mediacombb.net.

Plans for 2013:

• **Inbound Australia:** Tentatively set for the first two weeks in April 2013. For more information contact Al Orsborn, Ottumwa: acokmo@yahoo.com.

• **Inbound Argentina:** A team of six Rotarian couples from Resistencia, Argentina, will be with us in District 6000, tentatively scheduled for Spring 2013. We had previously had an exchange with Resistencia in 2000. Interest was high so we will repeat the fun! The Argentina team will be hosted in several District 6000 cities. This is an opportunity for having an international experience by hosting. For hosting opportunities and further information, please contact Jack Schreiber, Des Moines: schreiber58@msn.com.

• **Outbound Australia:** Tentatively set for the last week in September and the first week in October 2013. Contact Al Orsborn, Ottumwa: acokmo@yahoo.com.

• **Outbound to Argentina:** Not only will we be enjoying an Inbound to Argentina (above), but interested District Rotarians will be traveling to Resistencia Sept. 20-Oct. 4, 2012. How fortunate we are to have both Inbound and Outbound the same year. What a great opportunity! Please contact Jack Schreiber, Des Moines: schreiber58@msn.com.

• **Outbound South Africa:** Tentatively set for spring or fall of 2013. For more information contact Sarah Lande, Muscatine: sarahdlande@gmail.com.

So there you have it! International travel experiences abound in our district either at home by hosting someone from another country or by visiting another place in the world; and as an added bonus, having the opportunity to stay with a fellow Rotarian or several Rotarians when we visit them. Imagine eating at their table or ours, staying in their home or ours and seeing another country from the eyes of someone who lives there. Contact one (or more) of those listed above about the chance to be a world traveler.



During his official visit with the Rotary Club of Fairfield, club president Steve Beltramea presented DG Don Patterson with a stone with the Rotary Wheel and Don's name, Service Above Self and District Governor 2011-12 inscribed.



This priceless picture from the past was on display at the memorial service of PDG Bill Cameron (see obituary, p. 29). It was taken at his District Conference in Keokuk in 1994. So who are these distinguished Past District Governors? Front (l-r): Ken Noble (West Liberty), Bill Reese (West Des Moines), Bill Cameron (Keokuk) and the RI Presidents Representative, Elmer R. Jordan, from Agoura, CA. Back: Paul McNutt (Iowa City), David McPherren (Oskaloosa), Weldo Wagner (Ames), Ev Laning (Indianola), John Dasher (Ames), King Herr (Iowa City), and Paul Hellwege (Boone). Thanks to PDGs Bill Reese and Don Goering for helping identify!



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Rotaract on the fast track at Fairfield!

By Joshua Laraby/Fairfield

Rotaract Public Relations chair

We are the new Rotaract Club of Fairfield! My name is Joshua Laraby, and I'm the Public Relations Officer for Fairfield's newly-formed Rotaract club.

Just a few months ago, in October 2011, a group of college students at Maharishi University of Management in Fairfield had a passionate vision to revive a local chapter of Rotaract.

From the beginning, Don Brathwaite, who is currently serving as the club's president, was one of the most motivated spirits behind inspiring others to check out what Rotaract is all about so we could begin helping in serving the community's needs.

Although young in our formation, and yet to be approved as an official Rotaract club, students were showing up, and we almost couldn't believe it; the number of people attending meetings quickly began multiplying. Within the first two weeks, five officers were voted in, an official Rotaract club constitution was created, and service projects were begun.

Some of the projects we have been working on so far are: a community middle school dance fundraiser for the Jaluke, Nepal Clean Water Project (in partnership with the Fairfield Rotary Club);

a literacy program for kindergartners in the Fairfield School District; volunteering at the local animal shelter; helping a struggling family with Christmas gifts, weekly food assistance and a computer for the children's education; participating in the annual Rotary Christmas Parade; packing food for a food bank; sponsoring local transportation to a Martin Luther King Jr. event; and volunteering at a Mad Science

event for children at the local library. These projects were all within about four months, and we've fully enjoyed every minute of it!

Just this past month in February we were warmly informed by Steve Beltramea, the current president of Rotary Club of Fairfield, that District 6000 had officially approved our club. We are all very humbled and excited to continue to serve and grow with the Rotary family.

A few ideas currently being planned are: a community wide "Service Blitz" at approximately five different sites during our regional Eco-Fair held in Fairfield; creating a mentoring program for local youth in the community; and obtaining a space of our own to hold meetings, as well as to connect globally with other Rotaract clubs. We are currently considering the Arussha area of Tanzania, to help support a local non-profit organization called Rise Africa, to complete their mission of improving lives through education, sustainable agriculture and micro-loans.

The Rotary Club of Fairfield has been incredibly supportive and has been by our side at every step of this journey of putting together this organization. We would like to recognize a few Rotary members that have truly gave themselves to helping us develop: Beth Alonso, Douglas Flournoy and Francis Mosse. Douglas recently shared with us, "You are all doing a wonderful job with Rotaract! If this continues, [your] energy and enthusiasm might put our Rotary club to shame!"

Rotary International, Rotary District 6000 and the Rotary Club of Fairfield, "We humbly thank you for your time, dedication and belief in us as a new organization. We look forward to serving with you for years to come."



Members of the newly chartered Rotaract Club of Fairfield are full of enthusiasm and eager to provide service to their community and world.



Leonard is President's Rep

Representing RI President Kalyan Banerjee at our District Conference will be PDG Stephen Leonard of Martinsville, Ind. He joined Rotary in Martinsville in 1992 and served as District Governor during Rotary's centennial year, 2004-05, and as District 6580 Rotary Foundation Chair. Steve and a fellow DGE organized the first Multi-District P.E.T.S. program for Districts 6560 and 6580 in 2004.

In 2007, Steve joined the Rotary Club of Carmel. He was appointed Governor's Special Representative to the provisional club in Westfield, which chartered in 2009. He is 6560's Rotary Foundation Chair for 2010-2012 under the Future Vision Program.

Steve and his wife, Susan, are Rotary Foundation Benefactors and were District 6580's first Major Donors. They are members of the Paul Harris Society and the Arch Klumph Society. Steve has served as RI Major Gifts Advisor for Zone 30 and as an Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (ARRFC). He has been selected as the next Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC) for Zone 30, to serve in 2012-15.

On the professional side, Steve retired from the telecommunications company Ameritech in 1995. He served on the Morgan County Leadership Academy, the Community Foundation of Morgan County, and Toastmasters of Morgan County. In addition, he operated Leonard Communications, a telephone and data network installation business, for five years after his retirement from Ameritech.

A member of several Rotary Fellowships, Steve is President of the International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians and was also president of the Paul Harris 711 Club. He is serving as RI Chair of the Rotary Fellowships Committee for 2010-12.



Steve Leonard

Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2010 - March 15, 2012*

(Members: Jul 10/Jul 11)	(1) 11- 12 Goal	(2) Thru 3-15-12	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (28/26)	\$ 2,400	1,204	50	\$ 46.33
Albia (32/28)	1,840	775	42	27.68
Ames Morning (61/61)	8,450	5,775	68	94.67
Ames (237/230)	30,000	15,780	53	68.61
Ankeny (63/62)	9,000	3,875	43	62.50
Atlantic (65/64)	4,725	3,500	74	54.69
Bettendorf (101/113)	12,720	11,450	90	101.33
Bloomfield (14/14)	1,600	150	9	10.71
Boone (54/52)	6,270	4,590	73	88.27
Burlington (90/85)	7,440	8,900	120	104.71
Carroll (56/55)	5,700	3,405	60	61.91
Centerville (40/41)	3,360	1,750	52	42.68
Chariton (57/53)	5,500	4,850	88	91.51
Clinton (115/116)	9,435	5,375	57	46.34
Coon Rapids (23/29)	1,250	0.00	0	0.00
Coralville-North Corridor (27/22)	2,662	350	13	15.91
Corning (49/48)	2,800	1,573.50	56	32.78
Corydon (17/20)	380	300	79	15.00
Creston (21/19)	525	75	14	3.26
Dallas Center (26/26)	2,600	0	0	0.00
Davenport (133/132)	13,100	26,606	203	200.05
Decatur County (20/25)	5,000	1,630	33	65.20
Des Moines AM (138/139)	13,500	4,175	31	30.04
Des Moines (306/294)	22,500	16,200	72	55.10
East Polk County (41/42)	2,000	3,147	157	74.93
Fairfield (65/60)	6,930	1,305	19	21.75
Fort Madison (58/52)	5,200	2,325	45	44.71
Greater Des Moines (44/37)	4,300	275	6	7.24
Grinnell (31/33)	3,100	3,400	110	103.03
Indianola (45/50)	4,700	2,300	49	46.00
Iowa City AM (55/55)	7,950	9,052	114	164.58
Iowa City Downtown (18/19)	450	1,790	398	99.44
Iowa City (297/303)	27,000	31,700	117	104.62
Iowa Quad-Cities (48/47)	2,990	2,075	69	44.15
Jefferson (54/53)	5,500	8,000	145	150.94
Johnston (49/53)	4,700	100	2	1.89
Kalona (45/43)	5,170	1,750	34	40.70
Keokuk (87/84)	8,700	3,200	37	39.02
Keosauqua (24/26)	1,890	1,910	101	73.46
Knoxville (67/63)	6,200	1,475	24	23.41
Lenox (26/23)	600	550	92	23.94
Manning (20/22)	2,000	1,300	65	59.09
Marengo (12/10)	390	100	26	10.00
Marshalltown (168/158)	11,000	15,406	140	97.51
Mount Pleasant Noon (37/51)	2,100	1,969	94	38.61
Mt. Pleasant (28/24)	3,200	455	14	18.20
Muscatine (125/117)	17,400	9,330	54	79.74
Nevada (61/66)	7,700	0	0	0.00
Newton (72/72)	8,140	3,570	44	51.00
North Scott (96/91)	11,760	8,658	74	95.14
Northwest Des Moines (51/49)	5,733	4,750	83	96.94
Osceola (30/28)	1,350	100	7	3.57
Oskaloosa (50/55)	5,400	2,135	40	38.82
Ottumwa (100/98)	10,800	10,170	94	103.78
Pella (39/40)	4,510	3,100	69	79.49
Perry (26/29)	540	250	46	8.62
Tipton (24/28)	3,000	150	5	5.36
Washington (61/55)	6,930	2,950	43	53.64
Waukee (48/50)	5,100	2,550	50	51.00
Wellman (37/36)	4,070	1,340	33	37.22
West Des Moines (74/71)	8,280	4,025	49	56.69
West Liberty (37/39)	8,200	6,500	79	166.67
Winterset (30/29)	2,400	0	0	0.00
Total (4,053/4,015)	\$ 400,140	\$ 275,453	68.84	\$ 68.59

(*) Interim Report

Foundation news

Check your progress toward your club's goal

More than two-thirds of District 6000's goal of \$400,140 for the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation has been given as of this date (see table at left).

Thanks to the clubs that are on or ahead of schedule to meet or exceed your goals! But we still have a distance to go to achieve or exceed the goal. Remember, these are the dollars that will support district programs in 2014-15. Learn more at District Assembly, March 31 at Newton.

An easy way to transfer Recognition Points

By PDG Corliss Klaassen/Chariton
District Rotary Foundation Chair

Have you ever thought about transferring some of your Recognition Points to another individual? Remember, you can transfer points not only to another Rotarian but to someone who is not a Rotarian, like maybe a family member or some non-Rotarian in your community whom you want to honor.

However, the minimum number of points that can be transferred at any one time is 100. This should be no problem for many of you because of the large number of Recognition Points you have accumulated.

The process of transferring points has become simplified and it can be done right from your computer. The first thing you will need to do is find your ID number and the ID number (if a Rotarian) of the recipient. If the recipient is not a Rotarian then you won't need an ID number. You will also need your club's ID number and the district number, which is 6000.

Now you are ready to start the process. In Google, type in the words "Rotary Transfer Form #102EN." Just fill out this form on your computer and once you have finished filling out the form, print the completed form. You will then need to sign the form. Then scan the form into a document and e-mail the completed and signed form to recogchanges@rotary.org.

In a few days you can go to the Rotary website and see the recognition points deducted from your total.

If the points you gave to an individual makes them a Paul Harris Fellow, you should receive the Paul Harris Fellow pin and certificate within a couple weeks.

Rotary Foundation Matching Grant

Mount Pleasant project lights schools in Malawi

From the Rotary Club of Bwaila newsletter

What started off as a dream in March 2010 became reality in October 2011 with a Matching Grant Project that has lit up 10 schools in rural areas of Balaka District, Malawi.

Access to electric power in Malawi is a key problem, providing less than 3 percent of the national energy needs. This poses a special problem to learning institutions, particularly in providing light to allow students learn and study after dark. Most students resort to use of kerosene lamps, while others use candles. These are not only expensive, but also pose health risks as the likelihood for setting fires is very high.

Having noted this, Save Orphan Ministries (SOM), a local Non-Governmental Organization operating in the area of Phirilongwe on the boundary between Mangochi and Balaka Districts, requested for assistance from the Rotary Club of Bwaila in January 2010. The Rotary Club of Bwaila linked up with the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant, District 6000 USA, to develop a Matching Grants proposal.

The objective of the project was to provide solar panels and lighting equipment to 10 schools in an attempt to support the learning environment by enabling students to study at night. The project was to benefit approximately 4,000 students and was implemented with the cooperation of SOM. The proposal was submitted to RI in March 2010 and approved as a Matching Grant project in December 2010. The work commenced in July 2011. A local contractor, Solair Corporation, was engaged to supply and install the solar panels, inverters and lights in all 10 schools and the project was completed by September 2011.

Funding for the project, amounting to USD \$14,400, came from Rotary International, the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant, the Rotary Club of Bwaila, and District Designated Funds from District 6000 and District 9210. SOM provided logistics for the contractor and also facilitated formation and training of maintenance committees.

Schools that benefited from the project include: Chilipa Community Development Secondary School; Tanyamuka Community Development Secondary School; Thumu Community Development Secondary School; Mtendere Primary School; Khungwa Primary School; Masakasa Primary School; Malenga Primary School; Mtimabi Primary School; Majiga Primary School; and Chunda Primary School.

Each installation comprises two solar panels, a battery, a regulator and two lights in one classroom, and the contractor has given a one-year guarantee for the equipment. The contractor also trained school committees in the care and maintenance of the equipment. The classrooms are currently in use and this have provided a source of motivation for both students and teachers. Thanks to the project, students and teachers are now able teach, study and learn at night, a factor which many think will result in high passing rates among these 10 schools.

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The inspection and commissioning (above), and students studying under the lights (below).



Inspection and commissioning of the systems was conducted by Rotarians, SOM officials and beneficiaries in September 2011 and students are currently using the systems. During the commissioning ceremonies, the excitement was very evident in the community. Teachers and students narrated their past problems in accessing lighting systems over so many years and praised Rotary for the systems. Everyone was very thankful to RC Mt Pleasant, D6000 and D9210 and RI for the efforts made to provide the lighting systems.

To ensure sustainability, the schools have since set up committees to oversee the management of the systems. The contractor undertook training of the committees on simple repair and maintenance. The local NGO, SOM, will maintain local oversight in case of any problems. In general, the villagers were encouraged to make the facility available to everyone in the community

Energy for Polio!

■ \$55,000 raised in four years

By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines

Club Public Relations chair

The fourth year of the Iowa Energy NBA D-League Basketball Team and Des Moines-area Rotary clubs partnership resulted in some important milestones for the effort to eradicate polio from our planet.

The 2012 game against the Tulsa 66ers on Jan. 21 raised slightly over \$10,000. Rotarians purchased, sold and contributed 1,100 tickets, which generated an \$8,800 rebate from the Iowa Energy, providing the bulk of funds raised. An additional \$1,338.94 was collected in the form of donations from fans at the game.

Total funds raised for the four years Des Moines-area clubs have held this event exceeds \$33,000, providing immunizations for approximately 55,000 to 60,000 children. Over 6,000 fans provided a forum for Jeff Arp (Des Moines AM) to announce that efforts to eradicate polio have met with continued tangible success. Jeff announced that India had gone one year without a new reported case of polio, leaving only three countries with the active polio virus.

Once again, the goals of the event were largely met:

- 1) Raise money for the eradication of polio;
- 2) Provide a forum for educating the public about polio and getting “other than Rotary money” involved in polio eradication;
- 3) Provide an opportunity for Rotary clubs to work together for a common good;
- 4) Create a long-term partnership with a local community organization; and
- 5) Provide a social opportunity for Rotarians outside of club and district meetings.

Last year, Loring and Phyllis Miller and DGE Terry and Peggy Geiger wore their “End Polio Now” t-shirts which really stood out in the crowd and accomplished one of the missions of the event – that being to spread the word of Rotary efforts to eradicate polio. This year, encouraged and led by Sharon Jasa and the Boone club, 54 “End Polio Now” t-shirts were visible at the game.

Clubs participating this year included: Ankeny, Boone, Des Moines AM, Des Moines, East Polk, Greater Des Moines, Indianola, Jefferson, Johnston, Perry, Northwest, Waukee and West Des Moines – and our newest potential club, West Polk County.

Special thanks to Jeff Arp for his pre-game and halftime presentations; and Tom Downs (East Polk), Catherine Staub (Des Moines) and Wanda Armstrong (Northwest) for their contribution collection efforts during and after the game.

Plans are being made for the 2013 event, tentatively scheduled for the second or third week of February.



Surge with the Four-Way Test banner at the Iowa Energy Game, Wells Fargo Arena.



Having fun at the Polio Plus/Iowa Energy game (l-r): Brett Burford, DGE 13-14 Jacque Andrew, Iowa Energy Mascot, Surge, Ellen Arnold Burford and Ed Arnold (NW Rotary).



Tangible results of PolioPlus/Iowa Energy Jan. 21 event (l-r): Catherine Staub (Des Moines), Ed Arnold (Northwest Des Moines), Jeff Arp (Des Moines AM), and Vernetta Riley (Perry) receive a \$10,000 check for polio eradication from Patrick Kelly (Iowa Energy VP of Marketing).

We Are ThisClose to Ending Polio.

Polio still cripples thousands of children around the world. With your help, we can wipe this disease off the face of the earth forever. Visit rotary.org/endpolio to help.

END POLIO NOW



Rotary's Polio Plus Project is coordinated through the United Nations World Health Organization and UNICEF.



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The cost of the above ad that appeared in the *Iowa City-Cedar Rapids Corridor Business Journal* to celebrate World Rotary Day in October was paid by those pictured. The member sponsors are holding their fingers together to show that Rotary is “this close” to eradicating polio. What a tremendous story and a tremendous public relations effort! “We received many favorable comments about this ad and what a good job Rotary is doing toward eradicating polio in the world,” said Verne Folkmann, president of the Rotary Club of Iowa City.

The Impossible Dream Suddenly Seems Possible!

■ India, once a hotbed for polio, goes an entire year with no new cases

Rotarians Tony Conn from Keokuk and Bill Tubbs from North Scott and traveled to India Feb. 14-23 for polio National Immunization Days. Below is Bill's report, which was first published in his newspaper, the Eldridge North Scott Press. It contains many facts and figures, all of which have been verified by Rotary International, the World Health Organization, and from personal notes and observations. Tony's report is on page 17.

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott
Editor, District 6000 News

First of all, I am not a doctor or a medical professional of any kind. I am a journalist and a volunteer who had an extraordinary opportunity two weeks ago – thanks to Rotary International – to be part of history in one of the largest public health campaigns the world has seen.

The scale of the National Immunization

Days (NID) campaign in India is mind-boggling. In three days, from Feb. 19-21, some 172 million children age 5 and under received the oral polio vaccine – the “two drops of life” – delivered by 2.5 million vaccinators working in 1.17 million teams.

The teams carried 225 million doses of polio vaccine that were refrigerated in 6.3 million ice packs and transported in 2 million vaccine carrier bags. These were delivered to 209 million homes by 155,000 supervisors with 155,000 vehicles (cars, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, boats, elephants, camels or whatever it took!).

But even more impressive than the scope of this massive initiative was the detail within those numbers. I wouldn't have believed it until I saw it, but in a Day No. 2 briefing by our World Health Organization partners, our group of 37 North American Rotarians learned that on Day No. 1, in Sonipat, the region where we were volunteering, exactly 154,663 children were immunized by health



The author gives drops of life in India.

workers and volunteers. Not 154,662 or 154,664, but 154,663. And they know who they are!

Those 154,663 represented 72 percent of the 213,000 children to be immunized in the 1.499-million population Sonipat region near Delhi, in northern India.

Pomp and circumstance

On Day No. 1, thanks to massive public education campaigns, parents brought the children to 709,000 “booths” that were set up at bus stops and train stations to receive the vaccine.

Before the immunizations began at the Sonipat rail station, visiting Rotarians had garlands of marigolds placed around our necks and were seated at a table of honor as a boys' choir, in matching blazers and ties, sang an invocation and the Indian national anthem. Townspeople gathered and laughed as a thespian troupe performed a skit in Hindi to promote national unity and polio eradication. When the pomp and circumstance that brought goose pimples to my skin ended, I was given the honor of administering the ceremonial first drops to 6-month-old Maahi Sareen, a child with big, beautiful eyes who is the daughter of Rotarians Vijay Kumar and Rekha Sareen.

As the “drops of life” dissolved in Maahi's tiny mouth I could only think about my own granddaughter and grandson in Iowa – 4-year-old Clara and soon-to-be 2-year-old Nolan Olson. This is for them, too, because NO CHILD should suffer infantile paralysis when it is so preventable!

On Day No. 2, we walked house-to-house through the Kalupur slum “mopping up” with a WHO team.

Though conditions in the slums were not sanitary by our standards (open sewers, insects, animals at large, piles of cow dung patties for fuel shaped by young



Polio National Immunization Days were launched amidst ceremony and celebration Feb. 19 at the railroad station in Sonipat, India. Yellow-vested Rotary club members from North America were joined by Rotary club members from India, students and townsfolk, holding their fingers together to show that we are “this close” to eradicating polio.



A child at the S.K.N. Convent School in Sonipat, India, shows that his pinkie finger has been marked, which means he already received the polio vaccine.



A pile of handmade cow dung patties made with the hands of children will be used for fuel in this neighborhood in northern India.



PDG Bill Tubbs carried one of the 2 million vaccine carrier bags that contained just a few of the 225 million doses of oral polio vaccine during the NID.

172 million children immunized in three days

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girls' hands), we were warmly welcomed by Hindu and Muslim residents alike. The presence of three tall, yellow-vested white males from North America (Charlie Doster of Alabama, Tom Telfer of Ontario, Canada, and me) created curiosity, and the small toys we brought built trust.

There were no vaccine rejections or refusals here, as I saw in some sections of northern Nigeria on another polio NID trip in 2007. I attribute this in part to a strong PR campaign, and also because our seven-member team leader, pediatrician Dr.



At St. Stephen's Hospital in Delhi, Dr. Mathew Varghese (I) performs 700 corrective surgeries a year for children like Mohamed Jed, 5, who are victims of infantile paralysis (polio). The hospital is supported by the Rotary clubs of India. PDG Bill Tubbs and the local Rotary club president are also pictured.

Poornima Tagore, knows the territory. The labyrinth of winding passageways between the connected, crumbling stucco structures that are their homes baffled us, but not her.

At each opening, we were looking for children who had not received the drops – and we found some, but more often than not, they found us. We knew who they were if their pinkie finger was not marked with indelible ink. Once the drops were given, three record-keeping measures were taken: the finger was marked, the vaccination was recorded on a detailed chart by nurse midwife Raj Bala, and the house was marked to show that we had been there.



India no longer polio endemic

This process is repeated every month, and the fantastically good news is that after years of difficulty and thanks to a new bivalent vaccine that stops both the Type I and Type III poliovirus, it is working! We are on the threshold of achieving the impossible dream. Rotarians worldwide are telling the story with celebrities like South African Bishop Desmond Tutu holding their fingers an inch apart to show we are “this close” to eradication. We hope you’ve seen the ads in print and broadcast, on billboards, and the lighting of iconic structures like the

Coliseum in Rome, Niagara Falls in North America, the Operahouse in Sydney, Australia, and many more, with the message: END POLIO NOW.

In India, there were an estimated 75,000 new cases of polio annually when Rotary and its partners began its global eradication initiative in 1988. That number had dwindled to 741 in 2009 and 42 in 2010, and then came the breakthrough in 2011. The last recorded case of polio was 18-month-old Rukhsar Khatoun in the Indian state of West Bengal on Jan. 13, 2011.

A year later, on Jan. 13, 2012, India celebrated one year of no new polio cases. The milestone was certified by WHO's director-general Dr. Margaret Chan, and an historic announcement was made by leaders of WHO, Rotary and the government of India at a World Polio Summit on Feb. 25 in New Delhi: INDIA IS NO LONGER POLIO ENDEMIC.

“This gives us hope that we can finally eradicate polio not only from India but from the face of the entire mother earth,” said Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, a Muslim.

In other words, the wild poliovirus is not freely transmitted there, as it has not been in the Western Hemisphere since 1991.

But just because the disease is no longer part of our reality, doesn't mean we can rest.

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'Living conditions as bad as I have seen'

■ Keokuk club president immunizes children in polio NID in India

By Tony Conn/Keokuk

Club President

In 1982, Rotary decided to take on polio. It was to be a quick and easy battle. We knew approximately how many children needed to be immunized, times three doses each, times a known cost per dose. \$120 million US should take care of it, and we can add polio eradication to our list of accomplishments.

How naïve we were!!

On Feb. 20, 2012, 30 years and over \$1 billion later, I was traveling with two other Rotarians along with Dr. Ravi Dahiya, a pediatrician from Sonipat, India. We pulled into a slum area just outside of Sonipat, which was known to be a high risk area for polio.

A group of boys, ages 8 to 11, were playing a makeshift game of cricket. We stood and watched the game for a short time. At one point, the ball got away from the wicket keeper, rolled a distance, and stopped in a shallow trench. A young boy ran to retrieve the ball, shook it off and threw it back into play.

We started walking past the boys to find the World Health Organization (WHO) workers we were to join. We walked past the same trench and I looked down to find it was full of raw sewage. It was at this point that it became crystal clear why this disease has been so tough to conquer.

We caught up to the WHO nurses who had already been to 15 homes. We were in the "mop-up" stage of this round of National Immunization Days. This particular slum is home to over 2,000 people, with an estimated 750 children under the age of 5. Living conditions in this area are as bad as I have ever seen. Trash is piled in every corner, against every wall, as wild pigs, dogs and cows rummage through. Hills of cow dung are piled in open areas so that it can be formed into patties, dried, and used for cooking fuel. Besides the open trenches of human sewage, the animals have defecated throughout the area. It is nearly impossible to walk any distance without stepping into feces.

Dr. Ravi is a familiar sight in this area, and soon people were coming out to see him. Dr. Ravi would check limbs, eyes, throats,

and anything else, right on the spot. He would speak to the patient, pull out a prescription pad, and write out a medicine. As we met children, Dr. Ravi would approach them and most would automatically hold up their left hand, showing the pinky finger. A purple marking on the pinky indicates that the child has been immunized. The residents obviously have great respect for Dr. Ravi, and his concern and compassion for them is very evident.



Keokuk Rotary president Tony Conn administers the two drops of life during National Immunization Day in Sonipat, India, Feb. 20.

Methodically, we started down the dirt paths, stopping at each "lean-to" or brick shelter to inquire if any children under the age of 5 lived there, and if they had been immunized this week. At several locations, we found small children with no adult in the area. Both parents were off working, and a child 7 to 8 years was left to care for three younger siblings. The children had not been immunized, so we administered drops. I remember thinking, "Can you imagine in the U.S., a stranger coming by giving immunizations to children while the unknowing parents were at work?" After some thought, I justified this by reasoning that if we want to end the threat, it must be done this way.

It was not hard to find un-immunized children. We were told that we might find parents who will refuse to accept the free medicine, usually for religious reasons. Fortunately, we did not experience any such situations. As we cleared each home, one of the nurses would chalk on the outside door or wall, house number, the date, the number children under five years, and the number that had been immunized. If these numbers were not the same, a revisit was necessary.

By mid-afternoon, the shock of living conditions had lessened, and I was getting much better at getting two drops in the child's mouth, marking the finger, and back into his/her mother's arms. We hit 165 homes and it was past time for us to link back up with the other Rotarians in our group. We had to keep on a tight schedule. I reluctantly told the nurses "bye," and started back towards our car. I would have much rather stayed with them and completed the job.

Polio epidemic killed 3,415 in the U.S. in 1952

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Global epidemic in the 1950s

In its peak year of 1952 in the U.S., polio afflicted 57,628, killed 3,145 and left 21,269 with mild to disabling paralysis. 3,564 of

those cases and 163 of those deaths were our fellow Iowans.

Those who lived through it remember that our communities were gripped with fear. Quarantines were issued. Swimming pools were closed. Patients were warehoused in

iron lungs.

For most, these are relics, but among the survivors who are with us today, some, like Waterloo attorney Doug Oberman, still

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Rotary raised over \$1 billion for polio

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sleep in iron lungs, and many, like my late father-in-law Laurence Long of Maquoketa, suffer a weakening of muscles called post-polio syndrome.

Because polio is out of sight and out of mind, there is a false perception – including within the media – that it, like smallpox, has been eradicated. It has not. We saw adult “crawlers” on the public highways, and children with misshapen limbs in the polio ward at St. Stephen’s Hospital in Delhi where Dr. Mathew Varghese – a saint if there is one – performs 700 corrective surgeries a year to restore mobility to their broken bodies and dignity to their souls.

The wild poliovirus remains endemic in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria and it could easily re-infect in the non-endemic countries. This happened last year with an outbreak of 132 cases in Chad, 92 in the Democratic Republic of Congo, 21 in China, and lesser numbers in 11 other countries. Outbreaks like these are mopped up with massive, but expensive, interventions.

Indeed, it is costly to keep the “tactical warfare” against the evil poliovirus going – \$50 million a month for 3,500 full-time health professionals, thousands of national public health workers, 147 certified laboratories and a huge surveillance system that monitors everything, including effluent in sewage systems where the poliovirus may be thriving.

The 1.2 million men and women of Rotary from 200 countries worldwide have raised more than \$1 billion with everything from bicycle tours to auctions to golf outings to duck races to chicken and pancake dinners and more, to battle this scourge to humanity, but even that isn’t enough.

The governments of the world, with leadership from the U.S. of nearly \$2 billion, have led the way – but a funding gap remains – and since 2007, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has given more than \$1 billion to polio eradication, including \$405 million to Rotary. Gates, who was the keynote speaker at last May’s Rotary International Convention in New Orleans, is personally dedicated to the cause, traveling to remote areas to lend his support.

Eradication will be certified when there have been no cases of polio anywhere for three years after the last reported case. By then, it is estimated that eradication will have cost more than \$10 billion, and world leaders have questioned the investment.



This child in Sonipat, India, can look forward to a world that is free of polio, thanks the Herculean efforts of many people.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



The No. 1 cause of death for the “crawlers,” who did not receive the polio vaccine, is snake bites.

However, former Rotary General Secretary Herb Pigman said their questions disclose a fundamental misunderstanding. “Eradication is like putting out a forest fire,” he said, “You keep at it until the last spark is extinguished, or else it flares up again.”

So Rotary and its partners, the WHO, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and UNICEF, redouble our efforts, but money is one small part of Rotary’s contribution.

We are “this close!”

In 1979 in the Philippines, Rotary’s world leaders discovered that polio could be eradicated within a small geographic area, and eight years later, the global campaign was launched. There were nearly 959 new cases a day then – 350,000 a year. Thirty-three years later, polio is gone from more than 99 percent of the planet and 5 million children have been spared death or disability.

Rotary’s credibility as a non-governmental organization (NGO) has made this possible, according to Dr. Sunil Bahl, the WHO’s deputy project manager for national surveillance in India. “Religious leaders don’t listen to governments, but they listen to Rotary,” he said at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midtown. A case in point: The Taliban in Afghanistan have called cease fires to let polio immunizations proceed.

Also lending credibility is that Rotarians participate in National Immunization Days at their own expense. “It makes no economic sense when we see people come from a country that does not have polio, but it makes a difference. When you come so far, we get motivated,” said Manjit Sawhney, who is Rotary’s chair for polio eradication for all of Southeast Asia.

In the Delhi area alone during the Feb. 19-22 immunization days, we spent time with Rotarians from Hong Kong, Mongolia, Macau, England, Belgium, Wales, The Netherlands and Scotland. Rotary truly is, as the name says, International!

We volunteer for many reasons, and I can only speak for myself: Yes, I want to eradicate polio for their children and all of our children and grandchildren, but it’s good for the soul and, I believe, it makes me a better husband, father and citizen in my own community.

We feel great about India’s recent success. It has put wind beneath our wings, but no one is taking anything for granted. As of Feb. 29, 2012, there were 20 new cases of polio elsewhere: 11 in Pakistan, four in Afghanistan, two in Nigeria and one in Chad.

“We are not celebrating. This is just a milestone. Actually, we are going to be more aggressive,” said Dr. Bahl.

Good! Humanity is hungry for a victory. We are “this close!”



District 6000's 2011-12 Inbound Youth Exchange students at the Winter Retreat, Jan. 14-15 at Camp Wesley Woods, Indianola, front (l-r): Natalia Bobowicz (Poland), Caroline Decker (Belgium), Juliette Reheul (Belgium), Gabrielle Cavaletti (Brazil), Yamina Khaldi (France), Alicia Diez (Spain), Sarah Cabrera (Mexico) and Heli Nascimento (Brazil). Back: Mikel Alonso (Spain), Julian Tep-linska (Germany), Anika Brehl (Germany), Laura Koch (Germany), David Apolo (Ecuador) and Pedro Belem (Brazil).

Rotary Youth Exchange – **Inbound, Outbound students make friends**



District 6000's 2012-13 Outbound Youth Exchange students at the Winter Retreat in Indianola, front (l-r): Janie Cornell (Decatur County, to Italy), Michael Snell (Winterset, to France), Ian Bassett (Waukee, to Germany), Corey Denton (Waukee, to Germany), Nathan Roberts (Ft. Madison, to Ecuador), and Samantha Halsten (Des Moines AM, to Norway). Back: Charissa Trudeau (Boone, to Spain), Emily Smith (Muscatine, to Spain), Cara Hahn (Muscatine, to Belgium), Andi Helgeson (Ottumwa, to Brazil), Madeline Lorentzen (Des Moines, to Italy), Rebecca Darling (Tipton, to France), Vanessa Jorgensen (Marshalltown, to Japan), and Kayleigh Sizemore (Burlington, to Turkey).



District 6000 is fortunate to have some great ROTEX members help chaperone and facilitate with the winter retreat. Here are four of our "fearless ROTEX leaders" who helped the inbound and outbound students with retreat activities, group discussions, and the Saturday evening dance. Back: Amber Hoffman (Germany) and Lucas Asbury (Spain). Front: Kelsey Jensen (Brazil) and Shari Bender (Germany). Thanks ROTEX!
– Peggy Geiger



Twenty-four Rotary Youth Exchange students were hosted in the Quad Cities by the Rotary Club of North Scott the weekend of March 3-4. Activities included eagle viewing, ice skating, a taco lunch, pizza dinner and a visit to the John Deere Commons.



Youth Exchange District chair Chris Knapp, DGE Terry Geiger, and Outbound Coordinator Paul Kalainoff present a certificate to Janie Cornell of Leon, who will be an outbound student to Italy for the upcoming school year.

Rotary Fellowships a little-used benefit of membership

By DGE Terry Geiger/Decatur County

One of the best kept secrets in Rotary is the Fellowships. They are groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who join together to share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.).

The Recreational Vehicle Fellowship, Inc. of North America (RVF) is one of over 60 Rotary fellowships. Do you have a camper, RV, or fifth wheel and want to share in a rally either close to home or on the other side of the country?

The RVF is made up of over 300 Rotarians and spouses from the U. S. and Canada, as well as summer traveling Australians. The RVF has rallies throughout the year in each zone and will include 3 to 20 rigs. At a rally, the Rotarians socialize and discover the area, as well as visit a local Rotary club.

The RVF has an annual rally in conjunction with the RI Convention, and if in the U.S./Canada, we will meet at a local campground and can have as many as 150 rigs. New friendships that last a lifetime are forged, and when traveling there is always someone who lives close by. The RVing Rotarians also give back to the local communities through the Safety Fund.

The 2012 Annual Rally will be June 5-9 at Branson, Mo. Please visit the website at www.RVFweb.org and see some of the fun we have had in the past. You can join the fellowship through this site.

If you want more information you can contact Terry and Peggy Geiger of Leon, or Dick and Sue Rasmussen of Waukee.

Rotarians invited to South African mission

The Rotary Club of East Polk offers this mission opportunity: Dr. James Blessman invites Rotarians to come to his mission in South Africa April 16-27: www.blessmanministries.org <<http://www.blessmanministries.org>>

The club has already made some contacts with Rotary clubs in South Africa but would like to strengthen those and make more connection for future projects and grants. We would be working with the Feeding center, the optical mission, shoes for you mission and the orphanages all associated with Dr. Blessman. If interested, contact club president Eric Borseth at (515) 967-9403 or eric@borsethlawoffice.com.



The Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor recognized Rotary Awareness month with their "Rotary Cares-Rotary Shares" campaign, "Peanut Butter & Jammies." Rotarians collected food for the Johnson County Crisis Center and new pajamas to be given to the Domestic Violence Intervention Program named "Judy's Jammies" after Judy Meyer, club president-elect, who chairs the project. Pictured with some of over 100 new pajamas collected are (l-r): Bill McDonald, Craig Schroeder, Michele Brandstatter, Judy Meyer, Geoff Wilming, Vicki Struzynski-Olson, Mary Anne Lenning, Ted Carpenter (kneeling), Todd Nash, Becky Patterson, Kay Carpenter, District Governor Don Patterson, Assistant Governor John Ockenfels, Royce Phillips and Phil Shive.



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T. Boone Pickens addresses Rotarians

By Kitte Noble/Des Moines
Club Executive Secretary

Rotary Club of Des Moines executive secretary Kitte Noble and President-Elect Sharon Vickery were in Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 29-31 attending the Large Club Conference. Over 180 Rotarians representing 90 of the largest Rotary clubs in the U.S. were in attendance. Rotary club presidents-elect and executive directors are invited each year.

In addition to extensive club training and brainstorming sessions, the conference

attendees visited the Tulsa Rotary meeting. Tulsa's club has 450 members and meets on Tuesdays at the First United Methodist Church. Oilman and philanthropist T. Boone Pickens was the guest speaker. Conference attendees also got a sneak peek at their \$1 million Rotary Plaza, the club's gift of public art, which is under construction on the Williams Green and is expected to be completed by early spring.

Tulsa's past president Tim Colwell is a very proud Iowa native and Drake graduate.

Fund raising –

Auctions boost Rotary in Atlantic, elsewhere

In the last issue of District 6000 News, clubs were invited to tell about their successful fundraising auctions. Here are three.

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

The 29th annual Atlantic Rotary Club Auction was held on Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Atlantic Golf and Country Club. Over 225 people attended the event all vying for a chance to bid on a variety of unique packages.

The evening began at 5:30 p.m. when the lounge opened, giving attendees a chance to look over the auction items before dinner. A silent auction took place throughout the evening, with groups of items closing at different times during the night. Dinner began at 6:15 p.m. with drawings for door prizes throughout. The auction began at 7:15 p.m.

Many unique items were available. One item was a hand-made kaleidoscope by local resident Steve Livengood. The kaleidoscope had three interchangeable cases filled with colorful items to create ever-changing patterns. Other items offered included several travel-related items like a certificate for a four-hour limobus charter for an event of your choice, flying lessons, tandem sky dive, Christmas tree, a Delta touchless kitchen faucet with

installation, and much more. One item available only at an Atlantic event is a specially designed Coca-Cola vending machine. This year the machine was decorated with the Big Ten Conference logos. The vending machine was donated by Atlantic Bottling and the Atlantic Fareway Store.

One timely package consisted of a Thanksgiving center piece, a fresh 20-pound turkey, eight dozen chocolate chip cookies, a pumpkin cheesecake and certificate for a whole pie from the Farmer's Kitchen, a local restaurant known for award-winning pies. Silent Auction items included watches, sunglasses, a toy tractor package, Longaberger Iowa and Iowa State baskets, handmade necklaces and much more.

Ann McCurdy, chairperson of the Auction Committee, said the silent auction, live auction and raffle all went very well. She said, "People were wonderfully generous and everyone had a great time."

This year's Rotary Auction brought in \$42,195, "the highest amount ever," according to Rotary Auction treasurer

Ken Tegels. The highest-selling item was the Danish Alps Dinner (a dinner in the hills of Audubon County in a remodeled 1950 corn crib) for \$3,100. Another high selling item was a plane ride in a P-51 Mustang airplane for \$1,500. Ken also noted that trips included in the auction always sell at a great price, selling from \$750 to \$1,000.

The raffle associated with the auction grossed about \$13,000, leaving about \$7,000 to go to the Schildberg Recreation Area for the proposed campgrounds.

J.T. Reisdorph, president of the Rotary Club of Atlantic, noted that the support from the Rotarians and the community was tremendous. He said the bidders were very generous and that is important since all the proceeds go back into the community.

Next year will be the 30th anniversary of the Rotary Auction. Planning has already started, "and it's going to be even larger than ever."



A Big Ten-themed Coca Cola vending machine was a popular item at Atlantic.



Rotarian and auction emcee J.C. Van Ginkel works with auctioneer Chuck Rieken (front) to raise \$42,195 at Atlantic.



At Tipton, Dave Lorenzen paid \$190 for a Rotary desk ornament and the first of ten chances in a raffle for two grand prizes: a 46-inch flat screen TV and an iPad.



Rotarians Jeremy Kaiser, Cody Allen and Adam Kerns hired themselves as "Three Men for Dirty Jobs." The club recently added a pie auction and pre-auction sale of hand-made laniards, and raised over \$30,000. The sale and resale of "Rotary boxer shorts" has raised large amounts annually since 1998.



Among the special guests in a crowd of 300 at the North Scott auction were Ann Hanson, who waits tables at the club meetings, and former longtime executive secretary assistant Henrietta Cahill. Hanson won the raffle for a flat screen TV that brought in \$1,450.



There was music in the air as the Rotary Club of Muscatine quartet debuted on Dec. 12, treating our club to Christmas selections, (l-r): Harvey Allbee Jr., Marilyn Smith, Ann Meeker and Paul Kraushaar. "Hopefully we will be hearing from them on a regular basis," said club president Mike Ruby.

Salvation Army challenge met by Muscatine Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Muscatine had a Rotary Orientation (we use this term rather than Fireside Chat) on Dec. 9 for eight new Rotarians. We finally took the plunge (have been noodling this for two years) by offering them \$500 to create and implement a local community project by June 30. Sarah Lande will serve as the liaison between this new group and the club. Hopefully the project will be newsworthy for the fall 2012 district newsletter!

Things are going extremely well with our club. New members, new energy and new meeting location. Effective Jan. 9 we're meeting in the Upper Deck at the Button Factory restaurant.

— submitted by Mike Ruby



Pictured are Muscatine Rotarians Rick Ray (l) and Salvation Army captain Tim Nelson, who is Salvation Army Red Kettle co-chair with his wife, Debbie. A Muscatine Rotarian who wishes to remain anonymous offered to give \$1,000 to the local Salvation Army, with an additional \$1,000 gift to PolioPlus, if Muscatine Rotarians would raise an additional \$1,000. The club exceeded the challenge by raising \$1,477

556 food baskets at Oskaloosa!

By John Sherlock/Oskaloosa

Club Public Relations chair

As a community service project, the Rotary Club of Oskaloosa, under the direction of Andy Glover and his committee, now oversees the annual Christmas Food Basket Project. As the name suggests, the Christmas Food Basket Project provides baskets of food for needy families at Christmas time. Monetary donations come from members of the community to buy groceries from local grocers.

On Dec. 18 and 19, a group of Rotarians joined community volunteers to help prepare and distribute the food baskets. Just under \$18,000 was raised and over 556 baskets were distributed.



Rotarian of the Year in Corning

Corning Rotary is pleased to share recent award presentations made during our annual Christmas Party. 2011 Rotarian of the Year is Nancy Turner. Presenting the award to Nancy (above) is Jayne Templeton, 2010 Rotarian of the Year. The prestigious Paul Harris Fellow award was presented to Burton Heaton (below). The award was presented by Linda Shearer, 2010 Paul Harris Fellow award recipient.

Provided by Jayne Templeton





The winning dancers, the Eickmans.



Dancing couples as well as Manning Rotarians after the performance.

The stars are shining brightly in Manning

By Jean Behrens/Manning

Club Public Relations chair

The “Stars” were brilliant in Manning on Saturday night, Feb. 25. The second annual Rotary Club of Manning’s “Dancing with the Stars” was presented to a “sold out” audience at the Manning Hausbarn Konferenz Centre.

A fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Manning, the event netted \$4,300, which was \$1,000 above last year’s total.

Based on the popular television show of the same name, the format remained similar to last year.

Six local couples danced to two songs of their choice. Following each dance they were interviewed by the master of ceremonies and critiqued and voted on by a panel of three “judges,” all with a Manning Rotary connection. Audience participation allowed the purchase of “positive” or “negative” votes.

A social hour and catered meal for 250 patrons preceded the dancing. Coffee and desert was served at intermission. Cost of the evening was \$25 per person.

Allison River, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Manning, gave the introduction, thanking everyone for their support of Rotary and explained the distribution of proceeds, both locally and internationally.

The Rotary Club of Manning supports area youth locally by offering participation in the Rotary International Youth Exchange program as well as a Rotary Youth Leadership Conference. IKM-Manning School students can attend Rotary-sponsored Career Day at school and can apply for two \$500 scholarships offered each year. Seniors are invited to attend the local weekly Rotary meetings. Members also assist with local blood drives, Adopt-a-Highway, Plaza activities and various local community celebrations.

On an international level, two long-time programs supported by the local Rotary club are FAMSCO and MOST. Each year a generous contribution is made to PolioPlus program.

The Rotary Club of Manning recently received notification that

it was the recipient of a District 6000 District Simplified Grant in the amount of \$1,500. The grant monies will assist with the purchase of materials to construct Little League dugouts at the city ball field. This is a matching grant that requires in-kind labor supplied by local Rotarians. Construction is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2012.

To enjoy more photos of the Rotary Club of Manning’s “Dancing with the Stars,” please go to www.davidkusel.com. Dancing with the Stars 2012 DVDs will be available for sale for \$10 each. If interested, please contact Jean Behrens at (712) 655-3905.



The Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant supported a group of Iowa Wesleyan College students heading to Rwanda for several service learning projects, including taking water purification systems with them. The check for \$500 is held by president John Freeland and given to (l-r): Yurico Maldonado (IWC student), Alisha Vincent (IWC faculty), then-Captain Rusera (IWC student), along with our IWC college coordinator, Phyllis Whitney. This is hopefully a start of supporting more IWC college programs and getting a Rotary student group started as well.

(Provided by Rich Mueller, Club Public Relations chair)



Members of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines put Service Above Self into practice by serving meals at the YMCA Supportive Housing Campus.

Northwest Rotarians serve meals at YMCA

By Vicky Foresman/Northwest Des Moines

Service Above Self was in play once again as members of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines came together to serve a meal at the new YMCA Supportive Housing Campus. It was a cold Iowa winter night, but on the inside of this 140-room campus, tenants came together in the dining hall to share in a meal served and sponsored by dedicated community Rotarians.

Past Rotary President Eric Dickinson was part of this service event for the club. When asked why he chose to be a part of it he responded, "There are people out there that need assistance. That is a big reason why I became a Rotarian, to help others who are in need. I can take time out of my regular day to help someone else find some normalcy in their day. Lending a hand is what Rotary is about for me."

The YMCA Supportive Housing Campus is located on the southern edge of Des Moines' busy downtown. YMCA staff team members provide supportive services to the men and women who occupy the single-occupancy rooms. Meal service is provided when groups in the community sign up to provide the labor and cost of the meal. YMCA Mission Advancement Director and Northwest Rotarian Vicky Foresman commented, "Without the help of the Northwest Rotary Club, tenants would have missed a basic daily need you and I sometimes take for granted – a hot meal."

Rotarians found the means to provide for this basic need. That's Service Above Self.

You're invited to Waukee fundraiser

By Kim Stewart/Waukee

Club Public Relations chair

The Rotary Club of Waukee will be holding its 2012 Annual Auction and Wine Tasting event on Saturday, April 21 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Schottenkirk Chevrolet in Waukee. This event includes silent and live auctions, wine tasting from area wineries, food prepared by the Waukee High School chef program, and fun and fellowship with Rotarians and community members. There will also be a raffle for a large screen TV; one ticket is included with your admission to the event. Join us on April 21 for a fabulous night out while supporting community projects such as the new bike trailhead in Waukee, youth leadership development programs, and much more! For advance tickets contact any Waukee Rotary Club member or Carmen Pender at carmen.pender@lmcins.com.



The Rotary Club of Albia served at a chili supper at the Albia High School. The proceeds were for \$2,000 scholarships for graduating seniors. The club also contributed money to the Make-a-Wish program to pay for an invalid's travel expenses from Albia to Centerville so he could see his mother.

(Provided by Tony Humeston)



At its annual Sweetheart and Awards Banquet, the Rotary Club of Fairfield recognized nine of its members for their support of The Rotary Foundation. Since last year five Paul Harris Fellows and four multiple Paul Harris Fellows were earned and one member has joined the D-6000 Paul Harris Society. Pictured (l-r): Dave Reiff (PHF+2); Naya Raj Baral (PHF); Jim Pedrick (PHF); Douglas Flournoy (PHF+4 and member of D-6000 Paul Harris Society), Francis Mossé (PHF+2), and Chet Swanson (PHF+2). Not pictured: Eugene Copeland (PHF); Deb Cardin (PHF); and Earl Shepard (PHF).

104 senior citizens served

The Rotary Club of Keosauqua's 41st annual Christmas dinner for senior citizens was held at the Keosauqua Senior Citizens Center on Dec. 16. Rotarians and staff of the Senior Center served a turkey dinner with all the trimmings to 104. The Rotary chorus sang selected Christmas carols, accompanied by Doris Secor, who was celebrating a birthday that day. She was presented with the singing of Happy Birthday and a corsage.

Literacy projects



North Scott ...

North Scott Rotary Club members Marty O'Boyle (l) and John Maxwell (c), who were on opposite sides in the largest election in school district history last September, moved on with good fellowship and put kids first with Student Dictionary presentations at North Scott's Alan Shepard Elementary School. Also helping with the distribution was Rotarian Loren Rickard (r). The club has been presenting dictionaries to 250 students annually since 2004. Club members also take turns reading to second-graders.

(Photo by The North Scott Press)



Ankeny ...

Recently the Rotary Club of Ankeny distributed nearly 800 dictionaries to each Ankeny fourth-grade student and teacher. Rotarians Mark Land, Damon Miller, Jim Maxwell and Tom Friedman (above) distributed the dictionaries. After putting their name in their dictionary, the students were asked to look up the word "service," which is the the basis of the mission of Rotary – "provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders." This was the sixth year that the Rotary club distributed dictionaries to fourth-graders. Below, students look at the dictionaries and raise their hands to ask questions.

(provided by Jody Savage)



Washington ...

Ann Harris and Cheryl Kurtz, members of the Rotary Club of Washington, delivered dictionaries to Nicole Bruty's sixth-grade class at St. James Catholic School in Washington on Feb. 29. Harris and Kurtz also delivered dictionaries to the sixth-graders at Lincoln Elementary School – about 170 dictionaries in all. The sixth-graders pictured in the photo are (l-r): Allison Vogel, Sarah Nacos, Morgan Brinning, Jacob Van Osdol, Kyle Dallmeyer and Mark Engelken. The Washington Rotary Club has been doing this project for over 10 years.

Photo by Andy Hallman of The Washington Evening Journal (provided by Susan Wellington)



Nevada ...

Members of the Rotary Club of Nevada's Literacy Committee presented the book "Peanut Butter Homework Sandwiches" to the Nevada Public Library. The book was donated by author Lisa Broadie Cook, wife of Rotary Assistant Governor David Cook, to the library after Lisa spoke to the Rotary Club of Nevada. Pictured (l-r) are Sara Clausen, Ros Dunblazier, librarian Beth Williams and Elisa Gibson. The club also gives Student Dictionaries to all the third-grade students in the Nevada schools and will be reading at Central Elementary in Nevada on March 27.

Bettendorf grants boost 12 charities in QC

By Glenn Kass/Bettendorf

Club Public Relations chair

The Charitable Giving Board of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf announces the awarding of a total of \$20,000 to 12 not-for-profit organizations that serve the Quad-City community.

This is the fourth year that funds generated from the club's annual Lobsterfest in June have created the philanthropy fund that the Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Giving Board disburses. There will also be \$6,000 in scholarships to graduates pursuing higher education. These awards are chosen by the participating educational institutions: Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley high schools, Rivermont Collegiate and Scott Community College.

"We received 30 grant requests for amounts totaling \$60,202.35," said Jeff Hassel, chair of the BRC Charitable Giving Board. "As always, the programs present worthy opportunities for funding and the choices are difficult. The total amount awarded represented 33 percent of the final amount requested. We hope our next 'Lobsterfest' on June 16, 2012, enables us to reach this level of support for 2012."

Individual grants of as much as \$2,500 are available to any qualified non-profit organization in the Quad Cities. The application deadline is Oct. 1. Applications are available to download at www.bettendorffrotary.com. Completed requests must then be postmarked by Oct. 1 and sent to: Bettendorf Rotary Club, P.O. Box 133, Bettendorf, IA, 52722. Applications can also be obtained by mailing a request to the same address.

Grants are not awarded to groups for annual fundraising, organizational endowment funds, deficit financing, grants to individuals, scholarship funds, political groups or activities, Rotarians and their families or for sectarian purposes. Organizations that receive funds in a funding cycle are not eligible for awards the following year. Applications are reviewed and awarded by the Bettendorf Rotary's Charitable Giving Board with funds located at the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend.

The Bettendorf Rotary Club (www.bettendorffrotary.com), chartered on May 22, 1957, has more than 100 members fulfilling the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" in a variety of local, regional and national community volunteer projects. The club meets each Wednesday at noon at Fortune Garden Restaurant, 2211 Kimberly Road, Bettendorf. In addition to the website, you can find the club on Facebook (www.facebook.com/bettendorffrotary).

Bettendorf Rotary Club is part of Rotary International (www.rotary.org), founded in 1905 by Paul Harris, a Chicago businessman and University of Iowa alumnus. The international organization, now based in Evanston, IL, has more than one million members participating with 32,000 clubs located in more than 200 countries.

The following are the 12 grants that the Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Giving Board selected and had approved by the Bettendorf Rotary Club's Executive Board for funding in 2011:

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters:** BBBS will mentor 55 children this year within three elementary schools in Bettendorf. \$2,000.

- **Central Community Circle Food Pantry:** The Central Community Circle Food Pantry would like to include milk and eggs in the emergency food baskets clients receive every 30 days. \$1,270.

- **Family Resources:** Restore and renovate the historic (1921) Orphanage Gymnasium on the Wittenmyer Youth Campus to serve the 300-plus at-risk and special needs residential children of our local communities. \$2,000.

- **Hand In Hand:** Hand In Hand is expanding its programs at 3860 Middle Road in Bettendorf to serve more children with disabilities in the Quad Cities. \$2,400.

- **Handicapped Development Center:** To maintain good health for individuals at HDC, this request is to obtain the following items: an otoscope, and oxygen concentrator and a suction machine. \$1,280.

- **Humane Society of Scott County:** HSSC educational programs provide presentations on animal care, pet overpopulation and shelter pet adoption. This project supports improved public access to these programs. \$500.

- **Junior Achievement of the Heartland:** The implementation of Junior Achievement's core-mission programs at Edison Academy aimed at increasing student awareness about the importance of staying



Representatives of the recipients of Bettendorf Rotary grants were invited to a meeting in January, where the awards were made and each organization explained how the grant would benefit disadvantaged citizens. The meeting was well attended, the messages were inspirational, and the value of Rotary membership was reinforced many times over!

in school. \$2,400.

- **New Hope Presbyterian Church:** The New Hope Presbyterian Church Food Pantry serves as a mission to the community of Northwest Davenport by providing food to the needy. \$1,250.

- **Punch/First Baptist Church:** PUNCH will contract with Overbeck Construction to provide caulking and weather-stripping for homes in the neighborhoods it serves from Locust Street South to 12th Street and from Harrison Street East to Farnam. \$1,000.

- **Quad City Human Trafficking Project:** Provide training targeting minors and organizations that serve minors increase awareness of the issue of modern human slavery as well as the vulnerability of minors to sex trafficking. \$1,000.

- **River Music Experience:** Creation of a Music Club called "Acoustic" – geared towards individuals in their late teens to twenties with special needs, as a collaborative effort between The River Music Experience and West Music Therapy. \$2,400.

- **Supplemental Emergency Assistance Program (SEAP):** SEAP member agencies work together to help clients with crisis financial needs. Case work is done. When a legitimate need is identified, SEAP funds are accessed. \$2,500.



DGE Terry and Peggy Geiger received the first three pairs of shoes from Larry "The Shoe Guy" Lunsford as an upcoming District 6000 project. Larry is a PDG and RI Board of Director nominee from District 6040 in northwest Missouri. As a great example of "Peace Through Service," Larry has travelled as far as Russia and to Guatemala to assist in delivering shoes to orphanages. He spoke at the Rotary Club of Decatur County in Leon on Jan. 26 regarding this shoe project. More details to follow from DGE Geiger.



It's all smiles for Jonathan Dolly and Rotarians John Paule and Jim Noyce in the Rotary Club of West Des Moines' successful bicycle program.

'Pedal power' produces smiles in West Des Moines

By Harold Hulleman/West Des Moines
Club Secretary

Fourteen students at Hillside Elementary School received bicycles on last fall, courtesy of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines.

Bicycles were donated by West Des Moines residents. Rotary club members inspected the bicycles and made needed repairs before they were given to the students. Each student also received a helmet, courtesy of the Des Moines Bicycle Collective.

Several Rotarians noted how rewarding it was to see the anticipation and excitement in the eyes of the students as they received their bicycles.

The Rotary club plans to conduct additional bicycle giveaways during the school year. Residents having bicycles to donate can contact club secretary Harold Hulleman at (515) 224-4062 to have their bicycles picked up. Donations are tax deductible; a receipt will be issued.



West Des Moines Rotary Club members at their Bicycle Giveaway at Hillside Elementary (l-r): Sean Honts, Harold Hulleman, Jim Noyce, Russ Ver Ploeg, Bill Kalianov, John Paule, Kay Kramer and Chris Nelson. Not pictured: Bob Start.



The global connection was worth noting for DG Don Patterson and Becky when they visited the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant, where president Bitrus Gwamna and his wife, Olabisi (l) came to the U.S. from Nigeria. The Gwamnas and Pattersons are pictured with PDG Cal and Rachel Litwiller and assistant governor Bill Shewmaker.

Clinton slates 'Parks for Children' auction

The Rotary Club of Clinton will hold its fourth annual auction to provide playground equipment for the Emma Young Park. The park is located near the Ericksen Community Center recreation site that is without a children's playground.

Over the past three years, Clinton Rotarians have provided funding for restrooms, a rubberized playground safety surface and a pavilion at Rotary Park on Clinton's riverfront. The "Parks for Children" theme continues for this year's charitable auction.

Auction night is Friday, April 13, at Rastrelli's Tuscany Events Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy Caribbean food prepared by Rastrelli's outstanding chefs. Music by Ron Tegeler will entertain charitable donors as they bid on a wide array of silent and live auction items.

Rotary's Rose Bowl Parade float – A New Year's Eve to remember in Pasadena

By DGE Terry Geiger/Decatur County

A group of Rotary Fellowship RVers set out on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 25, for Pasadena, Cal. Their destination: Work on the Rotary International float for the Rose Bowl parade. They arrived in town and set up camp on Friday, Dec. 30.

Reporting for their 8-hour work shift on New Year's Eve were Dick and Sue Rasmussen (Rotary Club of Waukeg), and Peggy and DGE Terry Geiger (Rotary Club of Decatur County). Dick Rasmussen and friend, Vince McCarty, from the Urbandale area, did what is called "beaning" the letters to spell the words "Inching Towards the End of Polio." This took several hours to accomplish, as every bean had to be exactly placed in the right direction. Peggy, Sue and DGE Terry were "Petal Pushers" on the word "Rotary" for the "Rotary

International" sign attached to the wheel. That meant that they were to glue on and smooth out tiny little petals from the EverLast flower. Once the letters were "beaned" or "petaled," they were set aside to dry.

There were many, many flowers to be placed on the float. DGE Terry placed each individual flower precisely in its place in one of the flower pods atop the float. The finished float was covered with beautiful living seeds, flowers and plants.

RVing is a great way to travel and any Rotarian with an RV or travel trailer is eligible to join the Fellowship and can email any of them for further information. The group



Terry placed each flower precisely in its place atop Rotary's Rose Bowl Parade float.

was able to park overnight with the nose of the RV facing right on the Colorado Boulevard as the parade went by on Monday, Jan. 2. Working on the Rotary International float for the Rose Bowl Parade was definitely a New Year's Eve to remember.



Rotary's Rose Bowl Parade float with the theme, "Inching Towards the End of Polio."



Volunteers Dick and Sue Rasmussen, and Peggy and DGE Terry Geiger.



One of several groups of children at last fall's Harvest Party smiles for the television camera at the Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch at Long Grove. More than 200 children from Quad Cities agencies were bussed to the farm where they were treated to a meal and enjoyed hayrack rides, petted animals, saw displays and more – thanks to the Rotary Clubs of Davenport and North Scott and their sponsors.

'Speed dating' promotes vocations

To promote Vocational Service and give members a chance to get to know each other better, the program at the Feb. 2 meeting of the Rotary Club of Des Moines was called "speed dating."

Members drew numbers that assigned them to sit at a table of eight. Instead of a speaker, when the program time began, they were given four minutes to speak with the person next to them. Members rotated three times and had four minutes to speak with each new person. They were encouraged to bring their business cards to hand out to each other.

Club president Deanne Thompson said the idea came from the Rotary Club of Springdale, Ark., that started "speed dating" meetings two years ago. They have become one of their most popular meetings and they now hold them quarterly and invite prospective members/guests to attend. "They have turned out to be valuable for all members: working, retired, and those looking for new careers, she said. Club members who participated gave positive feedback and the club will look to do it again in the future.



Muscatine Rotary Vocational Service Committee member Keith Porter displays the plaque which is a part of the Rotary showcase. Other recipients are Aldeen Davis, Stan Howe, Max Collins, Sr., Dick Kautz, Jack Michaels, Chuck van Hecke, Jim Kent, John Stevens and Dick Stanley.

Krieger honored at Muscatine

By Marilyn Smith/Muscatine

The Rotary Club of Muscatine presented the Bob Roach Award to Marvin Krieger in a surprise ceremony last fall. The award, presented by Rotarian Scott Ingstad, is presented occasionally in honor and memory of Robert L. Roach. It is in recognition of Roach's life-long service to the community which is reflective of Rotary ideals. It does not have to be awarded to a Rotarian.

The name of Rotarian Krieger was added to a plaque placed in the Rotary showcase. A small plaque was presented to Krieger.



Marvin Krieger is the recipient of Muscatine Rotary's prestigious Bob Roach Award.

The football shaped section of the display was a gift of Robert L. Roach to Rotarian Jim Loper, and subsequently the gift was made into a permanent display.



In Memoriam:



William J. Cameron

1927-2012

District Governor, Rotary International District 6000, 1993-94



PDG Bill Cameron

Dr. William John Cameron, 84, of Bettendorf, and formerly of Keokuk, died Thursday, January 5, 2012, at his home in Bettendorf.

Bill was born Sept. 23, 1927, in Ida Grove, Iowa, the son of Alister and Mary Oxendale Cameron. Immediately after high school in 1945 he served in the United States Army Air Corp in the Philippines and earned the rank of corporal. He attended Iowa State Teachers College on the G.I. bill. His advanced degrees were earned at Iowa State University.

He married Joan "Jody" Miller at Rock Branch Methodist Church near Correctionville, Iowa. He began his career as a classroom teacher. He taught in Cherokee, Correctionville, Nevada and Mason City. He coached speech and debate. He was the superintendent of CAL Community School District in Latimer, Iowa, from 1967 to 1970. He lived in Keokuk from 1970 until 2009, when he moved to Bettendorf. He was employed by the Keokuk Community School District for 19 years. He held several different positions with the school district, including principal at Hawthorne Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, the Middle School, and finished his career as superintendent of schools from 1977 until his retirement in 1989.

In his early life, Bill was a Boy Scout and later served as a Boy Scout leader. He was an active member of the United Presbyterian Church in Keokuk. He was a life long member of NEA. He was a member of Keokuk Rotary Club and is a past president. He is one of two members of the Keokuk Rotary Club who served District 6000 as the District Governor. Bill served in 1993-94, the year of the great floods, and established the Rotary District 6000 Humanitarian Service Fund. He belonged to AARP and served on state committees. He was appointed by the Governor of Iowa to serve on the Massage Therapy Review Board. He was a member of Keokuk Odd Fellows and served on their boards, he was also a member of the Optimist Club and Asbury Garden Ministry. He believed in a life of service to others and you must leave the world a better place.

He and Jody enjoyed playing bridge, and did extensive traveling with Rotary International and Friendship Force after they retired. They were active at the YMCA, enjoyed the arts and supported the Lee County Historical Society.

Bill is survived by four children, his only son, John Cameron and his wife Kathy of Bettendorf; and three daughters, Mary Condy of Bend, Oregon, Laura Zevnick and her husband Bob of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Ann Beumel and her husband Greg of Washington D.C.; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and a sister Phyllis Bradford and her husband John of South Port, North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his wife Joan on Feb. 1, 2008.

Memorial services were in Keokuk at on Jan. 14, 2012, at the United Presbyterian Church with Pastor Alice Hawes officiating. Burial with military rites were at Keokuk National Cemetery, Friday, Jan. 13.

Visitation in Keokuk was Jan. 13, 2012, at DeJong-Greaves Celebration of Life Center at 1212 Concert Street.

Visitation and an additional memorial service was in Bettendorf on Sunday, Jan. 15 at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 1809 Mississippi Blvd.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Keokuk Community School Foundation - Dr. Cameron Memorial - P.O. Box 431 - Keokuk, IA 52632.

News Briefs

Kids Against Hunger: At District Conference, Exchange Students will be packaging meals through "Kids Against Hunger" (Brighton, Iowa) with participation from the Riverside Resort and Casino. Riverside Resort and Casino matched what District 6000 has pledged, and it is possible that over 10,000 meals will be packaged. Many of these meals will stay locally at Fellowship Cup in Mt. Pleasant, the Crisis Center in Iowa City, and the Southeast Iowa Food Bank in Ottumwa. This is in addition to a global distribution.

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Treasurer: The 2012-13 President of Rotary International, Sakuji Tanaka of Japan, has announced that Elizabeth "Betsy" Demaray, from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., has been named as the treasurer of Rotary International. Demaray currently represents our Zone 28 (and 29) on the 19-member board of directors of Rotary International. Demaray, a licensed Realtor® since 1978, will be the first woman to serve as an officer of the organization in its 105-year history and will oversee a \$100-million budget.

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Annual Meeting: The District 6000 annual meeting will be held at District Conference. Items on the agenda include adoption of the district budget for 2012-13 that has been sent to clubs and is posted at the district website, and consideration of by-laws revisions.

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Rotary on PBS: The link below is to where Rotary is mentioned in the PBS Newshour program on the great success of polio eradication in India. Additionally, all the workers are wearing yellow vests with our Foundation logo. <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/topic/globalhealth/index.html>

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D-6000 presentation at Montreal yields \$400,000 gift for U of Iowa

A presentation by District 6000 Rotarians at the RI Convention in Montreal in June 2010 made a connection with a 1997 University of Iowa pharmacy graduate in Lakeway, Texas, who bequested \$400,000 to the UI Foundation for scholarships, including one for Rotary's work in Xicotepec, Mexico.

The Elizabeth E. Jansen Scholarship will support students in pharmacy who participate in service-learning projects with underserved populations and/or global health initiatives.

"It was your presentation in Montreal that made the difference," said Elizabeth's husband, Mark, in an e-mail to Rotarian Jim Peterson, who has led District 6000 project teams to Xicotepec annually since 2003.

"This is one positive result of our traveling to Montreal," said Peterson, who was one of the presenters at Montreal, along with PDG Ray Muston, UI pharmacy professor Hazel Seaba, and pharmacy grad



Mark and Elizabeth Jansen

Kierstan Hanson.

Through District 6000's partnership with Rotarians in Xicotepec and the University of Iowa, service learning students earn credit for humanitarian projects in the eastern Mexican village (see p. 7).

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District 6000 Rotarians serving beyond the district:

- PDG Diana Reed will be the President's Rep at the District 6630 Conference in Ohio, April 12-15.

- PDG Don Goering is wrapping up his third and final year as Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC) for Zone 28.

- PDG Bill Tubbs is the new Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Districts 5650, 5970, 6000 and 6420 in Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois.

- Rita Perea of Greater Des Moines continues as an Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Districts 5650, 5970, 6000 and 6420 in Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois.

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Bunny Harper: The Bunny Harper Memorial Golf Tournament will be June 4 at the Preserve on Honey Creek on Lake Rathbun. Information and registration: Greg Kenyon, (515) 246-5829, kenyon.gregory@bradshawlaw.com.

Literacy: Learn how your club's literacy project can win \$2,500: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/literacy_project_award_ira_ri_en.pdf.

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Correction: The headline for our story of the Des Moines Rotary Club at the Salisbury House in our last issue was incorrect. It was the Rotary Club of Des Moines that was 100 years old, not Salisbury House – which was built in 1928. *Oops! Our apologies.*

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Annual Reports: The 2010-11 Rotary International and Rotary Foundation Annual Reports can be viewed for the first time ever on a website that incorporates video and other rich media not available in the print version. Here are the sites:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/annualreport/2010-11/whowere/Pages/rifdefault.aspx>

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/financial_statements_ri10_en.pdf

D-6000 Breakfast tradition continues at Bangkok



Bangkok
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION 6-9 MAY 2012

The tradition of the District 6000 Breakfast at the Rotary International Convention will continue on May 7 for those who are traveling to Bangkok, Thailand, for the May 6-9 Convention.

The District 6000 breakfast will be at the Conrad Bangkok with registration from 6:45-7:15 and breakfast from 7:15-9:00. Tickets are \$35 each and can be obtained from Carolyn at the District office, 1 (877) 976-8279. DGE Terry Geiger says we currently we have 12 registered.

Call today and join the fun!

Tribute

Tribute: With sadness, the editor reports the death on Feb. 7 of Glenn Estess, Sr., 84, of Shades Valley, Ala., USA, who served as president of Rotary International during 2004-05, our centennial year. Glenn was “my” president during my year as district governor. Like many among our 529 gov-



Glenn Estess

ernor classmates, the friendship we made with Estess continued beyond our years of leadership, including reunions at RI Conventions, and occasional meetings at Evanston. Glenn was a leader of enormous capacity, integrity and skill.

Linda and I will long remember and value the strong message of inclusion he sent to the Rotary world when district governors of all races, ethnicities and sexual orientations were welcomed equally at the International Assembly. In this, and many other ways, he challenged convention and made our organization stronger. He will be missed.

– BT



Kerry Skinner



Sgt. Blake

Keynote speaker

Those who have heard Command Sergeant Major Steve Blake speak, know that all who attend the Friday night banquet at District Conference will be inspired. Blake, who holds the highest enlisted rank in the Army, is a decorated soldier who led troops through many engagements on foreign soils and speaks with conviction of the military values of loyalty, respect and integrity – which parallel Rotary’s Four-Way Test. Thanks to Davenport Rotarian Kerry Skinner for arranging for Command Sergeant Major Blake’s speech.

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

November 2011 - January 2012

CLUB	NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	68.00%	24	60.00%	33	59.00%	34
Albia	58.70%	35	53.30%	40	60.70%	29
Ames	62.00%	31	57.00%	36	62.00%	27
Ames Morning	51.90%	45	54.20%	38	59.70%	32
Ankeny	88.94%	5	72.47%	15	76.68%	11
Atlantic	54.10%	42		52	45.00%	52
Bettendorf	72.40%	17	68.75%	22	75.25%	13
Bloomfield		53	52.00%	43		55
Boone	56.00%	38	53.00%	41	54.00%	44
Burlington	72.80%	16	69.90%	19	74.30%	14
Carroll	57.00%	36	43.00%	50	59.00%	34
Centerville	52.00%	44	54.00%	39	57.00%	41
Chariton	64.90%	28	61.24%	29	59.07%	33
Clinton	59.00%	34	57.23%	35	58.70%	35
Coon Rapids		53		52	69.00%	21
Coralville-North Corridor	97.00%	1	91.00%	4	93.00%	2
Corning	73.00%	14	71.00%	17	65.00%	25
Corydon	54.00%	43		52	53.00%	46
Creston	57.00%	36	64.00%	25	58.00%	37
Dallas Center	82.00%	10	61.00%	31	76.00%	12
Davenport	43.93%	51	45.74%	48	48.65%	48
Decatur County	75.00%	12	70.00%	18	83.00%	6
Des Moines	62.45%	30	68.30%	23	54.96%	43
Des Moines A.M.	62.00%	31	61.00%	31	65.00%	25
East Polk County	55.61%	40	51.88%	44	57.23%	39
Fairfield		53		52		55
Fort Madison		53		52	59.90%	31
Greater Des Moines	46.00%	49	77.00%	12	51.00%	47
Grinnell	71.00%	19	73.00%	13	70.00%	18
Indianola	65.28%	27	60.34%	32	67.55%	22
Iowa City	41.07%	52	28.91%	51	37.76%	54
Iowa City A.M.	73.01%	13	77.16%	11	69.83%	19
Iowa City Downtown	88.00%	6	85.00%	7	88.00%	3
Iowa Quad-Cities	71.97%	18	62.95%	28	71.02%	17
Jefferson	73.00%	14	73.00%	13	56.00%	42
Johnston	69.85%	21	66.00%	24	66.80%	23
Kalona	69.20%	22	68.80%	21	73.64%	15
Keokuk	47.77%	47	47.34%	47	45.37%	51
Keosauqua	59.10%	33	55.60%	37	69.00%	21
Knoxville	64.09%	29	63.79%	26	69.30%	20
Lenox	81.00%	11	79.00%	10	80.00%	10
Manning	81.00%	11	88.00%	6	85.00%	5
Marengo		53	95.00%	1		55
Marshalltown	46.50%	48	44.86%	49	46.84%	49
Mount Pleasant Noon	55.77%	39	48.72%	46	53.30%	45
Mt. Pleasant	90.00%	4	94.00%	3	81.00%	9
Muscatine	51.71%	46	52.73%	42	46.70%	50
Nevada	72.92%	15	71.85%	16	72.81%	16
Newton		53	70.00%	18	66.80%	23
North Scott	86.90%	7	88.89%	5	81.03%	8
Northwest Des Moines	85.95%	8	81.89%	8	82.32%	7
Osceola	56.30%	37	50.00%	45	57.38%	38
Oskaloosa	67.50%	25	69.70%	20	61.80%	28
Ottumwa	61.46%	32	61.23%	30	58.42%	36
Pella	69.00%	23	54.00%	39	63.00%	26
Perry		53		52		55
Tipton	44.00%	50	54.00%	39	43.00%	53
Washington	54.78%	41	58.49%	34	57.08%	40
Waukee	85.42%	9	80.00%	9	85.88%	4
Wellman	94.29%	2	94.29%	2	96.45%	1
West Des Moines	70.94%	20	63.73%	27	66.45%	24
West Liberty	66.00%	26	71.00%	17	60.00%	30
Winterset	93.57%	3	72.80%	14	74.30%	14

Share Your News: Clubs are invited to submit stories, pictures and comments about their activities for the next issue of *District 6000 News*. To report your club’s news, send Word documents and free-standing high resolution .jpg photos to: btubbs@northscottpress.com. The deadline is June 4. Questions? PDG Bill Tubbs, (563) 285-8111, or Jacque Andrew, (515) 370-8358; or Karin Franklin, (319), 321-8261.

The Four-Way Test

(of the things we Think, Say or Do)

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Will it be FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Club leaders' checklist

From DG Don Patterson . . .

- Register yourself and encourage members to attend **District Conference**, April 12-14 at Riverside, and donate to the auction and bring a display (p. 1-3, 10, 31).
- Register members to attend the **District Assembly**, March 31 at Newton (p. 7).
- Submit your **Presidential Citation** forms to DG Don Patterson by March 28 and respond to any other requests for nominations for awards and recognition.
- Pre-register for the May 6-9 **RI Convention** in Bangkok, Thailand, and sign up for the District 6000 Breakfast (p. 30).
- Make members aware of opportunities to serve on **District Committees** and encourage them to do so (p. 7).
- Presidents-Elect, submit your **Rotary Foundation** and **Membership Goal Sheets** to your AG by April 1, and your **Club Planning Guide** by May 31.
- Sponsor one or more students for the April 17 **District 6000 RYLA** conference (p. 8).
- Make your clubs and members aware of opportunities to become involved with **Friendship Exchange** (p. 9).
- Become part of a New Generations project by hosting a **Youth Exchange** student in 2012-13 (p. 19).
- Make your clubs and members aware of opportunities to become involved with **Rotary Fellowships** (p. 20).
- Make an extra gift to meet or exceed your goal for giving to **The Rotary Foundation** (p. 11).
- Tell your stories and seek ways to **enhance Rotary's image** (p. 5, 14).
- Provide information to your members about opportunities for year-end giving to **The Rotary Foundation** and about changes in **Recognition Points** (p. 11).
- Plan activities and create awareness in your community of Rotary's campaign to **eradicate polio** and to raise funds to meet or exceed your club's commitment (p. 13-18).
- Promote **attendance** and report your **attendance** monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 31).
- **Submit news** of your club's successes or upcoming events by June 4, 2012 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacque Andrew (Jefferson).
- **"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity," and be the change in the world that you wish to see!**