

# District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Terry Geiger, Governor

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## Celebrate 'Peace Through Service' at District Conference, April 11-13

By DG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

**M**any great things keep happening in District 6000 and we invite all Rotarians to join us to celebrate with us at our district conference at Honey Creek Resort on Lake Rathbun, April 11-13, 2013.



**Terry Geiger**  
District Governor

We are extremely fortunate to have coming to our conference two past Rotary International presidents and a Rotary International board member.

Past president Rick King will be representing President Sakuji Tanaka as his representative to our conference. Rick was president of RI in 2001-2002 and he and his wife Cherie reside in the San Francisco, Calif., bay area.

Rick will be our keynote speaker at our Saturday luncheon. Also joining us will be our Missouri neighbor to the south, Ray "Cowboy Logic" Klingensmith, who served as RI president in 2010-2011. Always a popular speaker in District 6000, Ray will be speaking at our luncheon on Friday. Ray and his wife Judie live in Kirksville, Mo.

We are also honored that Rotary International Director Jack Best and his wife Kathy will be at our conference. Jack was appointed to finish the term of director Betsy Demaray after her untimely death in January. Jack resides in Rochester, N.Y., and is a past district governor, among many other Rotary positions. He will be speaking to us on membership.

Besides that great lineup, we will be celebrating the youth activities in our dis-



**Richard King**  
RI President 2001-02



**Ray Klingensmith**  
RI President 2010-11



**Jack Best**  
RI Director, Zones 28-29  
(completing the term of  
Betsy Demaray)

trict on Friday. Our inbound and outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students will open the conference with our flag ceremony.

We will be celebrating 50 years of Interact by honoring and hearing from Interact clubs in the district.

We are also going to hear about the new RYLA program in District 6000, as well as our youth who have participated in the Xicotepec project and received scholarships from District 6000 for that mission.

The same day, we will have a group of young people from Casa Hagar Orphanage in Xicotepec, Mexico, performing for us

as Folklorico Dancers.

Closing out the day will be polio survivor Carol Meyer talking about her experience growing up with polio, which is an inspirational story.

We will end the first day with a live and silent auction with funds going to offset Youth Exchange expenses and RYLA, and ending with our own District 6000 Rotarian Jack O'Leary's Band playing for our enjoyment.

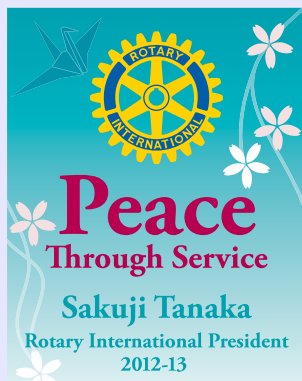
Saturday will prove to be another full and

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***Two past RI presidents, an RI director,  
Folklorico Dancers, shoe drive and more!***  
A schedule is on page 2. Register at [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org).

# District Conference at a glance

**April 11-13, 2013**  
**Honey Creek Resort**  
**Moravia, Iowa**



**District Governor Terry Geiger**  
**Conference Co-Chairs: Mary Ellen Stanley, Donna Duerr**  
**Rotary Club of Decatur County**

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

Noon ..... Golf shotgun start, The Preserve at Honey Creek  
6:00-7:30 p.m. .... Conference registration, Honey Creek Resort

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

### **Our Day to Celebrate Youth**

9:15-9:30 a.m. .... Presentation of Colors  
9:30-9:55 ..... Flag ceremony by Youth Exchange students  
10:00-10:20 ..... Welcome and Intro, District Governor  
10:20-10:30 ..... Past RI President Richard King  
10:30-10:40 ..... Youth Exchange Awards  
10:40-10:55 ..... New District 5970/6000 RYLA program  
10:55-11:20 ..... Interact recognition  
11:20-11:45 ..... Youth to Xicotepec panel  
12:10-1:00 p.m. .... Lunch  
1:05-1:30 p.m. .... Past RI President Ray Klinginsmith  
2:00-2:45 ..... Folklorico Dancers from Casa Hagar Orphanage in Mexico  
2:55-3:15 ..... Polio survivor Carol Meyer  
3:15-4:00 ..... Foundation Awards presentations  
3:45 ..... Adjourn  
4:00-8:00 ..... Silent Auction  
4:30-5:45 ..... Social time  
6:15-7:00 ..... Dinner  
7:00-8:30 ..... Live Auction  
8:30-10:30 ..... Music by Jack O'Leary Band

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

7:35-8:25 a.m. .... Breakfast Buffet  
8:50-9:10 ..... Membership, RID Jack Best  
9:10-10:00 ..... GSE Teams, Inbound and Outbound with District 4340, Chile  
10:15-10:40 ..... Why Shoes? "Roll Call of Shoes"  
10:45-11:15 ..... Dr. Jim Blessman and Manny Ohonme  
11:15-11:45 ..... In Memoriam  
12:15-1:00 ..... Lunch  
1:05-1:40 p.m. .... Past RI President Richard King  
1:50-2:45 ..... Awards presentations  
3:00-3:20 ..... Guardians of Integrity  
3:25-4:25 ..... New District International Grants Projects  
6:45-6:55 ..... Musical Presentation, Past RI President Richard King  
7:00-7:45 p.m. .... Plated dinner (Black tie optional)  
8:15-8:45 ..... Musical performance, John Schultz Strings  
8:45 p.m. .... Adjourn  
"Let There Be Peace on Earth"  
led by Past RI President Richard King



The Rotary Club of Chariton is prepared for District Governor Terry Geiger's shoe collection for Blessman Ministries at District Conference. This picture of 10 club members with 55 pairs of shoes (one pair for each club member) was taken in December! Club members are, front (l-r): Jeri Reeve, Shantel Dow, Kris Patrick, Becky Struve and Jerry Davis. Back: PDG Corliss Klaassen, Noranne Keller, Jeanne Klaassen, club president Bill Shelton and Bill Ballard.

(Provided by PDG Corliss Klaassen)

# Conference highlight: 'Roll Call of Shoes' for Blessman Ministries

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exciting day. We will have a "roll call" of shoes as clubs will be called on to tell us how many pairs of shoes they have brought for our district shoe project.

We are privileged to have Dr. Jim Blessman, who is also a Rotarian, speak of his work in South Africa and with him will be Manny Ohonme, CEO of Samaritans Feet who will be talking about his shoe ministry. The shoes we gather at the conference will be presented to Manny to be delivered to South Africa for Dr. Blessman's villagers.

Our inbound Group Study Exchange team from Chile will be in attendance to tell us about their country, and we will also have a chance to meet our outbound team that will be leaving on Sunday the 14th of April.

Ending the business part of the day will be presentations from our own Rotarians and the international matching grant projects from what they are doing all over the world.

In addition to the above, there will be many great awards presented and maybe most importantly, there will be opportunities for you to have fellowship with our special visitors as well as our own District 6000 Rotarians. Oh, and don't forget to enjoy the indoor water park and the beauty of Lake Rathbun and southern Iowa.

So, please join Peg and me at District Conference April 11-13 on beautiful Lake Rathbun.

***Wear your Rotary pin with pride!***





RI President-Elect Ron Burton (second from left) and four current or future district governors of District 6000 showed their support to the Rotary Club of Sioux City at the club's centennial celebration Dec. 14, (l-r): DG Terry Geiger, president-elect Burton, DGE Jacque Andrew, DGN John Ockenfels and DGND Loring Miller. Provided by Peggy Geiger

# District leaders celebrate third Rotary club of Iowa

The leadership team of D6000 met in Sioux City, Iowa, to help celebrate the Rotary Club of Sioux City's 100th anniversary on Dec. 14 at the Sioux City Convention Center. Our neighboring District 5610, including Sioux City, encompasses all of South Dakota, and small parts of Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota.

The keynote speaker was Rotary International President-Elect Ron Burton of Norman, Okla. The reception, silent auction, and video presentation of the history of the Rotary Club of Sioux City were enjoyed by all those attending.

The Rotary Club of Sioux City was the third club chartered in Iowa, in 1912, and among the first 100 of Rotary International. Des Moines in 1910 and Davenport in 1912 were the first Iowa clubs. The 155-member Sioux City club meets Monday noons at the Clarion Hotel. We were all there to mark the special occasion for our neighbors to the west.

– DGE Jacque Andrew

# Showcase your club's projects

Rotarians wishing to set up table displays to showcase their projects at District Conference should contact Jeanne Klaassen at (641) 344-2896, or Becky Struve at (641) 774-5045. Displays should be up on Friday morning and torn down Saturday after 3 p.m. There is no charge, but space should be reserved.



District 6000's outbound Group Study Exchange team members to Chile were hosted in the home of DG Terry and Peg Geiger Dec. 2. Alberto Reyes, the Decatur County Rotary Club's Chilean international student, was very helpful in answering questions the team had about Chile. Also present were Lynn Hicks, GSE Committee chair and his wife Beth; alternate leader, Tom Mott from Newton; and alternate team member, Katie Conlon Fasselius and her husband, John; and Justin Schoen, friend of Amy. In the photo, front (l-r): Team members Melanie Berry (Iowa City), Amy Jennings (West Des Moines), and Lindsey Clausen (West Des Moines). Back: Governor Terry Geiger, Peg Geiger, team leader Linda Chastain (Decatur County), International Exchange student Alberto Reyes (Santiago, Chile), and team member Ben Bonanno (West Des Moines). The team will travel to District 4340, Chile, April 15-May 15.

# Meet Inbound GSE team from Chile at District Conference

The five members of the GSE inbound team from District 4340 in Chile – Cecilia Zarate, David Marambio, Javiera Araya, Luis Fernandez and team leader John Bolton – will arrive in Iowa April 1, 2013. They start their visit hosted by the Rotary Club of Des Moines and finish hosted by the Rotary Club of Pella.

The Rotary Clubs of Des Moines AM (April 1-7), Ames (April 7-11), Boone, District Conference (April 11-13), Iowa City (April 14-17), North Scott (April 17-21), Burlington (April 22), Mount Pleasant (April 22-25), Ottumwa (April 25-28), and Pella (April 28-30). They will be our special guests at the District Conference at Honey Creek Resort. If you want to meet them, register to attend!

Inbound GSE coordinator is Doug Lewis of Des Moines.

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*Iowa Rotary Peace Forum*

# Peace Through Social Justice

Presented by Rotary Districts 5970/6000 & Ames Public Library

**PROGRAM**

Lunch & film, *The Bully*

**WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

- Bullying
- Violence Prevention
- Conflict Resolution
- Inner Peace




**Saturday, May 4, 2013**  
**Noon to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Ames City Auditorium**  
**520 6th Street, Ames, Iowa**

**\$15 Pre-Registration deadline April 27, \$20 at the door**  
 For registration information and CEU availability contact:  
[www.district5970.org](http://www.district5970.org) or [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org)

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## *Iowa Rotary Peace Forum scheduled May 4 at Ames*

District 6000 will be holding its own peace forum in Ames on May 4 at the Ames City Auditorium. This is a joint sponsored event of District 6000 and District 5970, northern Iowa, and it is entitled "Peace Through Social Justice," with an emphasis on bullying, violence prevention, conflict resolution, and inner peace. There will be a movie sponsored by the Ames Library entitled "The Bully." See the separate flyer to register for this great event. – District Governor Terry Geiger

## Empowering a 'New Generation' for peace

By DG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

RI President Sakuji Tanaka chose as his theme for Rotary year 2012-2013, "Peace Through Service," and scheduled three International Peace Conferences to further promote peace in the world. He has such a passion for peace, since he was born just prior to World War II and his family suffered from Japan's stance on war and its aftermath. The peace conferences were scheduled in three significant WW II locations: Berlin, Germany; Honolulu, Hawaii; and, Hiroshima, Japan.

Six Rotarians from District 6000 – Chris and Vernetta Knapp of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM, and DG Terry and Peggy Geiger and DGND Loring and Phyllis Miller of the Rotary Club of Decatur County – had the good fortune to attend the peace conference in

Honolulu and participate in the activities of the conference.

Hawaii Peace Conference photos are on page 5.

The theme was "The Green Path to Peace," with a special emphasis on New Generations and

their vision of peace. President Tanaka said, "We must empower a new generation's vision of world peace and understanding."

There were many workshops that brought home the concept of peace in many ways and all six Rotarians had the opportunity to participate in different workshops. There was also a real emphasis of our own individual inner peace, since it is difficult to imagine peace on a broader scale if we do not have peace within us. Therefore, peace does really begin inside each one of us. Everything we do in Rotary, whether it is digging a well in Africa or feeding children in Central America or providing dictionaries in our own communities, is helping someone else in the world find their own inner peace.

The highlight of the Peace Forum was hearing 1991 Nobel Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kye of Burma speak about the loss of freedom that the citizens of Burma have experienced over the past 30 years. She spoke of what must take place in the world to bring to fruition the seeds of peace that have been sown in Burma. She told us that though she has been heavily involved in the peace movement, it is now in the hands of the next generation.

All six Rotarians from District 6000 were inspired by what we saw and heard at this peace conference.



Public Relations: Rotarians from Districts 6000 and 5970 raised Rotary's visibility and helped Iowa Public TV raise funds at IPTV's annual Festival March 5. Front (l-r): Betty Sandy, Indianola; Todd Wheeler, Greater Des Moines; Sue Martin, Marshalltown; DGE Jacque Andrew, Jefferson; PDG Jim Patton, Fort Dodge; DG Terry Geiger and Peggy Geiger, Decatur County; Judy McCoy Davis, Des Moines. Back: Jack DePond, Decatur County; Bettie Bolar, Marshalltown; Vic Hellberg, Marshalltown; PDG Dale and Mary Belknap, Des Moines; Jessie Rittenhouse, Greater Des Moines; DGND Phyllis and Loring Miller, Decatur County; PDG Gary Welch, Ankeny; and Mary Lahay, Des Moines AM. In back, with Chris Steffan, great-great grandson of Ding Darling, was Jennifer Konfst of IPTV. Not pictured: volunteers Colleen Welch, Ankeny; Diane Patton, Fort Dodge; and Teresa Horton, Tipton. "Rotarians did an outstanding job in every way!" said IPTV's Shellee Bailey.





DGND Loring and Phyllis Miller of the Rotary Club of Decatur County visit with Past Rotary International President Luis Vicente Giay (r) of Argentina, 2012-13 Rotary Global Peace Forums Chair Convener, during a break out session.

## PEACE FORUM REPORT:

*Honolulu, Hawaii • Jan. 25-27, 2013*

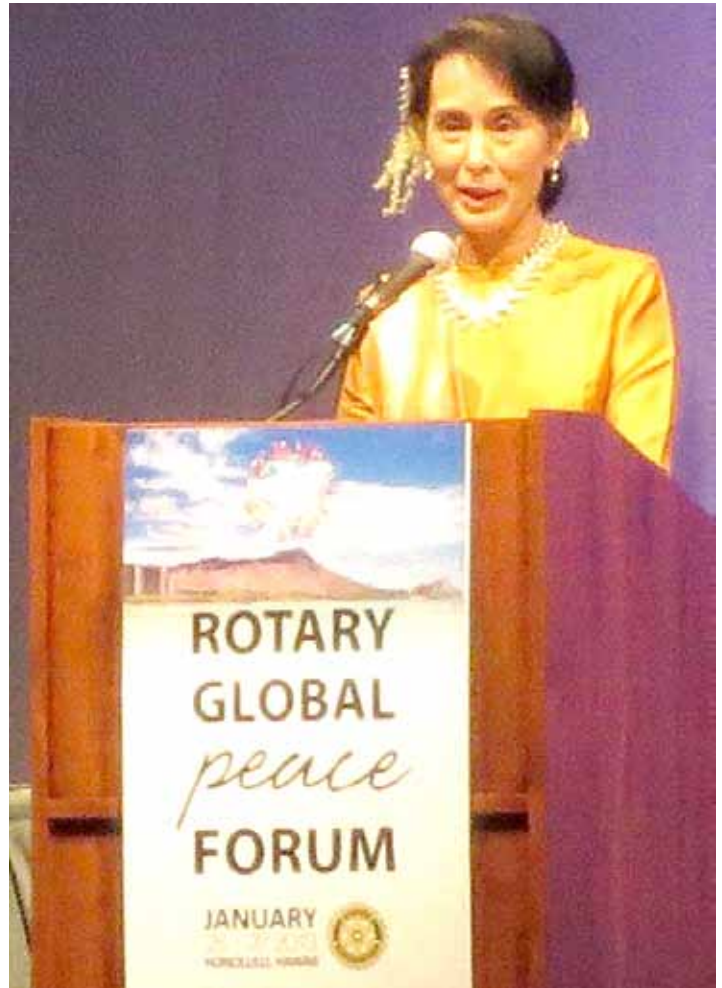


Peggy Geiger, Cherie King, PRIP Richard King, and D6000 Governor Terry Geiger met and spoke of the upcoming District Conference in April at Honey Creek Resort at which PRIP King will be the RI President's Rep. PRIP Richard and Cherie are both looking forward to coming to Iowa.

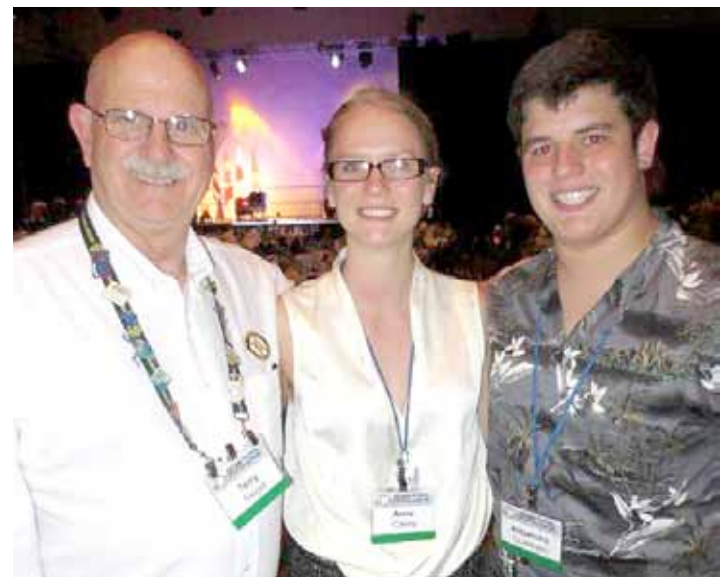


On their last day in Honolulu, the District 6000 group visited the Rotary Club of East Honolulu Hawaii, which is the home club of former RI General Secretary Ed Futa, who was also present. Much to their surprise, RI President Sakuji Tanaka was a visitor that day. Pictured (l-r): DG Terry Geiger and Peggy Geiger, President Sakuji Tanaka, DGND Loring Miller, Vernetta and Chris Knapp of Iowa City, and Phyllis Miller. Great food, great fun, and great fellowship!

– Provided by Peggy Geiger



Attendees were privileged to hear guest speaker Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who is a member of Parliament of the Union of Burma. She spoke on her life, her career, and her being placed under house arrest three different times, 1988-1995, 2000-2002, and again from 2003-2010. She is a Nobel Peace Prize recipient and her message on peace was powerful.



DG Terry Geiger speaks with RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) graduates Anne Casey and Alejandro "Alex" Cuadrado. They conducted a break-out session entitled "RYLA: The Newest Generation for Peace."

# Largest Project Team ever provides humanitarian service in Xicotepec, Mexico

■ 77 Rotarians, Interactors, students, faculty serve in project's 11th year

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

Xicotepec Project Team Coordinator

In both the U.S. and in Mexico, preparations have been underway for months as the dates for the annual project team trip to Xicotepec approaches.

2013 was the 11th consecutive year in which a D6000-led project team has traveled to Xicotepec to assist in carrying out community projects of the Rotary Club of Xicotepec (D4180, Mexico). This year's U.S. team had 77 members, making it the single largest project team to travel to Xicotepec since the Xicotepec Project began in 2002.



**Kay Carpenter**  
Team Leader

On March 16, project team members departed by air from Chicago, Des Moines, Seattle, Grand Rapids, Austin and Minneapolis, converging on Mexico City, where they spent the night. On Sunday, March 17, the project team traveled by charter buses to Xicotepec and worked that afternoon at the Casa Hogar Victoria Orphanage. After a week full of work, fellowship and fun, the project team returned by bus to Mexico City on March 23 and

turned to the U.S. on March 24.

Kay Carpenter of the Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor, a veteran of many trips to Xicotepec since her first in 2005, led the 2013 team, with help from West Des Moines Rotarian Tom Narak, his wife Carol, Jefferson Rotarian Nancy Stroburt, Newton Rotarian Bob Main and other project veterans.

Beginning in 2007 and in each year since, service-learning students from the University of Iowa have taken part in the trip as part of the interdisciplinary, international service-learning course "International Perspectives: Xicotepec." The 2013 project team includes 31 service-learning students from the University of Iowa and Ferris State University (Michigan), as well as eight faculty members from these two institutions. Disciplines represented include Pharmacy, Dentistry, Engineering, Business, Liberal Arts and others. For the second year in a row, U of I faculty member Stacy Narcotta-Welp and students of the Career Leadership Academy of the U of I are participating, thanks to a generous grant from Rockwell-Collins.

Pharmacy students continued the de-worming program that was started in 2007. The program has provided over 18,000 de-worming treatments to date. Another 3,000-plus treatments are expected to be given this year. Dental students will be expanding a public oral health program that was begun in 2011. Career Leadership Academy students will be collaborating with Rotaractors from the Universidad Tecnológica de Xicotepec de Juárez to execute various community projects during the week in Xicotepec. Other students planned to work on documenting some aspects of the project.

Rotarians, Interactors and others worked at several schools in Xicotepec, on projects such as construction of storage areas, painting, paving of playground areas and landscaping.

Late additions to this year's team are Elizabeth and Michael Jansen of Lakeway, TX, who learned about the Xicotepec Project part-

nership of D6000 and the University of Iowa at a breakout session at the 2010 Rotary International Convention in Montreal. Elizabeth, an alumna of the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, subsequently made a major bequest to the College of Pharmacy. Michael is a Rotarian (and club past president) from the Austin, TX, area and has solicited support from his club for the Xicotepec Project. The prospect of gaining new Rotary and professional partners for the project is especially exciting – welcome to Michael and Elizabeth!

The cost of funding many projects is supported by the project team members themselves and additional funding is always welcome and needed. Anyone wishing to contribute may make tax-deductible contributions to The Xicotepec Project through the District 6000 Humanitarian and Educational Fund (D6000 HEF). Be sure to designate your gift to "The Xicotepec Project."

For pictures and more information about the 2013 trip, be sure to check the June issue of District 6000 News.

## Who's who on the 2013 Xicotepec Project Team

**Team Leaders:** Kay Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Tom Narak (Rotary Club of West Des Moines), Carol Narak (Rotary Club of West Des Moines, partner), Richard Barajas (University of Iowa staff/student), Joshua Lipman (graduate, Penn University and Iowa City West High School).

**Rotarians:** Michael Schmitz (Iowa City), Peter Wallace (Iowa City), Pat Schnack (Iowa City AM), Nancy Stroburt (Jefferson), Keith Hobson (Nevada), Bob Main (Newton), PDG Don Patterson (Washington), Rebecca Patterson (Washington), Tom George (West Des Moines), Emily Meyer (Cedar Rapids Sunrise), Michael Jansen (Austin, TX), Elizabeth Jansen (Austin, TX, University of Iowa College of Pharmacy alumnus).

**Interactors:** Erin Durian, Emma Greenberg, Hannah Langenfeld, Talbot Morris-Downing, Corbin Scholz (Iowa City High School); Brianna Duserhoft, Erin Kleinow, Molly Lipman, Zachary Miller, Anna Mondanaro, Emily Starman (Iowa City West High School); Emily Mere (Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School).

**Rotary family members and others:** Kara Logsden (spouse of Iowa City AM Rotarian Ron Logsden), Zachary Logsden (Iowa City West High School, son of Iowa City AM Rotarian Ron Logsden), Thomas Narak Jr. (Seattle, WA, son of West Des Moines Rotarian Tom Narak), Devin Hedlund (Iowa City West High School, granddaughter of Iowa City Rotarian Steve Hedlund), Sarahann Kolder and Rebecca Wen (Iowa City West High School), Destyne Schug (Minnebrista, MN, niece of Ferris State faculty member Kierstan Hanson), McKenna Schnack (Des Moines Roosevelt High School, granddaughter of Iowa City AM Rotarian Pat Schnack), Emma Shafer (Des Moines Roosevelt High School).

**University Faculty:** Kierstan Hanson (Ferris State University, pharmacy); Stacy Narcotta-Welp (University of Iowa Career Leadership Academy); Jean Florman (University of Iowa Center for Teaching); Steven Levy, Julie Reynolds (University of Iowa College of Dentistry); Christine M. Catney, Hazel Hilton Seaba (University of Iowa College of Pharmacy); Mary Noonan (University of Iowa, sociology).

**University Service-Learning Students:** Devin DeCator, Paige Proctor (Ferris State, pharmacy); Drake Clark, Desirae Flores, Jezabel Guerrero, Lucille Howard, Aaron Kaplan, Alwajudat Lawal, Michael Long, Rebecca Robinson, Jennifer Spaulding, Lisa Vavroch, Kaitlen Wren (University of Iowa Career Leadership Academy); Adam Bahr, Ian Bell, Daniel Branson, Kymberly Fritz, Alicia Krones, Jonathan Meyer, Chong Shao, Justine Stemper, Chad Waltz, Marcela Zamora, Levi Zarbano (University of Iowa dentistry); Jessica Lile, Rebecca Vasquez (University of Iowa liberal arts); Mallory Breuker, Sara Farrell, Manda Johnson, Ann McCarty, Tah Tangyie (University of Iowa pharmacy).



# THE STORY OF TOMÁS:

## Iowa Miles of Smiles patient: 'I was reborn!'

**By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM**  
Iowa M.O.S.T. team member

There are many special stories that emerge each year during the Iowa MOST mission trip to Guatemala. Each team member finds a special connection to a patient or to a family and carries the story in his or her heart forever. But sometimes there is someone who touches us all. This year it is the story of Tomás.

Tomás was born with a disfiguring cleft lip. Superstitious friends and neighbors who were frightened by his appearance warned his parents that he would perhaps not survive infancy. In a small, out-of-the-way place, such can be the mistaken belief of those who have no knowledge of the cause and effects of clefts, but who are looking for explanations. Fear and avoidance of the one who suffers the defect can cause a life to be lonely and harsh.

Four more children were later born to Tomás's parents, none of them with cleft lips. Tomás always wondered why he was different from his siblings, and his father tried to explain by saying it was God's will.

Living with such an obvious disfigurement is difficult at best, but Tomás could avoid cruel teasing and curiosity by working with his father and not attending school. He had friends, but they were few and his life was ruled by embarrassment and shame.

Tomás's father brought him to Huehue from San Pedro Nectá, a trip of 4 or 5 hours, but they almost didn't come. His father couldn't really believe that this surgery would be performed without a charge. Perhaps the consultation would be free, but surely not the surgery,

he thought. He didn't have money to pay a bill, and to receive this surgery as a gift was too unbelievable to accept as true. So you can imagine how Tomás and his father felt when they came to understand that the cleft lip surgery would not cost them anything.



Tomás: New life, thanks to the Iowa Miles of Smiles Team of Rotary District 6000! Provided by Nancy Pacha

On screening day, Tomás caught the attention of all of us because he was the one individual who sat with a scarf in his hand covering his mouth. Out of more than 70 patient candidates, he was the single one who refused to give us permission to take his photograph. His actions and demeanor were clear evidence of the humiliation he had endured throughout his sixteen years.

Tomás was healthy, a good candidate for surgery, and Iowa MOST provided him with life-altering cleft lip repair. In the night after his surgery, Tomás told his father, "I was reborn!" The next day he asked that we tell his story, and he is proud to have us show his picture now. His father heaped blessings and wishes for a long life on Iowa MOST along with promises to go back home and tell others with reservations to come next year. "I will bring them myself!" he said. "This is my testimony!"

And so next year, we expect to see others from San Pedro Nectá. Throughout the coming year we will know that Tomás no longer covers

his face in shame. He will make friends, he will go to school, and he will be just like his brothers and sisters.

Such is the change in a life. Such is the reason for this mission. *(Members of the Feb. 14-24 Iowa Miles of Smiles Team are named on the next page.)*

## Lives changed: 'Thank you for believing in us'

**By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM**  
Iowa M.O.S.T. team member

*Read a little history from Vinicio Lopez, Rotarian and firefighter, in a letter to Gary Pacha in February of 2013.*

"Recently I have been reviewing some files from previous years and I found an email sent by Jim Peterson in which he told us about an upcoming trip to Huehuetenango by a group of Rotarians from Iowa. This was the first visit and in the group came Gary Pacha, Jim Peterson, Bill Olin, Brock Earnhardt and Bill Burress. This happened in February of 2005.

"Incredibly eight years have passed since the first trip, and the help you have given to Huehuetenango continues still. On that visit the Rotarians from Davenport were interested in carrying out a water

project and thanks to that the lives of many people in the village of Santa Barbara were changed.

"It is also incredible what has been achieved with Iowa MOST. A good number of children and adults today have a smile that before did not exist for them. That is wonderful. But it doesn't end there. The Huehuetenango Fire Station today is very different than it was three years ago.

"You and FAMSCO have made the difference in changing the safety of the work of the firefighters thanks to the equipment and vehicles they now have, and with that, it is the inhabitants of Huehuetenango who have benefited by having better attention in emergencies.

"THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN US."

# FAMSCO undertakes Visioning process

By Becky Patterson/Washington

Club President-Elect

FAMSCO conducted a Visioning session in Iowa City this past January to plan for the future of this District 6000-sponsored organization.

FAMSCO (Fire and Medical Supply Company) collects and distributes fire and medical supplies, collected from throughout District 6000 and distribute them to needy countries.

FAMSCO utilized the district's Visioning process under the leadership of AG Dave Cook of the Rotary Club of Boone. This is the same process that was used to develop the new Strategic Plan for the district, and is available to all clubs in the district.

The session was held on a Saturday and took five hours. The results of this process will guide FAMSCO in their future planning and operations.



Among those participating in the FAMSCO visioning process were (clockwise from bottom left): Sandy Pickup, treasurer; Karen Franklin, secretary; DGN John Ockenfels, vice president; PDG Gary Pacha; Dick Kennedy; Jim Peterson; Bob Main; Becky Patterson; Brock Earnhardt; and Bill Burress, president. AG Dave Cook was our facilitator, and PDG Don Patterson was assistant facilitator, scribe and photographer.

Provided by Becky Patterson

## Who's who on the 2013 Iowa Miles of Smiles Team

This year's Iowa MOST participants included 25 individuals who had traveled to Guatemala on other missions. Fourteen members took their first trip. Of the 39 team members, six were Rotarians, but the experience has made others want to join Rotary.

Our Medical Team Leader is Dr. John Canady who now works for Johnson & Johnson. He has encouraged other J&J employees to participate and this year we were joined by Krasimira Hristov and Reinhard Jurashek for the second year in a row, as well as Dr. Jeff Hammond and David Wilson, president of the J&J Mentor division.

Iowa MOST always includes an educational component. Three medical students and one dental student from the University of Iowa supported the doctors and dentists as did two UI resident anesthesiologists.

Among our members were two former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars, anesthesiologist Dr. Martin Mueller, and medical student Priyanka Rao. Priyanka was also the District 6000 representative at the 2005 Rotary International Conference RYLA event in Chicago.

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**Team Leader:** PDG Gary Pacha\*.

**Volunteers:** Krasimira Hristov (Johnson & Johnson), Reinhard Jurashek (Johnson & Johnson), Louise Wolf-Novak, David Wilson (Johnson & Johnson mentor president), Jim Wilson, Nancy Pacha\*.

**Translator and in-country organizer:** Paca Fernandez.

**Supply Master:** Karin Franklin\*.

**Surgeons:** John Wesley Canady\* (Johnson & Johnson), Brian Andrews, Daniel Jorgensen, Ross Zbar. Juan Carlos Garcia (Guatemalan surgeon). Jeffrey Hammond (Johnson & Johnson).

**Anesthesiologists:** David Swanson, Martin Mueller (former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar), Juan Ruiz (UI resident), Jonathan Swade (UI resident).

**Pediatricians:** Oscar Gomez, Pete Wallace\*, Tom Novak\*.

**Medical Students:** Priyanka Rao (former Ambassadorial Scholar and international RYLA participant), Christina Beaird, Chelsy Kemmet.

**Dentists:** Steven Aquilino, William Gates.

**Dental student:** Stephanie Dalton.

**Bio-medical engineer:** Keith Barkalow.

**Nurses:** Diane Miller, Karla Garibay, Sandra Kessler, Jody Meyer, Kallie Stambaugh, Trudy Wright, Dee Ann Grems, Katie Guckert, B.J. Wagner.

**Sterilization technician:** Ruben Zuniga.

(\*) Rotarian



## Grant management seminars

The District 6000 Rotary Foundation Future Vision Committee conducted Grant Management Seminars Feb. 16 at West Liberty, Feb. 28 at Des Moines and March 23 at Newton to provide training that clubs must attend in order to be eligible to receive Global and District grants. Above, Jim Dobbyn of the Rotary Club of Clinton asks a question at the West Liberty seminar. Trainers (below) included Doug Flournoy of West Liberty, Brock Earnhardt of Davenport, and PDG Cal Litwiller of Mount Pleasant. Thus far, 44 clubs have become eligible for grants.

Photos by Bill Tubbs







Glenn Kass, Holly Sparkman, Jillian Wilson, Chris Glass and Mike Locander with one of two banners signed by Quad-Cities Rotarians showing support for families in Newtown.



Words of hope were sent to Newtown by Rotarians and friends in the Quad Cities. Photos by Bill Tubbs

## Vigil shows solidarity with victims in Newtown

By Glenn Kass/Bettendorf

Club Public Relations chair

Members of the Bettendorf (IA) and Rock Island (IL) clubs joined together Jan. 14 to hold a vigil in remembrance of the one-month anniversary of the tragic shootings in Newtown, CT.

About 100 Rotarians and other community members braved cold temperatures at Modern Woodmen Park in Davenport in a program geared toward reflection and hope. Area clergy, choirs and representatives – including District Governor Terry Geiger – spoke of the kinship everyone feels with Newtown and the horrific events that could have happened anywhere.

Besides the formal program, attendees were encouraged to sign banners donated by fellow Milan (IL) Rotarian Cathy Edwards and her company, Edwards Creative. The items filled with personal messages are being shipped to the Newtown Rotary Club, District 7980.

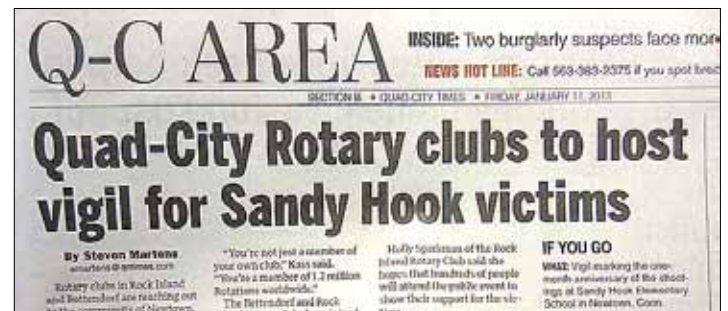
Rock Island Rotarians Holly Sparkman, Mike Locander and Jillian Wilson organized the vigil in just under two weeks along with Bettendorf members Glenn Kass and Chris Glass.

The advance media coverage and the added focus of the evening were also to build awareness of the Newtown club's Sandy Hook Elementary School Fund. This fund has been created to deal with the short- and long-term needs of the children, families and first responders who have been directly affected by this tragedy. More than \$2,000 was raised.

While dealing with issues like funeral costs and additional counseling and support, the eventual goal of the fund will be to create scholarships named after each of the victims that will be managed by the Newtown Rotary Club. For more information, a link is available at [www.bettendorffrotary.com/sandy-hook-elementary](http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/sandy-hook-elementary).



It was a cold night at the ball diamond, but hearts were warm and Peace Through Service was the theme.



Rotary's activities received headline coverage in the *Quad-City Times*, in addition to editorials of commendation.



District Governor Terry and Peggy with Rotarians past president Scott Naumann of Bettendorf and PDG Bill Tubbs.



Students of Earl Hanson Elementary sang songs of hope and were seen on television in the Quad Cities.





# District 6000 Youth Exchange Winter Retreat

Attending the District 6000 Rotary Youth Exchange Winter Retreat at Camp Wesley Woods near Indianola Jan. 12-13 were 17 students who are preparing for their study abroad during the 2013-14 school year: front (l-r): Trevor Poole (Keosauqua); Angel Delatorre (Muscatine); Brookley Lynde (Northwest Des Moines); Lilian Winters (Tipton); Taylor Werthiem (Ottumwa); and Jessica Jensen (Ankeny). Middle: Isaac Rock (Ottumwa), Madelaine Lance (Mount Pleasant), Jonah Marks (Fairfield), Tiffany Youmans (Burlington), Conor Henry (Iowa City AM), and Benjamin Ellis (Newton). Back: Jesse Monroe (Osceola), Grace Lutovsky (Mount Pleasant), Jordan Hutton (West Des Moines), Nohema Graber (Fairfield), and Julia Crouse (Johnston).

Photos provided by Peggy Geiger

• Jan. 12-13,  
2013

• Camp Wesley  
Woods, Indianola



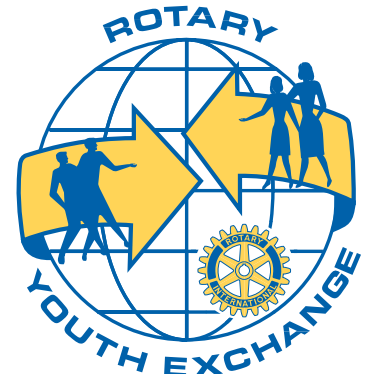
Taking time out at the Winter Retreat do a little stretching and back rubbing were Nohema Graber (outbound), Tiffany Youmans (outbound), Fumika Nakamura (inbound) and Lucas Santana (inbound). They all seem to be thoroughly enjoying this exercise.



District leadership was well represented on the D6000 Youth Exchange Committee at Camp Wesley Woods. Those attending for the weekend retreat were PDG Ken Noble (West Liberty), PDG Susan Herrick (Boone), PDG Gary Welch (Ankeny), DG Terry Geiger (Decatur County), DGN John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM), and DGND Loring Miller (Decatur County).

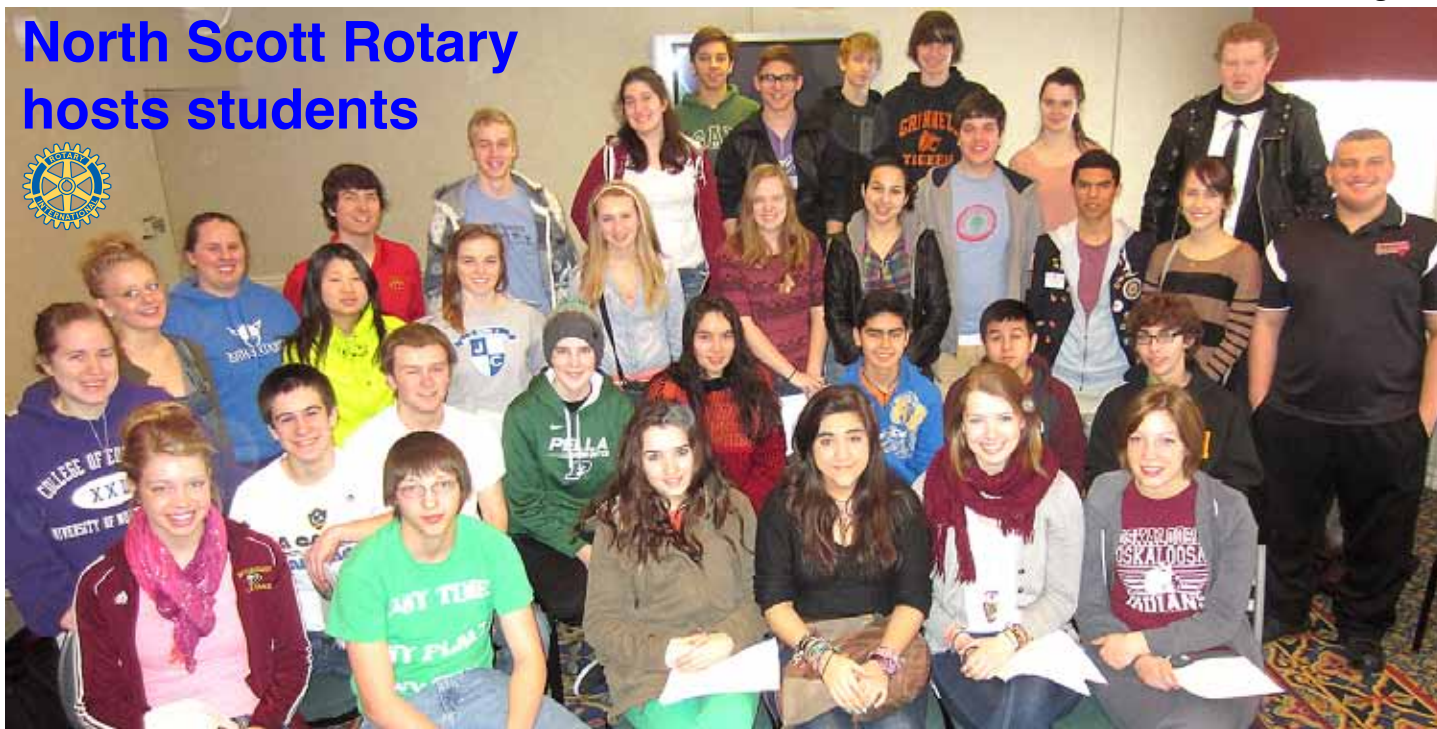


ROTEX is a great support for all Youth Exchange activities. Attending this year's YE Winter Retreat were (l-r): ROTEXers Josie Thurmond (11-12 Spain), Jon Ellis (10-11 Taiwan), Lucas Asbury (09-10 Spain), Brooke Beers (11-12 Belgium), Nat Gaston (11-12 Ecuador), Amber Hoffman (03-04 Germany), and Allysa Spear (10-11 Germany).



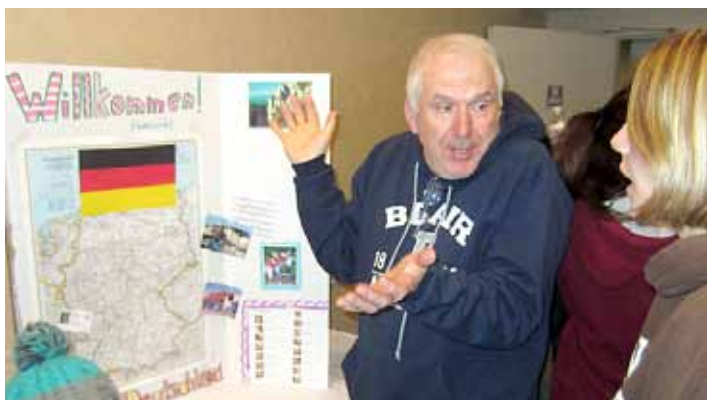


## North Scott Rotary hosts students



All of the Inbound and Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students of District 6000 were treated to a weekend in the Quad Cities, March 2-3, compliments of the Rotary Club of North Scott. The two days included: social time; a visit to the Davenport Airport to see the bi-planes and a vintage Model T Ford restored by club member Jim Smith; a visit to the Mississippi River front where they viewed Bald Eagles fishing below Dam No. 25; a view of the Mississippi from the Davenport Sky Bridge; a visit to the John Deere Pavilion; ice skating at River Edge indoor arena; food; movies; and more!

Photos by Bill Tubbs



District 6000 Outbound Coordinator Paul Kalainoff, of North Scott Rotary, encourages students in their international interests.



Julia Crouse from Urbandale and friends sit in Jim Smith's plane at the Davenport Airport (above), and Flavia Vincenzotti from Italy had fun at John Deere Commons (right).

(Provided by Dennis Peterson)



Enjoying friendships that know no borders are (l-r): Morgane Cloesen of Belgium (Oskaloosa), Gloria Barbarino of Italy (West Des Moines), Nuria Cunado of Spain (Newton), Raphael Heliot of France (Grinnell), Ben Ellis of Newton (outbound to Austria), and Barbara Alliger of Austria (Pella).



ROTEX students say, "Our goal is to give back and help grow and strengthen Youth Exchange." Pictured (l-r): Outbound coordinator Paul Kalainoff, Jon Ellis (ISU student, 10-11 Taiwan), Brooke Beers (Oskaloosa, 11-12 Belgium), Nat Gaston (North Scott, 11-12 to Ecuador), Amber Hoffman (Centerville, 03-04 to Germany), and North Scott Rotarian Dennis Peterson and Deb Peterson.





Polio eradication volunteers in Sonipat, India, included DGE Jacques Andrew of Jefferson and club president John Maxwell of North Scott and his fiancée, Joan.

# POLIO: WE ARE 'THIS CLOSE'

## India goes two years with no new cases

By DGE Jacques Andrew/Jefferson

**T**he world has its fingers crossed that India has seen its last case of polio – forever.

A year ago the World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed that polio was no longer endemic in India. On Jan. 12, India celebrated two years of being polio-free – an achievement nothing short of miraculous in a country that saw 350,000 deaths from the disease in 1988.

If no new cases of polio are reported in India by 2014, the country will officially be declared polio-free. But UNICEF warns there is no room for complacency and that India must remain resolute in protecting children until polio is eradicated world-wide.

The vigilance continues with National Immunization Day (NID) campaigns launched throughout India staffed by WHO physicians and supervisors, and local health workers, assisted by Rotarians from nearby clubs and regions and from across the globe.

And so we went – a band of 42 Rotarians and friends from Hawaii, California, Nevada, Florida, New York, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa, and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario to lend a hand in the polio battle.

Certainly we did not fully appreciate how rich the experience would truly be – and the importance of laying the cultural groundwork. Leadership by our experienced tour organizers and guides gradually prepared us for what we were to ultimately encounter. In the days prior to the actual NID the team was exposed to the vast diversity of the Indian culture, the determined spirit of local Rotarians and many of the projects they lead, at every turn paving the way for the moving experience of sharing “the drops.”

The cultural immersion begins in Delhi, a teeming city of over 15 million people – first rickshaw rides through Old Delhi and the Chandi Chowk market area bordered by an unusual street with shrines belonging to different religions that co-exist in genuine cultural harmony – a Hindu temple, a Muslim mosque, a Christian Baptist church built in 1814, and others.

Leaving Delhi for Agra in the state of Uttar Pradesh, we learned

that the white lines painted on the highway were merely a suggestion and the only constant was honking! We shared the multi-lane road with every conveyance imaginable from large tour buses like ours to tiny “tuk-tuk” trucks often packed with twice as many passengers as there were seats, to small motor scooters also with multiple riders, to bicycles and carts pulled by oxen or camels. To drive in India, we were told, requires only three things: a good horn, good brakes and good luck!

The beautiful Agra Fort was a fitting prelude to the “pearl” of India, the Taj Mahal, widely recognized as “the jewel of Muslim art in India and one of the universally admired masterpieces of the world’s heritage.” Construction on the iconic structure, a tribute to the beloved wife of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan, began around 1632 and was completed about 20 years later. Utilizing translucent Indian marble transported by elephant trains from hundreds of miles away, the structure is adorned with carvings inlaid with precious and semiprecious stones by the finest artisans of the period. Experiencing this “wonder of the world” was a dream come true.

The cultural significance on astronomical skills and cosmological study predominated on a lecture tour of the amazingly preserved observatory Jantar Mantar (which means calculation instrument) built by Maharaja Jai Singh II in the 1720s.

**T**ruly a highlight of Jaipur was the visit to Bhagvan Mahaveer Viklang Shayate Samiti (the Jaipur Foot Factory). This is an internationally known Rotary program to provide limbs to post-polio victims and those in need. It has been funded by Rotary clubs and Inner Wheel clubs throughout the world. Here we saw beaming young men, suddenly upright and proud, after being fitted with the prosthetics made on site and formed precisely for them. Never have we seen such smiles!

Upon the return to Delhi, we were invited to share in an inspiring community service initiative of the Rotary Club of Delhi South Metropolitan. Providing an “education for livelihood,” the school

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# India: 'Experiences to last a lifetime'

has served the inhabitants of the Kusumpur Pahari slum since 1990. According to the area's records, there are about 6,000 hutments with a population of 40-50,000 with most living in temporary shelters.

The vision for the vocational training institution is to "materialize the concept of education for livelihood by identifying all who really seek our help, to come out of the darkness of illiteracy and help them to achieve their dreams by equipping them with education skills and character." Their mission is "to empower girl children with education and developing them as a contributing factor towards the nation's development."

This Rotary club has implemented education units for children from preschool "crèche" to "remedial and non-formal" classes to help drop-outs be prepared to return to school, adult education and training in dress making/tailoring and embroidery, computer training and beauty culture especially for women, microfinance classes, health clinics and camps and more. Upon the completion of a portfolio of mastered clothing patterns and techniques, the young women receive a refurbished sewing machine that they may use to establish their own business. The pride and satisfaction on their faces as they displayed their projects to us was truly heartwarming.

Further down the streets of Delhi, we witnessed the overwhelming humanitarian service of Dr. Mathew Varghese, chief orthopedic surgeon of St. Stephens hospital, the oldest and one of the largest private hospitals in the city, established in 1885 with a current capacity of about 600 beds.

Dr. Varghese has dedicated his life to serving the surgical needs of post-polio victims, performing up to a dozen procedures each day, yet providing the caring touch of a devoted, personal physician. Many of his patients were in their 20s and early 30s, finally being able to receive free- or low-cost treatment and grateful for his careful approach. Their gratitude shown brightly on their faces.

Now fully immersed in the culture and several days into the trip, our initial overview of the polio eradication effort and the key issues that remain were delivered by Past District Governor Manjit Sawhney, chairman of the South East Asia PolioPlus Committee. Although extremely proud of their success which has brought India from 741 recorded cases more than any other country and over half of the cases in the world in 2009, to its current polio-free status, they caution that the effort must continue.

**T**he partnership of Rotary International's PolioPlus initiative with clubs worldwide and its significant donors, including Bill and Melinda Gates and now Michael Bloomberg, mobilization of

an army of public health workers and the support of religious and political leaders, coupled with the effectiveness of the bivalent vaccine which attacks two strains of the virus, have combined for India's victories in the polio battle.

The challenges remain: complacency/program fatigue, need to strengthen social mobilization, continue routine immunization status, sustaining a high level of bureaucratic commitment, sustaining what has already been achieved, and rapid and effective response to any wild polio virus detection.

At last, the days we have been waiting for – our chance to deliver the two drops of life-saving vaccine! We are divided into groups of five or six travelling in small cars to Sonipat, a city of under two million about an hour north of Delhi. There we were assigned to areas where children would be found: bus and train stations, settlements of all descriptions (some permanent, some temporary), schools, and so on.

Our car travelled to several places, including a location where transients from Rajasthan had migrated, driving their herd of 50 or more water buffalo in search of food for the animals. There were many children in this group, and thanks to the interpretation of our physician and health workers who explained our mission, we were able to immunize all of them!

**O**n the second day we "mopped up," walking from "home to home" – shaky lean-to dwellings, tents and some stark brick and stucco buildings. Often the pigs, cattle and monkeys would impede progress, but we were not to be deterred!

At one door, a woman answered the doctor's knocking with two small youngsters clinging to her legs. We were thrilled! But soon more and more little ones started spilling out of the back rooms, totaling twelve 3- and 4-year-olds! It was an in-home pre-school/daycare and we hit the "mother lode" of children needing their drops! They were aware of our intent and purpose and they lined up like little birds on a wire, each with their mouth wide open

to receive their dose. Not a dry eye among us!

These two days were the real reason we made the trip and what we saw and felt are experiences to last a lifetime. We participated in polio eradication activities, built strong friendships with Indian Rotarians, looked for new opportunities to achieve world peace and understanding, and enjoyed some of India's extraordinary sights.

But we got more. We experienced firsthand the process and the difficulties faced in achieving a polio-free world. These lessons will stay with us, inspiring us, challenging us to remain steadfast in the battle until ALL of the WORLD is polio free!



DGE Jacque giving the "drops of life" to children at a home-based daycare in Sonipat, India.



Children welcome North Scott Rotary president John Maxwell at the Rotary Club of Delhi South Metropolitan School.

Photos by Jacque Andrew

# International Assembly: Rotarians are challenged to

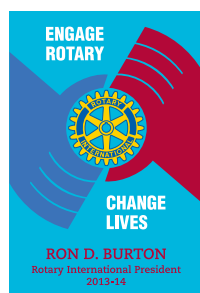
# 'Engage Rotary, Change Lives'

By DGE Jacques Andrew/Jefferson

Rotary is in a category of "one," said past Rotary International (RI) president Bill Boyd of New Zealand in his remarks on the state of the Rotary "brand" at the International Assembly in January 2013.

Held in San Diego, CA, the International Assembly is a gathering of district governors-elect from all 538 districts throughout the Rotary world. The event is part training, part inspiration, part cultural immersion and TOTALLY amazing!

Boyd and his wife Lorna, at right, is pictured with me during the International Talent Night when Zones 28-29 (of which District 6000 is a member) presented their "Rotary Rocks You" skit. It was a privilege to organize 40 DGEs and spouses in a skit that had the house on its feet clapping and cheering.



Boyd's speech about the importance of the Rotary brand was just one of a week packed with the best thoughts, analysis, inspiration and humor of past and current RI and The Rotary Foundation officers, kicked off by the RI president-elect, Ron Burton of Norman, OK.

Always the leading presentation of the first day, Monday, the theme announcement is highly anticipated. Burton did not disappoint with a rousing call to action – "a challenge for Rotary leaders at every level – for me, for you,

for the club presidents – in making sure that every Rotarian can have that experience of epiphany, that moment of realizing what Rotary is, what doors it opens, what a privilege it is to be a Rotarian."

"And whatever it is to you, however you got that feeling that made you a Rotarian for life – that is what I want you to share, what I want you to help other people discover, so that they can find that feeling for themselves. When Rotarians get involved – when they get engaged – lives change. And that is why, my friends, my governors, our theme in 2013-14 will be Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

Throughout the week the plenary sessions were inspiring and followed by small group discussions and other formats on topics that will launch DGEs positively into their year as governor.

Each governor and spouse had an individual schedule organized by RI staff to maximize the experience. Plenary sessions featured multiple language interpretation with headphones provided. Smaller group sessions and round table discussions are organized by primary language. Most meals are buffet style, providing many opportunities to mingle with governors from every corner of the world.

International culture night and the talent night offer more op-



DGE Jacques Andrew (c) was flanked by past RI President Bill Boyd of New Zealand and his wife, Lorna, at the International Assembly, Jan. 13-19 in San Diego.

portunities for cross-cultural exchange and appreciation. Native costumes, music and customs abound as all enjoy the richness of the Rotary experience. International Assembly, too, is part of the Rotary "brand."

"We see things differently. Because of the way we build our membership, we have a multidisciplinary perspective that allows us to see challenges and opportunities in ways that others can't," Boyd said.

"We use our vocational skills for service to humanity. We act differently. We are responsible leaders in our businesses, professions, and communities, and this means that we apply best-in-business thinking to social issues. We have passion and perseverance. The passion of Rotarians shines through."

"We make a global impact one community at a time. While we often talk about international and community service, in fact we impact communities on a global scale, and this also makes us unique."

There is nowhere better to understand the exceptional qualities of Rotary than at the International Assembly. It truly is a once in a lifetime experience for which I am deeply grateful.

## Join us at the District 6000 Breakfast in Lisbon, Portugal

By DGN John Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

We would like to invite you to attend our District event in Lisbon:

Breakfast is the best way to start the day, so please join us on Monday, June 24, 2013, at the Holiday Inn Lisbon Continental, Rua Laura Alves, 9, Lisbon, from 7:30 to 9:30. The cost is \$35. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, potatoes, fresh fruit, juices, assorted cold cuts, cheese, yogurt, assorted breads, English cake, marble cake, coffee,

tea and milk.

During the Convention you will be surrounded by 20,000 Rotarians from around the world and you may also want to see some friendly faces from the Midwest! If you would like to attend the breakfast to get to know, or catch up with District 6000 Rotarians, we would ask that you send a check payable to Rotary District 6000 by March 31 to the district office, P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219. Include your name, email address and number of tickets.







DGE Jacque Andrew of Jefferson (front, center) met the District 6000 class of club presidents for 2013-14 at North Central Presidents-Elect Training (P.E.T.S.), March 1-2 at Des Moines. The incoming club presidents of 56 of the district's 64 clubs were present (but not all are pictured). Can you find your club's president-elect?  
Photo by Bill Tubbs

## District 6000 club presidents for 2013-14

### DISTRICT 6000 2013-14 Club Presidents:

Adel ..... Wilma Mitchell  
Albia ..... Kevin Crall  
Ames ..... Dan Divine  
Ames Morning ..... Dorothy Schumer  
Ankeny ..... Dick Westercamp  
Atlantic ..... Bill Saluk  
Bettendorf ..... Chelsea Powers  
Bloomfield ..... Gloria Garner  
Boone ..... Megan Houston  
Burlington ..... Rhonda Frevert  
Carroll ..... Paul Raak  
Centerville ..... Debra George  
Chariton ..... Veronica Fuhs  
Clinton ..... Tom Determann  
Coon Rapids ..... Mark Thomas  
Coralville-North Corridor ..... Royce Phillips  
Corning ..... Jayne Templeton  
Corydon ..... Denise Hook  
Creston ..... Aaron Chapman  
Dallas Center ..... Brian Slaughter

Davenport ..... Gary Loss  
Decatur County ..... Marcia Stephens  
Des Moines ..... Dick Reasons  
Des Moines AM ..... Tamara Kenworthy  
East Polk County ..... Steve Hall  
Fairfield ..... Jodi Kerr  
Fort Madison ..... Ryan Nagrocki  
Greater Des Moines ..... (unknown)  
Grinnell ..... Gregory Hawkins  
Indianola ..... Patrick O'Meara  
Iowa City ..... Jody Braverman  
Iowa City AM ..... Casey Cook  
Iowa City Downtown ..... Roger Jensen  
Iowa Quad Cities ..... Sigrid Zaeheringer  
Jefferson ..... Tim Christensen  
Johnston ..... Jon Kallen  
Kalona ..... Christopher Grier  
Keokuk ..... Chuck Betts  
Keosauqua ..... Lisa Beames  
Knoxville ..... Jason Maasdam  
Lenox ..... Matthew Hanson  
Manning ..... Brian Irlbeck

Marengo ..... Debra Maas  
Marshalltown ..... Jeff Vance  
Mount Pleasant Noon ..... Phyllis Whitney  
Mount Pleasant ..... Doug Deardorff  
Muscatine ..... Keith Porter  
Nevada ..... Dan Johnson  
Newton ..... Patrick Hatting  
North Scott ..... Stephen Suiter  
Northwest Des Moines ..... Ed Arnold  
Osceola ..... David Selene  
Oskaloosa ..... Beth Danowsky  
Ottumwa ..... Jay Messerschmitt  
Pella ..... Al Reicks  
Perry ..... Clint Lutterman  
Tipton ..... Bruce Cary  
Washington ..... Rebecca Patterson  
Waukee ..... Erna Morain  
Wellman ..... Bob Freeman  
West Des Moines ..... Tom Narak  
West Liberty ..... Steve Hanson  
West Polk ..... Jerry Lande  
Winterset ..... Larry Corkrean



Assistant District Governors for 2013-14 enjoyed a day of training and fellowship Feb. 28, the day before PETS, at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn. All 15 AGs were present (a record!) and 14 are pictured, front (l-r): AG team leader PDG Bill Tubbs (North Scott), Gerald Clausen (Carroll), Tony Conn (Keokuk), DGE Jacque Andrew, Mary Ellen Stanley (Decatur County), Sue Rasmussen (Waukee), Craig Scott (Chariton), and Dave Reiff (Fairfield). Back: Steve Wieneke (Johnston), Norm VanKlomben-burg (Newton), William McAlpine (Lenox), Doug Peterson (Iowa Quad Cities), Lee Holmes (Waukee), Vicki Struzynski-Olson (Coralville-North Corridor), Mike Ruby (Muscatine) and David Cook (Boone). Not pictured: Chris Marshall (Washington).





DGN Kathryn Fahy from Spirit Lake in District 5970 presents a “Rotary Minute” at North Central PETS in the atrium of the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn. The photo shows about half of the audience of presidents-elect and Rotary leaders from Districts 5970 and 6000 in Iowa, District 5950 in Minnesota, and District 5960 in Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin.



Harold Hulleman of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines and his wife, Linda, served as facilities chairs.



District 6000 administrator Carolyn Scharff of Pella (l) and Rotary Club of Des Moines executive director Kitte Noble served as registration chair and site manager, respectively.

## District 6000 hosts North Central PETS

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Editor, District 6000 News

**T**he event was two years in the planning for general chair PDG Diana Reed and her team. It came off without a hitch when more than 325 Rotary leaders and incoming club presidents from Districts 5950, 5960, 5970 and 6000 in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin converged at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn March 1-2 for North Central Presidents-Elect Training (P.E.T.S.).

For District 6000, this was the third year of Multi-District P.E.T.S., and it may be the only time District 6000 is host – at least for a while. The training was at Dubuque in 2011 and Rochester, Minn., in 2012, and is slated to return to Rochester in 2014 (March 7-8), 2015 (March 13-14) and 2016 (March 11-12).

For Reed and committee, it couldn't have gone better. The fellowship was wonderful, the breakouts were cutting edge and informative, and as usual – the benefit of Multi-District P.E.T.S. – the speakers were world-class.

Topping the agenda was incoming Rotary International President Ron Burton, of Norman, Okla. The retired director of the University of Oklahoma Foundation is jetting around

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RI leaders at North Central PETS included (l-r): Rotary Foundation trustee Stephanie Urchick of Pittsburgh, PA; past RI director John Smarge and Cindy from Naples, FL; District 6000 DGN John Ockenfels; RI Director-Elect Mary Beth Growney-Selene from Madison, WI; and DGE Jacque Andrew.





RI President-Elect Ron Burton (c) and DGEs show that they are the “first class” in which all the governors gave to The Rotary Foundation prior to International Assembly, (l-r): John Bender (District 5970, Cedar Rapids), Diann Kirby (District 5950, Minneapolis), Burton, Jacque Andrew (District 6000, Jefferson, Iowa) and Gary Campbell (District 5960, Champlin, Minn.).



NC PETS general chair PDG Diana Reed of Northwest Des Moines (r) with Rotary Foundation trustee Stephanie Urchick of Pittsburg, PA.



The sign tells the world that Rotary is here!



Saying we are “this close” to eradicating polio are (l-r): AG Lee Holmes (Waukee), and presidents-elect Dick Reasons (Des Moines), Tamara Kenworthy (Des Moines AM), Tom Narak (West Des Moines), Ed Arnold (Northwest Des Moines) and Pat O’Meara (Indianola).



PDG Dale Belknap of Des Moines and Mary (l) served as aides to RI President-Elect Ron Burton and Jetta.



District 6000 DGN John Ockenfels of Iowa City AM introduced past RI Director John Smarge, of Naples, Fla.

***Photos by Bill Tubbs  
(more on the next page)***



DG Terry Geiger and Peggy (r) welcomed Zone 28 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Dick Galitz of Naperville, IL.





District Governor Terry Geiger and Peggy with John Smarge and Cindy.



President-Elect Burton with DGE Jacque Andrew and PDGs Dave Piersel (NW Des Moines) and Cal Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant).

## Presidents make plans, set goals

### NC PETS/continued

the world these days inspiring Rotarians to “Engage Rotary and Change Lives.”

“If you get involved with Rotary you will change lives and you will change the life of your club,” Burton said. “Our success the next year really depends on club presidents. You are the ones in the trench who gets to set the tone to challenge members to do more than they ever thought they could ... As we say in Oklahoma, we’re going to make that wood pile just a little big higher!”

DGN John Ockenfels, when introducing Past RI Director and chair of the executive committee, John Smarge of Naples, Fla., quoted Lincoln: “If you have eight hours to cut down a tree, spend six sharpening the axe.”

“If all we are is what we do, then why join Rotary?” he asked. “I can support (good works) without Rotary.” Two things, he said, make Rotary different: It is an organization of business and professional community leaders; and no other organization has Rotary’s core values: fun and fellowship, service, leadership, diversity and integrity.

Smarge said 2,500 clubs have been chartered worldwide in the last seven years

but membership grew by only 26. “In those seven years we brought in 1.2 million new members and Rotary’s membership is still 1.2 million members. We are a rusted bucket!”

He said Rotary now has a three-year membership plan based on regions, which should help. And, he said Rotary’s target for growth should be ages 45-64. “Youth was the wrong target,” he said, pointing out that the majority in attendance are 45-64.

Rotary Foundation trustee Stephanie Urchick talked about the different hats she’s worn in service and said she’s in Rotary for the “psychic income.” “Give until it feels good,” she urged.

In District 6000 sessions Friday morning and in a wrap-up on Saturday, presidents-elect were asked to work on their Club Planning Guides and Membership and Foundation goals, and they heard talks on membership, best practices (photos below), Youth Exchange by Chris Knapp, RYLA by PDG Gary Welch, PolioPlus, FAMSCO, Iowa MOST and Xicotepec by DGN John Ockenfels, club visioning by AG David Cook, The Rotary Foundation by PDG Cal Litwiller and Bill Koellner, public relations by PDG Bill Tubbs, and more.



Sergeant-at-arms Allison Carlson on duty with her “new generation” and trainer Tom Narak of West Des Moines.

Photo by Jacque Andrew



Leaders from RI who led sessions included John Hannes, Senior Coordinator for Club and District Support, and Chad Stutsman, Annual Giving Officer for The Rotary Foundation.



A membership discussion was led by (l-r): AG Mike Ruby of Muscatine, Ginny Hughes of Fairfield and Ros Dunblazier of Nevada.



Presidents gave tips to presidents-elect (l-r): Tom Downs (East Polk), Sharon Vickery (Des Moines), Todd Wheeler (Greater Des Moines) and Chris Nelson (West Des Moines).





During April, several CyRide buses will feature moving billboard tail signs promoting reading to children and the 2013 Step Into Storybooks event.

## 1,000-plus children expected to 'Step Into Storybooks' in Ames

**By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning District Literacy Promotion Committee**

The Rotary Club of Ames Morning is a champion of early literacy.

Our signature Step Into Storybooks event will be held Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to noon. Rotarians are invited to attend with their children and grandchildren. The event is moving to Ames Middle School, 3915 Mortenson Road, Ames, in order to accommodate increasing attendance, which was over 1,000 last year. This site is easily accessed from Highway 30, using either the University Boulevard or State Avenue exits.

For five years the club has been the main sponsor of Step Into Storybooks, a free, fun event designed to make storybooks come to life for young children and their families. Past themes have been Your Community,

Farms, Exploring Math through Books, and Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds.

The focus this year is on promoting young children's social-emotional development. This is a serious societal issue that not only affects each individual's future, but ultimately impacts the ability of citizens and nations to get along. Young children are strongly influenced by the quality of their early relationships, and early childhood is a critical time to develop their capacity to think about their emotions.

Children from infants to age 5 will explore interactive stations that encourage self-awareness. Adults will discover easy, age-appropriate ways to nurture positive relationship-building through children's books and everyday activities. Dan Wardell, host of IPTV Kid's Clubhouse, will be a guest



Carolyn Jons led a breakout session at North Central PETS. Photo by Bill Tubbs

storyteller at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The first 700 children will receive a free book.

Rotarians are contributing both funding and time as planners and volunteers. A district grant from The Rotary Foundation will help fund the books that promote healthy social-emotional development that will be given to children.



### Mark Snell family in Japan

Des Moines Rotarian Mark Snell (at right, above) chaired the District 6000 Inbound GSE Committee many years. He and his wife, Cindy, are in Kofu, Japan, teaching middle school students in Kofu, Yamanashi Prefecture, as part of the Kofu Foreign English Teacher Exchange (Des Moines Public Schools and Kofu Public Schools). Kofu is Des Moines' sister city. It is located one hour west of Tokyo by train on the north slope of Mount Fuji and sits in a valley surrounded by mountains. It is also known as the mountain city because of the extraordinary views of Mount Fuji, the Japanese Alps and other prominent peaks. (from Rotary Club of Des Moines newsletter)

## 'Friendship' team to South Africa

**By Blair Lawson/Indianola**

Rotary Friendship Exchange programs provide a means through which Rotarians in one part of the world can experience life in another country or culture. Its goal is to advance international understanding and goodwill through person-to-person connections across national boundaries.

There have been at least a dozen outgoing RFE trips from District 6000 to such places as Denmark, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, England, and Sweden. Now, for the fourth time, we are going to South Africa, on April 17-May 8. Our team will stay in the homes of Rotarians, eat at their tables, and get to know Rotarians from around the world who may become friends for life.

Team members are Blair and Marilyn Lawson (Indianola), Alka Khanolkar (Keokuk), Dave and Amy Camp (West Burlington), Clinton Rila (Mt. Pleasant), Leigh and Karen Svacina (Eldridge), Maggie Tinsman (Bettendorf), and Debra Jo Marcus (Iowa City)..

Cities to be visited are Johannesburg, Pretoria, Capetown and George. There will be two in-country flights and a drive up the "Garden Route" along the east coast of the country. An extra treat will be the chance to spend six nights in Kruger National Park where they will observe the "big five": elephants, lions, rhinos, cape buffalo and leopards, not to mention hippos, jackals and hundreds of other animals and birds.

# Lobsterfest boosts 17 Quad-Cities nonprofits

**By Glenn Kass/Bettendorf**

Club Public Relations chair

The Charitable Giving Board of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf announces the award of a total of \$20,000 to 17 not-for-profit organizations that serve the Quad City community.

This is the fifth year that proceeds from the club's annual THE National Bank Lobsterfest in June has created the philanthropy fund for the Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Giving Board grants.

"We received 41 grant requests for amounts totaling \$92,350," said Jeff Hassel, chair of the BRC Charitable Giving Board. "Once again, the programs present worthy opportunities for funding and we work to ensure a variety of projects are represented among the final list of recipients. The total amount awarded represented 22 percent of the final amount requested. We hope our next THE National Bank Lobsterfest on June 8 enables us to reach this level of support for 2013."

(A complete list of the 17 grant recipients for 2012 is below.)

Bettendorf Rotary also presents \$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.

Individual grants of as much as \$2,500 are available to any qualified non-profit organization in the Quad Cities. Applications may be completed online or downloaded at [www.bettendorfrotrary.com/rotarygrants](http://www.bettendorfrotrary.com/rotarygrants). Completed written 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 following are the 17 grants that the Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Giving Board selected and had approved by the Bettendorf Rotary Club's Executive Board for funding in 2012:

**Bettendorf Public Library Foundation:** In the next 18-24 months a total renovation will take place in the Bettendorf Library. The grant request to Bettendorf Rotary is to support the renovation of the areas specific to children and young adults. \$2,000.

**Boys and Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley:** Power Hour focuses on the academic success of club members by providing daily homework help and tutoring. This is for the Davenport Club's Power Hour. \$1,000.

**Children's Therapy Center of the Quad Cities:** The Children's

Therapy Center will provide 300 units of therapy services to 50 children with developmental disabilities in a 12-month period. \$1,450.

**Davenport Schools Foundation:** Funding Great Minds mini-grants for classroom teachers to conduct special programs, host speakers and buy supplies for presentations – the extras that make education enjoyable and memorable. \$2,000.

**Dress for Success Quad Cities:** Develop and implement an integrated marketing plan and a Volunteer Management system to serve disadvantaged QC women with existing and new services. \$1,000.

**Friendly House of Davenport:** Friendly House Holiday Assistance offers families support through a family holiday meal and gift basket, and participation in Secret Santa Workshop. \$1,000.

**Genesius Theatre:** Adding opera performances to the Genesius Guild summer program of free classic productions; enhancing its 56-year history of ballet, Shakespeare, Greek tragedy and comedy. \$500.

**Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities** This project (Home Build #78) will build a simple, decent, affordable home for low income, working family at 1630 Belle Ave., Davenport. \$1,500.

**Humility of Mary Housing, Inc.:** Support salary of live-in Site Manager at our transitional housing site for homeless families with severe mental illness or traumatic brain injury. \$1,000.

**ITN Quad Cities Affiliate:** To acquire the recommended affiliate technology to ensure customer service as we grow. \$2,000.

**O.N.E.:** Our goal is to help those with challenges to get a start in life by providing funds for rental assistance and household furnishings. \$1,000.

**Quad City Arts:** The Metro Arts Summer Youth Employment Program provides artistic and professional development opportunities for Quad City area youth ages 15-21, while simultaneously enhancing public access to visual and performing arts. \$1,000.

**Quad City Flutes Unlimited:** QC Flutes Unlimited celebrates its 30th anniversary by inviting Phyllis Louke to teach, perform, inspire and compose a new flute choir piece as part of an artist residency. \$100.

**Quad City Youth Conference:** A day-long conference in 2013 for 800-1,000 Quad-City youth that offers workshops from community agencies on the complicated issues facing teens today. \$1,000.

**Sacred Heart Food Pantry @ The Center:** Grant helps provide each client family with half-gallon milk each month for the next 12 months. Cash donations will be used to cover balance of milk costs. \$2,000.

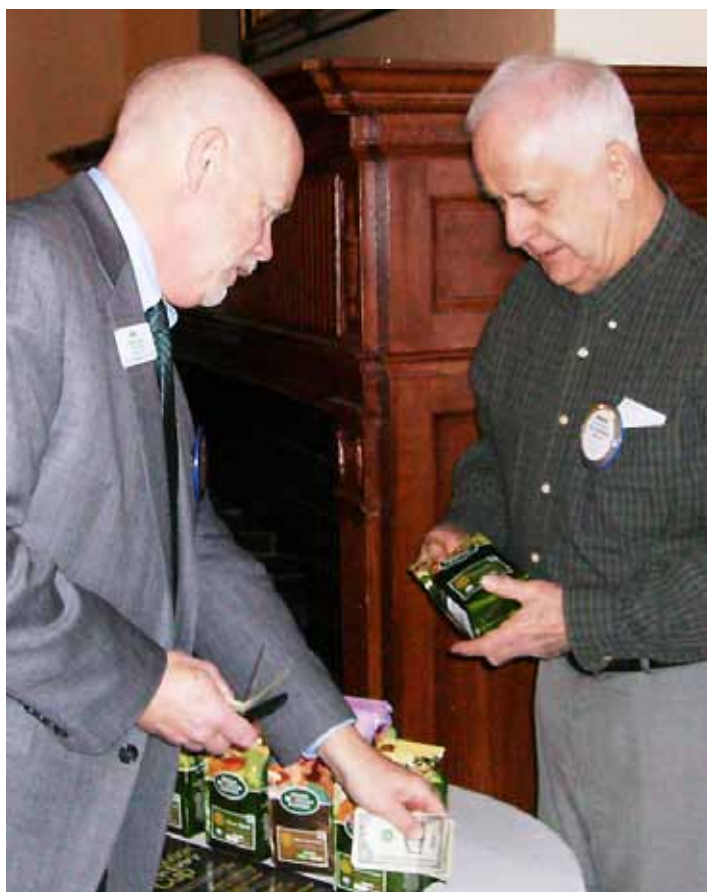
**The Salvation Army:** Project Bundle Up collects and purchases hats, mittens, scarves, socks and underwear and then distributes them to the Quad Cities schools with the greatest need. \$600.

**Thomas Merton House, Inc.:** The project involves the purchase of a 22-cubic-foot chest freezer for the storage of garden produce and other food donations. \$850.



Bettendorf Rotary past president Jeff Hassel announced \$20,000 of support for charities in the Quad Cities at special meeting at the Waterfront Convention Center in January.





Marshalltown Rotarian Conrad Dejardin (r) selling coffee after a Rotary meeting to support water projects and polio eradication.

Provided by Curt Hoff



Marshalltown Rotarian Conrad Dejardin (r) selling coffee after a Rotary meeting to support water projects and polio eradication.

## Fair trade coffee: 'Doing good in the world'

**By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown**

The Rotary Club of Marshalltown is one of 350 clubs from 43 states taking part in Rotary's Five for Water project launched in 2009 in conjunction with Green Mountain Coffee.

Conrad Dejardin has taken the initiative with this project and taken it under his wing to the point where members refer to the product as "Conrad's Coffee." Well, it's actually Green Mountain Coffee. Furthermore, it consists of four different varieties of organic, fair-trade coffee which, according to Dejardin, broadens its appeal.

Dejardin saw the exposure given to the project in *The Rotarian* magazine and thought it would be an easy way to help out with Rotary International's clean water initiative, as \$1 from every bag sold helps clean water projects in coffee producing countries.

Additionally, the Marshalltown club is designating \$3 from each bag sold toward its polio eradication efforts. The number 5 in 5<sup>H<sub>2</sub>O</sup> initiative represents the number of lives saved with each bag's purchase through such polio efforts.

## Past President Klinginsmith to celebrate Grinnell's 75th

The Rotary Club of Grinnell will celebrate 75 years of service to the central Iowa community with a celebration to be held at the Grinnell College Harris Center on Tuesday, May 7. The event will begin with a cash bar and appetizers at 5:00 p.m., followed by a dinner buffet. It will be an exciting night featuring former Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith as the keynote speaker. His topic for the evening will be, "Wow, 75 Years – What Would

The Marshalltown club kicked off its project in November by serving the coffee at its regular noon meeting so that members could sample the product. Dejardin transacts coffee business after each meeting and it kicked off just in time for Christmas stocking stuffers!

Members Bob Gaynor and Jacque Goodman are on the coffee project committee. Fellow Rotarian Vic Hellberg volunteered to make the coffee available at the family jewelry store located on Main Street right across from the county courthouse. The entire staff there has been knowledgeable and helpful regarding inquiries and sales.

Fellow Rotarian Mike Schlesinger, publisher of the *Marshalltown Times-Republican*, helped the cause by orchestrating the creation of promotional material to run in the newspaper.

Club president Bettie Bolar champions Dejardin's efforts, the meaningful benefits, and the resulting positive visibility of the Rotary club in the community.

As Dejardin sums it up: "Enjoy good coffee and doing good in the world."

the Charter Members Say Today?"

The Rotary Club of Grinnell invites all District 6000 clubs to attend this memorable event. Please RSVP to Joann Wells at jr-wells@iowatelecom.net by April 19. We hope you will join us for this special evening. All proceeds from the event will help support the Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus initiative.

— Bruce Blankenfeld, club president



## ISU Rotaracters boost PolioPlus

Eliminating polio worldwide has been one of Rotary International's goals for decades. A fund drive for PolioPlus by the Rotary Club of Ames and the Rotary Club of Ames Morning, and the Iowa State University student Rotary club called Rotaract, netted \$10,262. This will pay for 17,103 immunizations. Donations came from Rotary members and Rotarians who waited tables and served customers at Pizza Ranch and Orange Leaf Yogurt to get donations. Students sold Do-Biz cookies, and Worldly Goods donated a portion of their sales proceeds to the effort. Included in the check presentation were (l-r.): Rotary Club of Ames Morning president Jeri Heid; Rotary Club of Ames fund drive chair Monica Porter; Rotary Club of Ames president Steve Goodhue; and Rotary Club of Ames Rotary Foundation chair Steve Howell.

Submitted by Carole Custer, publicity chair for the Rotary Club of Ames



## PR in practice!

The Rotary Club of Des Moines AM is putting PR into practice and rolling out the red carpet with this billboard at the busy intersection on Fleur Drive and Belle Avenue. Visitors at [www.rotaryhappyhour.com](http://www.rotaryhappyhour.com) will see this message: "Friday Morning Happy Hour...the Place to Start Your Weekend! The DMAM Rotary Club provides professional networking and philanthropic opportunities that impact both locally and internationally throughout the year, beyond any other in the Des Moines area. We're fun, lively, spirited, edgy, high energy ... some even call us irreverent and we thrive on that. Join us for a Friday 7:00 am morning meeting at Wakonda Club, and you'll see what we mean. For more information about membership, contact Bev McLinden; [bevmclinden.dmamrotary@yahoo.com](mailto:bevmclinden.dmamrotary@yahoo.com) or (515) 996-9241." Bravo! Great job, DMAM.

Provided by Bev McLinden



Rotary Club of Des Moines president-elect Dick Reasons (l) and executive director Kitte Noble (second from left) attended the Large Club Conference held Jan. 24-27 in Beaumont, Texas.

Provided by Kitte Noble

## Large Club Conference provides idea exchange

President-elect Dick Reasons and Rotary Club of Des Moines executive director Kitte Noble attended the Large Club Conference held Jan. 24-27 in Beaumont, Texas.

This is a once-a-year opportunity for executive directors to meet with peers for the purpose of motivation and exchange of ideas. It also gives the presidents-elect an opportunity to exchange their ideas, plans and goals for their year as president. It also allows the executive director and president-elect time to strengthen their partnership as they prepare for the Rotary year ahead.

Sixty-five clubs from across the U.S. and one club from Canada were represented at the Large Club Conference in Beaumont. In attendance were 129 delegates, including 56 executive directors, 56 presidents-elect, 10 president nominees and seven other elected officers.

Beaumont is located approximately 85 miles east of Houston. More than a century after the Spindletop gusher put Beaumont on the map, the area continues to be one of the world's largest petroleum refining centers. The Port of Beaumont on the Sabine-Neches Waterway serves Beaumont, the region and the world as the fourth largest port in the U.S. in domestic and foreign tonnage. It is the nation's No. 1 military port and No. 2 military port in the world. (Al-Shuaiba, Kuwait is No. 1).

The 2014 Large Club Conference will be held in Memphis, TN at the Peabody Hotel Jan. 26-29.

## Donate to District Auction!

Here is your club's opportunity to support D6000 and the District Conference. Please identify the item you are bringing for the Silent Auction at the District 6000 Rotary Conference. Send them to Loring Miller at [miller2@grm.net](mailto:miller2@grm.net). Proceeds will go towards RYLA (the first \$2,000), and the rest towards the expenses for our Youth Exchange students to attend the District Conference. Be creative! Also, please indicate the approximate retail value of the item(s). You may turn in your auction items near the convention registration table at Honey Creek Resort any time between 8:00 and noon on Friday, April 12. Thanks for your generosity! Questions? Loring and Phyllis Miller, (641) 344-0105.



# Atlantic auction grosses \$53,860 for projects

## ■ Corn and soybean seeds, 'dinner in the hills' bring premium prices

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

The Rotary Club of Atlantic held its 13th annual auction on Saturday, Nov. 17. The anniversary was marked with some changes to the event. The most significant change was the location. The auction was moved to the Cass County Community Center so more people could attend, and they did. There were 255 people in attendance.



Auctioneer Chuck Reiken selling the Hostess donettes.

The sale bill information was put in power point so it could be projected on a screen so people knew which item was being auctioned in case they didn't catch the announcement. To commemorate the anniversary, former Rotarians were invited to attend, as well as organizations that have been recipients of funds over the years.

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 Downtowner, a local restaurant, catered the event. Everyone enjoyed prime rib or pork loin with all the fixings. The auction began at 7:15 p.m.

The auction started a little differently than in the past. Rotarian Bill Saluk had been at the local Hostess Shop and purchased two of the last boxes of Twinkies and Hostess donettes, so we started the auction with these items. The two boxes brought \$120. A great start.

There were many unique items available for the guests to bid on. Silent Auction items included such things as a quilt made from t-shirts from local businesses, sunglasses, handmade jewelry, ROKU 2 XD Streaming Player, Bud Light i-pod Station, Mickey Mantle autographed baseball card and much more.

The three highest selling items included eight units of Pioneer "Aqua-Max" seed corn to be picked up for 2013 spring planting at any of Seed Pros warehouses in Cass County, donated by Seed Pros, L.L.C. – Lee Saathoff, John Becker and Mark Ventiecher – going for \$4,200; 1 bulk box (50 units) Pioneer M or Y series soybeans to be picked up for 2013 spring planting at any of Seed Pros warehouses in Cass County also donated by Seed Pros, L.L.C. – Lee Saathoff, John Becker and Mark Ventiecher – for \$3,400; and the item we call the Danish Alps for \$3,250. This is a dinner in the hills of Audubon County in a remodeled 1950 corn crib converted to a hunting lodge. The cabin overlooks a seven-acre pond. The use

of the lodge is donated by The Car Guys – Brian Kite, Roger Poulsen and Chris Heuton of Chris Heuton Earthmoving.

Other items bringing some of the greatest amounts included trips to Colorado, South Padre and a Washington State Wine Tasting event. Also receiving high bids were four major dinners and parties. They included a Pizza Party, the Party Barge Event, and a progressive dinner.

The progressive dinner is new to the auction this year. It was described as follows: "A progressive dinner, transportation included, for your party of eight adults! Begin your evening with appetizers on the deck at the home of Denny and Laura Stuetelberg. Enjoy the garden while warming up your appetite and unwinding at the end of your day. Once fully relaxed, continue the conversation on a limo ride courtesy of Kathie Hockenberry, to the home of Jim and Haley Kickland where your party will enjoy a gourmet meal in their beautifully appointed log home. Another trip in the limo and you will be enjoying a panoramic view of the Atlantic skyline at the home of Jon and Kate Olson while enjoying your final course of the evening, dessert. Package includes all food and drinks at each stop as well as transportation from beginning to end of evening. The Rotarians donating this included Denny and Laura Stuetelberg, Jim and Haley Kickland, Jon and Kate Olson and Kathie Hockenberry.

The five seed corn and bean packages brought a total of \$11,225. Other larger items were the use of a sky box at Principal Park, an air compressor and metal sculpture corn stalk made by a local artist. Other unique items were a whirlpool tub, air compressor.

Well, you are now wondering what the total for the auction was. This year's Rotary Auction brought in \$53,860, "a record setting year," according to Rotary Auction Treasurer, Ken Tegels.

Dolly Bergmann, chairperson of the Auction Committee said the silent auction, live auction and raffle exceeded her expectations. "People were so generous and everyone attending had a wonderful time."

The raffle associated with the auction will net about \$5,700 that will go to the repair of the 1863 Log Cabin located in the Atlantic City Park. The cabin was moved to the park by Rotarians as a Bicentennial project in 1976. Santa uses the cabin during the holiday season to visit with the children of the area, listening to their many wishes.

Jennifer Plumb, president of the Rotary Club of Atlantic, said the support from the Rotarians and the community was overwhelming. "The bidder's generosity was extraordinary."

The auction committee has already started planning for the next year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013.



Rotarian Dan March displaying a framed Terrace Hill print.



Andy and Nancy Fredrickson, new owners of the Atlantic Business Quilt.

of the lodge is donated by The Car Guys – Brian Kite, Roger Poulsen and Chris Heuton of Chris Heuton Earthmoving.



Metal corn stalk sculpture by local artist Arnie Jirsa.



# Wellman Rotarians package meals for Kids Against Hunger

By Bill Kinneer/Wellman

Club Bulletin Editor

The Rotary Club of Wellman's Oct. 3 speakers were Ellis and Marcia Miller. Their church, Lower Deer Creek Mennonite, sponsors a program for their youth called Kids Against Hunger, that came to them through Liberty Ministries in Mount Pleasant, IA.

Marcia and Ellis are the adult counselors for this youth group program. Their challenge is to raise money for, and then package nutritious, dried meals that can be sent to hungry families around the world. Their group has packaged many thousands of meals that go to places like Albania, Honduras, Nicaragua, Haiti and Pakistan. Twelve volunteers can package as many as 1,728 meals per hour. The meal consists of rice, soy meal, chicken flavoring and dried vegetables, and is packed with lots of vitamins and minerals.

After the Wellman club heard the details of the program, the board decided that it sounded like an awesome opportunity to help hungry people of other countries. The decision was made to take donations in our famous blue can each meeting until we had raised the \$432 that it costs to purchase the amount of food to package 1,728 meals.

At our Dec. 12 meeting we rotated in shifts so that 12 members donned hair nets and worked the assembly line to pack the meals while the balance of members ate our regular Rotary noon meal. We also got to sample the meal that we were packaging and although it is fairly plain food, most thought it to be palatable and tasty. There has been talk about making this a regular Christmas time club event.



Wellman Rotarians packaged 1,728 meals for Kids Against Hunger at the club's meeting on Dec. 12.

## Seventy-five years of service celebrated at Bloomfield



Bloomfield Rotarians, front (l-r): John Schroeder, Sarah Burch, Gloria Garner, Helen Schroeder. Back: Brad Matyin, Bob Weaklen, Janet Schweige, Val Lubben, Stephen Tews.

The Rotary Club of Bloomfield celebrated 75 years of service on Jan. 17. The club was chartered Dec. 8, 1937, with 19 members. Current membership is 11.

The club had memorabilia from the years on display. A 75-year picture display was also shown. Scrapbooks of history were available. Guest speaker was District Governor Terry Geiger.

One outbound student who went to Finland in 1999 is the current owner of the Southfork Restaurant where the event was held, and he gave a presentation of his trip with fond memories recalled to the attendees.

The event was attended by representatives from eight clubs, including past governors and assistant governors. Other speakers included John and Helen Schroeder with reports from former Inbound and Outbound students. It was truly a great celebration of the club and its history.

Provided by Peggy Geiger



Present, past and future district governors at the Bloomfield celebration, (l-r): DG Terry Geiger and Peggy, PDG Don Goering and Doris, PDG Dale Belknap and Mary, PDG Gary Welch and Colleen, and DGND Loring Miller and Phyllis.



The Bloomfield celebration included a display of historic pictures and memorabilia (l) and recollections by the club's former Rotary Youth Exchange student to Finland.







## District 5970 District Conference

District 6000 Rotarians were guests of District 5970 of northern Iowa for their District Conference Feb. 10 in Cedar Falls, (l-r): DGND Loring Miller and Phyllis, Peggy and DG Terry Geiger, DGE Jacque Andrew, and Assistant RRFC PDG Bill and Linda Tubbs, with D5970 Governor Jill Olsen. The weekend Conference included a Broadway performance of "West Side Story," and projection of End Polio Now at Gallagher-Blue-dorn Auditorium on the UNI campus, sponsored by a PR grant of the two districts.



Promoting the Shults and Company concert that will be April 11-12-13 at Grinnell are (l-r): Frank Shults, Gregg Hawkins, Sherry Shults, Sherylea Downes and Bruce Blankfeld.

## Shults & Co. aids hospital

Since 1995, the Rotary Club of Grinnell has sponsored a musical production by Shults & Co. to raise funds for the club's projects. Every other year, Frank and Sherry Shults and their team of singers and musicians have put on a show at Voertman Theatre.

Over the years, more than \$50,000 has been raised for local organizations and projects. Proceeds from this year's show will raise funds for laboratory equipment at GRMC in honor of longtime member and president-elect, Gregg Hawkins. The show will be a celebration of two important milestones, the 75th anniversary of the club, and the 10th collaboration of Grinnell Rotary and Shults & Co.

Rotarians from all clubs are invited to what has always been a phenomenal show. Contact Bruce Blankfeld, (641) 235-5468.



## Muscatine's 'New Generation'

The Rotary Club of Muscatine is always on the alert for potential new Rotarians and will do whatever it takes to grow our membership! With that in mind, Chris and Sarah Ingstad, both Rotarians, are doing their part. They are the proud parents of Calvin Rathman Ingstad, born on Dec. 5, 2012, and weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz. Calvin attended his very first Rotary meeting on Jan. 14. Grandpa Scott Ingstad, pictured, is a longtime member of the club. Mom Sarah serves as club secretary, and Grandpa is in line to serve as club president in 2015-16.

Provided by AG Mike Ruby



The Rotary Club of Albia held its annual hog roast on homecoming night at the Albia High School. The club netted \$2,008. The money will be spent for scholarships within the county and for the I-Can-Read program at the grade schools. The club donated \$200 to the Albia Ministerial Association to help the needy. Two teams of Albia's gifted and talented high school students won their way to the state finals competition. The club provided colorful T-shirts for our boys and girls to wear. The cost of the T-shirts was \$90.

— Tony Humeston





Ed Arnold announces the winner of a traveling trophy presented to the club that sold the most tickets per member to the PolioPlus fundraiser.



Cheering for polio eradication at the Feb. 17 Iowa Energy game were (l-r): District Governor Terry and Peggy Geiger (Decatur County), Ed and Cece Arnold (Northwest Des Moines), Phyllis Miller (Decatur County), Todd Wheeler (Greater Des Moines), and DGND Loring Miller (Decatur County).

## Polio eradication effort touches 70,000 children

**By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines**

The Fifth Annual Rotary PolioPlus/Iowa Energy basketball fundraiser culminated with the announcement that over \$9,000 was raised, which will provide polio vaccinations for over 15,000 children. A partnership that was started in December of 2008 has now raised enough money through Iowa Energy D-League Basketball ticket sales, contributions and a 50/50 raffle at the games, to immunize over 70,000 children worldwide.

What started as a hastily arranged effort for the first game in April of 2009, has now evolved into a humanitarian effort by 16 area Rotary clubs to support the collaborative efforts of the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations through UNICEF, the United States Center for Disease Control (USCDC), and Rotary International.

Rotary clubs from Ankeny, Boone, Dallas Center, Decatur County, Des Moines AM, Des Moines, East Polk, Greater Des

Moines, Jefferson, Johnston, Northwest Des Moines, Perry, Waukee, West Des Moines and West Polk participated this year.

This year the PolioPlus Committee established a traveling trophy to recognize the club that sold the most tickets per member, hoping to develop the competitive spirit among the clubs. The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines was recognized as the initial winner. The committee wishes to recognize those individuals who volunteered to collect contributions and sell 50/50 raffle tickets at the game. They are Tom Downs (East Polk), Sharon Jasa (Boone), Jacque Andrew (Jefferson), Don Ruggle (Perry), Roger and Kelli Freerksen, Doyle Sanders, Cece Arnold, Brett and Ellen Burford, Kathryn Moeller and Liah Moeller (all representing Northwest).

Also, Rotary would like to extend a huge thank you to the owners and staff of the Iowa Energy who have provided a great opportunity to have fun, enjoy good basketball, and most importantly, greatly assist in the polio eradication effort.

## Rotary club hosts vocational 'State Tournament'

**By Marti Kline/East Polk**

Drills are drilling. Sanders are sanding. Welders are welding. Brushes are painting. Ultimate Mileage Vehicles are being test-driven. About 1,000 students from across Iowa are feverishly working on projects to bring to the 25th Annual Iowa Industrial Technology Exposition, hosted annually by the Southeast Polk School District and co-sponsored by East Polk Rotary, Southeast Polk and the Iowa Department of Education. This year's event is May 10.

The Expo is considered the "State Tournament" of Industrial Technology, as students showcase their best work in drafting, electronics, hydraulics, alternate energy, transportation, metalworking, woodworking, plastics CAD drawing, robotics, problem-solving and much more. The competition is lively for trophies, medals and scholarships.

East Polk Rotary has been the primary sponsor of the Expo since it moved from the UNI campus to Southeast Polk in the mid-1980s. Members help with judging, promotion and fund-raising. An annual February "Bowling Bash" provides the bulk of the event's funding.

Rotary clubs from around Iowa are encouraged to help their local high schools attend the Expo, as sometimes lack of funding prevents schools from being able to provide substitute teachers or bus transportation for students to the event. Check with your

industrial technology instructors to see if they need assistance to participate. The Expo is open to the public from noon-1:30 p.m. at Southeast Polk High School.



Posing with a restored tractor entry in the 2012 Iowa Industrial Technology Exposition are (l-r): East Polk Rotary immediate Past-President Eric Borseth, current President Tom Downs, and Past-President Larry Wilson.



# Rotary club, Interact join forces in Coralville

**By Victoria Struzynski Olson/  
Coralville-North Corridor**

Members of the Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor and Clear Creek Amana High School's Student Assistance Team/Interact Club gathered on Saturday, Nov. 3, for their semi-annual Adopt-a-Highway roadside cleanup day at Clear Creek Amana High School in Tiffin. Two times each year, these groups join forces to remove litter along a two-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 6 through Tiffin.

The Rotary Club of Coralville/North Corridor sponsors the CCA Interact Club, which is now in its second year. Interact clubs, founded by Rotary International in 1962, are celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2012.

According to Rotary International, Interactors "develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs" and learn the importance of:

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity;
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others;
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work;
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill.



Clear Creek Amana Interactors and Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor members Adopt-a-Highway together, front (l-r): Natalie Weih, Katie Garvin, Liz Garvin, Lexi Kinnard, Kelly Noska, Morgan McGlaughlin, Celine Fender and Amy Brant. Back: Mark Hovey, Claire Hankin, Amy Kalkoff, Kendra Eschen, Nile Rourke, Chase Rourke, Joanna Mouming, Geoff Wilming, Phil Shive, Vicki Struzynski Olson and Steve Laughlin.

Today, nearly 200,000 young people participate in Interact clubs. Last April, in its first year of existence, the Clear Creek Amana High School Interact Club/Student Assistance Team was awarded the prestigious Changemaker Award for Interact Clubs by

Rotary District 6000 at their annual conference in Riverside. The Changemaker Award recognized Interact Clubs for exceptional service to their community, exemplified by the many projects undertaken by this group throughout the year.

## 'Rotary Cares, Shares' for Johnson County Crisis Center

**By Victoria Struzynski Olson/  
Coralville-North Corridor**

October marked the kickoff of the Rotary Club of Coralville/North Corridor's second annual Rotary Cares, Rotary Shares campaign. Benefitting the Crisis Center of Johnson County and the Domestic Violence, this campaign has acquired the nickname "Peanut Butter and Jammies," reflecting the focus of the club's philanthropic efforts. From December through January, Coralville/North Corridor Rotarians raised money, collected food and other household items, and solicited pajama donations to assist these two Johnson County service agencies.

"Judy's Jammies," begun by club president Judy Meyer, collects donated pajamas and funds to purchase sleepwear for residents of the Domestic Violence Intervention program in Iowa City. Collecting begins in October, and continues through January. This year, over 100 sets of "jammies" were collected, and funds to purchase more were donated to this worthy endeavor.

"Peanut Butter" refers to the Crisis Center of Johnson County's winter food drive, spearheaded in our club by longtime Rotar-

ian Phil Shive. Each week in January, and again in June, our club collects a specified food or household item for donation to the Crisis Center's food bank, and contributes cash and donations of grocery bags and plastic food containers. Additionally, Rotarians have designated their "Happy Bucks,"

collected weekly in honor of significant events in members' lives, to be earmarked for these projects throughout the four month campaign.

For more information, join us Wednesdays at noon at the Vesta restaurant in the Iowa River Landing District in Coralville.



Volunteering for "Rotary Cares, Rotary Shares" were front (l-r): Michele Brandstatter and Marlys Hoglan. Standing: Jerry Meis, Geoff Wilming, Craig Schroeder, Keith Jones, Mary Anne Lenning, Kay Carpenter, Shane Hendricks, Jeff Koepfel, Phil Shive, Jack Fesler, Judy Meyer, John Calacci and Ted Carpenter.

# Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2012 - March 22, 2013\*

(Members: Jul 10/Jul 11)	(1) 11-12 Goal	(2) Thru 3-22-13	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (28/26)	\$ 2,900	1,785	62	\$ 61.55
Albia (32/28)	1,860	0	0	0
Ames Morning (61/61)	8,450	7,125	84	122.84
Ames (237/230)	31,500	14,840	47	62.62
Ankeny (63/62)	7,100	3,995	56	64.45
Atlantic (65/64)	4,800	3,984	83	62.25
Bettendorf (101/113)	13,560	10,200	75	94.44
Bloomfield (14/14)	750	0	0	0.00
Boone (54/52)	6,600	2,796	42	52.76
Burlington (90/85)	7,600	5,715	75	63.50
Carroll (56/55)	5,500	1,600	29	32.00
Centerville (40/41)	4,300	985	23	21.41
Chariton (57/53)	4,900	4,950	101	95.19
Clinton (115/116)	9,360	8,278	88	71.36
Coon Rapids (23/29)	1,300	0	0	0.00
Coralville-North Corridor (27/22)	2,662	0	0	0.00
Corning (49/48)	2,350	1,643	70	36.51
Corydon (17/20)	380	300	79	14.29
Creston (21/19)	1,000	50	5	2.38
Dallas Center (26/26)	2,600	0	0	0.00
Davenport (133/132)	12,300	7,620	62	61.95
Decatur County (20/25)	5,500	5,250	95	228.26
Des Moines AM (138/139)	10,000	4,375	44	30.81
Des Moines (306/294)	22,500	15,675	70	53.50
East Polk County (41/42)	4,200	2,475	59	61.88
Fairfield (65/60)	7,150	3,150	44	50.81
Fort Madison (58/52)	5,200	2,500	48	49.02
Greater Des Moines (44/37)	3,100	881	28	25.91
Grinnell (31/33)	1,770	1,600	90	44.44
Indianola (45/50)	4,900	2,580	53	49.62
Iowa City AM (55/55)	7,950	9,073	114	164.96
Iowa City Downtown (18/19)	500	1,965	393	98.25
Iowa City (297/303)	31,400	32,235	103	106.04
Iowa Quad-Cities (48/47)	3,055	0	0	0.00
Jefferson (54/53)	5,500	9,000	164	169.81
Johnston (49/53)	5,400	0	0	0.00
Kalona (45/43)	1,355	1,650	122	40.24
Keokuk (87/84)	6,455	4,990	77	63.97
Keosauqua (24/26)	1,890	1,444	76	62.78
Knoxville (67/63)	6,000	2,925	49	47.18
Lenox (26/23)	2,300	726	32	26.92
Manning (20/22)	1,328	600	45	33.33
Marengo (12/10)	850	50	6	5.00
Marshalltown (168/158)	11,830	9,560	81	58.65
Mount Pleasant Noon (37/51)	2,500	1,389	56	23.54
Mt. Pleasant (28/24)	2,500	825	33	33.00
Muscatine (125/117)	15,680	5,670	36	50.63
Nevada (61/66)	7,480	1,242	17	20.36
Newton (72/72)	7,000	3,145	45	47.65
North Scott (96/91)	10,920	14,173	130	162.91
Northwest Des Moines (51/49)	7,050	3,250	46	77.38
Osceola (30/28)	1,500	0	0	0.00
Oskaloosa (50/55)	1,575	0	0	0.00
Ottumwa (100/98)	10,500	0	0	0.00
Pella (39/40)	4,400	2,450	56	56.98
Perry (26/29)	2,800	400	14	12.12
Tipton (24/28)	2,800	90	3	3.60
Washington (61/55)	4,900	2,450	50	51.04
Waukeg (48/50)	5,100	2,656	52	53.13
Wellman (37/36)	4,320	1,270	29	35.28
West Des Moines (74/71)	7,171	50	1	0.79
West Liberty (37/39)	7,800	11,020	141	282.56
West Polk County (0/25)	2,700	1,000	37	40.00
Winterset (30/29)	2,400	0	0	0.00
<b>Total (4,053/4,015)</b>	<b>\$ 393,001</b>	<b>\$ 241,372.26</b>	<b>61.42</b>	<b>\$60.18</b>

(\*) Interim Report

## Foundation news



District Rotary Foundation Chair Corliss Klaassen (r) and Jeanne attended the Rotary Club of Decatur County's meeting in December to present special recognition to District Governor Terry and Peggy Geiger for achieving the Major Donor Level 1 milestone for their gifts of \$10,000 to The Rotary Foundation.



Jefferson Rotarian Mike Mumma and his wife, Margaret, were honored at the Jefferson club meeting in December as Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society of The Rotary Foundation, (l-r): David Pedersen, club president; Mike and Margaret Mumma, DGE; Jacquie Andrew, and District 6000 Annual Giving chair Bill Koellner of West Liberty.

Provided by Bill Koellner



The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.





Northwest Des Moines Rotarians in the Mardi Gras spirit (at right) were Ellen and Chuck Corwin, and above (l-r): Larry and Nancy Sample, president Bradford Helgemo and Richard and Rosemary Cummings.

## Rotary Mardi Gras ...

The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines held its Winter Mardi Gras Party social on Feb. 12 at Christopher's Restaurant in Des Moines. There were 50 people in attendance and a great time was had by all! They had all of the traditional Cajun dishes plus a King cake! Roger Freerksen and Brenda Auxier-Mailey were crowned King and Queen of the Mardi Gras. Attendees had to earn their beads distributed by the King and Queen. All of the participants did a chain dance parade around the room before the feast!



Ankeny Rotary club president Teri Crist.

## Ankeny celebrates 40 years of Rotary

The Rotary Club of Ankeny held its third annual auction fundraiser and dinner Feb. 2 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, with more than 240 attending. The club is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, so the theme for the night was '70s attire and "Saturday Night Fever." Three charter members attended, including Milt Aunan, recognized with a Paul Harris Plus 1 award. Aunan started the club in Ankeny and was first president, first Rotarian of the Year and first Paul Harris Fellow. Others at the event included several state representatives and those in Rotary leadership, including the current and past district governors and a couple of Rotary presidents from other clubs. More than \$20,500 was raised to help local, state and international projects.

— Nate Burnham, Ankeny Rotary Club



## Newton's Backpack Buddies

On Saturday, March 2, several Newton Rotarians helped pack back packs for kids as part of a program for Food Bank of Iowa. Backpack Buddies provides a sack of child-friendly, easy-to-prepare foods to low-income children on weekends when they do not have access to the federal free and reduced-price meal program. The Newton school district is currently running a pilot program through the Backpack Buddies program, so the Rotarians were sacking food for the month of March. Twenty students at each of the district's K-3 buildings will get a sack filled with the foods each Friday of each month during the school year. — Bruce Hoffmeier, president



Guests at Ankeny's auction were (l-r): PDG Susan Herick of Boone and DG Terry and Peggy Geiger.

## Rotary's Core Values

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

# News Briefs

**PR:** Districts 6000 and 5970 submitted a Public Image Grant for 2013-14 for the production of a slick-covered, multi-page "Iowa Rotary Magazine" that will be given to clubs for community-wide distribution in their local newspapers and through schools, libraries and professional offices and waiting rooms. We are expecting the grant to be approved and will know by July 1. Our local "match" to qualify for the grant is the magazine's distribution by clubs. Watch for details.

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**District Grants:** Clubs are reminded of the May 1, 2013, deadline for District Grants for the 2013-14 Rotary year. In the past, the deadline has been Oct. 1. The change is needed for the district to meet its obligations of The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision. If you have questions please contact Doug Flournoy, (641) 472-0216 or dsflournoy@hotmail.com.

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**Youth Exchange:** Hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange student is an excellent way for your club to be part of an international experience in your own community. Students are being placed now for the 2013-14 Rotary year and host clubs are needed. Contact Chris Knapp at (319) 338-0909, or email: knappc1@mchsi.com.

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**Budget:** The district budget for 2013-14 was approved by incoming presidents at PETS and can be read on the district website, [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org). The total budget of \$139,100 is based on 4,050 members with dues staying at \$30 per member.

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**Deadlines:** By the time you see this, clubs should have turned in their Presidential Citation forms to District Governor Terry Geiger, but there are other deadlines, too:

- March 31: Last day to pre-register at the \$315 rate for the Rotary International Convention, June 23-26, in Lisbon, Portugal.

- May 1: Incoming club presidents should submit their Membership and Foundation goals to Rotary Club Central at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

- May 15: Assistant Governors submit "Memo of Club Visit" forms to District Governor Terry Geiger and administrator Carolyn Scharff.

- May 28: Incoming club presidents should submit their Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs to their assistant governor and the district office.

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**Fall Dates:** DGE Jacque Andrew is giving clubs advance notice of events in the fall of 2013. Mark your calendars!

- Thursday, Sept. 26: Rotary Foundation and Membership seminar at DMAC in Ankeny.

- Tuesday, Oct. 8: Rotary Foundation and Membership seminar at West Liberty.

- Saturday, Nov. 9: Rotary Foundation Dinner at the West Des Moines Marriott.

The dates of the 2013 round of Grant Management Seminars will be released this summer. Stay tuned to the newsletter, website and in-box for more information!

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**RYLA:** PDG Gary Welch has reported previously that District 6000 is embarking on a new Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) plan. A six-day RYLA will be co-sponsored by Districts 5970 and 6000 on July 7-12 at Wartburg College in Waverly,

Iowa. Clubs are urged to sponsor one or more outstanding high school sophomores or juniors for this exceptional leadership training experience. The cost of room, board and supplies is \$400 per student.

Applications from students should be received by clubs by April 30, and clubs have until May 15 to submit their chosen student(s) to: [RYLARegistrar@district5970.org](mailto:RYLARegistrar@district5970.org) or mail to David Kutter, RYLA Registrar, 3905 Belden Ct. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Questions? PDG Gary Welch, (515) 419-3707; email: [gwelch3002@msn.com](mailto:gwelch3002@msn.com).

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**COL:** PDG Bill Tubbs of the Rotary Club of North Scott will be District 6000's delegate to the triennial Rotary Council on Legislation, April 20-26 in Chicago. Delegates from Rotary's 537 districts will deliberate about 195 proposals and enactments to Rotary's bylaws and policies. One of the proposals came from District 6000. We are seeking official recognition of the Rotex program in which Youth Exchange alumni lend their support to Youth Exchange.

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**Comely Bank:** PDG Robert C. Knuepfer Jr., 2010-11 governor of District 6450 in Chicago and president of the Harris Home Foundation, will be in attendance at our District 6000 District Conference April 11-13 at Honey Creek Resort to talk about the restoration of the Paul Harris home, Comely Bank, on Chicago's south side. For nearly 40 years, Paul and Jean Harris hosted Rotary meetings and entertained visiting Rotarians at their home. Today, it is badly in need of repairs. The Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation hopes to raise \$3 million to carry out renovations, repay its debt from the house purchase, and add enhancements that would make the site a worthy tribute to Harris.

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**Satellite:** The Rotary Club of Ankeny is sponsoring a satellite club under Rotary's new pilot club project. Seven members are meeting on Tuesday evenings at Wig and Pin, a pizza place. When membership reaches 20, they will be eligible for an official Rotary charter. Best wishes to our friends in Ankeny!

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**Recipes:** The Rotary Club of Boone wants every District 6000 club to provide 5-10 recipes for their cookbook that will feature Iowa products. Recipes can be typed, handwritten or photocopied. Include the name of the person who is submitting the recipe as well as his/her club. Recipes should include at least one item grown or produced in Iowa. Send recipes by April 15 to Ann Haugland, 1312 SE Linn St., Boone, IA 50036, or email to [ahaugland@yahoo.com](mailto:ahaugland@yahoo.com) (please put Rotary Recipes in the subject line).



Photos by Bill Tubbs

## A day in the country ...

A record 418 Quad Cities' children were treated to a day in the country on Oct. 10 at the annual Harvest Party sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Davenport and North Scott. The children were bussed to the Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch at Long Grove, where they rode the hayrack to the field and picked their own personal pumpkins. They fed the goats and chickens, played in the fort and sand box. They saw displays from Medic EMS, local sheriff's and police departments, and were treated to a walking taco meal with S'Mores. Among 40-plus Rotarian volunteers were Chris Townsend and Jeremy Kaiser (top left).



# Obituaries



**Lou Piconi**



**Betsy Demaray**

Rotarians in Zones 27 and 28 lost two great leaders and friends with the passing of Lou Piconi on Dec. 13 and Betsy Demaray on Jan. 25. Betsy, of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, was our current director on the RI Board of Directors and the first woman from North America to serve on the RI Board, where she was treasurer at the time of her death.

In December, Betsy, herself beset with cancer, expressed her “deep sorrow” on the death of Piconi, of Pittsburgh, who was a past vice president of RI, a trustee of The Rotary Foundation, a member of the RI Strategic Planning Committee, a friend to all he met, and a dedicated warrior in the campaign to eradicate polio. He was an avid reader of District 6000 News and would share comments or compliments of the work of District 6000 Rotarians. “Lou’s heart was as big as he was and we shall miss his laughter, his passion and his undaunted spirit,” said Betsy.

The editor first met Demaray when she organized training for district governors-elect at South Bend, Ind., in 2003, and found her to be a down-to-earth person with a passion for Rotary service and an extraordinary capacity to organize and lead. Her message of community service that was given on behalf of all Rotarians on April 20, 2012, at the White House’s “Champions of Change” day inspires us still. It was reprinted in the July-August-September issue of District 6000 News, and can be heard on youtube at: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhmgV9Wfyq0&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhmgV9Wfyq0&feature=youtube_gdata_player).

*May light perpetual shine upon them.*

– Bill Tubbs

## 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?

## Joe Walt, longtime Ambassadorial Scholars chair

Joseph W. Walt, 88, a member of the Rotary Club of Indianola who chaired the District 6000 Ambassadorial Scholars Committee for more than a quarter-century, died Jan. 2, 2013. He was a longtime Simpson College faculty member, and former head of its History Department. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, and received academic degrees from UCLA, the University of Tennessee and Northwestern University. In 2005, he received the Meritorious Service Award from The Rotary Foundation. He is remembered for his infectious charm, boundless wit and hoard of wisdom.



**Joe Walt**

## CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK October 2012 - December 2012

CLUB	OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	64.00%	28	62.00%	30	55.00%	44
Albia	57.00%	42	59.30%	36	65.40%	24
Ames	60.23%	35	60.44%	33	55.26%	43
Ames Morning	54.80%	45	55.90%	41	56.40%	39
Ankeny	74.67%	17	74.41%	13	73.13%	16
Atlantic	0.00%	53				
Bettendorf	58.40%	39	64.50%	26	58.75%	35
Bloomfield	64.00%	28	68.00%	23	52.00%	48
Boone	62.00%	31	51.00%	50	57.00%	38
Burlington	79.30%	11	78.20%	11	76.60%	13
Carroll	74.36%	18	68.59%	21	75.21%	15
Centerville	55.00%	44	50.00%	51	54.00%	46
Chariton	65.15%	26	59.51%	35	57.49%	37
Clinton	54.46%	47	53.83%	46	55.86%	41
Coon Rapids						
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	100.00%	1
Corning	60.00%	36	72.00%	17	63.00%	29
Corydon	48.00%	50	44.00%	53	38.00%	53
Creston	57.00%	42	55.00%	42	58.00%	36
Dallas Center	77.00%	14	74.00%	15	72.00%	18
Davenport	53.37%	48	42.41%	54	45.48%	51
Decatur County	90.00%	5	88.00%	6	80.00%	8
Des Moines	57.51%	40	54.27%	44	60.25%	32
Des Moines A.M.	73.00%	21	0.00%	56	100.00%	1
East Polk County	61.21%	33	60.61%	32	61.62%	31
Fairfield						
Fort Madison	57.00%	42	53.00%	47	60.00%	33
Greater Des Moines	64.00%	28	59.00%	37	65.00%	25
Grinnell	79.00%	12	85.00%	7	78.00%	9
Indianola	59.07%	37	64.86%	25	61.62%	31
Iowa City	33.79%	52	31.40%	55	21.89%	54
Iowa City A.M.	80.36%	10	78.18%	12	76.97%	12
Iowa City Downtown	73.68%	19	84.21%	8	80.70%	7
Iowa Quad-Cities	61.41%	32	68.48%	22	66.30%	21
Jefferson	69.00%	23	68.00%	23	73.00%	17
Johnston	76.28%	16	74.30%	14	75.76%	14
Kalona	77.60%	13	70.51%	19	77.78%	10
Keokuk			58.71%	38	42.39%	52
Keosauqua	67.40%	24	52.60%	49	59.60%	34
Knoxville	56.07%	43	52.74%	48	55.93%	40
Lenox	81.00%	9	80.00%	10	67.00%	20
Manning	82.00%	8	80.00%	10	60.00%	33
Marengo	95.00%	2	65.00%	24	65.00%	25
Marshalltown	63.94%	29	62.17%	29	61.81%	30
Mount Pleasant Noon	60.65%	34	53.97%	45	50.80%	49
Mt. Pleasant	88.00%	7	94.00%	3	97.00%	2
Muscatine	46.20%	51	48.11%	52	48.43%	50
Nevada	76.95%	15	72.60%	16	65.50%	23
Newton	63.64%	30	71.21%	18	63.64%	28
North Scott	88.62%	6	93.05%	4	83.75%	6
Northwest Des Moines	91.78%	4	91.22%	5	83.78%	5
Osceola	81.00%	9	81.00%	9	80.00%	8
Oskaloosa	54.70%	46	63.20%	27	64.80%	26
Ottumwa	57.39%	41	54.35%	43	53.63%	47
Pella	59.00%	38	63.00%	28	77.00%	11
Perry			57.00%	40	58.00%	36
Tipton					54.30%	45
Washington	52.60%	49	57.98%	39	55.32%	42
Waukee	73.50%	20	70.30%	20	64.67%	27
Wellman	93.51%	3	94.59%	2	91.89%	3
West Des Moines	64.56%	27	61.74%	31	67.82%	19
West Liberty	70.00%	22	60.00%	34	66.00%	22
West Polk County						
Winterset	65.50%	25	72.00%	17	90.00%	4

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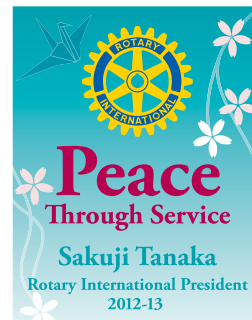
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# Club leaders' checklist



*From DG Terry Geiger . . .*

- Register yourself and members to attend **District Conference**, April 11-13 at Honey Creek and donate **shoes for Blessman Ministries** (p. 1-2).
- Reserve space for a District Conference **display of your club or projects** (p. 3); and **donate to the Auction** (p. 22).
- Register yourself and members to attend the **Iowa Peace Conference**, May 4 at Ames (p. 4).
- Register yourself and members to attend the **RI Convention** June 23-26 in Lisbon, Portugal, and the **District 6000 Breakfast** (p. 14, 30).
- Identify a **community project** for 2013-14 to qualify for a **District Grant** by the May 1 deadline (p. 30).
- Turn in your **Rotary Foundation** and **Membership** goals at Rotary Central by May 1, and your **Planning Guide** to your AG and district administrator by May 28 (p. 30).
- Tell the district of your interest in hosting a **Rotary Youth Exchange** student in 2013-14 (p. 10-11, 30).
- Sponsor one or more high school students for **RYLA at Wartburg College**, July 7-12 (p. 30).
- Raise \$20/member annually for three years for **Polio-Plus** (p. 12-13, 26).
- Encourage students from your local high school(s) to attend the **Iowa Industrial Technology Exposition** (p. 26).
- Invite a quality **new member(s)** to join your club!
- Promote **attendance** and report your **attendance** monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 31).
- Lead by example, and ask members to increase giving to **The Rotary Foundation**, including Sustaining Members (\$100/year); Paul Harris Society Members (\$1,000/year); Major Donors (giving to the Annual Programs Fund of \$10,000); Benefactors (minimum \$1,000 to the Permanent Fund); and Bequest Society Members (\$10,000 or more for The Rotary Foundation in an estate plan) (p. 28).
- **Submit news** of your club's activities by May 29, 2013, for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, at btubbs@northscottpress.com.

## NEW! Calendar

A new feature at the district website, www.rotary6000.org, lets clubs post their special activities. Events posted thus far:

April 11-13 ..... Shults & Co., Grinnell  
April 20 ..... Waukee Auction, Wine Tasting  
April 22 ..... Kalona Blood Drive  
May 7 ..... Kalona Omelette Breakfast  
May 21 ..... Kalona Senior Women's Luncheon  
June 2 ..... Wellman Auction  
June 6 ..... Grinnell Chicken Barbecue  
June 8 ..... Bettendorf LobsterFest