

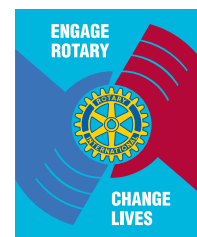
Rotary District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Jacque Andrew, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

Third Quarter (January-February-March 2014)



District Conference: 'Celebrate, Share, Learn, Connect, Be Inspired' May 1-3

By DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

You are invited ...
To CELEBRATE "Keys to Rotary's Future!"
To BE INSPIRED...by our speakers, by each other
and by the experience of the 2014 Rotary District 6000
Conference, May 1-3 in Ames!



Jacque Andrew
District Governor

When I visited your clubs, I asked for your conference ideas. You didn't disappoint! This event is designed with YOU in mind – to SHARE, to LEARN and to CONNECT on the topics YOU wanted to hear about—"Keys to Rotary's Future!"

A welcoming atmosphere, inspiring speakers, ENGAGED learning opportunities, celebration of club success and FUN come together to create a great 2014 conference experience!

We will celebrate women and their 25 years in Rotary; our members; our youth; our Foundation; our service to others and the many ways Rotary CHANGES LIVES!

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Anne Matthews
RI Vice President



Brad Howard
RI Director-Elect



Alana Bergh
RI President's Rep

District Conference highlights include special emphasis of 25 years of women in Rotary, Youth Exchange, RYLA, humanitarian service by youth, Rotaract and Interact recognition, membership, club projects, fundraisers, grant partnerships, awards and more. A schedule is on page 3. Register at www.rotary6000.org.



RI President-Elect Gary Huang seeks Chinese connections in Muscatine

Rotary International President-Elect Gary Huang and his wife, Corinna (front, center), braved yet another Iowa snowstorm to meet with District 6000 leaders at the Rotary Club of Muscatine on Feb. 17. He was in Muscatine to learn of that city's connections with Chinese president Xi Jinping, who was in Muscatine in 1985 as a young agricultural student and revisited that community in 2012. Huang, who is from Taiwan, plans to meet with Jinping to open the door for Rotary clubs in China. PE Gary and Rotarians give "thumbs up" for his theme, "Light Up Rotary!" An article and pictures are on pages 18-20.

Be inspired with 'Keys to Rotary's future!'

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District 6000 is honored to host three keynote speakers of great experience and passion for Rotary! All three bring commitment for sharing our Rotary story and changing lives through growing our membership.

An inspiring leader will be the keynote speaker for our Friday all club luncheon. Rotary International Vice President Anne Matthews of Columbia, South Carolina, the first woman to serve in this important role. We are indeed honored that she will be with us for conference! A Thursday evening, May 1 reception, which is open to all, will be held in her honor from 7-9:30 pm.

VP Anne is the first woman to serve both as a trustee of the Rotary Foundation (2010-12) and the RI Board of Directors (2012-14). She serves RI on the Future Vision Committee, as a member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for USA, chair of the Joint Committee of the RI Board and the TRF Trustees, and as a member of the Paul Harris Home Preservation Committee. She received the RI honors of Citation for Meritorious Service, the Distinguished Service Award, the Service Above Self Award and was honored by District 7770 in 2006 as Rotarian of the Year.

We are also honored that RI director-elect, PDG Brad Howard of Oakland, California, will be speaking on both Friday and Saturday. His Rotary experience is broad and he has found his work in training, international service and The Rotary Foundation most rewarding. He has trained future district governors at International Assembly, served as Rotary International's North America Membership Chair, has taken more than 700 people on polio national immunization day trips, and is co-creator of the West Africa Project Fair that brings people from all over the world to view the projects of 15 West African nations.

Our RI president's representative is PDG Alana Bergh of the Rotary Club of the North Pole, located in District 5010, which included the Yukon Territory, the state of Alaska, and Russia east of

the Ural Mountains when she was district governor. She has made more than two dozen Rotary trips to Siberia and the Russian Far East. PDG Alana has also served RI as a Zone Membership Coordinator, Health & Hunger Resource Committee Member and Chair of the RI Membership Development and Retention Committee. Presently she is treasurer and chair-nominee of Pacific Northwest PETS, Rotary's largest multidistrict presidents-elect training seminar.

In addition to this great trio, highlights will include special emphasis on women in Rotary, Rotary Youth Exchange, RYLA, humanitarian service by youth, and Rotaract and Interact club recognition. Our "engaged learning tables" will provide time to share/learn/connect with fellow Rotarians on topics of your choosing: membership, club projects, fundraisers, grant partnership, sharing the Rotary story and others.

Celebrating women in Rotary and in empowering them through Rotary projects will be a focus. Our Rotary Peace Scholar, Cilia Maria Ruiz-Pas, currently studying at the Rotary Peace Center in Tokyo, Japan, will be present with us through technology... and in spirit.

Of course there is always fun and fellowship! Friday night will

feature our headliners, the Pianopalooza team of Tony Bohnenkamp and Megan Hill, well known in central Iowa for their popular dueling pianos. Not to be missed! Intertwined with the piano act will be the conference fundraising auction which will benefit the District's Youth Fund to assist young people in participating in humanitarian service.

The celebration of club successes and the personal contributions of outstanding Rotarians will be presented during award recognition throughout the conference. These are extraordinary moments of commemoration!

The Rotarians we have sadly lost since last year's conference will be specially noted during the memorial time.

Our district is blessed in so many ways that are important to share. Please join us for "Keys to Rotary's Future" as we celebrate you and your clubs!

More ways to be involved in District Conference 2014!

1. The chair for the Conference Auction, which benefits the District Youth Fund, has a new idea for this year! It's called a "Blind Wine Grab." Clubs or individuals can donate bottles of wine that will be wrapped and sold for a specified dollar amount, like a grab bag. Information on how to donate wine or other items such as gift baskets to be auctioned at the District Conference can be found at www.rotary6000.org.

2. We're still looking for images of District 6000 "Rotarians-In-Action!" We'll display them during District Conference 2014 to be held in May. Please send images of your club performing service projects. Email them to Mary LaHay, mlahay29@gmail.com, by April 15, 2014. Thank you.

To reserve rooms at the Gateway Hotel, call (515) 292-8600 and identify yourself with Rotary to receive the Rotary rate of \$99 plus tax which is available until April 10, 2014. (They may honor this rate after this date IF rooms are available.)

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109 years of Rotary ...

District 6000 Rotarians celebrated Rotary's 109th birthday the weekend of Feb. 23 in Kirksville, Mo., with past RI President Ray Klingensmith and his wife, Judie. On Saturday they enjoyed a tour of the new Dental College at A.T. Still University and a pizza party. On Sunday they attended a champagne brunch and program of Rotary history at the Kirksville Country Club (l-r): PDG Terry and Peggy Geiger, DGN Loring and Phyllis Miller, the Klingensmiths, and Vernetta and DGND Chris Knapp.

Provided by Peggy Geiger

On to Sydney, Australia!

The next big event for District 6000 Rotarians after District Conference is the June 1-4 Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia.

Keeping alive a tradition that began in Indianapolis in 1998 and has continued annually since, Rotarians and their traveling partners are invited to come together for the District 6000 Breakfast.

DGN Loring Miller and Phyllis invite you to attend the breakfast on Monday, June 2, at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, 27 O'Connell Street, Sydney, from 7 to 9 a.m. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, ricotta pancakes, whole fruit, baked beans, selection of cold cuts and cheese, yogurt and assorted cereals.

The Millers' invitation: "For two memorable hours, escape the 20,000 Rotarians from around the world and join our friendly faces from the Midwest and meet and visit with Past R.I. President Ray Klingensmith."

Neighboring Rotarians from Iowa District 5970 and Missouri District 6040 are invited to participate. If you are traveling to Sydney and would like to attend the breakfast, the Millers ask that you make a reservation by April 15 with a check for \$45 per person.

Please send your check, payable to Rotary D6000, to: Rotary D6000, P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219.

And plan to join Rotarians from Zones 28-29 for the Northland event, "Saturday Night Live in Sydney," dockside in Darling Harbor, from 5-8:30 p.m. with a program at 7:30 p.m. May 31. The price is \$75. Register online at: <http://www.zones28-29.org/sydney-ri-convention-information/>.

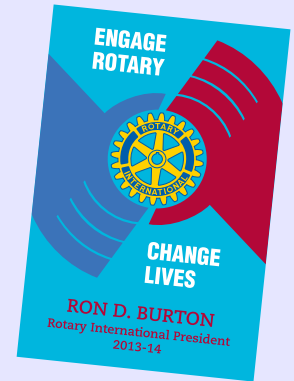
March 31 is the last day to pre-register for the convention at www.rotary.org for \$360 per person.



District Conference at a glance

May 1-3, 2014

Gateway Hotel and Conference Center
Ames, Iowa



District Governor Jacquie Andrew
Conference Co-Chairs: Ros Dunblazier, Nevada
and Ruth Freeman, Jefferson

THURSDAY, MAY 1

- **Bunny Harper Memorial Golf Tournament**, 10 a.m. shotgun start, Coldwater Golf Links, Ames; contact Mike Mumma, chair, at mummamalaw@netins.net for event registration.
- **"Dine Around Ames,"** local restaurants offer special deals for conference registrants.
- **District Governor's Reception and Meet VP Anne Matthews**, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Gateway, no charge.

FRIDAY, MAY 2 Morning Highlights

- Conference opens, 9 a.m.
- Welcome and Opening Ceremony.
- RI President's Representative Alana Bergh of Alaska, opening remarks.
- RI and District Awards presentations.
- Women as "Keys to Rotary's Future."
- Rotary Youth Exchange Flag Presentation.

Noon Highlights

- All Club Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
- RI Vice President Anne Matthews, keynote address.

Afternoon Highlights

- RI Director-Elect Brad Howard, Humanitarian Service, "Keys To Rotary's Future."
- Youth In Humanitarian Service, "Keys To Rotary's Future."
- Engaged Learning Tables: "Learn, Share, Connect" on topics chosen by district members: Membership, Fundraising, Club Projects, Grant Writing Tips, Telling Rotary's Story, and more.
- Foundation Awards.

Evening Highlights

- Buffet Dinner, Auction fundraiser for youth development.
- Pianopalooza Dueling Pianos entertain for all.

SATURDAY, MAY 3 Morning Highlights

- Iowa Breakfast, 7-8 a.m.
- District 6000 Peace Scholar presentation.
- Guardian of Integrity, Club, Foundation and Service awards.
- RI Representative Alana Bergh, keynote.
- Humanitarian Service in Practice presentations.
- Engaged Learning Tables: "Share, Learn, Connect" on topics of youth, Six Areas of Focus, and more.
- Memorial Service

Noon Highlights

- RI Director-Elect Brad Howard, "Our Members, Keys to Rotary's Future," part 2.
- Invitation to 2015 Conference.
- RI Representative Report to District.
- Adjourn by 3 p.m.

TO SOUTH AFRICA, WITH LOVE:

Iowa Rotarians deliver shoes, meals with Blessman Ministries

By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

A team of 21 Iowans led very capably by East Polk Rotarian Eric Borseth, ventured to South Africa in January.

The District 6000 team consisted of Rotarians Borseth, PDG Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen of the Rotary Club of Chariton, PDG Terry and Peggy Geiger and DGN Loring and Phyllis Miller, all of the Rotary Club of Decatur County, AG Lee and Roberta Holmes of the Rotary Club of Waukee, and PDG Jill Olsen from District 5970 in northern Iowa.

The balance of the team was non-Rotarians, but enthusiastic missionaries from around Iowa. We were invited by Dr. Jim and Beth Blessman to take part in their humanitarian work. Jim has a corporate membership in the Rotary Club of Waukee.

Rotarians from District 6000 had donated over 3,300 pairs of new shoes during the 2013 District Conference and about 3,000 pairs had already been shipped over last spring. We held back about 300 pairs that we transported with us on this trip so we could personally report back to District 6000 that we delivered some of them directly ourselves.

All members of the team had an opportunity to sit with the children, wash their feet, put a pair of socks on them, and then place the new pair of shoes on their feet. What an emotional experience for us now that we saw the results of our project first hand and saw the reactions of the children that benefitted from the generosity of Iowa Rotarians.

I might add that there was about \$200 cash left from the monetary donations last year to purchase more shoes. We had held that back anticipating transportation costs of the shoes. Since we had no transportation costs, the money was used to buy socks for the children while we were there.

Dr. Blessman and Beth and their wonderful staff feed around



PDG Terry Geiger shows South African school children that Iowa Rotarians care.

7,000 children a day around South Africa with Iowa Meals from the Heartland. His goal is to create sustainability by developing farming practices to grow much of their own food. There is a global grant application in process in which the Rotary Club of Waukee is partnering with the Rotary Club of Polokwane to help improve and develop the agricultural operation.

We visited some of the current farming operations where they are growing tomatoes, corn and other vegetables as well as chickens for

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PDG Corliss Klaassen washes the feet of a child before being fitted with a pair of shoes.



PDG Terry and Peggy Geiger washed the feet of children before they were fitted for a pair of shoes.



Rotarians visit the site of a bore hole (well) that was made possible by Rotary.

both egg production and consumption. They are currently working to develop a fish farming operation and are looking at another Iowan, Randy Beemer from Bedford, to help develop this.

There is also a global grant application in which the Rotary Club of Ankeny is partnering with the Rotary Club of Pietersburg, South Africa, to improve access to quality water in a number of village schools in the north of the country near the Botswana border. I understand that both of these grants are nearing completion to be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for approval. Our team had the opportunity to visit both of these clubs as well as the Rotary Club in Mokopane. All three of these clubs are in District 9400.

In addition we had the opportunity to visit a number of day care centers. These were safe havens for children where we interacted with the children by reading to them, coloring and writing, or just showing them that we cared. We also ate Meals from the Heartland a couple times ourselves. Very bland in taste, at least from my prospective, and to think that these children eat and appreciate it every day! And in many cases it may be their only food for that day. In addition, we participated in optical outreach both for children and adults on three different occasions.

Dr. Blessman's campus also contains a sewing factory where the women sew various crafts for sale which will be available to purchase at Jacque's district conference in May. The campus is a beautiful place with very comfortable accommodations. It is located right on a game farm so we had the opportunity to see the farm and see many animals roaming freely. Near the campus is the well that HyVee in Iowa supplied funds for. PDG Gary Welch of the Rotary Club of Ankeny was instrumental in seeing this project through, even though there was no direct



This water project was made possible through Rotary by HyVee.



PDG Terry Geiger with a young child that lives in an area near the reserve.



DGN Loring Miller from the Rotary Club of Decatur County assisted with the shoes ...



... as did Rotary Club of Waukee Rotarian Roberta Holmes.

Rotary money involved with it.

We had the good fortune of seeing what Iowa Rotarians are doing to help the less fortunate in South Africa and would recommend others take the plunge and go to South Africa.



Project teams from District 6000 spent spring break in Xicotepec, Mexico, while Rotary Youth Exchange student Alejandro Wurts Santos is spending the 2013-14 academic year in West Des Moines. During the March 1 Youth Exchange retreat in Davenport, Alejandro was putting the finishing touches on the standup display about his country that Rotarians will see at District Conference.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

Xicotepec, Mexico: Rotarians, Interactors, faculty spend spring break changing lives

Jim Peterson, team leader for the 2014 District 6000 project team that will travel to Xicotepec, Mexico, from March 15-23, reports that the 2014 projects are still being discussed but most likely will include:

- Rehabilitation of two classrooms at the Venustiano Carranza Primary School in the village of Tlaxcalantongo;
- Rehabilitation of one to three classrooms at the Francisco Velazco Marañon II primary school;
- Painting and other tasks to finish the new addition to the Red Cross in Xicotepec;
- Playground improvements at the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz pre-school and the at the Cuauhtémoc Primary School in Ojo de Agua;
- Installation of three or four water filtration systems in schools (under the supervision of Bob Main);
- Dental hygiene education and fluoride project in three to five schools;
- De-worming of approximately 3,000 pre-school and primary school children.

U of I Career Leadership Academy students and sociology students will be working together with students from the Xicotepec Rotaract Club, the Universidad Tecnológica and the Universidad Xicotepetl on a variety of projects.

A community and carnival celebration at chosen schools in Xicotepec, facilitated by U of I professor Loyce Arthur and her students, is also planned.

Who's who on the 2014 Xicotepec Project Team

Rotarians: DG Jacque Andrew (Jefferson), Brad Baldes (Iowa City), Tom George (West Des Moines), Keith Hobson (Nevada), Bob Main (Newton), Tom Narak (West Des Moines), Christopher Nelson (West Des Moines), Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM), Michael Schmitz (Iowa City), Nancy Stroburg (Jefferson), Peter Wallace (Iowa City).

Interactors and Youth: Cora Bern-Klug (Iowa City High), Allye Boardman (Iowa City West), Angela Chay (Iowa City High), Karyssa Dekeyser (Iowa City West), Greta Doucette (Iowa City West), Payton Evans (Iowa City High), Ellis Fontana (Iowa City High), Miles Henrichs (Iowa City High), Emily Hollingsworth (Iowa City West), Maria McCoy (Iowa City High), Michael McCullough (Iowa City High), Sydney McMurry (Iowa City High), Anna Mondanaro (Iowa City West), Ann Mwangi (Iowa City West), Brendan O'Sullivan (Iowa City West), Sarah Rinehart (Iowa City West), Corey Smith (Iowa City High), Emily Starman (Iowa City West), B.J. Sullivan (Iowa City High), Maggie Taylor (Iowa City West), Ashtin Walker (sponsored by Rotary Club of Washington), Carrie Watson (Iowa City High School faculty sponsor, Iowa City), Katy Wellington (sponsored by Rotary Club of Washington).

Rotary family members and others: Carson Baldes (Coralville), Janice Baldes (Coralville), Rylie Baldes (Coralville), Mercedes Bern-Klug (Iowa City), William Doucette (Iowa City), Carol Narak (West Des Moines), Marie Narak (West Des Moines), Thomas A. Narak (West Des Moines), Mia Nelson (West Des Moines).

University Faculty: Loyce Arthur (theatre arts, Iowa City), Richard Barajas (education and public health, North Liberty), Christine M. Catney (pharmacy, Iowa City), Steven Levy (dentistry, Iowa City), Mary Noonan (sociology, Iowa City), Julie Reynolds (dentistry, Iowa City), Hazel Seaba (pharmacy, Iowa City), Amanda Wilson (CLA, Iowa City).

University Service-Learning Students: Alexis Adams (sociology, psychology, management, Iowa City), Jonelle Addabbo (sociology, Iowa City), Tim Albright (dentistry, Iowa City), Sean Anderson (pharmacy, Washington), Adam Bahr (dentistry, Iowa City), Jessi Brower (sociology, Iowa City), Helen Dickson (sociology, Iowa City), Nadia Doubiany (sociology, Iowa City), Ali Goodson (pharmacy, Iowa City), Meghan Halverson (pharmacy, Iowa City), Nainab Khan (pharmacy, Iowa City), Kathryn Klinefelter (pharmacy, Iowa City), Caitlin Kompanowski (sociology, Arlington Heights, Ill.), Matthew Lam (dentistry, Iowa City), Hannah Maher (CLA, Iowa City), Allison Martin (pharmacy, Iowa City), Mayra Martinez (sociology, Iowa City), Kathleen McNamara (pharmacy, Iowa City), Victoria Moran (dentistry, Iowa City), Alison Moss (CLA, Muscatine), Colin Nelson (CLA, Iowa City), Olusegun Osayemi (CLA, Iowa City), Evan Pluym (dentistry, Iowa City), Peter Ruggiero (dentistry, Iowa City), Katie Steingrabe (CLA, Iowa City), Rebecca Stinton (theater arts, Iowa City), Katherine Valde (sociology, Iowa City), Matthew Vogel (CLA, business, Iowa City), Matthew Watters (pharmacy, Iowa City), Mingyue Wei (CLA, business, Iowa City), Traci Williams (CLA, Iowa City), Marcela DaCosta Paulino Zamora (dentistry, Coralville), Taylor Zmoos (dentistry, Coralville).



Participating in the three-day New Year celebration in Japan was a new experience for Peace Scholar Cilia María Ruiz-Paz of Fairfield and her mother.



Exchanging Rotary banners is a world-wide custom.

Peace Scholar welcomes New Year in Japan

Dear District 6000 Rotarians,

The holidays in Japan have come and gone, and it is now time to wrap up my second trimester at International Christian University. This term was focused on slightly more practical classes geared towards global linguistics, looking at violence anthropologically, public administration and international law, and a very thought provoking comparison between the American and Japanese legal systems. I was privileged to visit the Japanese Diet and various other government institutions which I feel have left a mark in my approach to international law and politics. As a hands-on person, this semester has been fruitful and gratifying.

Our Class XII Rotary Peace fellows also published our first Rotary Peace Center newsletter and the entire class has been busy with various community and global projects ranging from the first production of the Vagina Monologues on campus with profits going to local women's organizations to

organizing workshops and discussions with high ranking officials. During Black History Month, the Peace Fellows had the pleasure of hosting



Madame Exavier, Ambassador of Haiti, as well as Madame Phako, Ambassador of South Africa, and held meaningful discussions of current events with faculty, staff

and students! Our class is most definitely leaving its mark on the campus.

The holidays were wonderful to experience in Japan. Their approach and adoption of Christmas was a lot of fun, and I thoroughly enjoyed participating in their three day New Year festivities with food and fun! I had the pleasure of experiencing these things with "Reina-chan" and my mother

who came to spend the holidays with me, and together we visited three local Rotary clubs who graciously invited us to partake in their holiday celebrations. What a fun and unforgettable holiday season!

Please check out our Class XII newsletter to learn more about the Fellows and our activities – ICU Rotary Peace Center Newsletter – and check out my blog - <http://ciliamaria.blogspot.jp/> - for more of my take on this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Mata ato de!

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Statewide PR on IPTV: Iowa Rotarians from Districts 6000 and 5970 received 440 pledges totaling \$83,977 for Iowa Public TV during Festival on Sunday, March 2. "Thank you to all of our IPTV volunteers! I really appreciated your willingness to help!" said DG Jacques Andrew. "Nice to have Chuck Burke from 5970! The club with the most members – TWO – (and one alumni) was the Greater Des Moines Club! Thanks to Jonathon for the boosts on social media!" Volunteers (l-r): Del Christensen (Adel), Ken Kremer (West Des Moines), Todd Wheeler (Des Moines), Joyce Whittle Wheeler (Waukee), artist P. Buckley Moss who was featured during our shift, DG Jacques Andrew (Jefferson), Jonathon Roberts (Greater Des Moines), Chuck Burke (Mason City Sunrise), and Amy Yost (Greater Des Moines). Governor Jacques (right), interviewed on-air, talked about Rotary's humanitarian service.

Provided by Jacques Andrew



DGE John Ockenfels of Iowa City AM (front, center) met the District 6000 class of club presidents for 2014-15 at North Central Presidents-Elect Training (P.E.T.S.), March 7-8 at Rochester, Minn. The incoming club presidents of 45 of the district's 64 clubs are pictured. Can you find your club's president-elect?

Photo by Bill Tubbs

District 6000 club presidents for 2014-15

DISTRICT 6000 2014-15 Club Presidents:

Adel Jane Clausen
Albia Tony Humeston
Ames Jeff Iles
Ames Morning Alan Hermanson
Ankeny Julie Cooper
Atlantic Kellie Jimerson
Bettendorf Sharon Sarver
Bloomfield (to be named)
Boone Amy Pollard
Burlington Bob Bartles
Carroll Brett Adams
Centerville Kim Beals
Chariton Becky Struve
Clinton Libby Goodman
Coon Rapids Natalie Lewis
Coralville-North Corridor Jeff Koeppe
Corning Robert Peterson
Corydon Dixie Daughton
Creston Randy Huewe
Dallas Center Gregory Cagle

Davenport Paul Johnson
Decatur County Sean Saxton
Des Moines Bruce Kelley
Des Moines AM John Smith
East Polk County Kim Byers
Fairfield Linn Cornick
Fort Madison Byron Smith
Greater Des Moines David Hofmann
Grinnell Lowell Bunger
Indianola Raymond Gocken
Iowa City Bruce Kout
Iowa City AM Mark Patton
Iowa City Downtown Eric Goers
Iowa Quad Cities David Barnhart
Jefferson Mike Palmer
Johnston Deb Bengston
Kalona Jeremy Statler
Keokuk Alka Khanolkar
Keosauqua Kara McEntee
Knoxville Jason Maasdam
Lenox Paul Maynes
Manning Sherry Huehn

Marengo John Pilkington
Marshalltown Bonnie Lowry
Mount Pleasant Noon John Hendrickson
Mount Pleasant Mike Fitzpatrick
Muscatine Tony Joseph
Nevada Tammy Oxley
Newton Craig Armstrong
North Scott Steven Fahrenkrog
Northwest Des Moines Dan Boes
Osceola Seth Lampman
Oskaloosa Dawn Collins
Ottumwa John Helgerson
Pella Clint Brown
Perry Chuck Painter
Tipton Laurie Brandenburg
Washington Susan Wellington
Waukee Stephen Banks
Wellman Angie Boyse
West Des Moines Mike Foss
West Liberty Wayne Steen
West Polk Dee Kading
Winterset Dan Nielsen



Assistant District Governors for 2014-15 enjoyed a day of training and fellowship March 6, the day before PETS, at the Rochester, Minn., Civic Center. AGs who were present are pictured, front (l-r): Tony Conn (Keokuk), Vicki Struzynski-Olson (Coralville-North Corridor), AG team leader 2013-14 Jacques Andrew (Jefferson), 2014-15 DG John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM), Mary Ellen Stanley (Decatur County), Sue Rasmussen (Waukee) and Steve Wieneke (Ankeny). Back: Gerald Clausen (Carroll), Gary Anderson (Knoxville), Mike Ruby (Muscatine), Doug Peterson (Iowa Quad Cities), Steve Dakin (Boone), Chris Nelson (West Des Moines) and Norm VanKlombenburg (Newton). Not present: Tim Ennis (Corning), Chris Knapp (Iowa City AM) and Bill Reece (Ottumwa).

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Rotary International Director Mary Beth Growney-Selene of Middleton, Wis. (l) greets District 6000 DGE John Ockenfels of Iowa City and Deb.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

NC PETS a success!

The roads were icy from a late winter storm, but nearly 300 incoming club presidents and leaders from Districts 5950, 5960, 5970 and 6000 in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin came together for North Central Presidents-Elect Training March 6-8 in Rochester, Minn.

District 6000 incoming assistant governors received training on Thursday and were joined Thursday evening through Saturday by incoming presidents.

District 6000 sessions on Friday and Saturday were led by DGE John Ockenfels and district trainer Tom Narak, with training by PDG Cal Litwiller, Bill Koellner, and the annual business meeting convened by DG Jacque Andrew, at which PEs approved the district budget of \$134,450 for 2014-15 with dues remaining at \$30.

Presidents-elect were grouped with PEs from all districts by club size in sessions on The Rotary Foundation, public image and membership. Facilitators from District 6000 were PDGs Cal Litwiller, Gary Welch and Bill Tubbs. Inspirational "Rotary moments" were shared in plenaries by DGE Ockenfels about FAMSCO, and DGN Loring Miller about Youth Exchange and the Simon Estes Choir.

Keynote speakers for plenaries were RI Director Mary Beth Growney-Selene, facilitator trainer Steve Wilcox and British Royal Family senior protection officer Richard Lett.

— Bill Tubbs



Steve Wilcox of Hudson, Wis., who is chair of the International Vision Facilitation Council that trains facilitators to work with clubs, gave an inspirational talk about leadership, including removing turtles (ineffective chairs) from their posts.



Emma Grebowski, Major Gifts Officer of The Rotary Foundation.



Richard Lett, senior protection officer for the British Royal Family, with DG Jacque Andrew.



The District 6000 leadership team for PETS included (l-r): DGN Loring Miller (Decatur County), district administrator Carolyn Scharff (Pella), district trainer Tom Narak (West Des Moines), DG Jacque Andrew (Jefferson) and DGE John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM).



District governors for 2014-15 whose teams received training at NC PETS in Rochester were (l-r): John Ockenfels of Iowa City (District 6000), Karel Weigel of Rochester, Minn. (District 5960), Jim Nelson of Edina, Minn. (District 5950) and Kathryn Fahy of Spirit Lake, Iowa (District 5970).

RYLA continues to grow rapidly!

By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny

District 6000 RYLA chair

As of Feb. 20, 2014, District 6000 has committed to sending 120 students to RYLA. That is more than double last year. A few clubs have indicated they may even send additional students if they have qualified candidates. I am so impressed with each club's response and their commitment to youth. Of District 6000 clubs, 91 percent are sending students to RYLA. You Rotarians are awesome!!

The applications for RYLA students are now available on the website at: www.rylaiowa.org. The RYLA Symposium will be held at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, from Sunday, July 13 to Friday, July 18. The applications are due to the local Rotary club by April 30 and to our registrar by May 15. The RYLA fees are due March 15 to the RYLA treasurer.

Clubs have been very creative about ways to raise money for RYLA. Keep in mind we are open to almost any method. If grandparents, parents, individual Rotarians, other service organizations or if a student wants to pay his or her own way, that is acceptable. One school I visited indicated they were willing to use some of their grant money to send students to leadership opportunities. However, we require that the money must come through the local Rotary club and you must make the final selection of the students to be sent. Several clubs are working together to send additional students and sharing the cost.

I would suggest that you plan on a long-term relationship with the youth selected. Invite them to participate in Rotary projects, to a club meeting, mentor and encourage them, and show interest. They

will become our future Rotarians.

This past summer two of our district clubs who were sponsoring outbound Youth Exchange students sent them to RYLA. The Youth Exchange Committee was very impressed with how it enhanced both the students' self-confidence and preparedness to travel and live internationally. This year the Youth Exchange Committee highly recommended to all clubs who are sponsoring outbound students that the club include their outbound student as one of their attendees at RYLA. The clubs and the Youth Exchange Committee have seen first-hand the results that the RYLA experience provides to its participants. Because of the great synergy between Youth Exchange and RYLA, the Youth Exchange Committee, with support of the RYLA Committee, is making it mandatory that all future outbound students participate in RYLA, regardless of age or year in high school.

We will need volunteers to help during RYLA. It would require you to complete an application at www.rylaiowa.org by April 30, pass a background check, attend training on June 21 and be available from Saturday, July 12, to Friday evening on July 18. Let me know if you are interested. If you are unable to

volunteer, I would strongly encourage you to visit the Symposium on Wednesday or Thursday of that week, talk to the students and see the value for yourself. We would need to know you are coming to arrange meals and a guide.

If you have questions or want additional information, please contact Gary Welch at cell: (515) 419-3707 or e-mail gwelch3002@msn.com. If I may be of any further service, please contact me.



The RYLA experience began last year at Wartburg College when students arrived at the parking lot. RYLA in 2014 will be at Grinnell College and District 6000 will again partner with District 5970 of northern Iowa. Already, 120 students are expected, not including District 5970. Provided by Gary Welch

Iowa City West Interactors raise funds for Iowa Miles of Smiles

By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Interact chair

On Sunday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m., Iowa City West High School students will present a Music and Art Festival in the West High Auditorium at 2901 Melrose Avenue, Iowa City. Proceeds will go to Iowa MOST to carry out its annual mission trip to Guatemala for cleft lip and palate surgeries. The festival will feature music and art by West High students and an intermission with tasty food donated by area businesses. Enjoy great music by talented musicians and purchase prints of the art pieces on display as you support a good cause. Tickets will be sold at the door, \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. Join us!

This is the second annual West High School fundraiser to support Iowa MOST. West High Interact and Iowa City Rotaract members are coordinating. Thank you to all the students who have organized this event and to those who will share their talents for an evening of enjoyment!





Iowa Wesleyan Rotaract members at their charter event with Rotarians (l-r, front): John Freeand, Phyllis Whitney, Anita Hampton and District Governor Jacque Andrew.

Provided by Jacque Andrew

Rotaract club chartered at Iowa Wesleyan

For Iowa Wesleyan College, establishing a Rotaract club was a natural with the collaboration of the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant Noon. The college was recognized last year in the Washington Monthly magazine's ranking of baccalaureate institutions as sixth overall in institutional commitment to service. The college also ranked 18th nationally in the category of student service participation and hours served, placing it in the top six percent of colleges. Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" and the "Four Way Test" are already part of Iowa Wesleyan's culture.

Rotarian John Freeand, a retired school administrator, encouraged the establishment of the Rotaract club. Fellow Rotarian Anita Hampton, Iowa Wesleyan Student and Director of Alumni Relations director who also coordinates the student alumni association, Students Today Alumni Forever (STAF) group, is the on-campus Rotaract sponsor.

The club has begun a literacy project with area Headstart and other pre-schools with members reading and presenting books to the students. Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant Noon president Phyllis Whitney, Iowa Wesleyan CFO, and DG Jacque Andrew attended the "pinning" March 13. Several other members were not able to attend.

Borlaug statue dedicated

The great Iowa agricultural scientist and humanitarian Dr. Norman Borlaug would have turned 100 on March 25, 2014. To celebrate his centennial, the State of Iowa is placing his statue in the U.S. Capitol, and District Governor Jacque Andrew flew from Xicotepec, Mexico, to Washington, D.C., to join Iowans and other invited guests in the dedication.

Nominated by Des Moines Rotarians, Dr. Borlaug received Rotary's top award, presented to a non-Rotarian or organization, The Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace, in 2002 at the Rotary International Convention in Barcelona. Widely known as the father of the "Green Revolution," Borlaug was honored for outstanding humanitarian service for his role in the development of "miracle wheat" and its potential to feed the world.

In recognition of Dr. Borlaug's vision and service to ending world hunger, we encourage District 6000 Rotarians to hold a food drive in their communities for the benefit of local food pantries or engage in other efforts to help feed the hungry.

To help us tell our Rotary stories, please share your club's actions on the website <http://www.worldfoodprize.org/norm>.



Rural-Urban Day at Nevada

Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds headlined the Rotary Club of Nevada's well attended "Rural-Urban Day" event as featured speakers. Club president Dan Johnston gave credit to the event team led by Rotarian Christian Clem for starting to work on scoring the governor's visit more than two years ago. More than 125 attended the scheduled Rotary meeting on March 12 at Gates Hall. The event continued into the larger assembly hall with more attendees joining for Branstad and Reynolds' remarks at 1 p.m. Rotary District 6000 Governor Jacque Andrew, pictured with Gov. Branstad, brought greetings to the State of Iowa governor from husband Jim Andrew, a college friend of Branstad's.

Provided by Jacque Andrew



'Judy's Jammies'

The Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor recognizes Rotary Awareness with the project called "Judy's Jammies" that provides new pajamas for the Domestic Violence Intervention Program. Rotarians with some of the pajamas collected are (l-r): Jack Fesler, Jeff Koeppel, Phil Shive, Marlys Hoglan, Michele Brandstatter, Mary Anne Lenning, Todd Nash, Vicki Struzynski-Olson, Shane Hendricks, Kelley Durian and Geoff Wilming. Seated: Bert Eisenhower and Judy Meyer.

Provided by Judy Meyer

Wear your Rotary pin with pride!



Foundation gifts appreciated

Lorraine Lynch (c) was honored Feb. 21 by the Rotary Club of North Scott for her gifts of \$10,000 to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation, \$40,000 to the Permanent Fund, and bequest of \$250,000. DG Jacques Andrew, District Foundation Chair PDG Cal Litwiller and Endowment Chair PDG Don Goering joined club president Steve Suiter and club Foundation chair Teresa Paper in the presentation. RIPE Gary Huang personally thanked Lorraine at a reception on Feb. 17 at the Kahl Educational Center in Davenport while he was in the Quad Cities for his visit to Muscatine. Photos by Bill Tubbs



Good news! Membership is growing!

By AG Mike Ruby/Muscatine

District 6000 Membership chair

We're growing!

There is some very good news to share about the Rotary membership in District 6000. The past ten years show a consistent decline of members (4,434 to 3,917) but the trend has been reversed. There are now 3,960 Rotarians in our district, just 40 shy of bringing our membership back to the 4,000 mark.

Hold on; there is more encouraging news! A five-month review (July-November) of 58 clubs reporting shows 29 of the clubs (50 percent) have shown a net growth in membership. In addition, 15 clubs (26 percent) have maintained their current membership at the same level. That is not a small feat considering most civic organizations nationwide have experienced a decline in membership. A standing ovation is well deserved for all clubs who are working hard in growing their clubs and sharing the Rotary story.

Help us reach and surpass the 4,000 goal!

In order to keep clubs active and healthy, it is recommended that a self-assessment be done each year to get an overall picture of the current status of the club. Some areas to be considered in the self-assessment:

- Membership trend over the last 5 years;
- Ages of current members;
- Length of time they have been Rotarians; and
- Attendance pattern.

The next step is to identify the level of engagement for each member. Those who are not engaged typically have a low level of investment and interest in Rotary. Whatever clubs can do to minimize the spectator mentality and maximize the participant mentality will result in big membership dividends.

Taking all of the above into consideration the club can then determine weak areas, plan a strategy, and implement the plan. Examples of weak spots include, but are not limited to:

- Overall caliber of programs;
- Not enough programs on Rotary related topics;
- High absenteeism;

- Weak mentoring of new members;
- Not enough fun in the meetings;
- Poor quality of food;
- Current place or time of meetings;
- Cost of membership;
- Low participation in district activities;
- Poor communication within the club;
- Club has very limited visibility to the community;
- A too small minority are carrying the "Rotary ball";
- Others areas?

Once these areas are addressed, and the weak ones are beefed up, THEN it's time to consider a plan of inviting and attracting new members. It's important to make sure new members are brought into a healthy club. Remember, strong Rotary clubs spend 50 percent of their membership efforts on retention and 50 percent on attracting new members.



Iowa City AM celebrates 25th

The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM celebrated its 25th anniversary Jan. 14 with a gala dinner at the Brown Deer Country Club in Coralville. Ten past, present and future district governors were in attendance. Stringed music was performed the John Schultz ensemble. Club history was recounted, and Paul Harris Fellows were recognized (above) by president Casey Cook (l) and District Governor Jacques Andrew. Photo by Bill Tubbs



New and next level Paul Harris Fellows of the Rotary Club of Iowa City with DG Jacque Andrew (front, center), DGE John Ockenfels, D6000 Annual Giving chair Bill Koeller (front, left), and PDG Herb Wilson (standing, right). Photos by Bill Tubbs

Iowa City Rotary is 'All for Paul'

By John Kenyon/Iowa City

The Rotary Club of Iowa City has become just the fourth club in the world with membership over 300 to have 100 percent of its members qualify as Paul Harris Fellows.

The honor was recognized at the club's Feb. 20 meeting. Jacque Andrew, District Governor of Rotary's District 6000, which covers most of southern Iowa, was among many district dignitaries who were in attendance.

"This is a wonderful, momentous occasion," she said. "I couldn't be prouder of this club. You are a beacon for the district."

Rotarians who give at least \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation qualify as Paul Harris Fellows, and many of the club's members already are members due to their giving. For every dollar given after that, a member earns recognition points. Club members have contributed enough to the Foundation that extra points could be used in addition to other members' giving to get them to that level.

Andrew said these funds are used to change lives through a number of projects that promote things like potable water, eradication of disease and the pursuit of peace.

The Rotary Club of Iowa City is the largest club in District 6000, and became the 11th club in the district to become 100 percent Paul Harris Fellows. The club also is among the 100 largest in the world. Of the more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in the world, only 42 that have more than 300 members. Of those, just three others – Columbus, Ga.; Long Beach, Calif.; and Charlotte, N.C. – are 100 percent Paul Harris Fellows.

Initial Paul Harris Fellowships then were awarded to the following club members through a combination of their own giving and the contribution of points: Amy LaGrange, Greg Black, Barry Butler, Christine Ciasto, Reginald Cooper, Ryan Doehrmann, Patrick Eads, Dennis Farrell, Renda Greene-Fishman, Curt Heideman, Kenneth Kates, Stephen Murley, Arthur Nowak, Amy O'Deen, Jean Robillard, David, Siebert, Michael Walsh, Mark Abbott, Jerry Arganbright, Pamela Ballard, Byron Bork, Tricia Brown, Wallace Chappell, Susan Craig, Karen DeGroot, Joseph Dobrian, Patrick Donnelly, Kelley Drowne, Jeff Edberg, Linda Farkas, Jerry Fleagle, Kyle Galloway, Chris Gnade, David Grady, Robyn Hepker, Marcia



District Governor Jacque Andrew raises the "100% Paul Harris Fellow Club" banner with club president Jody Braverman.

Holley, Diane Huber, Joe Hughes, Eric Jacobsen, John Kenyon, Charles Krogmeier, Brenda LaMarche, Rod Lehnertz, Jane McCune, Sean McIntyre, Jim Merchant, Gene Mohling, Horacio Olivo, Steven Quigley, Terry Riley, Kristin Roberts, Tom Salm, John Schultz, Rebecca Schultz, Walter Sparks, Art Spisak, Jerry Waddilove, Anthony Weiler, Terrence Neuzil, Moe Ajam, Alan Arzu, Joe Barry, Mike Broadston, Gregory Carmichael, Christine Catney, James Clark, Graciela Coffman, Patricia Collins, Jim Conard, Robert Cremer Jr., Boyd Crosby, Sue Curry, Colleen Davis, Julie Decker, Jim Dreusicke, Timothy Dwight, Ann Feldmann, Mick Fletcher, Jeff Gilmore, Scott Hansche, John Holmes, Ryder Houston, Helen Jameson, David Johnsen, Frank Judisch, Norman Kallaus, Jeff Kellbach, Tracy Klein, Roger Lusala, Vincent Maurer, Michael McEleney, Mitchell Meis, Glen Meisner, John Montgomery, Earle Murphy, John Murphy, Jeff Nock, Mark Nolte, A. Jacob Odgaard, Michelle Payne, Dave Picray, Michel Pontarelli, Mike Pugh, Thomas Ray, Chad Reimers, Steve Roe, Lynn Rowat, Christine Scheetz, Gregg Shultz, Dale Simon, Lanny Van Daele, Dennis Visser, Shawn Wax, Casey White, Thais Winkleblack and John Yeomans.

In addition, Rotarians who had recently achieved various levels as Paul Harris Fellows through their own giving were recognized. They were: Chris Atchison, Kevin Monson (Paul Harris Fellows); John Fraser, Roy Justis, Bruce Kout, Tom Markus, Steve Bowers (PHF +1); Mike McKay, Steve Schomberg (PHF + 2); Lynette Marshall (PHF + 3); Jody Braverman (PHF + 4); Dick Larew (PHF + 5); Vern Folkmann (PHF + 6); and Bill Bywater (PHF + 8).

Rotaract club takes wing in Iowa City

Rotaract of the Iowa City Area (RICA) received its charter at a special meeting on Thursday, Feb. 20 at the University Athletic Club in Iowa City. The charter members reflect the diversity of the university community and each member spoke inspiringly of his or her reasons for joining and expectations for the club.

RICA's spring 2014 activities include day tours to RI Headquarters in Evanston, Ill., and to the Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch. The club will support the activities and fundraisers of District 6000's Xicotepec Project, Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team, "I Can Read Songs" literacy project, Ponseti club foot treatments and global polio eradication.

The charter event was the same day that the Rotary Club of Iowa City was honored as an All Paul Harris Fellow Club.



Charter members of Rotaract of the Iowa City Area (RICA) are pictured on their charter day, Feb. 20, with DG Jacque Andrew, PDGs Herb Wilson and Gary Pacha, and District 6000 Rotaract chair, Usha R. Balakrishnan of Iowa City. Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored community club for young adults, ages 18-30, that focuses on humanitarian efforts and strengthening community networks. Photo by Bill Tubbs



Quad Cities: Steve Suiter (North Scott), AG Doug Peterson (Iowa Quad Cities), DG Jacque Andrew, Gary Loss and PE Paul Johnson (Davenport). Photo by Bill Tubbs



Eastern Iowa: AG Mike Ruby (Muscatine), Bruce Cary (Tipton), DG Jacque Andrew, Steve Hanson (West Liberty) and Tom Determann (Clinton) Provided by Jacque Andrew

AGs' presidents' meetings pull club clusters together

As of Jan. 22, DG Jacque Andrew had met with seven of District 6000's 15 assistant governors and their presidents in their geographic areas. "It was another method of connecting with club leaders," she says. "The additional meetings focused on helping them finish strong. All have been beneficial."

The AG groups she has met with include Dave Cook (Boone),

Lee Holmes (Waukee), Chris Marshall (Washington), Doug Peterson (Iowa Quad Cities), Sue Rasmussen (Waukee), Mike Ruby (Muscatine), and Vicki Struzynski-Olson (Coralville-North Corridor).



Central Iowa: AG Dave Cook (Boone), Dan Divine (Ames), Dan Johnson (Nevada), Megan Houston (Boone), DG Jacque Andrew. Provided by Jacque Andrew



Iowa City: Eric Goers (Iowa City Downtown), Bruce Kout (Iowa City), Jeff Koepfel (Coralville-North Corridor), Royce Phillips (Coralville-North Corridor), DG Jacque Andrew, Carolyn Gross (Iowa City Downtown), Casey Cook (Iowa City AM) and AG Vicki Struzynski-Olson (Coralville-North Corridor). Provided by Jacque Andrew



Charter members of the Interact Club of Des Moines Roosevelt (top row, l-r): DMAM president Tamara Kenworthy, Interact co-president Emma Shafer, Interact co-president McKenna Schnack, Ana Miller, Anne Hilker, Carson Cary, Paige McKibben, Clare Ward, Lily Colvig, DMAM sponsor Liz Cox, DMAM board sponsor Brett Peterson. Row 3: Lupe Thomason, Ayzhan Mukhametkanova, Andie Duong, Maisie Karlin, Elizabeth Fisher, Emily Blobaum, Katie Day, Abby Mankins, Sara Slinker, secretary Knesia Vickery. Row 2: Travis Reinders, Julian Gruber, Jack Holtz, Vaughn Hommerding, Matt Holmes, Henry Gunderson, Nolan Murphy, Abbott LaPrade, Ted Appel. Front row: Sarah Nguyen, Alexa Pitz, Anne Parrish, Deidra Ennis, Mercedes Steffensen, Anna McKenzie, Emily Swanda, Treasurer Maddie Lorentzen, Chloe Ibsen, Rachel Armstrong and vice president Elena Hildebrandt.

Provided by Tamara Kenworthy

Interact Club boasts 60-plus charter members

The evening of Jan. 27, 2014, the newest Interact club in Des Moines held its inauguration ceremony. The Roosevelt Interact group is a high school volunteer group that partners with the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM. The club has more than 60 members, which makes it one of the largest Interact groups in the country.

The inauguration was extremely successful; the officers of the club made short speeches, followed by Rotary Club of Des Moines AM president Tamara Kenworthy and Liz Cox, the program's main sponsor. Each new member was then awarded a pin, indicating their membership. Following the ceremony there were refreshments and a quick photo.

District Interact chair Nancy Pacha attended the event.

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The self-governed and self-supported club provides opportunities for leadership development. Seniors McKenna Schnack and Emma Shafer will serve as co-presidents. Vice president Elena Hildebrandt, secretary Ksenia Vickery, treasurer Maddie Lorentzen and Community Service Committee chair Deidra Ennis round out the board of directors. The group plans to meet twice per month before and after school.

McKenna Schnack is the granddaughter of Pat Schnack of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM. McKenna and Emma participated in

the District 6000 Xicotepec project team last year and were excited about starting this club because of their humanitarian experience.

Those attending the Dec. 12 charter signing included Rotary District 6000 Governor Jacque Andrew, DMAM Rotary president Tamara Kenworthy, faculty advisor Lupe Thomason, school administrators, Des Moines area Rotarians, and Interact Rotarian advisor, Liz Cox.

The Roosevelt Interact club has quickly made great strides since its start in late November of 2013. There have been numerous volunteer opportunities that many members have participated in, and they are already looking toward the summer and next school year for new activities as well.

Open to youth aged 12-18 old, Interact clubs follow the Service Above Self guiding principle of Rotary International. Clubs are encouraged to complete two major projects per year – one to serve the local community and one to develop international understanding and goodwill.

– provided by Tamara Kenworthy and Jacque Andrew



Des Moines Roosevelt Interact Club leaders, with District Governor Jacque Andrew in attendance, signed their charter documents on Dec. 12 in the school library.



Rotary Club of Des Moines AM president Tamara Kenworthy signs the charter for the Des Moines Interact Club on Dec. 12 in the school library.



Youth Exchange

Thirty-three Rotary Youth Exchange students, inbound to the U.S. and outbound to the world, gathered at the Steeplegate Inn in Davenport on the weekend of March 1-2 to enjoy and learn about each other. The event, hosted by the Rotary Club of North Scott and organized by Dennis Peterson and Paul Kalainoff (back, right), brings the students together to build worldwide friendships, better understanding and acceptance of one another. The students saw the Mississippi River, went ice skating, visited the John Deere Commons and worked on their displays for District Conference. Photo by Bill Tubbs

Rotary's birthday, polio story told on WHO-TV

Northwest Des Moines Rotarians PDG Diana Reed and club president Ed Arnold were interviewed by WHO TV's Jannay Towne on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014, the 109th anniversary of the founding of Rotary.

They spent about 45 minutes with Jannay at the Urbandale Golf and Country Club, the meeting site for Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. Diana provided several pictures of her 2007 trip to Nigeria and gave much insight into the efforts required to personally take part in immunizing children around the world. Ed gave some basic information about current eradication efforts and the importance of eradicating the disease from the planet.

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The WHO-TV website post: *One of the world's first service organizations started with one man in Chicago. In the last century, it has grown to well over a million members. Today marks the 109th birthday of Rotary International.*

More than a dozen clubs meet once a week in the metro. Together, they are working to rid the world of an infectious disease.

"If everybody contributes a little bit, pretty soon you have a lot of money and that's what we've done with polio eradication efforts," says Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines President Ed Arnold.



PDG Diana Reed shared pictures like this one of her work for polio eradication in 2007 in Nigeria.. Photo by Bill Tubbs

The world is 99 percent polio free. Rotary has set its sights on the remaining 1 percent with the "End Polio Now" campaign. Over the years, contributions from Iowans helped vaccinate 250,000 children.

"We are not safe from it. It is a plane



Ed Arnold and PDG Diana Reed (r) were interviewed on Feb. 23 by WHO-TV reporter Jannay Towne (c) about Rotary's work in polio eradication. Provided by Ed Arnold

ride away," says Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines member and Past District Governor Diana Reed.

In 2007, Reed traveled to Nigeria. She went door to door in remote villages to vaccinate children.

"The two drops that are in the vial supply a lifetime of immunization for the children that we administer them to," she says.

Reed gave hundreds of children those two life-saving drops. The experience still stays with her to this day.

"It's passionate, emotional experience and it's something that you don't get over," says Reed.

"People worldwide want the same thing. They want what's best for their kids and that's kind of what Rotary helps promote," says Arnold.

That's why these Iowans take great pride in being part of a service organization helping people around the world ... 109 years and counting.

The "End Polio Now" campaign set a goal to eliminate the infectious disease by 2018.

Clubs collaborate to support Philippines

By Lawrence Cunningham/Des Moines

On Nov. 18, Rotary International President Ron Burton challenged Rotarians to support relief efforts in the Philippines after the country experienced both a magnitude 7.1 earthquake and the massively devastating Typhoon Haiyan in a three-month period. "While Rotary is not an emergency disaster-relief organization, we are in the business of helping people in need," wrote President Burton. In response to this plea, Rotary clubs across the world, including many from District 6000, united in supporting the relief efforts to provide food, water and shelter.

Recognizing an ongoing need for access to nutritious and safe food, Rotary clubs across Des Moines seized the opportunity to partner in support of Outreach, Inc. in their efforts to ship 1.4 million food packages, which are enough to feed approximately 8.4 million people, to the Philippines. The Rotary Club of Des Moines led the fund raising initiative for \$5,000 in a two-week period, with support from the Rotary Clubs of Des Moines AM, West Des Moines, Northwest and Waukee.

The Rotary Club of Des Moines has a storied history of benevolence. "Not one penny came from the club's foundation or operating funds," said Rotary Club of Des Moines president Dick Reasons. "Our membership truly answered the call to support our efforts to help people in need."

Rotary clubs in the Philippines received the shipment in mid-February and started to distribute food to the hardest hit areas, including Districts 3860, 3850, and 3830. "Our hope is that we can make a difference in the day to day lives of families recovering from these disasters," Reasons added.

About Outreach, Inc.

Outreach was founded in 2004 by Floyd Hammer and Kathy Hamilton of Union, Iowa, after witnessing starvation in Africa. With the promise to deliver food, safe water, medical care, and education to those in need at home and abroad, as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, Outreach has helped to package more than 246 million meals that have been distributed across the United States and around the world. Outreach Meal Packaging Events are set up across the United States to engage businesses, religious and civic organizations, schools, and volunteers of all ages to package nutritious meals for the hungry. Floyd Hammer and Kathy Hamilton were recently invited to the White House by President Barack Obama and former President George H.W. Bush to be honored with the 5,000th Point of Light Award. Outreach is committed to improving the lives of disadvantaged individuals. For more information, visit www.OutreachProgram.org.



Rotarians joined in the celebration of Gov. Branstad's proclamation of "Outreach Inc. and Rotary International District 6000 Relief for the Philippines Day." (l-r): Dick Reasons (Des Moines), Jim Riordan (Waukee), Tamara Kenworthy (Des Moines AM), Floyd Hammer (Des Moines, Outreach), Gov. Branstad, Kathy Hamilton (Outreach, Inc.) and Ed Arnold (Northwest). The clubs raised \$5,000 to facilitate the shipping of four sea containers of food. Provided by Kitte Noble

Governor's proclamation thanks Outreach, Rotary

Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad proclaimed Feb. 18 "Outreach, Inc. and Rotary International District 6000 Relief for the Philippines Day" with a proclamation that honors Outreach Co-Founders Floyd Hammer and Kathy Hamilton and five Des Moines metro Rotary clubs. The proclamation was signed at the governor's formal office, room 109 at the Capitol.

Outreach, an Iowa nonprofit, donated 1.5 million Outreach packaged-meals that were shipped from its new Des Moines office and warehouse in late December to the survivors of Typhoon Haiyan, which devastated the Philippines in November. The meals arrived in the Philippines Feb. 17, were unloaded, and were distributed Feb. 18.

Outreach has helped package over 245 million meals over the past ten years, and co-founders Floyd Hammer and Kathy Hamilton were quick to respond when Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines. "We worked with our partners to get this aid into the devastated Philippines. We are so grateful for the thousands of volunteers and partners who have packaged these life-saving, nutritious meals for the victims of this horrible disaster. These meals are one of the ways America can demonstrate how we care very deeply."

Rotary clubs in the U.S. and Philippines are integral partners in this initiative. Five Des Moines metro clubs, led by the Rotary Club of Des Moines and supported by the Rotary Clubs of Des Moines AM, West Des Moines, Northwest Des Moines and Waukee raised \$5,000 to help with the shipping costs of the meals.

Packaged by volunteers in the U.S., the meals are being distributed in the Philippines by Somebody Cares International, Rotary International, and Comprehensive Disaster Response Services. This is truly a collaborative effort to make sure this relief gets to the Philippines. — Provided by Jackie Matt, Outreach, Inc.



Food provided by Rotary and Outreach, Inc., was received in the Philippines and the sign says it all: "Thank You."



President-Elect Gary Huang leads Rotarians in the "Happy Clap" – 1 clap, 2 claps, 3 claps, 4 claps, 2 claps – that will be his signature greeting.



At the Dvorak's house where Chinese president Xi Jinping lived in 1985, Gary and Corinna Huang see pictures of Xi's return visit to Muscatine in 2012. The captions are in English and Mandarin.



PDG Bill Tubbs and Linda (back) served as aides for RI President-Elect Gary Huang and Corinna, who spent two nights at the Steeplegate Inn in Davenport.



The Huangs are greeted at the Muscatine Rotary meeting by club President-Elect Tony Joseph (l), Sarah Lande and District Governor Jacque Andrew.
Photos by Bill Tubbs

MUSCATINE IS THE KEY:

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Editor, District 6000 News

Rotary International President-Elect Gary Huang of Taiwan paid a historic and memorable visit to the Rotary Club of Muscatine on a snowy Monday on Feb. 17.

With District Governor Jacque Andrew flying into Des Moines on Sunday, Feb. 16, from Guatemala where she was with the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.), Linda and I were assigned the task of meeting the Huangs at the Quad City Airport on Sunday evening and serving as their aides for two nights in Davenport and the trip to Muscatine.

With yet another winter storm bearing down on Monday morning, we allowed extra time for travel and arrived in Muscatine safely and followed Gary and Corinna as they retraced the steps of Chinese President Xi Jinping from his time there as an agricultural student in 1985 and his return visit two years ago. President Jinping's visit, which was reported in "District 6000 News," included state dinners with Gov. Terry Branstad and other dignitaries.

Gary's mission is to become familiar with Xi's past in Muscatine so that



DG Jacque Andrew and Roger and Sarah Lande exchanged gifts with RI President-Elect Gary Huang and Corinna in the living room of the Landes' home where Xi Jinping met with Gov. Branstad in 2012.



Among “old friends” of Xi’s welcoming the Huangs at the home of Roger and Sarah Lande were (l-r): Cynthia Maeglin, Tony Joseph, Keith Porter, Roger Lande, (Corinna and Gary Huang), Sarah Lande and Dick Stanley.

RI President-Elect is on a mission to extend Rotary clubs in China

there will be common bonds when he meets with him this summer to talk about starting Rotary clubs in China. “There are people in China who could be members and there are needs that Rotary could meet,” he said.

Despite the deep political differences that separated communist China from free-enterprise Taiwan (formerly Formosa) in the past, there is a lot of commerce between the two today. The two countries are about 100 miles apart and share a common history, culture and language. Gary said there are thousands of Taiwanese citizens in China for business every day, and vice versa.

Gary has friends who were close to Xi before he became president whom he believes will help arrange their meeting. “I am pretty sure I will have a good opportunity to meet Xi,” he said.

We learned from “old friends” Roger and Sarah Lande, Dick Stanley and others in Muscatine that Xi has VERY fond memories of Muscatine, where he was immersed in American culture. Xi’s memories from 1985 are specific and detailed, they said, citing, for example, that he remembered seeing the movie “Godfather,” sharing a kids’ bedroom with “Star Wars” posters on the wall, and receiving a gift of popcorn.

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Todd Pocci, a member of the Muscatine Rotary board, worked hard to keep the front entry of the meeting site clear of snow ahead of RIPE Gary’s arrival. In this shot, Todd takes a short break to clear the snow drifts from his hair. Keith Porter photo



Sarah Lande shares memorabilia from Chinese President Xi Jinping’s visit and the Landes visit to China with the Huangs.



Past, present and future governors of District 6000 with RI President-Elect Gary Huang at the Muscatine Rotary Club meeting (l-r): Ken Noble, Bill Tubbs, Terry Geiger, Jacque Andrew, John Ockenfels, Loring Miller and Chris Knapp.



Rotarian Teresa Paper, president of Scott Community College, welcomed Gary Huang to a Monday evening dinner at the college’s Kahl Educational Center.



Xi Jinping (l), was a young agricultural student who lived in Muscatine, Iowa, in 1985 and absorbed U.S. culture and customs. The summer weather on the day of this cruise on the Mississippi River was in marked contrast from the stormy weather on Feb. 17, 2014 (below), when Rotary International President-Elect Gary Huang and his wife, Corinna, met District Governor Jacque Andrew and her husband, Jim, at the parking lot of the Wesley Center for the meeting of the Rotary Club of Muscatine.



Many special Thank Yous!

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Muscatine for the gracious hospitality it extended to PE Gary, Corinna and all of District 6000. Club leaders AG Mike Ruby, president Keith Porter, president-elect Tony Joseph, board member Steve Jamison, Sarah and Roger Lande and others who worked for months on the planning and arrangements necessary to host a Rotary International officer. PDG Bill and Linda Tubbs did an incredible job of serving as aides to PE Gary and Corinna. Not only were they attentive hosts but they also arranged for a special meal including Quad-City area Rotary leaders from both Districts 6000 and 6420 on Monday evening.

— DG Jacque Andrew



In 1985, Xi Jinping, who is now the president of China, was presented the "Key to the City of Muscatine."

Chinese president has good memories of 'old friends' in Muscatine

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It is significant, they say, that no previous president of China had any American friends. It was eye-opening for Linda and me to see the extent of the Chinese connections in Muscatine, from the Dvorak's house, where Xi stayed, with its "Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Iowa" display with photos from Xi's 2012 visit with the captions in Mandarin, to the major displays of Chinese art in the Muscatine History and Industry Center, to the connections with the Stanley Foundation, and the scrapbooks, art and Chinese artifacts in the Lande's home.

If eventually there is Rotary in China, we will have been witnesses to history, but there are obstacles to be overcome. Gary said the Chinese leaders are probably not against a service group like Rotary, but in their zeal to control political opposition, their laws severely limit the number of people who can freely associate and choose their own leaders. Other groups like Lions have made inroads in China, but Rotary insists on choosing its own leaders without approval of the government.

Gary's message to Xi, I suspect, will be that Rotary ought not threaten any power structure because it is nonpartisan and nonsectarian. It has 1.2 million members in 34,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic regions and is doing good in the world by bringing diverse people together for fellowship and service, including global polio eradication. The world needs more, not less, people-to-people diplomacy!

If anyone can convey the message, it should be Gary. He was born in southern China, grew up in Taiwan and was educated in the U.S. at Eastern Michigan University. He resides in Taipei, Taiwan, and is honorary chair of a securities company and a past president of an insurance company.

We wish him well.

(This article is adapted from coverage in the Eldridge North Scott Press.)

MILES OF SMILES:

Iowa Rotarians give Service Above Self, change lives

By DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

The experience of Iowa MOST (Miles of Smiles Team) is one that CHANGES LIVES not only for those served but also for those who help as medical professionals or volunteers! The group of 38 amazingly arrives from multiple locations and quickly is up and running. Screening patients first, assigning surgery days, setting up the ORs, sterilizing and preparing instruments/equipment and young patients...

All the while the little ones snuggle into places in our hearts. Their families smile and nod as they wait and share big "thank you's" when the discharge photos are delivered. At every morning's team meeting, Dr. John Canady's primary focus was, without fail, on patient safety and good outcomes. Miles of smiles are truly the goal!

A refurbished anesthesia machine that has been acquired and shipped to Guatemala from Iowa thanks to district 6000 Rotarians was assembled and ready to go into service in the OR.

What a truly awesome experience to see the surgeons, anesthesiologists, pediatricians, dentists, medical students, nurses, bio-medical engineer, geneticist and volunteers work together to CHANGE the LIVES of these young patients.

The photos on this and the next pages tell the story of how District 6000 Rotarians in Iowa are changing lives. To see more photos of kids cared for, the team, and read more stories, **go to the mission's blog at: IowaMost.blogspot.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/IowaMOST.**

Four pages of photos by Jacque Andrew



Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team's (M.O.S.T.) labor of love would not exist without the leadership of PDG Gary Pacha (l), chair of the Iowa MOST mission who has spent untold hours/days/years making this mission possible. Through his efforts the relationship with Dr. Oscar Marroquin (at right) has been built allowing Iowa MOST to operate in the Salus hospital each year. Iowa City Rotarian Karin Franklin (c) keeps the team on track with surgery schedules, patient records and so much more.



The 2014 Iowa Miles Of Smiles (M.O.S.T.) team

Surgeons: John Wesley Canady, Brian Andrews, Daniel Jorgensen, Ross Zbar.

Anesthesiologists: David Swanson, Martin Mueller, Melissa Meiners, Patrick Gore.

Pediatricians: Oscar Gomez, Peter Wallace, Oscar Marroquin (Huehuetenango).

Med Students: Rebecca Epperly, Benjamin Cook.

Dentists: Steven Aquilino, William Gates, Amber McCarville (Shimek).

Bio-Medical Engineer: Dennis Wilson.

Nurses: Deb Ockenfels, Karla Garibay, Jen Oliver, Pat Wehrle, Jessica Wolfe, Trudy Wright, Mindy Bowen, Katie Hepfer, BJ Wagner.

Sterilization Technician: Jody Meyer.

Team Leader: PDG Gary Pacha.

Volunteers: Krasimira Hristov, Reinhard Juraschek, DGE John Ockenfels, DG Jacque Andrew, Alba Spreen, Sarah Andrews, Frank Canady, Sara Jorgensen, Karin Franklin.

Researcher: Martine Dunnwald.

On-Site Coordinator: Paco Fernandez.



FAMSCO

Rotary District 6000 helps the area in other ways. During the week, Rotarians Gary Pacha, MOST team leader; District Governor Jacques Andrew and District Governor-Elect John Ockenfels toured the Huehuetenango Fire Department. The District's Fire and Medical Supply Company (FAMSCO) has partnered with the department through Rotary grants to purchase a completely outfitted ambulance and fire truck that are in service.



Popular patients ...



Somos: We are a team!

Somos un equipo – we ARE a team! It is tradition of the mission on the last day to have a farewell gathering of the Iowa MOST team and as many of the hospital staff who can attend. This is an opportunity to express gratitude for the exemplary team effort, and a monetary gift is presented along with certificates and mementoes to each hospital staff member. During the mission close bonds of friendship and respect are developed between Iowa MOST and hospital staff. This farewell is filled with hugs, smiles and some tears. The experience is an unforgettable one!



Precious ...

Theses two patients, Alan and Kresley, touched our hearts! They have both been seen by the Iowa MOST team in previous years. Alan had a palate revision this year following a lip and palate repair in prior years. Kresley's palate was repaired during this visit and her lip repaired last year. Such "return visits" are not uncommon for continuity of care. The Iowa MOST team is in its ninth consecutive year of missions to Huehuetenango and Xela, Guatemala. Most patients are indigenous Mayans and come from villages in the western highlands and would not otherwise have access to care.



District leaders

The Iowa MOST mission is a project of Rotary District 6000. On the 2014 trip, District Governor Jacque Andrew and District Governor-Elect John Ockenfels and Deb Ockenfels participated. DG Jacque served as photo journalist to document and share the team's efforts via Facebook and the blog site. DGE John lead the organization of supplies and equipment, assisted with equipment repair and other tasks while Deb was an operating room nurse.



Diego ...

Families go to great lengths to access care through the Iowa MOST mission in the western highlands of Guatemala. Diego, the 13-year-old uncle, carefully carried his 1-year old nephew in for his procedure. The baby's mother, who speaks a Mayan dialect, came too, with her younger child. Because Diego understands Spanish he was the recipient of all surgical information and discharge instructions. (below) Nurse Katie Guckert explains medications and precautions to Diego which he then shared with the baby's mother. They rode the bus for hours and worked out this system so the baby could receive the care. These families changed our lives! — inHuehuetenango, Guatemala.



More Iowa M.O.S.T. photos are on the next page



Hope for Care

Families make incredible sacrifices in the hopes of accessing care through the Iowa MOST mission. The youngest patient served on this trip was 5-month-old Francisco. His father brought him to be screened alone because the baby's mother had become paralyzed after childbirth and could not travel. Little Francisco had no shortage of people who wanted to hug him!



Surgeons

Although more than a medical mission, the many surgical procedures, dental and medical care are the heart of the effort. Medical team leader Dr. John Canady, along with Dr. Brian Andrews, Dr. Dan Jorgensen and Dr. Ross Zbar are performing cleft palate and lip repairs and other procedures that change the lives of patients who would not have access to such care — in Huehuetenango, Guatemala.

Photos by Jacque Andrew

Father-son

Medical director of Iowa MOST, Dr. John Canady and son Frank Canady, a senior at Grinnell College who will begin medical school at the University of Iowa in the fall, had the opportunity to experience Iowa MOST together for the first time in 2014. Dr. Canady, an ear, nose and throat — plastic surgery specialist, has been involved in cleft palate and lip repair missions since 1991 in locations around the world. Frank was able to observe in the OR and participate in other aspects of the mission as a non-medical volunteer.

Gabriella

A work of art...Gabriella, a palate patient this year, holds a card featuring a painting for which she was the model in 2013. Pedro Delgado, the artist of the painting, was commissioned by Dr. Oscar Marroquin to create a work representing the Iowa MOST mission. The large original painting of the toddler was presented to medical team leader Dr. John Canady, and small prints were given to 2013 team members.



Leave it Better

"Leave it better than you found it" is an informal motto of Iowa MOST. During the mission, bio-medical engineer Dennis Wilson, assisted by DGE John Ockenfels, repaired numerous pieces of equipment returning them to good working order. The items of equipment included 12 lead EKG machine, anesthesia machine, baby warmer, two infusion pumps, table top microscope and a small light source for fiber optics. These pieces are at the Salus hospital to be used year 'round. The Iowa MOST team is happy to provide this assistance for ongoing patient care.

***Thank you to all the District 6000 clubs
whose financial support helps make
Iowa M.O.S.T. missions possible!***

Bettendorf grants will change lives

By Glenn Kass/Bettendorf

Club Public Relations chair

The Charitable Giving Board of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf awarded \$23,000 to 14 not-for-profit projects that serve the Quad-City community. This is the sixth year that event proceeds from the annual Bettendorf Rotary Lobsterfest presented by THE National Bank in June create the fund for the Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Giving Board grants.

"We received 29 grant requests for amounts totaling \$57,375," said Jeff Hassel, chair of the BRC Charitable Giving Board. "Thanks to our most successful Lobsterfest yet, the total amount awarded represented 40 percent of the final amount requested. We hope our next THE National Bank Lobsterfest on June 14 enables us to reach this level of support for 2014."

Bettendorf Rotary also presents \$7,000 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.bettendorffrotary.com/rotarygrants. Completed written requests must then be postmarked by Oct. 1

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 14 grants that the Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Giving Board selected and had approved by the Bettendorf Rotary Club's Executive Board for funding in 2013:

American Red Cross of the Quad Cities: "Health & Safety Preparedness for Quad City Youth." Provide health and safety training and education to more than 8,000 Scott County youth which includes more



Jeff Hassel (c), chair of the Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Giving Board, with the recipients of the club's grants.
Photo by Bill Tubbs

than 2,000 Bettendorf youth. \$2,500.

Asbury United Methodist Church: "Garden Ministry." The Garden Ministry began in the Spring of 2002 as an outreach ministry of Asbury United Methodist Church. Its mission was to provide fresh vegetables to those individuals who did not have access to them. \$1,500

Community Health Care, Inc.: "River Drive Pediatric Updates." Purchase and implement much-needed updates to their River Drive Clinic pediatric waiting room. \$1,550.

Family Museum Foundation: "Drop-In Studio." The Family Museum features free drop-in programming for children and families. This will help support supply costs for these drop-in programs. \$1,000.

Family Resources: "Keeping Kids Engaged in Learning." Implement "Positive Behavior Supports" throughout the Wittenmyer Learning Center/Youth Center to keep children engaged in school and their treatment. \$2,500.

From Cover to Cover: "Book and Blanket Donation to local at-risk K Students." Provide those at-risk with their own special book and handmade fleece blanket to treasure in an effort to help promote literacy. \$1,000.

Hand in Hand: "Accessibility, Program and Licensing Upgrades." The program must add an elevator and other safety improvements to serve individuals with disabilities and be compliant with ADA, state and building codes. \$2,200.

Lydia Home: "Friday Evening Neighborhood/Family Event." A weekly neigh-

borhood meal is served for children, their families and other adults. \$2,500.

Nahant Marsh Education Center: "Nahant Marsh Education Center Building Expansion." Add an addition to the existing building to provide classroom, restroom and storage space to accommodate its rapidly growing programs. \$1,000.

Project Renewal: "2014 Summer Youth Program." Project Renewal is a positive presence for children and families who lack opportunities to build self-esteem, develop positive social skills and behavior, and model positive family values. \$2,500.

The Shining Stars Dance Team: "Little Extras" for the Shining Stars. Our goal is to cover costs of miscellaneous items so Stars or their parents don't need to pay them out of pocket. \$250.

TRU (Trees R Us – Bettendorf): "Trees and Bench for Vets Park Playground." Provide two shade trees and a Bettendorf Parks Department-approved bench for those caregivers supervising children at the Bettendorf Veteran's Park's new playground. \$1,000.

United Neighbors, Inc.: "After-School Program." The program serves underprivileged children from the central city of Davenport. There are currently 80 children enrolled in the program ages 5-12. \$1,000.

Vera French Community Mental Health Center: "Supplies for School-based Therapy Program." Clinicians provide therapy on-site in 20 schools in Scott County. Supplies are needed for art and play therapy to children with Serious Emotional Disturbance. \$2,500.



Fun fundraising at Ankeny

Emcee Tod Cox (l) makes a fashion statement at the Rotary Club of Ankeny's Feb. 22 fundraising auction at the FFA Enrichment Center at Des Moines Area Community College. Faces in the crowd of 250 included DG Jacque Andrew and DGE John Ockenfels (above). Funds raised supported the club's community and global service projects.

Provided by Jacque Andrew

Knoxville Rotarian finds a unique way to raise funds

By T. Waldmann-Williams/Knoxville

Community Service: A Unique Way to Raise Funds

Knoxville Rotarian Park Woodle recently turned 60 and provided a unique way of serving the community and celebrating his birthday.

Knoxville has a new and stunning Performing Arts Center Auditorium. Park and his wife, Dr. Susan Woodle, wanted to celebrate this new venue, help raise funds for it, and celebrate the "6-0." In honor of Park's birthday, they hired Fred Gazzo Band (see them at

Sam & Gabe's restaurant in Des Moines on Thursdays) to perform at the center.

Park invited 400 of his closest friends to a free concert. Instead of presents, they gave guests the option to donate to the Performing Arts Foundation. It was a lovely way to enjoy a wonderful afternoon, cake, and contribute to a celebration and the community. Rotarians can have creative ways of giving back to a community, plus fun and memorable events!



Lamoni Elementary School.



Decatur County Elementary School.

Student Dictionary project includes Lamoni Elementary

Members of the Rotary Club of Decatur County presented dictionaries to all students in Mrs. Carpenter's and Mr. Culberson's fourth-grade classes at the Lamoni Elementary School in December.

Club members handing dictionaries to each student included Past Rotary District 6000 Governor Terry Geiger, Peggy Geiger, and John Henderson.

The club has presented inscribed dictionaries to Lamoni fourth graders for several years. The fourth-grade level is chosen for

distribution because that is the time when most students make the transition between "learning to read" and "reading to learn." "We hope that having a dictionary handy at the desk will make learning easier for these young readers," commented Mr. Geiger.

Helping with distribution at the Decatur County Elementary School were club president Marcia Stephens, Mary Ellen Stanley, Terry Geiger, and Rotary Youth Exchange student Marta Calsamiglia from Italy.

— provided by Peggy Geiger



Waukee's Festival of Trees

The Rotary Club of Waukee was the winner of the Waukee Public Library Foundation 2013 Festival of Trees competition by decorating its tree with hats, scarves and mittens for needy families in the Waukee area. Waukee Library Assistant Director Devon Murphy Petersen (right) is pictured awarding the trophy to club president Erna Morain (left) and other members at the club's meeting on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014.

Provided by Erna Morain

Taekwondo champion!

Rotary Youth Exchange student Lucas Jacobs recently addressed his host club in Muscatine in January. Jacobs is sponsored by the Blumenau Verde Vale Rotary Club of Brazil. Among other things, Jacobs told the club that he began doing Taekwondo when he was 5 years old and has now won the Brazilian Taekwondo championship four times (2009, 2011, 2012, 2013). In 2011 he won the Pan American Championship, and he has participated in the World Taekwondo championship competition twice, finishing fifth in 2012.

Rotarians can meet Lucas and other outstanding Youth Exchange students at District Conference! – Submitted by Keith Porter

Sweet treats for kids at Albia

The Rotary Club of Albia sacked 269 bags of candy and 198 were given out for the local kids to enjoy while attending a free movie on Dec. 7. The rest were given to the handicapped children group in Albia.

– Submitted by Tony Humeston



Waukee's 'Energy' for polio

Waukee Rotarians and their families and friends got a "twofer" and the chance to support Rotary's campaign to eliminate polio at the Feb. 8 Iowa Energy basketball game. The club made a great showing at both the game at Wells Fargo Arena and the Metro Rotary Friends and Family event, with appearances by Energy players, at the Iowa Hall of Pride which preceded the game. Rotarians and players (l-r): Erna Morain, Austin Freeman, Nancy Hayer, Jackie Carmichael and Frank Hayer. More pictures and a report about the event are on page 33.

Provided by Erin Morain



Rotary's Salisbury House connection

With Carl Weeks, the 10th president of the Rotary Club of Des Moines and the district governor in 1923, looking over their shoulders, DG Jacques Andrew and Eric Smith, Salisbury House executive director, find the Rotary Club of Jefferson stone placed in "Rotary friendship hall" of the home. Clubs from all over Iowa sent stones engraved with club names to be placed in this room dedicated to Rotary. The Rotary Club of Des Moines hosted its new member event Wednesday, March 12, at the stately home (which it does quarterly) and invited DG Jacques to attend. The event offers new members of the club a chance to connect, get acquainted, and learn more about Rotary and the Salisbury House.

Provided by Jacques Andrew

Community service at Atlantic:

'Imagine Science' and 'Curiosity Club' for Nishna Valley Family YMCA

The Nishna Valley Family YMCA of Atlantic received funds from the Rotary Club of Atlantic to purchase equipment to use in its tutoring program and upcoming programs entitled "Imagine Science" and "Curiosity Club."

A grant for approximately \$9,304 will be used to purchase 13 iPad Minis as well as a laptop and projector. The iPad Minis are to be used in the tutoring program, the "Imagine Science" and "Curiosity Club" programs. The tutoring program is held four days a week after school. There are several retired teachers helping with the program. Imagine Science is for third-grade students. They will be doing experiments inspired by their imaginations. Third through fifth-grade students will participate in the Curiosity Club, doing a variety of activities, games, book suggestions and discussions, writing and special projects. Sixth graders will be mentors to the younger students. Both programs are free to YMCA members and non-members.

The laptops and projector being purchased will be used with the YMCA Flight Club Program, which is for students interested in the field of aerospace or planes. Tamera Gibson of the YMCA said using the technology is a way to get children excited about learning and keep them interested in learning.

Atlantic Rotary president Bill Saluk said the club's goal "is to focus on ways to help out the community" and this grant is funded in part by the local club and by a Rotary Foundation community grant. He said the tutoring program has a number of volunteers, and this grant can help purchase "extra tools" to enhance the program.



Club president Bill Saluk presented a check to Lori Ried, Iowa Western Jazz and Wine Committee member.

Provided by Dolly Bergmann

Espresso Cybercycle a useful tool for coping with Parkinson's Disease

The Rotary Club of Atlantic presented a check for \$3,000 to the Atlantic Parkinson's Disease Support Group to assist with the purchase of an Espresso Cybercycle. The cycle will be located at the Heritage House, a retirement home in Atlantic. The group has a goal to raise funds for a second cycle that will be located at the Nishna Valley Family YMCA.

The cycle provides cognitive benefits for older adults. This cycle can make "exercise" fun and entertaining. Pick the "course" you want to bike and get started. The TV screen will make it appear like you are right there on the trail even with other riders. There are 40-plus virtual tours and games so all levels of riders can find something that will work for them, no matter their power level. Key findings of exercising on a cybercycle are: 1) Cybercyclists experienced a 23-percent reduction in progression to mild cognitive impairment compared to traditional exercisers; 2) Cybercyclists experienced a significantly greater increase of brain-derived neurotrophic growth factor (BDNF) compared to traditional riders, suggesting that interactive – combined mental and physical exercise – may lead to cognitive benefits by way of biomarkers linked to neurotrophic effects; and 3) Cybercycling two to three times per week for three months yielded greater cognitive benefits in executive functions (planning, working memory, attention, and problem solving).

Attending the Rotary meeting for the presentation were: Howard Kuther, president of Nova Fitness; Jim Westerbeck, Iowa territory manager of Nova Fitness; John Krumbholz, president of the Iowa Parkinson's Disease Association; and Jon Jordan, wellness coordinator at the Heritage House.



Jon Jordan, Heritage House Wellness Coordinator, Bill Saluk, president of the Atlantic Rotary Club, and Martha Tibken and Laura Stuetelberg, members of the Atlantic Parkinson's Disease Support Group



Rosie Jones of the Nishna Valley Family YMCA shows Nellee Ritter the new iPad Mini. Even though Nellee is too small to attend the classes she is very interested in the iPad.

Howard talked about the many features of the cycle while Denny Stuetelberg (former Rotarian) demonstrated. Denny is looking forward to using the cycle, and Jon is looking forward to getting residents from the Heritage House using the cycle.

John talked about the difficulties of living with Parkinson's disease. Parkinson Disease is an incurable progressive neurological disease. There are no bio-markers for determining if a person has Parkinson's disease like the blood test used to determine if someone has high cholesterol. Exercise seems to be the only thing that actually helps an individual live with the disease.

Scholarships for non-traditional students at Iowa Western Community College

The Rotary Club of Atlantic presented a check for \$700 to the Iowa Western Community College scholarship fund-raiser, making them a platinum level supporter. The scholarship fund is for Cass County students attending Iowa Western Community College.

The Jazz and Wine event was held on March 2 at the Iowa Western Community College in Atlantic. Everyone attending enjoyed an evening of great music, played by Iowa Western music students, and delicious hors d'oeuvres, created by Ryan Askeland, Iowa Western Culinary Arts graduate, wine and non-alcoholic beverages, plus desserts.

Many students attending Iowa Western are non-traditional students, meaning they may be starting a new career or returning to the work force, therefore funds received via scholarships are greatly appreciated. As one of the Iowa Western graduates said, "Education changes lives – let it change yours." This event is helping students make this come true.

– Dolly Bergmann

Fellowship: Vocational meetings give Ames Rotarians a fresh outlook

By Carole Custer/Ames

Club Public Relations chair

For some Rotary Club of Ames members, a recent Rotary noon meeting came with homemade chocolates. For another set of Rotarians, the meeting came with a tour of a new addition to a local car dealer's facility. And to another group of Rotarians, the meeting included a question and answer session with the *Ames Tribune's* editor. These are all examples of a popular fellowship project undertaken by the 200-plus-member Ames club to strengthen member interaction and let members learn more about other members' businesses and organizations.

Rotarian Frank Feilmeyer is co-organizer of the project and is responsible for inviting up to 10 members to host lunch meetings at their businesses on a specific Rotary Monday. Club members then sign up to attend the meeting at one of the host locations. Boxed lunches are provided by Gateway Hotel where the noon Rotary club regularly meets. And in smaller groups, Rotarians have opportunities to socialize in a way not usually possible at weekly meetings where more than 140 members regularly attend.

The club's board of directors asked Feilmeyer to organize the first fellowship lunch in 2010 and he has had assistance from co-chairs each year. Regarding the popularity of the project, Feilmeyer said, "Members have been uniformly positive about getting inside places they have always wondered about and learning about the host members."

When asked what recommendations would he give other clubs who may be interested in doing this, Feilmeyer answered, "If you are going to do something like our small-group fellowship meetings off-the-regular-meeting-site with host members, you need: (a) one or two good planners who can track the logistical pieces of the events; (b) a supportive board and officers willing to help make it happen; (c) well thought-out policies for what the club will provide for the event and what the host will provide; (d) constant communication with the host members about expectations, food, drink, capacity, non-member staff attendees, and a basic suggested outline of how to run the meeting; and (e) to do it often enough to keep the logistics and plans fresh, but not so often that the hosts and the planners get burnt out."



Host Rotarian Terry Stark was the server with a smile and chocolates at the meeting held at his Chocolaterie Stam candy store in Ames.



Rotarian David Sly, president of Proplanner, a software company, hosted members at the company's headquarters in the Iowa State University Research Park



Host Rotarian Steve Koger, CEO of McFarland Clinic in Ames, explained new patient medical records software to fellow Rotarians at the noon lunch meeting.



Tom Schmech's mother, Ruth, after an event of creating name "plates" with stickers that were displayed at the entrance of each person's room.

Knoxville Rotarians 'young at heart'

By T. Waldmann-Williams/Knoxville

Creating opportunities to serve:

Knoxville Rotarian Tom Schmech is active in the club's Youth Exchange program and chairs the club's Family of Rotary socials. He arranges opportunities for members and families to socialize with one another as well as create opportunities for intergenerational socialization.

Some of the member and family gatherings that Tom encourages and arranges include attending Iowa's sports events such as hockey, baseball, basketball, and football in Des Moines.

However, providing a community service that allows intergenerational socialization is something Tom has provided for two years. It began when Tom's mother went to Knoxville's Memory Center living facility and he learned the importance of stimulating the memory of those living in the center.

Tom reached out to members and community volunteers to share their passions, compassion and competencies for an hour on Monday evenings. Although Tom's mother passed away less than a year ago, Tom continues this important socialization and several members of Knoxville's club and their families have contributed their time and talents, as well as others in the community.

Activities include singing, creating art, playing games, reading, and sharing Marion County's history and events. The ages of volunteers range from 6 to 80-plus and those who attend Monday evenings from the Memory Center will always be young-at-heart.

Role model inspired award winner

By T. Waldmann-Williams/Knoxville

Becoming a community leader usually starts with learning from a role model that you want to emulate.

Pennie Sommar was recognized by Rotary Club of Knoxville president Jason Maasdam, Owner Eye Solutions, as the 2013 Rotary Club of Knoxville Dr. George H. Andrew Service Above Self Award winner. In 2005 the award was started and named in honor of Dr. George Andrew who personified Service Above Self by sharing his time, talents and treasures.

Ms. Sommar, vice president of Iowa State Savings Bank, is the club's ninth recipient. She has given her time and talents to Knoxville's Rotary and community and continues to be a role model herself.

After receiving the award Pennie spoke lovingly of her father who was her role model. "I learned from my dad. I didn't understand why he was always gone, but because he was served by others in our community, he continued to give back to our



Pennie Sommar (r) receives the Dr. George Andrew Service Above Self Award.

community. He is my hero and role model. There is nothing like community helping community. I get so much from giving. It's my way of now giving back."

And, that is really what Rotarians do every day and Pennie stated it so eloquently.

They're dancing for polio in Manning!

They were kicking up their heels at the Manning Rotary Club Dancing with the Stars fundraiser Saturday, March 8 at the Manning Hausbarn!

With Colleen Kelly of Star 102.5 (Big Ken and Colleen radio show) the celebrity judge and Brian Irlbeck, Rotary club president, DG Jacque holds the glittering hardware for the winner! Funds raised go to End Polio Now and many deserving local projects.

Provided by Jacque Andrew



Corning awards non-traditional scholarship

Corning Rotary president Jayne Templeton presented the club's non-traditional \$500 scholarship award to Corrine Wilkinson, an education major currently attending Southwestern Community College.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a student enrolling in at least six credit hours or enrolling in an equivalent course of study at a vocational or trade school after spending a minimum of one year in the work place or raising a family. The applicant must demonstrate qualities of leadership, good citizenship and community service.

Selection of the scholarship winner was made by the Corning Rotary Club Scholarship Committee. The funds for Corning Rotary Scholarships are earned in the annual



Jayne Templeton and Corrine Wilkinson

"Rotary Scholarship Barbecue" held the first Monday in May.

— provided by Beth Waddle



The Rotary Club of Fairfield, with a Rotary Foundation community grant, made a donation of \$1,553 to the Fairfield Fire Department for equipment for the water rescue craft, including a rescue pole that expands to 75 feet and will be used for water and ice rescues. Doug Flournoy (l) presented the check.

Fairfield makes community donations



The Rotary Club of Fairfield made a donation of \$500 to the Community Pool and Gym Recreation Project. (l-r): Jen Osby is presenting the check to Ron Haines and Karl Metcalf, both Foundation members. Derik Wulfekuhle, director was unable attend.



The Interact Club and Rotaract Club of Fairfield made a donation of \$500 to the Rise Africa project to help finance the planting of 100 Neem trees for a village in Tanzania, Africa. Beth Alonzo, Interact and Rotaract advisor, presents the check to Marie Leher, president of Rise Africa.



The Rotary Club of Fairfield made a donation of \$2,500 to the Carnegie Museum. (l-r): Jodi Kerr, president, presents the check to museum director Mark Shafer. The funds are one of the beneficiaries of the club's auction. The museum is planning to fix the lamp post that stands right outside the museum's door and is currently out of service.

Provided by Francis Mossé

'Scary Guy' lectures against abuse in Cass County

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

The Rotary Club of Atlantic partnered with the Cass County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CCCAPC) this year with their annual raffle associated with the Rotary Auction. This was a very different project then in the past. Over the years, raffle proceeds have gone to such things as maintenance for the Rotary Cabin, the Schildberg Recreation Area and much more.

This year the proceeds will support violence prevention efforts and educational activities at all three Cass County school districts.

Kristen Templeton, CCCAPC coordinator, said, "Our goal is to focus on violence prevention education throughout the 2014-2015 school year in Cass County. We hope to do this by bringing in a dynamic speaker to start the year off and help spread this message to students and the entire community."

Proceeds of \$5,200 from the raffle will help fund the internationally recognized speaker The Scary Guy. He will be bringing his educational message to each school in Cass County the fall of 2014. He will be presenting a multi-day program working with youth in each school at an age appropriate level, to discuss concepts such as hate, violence and prejudice, while teaching youth skills to process information they see in the world around them and take responsibility for their own actions.

The Scary Guy is a former tattoo artist who officially changed his name in 1998 after realizing that he had been "living a lie for 43 years. "I thought I had wasted 43 years of my life calling myself a good guy," he said, but explained that he had needed that time to understand what he really had to do.

He learned how to redefine his own life, and stop "living as a victim of other peoples' words and actions." His goal is to make a difference in the world by promoting peace and helping communities reach that goal.

Check out his website (thescaryguy.com) for more information about his goals and program.

Clinton, West Liberty auctions May 9, 10

The Rotary Club of Clinton will hold its sixth annual Live and Silent Auction on May 9, 2014, at the Tuscany Events Center in Clinton.

The Rotary Club of Clinton is proud of the fact that over the past five years, the club has been able to successfully complete projects at both the Rotary Park on the riverfront and the Emma Young Park in Clinton. Rotarians and generous community supporters made these community park enhancement projects a success. This year's auction goal is to expand our support to youth in our community through a project at the Rainbow Playground at Garfield Park in Clinton.

Rotarians are invited to join our group of special supporters to come to the Live and Silent Auction on May 9, 2014, and be a part of a worthwhile project for the children in our community.

Hours are 5:30-9:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. The Tuscany Events Center is located at 238 Main Avenue, Clinton. For tickets and further information contact Cheryl Frey at chfrey@mchsi.com.

Provided by Ida Lorenz

The Rotary Club of West Liberty's big gala raffle and live and silent auctions will be May 10 at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. Information: (319) 627-4545.

Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2013 - March 20, 2014*

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(Members: Jul 12/Jul 13)	13-14 Goal	Thru 3-20-14	% of Goal	Per capita
Adel (26/27)	\$ 2,800	1,150	41	\$ 42.59
Albia (28/24)	1,200	650	54	27.08
Ames Morning (61/54)	6,770	7,275	107	134.72
Ames (230/235)	26,975	19,190	71	81.66
Ankeny (62/66)	18,000	5,465	30	82.80
Atlantic (64/55)	5,200	3,334	64	60.62
Bettendorf (113/101)	16,000	11,125	70	110.15
Bloomfield (14/11)	1,210	0	0	0.00
Boone (52/47)	7,950	2,346	30	49.92
Burlington (85/77)	7,600	1,965	26	25.52
Carroll (55/50)	5,200	0	0	0.00
Centerville (41/48)	4,800	1,445	30	30.10
Chariton (53/49)	5,300	4,725	89	96.43
Clinton (116/112)	11,000	6,826	62	60.95
Coon Rapids (29/31)	1,400	0	0	0.00
Coralville-North Corridor (22/19)	2,000	0	0	0.00
Corning (48/43)	1,836	1,571	86	36.55
Corydon (20/21)	200	300	150	14.29
Creston (19/19)	500	75	15	3.95
Dallas Center (26/26)	2,700	0	0	0.00
Davenport (132/123)	13,000	12,317	95	100.14
Decatur County (25/25)	5,600	945	17	37.80
Des Moines AM (139/153)	11,000	4,225	38	27.61
Des Moines (294/278)	21,500	16,070	75	57.81
East Polk County (42/37)	3,800	1,975	52	53.38
Fairfield (60/63)	6,500	3,095	48	49.13
Fort Madison (52/42)	5,300	50	1	1.19
Greater Des Moines (37/19)	2,000	0	0	0.00
Grinnell (33/36)	3,800	1,850	49	51.39
Indianola (50/55)	4,350	850	20	15.45
Iowa City AM (55/57)	8,400	8,850	105	155.26
Iowa City Downtown (19/19)	800	1,020	128	53.68
Iowa City (303/304)	34,700	49,665	143	163.37
Iowa Quad-Cities (47/44)	3,500	1,125	32	25.57
Jefferson (53/55)	12,000	15,525	129	282.27
Johnston (53/51)	4,100	2,161	53	42.37
Kalona (43/39)	2,600	2,550	98	65.38
Keokuk (84/77)	3,700	3,220	87	41.82
Keosauqua (26/21)	1,210	1,210	100	57.62
Knoxville (63/59)	5,325	2,600	49	44.07
Lenox (23/27)	3,500	1,250	36	46.30
Manning (22/19)	1,710	1,616	95	85.09
Marengo (10/12)	120	120	100	10.00
Marshalltown (158/157)	11,825	1,183	10	7.54
Mount Pleasant Noon (51/58)	3,016	2,577	85	44.43
Mt. Pleasant (24/25)	2,700	1,150	43	46.00
Muscatine (117/112)	15,420	3,790	25	33.84
Nevada (66/69)	9,050	4,435	49	64.28
Newton (72/65)	4,000	4,593	115	70.66
North Scott (91/81)	10,625	18,355	173	226.60
Northwest Des Moines (49/41)	4,900	3,875	79	94.51
Osceola (28/31)	1,644	0	0	0.00
Oskaloosa (55/53)	2,200	1,875	84	35.38
Ottumwa (98/104)	10,600	12,050	114	115.87
Pella (40/27)	3,000	2,050	68	75.93
Perry (29/29)	350	20	6	0.69
Tipton (28/30)	2,000	90	5	3.00
Washington (55/48)	4,900	5,300	108	110.42
Waukeke (50/52)	5,200	3,920	75	75.38
Wellman (36/37)	3,700	1,275	34	34.46
West Des Moines (71/76)	7,300	3,815	52	50.20
West Liberty (39/39)	13,800	9,200	67	235.90
West Polk County (25/23)	3,000	0	0	0.00
Winterset (29/30)	1,200	0	0	0.00
Total (4,015/3,917)	\$ 407,612	\$ 279,386	68.54	\$71.33

(*) Interim Report

Foundation news



PDG Cal Litwiler (l), was a presenter at the Grant Management Seminar at West Liberty on Feb. 22. Also providing training were Brock Earnhardt (global grants), Doug Flournoy (community grants) and DG Jacque Andrew. A second GMS was March 1 at Adel and the final GMS will be March 28 at Newton.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

Pay by June 15 to ensure credit toward '13-'14 goal

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty
D6000 Foundation Fundraising chair

As we enter the last quarter of the Rotary year, we begin to think about sending in the Annual Program Fund gifts to The Rotary Foundation. Last year at PETS, the



presidents for 2013 - 14 entered the goal for their club's giving to the Annual Fund and Polio Plus in Rotary's new

Club Central. This gives both Rotary International and District 6000 leaders estimates of each club's goals for the Rotary year.

Historically, District 6000 clubs have contributed between 57 and 68 percent of their goals by mid-March. This year, the total goal for 64 clubs is \$407,612. The amount contributed by March 20, 2014, is \$279,386, or 68.54 percent of the projected goal.

As club leaders think about year-end activities, consider sending in this year's contributions by June 15 so that the staff at Rotary International is not overloaded during the final two weeks of the Rotary year.

Clubs rally to End Polio Now!

\$55,500 raised in six years at Iowa energy games

By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines
Chair, Iowa Energy game

The sixth year of the Iowa Energy NBA D-League basketball team and Des Moines Rotary clubs partnership resulted in some important milestones for the effort to eradicate polio. The Feb. 8 game against the Erie Bayhawks raised slightly over \$12,000.

Rotarians purchased, sold and contributed 1,424 tickets which generated an \$11,392 contribution from the Iowa Energy, providing the bulk of funds raised. An additional \$700 was collected from the 50/50 raffle and donations from fans at the game.

Total funds raised for the six years since Des Moines area clubs have held this event exceeds \$55,500, providing immunizations for approximately 100,000 children. Over 6,000 fans provided a forum for Rotarians to announce that efforts to eradicate polio have met with continued tangible success.

As of Jan. 13, India had gone three years without a new reported case of polio, leaving only Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria where the active polio virus is endemic. Unfortunately, the virus, identified as coming from Pakistan, has crossed borders to Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Chad, Cameroon and most recently Syria. Intensive immunization efforts by the World Health Organization, UNICEF, Rotary International, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and many participating countries, primarily India, have seemingly halted the continued spread of this paralyzing virus in those countries.

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

1) Raise money for the eradication of polio;

2) Provide a forum for educating the public about polio and getting "other than Rotary money" involved in polio eradication;

3) Provide an opportunity for Rotary clubs to work together;

4) Create a long-term partnership with a local community organization;

5) Provide a social opportunity for Rotarians outside of club and district meetings.

Last year a traveling trophy, funded by the Waukee club, provided an impetus for

some friendly competition. The

club selling the most tickets per member gains custody of the traveling trophy and bragging rights for the next year. The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines won in the initial year, selling 8.05 tickets per member. This year, our newest club, West Polk County, was the winner, selling

8.1 tickets per member.

A new event for 2014 was a pre-game social for Rotarians and their guests at the Iowa Hall of Pride. Initial funding for the event was provided by the Rotary Club of Des Moines, with additional funding provided by a couple other clubs. Special thanks are due John Garvey for organizing and making the pre-game a successful and hopefully permanent part of this fund raising effort.

Clubs participating this year included: Ankeny, Boone, Dallas Center, Des Moines AM, Des Moines Noon, East Polk, Greater Des Moines, Jefferson, Johnston, Perry, Northwest, Waukee, West Des Moines, West Polk County and Decatur County.



Sharon Jasa with Surge selling raffle tickets at the Iowa Energy Game.



Rotary Club of Des Moines president Dick Reasons with Iowa Energy players, Austin Freeman and Jackie Carmichael at the pre-game social.



Ed Arnold (c) with raffle winners Brady Mallon and Brian Buresh.



Check presentation (l-r): Polio Plus Committee members: Steve Quirk, Des Moines AM; Frank Hayer, Waukee; Vernetta Riley, Perry; Tyler Phelps, Greater Des Moines; Luke Vogel, West Polk County; Sharon Jasa, Boone; Bill Levay, Johnston; Patrick Kelly, Iowa Energy; Ed Arnold, Northwest; and John Garvey, Des Moines.



Presentation of the Arnold Cup to West Polk County for selling most tickets per member (l-r): Ed Arnold, Northwest; Mike Thibodeau, president of West Polk; and Luke Vogel, ticket sales coordinator for West Polk County.



In Memoriam:



Doyle W. McCully 1931-2014

Governor, Rotary
International District 6000,
1987-88



PDG Doyle McCully

Doyle W. McCully, 82, of Bettendorf, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014, at Manor Care Utica Ridge in Davenport.

A service to celebrate his life was Feb. 20 at First Baptist Church, Bettendorf. He was laid to rest at the Rock Island National Cemetery, where military honors were conducted. The McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home in Bettendorf was in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials were designated for the Bettendorf Rotary Foundation, the "Run with Carl" or a local charity of the donor's choice.

He was born in Saltillo, Miss., on June 11, 1931, the son of Thomas and Gladys (Norris) McCully, and was a graduate of the University of Mississippi ("Ole Miss"), where he earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He later earned his master's degree in civil engineering from the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He also received his M.B.A. in later years. On Oct. 15, 1951, he was united in marriage to Gladys Elizabeth Erismann in Passaic, N.J.

During the Korean Conflict, Doyle served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged as a tech sergeant in 1954.

Doyle worked for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, beginning his career in Huntington, W.Va., and later in Washington, D.C. He came to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Rock Island as chief of the Engineering Division. In 1997, he retired as deputy for project management and assistant district engineer after 43 years of faithful service.

He was a longtime and loyal member of the Bettendorf Rotary Club where he served as president in 1983 and as district governor of Rotary District 6000 in 1987-88. District Governor McCully's leadership was instrumental in launching two significant initiatives that have defined Rotary: women were first admitted into membership, and Rotary launched the global campaign to eradicate polio.

In addition, Doyle's memberships included First Baptist Church of Bettendorf, the American Legion and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He was also a member and past-president of the American Military Engineers and served on a variety of boards, committees and community efforts for many years. Doyle was a tireless volunteer and was always ready and willing to help where help was needed. He will also be remembered as a dedicated and faithful member of the Iowa Republican Party.

He was an avid runner, participating in the Bix Road Race for 33 consecutive years and the Run with Carl for many years. Doyle also enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing golf with his many friends.

Those left to honor his memory include his beloved wife, Gladys; his children, Beverly (Mark) Magrane of Redmond, Wash., and Kenneth (Kim) McCully of Cypress, Texas; and his grandchildren, Kiera Magrane and Ryan Magrane.

Doyle was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Douglas McCully; and an infant sister, Edith Mae.

News Briefs

Assembly: DGE John Ockenfels will convene the District Training Assembly Saturday, March 29, at the DMACC Conference Center in Newton, starting with check-in at 8 a.m. and the official welcome at 8:30. The sessions on membership, Rotary Foundation, Rotary technology, club secretaries, Youth Exchange, RYLA and club visioning are for club leaders and any interested Rotarians. The training ends at 1:15 p.m. There is no registration fee and lunch is included.

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PR: Starting with the Rotary year 2014-15, Rotary International has discontinued Public Image grants that have been made available to districts since 2007. Districts 6000 and 5970 (northern Iowa) have done shared public relations projects the last seven years, including the Iowa Rotary tabloid, a co-op advertising partnership with the Iowa Broadcasters Association, the Iowa Rotary video with Mediacom, a co-op advertising program with the Iowa Newspaper Association, and a corporate partnership with Iowa Public TV. Last year we were approved for a grant to publish an Iowa Rotary magazine in 2013-14. The project has been slow to launch and will be evaluated shortly. Clubs should watch for requests for information and announcements.

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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) 388-0909, or email: knappc1@mchsi.com.

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Dates: Mark your calendars and watch for details:

- Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014: Zone 28 Success Seminar for leaders in Districts 5650, 5970 and 6000 for Rotary Foundation, membership and PR at Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny.

- Sept. 9-14, 2014: Zones 28-29 Governor-Elect Training and Rotary Institute at La Crosse, Wis.

- April 16-19, 2015: District 6000 District Conference at the Marriott Conference Center, Coralville.

- June 5-8, 2015: Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil.

- April 1-2, 2016: District 6000 District Conference at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn.

- May 29-June 1, 2016: Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea.

Letters

Rotarians,

I got to know Paul Hellwege in the early 1980s after I was newly appointed to the bench and was sent by the state to the National Judges School in Reno, Nev., for three weeks. I was a new judge and a student at the school; Paul was both an instructor and an unofficial den mother for those of us from Iowa finding ourselves in the sin city of the country, Reno. We began a friendship there which lasted for the better part of 20 years, until his death. We were not in the same judicial district, and lived some 150 miles apart so that our paths had not crossed before Reno.

I can't think of a more appropriate award to be given in Judge Hellwege's name – an award for ethics and integrity. If ever there was a man who epitomized that which is signified by the words "ethics" and "integrity," it was he.

My most sincere congratulations for making such an award and naming it after Judge Hellwege. Were he yet living, he would have been quite honored and quietly pleased with your selection.

Sincerely,
James D. Jenkins
Albia, Iowa

(Note: The letter references District 6000's Guardian of Integrity Awards that will be presented at District Conference to Rotarians nominated by their clubs. Hellwege, of Boone, was District Governor in 1954-55 and died in 2010.)



Santa Claus looked like PDG Gary Welch at Ankeny's Kirkendall Library in December, and he had the bonus of listening to the Christmas list of Rotary Youth Exchange student, Silvia Pellegrino, from Sicily, Italy! Santa read stories to children and the Rotary Club of Ankeny received \$75 in appreciation of "Santa's" service. Provided by a friend

Greetings Governor Jacque,

Just a quick note to let you know I received your beautiful newsletter today and it's outstanding! Bill – you always do a great job. I especially liked "Life of Pie" – very cute. Wishing you both a joyous holiday and a very Merry Christmas.

Jennifer Jones
RI Director-Elect,
LaSalle, Ontario, Canada
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Jacque,

Excellent newsletter. The most comprehensive document I have seen. Very impressive. Thanks for sharing.

Anne Mathews
Vice President, Rotary International
Columbia, South Carolina

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I have a journalistic/editorial and design/layout background, and I'm impressed with the quality of District 6000 News every time I receive it. I know it's a relentless and monumental task every month (I'm a former club newsletter editor), and you-all probably don't receive much recognition for it. I notice, and I'm sure a large number of other Rotarians do as well. Keep it up!

Dave Parsons
Iowa City AM

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Our Coon Rapids Rotary Club appreciates the latest news and views included in the newsletter! Very much a quality product.

Rich Stoffers
Coon Rapids

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

CLUB	OCTOBER 2013		NOVEMBER 2013		DECEMBER 2013	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	71.00%	17	66.00%	21	70.00%	17
Albia	54.00%	42	61.70%	29	47.80%	46
Ames	56.10%	39	63.78%	24	53.87%	38
Ames Morning	64.70%	28	54.20%	44	58.20%	31
Ankeny	65.57%	26	67.32%	20	67.44%	19
Atlantic	51.42%	45	54.23%	43	52.90%	40
Bettendorf	51.80%	44	49.50%	47	56.00%	34
Bloomfield	70.00%	18	70.00%	16	70.00%	17
Boone	62.00%	31	59.00%	33	48.00%	45
Burlington	84.90%	6	88.50%	4	88.10%	3
Carroll	83.33%	7	67.95%	18	66.49%	20
Centerville	45.00%	47	43.00%	51	47.00%	47
Chariton	68.53%	19	63.32%	26	59.46%	28
Clinton	54.26%	41	58.13%	34	52.88%	41
Coon Rapids						
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	100.00%	1
Corning	67.00%	23	59.00%	33	62.00%	24
Corydon					48.00%	45
Creston	53.00%	43	43.00%	51	51.00%	43
Dallas Center	67.00%	23	78.00%	10	72.00%	14
Davenport	55.88%	40	55.56%	41	52.78%	42
Decatur County	83.00%	8	88.00%	5	83.00%	7
Des Moines	60.37%	33	64.19%	23	61.89%	25
Des Moines A.M.	68.00%	21	63.00%	27	100.00%	1
East Polk County	58.79%	37	56.08%	39	53.15%	39
Fairfield						
Fort Madison			55.00%	42	80.00%	8
Greater Des Moines	61.00%	32	61.00%	32	54.00%	37
Grinnell	85.00%	5	81.00%	9	73.00%	11
Indianola	57.62%	38	61.19%	30		
Iowa City	36.77%	50	30.71%	53	24.00%	50
Iowa City A.M.	86.01%	4	82.98%	8	77.26%	9
Iowa City Downtown	83.33%	7	86.54%	6	86.27%	4
Iowa Quad-Cities	68.00%	21	67.50%	19	56.88%	33
Jefferson	73.00%	15	73.00%	14		
Johnston	67.42%	22	61.03%	31	67.53%	18
Kalona	76.41%	12	75.32%	13	70.94%	15
Keokuk	45.89%	46	37.78%	52	34.08%	49
Keosauqua	66.00%	24	56.30%	38	60.00%	26
Knoxville	60.34%	34	55.65%	40	62.94%	23
Lenox	71.00%	17	73.00%	14	62.00%	24
Manning	78.00%	11	76.00%	12	80.00%	8
Marengo					66.00%	21
Marshalltown	64.66%	29	57.30%	35	55.45%	36
Mount Pleasant Noon	63.45%	30	46.98%	49	59.77%	27
Mt. Pleasant	85.00%	5	84.00%	7	85.00%	6
Muscatine	40.74%	49	43.21%	50	41.67%	48
Nevada	68.15%	20	62.66%	28	73.23%	10
Newton	73.80%	13			66.00%	21
North Scott	93.85%	2	92.55%	2	86.12%	5
Northwest Des Moines	65.90%	25	69.77%	17	72.80%	12
Osceola	70.00%	18	72.00%	15	70.00%	17
Oskaloosa	78.40%	10			64.60%	22
Ottumwa	71.88%	16	51.60%	46	57.45%	32
Pella	65.00%	27	77.00%	11	70.60%	16
Perry	68.00%	21	57.00%	36	56.00%	34
Tipton	54.00%	42	48.00%	48		
Washington	58.89%	36	52.29%	45	55.88%	35
Waukegan	73.19%	14	64.67%	22	72.73%	13
Wellman	87.89%	3	90.75%	3	90.00%	2
West Des Moines	58.94%	35	63.50%	25	49.53%	44
West Liberty	66.00%	24	59.00%	33	59.00%	29
West Polk County	43.88%	48	56.79%	37	58.43%	30

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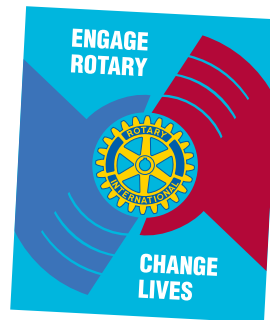
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Club leaders' checklist



From DG Jacque Andrew . . .

- Encourage club leaders, and members who are interested, to attend the **District Training Assembly** March 29 at Newton (p. 34).
- Register yourself and members to attend **District Conference**, May 1-3 at the Gateway Center in Ames (p. 1-3).
- Donate a bottle of wine, gift baskets and other items to the **District Conference Auction** (p. 2).
- Submit **images of "Rotarians In Action"** by April 15 for the District Conference display (p. 2).
- Register yourself and members to attend the **RI Convention** June 1-4 and the **District 6000 Breakfast** at Sydney, Australia (p. 3).
- Set club **Foundation** and **Membership goals** and enter them on Rotary Club Central at www.rotary.org.
- Complete the **Club Planning Guide** to prepare for a successful Rotary year in 2014-15.
- Tell the district of your interest in hosting a **Rotary Youth Exchange** student in 2014-15 (p. 16, 27, 34).
- Sponsor one or more high school students for **RYLA at Grinnell College**, July 13-18 (p. 10).
- Raise \$20/member annually for three years for **Polio-Plus** (p. 16, 26, 30, 33).
- Invite a quality **new member(s)** to join your club!
- Promote **attendance** and report your **attendance** monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 35).
- 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. 12-13, 32).
- **Submit news** of your club's activities by May 27, 2014, for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, at btubbs@northscottpress.com.
- **"Engage Rotary" and "Change Lives" in your club, community and world!**

The Four-Way Test

(of the things we Think, Say or Do)

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