



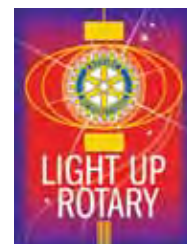
# District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

John Ockenfels, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

Third Quarter (January-February-March 2015)



## Light Up Rotary at District Conference!

By DG John Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

**W**hat are you doing the weekend of April 16 to 18? I would like to invite you to join us at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Coralville for an outstanding opportunity to meet other Rotarians from throughout District 6000.

Yes, everybody is invited to this celebration of Rotary in District 6000!



**John Ockenfels**  
District Governor

This is a great way to meet Rotarians and special guests from throughout Iowa. You will have the opportunity to experience some of the best things about Rotary in our district. If you have a desire to learn what makes Rotary so exciting at and beyond the local club level, this is one of the best ways to start that experience.

You can still register for all we have to offer or even for just a day or a special meal. So, now is the time to go on line to the district web site ([www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org)) and sign up.

We have scheduled two days of programming that includes great speakers who will help all of us learn more about important things happening in our communities and in Rotary. We will have lots of opportunity to take time to talk and dine with friends from around the district and surrounding areas.

### Fellowship, House of Friendship and more!

We will open on Thursday evening with a wine and cheese social gathering at the Antique Car Museum, located across the street from the hotel. This is a great opportunity to meet old and new friends prior to the start of the official program on Friday AM.

Friday will open with an open hospitality time in one of our largest Houses of Friendship.

We will have great panel education professionals who will discuss the real issues of low income children in our school across the state. We will hear from a number of people about what Rotary is doing for them.

At lunch on Friday we will open with a parade of nations to introduce our Rotary Youth Exchange students and find out where they are from or where they are going to next year.

Our keynote speaker will be Bob Bowlsby, a longtime local Rotarian and the Commissioner of the Big 12 Conference. Bob has also served as the athletic director at the University of Northern Iowa, University of Iowa, and Stanford University.

Friday evening we will be joining friends at the homes of local area Rotarians as we bring back the district tradition of "Home



Hospitality." We have a long list of people who have volunteered to open their homes for small groups of conference attendees to experience a meal in the company of new friends.

Saturday opens with breakfast for all. Saturday morning will continue to focus on the recognition of great programs as we hear about some of the best projects of our district and the people who

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# District Conference

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help make that happen. At lunch on Saturday we will hear from our Rotary International President's Representative, Betty Screpnik from Alberta, Canada. She is the president of BGS Enterprises which advances workforce development, and is a past district governor and accomplished Rotarian. She is involved with Special Olympics and has organized international trips, including Belize, Poland, Guatemala and Ukraine, and is a member of the International Travel and History Fellowship which took 85 Rotarians to Thailand.



Betty Screpnik

Saturday afternoon will bring a raffle where you get to choose a selection of prizes from "The Bucket" (see page 3).

Saturday evening will conclude with more comments from Betty Screpnik and a Peace Scholar presentation by Past RI Director Jerry Meigs from St. Paul, Minn.

We will have an outstanding presentation from Aaron Thomas, who will talk about growing up in Parkersburg, Iowa, in a family that is dedicated to community service and support of youth. I have talked to many people that have told me that they consider his program to be one of the best they have ever heard. I also know that some people have registered for the conference so they will have the opportunity to hear him again. This are highlights of the planned programming for the conference. An overview of the schedule is on page 3. Please plan to come to meet old friends, make new ones and open yourself to new experiences in Rotary.

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## Show Rotary spirit to youth of your community

**By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM**

Dittrich 6000 Interact Chair

The theme of our District Conference, which runs from April 16-18, is "Celebrating Youth." There will be discussion about what wonderful Rotary programs can do to support young people and discussion about what wonderful young people can do to support their communities through Rotary assistance and sponsorship.

On Saturday, April 18, at the noon luncheon, our speaker will be Priyanka Rao, former Iowa City Interactor, Xicotepec alum, International Conference RYLA participant, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Iowa MOST team member and remarkable young woman. Priyanka is now a resident in pediatrics in Michigan, but she is returning to Iowa City to share her view of how Rotary has made a difference in her life and her choices. The poster child for what Rotary can offer a determined, hard-working young person, Priyanka will impress you with her story, showing you the amazing ripple effect her Rotary experiences have had as she has touched the lives of so many others.



Priyanka Rao

Priyanka has the potential to influence and inspire the youth of our district with her presentation and to help them develop the promise that she has made a reality in her own life. If only all the youth in our district could hear Priyanka's stories! Not all can, but you could provide the opportunity to young people in your life by bringing them to the luncheon to hear Priyanka. Consider inviting an Interact or Rotaract member from a group your Rotary club sponsors. Maybe a young person in your community who has impressed you. Perhaps your own daughter or son or grandchild.

Invite a young person or two to the luncheon on Saturday, April 18, at the Marriott Hotel. Helping them to realize the power of Rotary is a benefit to them and an advantage for the world. Priyanka will enthuse and motivate them with accounts of her Rotary experiences, and who knows what accomplishments they may achieve by having accepted your invitation to lunch?

Following the luncheon program, there will be a session including a panel of youth who have had the advantage of Rotary programs and who know how to get things done. Invite your young guests to stay for that as well and to also hear all about the fabulous experience of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards or RYLA.

Rotary can do so much to support youth. Make the most of a unique opportunity for a young person to learn about what Rotary can do for him or for her. Ask your Rotary club to sponsor an Interactor, a Rotaractor, a Junior Rotarian or maybe the child of a member to attend the luncheon at the District Conference on Saturday, April 18.

To register a youth for this event, go to [rotary6000.org](http://rotary6000.org). Find the special Youth Registration form under District Conference to register a young person. There is so much to be gained.



# Support Rotary and win!

**By Karin Franklin/Iowa City**

District Conference Committee

Our Rotary District 6000 Conference is rapidly approaching, April 16-19 in Iowa City/Coralville, and we look forward to seeing you there. This year's fundraisers will be two fun events that will enable you to be part of supporting youth activities in Rotary.

District Governor John Ockenfels has chosen a focus on youth for his conference and, in that vein, proceeds from our fundraisers will go to the Youth Services Fund. The objective of this fund is "To foster and support youth participation in Rotary humanitarian service projects."

The first event is the auction of a quilt created and constructed by DG partner Deb Ockenfels. The quilt is "Dove in the Window." Its dimensions are 86"x101", a queen-size that can be tucked over pillows. The quilt is made totally from batik fabrics and can be machine washed. This priceless quilt will be auctioned at our luncheon on Saturday, April 19.

The second event occurs throughout the conference and will culminate in a drawing on Saturday, April 19 at 3:30. However, you do not need to be present to win. This event is a raffle of three fabulous items. As you buy your tickets, you may designate for which item you would like to compete. The raffle items are:

- Enjoy a long weekend stay in the peaceful retreat, Shady Grove, in McGregor, Iowa, donated by H.D. and Myrene Hoover of the Iowa City and Iowa City AM clubs. Shady Grove sleeps up to 16 and has bathrooms on each floor of this 3-story retreat. Enjoy the deck, bird watching, multiple TV's, the fireplace, air-conditioning and a grill. Complimentary wine is provided and you will be able to take advantage of discounts at area groceries and restaurants during your stay.

- Nothing is better than Hawkeye football viewed from the boxes overlooking Kinnick Stadium. Your host will be Ted Pacha, Rotarian from the Iowa City club. 2015 game selection will be announced as the schedule becomes known.

- The Iowa State Cyclones men's basketball team was ranked third in this year's NCAA tournament. Be there for a 2015 season game with two tickets donated by John Russell of the Rotary Club of Ames. Game selection will be announced as the schedule becomes known.

Tickets are being sold prior to the conference through your club president (or their designees), just in case you cannot make it to the conference. Remember, you do not have to be present to win. And of course tickets will be sold throughout the conference. Look for the table in the House of Friendship, or find a roving ticket seller. Tickets are only \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

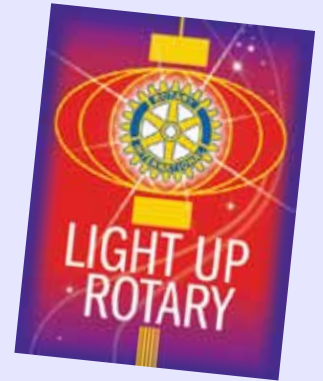
So bring lots of cash or your checkbook (sorry no credit cards for a raffle) and support the Rotary District 6000 Youth Services Fund!



This quilt, stitched by Deb Ockenfels, and prizes including a weekend in McGregor and tickets to Iowa and Iowa State sports, will be auctioned at District Conference.

## District Conference at a glance

**April 16-18, 2015  
Marriott Hotel and  
Conference Center  
Coralville, Iowa**



**District Governor John Ockenfels  
Conference Chairs: Deb Pullen Van Auken, Iowa City AM  
Mike Messier, Iowa City AM**

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

- **District Grants meeting**, 3-6 p.m.
- **Welcome Reception**, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 17 **Morning Highlights**

- Conference registration, 8 a.m.-noon.
- Welcome and Opening Ceremony, 9 a.m.
- Presentation of Colors and Star Spangled Banner.
- RI President's Rep. Betty Screpnik, Alberta, Canada.
- Panel Discussion: Poverty in our schools.
- Operation Warm.
- Memorial Service.
- 2016 District Conference presentation.

### **Noon Highlights**

- Rotary Youth Exchange Flag Presentation, 11:45 a.m.
- All Club Luncheon and Mayors' Welcomes, 11:30 a.m.
- Keynote Speaker: Bob Bowsby, Commissioner, Big 12
- Service Above Self Award.

### **Afternoon Highlights**

- Ponseti program, 1:40 p.m.
- The Rotary Foundation and Foundation Awards.
- House of Friendship, 3:15-3:45 p.m.
- Tanzania and South Africa water projects, 3:45 p.m.
- District Governor Significant Service Awards; AG Awards.

### **Evening Highlights**

- Home Hospitality: Dine around Iowa City and Coralville.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18 **Morning Highlights**

- Conference Breakfast, 7-8 a.m.
- Club Significant Achievement, Presidential Citations, 8:20 a.m.
- District Project Updates: HEF FAMSCO, Xicotepec, Iowa M.O.S.T., Vocational Training Team, 9:10 a.m.
- Rotary Leadership Institute, 10:10 a.m.
- Vocational Service Leadership Award, 10:40 a.m.
- HEF FAMSCO board meeting, 11:00 a.m.

### **Noon Highlights**

- District Luncheon. Keynote Speaker, Priyanka Rao, noon.
- Citation of Meritorious Service award.
- Paul Hellwege Guardian of Integrity awards.
- RI President's Rep. Betty Screpnik, Alberta, Canada.

### **Afternoon Highlights**

- RYLA, 1:45 p.m.
- Youth Programs Panel: Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, 2:05 p.m.
- Raffle Winners and Fellowship Challenge, 3:00 p.m.
- Closing Festivities and Dinner, 5:00-7:00 p.m.:
  - RI President's Rep; Peace Scholar Special Presentation, Past RI Director Jerry Meigs; Keynote, Aaron Thomas; Stringed Music by Preucil School of Music.

## 'From Pine to Palm: A Historic Gift to the World'

# Rotarians launch multi-state Jefferson Highway project

By DGE Loring Miller/Decatur County

The Jefferson Highway was conceived in 1915. Edwin T. Meredith, member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines, Jefferson Highway founder, and noted publisher of *Successful Farming* and *Better Homes and Gardens* and later Secretary of Agriculture under President Woodrow Wilson, envisioned the north-south equivalent to the Lincoln Highway (U.S. Highway 30), the first east-west transcontinental route.

The proposed highway also commemorated the Louisiana Purchase and honored the president who was responsible for this great American western expansion. The hard-surfaced roadbed, consisting of gravel, rock, asphalt, or concrete usable 365 days of the year, started in Winnipeg, Canada, and continued 2,300 miles to New Orleans. It was one of the first international routes in America and nicknamed "The Pine to Palm Highway." Ranging over 20 degrees of latitude, travelers on the Pine to Palm Highway experienced agreeable weather somewhere on the route during any season.

Construction started in 1916. The route ran through Manitoba, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas (variant routes in the latter two states), Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. A later route variant added Arkansas to the states traversed by the highway. Concrete replaced gravel and rock sections by 1930.

In 1926, the Jefferson Highway's identity experienced the same fate of all early named highways by being replaced by a numbering system. The Jefferson Highway was not assigned a single number but evolved into a medley of many federal highways: U.S. 2, 10, 30, 65, 66, 69, 71, 73 and 80. Since the numbering system replaced the Jefferson name, the original route today is difficult to identify. Therefore, Iowa Rotarians are introducing the return of identification signage established on the original route in all eight U.S. States and Manitoba, Canada.

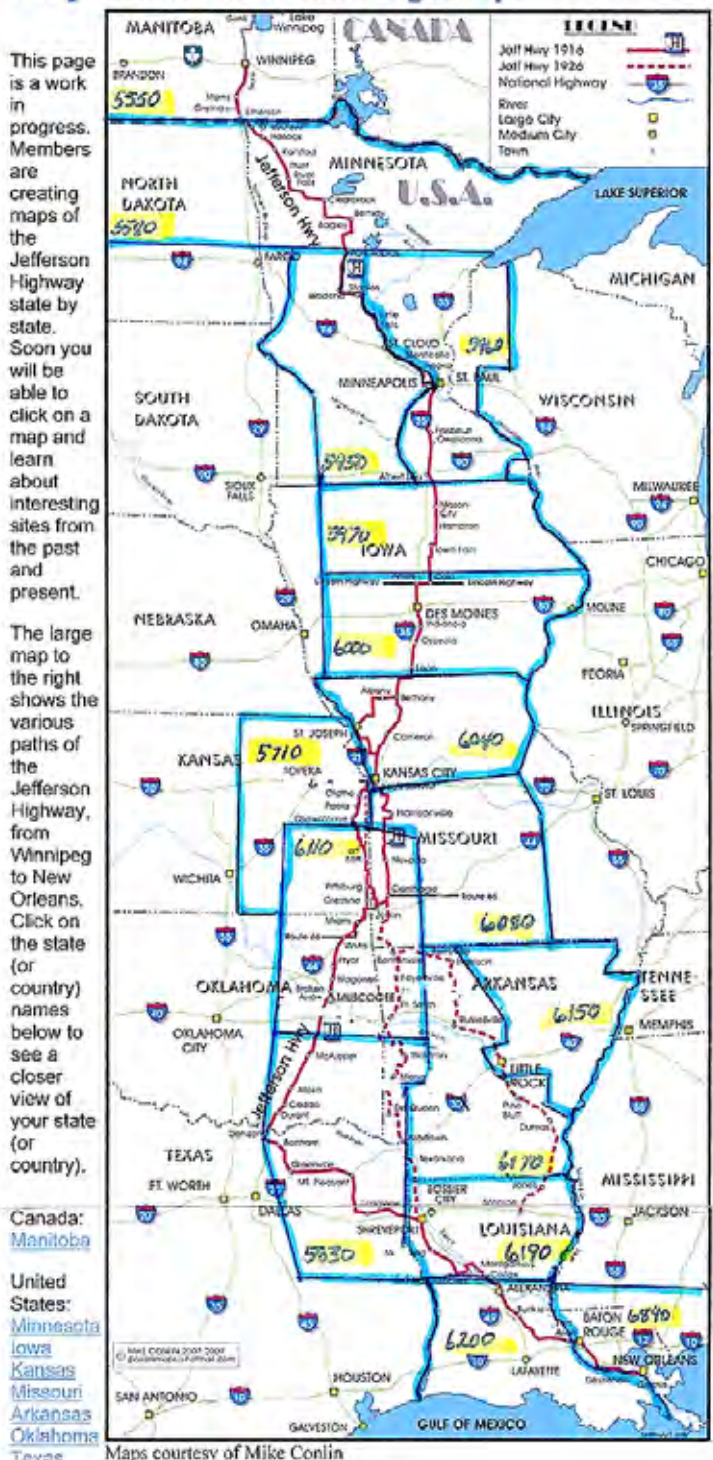
An application is in process identifying the Jefferson Highway as an official Iowa Heritage Byway. This designation will acknowledge

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In the summer of 2014, Rotary leaders met at the Iowa Capitol Building with state leaders and Scott Berka (c), who is treasurer of the Jefferson Highway Association, (l-r): Kathy Fahy (District 5970 District Governor), DGE Loring Miller, DG John Ockenfels and PDG Jacque Andrew.

## Map of the Jefferson Highway



Map shows the route of the Jefferson Highway and the various Rotary districts along the route in eight state plus Canada.







The Jefferson Highway through Iowa (U.S. 65, 30, 69).

## Jefferson Highway

this historical significance to early transportation development and will mark the original route at mile intervals indicating the highway's name and stylized depictions of pine and palm trees.

Rotary clubs from District 6000 and District 5970 are in the process of obtaining resolutions of support from all governmental jurisdictions impacted by the Iowa Byway, a requirement of the Byway application. Cities and counties along the Jefferson Route will experience increased tourism traffic during and after the 2016 centennial year.



Jo Anne Ruby and DGND Mike Ruby of Muscatine

## Mike Ruby selected for District Governor 2017-18

On Jan. 24, the District 6000 Nominating Committee interviewed candidates for District Governor Nominee Designate 2017-2018. The committee selected Mike Ruby of the Rotary Club of Muscatine and the nomination became official on Feb. 9 when no challenges were received from clubs, as provided under the bylaws of Rotary International.

Mike is retired after a 17-year career as a high school teacher and 24 years in management with the Marriage Encounter Support Foundation, an international Christian ministry to strengthen marriages. He is a 35-year member of the Rotary Club of Muscatine. Mike and Jo Anne have been married 46 years, have traveled to more than 20 countries, and enjoy retirement by being active in the community. Both of their children are married (son in South Carolina and daughter in Ohio) and they have one grandson, Landon.

Mike was the Centennial president of the Rotary Club of Muscatine and served as president again in 2011-12. He is currently an assistant governor for Area 9 clubs (Muscatine, Clinton, Tipton, West Liberty) and also is serving as chairman of the district membership committee. Both Mike and Jo Anne have attend three Rotary International conventions, participated in a Rotary Friendship Exchange in New Zealand and Australia, and have been longtime members of the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians (ISFR). For a week in July 2014 Mike was a Rotary volunteer for RYLA on the Grinnell College campus, claiming "it ranks as one of the best Rotary experiences ever".

Over the last three years Mike has helped coordinate a water well project in Haiti. He was part of a team who went to Haiti in October 2014 to see the completed water wells and meet residents who are now enjoying the convenience of a nearby fresh water source. As a strong supporter of the Rotary Foundation, Mike is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Level 4 Bequest Society member, and also a member of the Paul Harris Society.



By 1919 over 15,000 stenciled pole marks were installed (JH blue and white signs) and 2,000 enameled steel signs (sign with pine and palm trees with arrows) were placed on the route to guide motorists.





AG Tony Conn of Keokuk and his wife, Lori, and future Rotarian (?) Evy, share a moment with RI President-Elect Ravi Ravindran of Sri Lanka. Photos by Jacque Andrew



District Governor-Elect Loring Miller shared his vision for 2015-16 with presidents-elect. Photos by Jacque Andrew

## NC PETS a success!

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 13-14 in Rochester, Minn.

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

The District 6000 session on Friday was led by DGE Loring Miller and district trainer John Schultz, with training by RI Director Mary Beth Growney-Selene, PDG Terry Geiger, DGND Mike Ruby, DGN Chris Knapp and PDG Gary Welch and the annual business meeting convened by DG John Ockenfels, at which PEs approved the district budget of \$133,375 for 2015-16 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, Jacque Andrew and new AG Jody Braverman. DGE Loring Miller emceed a Friday plenary and DGE Chris Knapp shared a Rotary moment about Rotary Youth Exchange.

Keynote speakers for plenaries were RI Director Mary Beth Growney-Selene, RI President 2001-02 Richard King, and RI President-Elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran of District 3125, Sri Lanka.



Four years of District 6000 leadership at PETS (l-r): DG John Ockenfels, DGE Loring Miller, DGN Chris Knapp and DGND Mike Ruby.



Ethan Anderson of West Liberty (second from left) and PDG Terry Geiger (r) participated in a demonstration of the flow of Rotary Foundation funds to districts with facilitator PDG Judy Freund of District 5960 in Minnesota.



District trainer John Schultz showed presidents-elect how to navigate the RI website, including My Rotary.



PDG Jacque Andrew is on the NC PETS executive committee and hosted PDG Helaine Campbell of Graton, Calif., who is the incoming chair of Far West PETS.





RI President-Elect Ravi Ravindran of Sri Lanka (seated, dress shirt) and DGE Loring Miller of Decatur (at Ravindran's left) met the District 6000 class of club presidents for 2015-16 at North Central Presidents-Elect Training (P.E.T.S.), March 13-14 at Rochester, Minn. The incoming club presidents are pictured. Can you find your club's president-elect? Photos by Jacque Andrew

## District 6000 club presidents for 2015-16

### DISTRICT 6000 2015-16 Club Presidents:

Adel ..... Thomas Murphy  
Albia ..... Tony Humeston  
Ames ..... Tanya Anderson  
Ames Morning ..... A.David Inyang  
Ankeny ..... Damon Miller  
Atlantic ..... Ted Robinson  
Bettendorf ..... Kevin Kraft  
Bloomfield ..... John Schroeder  
Boone ..... Peter Frangos  
Burlington ..... David Miller  
Carroll ..... Gary Mart  
Centerville ..... Brad Grothe  
Chariton ..... Christopher Watkins  
Clinton ..... Jim Dobbyn  
Coon Rapids ..... Jon Heydon  
Coralville-North Corridor ..... Keith Jones  
Corning ..... Beth Waddle  
Corydon ..... Susan DeVore  
Creston ..... Randy Huewe  
Dallas Center ..... Michelle Leonard

Davenport ..... Tom Bowman  
Decatur County ..... Sue Kelly  
Des Moines ..... Janet Phipps Burkhead  
Des Moines AM ..... Joe Hrdlicka  
East Polk County ..... Corinne Lambert  
Fairfield ..... Francis Mossé  
Fort Madison ..... Matt Lafrenz  
Greater Des Moines ..... Amy Yost  
Grinnell ..... Heriberto Hernandez  
Indianola ..... Ron Heideman  
Iowa City ..... Thais Winkleblack  
Iowa City AM ..... Myrene Hoover  
Iowa City Downtown ..... Carolyn Gross  
Iowa Quad Cities ..... John Cooper  
Jefferson ..... John Brunow  
Johnston ..... Chase Young  
Kalona ..... Jeff Swartzentruber  
Keokuk ..... Brian Carroll  
Keosauqua ..... Kara McEntee  
Knoxville ..... Brent Hanna  
Lenox ..... Dave Henrichs  
Manning ..... Kevin Boyle

Marengo ..... John Pilkinton  
Marshalltown ..... Carol Hibbs  
Mount Pleasant Noon ..... Brant Knudsen  
Mount Pleasant ..... Rachel Litwiller  
Muscatine ..... Mary Odell  
Nevada ..... Stephanie Roscoe  
Newton ..... Andrew Davis  
North Scott ..... Glen Keppy  
Northwest Des Moines ..... William Grask  
Osceola ..... Alan Elefson  
Oskaloosa ..... Jeff Akers  
Ottumwa ..... Michael Heffernan  
Pella ..... Robert Bokinsky  
Perry ..... Quinn Adair  
Tipton ..... Matt McCall  
Washington ..... Tsalika Drown  
Wauke ..... Devon Murphy-Petersen  
Wellman ..... Sherry Crow  
West Des Moines ..... Naura Heiman Godar  
West Liberty ..... Ethan Anderson  
West Polk ..... Jeff Holladay  
Winterset ..... Chris Bertelson

## Assistant Governor team training held at Rochester

Assistant District Governor Training on March 12 at Rochester, Minn., (the day before P.E.T.S.), was attended by, front (l-r): Mike Ruby (Muscatine); AG team leader 2015-16, PDG Jacque Andrew (Jefferson); DG 2015-16 Loring Miller; and Tony Conn (Keokuk). Standing: Steve Dakin (Boone), Gary Anderson (Knoxville), Linda Chastain (Decatur County), Jody Braverman (Iowa City), Sue Rasmussen (Wauke), Chris Nelson (West Des Moines), Bonnie Lowry (Marshalltown), Gary Loss (Davenport), Ruth Freeman (Jefferson) and Mary Ellen Stanley (Decatur County). Not present: Tom Downs (East Polk), Bob Freeman (Wellman),







Iowa Energy Polio Game chair Ed Arnold with raffle winner Nicole Pike and Nicole's daughter.

## Iowa Energy's best year yet: Over \$12,000 raised for polio eradication

By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines

Iowa Energy Polio Chair

Since 2009, Des Moines area Rotary clubs have partnered with the Iowa Energy D-League Basketball team to raise local funds for the eradication effort. The first six years raised \$55,000, which provided vaccinations for approximately 100,000 children. The 2015 game on Saturday, Feb. 7, against the Fort Wayne Mad Ants featured NBA quality half-time entertainment by the Amazing Sladek, an incredible balancing act. Audible gasps were heard during the show as the Amazing Sladek balanced atop 10 chairs, with no safety net below. Unbelievable!

The game was very exciting for three quarters as the Energy built a 20-plus point lead before going ice cold, and eventually losing the game in the last seconds.

For Polio Eradication efforts, this was the best year yet: 1,475 tickets were sold by Rotarians, resulting in over \$12,000 raised. The 50/50 raffle and contributions at the game helped to make this the best of the seven years. So, after seven years, the Des Moines area Rotary clubs have raised \$67,482, enough to immunize approximately 120,000 children.

Participating clubs this year included: Ankeny, Ankeny Evening, Boone, Decatur County, Des Moines AM, Des Moines, East Polk, Fairfield, Greater Des Moines, Jefferson, Johnston, Northwest, Perry, Waukee, West Des Moines and West Polk County. A pregame social event gave Rotarians a chance to socialize while their children and grandchildren expended some excess energy in the "bounce house."

Two years ago the Waukee club purchased a traveling trophy named the Arnold Cup, which is awarded to the Rotary club selling the most tickets per member. The West Polk County club, selling 10.2 tickets per member, won the trophy for the second consecutive year. The 50/50 raffle was won by Nicole Pike.

## We really are 'This Close' to eradicating polio!

What is the polio picture? This report is from Polio Eradication Update of Rotary International for the week ending March 21, 2015.

Luke Beer, president of the Rotary Club of Kabul, Afghanistan, writes: "As some of you know, a Rotary 'flame' was launched in December in Chennai, India, to commemorate India becoming polio-free and to promote the need to go the last mile in the battle to eradicate this horrible crippling disease. The torch has made its way through several countries already, and will pass through all three polio-endemic countries: Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria – before arriving at the 2015 Rotary Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, June 6-9."

Our goal to End Polio Now is closer than ever in Afghanistan.

**Africa:** It has been over 13 months since the last polio case was reported in Ethiopia, over eight months for Cameroon, over seven months for Somalia and over seven months for Nigeria. If Nigeria can go 12 months with quality surveillance detecting no Wild Polio Virus, they will join the countries which have stopped polio transmission. If, after an additional two years, no Wild Polio Virus has been detected, Nigeria could be certified as Polio-Free!

**A Polio-Free Pakistan:** Activities are focusing on known infected areas, but also areas deemed at high-risk but which have not reported polio cases. Environmental surveillance indicates widespread transmission of the virus, not just in known infected areas but also in areas without cases. Environmental surveillance is proving to be an instrumental supplemental surveillance tool enabling a clearer epidemiological picture.

*The Final Three Endemic Countries:*

**Pakistan:** 19 cases reported in 2015 with 306 Polio cases recorded in 2014. The most recent case was reported on Feb. 24 in the Khyber, FATA.

**Afghanistan:** One case reported in 2015 with 28 Polio cases recorded in 2014. The most recent case was reported on Jan. 21, 2014, from the Hilmand Province.

**Nigeria:** Zero cases reported in 2015 with six polio cases recorded in 2014. The most recent case was reported on July 24, 2014. Sub-National Immunization Days were completed on March 14-18 using trivalent vaccine.

*Importation Countries:*

**Ethiopia:** Zero polio cases reported in 2015 with one case in 2014.

**Cameroon:** Zero polio cases reported in 2015 with five cases in 2014.

**Somalia:** Zero polio cases reported in 2015 with five cases in 2014.

**Iraq:** Zero polio cases reported in 2015 with two cases in 2014.

**Syria:** Zero polio cases reported in 2015 with one case in 2014.

**Equatorial Guinea:** Zero polio cases reported in 2015 with five cases in 2014.



## Pakistan arrests parents

The Pakistani government is cracking down on parents who reject the polio vaccine for their children. Pakistani authorities have conducted their first-ever mass arrest of parents for refusing to allow their children to be vaccinated against polio. In January of this year, 54,061 parents rejected the vaccine. In February, 36,510 did so. Authorities in Peshawar, in the northwest of the country where the wild polio virus has not been contained, detained 471 people and charged them with "endangering public security." The local government says they will only be freed once they have pledged in writing to vaccinate their children.





Project teams from District 6000 spent spring break Lighting Up Rotary and changing lives in Xicotepec, Mexico.

## Xicotepec, Mexico: Our 13th consecutive year!

**By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM**

Xicotepec Project Coordinator

**H**ello, friends of the Xicotepec Project!

Not only will March 2015 mark the 13th year of the project, it is also the ninth year of the University of Iowa service-learning course component. With each passing year, the Xicotepec Project and the Xico-Iowa collaboration grows stronger. Last year we had the largest group ever with 85 total U.S. participants, bringing the grand total for all 12 years to 770!

*Our 2015 projects were to have included:*

- Kitchen remodeling in Cruz Azul.
  - Breakfast dining area remodeling at rural primary school Clemente Vazquez in the village of San Pedro.
  - Playground equipment, pre-school and primary school Francisco Velasco Marañón II.
  - Playground equipment, school in village of Cerro de los Limones – Xicotepec Futuract project.
  - Roof over the playground area at Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz preschool.
  - Roof over kitchen access and exterior walkway at Asilo St. Vincent de Paul (home for elderly), Xicotepec.
  - Construction of “fence over wall” - CONAFE primary school in Vista Hermosa, very poor colonia of Xicotepec.
  - Dental health project in several schools – ongoing project since 2010.
  - Deworming approximately 3,000 pre-school and primary school students – ongoing since 2007.
- Some activities to be done with children and women's groups by University of Iowa liberal arts students, led by Mike Zmolek.
- Here are some highlights of what we've accomplished together over the past 13 years:*
- Construction or rehabilitation: 14 school classrooms, two libraries, three playgrounds and numerous smaller projects.
  - Medical: Over 1,000 screenings for diabetes and cervical cancer, and over 1,000 physical examinations and medical evaluations.
  - Landscaping: Red Cross, multiple school grounds and public areas.
  - Water: 18 water purification systems in schools and orphanages installed to date.
  - Dental: Worked to prevent dental pain from tooth decay by initiating school-based dental prevention programs, providing thousands of fluoride varnish applications, educating parents and children about oral health, and distributing toothbrushes and toothpaste.
  - Pharmacy: Worked to enhance child growth by providing over 20,000 deworming treatments to curb intestinal parasite infection.

## FAMSCO needs a new home!

**By DG John Ockenfels/Iowa City AM**

For more than 25 years the members of the District 6000 FAMSCO (Fire And Medical Supply Company) team have been working to collect and ship Emergency Response vehicles and equipment as well as a wide array of used and unused medical supplies and equipment to partnering Rotary clubs for distribution in Mexico and Central America. We have also shipped medical equipment and supplies to areas in need here in the United States in response to the need for support of victims of natural Disaster, such as hurricanes and floods.

So far we have donated over 100 vehicles and more than 300 tons of medical supplies.

As our work evolved, and international shipping became more difficult and extremely expensive in a post 9/11 world, we are no longer shipping vehicles. Our focus is now purely on equipment and supplies to be used by fire and medical teams.

Through the generosity of numerous community support programs and, generous local Rotarians, we have generally been able to secure donated buildings for use as our local warehouse in the Iowa City and Coralville areas.

Over the last four years we have enjoyed the generous support from SouthGate Companies, and Jody Braverman, who have allowed us to use one of their commercial warehouse buildings.

That building is now slated for demolition and redevelopment in the near future. So, FAMSCO is once again searching for a new home.

The board of FAMSCO is searching for that new location right now. We are looking for a building having a usable area of about 7-10,000 square feet of storage space. Preferably this building would have at least one truck level loading dock and one ground level drive in door. If we cannot find one with a loading dock we can still make a building with at least a ground level drive-in door work for us because we have a portable ramp. A heated office and restroom would be good, but the warehouse does not require heat.

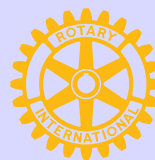
We are looking for something within approximately 30 miles of Iowa City at this time.

We are also looking for anyone who has experience in fund raising that can help us develop the long term plan we will need to figure out how to effectively acquire and maintain this type of building.

If you are aware of any facility in this area, or if you have a desire help develop the financial plan to make this happen please contact Bill Burress, president of FAMSCO, at [wlburress@yahoo.com](mailto:wlburress@yahoo.com).

The FAMSCO website is [www.famsco.org](http://www.famsco.org). Please check it out.

# Rotary



- ✓ **Unite Leaders**
- ✓ **Exchange Ideas**
- ✓ **Take Action**

'Postcard for Peace' from District 6000's Peace Scholar, Cilia María Ruiz-Paz, of Fairfield:



## 'Furthering our knowledge of peacekeeping'

**Dear District 6000 Rotarians,**

The holidays have come and gone and a whole new class of Rotary Peace Fellows have arrived at our center. My class, Class XII, is now transitioning from having worked professionally for a few months to being students again, and our focus now is our master thesis.

I utilized my Applied Field Experience (AFE) in Colombia to gather data for my in-depth research of environmental law enforcement and compliance in Colombia and the challenges Colombians face in prioritizing wildlife trafficking and environmental crime. With the help of advisers, I am now putting my findings together and hope to defend the thesis in May and present it to Japanese Rotarians in June.

You can meet the new class of students and learn more about our AFEs and research topics in the Rotary Peace Center newsletters which can be accessed by visiting <https://rotaryicu.wordpress.com/newsletter/>.

Our Rotary Peace Center at the International Christian University in Tokyo, with the generous financial support of The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians worldwide, also provided a four-day intensive professional training on the Basics of International Humanitarian Preparedness and Response given by InterWorks in late February. The training was truly a gift as it furthered our knowledge on peacekeeping, protection during emergencies, people-centered approaches, standards in sites, shelter, water, sanitation, food/nutrition, health and education, as well as providing more technical



Peace Scholar Cilia María (rose colored jacket) at a local Ginza restaurant in Japan with members of her host Rotary club, her host counselor, their Rotary Peace Center coordinator, Cilia's translator, and a Class XIII Rotary Peace Fellow from India and her counselor.

information on security risk management and international coordination. Both classes of Rotary Peace Fellows were grateful and enthusiastic to utilize the new-found knowledge in future projects and professional initiatives.

Even with busy schedules, academic responsibilities and cultural learning experiences, local Rotarians continue to support us socially and encourage us via numerous social invitations. It will soon be Hanami time or cherry blossom viewing season, and Rotarians enjoy spending time with their host Fellows at Sakura (cherry blossom) parties. While the linguistic barriers prove to be challenging for club presentations, the Japanese Rotarians often make a big effort and provide a translator to encourage interaction between clubs and Fellows. I will be participating in upcoming Rotary meetings and will do my best to share my experiences as an exchange student, Rotaractor, professional and Rotary Peace Fellow.

Please visit my blog <http://ciliamaria.blogspot.jp/> to follow my Rotary Peace Fellowship and learn more about my AFE in Colombia and about life in Japan!

Happy Spring!

**Cilia María Ruiz-Paz**

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## 'Make certain your will reflects your desires'

*This testimonial from Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Pam Russell of California was shared by PDG Don Goering, the District 6000 Major Gifts Officer:*

Last summer, my husband Alan and I realized that it was time to update our estate plan. We included The Rotary Foundation in our will a number of years ago – or I thought we had.

Our new attorney (yes, a Rotarian), shared with us what we actually had in our will. If all of the children and all of their heirs were gone, only then would Rotary be the beneficiary. This had never been our intention. Apparently, our previous planner had misunderstood

our wishes and it was our mistake not to read the documents carefully before signing them. This time, we read every page to make sure that our plans would do what we want. I am sharing our story as a reminder that now may be a good time for a planning checkup. Personal and financial circumstances may change over time. Make certain that your will or estate plan reflects your desires.

In December 2005, Alan had a stroke while we were having a holiday party. In that instant, I learned that life really does change in a heartbeat. Don't wait. This is your chance to "Light Up Rotary" by doing good in the world forever.



# Tubbses establish Peace Center Endowment

By PDG Don Goering

D6000 Endowment Chair

It is with tremendous excitement and appreciation that the leadership of District 6000 announces that 2004-05 District Governor Bill Tubbs and his Rotary Partner Linda have made a \$25,000 gift to establish a Rotary Peace Centers Endowment Fund and have made a bequest that will increase their Peace Centers Endowment to \$200,000, plus \$40,000 for the Annual Programs Fund and \$10,000 for PolioPlus.

Their realized estate gift of \$250,000 to The Rotary Foundation will place Bill and Linda as Arch C. Klump Society Members from D-6000.

Bill and Linda have owned and published the weekly *Eldridge North Scott Press* since 1971 and the *Wilton-Durant Advocate News* since 1980. Bill is an Iowa Master Editor-Publisher, and his newspapers are consistent winners of state and national press awards. In 2014, he was the recipient of first-place column writing awards from the National Newspaper Association for Best Sports Column and Best Serious Column, the latter of which was an essay about his Polio National Immunization Day experience in India.

In an email that Bill sent to Zone 28 Major Gifts Officer Rachel Greenhoe when he made the gift, he wrote, "When we acted on the Peace Center Endowment, we were 'strangely warmed' (words of Methodist founder John Wesley), and it gave us a moment of true happiness, as we know that lives will be changed and the world will be just a little bit better."

Bill continued, "Like the Wilsons, Herb and Janice, we see this as an investment, not an expense, and can't think of a better legacy than changing lives through Rotary service."

In remarks at the North Scott Rotary meeting on Feb. 27, when district leaders presented certificates and crystals to Bill and Linda, he spoke about the Peace Centers:



District leaders attended the Rotary Club of North Scott to thank Linda and Bill Tubbs for establishing an endowed fund for the Rotary Peace Centers, (l-r): PDG Cal Litwiller (District Rotary Foundation Chair), DGN Chris Knapp, Bill Koellner (Annual Giving Chair), club president Steve Fahrenkrog, Linda and Bill Tubbs, DG John Ockenfels, PDG Jacque Andrew, PDG Don Goering (District Endowment Chair), and DGND Mike Ruby.

Provided by Jacque Andrew

**A**fter meeting several of these phenomenal young leaders (Peace Fellows) and hearing their stories, I am convinced that Rotary's commitment to peace may one day meet or exceed polio eradication as our greatest legacy to the children of the world.'

— PDG Bill Tubbs

"We only need to see the news to know that there is work to be done if 7 billion people are to live in peace on Planet Earth. Rotary – our organization – is addressing this in a specific way, starting in 2001, with the establishment of what are now six Rotary International Centers for students to achieve masters degrees in International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution. One is in the United States, at Raleigh-Chapel Hill, NC. The others are in England, Japan, Sweden, Thailand and Australia.

"Every year these centers welcome up to

110 Rotary Peace Fellows. After meeting several of these phenomenal young leaders and hearing their stories, I am convinced that Rotary's commitment to peace may one day meet or exceed polio eradication as our greatest legacy to the children of the world.

"Peace Fellows come from many countries and cultures to study subjects such as international relations, public health, international law, public policy, journalism, political science and more. When they graduate, they dedicate their lives to humanitarian service with the diplomatic corps, working for free and fair elections, halting human trafficking, creating opportunities for the disadvantaged, and much more!"

A 1971 Iowa State University agricultural journalism graduate and avid ISU Cyclone supporter, Bill was a charter member of the Rotary Club of North Scott in 1973. He and Linda are active in and support many local projects designed to make their community a better place to live. Congratulations to Bill and Linda, and thank you for your support of The Rotary Foundation!

## Rotary Peace Fellows: Where are they now?

Since the first class of peace fellows graduated in 2004, there are 711 alumni: 473 from the master's program and 239 from the certificate program. Four took part in both programs. 669 (94%) of the 711 alumni have reported their current position to TRF. Of the 669:

- 253 (38%) work for NGOs or other peace-related organizations.
- 110 (16%) work for a government agency.
- 63 (9%) are pursuing additional advanced

degrees in peace-related fields.

- 61 (9%) are teachers/professors.
- 44 (7%) work in research or academic support positions.
- 34 (5%) work for United Nations agencies.
- 17 (3%) work for police or are involved in law enforcement.
- 14 (2%) are lawyers.
- 11 (2%) are journalists.
- 8 (1%) work for the World Bank.
- 30 (4%) defy easy categorization; these include: bankers, human resource professionals,

and business owners.

- 24 (4%) reported they are actively looking for work in the field.

Alumni find work around the world:

- 198 (30%) reside in North America.
- 162 (24%) reside in Asia.
- 96 (14%) reside in Europe.
- 74 (11%) reside in Africa.
- 61 (9%) reside in Australia and Oceania.
- 49 (7%) reside in South America,
- 21 (3%) reside in the Middle East.
- 8 (1%) reside Central America and Caribbean.

# Who are the future leaders of your Rotary club?

By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

D6000 Rotary Leadership Institute Chair

Recently, District Governor John Ockenfels signed an agreement for District 6000 to become a member of the Heartland Division of Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI).

The Heartland Division was formed by Rotary District 5650 in southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska, and they have welcomed us to become a part of their RLI Division. Chair of the Heartland Division, Nicki Klein, said, "We are happy that District 6000 has decided to join us and the Heart-

land Division of RLI. This partnership will be a great benefit to both our districts in helping develop future Rotary leaders."

So what is Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)?

RLI is a multi-district grass roots leadership development program of member districts. We wish to identify those Rotarians who appear to have the potential for future club leadership and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills so important in voluntary organizations.

We are asking all clubs in District 6000 to identify those Rotarians and support their efforts for future leadership in your club. We are planning to have our first session sometime this fall.

You will be hearing more about RLI as we move forward, but in the meantime, if any of your clubs have an interest in hearing a presentation about it, please contact PDG Terry Geiger and he will be glad to arrange a time when he can visit your club. Please contact Terry at: [tgeiger@grm.net](mailto:tgeiger@grm.net).



District 6000 was represented at the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) training event in Lincoln, Neb., on March 20 by (l-r): DGE Loring Miller, PDG Terry Geiger and Peggy Geiger, PDG Jacque Andrew and DG John Ockenfels.

## 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?



The adult and student counselors who volunteered at in 2014 will testify to RYLA's positive impact on youth.

# RYLA continues to grow; 200 expected July 25-31 at Grinnell

By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny

District 6000 RYLA Chair

District 6000 continues to amaze me. One hundred percent of the D6000 clubs have committed to sending students to RYLA this year and many have increased their commitment. Therefore, we expect to have between 200-220 students this year.

When you recruit students it takes time and effort to develop a working relationship with the school so they understand the value of RYLA. Just calling and asking for a recommendation is not effective. It is necessary to use frequent contact and a variety of methods to provide information to the students and parents using newspapers, posters, social media, personal contacts and returning RYLA students. I know that many clubs have their students already selected and would encourage early submission. It is also critical that you continue to engage and mentor the returning RYLA students.

To be able to provide an outstanding experience to the students, we need adult volunteers. This would commit you to a training session on Saturday, June 20, at Grinnell College and to be available at RYLA from July 25-31. There is no cost to the volunteers. If you are interested, please go to [iowaryla.org](http://iowaryla.org) and submit your volunteer application. Many volunteers found that it changed their lives along with the students.

We continue to work with D5970 for this joint RYLA event. A joint committee has developed a set of Bylaws for the joint RYLA board which had been approved by the respective boards of directors of each district and went before the clubs' officers for final approval at North Central President-Elect training on March 13. If the majority of clubs approves it, then the respective district governors will appoint six representatives from each district to take office on July 1. They will then monitor and oversee the RYLA event.

For those of you that are sponsoring Outbound Youth Exchange students this year, please remember that the Youth Exchange Committee is requiring those students to attend RYLA as part of their preparations to go Outbound.

You are personally invited to visit RYLA during that week to observe the event and talk to the students. I would suggest Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and let me know you are coming so we can arrange meals.

Thank you all for your support of youth.

If you have questions or would like a club presentation, please contact me at e-mail: [gwelch3002@msn.com](mailto:gwelch3002@msn.com) or cell phone: (515) 419-3707.





Renovation of the historic lodge at Eagle Point Park, overlooking the Mississippi River in Clinton, is the Centennial Project of the Rotary Club of Clinton.

## Clinton Rotarians will restore historic lodge

**By Jennifer Graf/Clinton**  
Club Publicity Chair

The 100-year celebration of the Rotary Club of Clinton has started off with a bang! The chosen project to celebrate this important milestone is a grand one. The Rotary Club of Clinton is taking on the project of refurbishing the crown jewel of Eagle Point Park, affectionately known as the Lodge.

The renovation plans will be a \$1 million enhancement of this beautifully located facility overlooking the widest point of the Mississippi River. Recently, the Clinton City Council unanimously approved the preliminary plans during a council meeting. Rotarians Dee Willoughby and Kellie Hillis have taken leadership roles in this endeavor that is embraced by the entire club.

The campaign for funding is aggressive with finalization of secured pledging by June 30, 2015. Beginning our campaign in January of 2015, over \$25,000 in secured pledges have already been realized.

Any clubs who would like to join us in donating to this worthy cause and help us realize a dream for our community, please contact the Rotary Club of Clinton or e-mail Dee Willoughby [deewill@fultoncorp.com](mailto:deewill@fultoncorp.com) or Kellie Hillis [khillis@bbbsclinton.org](mailto:khillis@bbbsclinton.org)



Oskaloosa Rotarians helped distribute 640 Christmas food baskets this year.  
Provided by Dawn Collins

## Oskaloosa Rotarians help distribute food baskets

**By Dawn Collins/Oskaloosa**  
Club President

The Rotary Club of Oskaloosa, with many community partners and generous donors, distributed over 640 Christmas food baskets to families in need, up from 590 baskets the year before. The high school National Honor Society, Oskaloosa Middle School Student Council, and the Oskaloosa Board of Realtors provide volunteers to assist Rotary members making the distribution process possible.

"It's a real collaborative effort," says Andrew Glover, Oskaloosa Rotarian. The bill for the approximately seven tons of food comes to nearly \$20,000 annually. There was literally a ton of oranges alone!

## Ottumwa Rotarians support River Renaissance

**By John Helgerson/Ottumwa**  
Club President

The Rotary Club of Ottumwa is working with the city of Ottumwa and the Ottumwa Legacy Foundation to build this garden as part of the River Renaissance in the heart of downtown Ottumwa.

This is the first of two phases. The Ottumwa Rotary Club will set the electrical and concrete walk around the flower beds as the first phase and then the flags and the flowers on the second phase.

The Ottumwa Legacy Foundation will assist with matching funds to be held in an endowment for the continuous maintenance of the garden and flags.

The Rotary Club of Ottumwa received a check for \$5,000 toward this project in the form of a Rotary Foundation Community Grant. The check was presented to club past president by District 6000 Community Grants Chair Doug Flournoy of Fairfield.



The River Renaissance garden in downtown Ottumwa.

# Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2014 - March 20, 2015\*

(Members: Jul 13/Jul 14)	(1) 14-15 Goal	(2) Thru 3-21-15	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (26/27)	\$ 3,000	1,721	58	\$ 59.74
Albia (24/30)	1,200	800	67	26.67
Ames Morning (54/56)	7,680	11,797	154	210.66
Ames (235/232)	38,500	20,166	52	86.92
Ankeny (66/61)	10,500	4,865	46	79.75
Atlantic (55/56)	5,050	2,909	58	51.95
Bettendorf (101/107)	15,750	10,973	70	102.55
Bloomfield (11/11)	1,200	0	0	0
Boone (47/45)	7,000	2,385	34	53.00
Burlington (77/75)	5,250	4,100	78	54.67
Carroll (50/45)	13,700	0	0	0
Centerville (48/50)	3,600	3,880	108	77.60
Chariton (49/50)	5,200	4,675	90	93.50
Clinton (112/103)	12,575	7,248	58	70.37
Coon Rapids (31/27)	1,496	0	0	0
Coralville-North Corridor (19/17)	2,000	100	5	5.88
Corning (43/36)	1,700	1,407	83	39.08
Corydon (21/21)	300	200	67	9.52
Creston (19/23)	200	75	38	3.26
Dallas Center (26/27)	2,700	10	0	.37
Davenport (123/120)	13,030	13,130	101	109.42
Decatur County (25/26)	5,000	5,050	101	194.23
Des Moines AM (153/160)	11,520	3,725	32	23.28
Des Moines (278/278)	21,500	17,759	83	63.88
East Polk County (37/38)	2,812	1,275	45	33.55
Fairfield (63/58)	7,150	3,210	45	55.34
Fort Madison (42/45)	3,040	3,048	100	67.73
Greater Des Moines (19/16)	4,700	0	0	0
Grinnell (36/37)	4,000	2,100	53	56.76
Indianola (55/57)	4,700	2,134	45	37.44
Iowa City AM (57/62)	13,800	8,154	59	131.52
Iowa City Downtown (19/19)	1,700	1,785	105	93.95
Iowa City (304/302)	63,000	33,370	53	110.50
Iowa Quad-Cities (44/40)	3,406	25	1	.63
Jefferson (55/56)	8,500	6,276	74	112.07
Johnston (51/56)	4,100	25	1	.45
Kalona (39/42)	2,600	2,550	98	60.71
Keokuk (77/68)	4,762	3,645	77	53.60
Keosauqua (21/23)	1,210	1,208	100	52.52
Knoxville (59/61)	5,000	2,950	59	48.36
Lenox (27/27)	2,522	1,632	65	60.43
Manning (19/19)	1,400	0	0	0
Marengo (12/11)	110	30	27	2.73
Marshalltown (157/157)	10,000	3,685	37	23.47
Mount Pleasant Noon (58/55)	2,200	2,953	134	53.69
Mount Pleasant (25/22)	2,200	400	18	18.18
Muscatine (112/99)	7,000	10,025	143	101.26
Nevada (69/73)	9,400	8,150	871	111.65
Newton (65/57)	6,500	4,000	62	70.18
North Scott (81/81)	11,004	6,080	55	75.06
Northwest Des Moines (41/43)	7,500	5,210	69	121.16
Osceola (31/30)	2,095	0	0	0
Oskaloosa (53/49)	3,200	1,875	59	38.27
Ottumwa (104/105)	10,000	11,750	118	111.90
Pella (27/28)	3,800	1,600	42	57.14
Perry (29/26)	810	0	0	0
Tipton (30/31)	2,000	90	5	2.90
Washington (48/52)	5,200	2,550	49	49.04
Waukee (52/63)	5,900	3,750	64	59.52
Wellman (37/38)	2,500	3,080	123	81.05
West Des Moines (76/76)	14,500	2,825	19	37.17
West Liberty (39/36)	9,600	8,265	86	229.58
West Polk County (23/30)	1,020	0	0	0
Winterset (30/27)	1,500	0	0	0
<b>Total (3,900)</b>	<b>\$ 446,092</b>	<b>\$ 269,314</b>	<b>60.37</b>	<b>\$ 69.05</b>

(\*) Interim report

## Foundation news

### District 6000's record of giving

By Bill Koeller/West Liberty

Annual Giving Chair

District 6000 has had an excellent history of giving not only to the Annual Fund, but also to Polio Plus to eradicate polio.

In looking at Annual Fund contributions since 2004, four clubs have averaged more than \$200 per member, and 25 clubs have averaged more than \$100 per member. Total contributions in the last 10 years to the Annual Fund are \$6,638,672, and since Doyle McCully's governor year (1987-88) when Annual Fund giving was basically started, Rotarians in District 6000 have given a total of \$7,929,295.

Likewise, since 2004 Rotarians gave \$693,245 to Polio Plus. Six clubs have given more than \$400 per member, 24 clubs have given more than \$200 per member and 36 clubs have given more than \$100 per member for the 10-year accumulated period. The total given for Polio Plus from Rotarians since 1995 is \$1,383,204. Now, with the help of The Gates Foundation, we are having a significant impact on eradication of polio with every dollar given.

*(Top giving clubs for Annual Giving and Polio since 2004-05 are named on page 33.)*

In 2004-05, PDG Bill Tubbs started the Paul Harris Society. In the first year, 23 Rotarians signed up to join the Paul Harris Society (PHS). A PHS member contributes a minimum of \$1,000 per Rotary year to the Annual Fund. The number of PHS members has grown to 59 since 2004. However, there are an additional 47 Rotarians who give annually to the Annual Fund at the \$1,000 or more level who are identified as PHS eligible and may wish to join the PHS of Rotary International. These 106 Rotarians contribute a significant amount to The Rotary Foundation which helps the District get more than \$220,000 return to District 6000 for use in scholars, District Grants, Vocational Technical Teams and Global Grants.

Our goal is to increase the number of Paul Harris Society members, and increase the per capita giving from Rotary clubs. Since the DDF distribution has been modified to more funds available for Community Service Grants, Rotary clubs have increased the per capita giving in the last year.



# Rotarians engaged in Foundation work

**By PDG Cal Litwiller/Mount Pleasant**

District Rotary Foundation Chair

The Rotary Clubs and District 6000 Foundation Committee have been busy fulfilling the Rotary moto of "Doing Good in the World" so far this 2014-15 Rotary year.

On the local front, 34 of the Rotary clubs in District 6000 took advantage of fulfilling the opportunity to make a difference in their own community by using the District Grant option. Fifteen of these projects were of the traditional District Grant model, where the club identified a humanitarian need in their community and developed a grant application to meet that need.

New this year was a district-wide project called "Operation Warm," where clubs joined together in a district-wide grant that purchased coats for those in our communities who were in need of a warm coat for the winter. At the last count, every Rotary club in District 6000 participated in this grant. The coat project alone amounted to approximately \$140,000 spent on coats, purchasing over 9,200 coats that went to needy children in our communities.

In total, District 6000 used \$78,432 in District Designated Funds (DDF) on District Grants. The DDF allocated for the District Grants was matched by the clubs involved, so in the end District 6000 clubs did \$156,864 worth of "Doing Good in our Communities" by way of the District Grant avenue.

On the international front of Global Grants, our District 6000 clubs are becoming familiar with the new Future Vision format of facilitating grants in the world. To date we have four Global Grants that have been applied for, approved, and are in different stages of progress. These four grants are for a total of \$376,493. Three of these Grants are water projects in Tanzania, South Africa and India which are supported by 17 District 6000 clubs along with clubs from three other Rotary districts.

The fourth grant is our first District 6000 Scholar, Dylan Clark, who is currently studying at McGill University in Montreal, Québec, Canada. At this point there are also three additional Global Grants in the development stage, which will hopefully have their application submitted before June 30, 2015. Two of these grants are Global Grants in Rwanda and Uganda. The Rwanda grant is for adult education and the Uganda grant is to support an orphanage. The third grant under development is a Vocational Training Team (VTT) between the Des Moines University and Nigeria, designed to help nurses and doctors in prenatal and birthing training. These three grants will be for a total of \$308,274.

Last Rotary year, 2013-14, was a learning year for District 6000 in the Global Grant area, but as you can see from the numbers given above, our clubs are rapidly becoming accustomed to the new format and getting involved with more and more Global Grants. In total we will have five Humanitarian Global Grants, one Scholar and one VTT, totaling \$648,767 of projects that are making a difference in the world.

To summarize the activities of our District 6000 Rotary clubs to date in the 2014-15 year, we have spent \$222,037 of DDF and will have done \$805,631 of "good in the world." Our Rotary clubs have been able to realize a match of more than three times the DDF expenditure, when you compare the DDF used and the value of the projects realized. That is the MAGIC of what can be accomplished through the The Rotary Foundation!

Well done, District 6000!



The experienced team of PDG Cal Litwiller of Mt. Pleasant, Brock Earnhardt of Davenport and Doug Flournoy of Fairfield led the training at the Grant Management Seminars, pictured here at West Liberty. PDG Cal is District Rotary Foundation Chair. Brock is Global Grants chair and Doug is District Grants chair.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



In a round table discussion at the conclusion of the Grant Management Seminar at West Liberty, PDG Herb Wilson of Iowa City (seated, left) works with the district leadership team to consider strategies for expanding the Ponseti club foot repair method world-wide, including at the RI Convention in Sao Paulo, where District 6000 will have make a presentation at a plenary session.



Doug Flournoy explains Rotary Foundation District Grants to an audience of 40 who attended the Grant Management Seminar at West Liberty.

# Stewardship of your gifts to The Rotary Foundation is our highest priority

By DG John Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

Recently there were some questions raised about how our district chooses the level of funding and the types of programs we select for community service grants. There was a discussion about whether or not we are spending the money donated to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in the manner in which the donor wished, and if we were tracking it correctly.

In order to answer this question correctly, Rotarians need to understand that "Rotary International" and "The Rotary Foundation" are actually two separate entities. They work together in support of each other but have separate governing bodies and separate functions.

The Rotary Foundation is the financial support arm that builds and leverages the funds that Rotary uses for our humanitarian programs throughout the world. This is one of the strongest and highest rated philanthropies in existence today.

Rotary International is the governing body that represents and guides Rotary involvement and activities worldwide.

There have been several changes to the methods in which TRF funds DDF and holds districts accountable over the last few years. These changes have come as a result of feedback from Rotarians throughout the world.

Under the current rules of The Rotary Foundation, 50 percent of the money that was donated to TRF by each district worldwide, three years prior, is made available to that district. These are called District Designated Funds, or "DDF." We can use up to half of these funds for our Community Service Grants in District 6000. The other half is used to establish Global Grants (generated by our district) which will be further matched by The Foundation's World Fund.

In this district we have a Community Grants Selection Committee whose responsibility is to review and approve every District Community Service Grant prior to acceptance. This diverse group of 16 people is chosen with the intent of representing a broad selection of district members with various positions and tenures within Rotary. They decide if the application meets the spirit of TRF and a legitimate humanitarian need in the community. If you would like to know more about this committee I suggest that you contact anyone on the District Foundation Committee who can help you out.

We go to great lengths to ensure that the money we are entrusted with is spent according to the terms and conditions of The Rotary Foundation and those who provide the funding for The Rotary Foundation.

Our district has routinely had our Foundation grant funds audited by a professional accounting firm, for which we have ensured an

"arms length" professional relationship. As the new "Future Vision" program has been rolled out to the district, we formed a "Stewardship Committee" of selected respected and trustworthy members familiar with TRF and RI rules for monitoring the use of Foundation funds.

We still have Foundation oversight for all of our grants, District and Global, and they must be properly managed and reported under the terms of The Rotary Foundation before we are eligible to receive any more grants.

We take great measures to ensure that this is done in the correct and timely manner. We stay in contact with Foundation mentors at all levels of RI and routinely ask for advice when we have any questions regarding proper procedures or protocol.

We are trying to be very open so that we can help the district membership know what we are doing. We hold numerous training programs around the district to keep members informed about how to take part in Foundation grants and activities. This is done at Fall Training Seminars, at mandatory Grant Management Seminars, at President Elect Training Seminar, at the District Training Assembly, through direct club program visits, and by reporting ongoing information about the projects in the district newsletters, "District 6000 News." In addition to this, we have begun a tradition of holding an annual Foundation Dinner to which every Rotarian and guests plus anybody else interested in finding out about and celebrating our Foundation activities are invited.

We are making every effort that we can to let people know what we are doing with our District Designated Funds (the money we have control of from The Rotary Foundation) for the support of people in need in our District and the rest of the world.

At the President-Elect Training Seminar that was recently held in Rochester, Minn., we took a poll of the members present. Overall, the response was very positive regarding the feelings of the members for how we are spending and protecting the money we are entrusted with from our members, through The Rotary Foundation. There were still too many members who do not understand the process for working with Community Service Grants and that is something we will continue to focus on in the future.

The responsibility for the oversight and proper use of district DDF falls directly to the District Rotary Foundation Committee, District Executive Committee and governor through built in checks and balances described above.

If you have any questions or concerns about how our district interacts with or uses the funding from The Rotary Foundation, please feel free to contact your club's Foundation Chair, or anyone on the District Foundation Committee.

## **Rotary Foundation Mission and Areas of Focus:**

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



- Maternal and Child Health
- Water and Sanitation
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic-Community Development
- Peace and Conflict Resolution





The District 6000 Miles Of Smiles Team performed cleft-lip, cleft-palate surgeries in Huehuetenango, Guatemala.

# Iowa M.O.S.T.: Ten years of smiles!

## Surgeries in Guatemala village

By PDG Gary Pacha/Iowa City AM

For the tenth year, an Iowa Miles of Smiles Team traveled to Huehuetenango, Guatemala, to carry out its mission. Due to unfavorable weather conditions the cleft lip and palate surgical repair team left blustery Iowa a day late, but arrived in Guatemala City before the airport was closed after the volcano Fuego erupted. It was quite a beginning to the 2015 mission, but calmer days were to follow and, along with the support of our Guatemalan Rotarian partners, the team again fulfilled its objective of realizing safe surgeries that resulted in happy smiles.

One particularly heartening story is about Pablo who was too young and too small to have his cleft repaired last year. But Pablo's mother had carefully guarded the card given to her by head surgeon John Canady one year ago promising that Pablo would have the life-changing operation in 2015. They appeared with the card, and their year of patience was rewarded. After his successful surgery, Pablo and his mother left the Hospital Salus grateful and happy.

Additional outreach was accomplished this year when some team members were taken by local Rotarians to villages in the mountains to talk to youngsters about oral health care and to distribute toothbrushes. It has been evident throughout the history of the Iowa MOST trips that there is insufficient attention to oral health. Too many times a lip or palate repair has had to be postponed because of infection in a child's mouth. Instead of the hoped-for surgery, patients have had to have teeth pulled and a year-long wait begins before the Iowa MOST group returns to Guatemala.

As we move into our second decade of helping the people of the western highlands of Guatemala, we will likely see changes and it is our hope that these changes will make this District 6000 project even better. The continued funding assistance of district clubs that have so generously supported us for the first 10 years will help us ensure the health and viability of the Iowa MOST project.

## 2015 Iowa M.O.S.T. team

**Team Leader:**  
PDG Gary Pacha

Mindy Bowen  
Katie Hepfer  
Bethany Reicks

Psyche Dunkhas  
(pre and post op)  
Amy Langdon  
(photojournalist)  
Genevieve Babecki  
(translator)  
Shlomi Nachman  
(recovery)

**Surgeons:**  
John Wesley Canady  
Brian Andrews  
Danie Jorgensen  
Ross Zbar  
Juan Carlos Garcia  
Antonio Roal Alvarez

**Sterilization Tech:**  
Debrah Montgomery

**Volunteers:**  
Krasimira Hristov  
(records, recovery)  
Reinhard Juraschek  
(records, recovery)  
Deb Dunkhae  
(pre and post op)

**Translator:**  
Paco Fernandez

**Anesthesiologists:**  
David Swanson  
Martin Mueller  
Carl Lundberg (resident)  
David Easker (resident)

**Geneticist:**  
Martine Dunnwald

**Pediatricians:**  
Oscar Gomez  
Peter Wallace

**Med Students:**  
Lindsey Knake  
David Janssen

**Dentists:**  
Steven Aquilino  
William Gates  
Justin Anderson (student)

**Bio-Medical Engineer:**  
Dennis Wilson

**Nurses:**  
Donna Dolezal  
Karla Garibay  
Pam Ulrich  
Pat Wehrle  
Diane Miller  
Sandy Kessler



Surgeon John Canady with Pablo's card.



# Strengthening Rotary Youth Exchange:

## *District leaders attend NAYEN*

**By DGN Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM**

D6000 Youth Exchange Committee

The annual NAYEN (North American Youth Exchange Network) conference was held Feb. 19-21 in North Little Rock, Ark. Each year the conference is held in one of the three member countries: Canada, United States or Mexico. Some of the past conference sites have been Chicago, Anchorage, Sacramento, Cancun and San Antonio.

NAYEN, formerly known as USA/Canada, provides all of the Rotary districts of North America to meet once a year to discuss common issues, listen to presenters from Rotary International, and the U.S. Department of State, and to participate in workshops on such diverse topics as culture shock, youth protection programs, international travel insurance and the impact of social media on exchange students.



This year over 400 district Youth Exchange Officers and district committee members registered for the three-day conference. Additionally, Youth Exchange Officers from individual and multi-districts from around the world participated. Some of the countries in attendance were: Brazil, Taiwan, Thailand, Germany, Netherlands and Spain.

District 6000 was represented by Youth Exchange Chair Doug Peterson of the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities and his wife LuAnn, Outbound Coordinator Paul Kalainoff of the Rotary Club of North Scott, and DGN Chris Knapp of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM and his wife Vernetta.

It is at NAYEN and the annual Rotary International Conferences that the Youth Exchange leaders of districts and multi-districts have the opportunity to meet and to form friendships. It is because of the friendships that are formed and renewed at these venues that we in D-6000 have the opportunities to send the youth of Iowa around the world. District 6000 has been a leader and an active member of NAYEN since its formation in 2000. DGE Loring Miller is a past president of the organization.



Gatherings like this one that was held at the home of Dennis and Deb Peterson in Eldridge on Feb. 16 build the connections that make Rotary Youth Exchange highly credible. Brazilian Rotarians Maria do Carmo Machado and Tina (front row, with Deb Peterson) met with Rotarians from the North Scott and Iowa Quad Cities clubs to exchange ideas about strengthening our Youth Exchange connection.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Rotary Youth Exchange builds relationships that can last years after students have returned to their home countries. On Feb. 5, Luisa Calado Almendra, a 2010-11 exchange student from Brazil visited her former host club, the Rotary Club of Waukee. Luisa, at right, is pictured with club president-elect Devon Murphy-Petersen.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

## SCRYE works closely with U.S. State Department

**By DGN Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM**

D6000 Youth Exchange Committee

There are two SCRYE (South Central Rotary Youth Exchange) meetings each year. The winter meeting is always held in Tulsa. The summer meeting moves among the 36 districts that reside within 12 states and British Columbia that comprise SCRYE. The district's Youth Exchange Officer or a proxy is required to attend one of these meetings each year. Each district Youth Exchange Officer is a member of the SCRYE Board of Directors which meets at least twice per year. This year the conference dates were Jan. 24-26. Outbound Chair Paul Kalainoff of North Scott and DGN Chris and Vernetta Knapp of Iowa City AM represented our district at the conference.

SCRYE is a necessity in today's Youth Exchange world. The conference provides seminars and training regarding changes in Rotary International and Department of State rules, regulations and policies, to the almost 320 participants from 36 Rotary districts.

Additionally, there are many opportunities to network with fellow district Youth Exchange officers and committee members. SCRYE provides a data compliance system and a knowledge sharing platform that provides real-time support to its members to meet the reporting and compliance requirements to maintain district youth exchange certification.

SCRYE is dedicated to helping young people before, during and after their exchange year.





Inbound and Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students held their Winter Retreat at the Christian Conference Center in Newton Jan. 17-18. Students included, front (l-r): Adelina Reels, Alista Wickle, Madelyn Merydith, Elizabeth Frevert, Francisca Inostroza, Tania Carrion and Emma Grosjean. Row 2: Jonah Marks, Maria Jose Torres, Ignatia Gacitua, Ethan Jones, Sophie Horstmann, Hannah Sheldon, Eleanora Cherubini, Alberta Buffa and Agustina Mateo. Back row: Nic Guild, David Wilches, Gilles Vandereecken, Elena Rodriguez, Brice Page, Timea Schweiger, Ivona Stefanac, McKayla Sturtz and Nicole Nabity.

## Youth Exchange retreat a success at Newton

**By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities**

D6000 Youth Exchange Chair

Inbound and Outbound students, committee members, Rotexers, and parents all gathered at the Christian Conference Center in Newton for the annual Rotary Youth Exchange Winter Retreat. This new venue in Newton proved to be a nice upgrade from the previous location of Wesley Woods church camp near Indianola. Students arrived Saturday morning, Jan. 17, and were welcomed by committee members and Rotexers, who are students who have already been abroad on an exchange and want to share their experiences with a new class of students.

The committee members led a variety of interactive sessions aimed at training the new students and helping the current Inbound students insure the success of their exchange in the USA. In all, 25 exchange students received the training amidst fun, good food, and

getting better acquainted.

For the new Outbound students, this was the first of four sessions aimed at preparing our students for their year abroad. Additional sessions will be scheduled throughout the spring and into the summer. For the parents of these students, this retreat was an opportunity to learn about the details of an exchange, to share with other parents their anxieties about sending their child away for a year, and to hear from our travel agent who answered many important questions related to travel.

Your district Youth Exchange Committee comprises over 25 faithful Rotarians who give of their time and talents to help each of our students be successful in her/his exchange. This large number of committee members is a rarity in the Youth Exchange world, and we in D6000 are very fortunate to have these caring people who make our district's program one of the outstanding programs in Rotary.



Rotary Youth Exchange Committee members and partners who were present at the Winter Retreat were, seated (l-r): Jo Noble, Vernetta Knapp, Liz Nichols and Rebecca Schultz (with Charlotte Schultz). Standing: PDG Gary Welch, John Schultz, PDG Susan Herrick, DGN Chris Knapp, Deb Ockenfels, Lou Peterson, DG John Ockenfels, AG Doug Peterson, PDG Ken Noble, Bob Herrick, Mary Anderson, Gary Anderson, Greg Probst and Paul Kalainoff. Photos provided by John Schultz





Photos by Bill Tubbs

## Making the world smaller, one student at a time



Nicole Nabity of Ankeny is preparing for a year in Japan.



Agustina Mateo from Paraguay is hosted by the West Des Moines Rotary Club.

Thirty-eight Inbound and Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students from 14 countries came together for a weekend in Davenport on March 7 at the 10th annual District 6000 getaway sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Scott. The students had a blast interacting with each other, visiting the Davenport riverfront, sky walk, Ferris wheel and ice skating. They worked on their presentation board for District Conference and had training updates. The event is coordinated by Rotarian Outbound Coordinator Paul and Susan Kalainoff and Rotarians Dennis and Deb Peterson with help from Greg Probst of the Iowa City AM club.



Emma Grosgean from France, hosted by Ottumwa, works on her display.



Italian exchanges (l-r): Inbound Eleanora Cherubini (Iowa City), Inbound Albera Buffa (Nevada), Outbound Hannah Sheldon (Iowa City), and Sarah Downs (Pella).



David Wilches Serrano from Ecuador, hosted by the Rotary Club of Knoxville, was the table tennis champion.





Rotarians and school children celebrate the opening of one of nine wells sponsored in Haiti by five clubs of District 6000 working in partnership with Haitian Rotarians through a global grant from The Rotary Foundation. Provided by Mike Ruby

## Water flows in nine wells, thanks to Rotary!

**By DGND Mike Ruby/Muscatine**

Assistant District Governor

At PETS in March 2012 the president-elects from the Rotary clubs of Muscatine, Clinton, West Liberty and Tipton made the decision to do a joint international project. A few months later the Rotary Club of Fairfield joined the effort. Within a year the five clubs raised \$10,000 of seed money and applied for a global grant to drill water wells in Haiti.

Partnering with the Rotary Club of Aquin in Haiti, the initial funds, along with the global grant, generated about \$45,000. In addition, the club partnered with Water for Life, a well-drilling company based in Kalona, Iowa, who has been drilling and maintaining wells in Haiti for over 30 years. With the commitment of \$55,000 from Water for Life, along with the \$45,000 from Rotary, totaling \$100,000, there were enough funds to construct drilling nine water wells.

The drilling for the first well started in spring 2014 and all nine were completed by late summer. Each well provides water to about 350 residents and 50 head of cattle. Two of the wells were drilled on school grounds, providing the students and teachers with fresh, clean water within several feet of their classroom.

In October 2014, six Rotarians from District 6000 visited Haiti and were hosted by Leon and Joy Miller, executive directors of Water for Life, in their mission guesthouse. The group visited several of the well sites and had the opportunity to meet the residents who were enjoying the new wells that were now much closer to their homes. It was gratifying to see the big smiles on the residents' faces and the Rotarians were thanked profusely by numerous very grateful people, young and old alike.

District 6000 Rotarians making the trip were Norlan Hinke (Clinton), Teresa Horton (Tipton), Doug Flournoy (Fairfield),

Don Doucette (Davenport), and Kelly Garvin and Mike Ruby (Muscatine).

As a result of this effort, 3,150 residents and 450 head of cattle now have a clean water source nearby and Water for Life has made a commitment to make sure the wells are properly maintained. This is a good example of how five Rotary clubs worked together to carry out Rotary's theme of "Service Above Self."



Rotarians Teresa Horton of Tipton (l) and Kelly Garvin of Muscatine make new friends at recess time.



# Bettendorf grants total \$25,000

**By Glenn Kass/Bettendorf**

Club Publicity Chair

The Charitable Giving Board of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf announces the award of a total of \$25,000 to 15 not-for-profit projects that serve the Quad-City community.

This is the seventh year event proceeds from the annual Bettendorf Rotary Lobsterfest at Rivermont Collegiate create the fund for the Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Giving Board grants.

"We received 43 requests for an amount totaling \$92,130 this cycle," said Jeff Hassel, chair of the Charitable Giving Board. "The club was able to fund 15 requests totaling \$25,000, or 27 percent of the total amount requested. We hope our next Lobsterfest on June 13th enables us to reach an even higher level of support for 2015."

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 by Oct. 1 of each year.

The following are the 15 grants that the Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Giving Board selected and had approved by the Bettendorf Rotary Club's Executive Board for funding in 2014:

- **Center for Active Seniors, Inc.:** Fitness Center Equipment. CASI requested funds to replace two outdated treadmills in the Fit for Life Fitness Center. \$1,250.

- **Davenport Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol:** Search and Rescue Mission Enhancement, Aerospace Education. Funds will go toward purchase of an iPad mini for use in aircraft flight operations and a precision dash mount GPS that will connect to the iPad to provide precise aircraft position reference. These tools will greatly increase aircrew capability for search and rescue and aerial photography of critical local infrastructure such as dams and bridges. The remainder of the funds will be used for purchase of aerospace education materials for cadets ages 12 to 20. Projects include model rocketry, RC airplane supplies, and improving our flight simulation and training device (PC with multi-screens and aircraft control hardware). \$1,000.



At the Jan. 28 meeting of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf, held at the Waterfront Convention Center, the recipients of the club's community grants received their checks and spoke about their work in the community.  
Photo by Bill Tubbs

- **Dress for Success Quad Cities:** Professional Shoes for Limited Resource QC Women. Purchase approximately 80 pairs of professional shoes for limited resource women who have an interview scheduled or a new job. \$2,000.

- **Friendly House:** Friendly House Family Nights. Family Nights create opportunities for families to engage in activities and spend time together, creating a greater emotional bond and promoting healthy lifestyles. \$2,000.

- **Gilda's Club Quad Cities:** Cancer to Health. Research proven program to reduce stress, strengthen immunity, develop a healthier diet and exercise and feel greater social support. \$1,750.

- **Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities:** New simple, decent, affordable home build for a low income working family. This project will build a simple, decent, affordable home for a family in need in the Quad Cities to help eliminate poverty housing. \$1,000.

- **Handicapped Development Center:** Promoting Our Mission with a Positive Atmosphere. To provide a positive atmosphere, promote our mission, and encourage hospitality, we want to paint some walls and purchase a monitor for the reception area. \$1,000.

- **Jason's Box:** Patriot Place Veterans Resource Center. Patriot Place is a location for military to meet with mentors, explore education/training, complete on-line education, résumés, job search, obtain transition information, counseling, recreation, etc. \$2,500.

- **King's Harvest:** Homeless Overflow Shelter Payroll. King's Harvest serves as an overflow shelter for the homeless men, women and children in the Quad Cities from Dec. 1 until April 15. \$2,500.

- **New Kingdom Trailriders:** Horse Care Project. Funds were requested to continue our horse care project so that NKT can continue to offer therapeutic horseback riding for people with disabilities. \$2,000.

- **People Uniting Neighbors & Churches (PUNCH):** Renters Neighborhood Winterization Project. We provide interior winterization service to the Hilltop residential community when funds are available. \$1,000.

- **QC United:** The Pete the Purple Bull Program. Pete the Purple Bull: on a mission to teach Humans (through example and interactive lessons), the social/emotional skills needed to rid the world of bullying. \$1,000.

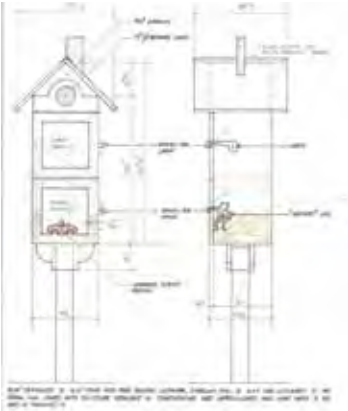
- **Quad City Marathon:** Run With Us. Pay entry fee to micro-marathon for 150 disadvantaged/low-income children to enhance their health, well-being, and social skills. \$1,500.

- **Quad City Symphony Orchestra Association:** Music Education Outreach for Bettendorf. The Quad City Symphony Orchestra will provide free music education outreach to elementary schools in the Bettendorf area. \$2,000.

- **St. Mark Lutheran Church Food Pantry:** Food Pantry. The St. Mark food pantry is an emergency resource for Davenport families and individuals who are food insecure. \$2,500.



# 'This is the house that Ames Rotary built'



1. This is the design by Rotarian Bill Dreyer. That became the house that Ames Rotary built.



2. This is the builder, Woodruff Construction, That followed the design, That became the house that Ames Rotary built.



3. This is Phillip from Pike Construction, Who installed the creation, That became the house that Ames Rotary built. Phillip Tjelmeland – Pike Construction.



4. This is the preschool at Carroll and 9th, That welcomed the project, That became the house that Ames Rotary built.



5. These are the books, That Raising Readers provides, That fill the house that Ames Rotary built.



6. These are the children, Borrowing books anytime, From a Little Free Library, That is the house that Ames Rotary built.

## Boosting IPTV and enhancing Rotary's image



Rotary Districts 6000 and 5970 garnered statewide publicity for Rotary while helping Iowa Public TV receive \$47,825 via 209 pledges on Sunday, March 1, at IPTV headquarters in Johnston. Shellee Bailey of IPTV complimented the Rotarians for their effort. Rotarian volunteers included Allen Meyer, Bob Bisenius, Bob Diedrichs, DGN Chris Knapp, PDG Dale Belknap, Dave Cook, Deb Ockenfels, Diana Dickenson, Diane Patton, PDG Jacque Andrew, PDG Jim Patton, DG John Ockenfels, Jon Kallen, DGE Loring Miller, Mary Belknap, Mersihda Dyer, Mike Fitzpatrick, Nick Beacom, Peggy Geiger, Phyllis Miller, PDG Susan Herrick, PDG Terry Geiger and Tim Felton.

Provided by Jacque Andrew





Rotarian volunteers at the Decatur County Culture Fest included (l-r): Sue Kelly, Kolten Hewlett, Youth Exchange student Elena and host sister Keegan, and Rotarians Peggy and PDG Terry Geiger.

## 15 countries represented at Decatur County Culture Fest

By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County

Spanish Tortilla anyone? Rotary Exchange student Elena (from Spain) and host sister Keegan served a Spanish dish Saturday, Feb. 21, at the 9th annual Lamoni Cultural Heritage Celebration event.

Rotary had a table for Youth Exchange and a table for RYLA. Graceland University students and community people were able to reflect their own cultural heritage by providing food samples, displays and entertainment. This year over 14 other cultures were represented besides Spain: Latvia, Kyrgyzstan, Zambia, Hungary, Venezuela, Mexico, India, Canada, Nepal, American Samoa, Bosnia Herzegovina and Native American.

Students were given passports to have stamped from each country that they visited while there. This event was a great opportunity for many to connect with the international world among us.

## ***The Object of Rotary***

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



PDG Jacques Andrew attended the Far West PETS meeting at San Jose, Calif., where she learned from two past Rotary International presidents: Cliff Dochterman of California (1992-93) and M.A.T. Caparas of the Philippines (1986-87).

## Preparation for PETS leadership includes training at San Jose

By PDG Jacques Andrew/Jefferson  
NC PETS Vice Chair

As many of us would agree, the "best job in Rotary" is that of club president. Helping presidents-elect prepare to have a successful year is the important role of the Presidents-Elect Training Seminars (PETS.)

District 6000 is one of four districts that comprise North Central PETS and encompasses most of Iowa, Minnesota and part of western Wisconsin. The chairmanship of this training event rotates through the districts of 5950, 5960, 5970 and 6000. In 2013 the general chair was PDG Diana Reed of District 6000 and in 2017, I will have the privilege of serving in this capacity.

In preparation for the role, I have served on the executive committee for three years and attended the PETS Alliance conference at Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, IL.

During the 2015 training season, I was a guest at the nine-district Far West PETS event in San Jose, Calif., and Show Me Rotary in Jefferson City, Mo., to gain ideas and inspiration for our own NCPETS.

We will be working diligently and thoughtfully with DGEs and DGNs to provide the training and inspiration they want for their Presidents-Elect. Being a Rotary club president is a unique opportunity and we want to help make it the best it can be for our club leaders.

While at Far West, I was honored to be seated with two of the Rotary International Past Presidents who live in the bay area, PRIPs Cliff Dochterman and M.A.T. Paparas (see photo.)

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





The Rotary Club of Des Moines awarded community grants totaling \$25,000 to four organizations. President Bruce Kelley (l) and past president DeAnn Thompson (r) presented checks for \$10,000 to Children and Families of Iowa (above), and \$5,000 to Orchard Place (at right). Provided by Kitte Noble



## Groups receive grants from Des Moines Rotary

**By Kitte Noble/Des Moines**

Club Executive Secretary

The Rotary Club of Des Moines (RCDM) is proud to announce the recipients of the club's second annual community grants. The 2014-2015 Rotary year was the second year that \$25,000 was set aside for Des Moines metro area non-profits. There were 37 applicants who were all very deserving with projects and programs that benefit our community in many ways.

The four recipients for the Rotary 2014-15 year were announced Dec. 11: Beacon of Life \$5,000; Central Iowa Shelter and Services, receiving \$5000; Children and Families of Iowa receiving \$10,000 and Orchard Place, receiving \$5000.

**Beacon of Life** provides a safe haven for homeless women that provides transitional housing with supportive services. The \$5,000 will purchase a new boiler that exploded in October. The funds will also help upgrade related heating elements, such as new thermostats and zoned heating and cooling.

**Central Iowa Shelter and Services** helps 2,000 men and women receive emergency shelter and supportive services to help them move beyond homelessness. The \$5,000 grant will help CISS expand its workforce training through Mulberry Farms & Foods – a retail food cart and food production center.

**Children and Families of Iowa** has been helping change lives for Iowa's most vulnerable children, families and communities for 126 years. The grant request of \$10,000 will be used to equip two new classrooms which will expand child care services for children who are parented by students enrolled at Scavo High School, doubling capacity from 12 to 36 children ages two weeks to 36 months.

**Orchard Place** is the oldest locally-based charity in Des Moines providing mental health treatment and expertise for Iowa's kids. The \$5,000 grant will help the Children's Fund, a fund that offers critical and basic support to families of children who are receiving therapy and struggling financially. The funds will help with transportation to required therapy. (Medicaid no longer provides funding for transportation to therapy and the need for help with transportation has skyrocketed).

Each year the RCDM Foundation will look at our fund performance and decide if we will sponsor a grant and how much money will be available. That announcement will come at the beginning



Central Iowa Shelter and Services received \$5,000.



Beacon of Life received \$5,000.

of the Rotary year in July. We will invite applicants to submit their requests between July and September of the grant year, with the expectation of announcing the recipient(s) by Thanksgiving.

Congratulations to the 2014-15 recipients, and thanks to all of the applicants for the great work that you are doing to help improve our community! The RCDM recognizes and appreciates your good works.



The Rotary Club of Manning supported the opening of a Food Pantry for the community.

## Manning Food Pantry opens with Rotary support

**By Jean Behrens/Manning**  
Club Publicity Chair

Pictured above is Kevin Boyle, Rotary Club of Manning president-elect and to his left publicity committee member Jean Behrens, presenting a check for \$1,000 to Albina Tigges of New Opportunities in support of the new Food Pantry in Manning. Also pictured are members of the C3 (Community, Christ, Celebration) Christian organization whose members have been instrumental in the success of the newly formed food outlet.

The Food Pantry in Manning officially opened Jan. 31 as a result of generous donations of cash, labor and food by area residents. New Opportunities, the county community action agency, has managed the necessary administration and guided the volunteers in this worthwhile community project. The Food Pantry will serve individuals and families in the IKM-Manning School District.

This monetary donation was possible through the Rotary Club of Manning member donations and successful fundraising projects. State Farm agent and Manning Rotarian Kirk Huehn donated space in the rear of his office on Main Street to house the Food Pantry.



## Rotary legacy?

It happened last year at Bettendorf when club president Chelsea Powers gave birth to a daughter, and again in 2014-15 when Rotary Club of Coon Rapids president Natalie Lewis gave birth.

The Vocational Service news from Coon Rapids is that on Feb. 6, past president Charlie Nixon, the editor of the *Coon Rapids Enterprise* (who took this picture), was named an Iowa Master-Editor Publisher, the highest honor of his profession. *Congratulations, all!*



## Leadership lottery ...

The Rotary Club of Coon Rapids continued the practice it started last year of drawing straws for the next club president. Checking the straws, from left, are Justin Roetman, Chris Eddy, current president Natalie Lewis and president-elect Jon Heydon.

Photo by Charlie Nixon



## Rotary display at Pella ...

When District Governor John Ockenfels was in Pella we shared a picture of the display Jim and I put in this display case in the Pella Public Library. He suggested that I submit it for the district newsletter. Jim Ebberts and I requested space in the Pella Public Library for one month so our Pella Club could share our Rotary story with our community and surrounding areas. This is that display.

— Marlyn Rietveld-Ebberts





In addition to fellowship, Muscatine club president Tony Joseph (r) recognized members Tim Nelson and Bob DeKock as Paul Harris Fellows. Provided by Keith Porter

## Fellowship: 'Old' becomes 'new' for Muscatine Rotary

By Keith Porter/Muscatine

Something old has become new for the Rotary Club of Muscatine. When Paul P. Harris, a Chicago attorney, founded Rotary in 1905, his goal was to create a service organization “where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships,” according to the 1.2 million-member organization’s website.

Rotary’s name came from the group’s early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.

But for as long as anyone can likely remember, the Muscatine club, which was chartered in 1920, has met at noon on Mondays in a set location. For the past couple of years, that location has been Wesley United Methodist Church’s Family Life Center in Muscatine. It’s a great location for the club’s meetings.

The bigger challenge is the meeting time. Many members simply don’t think they can get away from work long enough to attend a meeting over their lunch hour.

To remedy that belief, the club’s board of directors awhile back agreed to try an evening meeting once a month that would be geared to club members who do not regularly attend the noon meetings. Club president Tony Joseph called that first meeting to order on a Thursday evening in January at Muscatine-based Kent Corp. About 26 of the club’s approximately 100 members attended the meeting, which served mostly as a social function. The culinary staff at Kent did a great job of catering. Food and drink were plentiful.

In addition to the food and fellowship, club members toured the Kent corporate offices and Joseph and club member Rich Dwyer recognized fellow members Tim Nelson and Bob DeKock as Paul Harris Fellows. The recognition goes to Rotarians who have given at least \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund.

Everyone appeared to have a good time and the club held its next special evening meeting in February at First National Bank.

Special thanks goes to Rotarians Keith Porter and Shane Orr who helped arrange Thursday night’s meeting, and to Rotarians Gage Kent, Rich Dwyer, John Kuhl and Eric Thomsen for hosting the event.



Georgia and PDG Del Bluhm, Rotary Club of Ames members, are showing the calculator to Fellows School principal Carol Paige.

## Solar powered calculators available for schools

By PDG Del Bluhm/Ames

About 80,000 solar powered calculators were purchased for a National School Testing Program but could not be used. District Governor John Ockenfels was given these calculators to be scrapped by his business but he also got permission to donate then to schools nationally and internationally.

The calculators are at the FAMSCO warehouse in Coralville and are free for clubs to donate to schools. In Ames, Rotarians Georgia and PDG Del Bluhm are pictured (above) showing the calculator to Fellows School principal Carol Paige. She was our contact for both Fellows and Meeker Schools which resulted in our gift of 569 for both schools. We recently received a letter from Tim Taylor, superintendent of schools, which stated that the board of education took action to accept this gift at their meeting on Jan. 12.

Dr. Taylor also thanked Rotary for its support and generous gift.

Clubs who are interested in giving the calculators to schools should contact FAMSCO president Bill Burress: (563)391-5110 or (536) 579-3082; email:bill@seiffertlumber.com.



## New venue in Quad Cities

The Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities has a new venue! We are now meeting at the new Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 4215 Elmore Ave., Davenport. The Quad Cities' newest up-scale full-service hotel provides our club with a convenient location, a comfortable meeting spot and a delicious breakfast. You will find us there every Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you! — Julia den Blaauwen



# 'One of the most relevant clubs'

## West Liberty celebrates 90 years in a big way!

### West Liberty Index

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"Every club in this district is different and unique," said District Governor John Ockenfels, the main speaker at the Rotary Club of West Liberty's 90th anniversary celebration on Dec. 9 "But for a club to be around 90 years is an amazing story."

Ockenfels said there are 64 Rotary clubs in District 6000, from Atlantic to Davenport. "How many people drove through town and saw the Rotary wheel plastered everywhere?" he asked. "This club is, and I don't say this about them all, one of the most relevant clubs in our district."

The West Liberty Rotary Club was chartered on Dec. 16, 1924. Ninety years later it boasts an active and proud history. Over 30 West Liberty club members were joined by their families, presidents of other clubs and past, present and future Rotary district leadership for an evening filled with speeches, food and camaraderie.

"For the sake of brevity I'd like to ask the past presidents of Rotary West Liberty to stand up," said 2014-15 President Wayne Steen. "That may be half the room." He honored past governors of District 6000 and acknowledged the attendance of presidents from the Tipton and Fairfield clubs.

President Steen gave a review of the history of WL Rotary, beginning with a



Assistant District Governor Mike Ruby of Muscatine (l), his wife, Jo Anne, and Deb Ockenfels, wife of District Governor John Ockenfels of Iowa City AM, toast 90 years of service by the Rotary Club of West Liberty. The event was attended by eleven past, present and future district governors. Photos by Bill Tubbs

few words about the founding members who gathered together on that cold evening some 90 years ago. "I wish those men could be here this evening," he said. "I think they would have been very proud." In their honor a small table was set up on the side of the room with black and white photos, including West Liberty's first president, Dr. L.A. Royal. He eventually became district governor in 1940. "He was instrumental in keeping this club going for 30-plus years."

Then he turned his focus to another past district governor from West Liberty, Ken Noble. He was governor from 1995 to 1996, and addressed those gathered. He listed the ventures West Liberty and Rotary International have been involved with, including student exchanges, eradicating polio, clean water wells in India and support for an orphanage in Mexico.

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The Rotary Club of West Liberty's 90th anniversary party at the West Liberty Community Center was a happy occasion for the club's 36 members (24 pictured) and numerous guests from District 6000.





Six-year-old Aditi Giri, the daughter of past president Deepak Giri, led the Pledge of Allegiance – without notes!



Two great uncles of Bill Bywater, pictured with his daughter, Ann Parker, aided West Liberty in the early years.



The Rev. Al Zimmerman thrilled Rotarians and guests with exquisite keyboard renditions of Christmas music.

Another highlight of the evening came from Cliff McFerren, who spoke on behalf of the Rotary Club of Wellman. He expressed his gratitude to West Liberty, which sponsored his club 75 years ago. "It brings me great honor to come from the Wellman club and share this with you," he said. "We appreciate you for starting our club. Thank you very much."

William Bywater and his daughter, Ann Parker, both past presidents of the Rotary Club of Iowa City, talked about the West Liberty club being sponsored by the Iowa City club in 1924. When Ken Donnelly took the microphone, he said that as president during the club's 80th anniversary, he presented the audience with several trivia questions, each pointing out key pieces of history and honoring members. "How old is the Rotary

bell?" he asked, talking about the brass bell the club uses to close all of its meetings. The answer was 88 years. It was given to the West Liberty Rotary Club by none other than Dr. L.A. Royal.

West Liberty's longest serving Rotarian, Tom Brooke, has not only been a club member for 63 years, but has served as its president twice. He joined after graduating from college in 1951 and stuck with the club through thick and thin. He spoke of when the club neglected to give to The Rotary Foundation during the 1990s. However, after receiving a strongly worded letter from District Governor Herb Wilson, the West Liberty club became the No. 1 donor per capita to The Rotary Foundation in the district and remains so today. "I mean, here was a club with one person from each profession, they

did tremendous things for the community," he said about joining all those years ago. "I can't imagine a life without Rotary and I hope you share that with me."

Aditi Giri, a 6-year-old, recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Her parents, Deepak and Amrita Giri, are members of the West Liberty Rotary Club. Set up in another corner of the community center were photos of West Liberty Rotarians of the past and present meshed together like a collage of history. Every article that was in the newspapers from 1924 to the present was displayed on tables.

West Liberty Rotary has done so many things for the community it's hard to count them all. "We're up six members this year," said President Steen in the final moments. "But we need more. The more we have the more we can do for West Liberty."



Past president Ken Donnelly (l) honored 63-year member and two-time past president Tom Brooke and his wife, Mary Pat, for their longtime, excellent service.



District Governor John Ockenfels, club president Wayne Steen and Past District Governor Ken Noble, a West Liberty Rotarian, shared reflections.





This two-month display in the Lucas County Hay Bale Contest garnered publicity for the Rotary Club of Chariton's 90th anniversary – and polio!

## Happy 90th birthday, Chariton!

**By Sandra Knebel/Chariton**

Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Club of Chariton expanded the celebrations for its 90th birthday by participating in Tourism Lucas County's Hay Bale Art contest. The birthday cake was prominently displayed on Highway 14 where there is heavy traffic.

Local Rotarian Bob Ulrich offered the front of his home for the location. Local Rotarian and club publicity chair Sandra Knebel arranged for her brother, Steven Miller, to bring the bales from his ranch to town, set them up, and, after the two-month display, come to retrieve them.

Rotarian Shantel Dow encircled the bales with over 100 feet of thick cobalt blue garland. The hay bale contest, in its third year, garnered a huge amount of coverage by television, radio and print media. Nearly 2,400 votes were cast by visitors who toured the 32 locations to see the individually themed, whimsical bales.



## *In time for Easter ...*

On March 15, members of the Rotary Club of Waukeee "stuffed eggs" for the Special Egg Event to be held on March 28 in West Des Moines. The Special Egg Event is a free Easter egg hunt for children with special needs.

Provided by Mark Heffernan

# D6000 well represented at Ski Fellowship

**By Allyson Walter/Ames**

Rotary Club of Ames Rotarians PDG Don Goering, Allyson Walter and John Shierholz, as well as Rotary Club of Muscatine Rotarian DGND Mike Ruby participated in the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians, Jan. 3 -Feb. 7, in Big Sky, Montana.

The International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians (ISFR) is one of several Rotary Fellowships and was founded in the early 1970s as a social fellowship of Rotary International. Each year ISFR members travel to a different ski resort in North America for a week of skiing, fun and fellowship, and to create awareness of Rotary International.

In the mid-1990s, the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation, a 501c(3), was established (in memory of Davis Boyd, one of the co-founders of ISFR) to further expand the reach of the ISFR. The focus of the Foundation is to raise funds for adaptive ski programs. During the ski week, various fundraisers (Peak-to-Valley Challenges with sponsor support and member-sponsored auctions to name just two) are held to raise money, a portion of which is donated to the local adaptive ski program. Annually, ISFR raises \$15,000 or more for the adaptive ski programs.

This year Allyson and John were the Lift Challenge winners, riding 21 of the 26 active ski lifts at Big Sky. The Rotary Club of Ames raised \$550 through their efforts in the lift challenge.

The upcoming ISFRs will be at: Whistler/Blackcomb, BC, Canada, Feb. 20-27, 2016; Chamonix, France, Jan. 17-24, 2016; and Jackson Hole, Wyo., Feb 5-12, 2017.

Interested in joining the fellowship? Contact Allyson, Don, John or Mike. You can also search the website: [www.isfrski.org](http://www.isfrski.org).



Participating in the Rotary Ski Fellowship in Montana this year were (l-r): PDG Don Goering, Allyson Walter and John Shierholz of Ames, and Mike Ruby of Muscatine.

Provided by Allyson Walter





The Rotary Club of Ottumwa contributed \$15,000 to the Indian Hills Community College Regional Entrepreneurship Center, (l-r): David Wetrich, Jay Messerschmitt, Marlene Sprouse (IHCC President), Tom Rubel (IHCC), and Kendig Kneen.

Provided by Bob Morrsey

## Rotarians back Ottumwa Entrepreneurship Center

By Bob Morrsey/Ottumwa

The concept of the Entrepreneurship Center for our region was originally hatched within the Vision Committee of the Rotary Club of Ottumwa. Vision Committee member Kendig Kneen felt that such a Center to encourage new and expanding business enterprises (then referred to as a Business Incubator Center) was a worthy investment of Rotary dollars, and contacted me with the idea of beginning annual gifts of \$5,000 to that end (at the time I was assistant to the president at Indian Hills Community College).

Indian Hills then picked up on the idea – and pursued a feasibility study through the U.S. Economic Development Administration, which the Ottumwa Rotary Club and Indian Hills provided matching funds to undertake. At the conclusion of the one-year feasibility study, we were given the green light to pursue an application to EDA for construction assistance for such a facility on the North Campus of Indian Hills.

In addition to the \$10,000 that the Rotary Club of Ottumwa provided to the feasibility study, they also committed \$20,000 to the EDA application for construction of the Center. Joining the Rotary Club of Ottumwa with matching funds were the Wapello County Board of Supervisors, the Ottumwa Regional Legacy Foundation, and Indian Hills Community College.

The EDA application was successful and was funded for \$750,000 – which coupled with the matching dollars provided by Ottumwa Rotary, Wapello County, Ottumwa Regional Legacy Foundation, and Indian Hills was sufficient to make this Center possible for southern Iowa.

The idea for the Center began with the Rotary Club of Ottumwa, and the club stayed involved financially through the completion of the project. These Centers provide advice and counsel, a business plan, and a start-up facility for new and expanding businesses – greatly enhancing their ability to create and sustain a new business – thereby enhancing economic development in southern Iowa.

## Run for Kids will raise funds for polio, youth

By Robert Anderson/Ames

Kids Run for Kids (KRK) will be a unique, fun and significant event at Brookside Park, Ames, on Saturday, May 2 (rain or shine). It will promote physical fitness among Ames area children from the age of 12-days-old through 12-years-old. It will be a family event for children, parents, grandparents and/or guardians. Every adult runner must be associated with a child runner.

KRK will benefit children locally by supporting the Boys and Girls Club of Story County (BGCSC) through the Ames Police Benefit Association, which will receive 50 percent of the net proceeds. It will benefit children internationally through 50 percent of the net proceeds going to The Rotary Foundation's effort to eradicate polio.

KRK includes four runs (not races): a 1K run, a 2K run, a 3K run and a 4K run. The child will determine which distance he/she will run and any accompanying adult will run the same distance with the associated child. Each child registered will receive a T-shirt and each finisher, child and adult, will receive a ribbon showing the distance run.

KRK also includes an array of child-centered activities that will be available before, during and after the runs. In addition, a police car, a fire truck, and the bookmobile will be on site with associated personnel to interact with the participants.

Complete details are available at [www.amesamrotary.org](http://www.amesamrotary.org).



## 'Perfect Pairings' for polio

By Carole Custer/Ames

Club Publicity Chair

The Rotary Club of Ames invites you to a tasting event featuring fine wines from around the world, perfect food pairings served with each wine, some education, social time with friends, live music, a silent auction, and much more, all in support of our mission to end polio in the world.

This fundraising event is open to all adults.

Only three countries remain where the polio vaccine hasn't reached all the children: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Your generosity in supporting this event is multiplied because The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is matching every dollar contributed to The Rotary Foundation for the PolioPlus campaign 2:1 up to \$35 million per year.

"Perfect Pairings Around the World" will be 6:30 p.m. March 28 at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, Ames. The price is \$75 per person. Information: Sarah Buck, (515) 291-1103, or donate online at <http://goo.gl/IxynGR>.





## Fellowship is 'magic' at Waukee

Waukee Rotarians and their spouses enjoyed an evening of food, fellowship and fun at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club on Jan. 23. The president and past presidents were acknowledged before the engaging entertainment by Rick Eugene, a magician from Davenport. Current and past presidents (l-r): Graig Butterfield, Paul Kerkhoff, Jim Strauss, Erna Morain, Steve Banks, Sue Rasmussen, Roger Schlaefer, John Werner and Brad Mills.

Provided by Erna Morain

# Top clubs: Annual Fund and Polio since 2004-05

**Annual Fund Per Capita giving Last 10 years (2004-05 through 2013-14)**

**Clubs greater than \$300/Rotarian**  
West Liberty

**Clubs between \$200 and \$299 per Rotarian**  
Decatur County  
NW Des Moines  
Iowa City A. M.

**Clubs between \$150 and \$199 per Rotarian**

North Scott  
Bettendorf  
Coralville-NC

**Clubs between \$125 and \$149 per Rotarian**

Ankeny  
Jefferson  
Chariton  
Muscatine  
Iowa City Downtown  
Ames Morning  
Nevada

Ames

**Clubs between \$100 and \$124 per Rotarian**

Iowa City  
Pella  
Wellman  
Boone  
Fairfield  
Davenport  
Waukee  
Dallas Center  
Washington  
Indianola

**Last 5 Years (2009-10 through 2013-14)**

**Clubs greater than \$300/Rotarian**  
West Liberty

**Clubs between \$200 and \$299 per Rotarian**  
Decatur County  
Iowa City A. M.

**Clubs between \$150 and \$199 per Rotarian**  
North Scott  
Jefferson  
NW Des Moines  
Bettendorf

**Clubs between \$125 and \$149 per Rotarian**

Boone  
Ames Morning  
Iowa City  
Muscatine  
Ankeny  
Nevada  
Davenport  
Greater Des Moines  
Chariton

**Clubs between \$100 and \$124 per Rotarian**

Ames  
Pella  
Fairfield  
Ottumwa  
Iowa City Downtown  
Waukee  
Washington  
Dallas Center  
Atlantic

**Total Polio Plus Per Capita giving Last 5 Years (2009-10 through 2013-14)**

**Clubs greater than \$400/Rotarian**  
NW Des Moines

**Clubs between \$300 and \$399/Rotarian**  
Iowa City Downtown  
Bloomfield

**Clubs between \$200 and \$299/Rotarian**  
Greater Des Moines  
West Liberty  
Grinnell  
East Polk County  
Boone  
Ankeny  
Chariton

**Clubs between \$150 and \$199 per Rotarian**

Nevada  
Waukee  
Carroll  
Decatur County  
Mt Pleasant  
Jefferson

**Clubs between \$125 and \$149 per Rotarian**

North Scott  
Keokuk  
West Des Moines  
Fairfield  
Washington  
Tipton  
Oskaloosa  
Clinton  
Dallas Center

**Clubs between \$100 and \$124 per Rotarian**

Ames Morning  
Mt. Pleasant Noon  
Coralville-NC  
Corning  
Bettendorf

**Last 10 Years (2004-05 through 2013-14)**

**Clubs greater than \$800/Rotarian**  
Coralville-NC  
NW Des Moines

**Clubs between \$400 and \$500/Rotarian**

Bloomfield  
Grinnell  
Iowa City Downtown  
Chariton

**Clubs between \$200 and \$399/Rotarian**

Ankeny  
Boone  
West Liberty  
Mt. Pleasant  
Greater Des Moines  
North Scott  
Newton  
Albia  
Nevada

Ames  
East Polk County  
Jefferson  
Waukee  
Decatur County  
Carroll  
Keokuk  
Clinton  
West Des Moines

**Clubs between \$100 and \$199 per Rotarian**

Muscatine  
Mt. Pleasant Noon  
Washington  
Oskaloosa  
Marshalltown  
Corning  
Tipton  
Fairfield  
West Polk County  
Indianola  
Iowa Quad-Cities  
Des Moines  
Manning  
Ames Morning  
Bettendorf  
Dallas Center  
Creston  
Iowa City  
Pella



## Fifty years of Rotary

Marcia Brandt and the Rotary Club of North Scott honored Keith Mattke for a half century of service with a certificate and large cookie on March 6. While the club itself is just 41-1/2 years old, Mattke was previously a member of Davenport Rotary. He is a retired vocational education director for the Davenport schools. His vision for disaster relief made Rotary a partner in the Iowa Human Resources Disaster Council.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

## Rotary's Core Values

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







Coralville-North Corridor Rotarians supporting "Judie's Jammies" included (seated in front): Judy Meyers and Vicki Struzynski Olson (assistant district governor); and standing: club president Jeff Koeppel, Judy Joyce, Bryan Stolz, Shane Hendricks, Phil Shive. Provided by Vicki Struzynski Olson

## 'Rotary Cares and Shares' with 'Judie's Jammies' project ...

The Rotary Club of Coralville North Corridor recognized Rotary Awareness Month with a "Rotary Cares, Rotary Shares" project.

Our Judy's Jammies project collects brand new pajamas which are donated to the Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP). The pajama donations are received from local businesses, groups and club members, and are donated to the DVIP who in turn give them to women who come to them for assistance.

The totals for the pajamas this year totaled over 100 pair. This annual project of the CNC Rotary has been very successful and hundreds of new pajamas have been donated to women in need.



Receiving the gifts are (l-r): Mark Moody, CCA High School principal; Jackie Biger, CCA librarian; Jeff Koeppel, CNC Rotary president; Ben Macumber, Amana principal; Elaine Hayes, North Liberty; and Allison Ames Galstad, Coralville.

## ... and with literacy promotion

The Rotary Club of Coralville North Corridor presented books and checks to area libraries at its regular club meeting on March 11. Libraries receiving the annual donations this year include Coralville, North Liberty, Clear Creek Amana High School and Amana Elementary.

The club supports literacy as a major project and also provides over 700 Student Dictionaries to area fourth-grade students each fall. In addition, Coralville-North Corridor Rotary supports the SAT/Rotary Interact Club at Clear Creek Amana High School. The club meets Wednesday noon at Vesta Restaurant in Coralville.



Rotarians Marcia Stephens, PDG Terry Geiger, Peggy Geiger, Bill Morain and John Henderson oversaw the installation on a cold January morning.

## Bicycle shelter will benefit students at Graceland

By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County

The Rotary Club of Decatur County completed a Rotary Foundation Community Grant project in January. Rotarian Peggy Geiger, with the help of Jennifer Abraham-White, the sustainability coordinator at Graceland University in Lamoni, and Pam Combs, associate director of development at Graceland, submitted a matching grant request to Rotary International for a bike shelter to be placed on the campus of Graceland.

Rotarians, Graceland employees and students all contributed sweat equity towards three fundraisers: the Lamoni Fall Festival, Graceland Homecoming servers for two dinners, and a soup supper held in the Lamoni High School.

This shelter will benefit those individuals who have come to rely on the availability of the shared bikes. The most common demographic that makes use of the shared bikes are Graceland University students, and more specifically, international students. The shelter would also help to grow the current sustainability program as it would increase awareness of bike-friendly infrastructure on the campus and increase the perception that Graceland encourages sustainable life choices. The bike shelter is a symbol of Graceland University and its donors' commitment to make our community a place where we opt for transportation that promotes healthy living and a healthy planet.

This project not only enhanced the current bike share program, but also has helped weatherproof the bikes and will reduce the costs to repair them over time. Thus, increasing the longevity and quality of the Graceland University shared bike program.

# News Briefs

**District Training Assembly:** The annual District Training Assembly will be Saturday, March 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the DMAC campus in Newton. This is the official training for all incoming club officers, board members and all interested Rotarians. District Governor-Elect Loring Miller will summarize the 2015-16 Rotary International theme and Tom Cook of the Rotary Club of Iowa City will be our Luncheon speaker on the Ponseti Method.

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**All In:** Getting 100 percent of clubs to do anything is uncommon, but as you can see in this newsletter, all 64 clubs in District 6000 have done or will do three things:

1. Participate in the coats project;
2. Sponsor student(s) for RYLA;
3. Set a goal for giving to the Annual Funds Program of The Rotary Foundation for 2014-15.

Thank you, all! Now is the time for club goals for 2015-16 giving to The Rotary Foundation and Membership to be turned in. Let's keep it going. Be sure your club is included!

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**Brazil:** District 6000 will be represented at the June 6-9 Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, in two ways:

1. A plenary presentation about the Ponseti method of club foot repair (see p. 15);
2. Des Moines Rotarian Floyd Hammer will have a booth about a water purification method.

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**Africa:** Two groups that included District 6000 Rotarians were in Africa in January:

1. Des Moines AM Rotarian Scott Raecker was accompanied by Davenport Rotarian Bill Burress and students from Drake University on service projects in Uganda.
2. Waukee Rotarian Lee Holmes was joined by Iowa City Rotarian Karin Franklin, and Iowa City AM Rotarian Nan Mercier in a group of 12 who traveled to South Africa, including involvement with Blessman Ministries, which is a project of Waukee Rotarian Jim Blessman.

We look forward to learning more about these trips in future issues of District 6000 News!

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**Foundation:** Mount Pleasant Rotarian PDG Cal Litwiller will succeed PDG Bill Tubbs of North Scott as Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator in Zone 28 for two districts in Iowa plus District 5650 in SW Iowa and Nebraska, and District 6420 in Illinois. PDG Newell Krogmann, LeSueur, Minn., will be the new Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 28, succeeding PDG Dick Galitz of Naperville, Ill., who, like Tubbs, is completing his third year

in the zone role. In District 6000, PDG Terry Geiger of Decatur County will step into Cal's role of District Rotary Foundation Coordinator.

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**Korea:** Jefferson Rotarian PDG Jacques Andrew will be the Zone 28 promotional coordinator for the May 28-June 1, 2016, RI Convention in Seoule, Korea.

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**Pre-PETS:** DGE Loring Miller reports that the 2015-16 training team, headed by John Schultz of Iowa City, has been active. Seventy were involved in a Pre-PETS webinar on Feb. 9 and Pre-AG Training on Feb. 16. Thanks to district technology chair, Sean Saxton of Decatur County, for making these possible!

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**Foundation rating:** The Rotary Foundation has continued its steady growth, moving up 35 spots to 85th in The Chronicle of Philanthropy's annual ranking of the top 400 nonprofit organizations in the United States. The Foundation recently earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States. In the 2013-14 Rotary year, 92 percent of the Foundation's expenditures were applied to programs, with only 6 percent spent on fundraising and 2 percent on administrative expenses. The Foundation funded \$23.5 million in district grants and \$47.3 million in global grants. These grants support local and international humanitarian projects as well as scholarships.

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**Longevity:** Want to live longer? Get your will done. A study by Richard Radcliffe (2006) in the United Kingdom indicates that people who have their will written live an average of 10 years longer (age 79) than those who don't (age 69). And, if you choose to include a bequest to your favorite nonprofit (like The Rotary Foundation), the study indicated you'll live an additional three more years on average (age 82)!

## Letters

**Letter:** Very informative newsletter, nice job! The District Newsletter is "impressive, colorful and appealing." – *Sam Cretsinger, secretary, Rotary Club of Coon Rapids*

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**Letter:** Another superb quarterly newsletter for D-6000. Our DGND was just named, a colleague in my club. I gave him your newsletter. – *John "Jack" Best, Rochester, NY. Past RI Director, Zones 28-29.*

## 'Can you name these gentlemen?'

So what are DGs Jim Vickery (1996-07) and Roger Borup (2007-08) doing these days? In Roger's words: "Jim Vickery suggested I send you this for a possible newsletter item. Jim and Dee were spending a month at Fort Myers Beach, Fla., having advised us of this in their Christmas card. I contacted them and they came to Rotary at Rotary Club of Cape Coral North where I now belong and they invited us to meet them at Matanzas Pass Inn on the island, which we did March 2. We had a good lunch and visit. You can see the bridge to Jim's upper right. This is a major spring break venue and traffic must be awful at this time of year as it took us an hour and 15 minutes to go the last 3.6 miles to get there and the kids had not really started arriving yet! Snowbirds have returned en masse this season all over the Cape Coral/Fort Myers area." Roger suggested the caption: "Can you name these gentlemen?"





# Obituaries

*District 6000 News remembers two Rotarians who were active in District 6000 leadership, and a friend of District 6000 from District 4180 in Mexico. May light perpetual shine upon them:*

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**Norm Smith**, 87, a member of the Rotary Club of Muscatine, died Jan. 20. He was raised in Lincoln, Ill., where he excelled in football and track. After a two year service career in the U.S. Army in World War II, he entered the University of Illinois where he competed in Big Ten track meets and obtained graduate degrees in biochemistry, microbiology and bioengineering. For many years, Norm and his wife, Marilyn, were involved locally and on a district level with Rotary Youth Exchange as a frequent home host and Outbound Coordinator. Norm and Marilyn produced over 500 programs broadcast over the local public access channel, and he was a skilled amateur photographer. Services were Jan. 27 at Wesley United Methodist Church, Muscatine.

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**John Kleinschmidt**, 88, a member of the Rotary Club of Ames, died Jan. 2. He was born in Sauk Centre, Minn., and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He retired in 1986 after a 40-year career with J.C. Penney Co., including managing the Ames store. John and his wife, Doris, who died in 2007, faithfully cared for their son Jim for 22 years after he was seriously injured in an accident in 1985. For many years, John kept detailed records of Rotary Foundation contributions as the Annual Giving Chair for District 6000. In 2006, he was the recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service. A Mass of Christian Burial was Jan. 16 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Ames.

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**Jose Manuel "Manolo" Herrero**, 58, who was the Centennial District Governor

in 2004-05 in District 4180, Mexico, and his wife, Cristina, 53, were murdered Dec. 6, while their car was at a stoplight in Tehuacán, where they live. According to reports, a car drove up, fired 12 or 13 times, and drove off.

"Manolo," a governor classmate of PDG Bill Tubbs, hosted Tubbs and Jim Peterson at the Rotary Project Fair in Oaxaca, Mexico, in 2011 – resulting in Rotary Foundation



Jose Herrero

humanitarian grants. "Manolo" was a civil engineer, the general manager of a construction company and a member of the Rotary Club of Tehuacán Manantiales. He served as president of the Mano Amigo Human Rights Association and Caritas Tehuacán.

In 2004-05, District 4180 encompassed Xicotepec, Mexico, and "Manolo" shared interest in District 6000's projects with the Rotary Club of Xicotepec. Past RI President Frank Devlyn, of Mexico, sent out a message about the killings to Rotarians. Manolo's Rotary involvement was cited in all the news stories. District 6000 is seeking an appropriate way to commemorate Herrero's life and work.

## CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

CLUB	OCTOBER 2014		NOVEMBER 2014		DECEMBER 2014	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	67.00%	19	74.00%	12	59.00%	30
Albia	50.00%	43	41.70%	49	44.80%	45
Ames	58.70%	32	62.57%	23	63.68%	22
Ames Morning	61.20%	26	60.00%	28	51.60%	37
Ankeny	78.51%	10	82.02%	7	77.27%	10
Atlantic						
Bettendorf	57.70%	33	52.30%	40	54.40%	34
Bloomfield	65.00%	23	55.00%	35	64.00%	21
Boone	71.00%	13	60.00%	28	59.00%	30
Burlington	86.20%	5	87.00%	6	81.70%	5
Carroll	54.69%	38	54.17%	36	58.82%	31
Centerville	48.00%	44	47.00%	46	48.00%	43
Charlton	63.16%	24	61.19%	26	63.08%	23
Clinton	54.50%	39	53.99%	37	46.04%	44
Coon Rapids	65.00%	23	58.00%	30	56.00%	33
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	100.00%	1
Corning					72.00%	14
Corydon	45.00%	48	40.00%	50	40.00%	46
Creston	48.00%	44	46.00%	47	60.00%	28
Dallas Center	68.00%	18	70.00%	16	72.00%	14
Davenport	58.75%	31	53.18%	39	50.66%	38
Decatur County	77.00%	11	80.00%	9	80.00%	7
Des Moines	59.77%	29	63.58%	22	60.59%	26
Des Moines A.M.	61.00%	27	94.00%	3	79.00%	8
East Polk County	51.89%	42	61.31%	25	62.75%	24
Fairfield	42.05%	49	31.07%	52	38.57%	47
Fort Madison	65.00%	23	58.00%	30	64.00%	21
Greater Des Moines	47.00%	45	51.00%	42	67.00%	18
Grinnell	79.00%	9	80.00%	9	78.00%	9
Indianola	55.56%	35				
Iowa City	36.35%	51	27.07%	53	36.28%	48
Iowa City A.M.	89.15%	4	89.69%	4	87.88%	3
Iowa City Downtown	84.21%	6	75.00%	11	74.39%	11
Iowa Quad-Cities	66.49%	21	66.67%	18	60.19%	27
Jefferson	70.00%	14	71.00%	14	69.00%	17
Johnston	57.66%	34	59.81%	29	71.50%	15
Kalona	81.65%	7	70.06%	15	62.05%	25
Keokuk	45.87%	47	47.21%	45	32.73%	50
Keosauqua	52.60%	41	55.20%	34	59.30%	29
Knoxville	54.84%	37	56.76%	32	49.79%	40
Lenox	70.00%	14	64.00%	21	66.00%	19
Manning	61.00%	27	66.00%	19	66.00%	19
Marengo			73.00%	13	73.00%	13
Marshalltown	55.11%	36	55.88%	33	56.29%	32
Mount Pleasant Noon	60.36%	28	48.18%	44	49.12%	42
Mt. Pleasant	81.00%	8	68.00%	17		
Muscatine	46.80%	46	51.94%	41	49.15%	41
Nevada	58.97%	30	61.83%	24	53.92%	35
Newton	65.00%	23				
North Scott	94.97%	3	96.15%	2	92.11%	2
Northwest Des Moines	68.21%	17	81.03%	8	73.68%	12
Osceola	50.00%	43	50.00%	43	50.00%	39
Oskaloosa	68.70%	16				
Ottumwa	53.53%	40	53.80%	38	30.22%	51
Pella	73.00%	12	78.00%	10	78.00%	9
Perry			60.00%	28	72.00%	14
Tipton			42.00%	48	56.00%	33
Washington	66.67%	20	56.86%	31	64.05%	20
Waukee	65.67%	22	64.09%	20	80.23%	6
Wellman	95.23%	2	88.29%	5	84.55%	4
West Des Moines	62.55%	25	60.34%	27	53.63%	36
West Liberty	68.00%	18	55.00%	35	70.00%	16
West Polk County	37.91%	50	37.50%	51	34.97%	49
Winterset	69.00%	15	74.00%	12	80.00%	7

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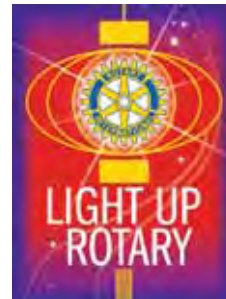
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# Club leaders' checklist



*From DG John Ockenfels . . .*

- Encourage club leaders to attend **District Training Assembly** March 28 at Newton (p. 34).
- Register yourself and members to attend **District Conference**, April 16-18 at the Marriott Coralville Hotel and Conference Center, and to bid on auction items (p. 1-3).
- Register for the June 6-9 **RI Convention** in São Paulo, Brazil, including the District 6000 Breakfast (p. 36).
- Implement plans to meet or exceed your 2014-15 goals for **Rotary Foundation** giving and **Membership** (p. 14-15), and submit goals for 2015-16 at Rotary Club Central.
- Complete the **Club Planning Guide** at Rotary Club Central to prepare for a successful Rotary year in 2015-16.
- Implement Rotary's **new program to recognize members** who propose and induct new members (p. 11).
- Take advantage of the opportunity to provide **free solar calculators** to schools in your community (p. 27).
- Help **FAMSCO** find a new home (p. 9).
- Create awareness and raise funds in support of Rotary's global quest to **eradicate polio** (p. 8, 32).
- **Submit news** of your activities by May 28 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs at [btubbs@northscottpress.com](mailto:btubbs@northscottpress.com), and **Light Up Rotary!**

## On to São Paulo, Brazil!

The next big event for District 6000 Rotarians after District Conference is the June 6-9 Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil.

Continuing a tradition that began in Indianapolis in 1998, Rotarians and their traveling partners are invited to come together for the District 6000 Breakfast. DGN Chris Knapp and Vernetta invite you to attend the breakfast on Sunday, June 7, at the Hotel Mercure, Rua Funchal 111-Vila Olimpia, from 7 to 8:30 a.m. For two hours, escape the 20,000 Rotarians from around the world and join with the familiar faces of Iowa Rotarians and our special guests.

The menu includes eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit, pastries, juices and coffee. The cost is \$35 per person, but is included with the hotel registration for guests of Hotel Mercure. Nevertheless, reservations are needed. Please send your check, made payable to Rotary D-6000 to: Rotary District 6000, P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219.

And plan to join Rotarians from Zones 28-29 for the Northland event, "Friday Night Lights" in São Paulo on Friday, June 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Bar Brahma Aeroclube, Av Olavo Fontoura, 650 Santana São Paulo. The price is \$75 per person for cocktails, cuisine and celebrations. See more at: <http://www.zones28-29.org/SitePage/friday-night-lights-s%C3%A3o-paulo#sthash.kLpeF9A8.dpuf>

