

Rotary District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Loring Miller, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

First Quarter (July-August-September 2015)



Pay it forward and 'Be a gift to the world'

By DG Loring Miller/Decatur County

The good that Rotary accomplishes throughout the world in the Six Areas of Focus generates an appreciation for varied cultures and provides stepping stones leading to world understanding.

Since this great organization has no secondary agenda attached to our humanitarian projects, Rotary is truly A GIFT TO THE WORLD. Each member is a vital part of the great service we do for humanity each day. Every Rotarian is a gift to Rotary and the world.



Loring Miller
District Governor

Rotary International President K.R. (Ravi) Ravindran is a third generation Rotarian and a member himself since the age of 21. His experiences while founder and CEO of the world's largest supplier of tea bag packaging in Sri Lanka have allowed him to witness first hand the good that Rotary accomplishes on behalf of conflict resolution and humanitarian service.

During his country's civil war, Ravi was involved with the business community efforts to find peaceful solutions to the conflict.

As his country's PolioPlus chair, Ravi headed a joint task force of the Sri Lankan government and Rotary to successfully negotiate a ceasefire with the northern militants during National Immunization Days.

Since Ravi is the son of a polio survivor, polio eradication became a personal mission for him. Aided by Ravi and Rotary's efforts, Sri Lanka reported its last case of polio in 1994. These are examples of a long list of Ravindran's humanitarian contributions in the service of Rotary. He is "A Gift to the World."

Paying it forward

I was reading in the July issue of The Rotarian about President Ravi's philosophy of life, paying it forward. In his words, "Each one of us is made because so many people helped us become who we are." That is why his year in office is all about giving back and being a gift to the world. Paying forward is the Rotarian way. One

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Two-district Iowa RYLA continues to set records

Iowa Rotarians in Districts 6000 and 5970 set another record with 221 students attending the week-long Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference, July 26-31 at Grinnell College. This was the third year the two districts combined their efforts, and the second year at Grinnell. Every one of District 6000's 64 clubs sent one or more students, and it was the largest number of RYLA students ever assembled in Iowa. See more pictures and read about this most amazing RYLA experience on pages 17-19.

Provided by D-6000 RYLA coordinator PDG Gary Welch

Clubs urged to qualify for District Governor Citation

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person, one voice can change the world.

President Ravi may have the influence and ability to make a difference in the world. Most of us are not that strong of a voice for change, but we can make a small difference to someone who in turn may make a change in someone, who is an influence to someone, who encourages someone who has the ability to change the world. We all have that strength within us to collectively generate positive change.

District goals

The District 6000 goals for 2015-2016 are vital to Rotary's existence. The main focus is directed in three categories: **Foundation Goals, Membership Goals** and **Youth Service Goals**.

- **The Rotary Foundation** is the instrument through which we provide humanitarian service at home and throughout the world. Measurable goals in the Six Areas of Focus save lives and cultivate friendships worldwide. Without The Rotary Foundation and continued membership support, Rotary would not exist.

Identified district Foundation goals are: 1) Every Rotarian financially support the Foundation; 2) Continue PolioPlus support to the end; 3) Utilize Foundation Grants when needed; 4) Increase Benefactor, Bequest Society and Major Donor members; and 5) Identify all Rotary projects with branding.

- **Membership** cannot continue to decline. Without dedicated members willing to embrace change, Rotary would not exist. Project branding and public image exposure in the media encourage membership. Citizens want to be a part of an active organization.

We must identify the common interests we have with young potential members. Rotary may need to alter established procedures to accommodate change. Identified district membership goals are: 1) Increase membership and female membership in each club; 2) Club offices and members take advantage of training opportunities; 3) Identify young professionals and invite them to join Rotary; 4) Conduct monthly programs with a Rotary theme; 5) Provide Rotary education to new and prospective members; and 6) Celebrate achievements at District Conference.

- **The youth** in our communities will be the future of Rotary. We



District Governor Loring Miller and Phyllis were grand marshals for the Fourth of July Parade in Leon, and Rotary and the campaign to eradicate polio were plain to see.

Photo by John Galloway

are charged with the responsibility to cultivate a young student's appreciation for our organization. Identified district youth service goals are: 1) Send students to RYLA and support returning students by involving them in club activities; 2) Work with school officials to identify potential Rotary exchange students; 3) Recognize the value of an Interact or Rotaract club in your community; and 4) Maintain contact with youth alumni to encourage continued involvement.

District Governor's Citation

I have initiated this year the District Governor Citation. Club activities for the citation can be found on page 10 of the District Leadership Directory (that was mailed to club leaders). Listed activities are not difficult to achieve.

I believe that all 64 clubs can earn the citation by the March 1, 2016 application deadline. Clubs that earn this citation can honestly say that their membership is truly making a difference in their community and the world.

I am honored to serve as the District 6000 Governor during this Rotary year. Phyllis and I look forward to becoming acquainted with all the wonderful branded projects generated by our membership.

As we visit each club in our district, we take pictures of those projects and post them on the District Facebook Page. Be sure to "like" our District Facebook Page and follow us across Southern Iowa. You will identify good project ideas to initiate in your community.



The Rotary Club of Decatur County hosted a picnic with past district governors on June 27 at the Miller farm southwest of Leon to inaugurate DG Loring Miller's year. The evening was complete with a barbecue, music, wagon rides and fireworks.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

'Mr. Foundation,' Ray Klinginsmith, will keynote Rotary Foundation Dinner

By DG Loring Miller/Decatur County

Save the date of Nov. 7, 2015, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for an enjoyable evening with fellow Rotarians and learn about programs supported by The Rotary Foundation.

The District Rotary Foundation Dinner will be held at the Des Moines Blank Park Zoo. Your monkey suit is optional. This facility has a wonderful banquet room overlooking a rain forest.

See the flyer with this newsletter to learn how you can be part of a balloon release for PolioPlus that will be held in conjunction with the Rotary Foundation Dinner!

The Rotary Foundation is a project partner that has allowed this district to improve the quality of life in our communities and in countries around the world. Continued Foundation awareness and financial support from membership are necessary to advance that level of support.

The keynote speaker for the evening will be the current chairman of the trustees for The Rotary Foundation and Past Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith. Ray is. He is "Mr. Foundation." His extensive knowledge and insight concerning Foundation benefits and the grant process will prove to be informative for continued humanitarian support.

Registrations are required for the District Rotary Foundation Dinner. You will be able to register online at the district website, www.rotary6000.org, by Sept. 15.

BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD by identifying continued support to the world community through The Rotary Foundation.



Past Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith of Kirksville, Mo., and his wife, Judy, joined District 6000 Rotarians for DG Loring Miller's installation at the Miller farm near Leon on June 27. Photo by Bill Tubbs

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Loring Miller received the official District Governor's pin and congratulations from DG 2014-15 John Ockenfels at the installation picnic June 27 at the Miller farm. Photo by Bill Tubbs



Rotary Youth Exchange: District sends 13 students, receives 17 for 2015-16

By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities
D-6000 Youth Exchange chair

The activities never stop for the D6000 Youth Exchange Committee! The month of August is particularly busy for the program, as we bid farewell to the outbounds and welcome the inbounds.

This year we are sending 13 students from Iowa to destinations on three continents. In return, we are welcoming 17 students from around the world to host clubs in cities and



Anna Hanson of West Liberty Rotary extends best wishes to Brice Page, who will study in Austria this year.

towns across our district.

The outbound (OB) students had their final training during a picnic in July. Discussions with rebound students (those who recently returned from an exchange) and Rotexers covered tips for a successful exchange, as well as what the student may expect during his/her year abroad.

Parents of the OB students had round table discussions with the committee and parents of past OB students. These were aimed at allaying the fears and anxieties they have with sending their student to a foreign land for a year. The life-changing experience anticipated for the students is also a very significant event for the parents.

The kickoff event for the inbound (IB) students will be Sept. 19 at the Christian Conference center in Newton. Over 90 students, host parents, counselors, club YEO's and committee members are expected and will meet together for orientation, training, food, and fun. This is the first opportunity for the 16 students from around the world to meet one another and practice their language skills.

The Inbound Fall Fun Day will be Saturday, Oct. 24, in Indianola at the Warren County Fairgrounds.

As the students are adjusting to their new environments, the committee is working to recruit outbound students for 2016-17. Contacts with schools, Rotary clubs and community organizations will generate interest in the program and provide answers to questions that potential students may have.

The committee is asking anyone who may have an interest in becoming an outbound student to contact their local club, or OB coordinator Paul Kalainoff at kalainoff@gmail.com or (563) 579-7907; or chairman Doug Peterson at louanddoug@mediacombb.net, or (563) 332-5007 (H) or (563) 210-9072 (M).

Rotary Youth Exchange is the premier exchange program in the United States. Let's give it all the support it deserves. How? Re-



D-6000 Outbound Youth Exchange coordinator Paul Kalainoff with Genevieve Gaston, who spoke at North Scott Rotary on Aug. 7 about her highly successful year as an outbound exchange student to Ecuador in 2014-15.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

cruit and sponsor an OB student. Host an IB student. Get involved at the committee level.

The Fifth Avenue of Service recognizes that young people are the future of Rotary. Let's all make sure Rotary lives on into perpetuity by supporting Youth Programs like ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE.

2015-16 Outbound:

- Adelina Reels (Winterset) Germany
- Alista Wikle (Fairfield) Spain
- Brice Page (West Liberty) Austria
- Elizabeth Frevert (Burlington)
Czech Republic
- Ethan Jones (Iowa Quad Cities) Norway
- Hannah Sheldon (Iowa City AM) Italy
- James Trettin (Newton) France
- Jonah Marks (Fairfield) Brazil
- McKayla Sturtz (Ankeny) France
- Madylin Merydisth (Keokuk) Germany
- Nicholas Guild (Ankeny) Brazil
- Nicole Nability (Ankeny) Japan
- Sarah Downs (Pella) Italy

2015-16 Inbound:

- Pauline Bantegnies (France) ... West Liberty
- Andres Bravo (Ecuador) Washington
- Lara Celegghin (Italy) Iowa City
- Andres Cienfuegos (Spain) Clinton
- Sara Creatini (Italy) Grinnell
- Ines El-Ouachin (France) Nevada
- Victoria Ewering (Germany)
Kalona/Wellman
- Hector Gonzalez (Mexico) . NW Des Moines
- Emigdio Gonzales (Mexico) West DM
- Petra Kolembusova (Slovakia) . Decatur Co.
- Kinuka Miwa (Japan) Ankeny
- Arnon Reichow (Brazil) Oskaloosa
- Jakob Schmidt (Austria) Des Moines
- Luiz Villa-Boas (Brazil) Newton
- Luis arkinen (Germany) Burlington
- Inga Wegger (Norway) Boone
- Girl from New Zealand arriving in December

Join leaders, exchange ideas at fall meetings

■ 'One Rotary Summits' are a new approach to training

By DG Loring Miller/Decatur County

The former District 6000 Fall Training event has been replaced by One Rotary Summit.

Today's "One Rotary Summit" joins together Rotarians to exchange ideas and take away cutting-edge ideas on how to energize and bolster their club for growth, service and public interaction.

The purpose of the Summit is to understand how Membership, Public Image and the Rotary Foundation all work together and support Rotary's overall strategic plan.

The Summit is all about fresh new thinking to help strengthen club membership, public image and involvement in Rotary Foundation

What is a 'One Rotary Summit?'

The term 'One Rotary Summit,' adopted this year by Rotary leadership, recognizes the integrated approach to training that has been used by District 6000 in the past. A diagram showing how Foundation, Membership and Public Image are connected is on an insert that is included with this newsletter.

fundraising and programs.

Instead of lectures to participants, district leadership will listen to members through facilitated discussion groups and case studies.

The District 6000 One Rotary Summit will be held in West Des Moines on Thursday, Sept. 24 and West Liberty on Wednesday, Oct. 7. Registration is encouraged at the district website, www.rotary6000.org, or by emailing dis6000admin@Lisco.com.

A milestone for polio eradication in Africa!

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

We're delighted to report that July 24 (today) Nigeria has passed one year with no new cases of the wild poliovirus.

This is the longest the country has ever gone without a case of polio and a critical step on the path toward a polio-free Africa.

We've come a long way since the bleak years when the virus reached its peak. It was only a decade ago that polio struck 12,631 people in Africa – three quarters of all cases in the world.

We congratulate Rotarians who have donated \$688.5 million to fight polio throughout Africa, including more than \$200 million to Nigeria. We congratulate Rotarians from Africa and around the world who have also devoted countless hours to immunize the children who now have the opportunity for healthier, happier lives.

With the ambitious scope of Rotary's PolioPlus program, our efforts are having a far-reaching, transformative impact beyond the eradication of polio.

With the infrastructure put in place by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), Nigeria not only reduced its polio caseload by 90 percent in 2014, but it also successfully thwarted the world's most lethal Ebola outbreak to date, in only 90 days, a response faster than even the U.S., and rightly praised by the World Health Organization as 'world-class'.

In Nigeria and elsewhere, the Initiative provides a blueprint to reach all children with a package of lifesaving vaccines and health interventions. This is a vital step on the path to human development, as we know that with improved public health, more resources can be channeled towards education and economic growth.

If the stringent World Health Organization testing criteria are met, then Nigeria could be removed from the list of polio-endemic countries in September of this year. However, our work is not done. We know that polio can easily return, with devastating consequences, if we don't stamp it out now.

We must act, as Rotarians do, to build on the progress made

and stop polio once and for all. We have a narrow window of opportunity to achieve this, and if we fail, we could witness up to 200,000 cases a year in the near future.

So how can we finally make history and end polio now?

Today, we must protect the progress made in Nigeria, and support Pakistan and Afghanistan, the other two remaining polio-endemic countries.

Protecting progress means enhancing surveillance, routine immunization, and community engagement in Nigeria and other countries where transmission has been stopped.

Supporting Pakistan and Afghanistan means full political and financial commitment to eradicating polio; vaccination of all children in these countries; high quality surveillance, and the accomplishment of all the expert

recommendations as part of the GPEI's Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan.

Visit endpolio.org to download a toolkit of materials to help you share this progress – and the need for continued commitment in the coming years – with your Rotary club, your communities and your elected officials.

This all requires time, energy and investment. Pakistan's budget requirements for polio eradication activities from 2016-2018 amounts to \$305.7 million, and if we can raise this sum now, a polio-free world will reap financial savings of US\$50 billion over the next 20 years and prove what's possible when the global community comes together to improve children's lives.

Your donation to PolioPlus will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling your contribution.

Thirty years ago we told the world what Rotary believes: that we can achieve the eradication of only the second human disease in history. Our belief is becoming reality. For every child, let's make sure that reality is a bright one.

Warm Regards,

Rotary International President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran and Rotary Foundation Chair Ray Klingensmith

(Turn the page to see which clubs have supported polio eradication financially, and which Rotarians have been the "polio warriors" who have participated in National Immunization Days.)



Ravi Ravindran





Polio: Who Has Given

PolioPlus: Club, District Contributions Last Year, Last 5 Years, and Since 1995

Club (Members)	2014-15	Last 5 yrs.	Since 1995
Adel (29)	\$ 0	\$ 910	\$ 3,550
Albia (30)	0	25	11,318
Ames Morning (56)	6,138	520	2,856
Ames (232)	20,002	43,175	133,253
Ankeny (61)	4,671	17,672	24,334
Atlantic (56)	2,500	4,501	13,499
Bettendorf (107)	2,163	12,384	20,292
Bloomfield (11)	218	3,471	3,138
Boone (45)	2,967	11,872	16,916
Burlington (75)	0	5,415	20,930
Carroll (45)	0	8,050	18,257
Centerville (50)	20	1,190	7,315
Chariton (50)	1,000	10,634	29,438
Clinton (103)	2,096	16,553	28,191
Coon Rapids (27)	0	500	575
Coralville-NC (17)	525	2,550	175,801
Corning (36)	900	5,445	12,860
Corydon (21)	100	920	1,670
Creston (23)	0	1,470	2,925
Dallas Center (27)	50	3,328	4,518
Davenport (120)	549	8,349	21,239
Decatur County (26)	2,330	6,229	9,851
Des Moines AM (160)	3,573	12,628	18,498
Des Moines (278)	3,850	28,264	80,010
East Polk County (38)	1,091	9,271	14,151
Fairfield (58)	1,558	10,140	21,934
Fort Madison (45)	111	131	6,720
Greater Des Moines (16)	0	4,798	5,189
Grinnell (37)	1,262	9,287	18,125
Indianola (57)	25	5,308	13,794
Iowa City AM (62)	8,427	4,941	16,875
Iowa City Dntown (19)	204	8,937	11,722
Iowa City (302)	3,270	31,871	76,214
Iowa Quad-Cities (40)	100	1,870	6,864
Jefferson (56)	1,857	10,321	24,452
Johnston (56)	40	3,375	5,430
Kalona (42)	400	1,590	4,390
Keokuk (68)	2,165	13,252	27,973
Keosauqua (23)	200	935	2,173
Knoxville (61)	60	4,422	7,267
Lenox (27)	189	463	1,612
Manning (19)	0	1,300	5,820
Marengo (11)	0	50	283
Marshalltown (157)	8,685	23,115	56,005
Mt. Pleasant Noon (55)	1,000	7,998	10,954
Mt. Pleasant (22)	1,120	4,986	10,638
Muscatine (99)	1,000	12,131	39,290
Nevada (73)	5,114	18,189	34,012
Newton (57)	1,842	6,858	25,976
North Scott (81)	1,400	13,262	36,993
NW Des Moines (43)	3,698	22,871	62,736
Osceola (30)	26	187	924
Oskaloosa (49)	2,000	8,851	13,300
Ottumwa (105)	270	4,935	19,389
Pella (28)	75	1,925	8,869
Perry (26)	0	1,661	3,036
Tipton (31)	750	4,645	6,101
Washington (52)	500	7,012	14,976
Waukee (63)	4,706	13,240	21,728
Wellman (38)	0	1,330	4,947
West Des Moines (76)	1,060	11,636	26,176
West Liberty (36)	270	9,013	15,391
West Polk County (30)	1,799	3,448	3,448
Winterset (27)	0	345	1,055
District contributions	769	9,235	73,125
Total (3,900)	\$ 110,299	\$ 515,190	\$ 1,440,003
DDF allocated by Governors			459,822
Total Polio Giving			\$1,899,825

Rotary  **END POLIO NOW**

Africa has gone **one year without a new polio case**. We are on the cusp of a polio-free world, but we aren't there yet.

Join us in the fight to **#endpolio**

endpolio.org



Polio: Who Has Gone

District 6000 Rotarians who have participated in polio immunizations. Please report any omissions to PDG Susan Herrick at s.herrick@mchsi.com.

Gary Pacha, India, 2000
Herb Wilson, India, 2002
Janice Wilson, Indian, 2002

Iowa City AM

Nancy Pacha, India, 2000
John Ockenfels, India, 2002
Pat Schnack, India, 2010

Adel

Willma Mitchell, Nigeria, 2011

Ankeny

Gary Welch, Nigeria, 2008
Pat Timmons, India, 2011

Boone

Kris Phillips, India, 2004
Kris Phillips, Nigeria, 2005
Susan Herrick, Nigeria, 2006

Chariton

Corliss Klaassen, India, 2004
Jeanne Klaassen, India, 2004
Corliss Klaassen, Nigeria, 2007
Jeanne Klaassen, Nigeria, 2007

Davenport

Dudley Hansen, India, 2000
Becky Eiting, India, 2000
Dan Foley, India, 2000, 2002
Bill Ashton, India, 2002
Bill Ashton, India, 2006
Maggie Delaney, Nigeria, 2010
Brock Earnhardt, Nigeria, 2010

Decatur County

Jack DePond, India, 2000
Loring Miller, India, 2000
Phyllis Miller, India, 2000
Loring Miller, Nigeria, 2007
Terry Geiger, Nigeria, 2010

Indianola

Jennifer Pfeifer-Malaney, Nigeria, 2008

Iowa City

Ray Muston, India, 2000

Jefferson

Henry Alliger, India, 2000
Anne Schwarkopf, India, 2000
Jacque Andrew, India, 2013

Keokuk

Tony Conn, India, 2012

Newton (now Rockford, Ill)

Jim Nelson, Nigeria, 2008

North Scott

Bill Tubbs, Nigeria, 2007
Bill Tubbs, India, 2012
John Maxwell, India, 2013

Northwest Des Moines

Diana Reed, Nigeria, 2007

Osceola

Julia Jenkins, Nigeria, 2008

Washington

Don Patterson, Nigeria, 2010

Wellman

Roger Borup, Nigeria, 2007

West Liberty

Jo Noble, Mexico, 1991
Ken Noble, Mexico, 1991
Jo Noble, Philippines, 1993
Ken Noble, Philippines, 1993
Jo Noble, Mexico, 1994
Ken Noble, Mexico, 1994

Sign up today for Rotary Leadership Institute training

By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

District 6000 RLI Chair

District 6000 will be holding its first ever RLI session in West Des Moines on Saturday, Oct. 24. We will be presenting Part 1 with the other two parts to be presented later. We are part of the Heartland Division formed by Rotary District 5650, southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska.

Who should attend RLI?

- New Rotarians who want to learn more about what Rotary is.
- Seasoned Rotarians who want to become more seasoned on

Rotary.

What is the cost?

Cost is \$85/session and we are encouraging clubs to seek interested Rotarians who want to participate and pay the registration fee for their members.

Where will it be held?

Shive-Hattery, Inc., 4125 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines.

How do I register?

Go to the following link: <http://www.rli-heartland.org/Register.aspx> and select Part 1 and continue with the registration.

The philosophy of RLI is, "Having leadership skills does not assure good Rotary leadership. An effective Rotary leader must ALSO have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is now and a vision of what it should be."

The success or failure of a Rotary club depends primarily on the quality of club leadership. RLI is a program to train and prepare future Rotary leaders for our clubs.

Consider attending this first ever session and learn more about this great organization of ours. If you have any questions, please call PDG Terry Geiger at (641) 442-5559 or send me an email at tjgeiger@grm.net.

Nominations accepted now for District Governor 2018-19

District 6000 invites clubs to nominate a past president for District Governor for the year 2018-2019. The Rotarian must be in good standing as a member of his or her club, have at least seven years of Rotary membership by the time he or she takes office as governor in 2018, commit to be available for Rotary district activities in preparation for the office, and be able to arrange his or her affairs for the time demands of the governorship.

Term of office for District Governor is a single year, but there will be additional training and experience in the years leading up to the year in office.

Nominating "official forms" have been sent to clubs. Clubs should identify a candidate, meet with the club board, adopt a resolution proposing the candidate, complete the Governor Nominee form which should be signed by the club secretary and the candidate, and mail the original data form to: Rotary District 6000, P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219.

Nominations must be received no later than Oct. 13, 2015. Candidate interviews are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 1. Candidates must be available on the scheduled date.

Questions? Nominating Committee chair PDG Susan Herrick, (515) 298-1536; email: s.herrick@mchsi.com; or DG Loring Miller, (641) 344-0105, or email miller2@grm.net.

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Iowa City Noon Rotary
1915-2015



Jody Braverman and Rotary Club of Iowa City president Thais Winkelblack with PDG Loring Miller and Phyllis invite Rotarians to "Rev It Up For Rotary" with a chance to win a Toyota Highlander SUV to help the club celebrate its centennial.

Photo by Jacque Andrew

Iowa City Centennial: 'Rev It Up For Rotary'

By AG Jody Braverman/Iowa City

Past Club President

The Rotary Club of Iowa City is celebrating its 100th Anniversary with a raffle to support libraries and local Rotary programs. The club is partnering with three local libraries to raise funds with a car raffle with the theme: "Win A Car – Help Support Libraries and Rotary."

Members of the Rotary Club of Iowa City and libraries in Coralville, Iowa City and North Liberty are selling raffle tickets. The prizes include:

- 2015 Toyota Highlander SUV all wheel drive;
- 7 Days in Winterpark, CO;
- 2 season tickets to University of Iowa Hawkeyes men's basketball games;
- 7 pints of David's Famous Custard per month shipped to you for 12 months;
- \$500 HyVee gift card;
- \$300 Brown Deer Golf Course gift card;
- \$100 Iowa City Downtown District gift card;

Tickets are \$25 each or 5 tickets for \$100.

Net proceeds will be split, with half going to the Iowa City Public Library, the Coralville Public Library and the North Liberty Community Library. The other half will go to local programming of the Rotary Club of Iowa City.

The drawing will be held on Thursday night, Nov. 5, at the 100th anniversary dinner of the Rotary Club of Iowa City. You need not be present to win.

Contact Jody Braverman at jtbraverman@yahoo.com or (319) 631-0416 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Rotary 100
Iowa City Noon Rotary
1915-2015

Purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win a car and other great prizes!
See reverse for details

Iowa City Noon Rotary
celebrating 100 years of community goodwill

Iowa and Xicotepec Rotaractors reach out in international service

By Joshua Laraby/Fairfield Rotaract

Three Rotaractors, Joshua Laraby from Fairfield, and Greta Doucette and Julia Julstrom-Agoyo from Iowa City, embarked on an advanced planning trip to Xicotepec, Mexico, from July 8-14, supported by District 6000's Xicotepec Project. The purpose of this trip was twofold: to establish an exchange between the Rotaract clubs in Iowa and Xicotepec and also to identify future service projects on which to collaborate.

Greta and Julia are repeat visitors to Xicotepec (Greta with Interact and with the University of Iowa, and Julia with the University of Iowa), so communication with the Rotaract Club of Xicotepec was made easier prior to the trip. Members of the Xicotepec Rotaract Club provided a thorough itinerary for the week, which included visiting schools, orphanages and communities in the area, attending the Rotary and Rotaract weekly meetings, as well as home hospitalities with Rotary families and cultural excursions.

Many of the schools that were visited were ones with an established relationship with either the Rotary or Rotaract clubs of Xicotepec. Rotaractors saw that previous projects such as a water purification plant installation at Cecam, and a special needs school, continued to serve the school well. The Rotaractors had the chance to interact with the students at the Marañon 1, a private school with limited funding, and hit piñatas with the kids at an orphanage which Greta and Julia had

both visited before.

At each site visit, the Iowa and Xicotepec Rotaractors, with a few able to translate, observed and asked questions about potential needs of each school or community while being led by a teacher or community member. Projects brainstormed ranged from painting rooms to replacing roofs to building a room to be used for a community



Julia (center front), Greta (right front), and Joshua (right back) with the Xicotepec Rotaract Club, and the new president of the Xicotepec Rotary Club after signing the agreement which establishes the newly formed Iowa-Xicotepec Rotaract Exchange.

Provided by Joshua Laraby

health clinic. Other proposed projects include reviving a student garden on the Universidad Tecnológica de Xicotepec de Juárez's campus and, in the future, possibly expanding on the idea of community gardens throughout Xicotepec.

The week's visits and conversations were reviewed at a final business meeting on the last day of the trip. Each site visit was discussed and a list of possible service projects was prioritized for each. The Iowa Rotaractors and the Xicotepec Rotaractors are in communication, following up on project cost estimates and rolling out a timeline to complete the proposed projects.

At the conclusion of the final business meeting, Xicotepec and Iowa Rotaractors each signed an official agreement written up by the Xicotepec

Rotaract Club affirming the establishment of an exchange between the two groups. The three Rotaractors from Iowa are very excited about the future of this relationship and are very thankful for the support of District 6000 in this undertaking.

Xicotepec: 'A fantastic international Rotary experience'

By Tom Narak/West Des Moines

D-6000 Xicotepec Project chair

Are you looking for a fantastic international Rotary experience?

Are you interested in becoming involved with a project alongside many others in a wonderful community in Mexico?

Are you interested in experiencing the Rotary motto of "Service before Self"?

Are you interested in helping to make this world a better place for children and families?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, then you will be excited to learn more about the Xicotepec Project. It is a collaborative project between the Rotary clubs of District 6000 in Iowa and the Rotary Club of Xicotepec de Juarez, Mexico.

The week for the 2016 Xicotepec project is Saturday, March 12 to Sunday, March 20. More information will be coming out this fall to all District 6000 Rotary clubs. The applications and related

information will be announced at that time, but anticipate that the applications will be available sometime in early October 2015 with a completed application sign-up due date later in November.

In late October a small group of Xicotepec Committee members will travel from Iowa to Xicotepec to begin planning with the Rotary Club of Xicotepec members for the 2016 project trip.

In closing, here is an observation from one of the high school team members from the 2015 project experience. Many other team members shared similar thoughts after reflecting on what the trip meant to them.

"Today, everyone claims that it will change your life, and so when people told me the Xicotepec trip would change my life, I expected it to be a huge exaggeration. I was wrong. This trip taught me that my passion for service is shared on an international level, and that this trip doesn't only affect the children that we helped, but that it has and will change my life as well."

Rotary Foundation manager John Osterlund will keynote Marshalltown Centennial celebration Oct. 19-20

By Carol Hibbs/Marshalltown

Club President

The Rotary Club of Marshalltown is observing its 100th Anniversary this year with a host of activities scheduled from July through December.

The 100th Anniversary celebration was officially kicked off at the July 7th club meeting. Club members previewed a 100th Anniversary video presentation highlighting the group's leadership, accomplishments and contributions to the community. All members received a special 100th Anniversary pin. They also received a business card that could be shared with prospective members (see below).

The Rotary Club of Marshalltown was officially organized with a charter membership of 60 businessmen on July 7, 1915. Local organizers had to apply a great deal of persistence to persuade the board of the International Rotary Association that a club could thrive in a city of fewer than 25,000 people. The club was officially chartered in October of 1915.

Several special anniversary observances are planned for October. The club will host a visit from Rotary International Foundation general manager John Osterlund Oct. 19-20. An evening reception is planned for Oct. 19 and Osterlund will present a program at the Oct. 20th meeting.

Also in October, there will be a mayoral proclamation and the local newspaper will publish a special anniversary tabloid highlighting 100 years of Rotary in Marshalltown. The anniversary celebration will culminate in December at the annual holiday party.

All club meetings during the 2015-2016 year include sharing a brief 100th Anniversary historical fact/story and each program presenter receives a special edition anniversary coffee mug. The new video, which features interviews from several past leaders of the Marshalltown Club, will also be used as part of the program for the fireside chats with new members.



John Osterlund



Interactors from Iowa City High School, Iowa City West High School and West Liberty High School gathered for a picnic on Aug. 16 in Iowa City to meet each other and exchange ideas before they start the new school year.

Start an Interact club and leave a legacy of leaders!

By Paul Seelau/North Scott and Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Interact co-chairs

Rotary has always been about leadership. Members are people active in their communities and businesses before becoming members of local clubs. Rotary members then channel their united abilities, expertise and knowledge of the community to better the lives of future generations. One way we strive to do this is through our programming for youth.

Leadership skills are developed, not necessarily innate. Such skills can be identified and fostered in Interact clubs in junior and senior high school. Members in these clubs work together in defining and developing outreach programs to support a need in their community or school or a larger geographic area around them.

Rotary clubs can and should initiate and foster the development of these clubs. Rotarians want good leaders; Interact can help in identifying such young people. These teens are hungry to be leaders, but can greatly benefit from the help and support of people found in Rotary.

RYLA is a next further step in the leadership process. It helps these young leaders to identify their personality type and how to work with others who are unlike themselves. Leading is as much about following as about moving a group forward. It expands the leaders' world view and they take this back to their schools and community. If there is no vehicle like Interact or Rotaract to share and further develop what they learned we are not doing all we can for these young leaders.

Rotary clubs! It is important that you work with students in your middle and high schools. These students are not always aware of what is out there to help them. "Service above Self" is a wonderful concept, but it needs our help to continue and grow, and helping to establish an Interact club is not an onerous task. Interact clubs are our way of leaving a legacy of trained leaders.

Contact the District Interact Committee to get the help you need to launch an Interact club in your community. There are countless benefits to the youth as well as to your Rotary club. Help mold the future. You are up to the challenge.

District Interact co-chairs Paul Seelau and Nancy Pacha can be reached at paul_seelau@hotmail.com and npacha@aol.com.



Rotary Club of Marshalltown Centennial business cards.

Rotary Scholar Dylan Clark studies search and rescue missions in the Canadian ...

ARCTIC

By Dylan Clark

D-6000 Rotary Scholar

Greetings from Montreal! A year ago, I moved from my longtime home of Iowa to Montreal, Quebec. As I reflect on all I have experienced and learned during the past year, I cannot be more grateful and proud to represent District 6000. The Rotary Global Grant sponsored by the district is providing funding for my studies at McGill University and for a community development project in Nunavut, Canada. This August marks the first of the two-year grant.

Last May I graduated from Iowa State University with a major in Global Resource Systems and Environmental Studies, and from the University of Iowa's Paramedic Specialist Program. Craving to learn more about public health, climate change and social inequality, I applied to work with Dr. James Ford – a prominent researcher on community vulnerability and adaptation – at the McGill Department of Geography. The department's masters curriculum is oriented around a student research project and thesis, whereby students take courses to prepare for fieldwork during their first year and complete research and a thesis during their second year. Given my supervisor's expertise and personal interests, my research focuses on injury and search and rescue among Inuit in the Canadian Arctic.

The Canadian Arctic has been a new geography for me. I spent much of my time at ISU focusing on health and development in East Africa, learning about food security through the eyes of a farmer, and thinking more about Middle East and African colonization than Arctic indigeneity. Needless to say, I began bolstering my Canadian, Arctic, and Inuit knowledge once my project began to fall into place. Though I am continuing to learn more about the geography and history daily, I thought I would share a bit about my experience (said with a Canadian accent) living in Montreal and working in the Arctic.

Montreal is a gorgeous city, though I may have cursed it on the briskest of mornings this past winter (it was one of coldest winters in recent record with an average temperature of 5 degrees for February). The greater Montreal area has a population of just over 4 million, with 57 percent of households speaking French as a first language and 19 percent English.

I have relished the diversity and constant buzz of activities and festivals to attend. Although a typical week consisted of 60 or 70 hours of work, I made time to take runs up Mont Royal, a large park in the middle of the city, go to local concerts, and have an occasional brunch with my Montreal friends. I am looking forward to having more flexibility this upcoming year and spending more time engaging in the community.

My Arctic work began in December with a quick trip up to the capital of Nunavut, Iqaluit. During the trip, I spoke with government officials associated with search and rescue and met with other health researchers. Most exciting, I was able to spend the winter solstice



Rotary Scholar Dylan Clark on a hunting trip near Arviat this summer. He has been selected as a National Geographic Young Explorer for the 2015-16 year – another prestigious agency which has recognized his work, making a difference in the world!

gazing up at Northern Lights!

The project I have developed is looking at the causes of search and rescue across the Territory, asking who is needing rescues, and what factors are causing the demand. Nunavut has about 30,000 residents, around 80 percent Inuit, and is expansive. If it were a country, it would be the 14th largest. Inuit depend on hunting caribou, whale, seal, walrus, narwhal and geese for food. Being on the land is also strongly associated with their identity and mental health. However, social, economic and climate dynamics are making it more dangerous to be out on the land. Search and rescue operations have been rising, with over 200 happening in 2013 across Nunavut.

I spent two months this past summer back in Nunavut working in the communities of Arviat and Whale Cove. The two communities sit on the northwestern shore of the Hudson Bay. While there, I spent time learning from hunters and elders, traveling on the land, and interviewing community members. I will be returning to the region this November and am told that I will see a lot of polar bear as they migrate through.

I look forward to coming back to Iowa to share more about my experience. Picture updates can also be found on my twitter @dylanG_clark.

Thank you for your support,
Dylan Clark
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Inbound Rotary Scholar from Japan will study at Iowa State University

By PDG Jim Patton (D-5970)/Ames

Haruna Hayakawa is an inbound Rotary Scholar at Iowa State University. She is an undergraduate student in "Event Management" with an emphasis in sports at ISU. She stayed with us for several days before she could occupy her residence hall room. Her sponsoring club is from Tokyo. She lives with her mother, who works part-time.

I picked her up at the Des Moines airport on Wednesday, Aug. 12. She checked in with the International Students Office and set up a checking account on Thursday. She accompanied us to a memorial service, saw our former home in Rockwell City and had a close-up view of wind generators on Friday. On Saturday she was able to receive her room key. She's now able to identify corn and soybean fields.

Diane spent time with her on Saturday shopping for room supplies and we gave her a guided tour of campus. Saturday evening we hosted Haruna and two other Japanese students at our home for grilled chicken. Sunday, we attended church and had lunch before she checked into her room. On Monday, Aug 17, she started several days of orientation.

She has good language skills, is extremely personable and has a goal of meeting many people. Both Ames Rotary clubs will be inviting her to attend meetings, volunteer events and social gatherings during the next few weeks.

Rotary and ISU can be very proud to have Haruna as a Rotary International Scholar.



Haruna Hayakawa is an enthusiastic rightfielder!

PETS leaders receive training in Evanston

Attendance a priority: March 10-12, 2016

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson
NCPETS Chair

Members of the North Central Presidents Elect Training (PETS) organizational team attended the annual meeting of the Multi-District PETS Alliance July 17-18 at RI Headquarters in Evanston, Ill.

About 75 attended the meeting, which provided an opportunity to learn from other multi-district PETS trainings while hearing from RI senior leaders, staff, licensed vendors and other speakers.

President-Elect John Germ, RI General Secretary John Hewko, and Rotary Foundation chair Ray Klingensmith delivered updates while panels and presentations were comprised of leaders of 17 different PETS organizations from throughout the U.S.

The NCPETS team took away many ideas to be shared with the whole committee to be implemented in upcoming PETS. The most important take-away was the need to build the importance of attending PETS into the culture of clubs. Fully preparing presidents-elect to lead their clubs translates into healthier, more vibrant clubs that are growing and active. DGE Chris Knapp encourages all District 6000 clubs to make attendance at PETS a priority and to get the March 10-12, 2016, dates on the calendars of the presidents-elect!



While at RI Headquarters, leaders of NCPETS posed with the bronze statue of Rotary founder Paul Harris. Representing NCPETS at PETS Alliance training July 17-18 in Evanston, Ill., were (l-r): DGE Chris Knapp and Vernetta, PDG Jacque Andrew (NCPETS general chair for 2017), PDG Gary Campbell (D5960 NCPETS general chair for 2018) and PDG Jill Olsen (D5970, NCPETS executive committee and Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator).



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Villagers building the water tank under the supervision of the general contractor. Photos provided by Mary Wells/Ames



School children fetching water for the first time in their village during the testing of the pump at the well.

Tanzania water project nears completion

Gerald Klonglan/Ames

D6000 Global Grants Committee

The focus of this article is the Rotary Foundation Humanitarian Global Grant to provide water system development in Kigogo Sub-village, Same (saw-may) District of the Kilimanjaro Region of Tanzania. The award was US\$249,363.

Key components of the grant include a major village needs assessment, a hydrology study by the Kilimanjaro Regional Water Board, electrical power to the village, drilling a bore hole, installing a water pump, building a pump house to be the control center for electricity and water system operations, building a large water storage tank, and villagers digging trenches for piping to the water tank and village water points; three major sustainability training programs: 1) Water management training for village leaders; 2) Training to create village water technologists; and 3) Water use training for all villagers.

The project also includes a three-phase community-wide impact assessment: before, 18 months after, and three years after; and assessing changes in water usage, education, health and economic development.

Project construction began in January 2015 with a completion

goal of November 2015.

The primary host sponsor for the global grant is the Rotary Club of Same. The primary international sponsor is the Rotary Club of Ames. Financing was provided by 10 local Rotary clubs in four districts: District 6000 (Ames, Ames Morning, Des Moines, Grinnell, Indianola, Newton and Pella); District 5300 (South Pasadena); District 5970 (Webster City, Iowa); and District 5960 (Hudson, Wisconsin). The project was also funded Rotary Foundation District Designated Funds from District 6000, many individuals from several different clubs in District 6000, the HyVee Foundation, and The Rotary Foundation World Fund.

The Water System Development Global Grant in Kigogo is the first of seven villages in the Same District identified in January 2013 by a Rotary Foundation International Project Enhancement Process (PEP) Team to be priority Rotary Global Grant project sites.

A second Rotary Foundation Global Grant for a Water System Development project in Masandare Village is now being prepared. If you or your club are interested in being an active international partner programmatically and/or financially in the Masandare Global Grant, or in the RFGG for the third village, Mhezi, please contact Gerald Klonglan, geraldk@isunet.net.



A meeting of the Kigogo Village Water Committee. The village will own the well and water system. The committee was elected by the villagers to manage the water system.



Villagers digging trenches for pipes from the water storage tank to distribution points in the village.



Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Rotary Club of Des Moines, West Des Moines, East Polk, Des Moines AM, Waukee, Greater Des Moines, Northwest Des Moines, Winterset and Jefferson packaged meals on July 15 for distribution to local food banks.

Rotarians package 50,000 Mac & Cheese meals

By Rick McNary/Des Moines

More than 250 Rotarians from nine Des Moines area Rotary clubs met to package 50,000 Mac & Cheese Outreach meals for Des Moines area food banks and food pantries. They met on Wednesday, July 15, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Outreach, Inc. warehouse at 7401 S. Hwy 69, Des Moines.

Janet Phipps, president of the Rotary Club of Des Moines said, "The Rotary Club of Des Moines is pleased to participate in the meal packing event at Outreach. This is a wonderful opportunity to join our fellow Rotary clubs to be a part of addressing the hunger needs of those both locally and abroad. Thank you to Outreach for its mission in providing safe water, food, medical care and education to those in need."

Kitte Noble, executive director of the Rotary Club of Des Moines said, "This is an ideal service event that engages all of our members in a festive way that fosters camaraderie. We get to interact with members from our club as well as other clubs. Most importantly, we practically help the hungry in our community by providing much needed meals."

Kyle McCormick, organizer of the event for the Rotary club said, "We had great participation and enthusiasm last year with over 250 people packaging meals. It was so powerful; we wanted to do it again. It's a great way for younger members of Rotary to mix our work/life balance by engaging our colleagues with simple opportunities to serve others with such positive impact on our community."

Outreach founder Floyd Hammer said, "The motto of Outreach is: Ending Hunger. Enriching Lives. We work with Rotary clubs all over the U.S. who engage their members and communities in the

fight against hunger. These events help Rotary members to help end hunger as well as enriching the lives of the people who package the meals and those who receive them."

John Ockenfels, Rotary District 6000 Past District Governor said, "Rotary International is a worldwide service organization with 1.2 million members who believe in the motto of 'Service Above Self.' The Rotary Club of Des Moines has done a remarkable job in creating a unique opportunity to collaborate with eight different clubs in their area. These clubs will provide the meals they package to local food banks and pantries who serve the hungry right in their own back yard."

Walt Githens, longtime member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines and currently a member of the International Service Committee, said, "This is our second year of packaging and, with the experience of last year under our belts, we are more excited this year. The power of this event demonstrates the Four-Way Test of every Rotarian: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

The Rotary Club of Des Moines and Rotary District 6000 has also been involved in assisting Outreach send over 3 million meals for relief to the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan, to Liberia for Ebola patients and their families, and to Nepal for victims of the earthquake.

If you would like to donate to help feed the hungry, call Outreach, Inc., (641) 486-2550. You can donate on our website: www.outreachprogram.org, text OUTREACH to (641) 243-4341, or mail a check to: Outreach, Inc., 301 Center Street, Union, IA 50258.



Keokuk Rotarians build park for children with special needs ...

The Rotary Club of Keokuk contributed volunteer service and \$10,000, including funds from a Rotary Foundation community grant, for a new swing set and music play station at Bentley's Playground in Tolmie Park. The idea was initiated by the Oddfellow organization who were guest speakers at Rotary. The club lent its support to the project that will benefit children with special needs. Keokuk Rotary donated the swing set and music play station. The grand opening of the Special Needs Playground was June 27.

Provided by Alka Khanolkar

Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team plans Guatemalan mission

By Deb Dunkase/Iowa City

D-6000 Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team co-chair

Hola Rotarians!

We're happy to announce that applications are now open for the 2016 Iowa MOST Mission to Guatemala.

Iowa MOST (Miles Of Smiles) brings hope and healing to Guatemalan children and adults who need cleft lip and palate surgeries. Our medical partners at the hospital in Huehuetenango work side by side with us each year to perform life changing surgical procedures.

This project partnership was started in 2006 with the local Huehuetenango Rotary club and annual trips have been made ever since.

The Iowa MOST 2016 Cleft Mission will take place Feb. 4-14,

comprised primarily of professional medical volunteer positions; as well as 2-4 non-medical volunteers. To apply, please visit <http://www.iowamost.org/apply>. Applications are due Sept. 15, 2015.

The Iowa MOST Project makes a real difference in the lives of many. Please consider lending your support with a donation to help children who are born with cleft deformities to find hope for a new life filled with miles of smiles. To make a tax-deductible donation, write checks payable to Rotary D6000 HEF, Inc. with Iowa MOST in the memo line. Please mail to: Treasurer, Iowa MOST, 303 Highland Drive, Iowa City, IA 52246.

Muchas Gracias!

Gary Pacha & Deb Dunkase, Iowa MOST co-chairs

FAMSCO adapts to provide supplies for Iowa MOST

By Karin Franklin/Iowa City AM

It is that time of year when Iowa MOST (Miles of Smiles Team) prepares for the next journey to Huehuetenango, Guatemala. 2016 will be the 11th year for this district project, which occupies a private hospital in Huehuetenango for one week to repair cleft lips and palates of kids in Guatemala. The majority of patients are indigenous Mayans from remote villages in the western Highlands.

This year Iowa MOST has been presented with some challenges and some opportunities. In the past, MOST and FAMSCO (the Fire & Medical Supply Company, another district project), have shared space in a donated warehouse. Supplies donated to FAMSCO have been used to replenish the supplies sent annually to Guatemala to support the surgeries. This year the warehouse is to be razed for future development of the property on which it sits. With the need to vacate the warehouse before all items were packed and ready for shipment, MOST scrambled to find some temporary storage.

However, as is the way with Rotary, a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Iowa City, Dean Moore, donated the use of one of the storage units he owns, and MOST again has a place in which to pack its supplies for next year. Everything will be packed and ready to

go by Oct. 1.

As noted, this is the 11th year for Iowa MOST and with the new decade comes new leadership. PDG Gary Pacha, a founder and team leader of MOST for its first decade, has stepped down to spend more time with grandkids and retire – for real. Deb Dunkase, a Rotarian from the Iowa City AM club, has agreed to step in as team leader. Deb is executive director of the Iowa Children's Museum and president-elect of the Iowa City AM club. Her 2015 trip with Iowa MOST sold her on the good work this project does. Deb brings energy, creativity and enthusiasm to her new leadership position.

In August of 2015, she and Gary and Nancy Pacha spent some time in Huehuetenango working with the local Rotarians to identify new ways for MOST to reach out to the people of Guatemala and improve their lives.

So as we gear up for 2016, there is a role for you as a District 6000 Rotarian.



Deb Dunkase

New ideas for Rotary from Canada!

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Service as the official representative of the Rotary International President at a District Conference is an honor for the individual Rotarian and spouse/partner but also provides an opportunity for sharing the experiences with her/his home district. Each year the RI president attends or sends an official representative (a past district governor) to each of the more than 530 District Conferences that are held throughout the world.

It was indeed a privilege for PDG Jacque Andrew (2013-14) and husband Jim to represent RI President Gary Huang and his wife Corinna at the District 5550 Conference, June 18-21, 2015, in Nipawin, Saskatchewan.

Covering a large geographical area, the district includes all of the Canadian province of Saskatchewan, all of Manitoba and western Ontario. Some of the 290 attendees drove as far as 12 hours to be present at the event, which included representation of 43 of the 47 clubs in the district. Under the leadership of District Governor Dr. Patricia Chernesky, the district's membership experienced a net increase of more than one member per club and a Rotary Foundation annual fund increase to a per capita giving of over \$100 per member.

During her official visits to the clubs, DG Pat sought input from the members about their preferences for conference. Many suggested breakout sessions, which were implemented; 12 different topics were offered with variety in content and format but all related to the conference theme of "Light Up Rotary with Health and Happiness." The conference venues accommodated the agenda well with the daytime plenary sessions and breakouts held in a small college and the evening banquets held in a conference center, both in Nipawin, the DG's home community, a resort area near Prince Albert National Park.

Opened with a colorful flag ceremony led by 17 long-term youth exchange students, the conference was honored that a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police carrying the Canadian flag and Chief Ian McKay of the Red Earth Cree Nation were distinguished participants. Attendees sang their own "Oh Canada" followed by a touching and strong rendition of the United States' national anthem, "Star Spangled Banner," in honor of the president's representative.

Among the "firsts" for a District 5550 conference were the incorporation of Inner Wheel as part of the event; another was a "hands on" literacy experience at a local elementary school which has partnered with the Rotary Club of Nipawin to improve reading skills over the past year. Conference attendees worked with the children at literacy-building stations and each child received a book to keep. Money raised by an entertaining and clever sergeant-at-arms was donated to the elementary school. The Ukrainian heritage of DG Pat was the focal point of the Friday evening entertainment featuring traditional foods, music and colorfully costumed and talented Ukrainian dancers.

Among the awards presented at the Saturday night gala dinner were the 75 year recognition of Fort Qu'Appelle's club charter; the prestigious Gold Award from the North American Youth Exchange Network (NAYEN); seven presidential citations and two clubs that achieved exemplary membership gains. An amazing 16 clubs in the

district received Shelter Box Hero Awards. To become a "Hero." clubs must commit to provide at least one box @ \$1,200 per year for three or more years or contribute at least three boxes @ \$3,600 over two years. Thirteen clubs contributed \$1,500 or more each to PolioPlus during the year and in literacy nine zone and 19 district awards were presented.

Another "first" was a unique aspect of the Memorial Service. Beside a photo of each deceased Rotarian, cards were placed on which attendees could write a message, a memory, story or recollection. These cards were presented to the family of the Rotarian. The

Memorial Service featured not only the pronouncing of each name but also a brief biography of the Rotary service of each.

Keynote speakers expanded and developed the theme speaking about nonviolent peacekeeping, a Rotary peace scholar from Brazil studying in Manitoba, a moving presentation on organ donation and the gift of life in addition to Chief McKay; Assistant Regional Rotary Coordinator PDG Al Bergsma and Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator PDG Eva Vida.

The responsibility of the president's representative at the conference is to convey information and friendship on behalf of RI President Gary; to thank Rotarians for their service and to inspire their continued growth as members and leaders as "join leaders, exchange ideas and take action." Through two major presentations, topic areas included President Gary's efforts to extend Rotary into China; the life-changing efforts made possible through the Rotary Foundation; the winning of the polio effort; setting and attaining goals to ensure club vibrancy; telling the Rotary stories that impact lives every day and the

importance of each Rotarian's opportunity through the "power of ONE" to open the door to our organization to others. PDG Jacque's experiences as a member of the Rotary Club of Jefferson, District 6000 project team member, NID participant, and district leader provided some of the illustrations for the speeches.

Of course, in preparation for the conference, much research was done about the district, its projects, foundation and membership statistics and many other details that tell the story of the district... homework necessary and appreciated by the DG and conference attendees. Taking time to know the district is very important to the assignment and reporting back to RI. While the necessary arrangements by RI and "matching" of president's representatives and their assignments is mind-boggling, the result in this case was amazingly on target. Jim and Jacque felt very much at home in District 5550, especially since they had traveled through most of it on their honeymoon in 1978. While at the conference, they connected with Rotarians from Winnipeg, Man and Kenora, Ont, and got updated on their favorite spots there. They also had a "Rotary makes our world very small" experience as members of the India NID in which Jacque participated also attended the conference as members of a Manitoba club. cap off the weekend, DG Pat and her husband, Fred, hosted a house boat dinner cruise for their children, toddler grandchildren, RI Rep aides PDG Wayne and Carol Claypool, Jim and Jacque on the Saskatchewan River as a thank you. Truly gracious Rotarian hospitality. Jacque and Jim are grateful for the opportunity to have served Rotary in this way!



PDG Jacque Andrew (r) was the RI Official Representative to the District 5550 District Conference, June 18-21, in Nipawin, Saskatchewan. She is pictured with DG Pat Chernesky and a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable who carried the Canadian flag in the opening ceremony.



The lodge at Eagle Point Park in Clinton was a WPA project from the 1930s and overlooks the widest spot on the Mississippi.

Clinton Rotarians launch lodge restoration project

On July 1, District Governor Loring Miller and district leaders joined Clinton Rotarians for the ribbon cutting to launched their \$1 million renovation of the historic lodge at Eagle Point Park, overlooking the Mississippi River at its widest point on the Upper Mississippi. As of July 1, \$654,000 had been received or pledged. The goal is to finish the project and have it paid off within 2-3 years.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



District leaders (l-r) Wayne Steen of West Liberty, Joanne and DGN Mike Ruby of Muscatine and DGE Chris Knapp and Vernetta of Iowa City AM (at right), with Clinton Rotary club president Jim Dobbyn and his wife, Debra.



Clinton Rotarian Kellie Hillis helped prepare a collection of historical memorabilia that was on display at the Eagle Point Lodge.

It's picnic time for Ankeny Rotarians

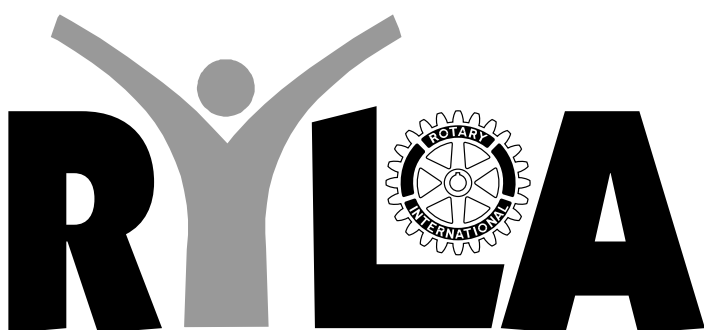
More than 50 Rotarians and guests attended the second annual Ankeny Rotary picnic on Aug. 11 at Sunrise Park. Thank you to the evening club members for making the arrangements for this event. In particular, thank you to Steve Wieneke and Kristofer Orth for grilling, and to Ray Crammond and Stacy Koeppen for additional supplies and arrangements. Also, thank you to Tim Cox for the sound system and music. Damon Miller, club president, claimed to be responsible for the beautiful weather." Provided by Jody Savage





There's a lot of energy in the room when the students rally together at the evening plenaries.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



■ 221 students from across Iowa have life-changing experiences

By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny

D-6000 RYLA chair

You are amazing. Last year we had 172 students attend RYLA, and planned for an increase to 216 for 2015. This year we had 243 applications with 221 attending. The growth has been explosive and it is all due to your efforts to change the lives of your youth. We will cap it at 240 students for 2016. Therefore, you will need to get your students selected and submitted early. If you do not, then they may miss an opportunity of a lifetime.

You might think that a week is a long time, but it passes very

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The RYLA leadership team (l-r): Thomas Woodruff of Ames, co-head counselor; PDG Gary Welch of Ankeny, RYLA chair; Linda Nudd of Bellevue, RYLA chair-elect; David Kutter of Cedar Rapids, past chair; and Abbie Fangman of Dubuque, co-head counselor. Provided by Gary Welch



In the evening sessions, students, facilitated by a former RYLarian team leader, discuss activities of the day. Photo by Bill Tubbs



The Rotary volunteers and youth counselors for the week-long RYLA conference came together in June for training.

RYLA: Students didn't want to leave on Friday!

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quickly and we have difficulty getting the students (RYLArians) to leave on Friday. As I watch them on FaceBook, email and other social media, they continue to support each other and use the training and experiences that they received at RYLA. So many indicate that RYLA was their “best experience yet,” that it “changed their lives,” and they often cannot believe the amount of change that takes place within the week.

There is self-discovery, how to work as a team, and to practice leadership skills and empowerment. We help them to understand that the past does not determine their future. The most powerful tool that they have available is “themselves” and their ability to make thoughtful “choices.” We want them to become "servant leaders."

Our Mission Statement is: *“We believe that leadership is a skill that can be learned and practiced and must be applied to have worth. We strive to improve judgment, personal responsibility, and awareness of key leadership traits, group needs, and the needs of the world. We value integrity, accountability and humility in our leaders. Through personal interaction and firm teaching, we accomplish our mission of bettering the young leaders in our region.”*

When the returning students give you their required presentation

of their RYLA experience to your club, you will have some sense of the powerful impact RYLA has on their lives far into the future. If you believe in our youth, you need to give the students the entire program time of at least 20 minutes. Out of respect for them they should not be expected to share with other presenters. These youth are our future and we need to give them our best.

I believe that there is nothing more important than what we do for others, especially, our YOUTH. If you are not involved with the students, then you are cheating them and yourself. RYLA is just one important step in their journey in developing into servant leaders. It is up to you to engage them in your club and community, and continue teaching them leadership skill and self-development.

If you are not sending students to RYLA because you are too busy, then you are not a Rotarian. You are simply a RINO (Rotarian in Name Only) who shows up for lunch to have a social time with friends, but you are missing an opportunity to make a difference in your community or the world.

Our goal at RYLA it that the RYLArians truly become a “Gift to the World.” What are you doing?

If you have any questions or comments please contact PDG Gary Welch at: gwelch3002@msn.com or (515) 419-3707.



Two of the several activities that required participants to work together as a team and learn leadership skills.

Volunteers key to RYLA's success; sign up for 2016

By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny

D-6000 RYLA chair

On Aug. 8 we met to begin the process for RYLA next July 2016. It is a continuous year-around planning process to get ready for RYLA. We spend thousands of hours working to make RYLA the best possible experience for your youth.

The one thing we need is Rotary volunteers to make RYLA possible. We will need at least 20 volunteers for 2016. We will provide RYLA training on Saturday, June 18, 2016, at Grinnell College. The RYLA Conference is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 16 through Friday, July 22, 2016, at Grinnell College. Once this is confirmed we will let you know.

We had new volunteers this year who had an up close and personal experience with the RYLA magic. Of the 20 volunteers, 14 are from D6000 with six from D5970. For those who have not been through the experience, the most difficult thing is to explain the impact that RYLA has, and what it does for both the youth and volunteers. Being gone for a week is a huge commitment of your time and energy. You will be exhausted by the end of the week, but will know that you made a difference in the youth's lives. Think of RYLA as a cruise. You get to see the sun rise each day, play all day with 240-plus of your closest friends, and have meals provided with private accommodations. What more could you want?

Applications for volunteers will be available at iowaryla.org website in February 2016. Since we are working with youth, Rotary requires you to pass a background check and attend the training in June. You must be there for the entire week of RYLA in July since it becomes a very personal experience and it takes time to build trust.

We place the students in teams of 12 students, one youth counselor and one volunteer. Your purpose is to provide support to the students and counselor (who leads the team). Your experience and wisdom is a critical part of your role. You have experienced life and can give these young people a perspective that they do not have. Life sometimes sucks, but can be an interesting journey. We are all screwed up, but that is what makes us unique.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at gwelch3002@msn.com or (515) 419-3707.



RYLA volunteers in 2015-16 were, front (l-r): Marlyn Rietveld-Ebbers (Pel-la), Carolyn Jons (Ames Morning), Catherine Hahn (Muscatine), Barb Gannon (Johnston), Rochelle Naylor (Cedar Rapids), and Mike Babcock (New Hampton). Back: Mark McAndrew (NW Des Moines), PDG Susan Herrick (Boone), Dick Rasmussen (Waukee), Elizabeth Kutter (Cedar Rapids), Vernetta Knapp (Iowa City AM), Mary Shepard (Cedar Falls), Paul Seelau (North Scott), PDG Gary Welch (Ankeny), Linda Nudd (Dubuque), DGE Chris Knapp (Iowa City AM), David Kutter (Cedar Rapids), Lee Holmes (Waukee), Charles Jons (Ames Morning), and T. Waldmann-Williams (Knoxville).

Provided by

'Don't anticipate, just participate'

By Cyd Dyer/Indianola

Club RYLA chair

Four juniors-to-be at Indianola High School gave an enthusiastic presentation at the Rotary Club of Indianola after their time at RYLA 2015. This is the third year the club has sent students. Each year, more great students apply and Indianola has increased the number of student scholarships available.

"RYLA is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that is truly life changing in every way," says Nick Battles. "Whether it be the improvement of judgment, personal responsibility, and awareness of key leadership traits, group needs, and the needs of the world, the week-long conference quickly became the best week of my life yet."

All four students said it was awkward at first, not knowing many students, but by the end of the week they did not want to leave. They appreciated the "leave your cell phone in your room" policy and the fact that they were not given an itinerary for each day.

The RYLA mantra, "Don't anticipate, just participate," let them be in the moment and learn from each activity as it unfolded.

Tia Hancock and Thomas Marciano mentioned that being a leader is more than leading; it is leading together with others. Thomas said it was "magic" and Tia loved how the groups grew close and friendships

were quickly made. Julia Comer enjoying learning about differing forms of leadership in herself and others.

Nick goes on, "In addition to the emphasis on service above self and the world of



Indianola RYLA students (l-r): Thomas Marciano, Nick Battles, Julia Comer and Tia Hancock.

Rotary, several speakers changed our perspectives, lifelong friendships were formed and wisdom on every level was gained."

Several expressed interest in applying to be a RYLA counselor next year. This is taking to heart another RYLA mantra: "If it is to be, it is up to me." A big thanks to District Governor-Elect Chris Knapp and his wife Vernetta for attending our Aug. 14 meeting and to District 6000 for making this amazing leadership opportunity again a reality.

Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(Members: Jul 13/Jul 14)	14-15 Goal	Thru 6-30-15	% of Goal	Per capita
Adel (26/27)	\$ 3,000	2,330	78	\$ 80.34
Albia (24/30)	1,200	1,075	90	35.83
Ames Morning (54/56)	7,680	12,147	158	216.91
Ames (235/232)	38,500	26,380	101	113.71
Ankeny (66/61)	10,500	10,380	99	170.16
Atlantic (55/56)	5,050	3,212	64	57.36
Bettendorf (101/107)	15,750	14,568	92	136.15
Bloomfield (11/11)	1,200	125	10	11.36
Boone (47/45)	7,000	6,600	94	146.67
Burlington (77/75)	5,250	5,500	106	74.00
Carroll (50/45)	13,700	3,025	22	67.22
Centerville (48/50)	3,600	5,710	159	114.20
Chariton (49/50)	5,200	5,950	114	119.00
Clinton (112/103)	12,575	9,223	73	89.54
Coon Rapids (31/27)	1,496	1,400	94	51.85
Coralville-North Corridor (19/17)	2,000	1,900	95	111.76
Corning (43/36)	1,700	1,507	89	41.86
Corydon (21/21)	300	200	67	9.52
Creston (19/23)	200	100	50	4.35
Dallas Center (26/27)	2,700	10	0	.37
Davenport (123/120)	13,030	17,104	131	142.53
Decatur County (25/26)	5,000	6,225	125	239.42
Des Moines AM (153/160)	11,520	12,600	109	78.75
Des Moines (278/278)	21,500	27,005	126	97.14
East Polk County (37/38)	2,812	2,425	86	63.82
Fairfield (63/58)	7,150	7,867	110	135.64
Fort Madison (42/45)	3,040	5,398	178	119.96
Greater Des Moines (19/16)	4,700	0	0	0
Grinnell (36/37)	4,000	3,100	78	83.78
Indianola (55/57)	4,700	4,534	96	79.54
Iowa City AM (57/62)	13,800	14,494	105	233.77
Iowa City Downtown (19/19)	1,700	2,969	175	156.26
Iowa City (304/302)	63,000	39,945	63	132.27
Iowa Quad-Cities (44/40)	3,406	2,915	86	72.88
Jefferson (55/56)	8,500	6,336	75	113.14
Johnston (51/56)	4,100	3,150	77	56.25
Kalona (39/42)	2,600	3,000	115	71.43
Keokuk (77/68)	4,762	4,638	97	68.21
Keosauqua (21/23)	1,210	1,208	100	52.52
Knoxville (59/61)	5,000	5,625	113	92.21
Lenox (27/27)	2,522	3,157	125	116.91
Manning (19/19)	1,400	0	0	0
Marengo (12/11)	110	140	127	12.73
Marshalltown (157/157)	10,000	9,700	97	61.78
Mount Pleasant Noon (58/55)	2,200	2,953	134	53.69
Mount Pleasant (25/22)	2,200	725	33	32.95
Muscatine (112/99)	7,000	10,275	147	103.79
Nevada (69/73)	9,400	8,950	95	122.60
Newton (65/57)	6,500	4,100	63	71.93
North Scott (81/81)	11,004	12,948	118	159.85
Northwest Des Moines (41/43)	7,500	8,380	112	194.88
Osceola (31/30)	2,095	864	41	28.80
Oskaloosa (53/49)	3,200	2,741	86	55.95
Ottumwa (104/105)	10,000	11,975	120	114.05
Pella (27/28)	3,800	3,400	89	121.43
Perry (29/26)	810	0	0	0
Tipton (30/31)	2,000	2,420	121	78.06
Washington (48/52)	5,200	5,200	100	100.00
Waukee (52/63)	5,900	7,285	123	115.63
Wellman (37/38)	2,500	3,715	149	97.76
West Des Moines (76/76)	14,500	5,350	37	70.39
West Liberty (39/36)	9,600	12,265	128	340.69
West Polk County (23/30)	1,020	2,820	276	94.00
Winterset (30/27)	1,500	1,550	103	57.41
District Contributions	-	2,622	-	-
Total (3,900)	\$ 446,092	\$ 407,966	94.09	\$ 104.61

Foundation news

Annual Fund was \$403,759 last year with giving from 3,229 Rotarians

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty

D-6000 Rotary Foundation Fundraising

Rotary Foundation giving in Rotary year 2015-16 was accomplished by 8,039 separate gifts from 3,229 Rotarians in District 6000.

There were 7,020 separate gifts by Rotarians to the Annual Fund for a total of \$403,759.

The total PolioPlus donations were \$110,099 in 809 separate gifts.

The Endowment Fund received \$53,234 from six different individuals.

There were 179 separate transactions for Global Grants that include corporations, churches, clubs and Rotarians for a total of \$199,574.

There was a single gift of \$1,000 by one Rotarian to the focus group Maternal and Child Health.

There were two gifts to Miles to End Polio for \$200.

There was one gift to the Focus group of Peace and Conflict Prevention for \$250.

There were four separate gifts to Water and Sanitation focus group for \$220.

Club leaders are urged to view your club's giving as reported from RI on the table at left, and to set goals for 2015-16 that are specific, challenging, realistic, attainable and measurable.



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.

Foundation support essential

By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur Co.
D-6000 Rotary Foundation Chair

The Rotary Foundation is our major key in doing the many great projects we do to change lives in our communities and around the world. There are a number of ways to give to the Foundation and they are all important for our success.

The **ENDOWMENT FUND** ensures the long-term viability of the Foundation's grants and programs. Earnings from the endowment fund can be used to expand existing activities and should the donor choose, half of those earnings can come directly back to District 6000 to use as we choose. We encourage donors to check the SHARE box when they give to this fund.

POLIO PLUS is another vehicle of giving as Rotary continues this important fight to eradicate this dreaded disease. We are asking clubs to continue to support this program through their gifts because we are truly "This Close" to finishing the job. We have worked too long and too hard to stop now.

The **ANNUAL FUND** is the most important key to funding current Rotary activities. For every dollar you give to the Annual Fund, in three years half of it is made available to the district so we can continue

funding Global Grants, Vocational training Teams, Scholarships, and also Community Service Grants (at right). With these monies, we can do our part in making life better in our communities and other communities around the world.

This past Rotary year, our Annual Fund giving was down from our goal and down from recent years. What this will do is reduce the amount of funds we have to work with in the district three years from now. District Governor Loring Miller is asking all Rotarians to give something to the annual fund, whether it is a dollar or a thousand dollars. That is what EREY is, Every Rotarian Every Year. Please give what you are able.

I do want to end by saying thank you to all who have given and whatever amount you have given to any of the funds. As I said, all are important to the mission of The Rotary Foundation (lower right, previous page).

The Foundation is a not for profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotary members and friends of the Foundation who share the vision of a better world. This support is essential to make possible projects, funded with foundation grants that bring sustainable improvement to communities in need."

Support Paul Harris Society!

By PDG Corliss Klaassen/Chariton
D-6000 Paul Harris Society chair

The Paul Harris Society was created in 1999 by PDG Wayne Cusick from District 5340 in the San Diego, Calif., area. He realized that giving \$1,000 annually to the Foundation was not possible for every Rotarian, but many could be encouraged to contribute at this level and above. This idea gained momentum and quickly spread to other districts throughout the world.

PDG Bill Tubbs heard about this in 2004 when we attended the International Assembly in Anaheim, Calif, and introduced it to District 6000. In July 2013, the Trustees adopted the Paul Harris Society as an official recognition program of The Rotary Foundation.

Paul Harris Society members bring positive change to communities around the world. In any given year, fewer than 3 percent of Rotary Foundation donors contribute at the Paul Harris Society level or above, yet their contributions represent approximately 35 percent of all annual giving. As Rotary Foundation grants and activities are largely funded by Annual Fund Contributions, Paul Harris Society members help determine how

many individuals, families and communities Rotary can impact each year.

That first year (2004-05) District 6000 had 24 Rotarians pledge to give \$1,000 annually. Currently we have 66 Rotarians who have signed the pledge. Last year we had 25 Rotarians who contributed \$1,000 but had not signed up and they are classified as "Paul Harris Society Eligible."

If you are interested in becoming a PHS member, we need you to sign a pledge card. In turn you will receive a PHS Membership Certificate with a wearable recognition insignia. To learn more, contact PDG Corliss Klaassen at: corlissk@mediacommb.net, or (641) 203-2896.



Ankeny president Damon Miller (l), with new Paul Harris Society members on Aug. 24 (l-r): Nate Burnham, Zane Smith and Steve Schrader Bachar

Coats project continued; grants awarded

By Doug Flournoy/Fairfield
D-6000 Community Service Grants

The District 6000 Community Grants Committee met on Aug. 9 to review Community Service Grant applications and to make award recommendations. These recommendations were received by the District Rotary Foundation Committee the same day.

Below are the award recommendations that will be included in the District Grant Spending Plan that must be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for final approval. Following approval, the award money will be made available to the district and will subsequently be distributed to clubs. Please be patient, as this process may take up to several months.

Grants

Decatur County 1: Jefferson Highway Memorial Monument.....	\$ 4,000
Fairfield: High School LED Lighting.....	5,000
Bettendorf: Bicycle Rack	1,000
Wellman: Soccer Field Improvements.	1,875
Centerville: North Park Playground Equipment Project	5,000
Osceloa: Trail Workstation Project	2,000
Northwest Des Moines: Urbandale Children's Literacy Project.....	2,500
Manning: Racquetball Court Replacement and Renovation	2,500
Coralville North-Corridor: Dictionary Project.....	875
Oskaloosa: Rotary Gateway Trailhead Signage	3,905
North Scott: Fillmore Elementary School Trauma Room	1,000
Decatur County 2: Masonic Park Playground	1,000
Ames: Human Trafficking in Central Iowa: How You Can Be Part of the Solution	5,000
Ottumwa: Rotary Centennial Gardens II.....	5,000
Mt. Pleasant: Continued Implementation of Math Support.....	800
Ames Morning: Building Capacity of Story County Communities to Improve Early Literacy: Mobile Resources.....	5,000
Burlington: Books for Burlington Schools	3,486
Chariton: Adult Technology and Employment Literacy Stations.....	2,987
Des Moines AM: Music and Memories	2,000
Iowa City AM: Play to Learn!	5,000
Nevada: Stove Top Fire Stop.....	1,500
East Polk: Educational Enhancement Rotary Project.....	3,000
Grinnell: Station Clubhouse Train Rec Center.....	3,000
Tipton: Tipton Ambulance Service Equipment Upgrade	2,499
District 6000: Operation Warm Coats For Kids	35,610
Total Funds Awarded	\$ 106,836



Fun and service at the State Fair!

Two first timers to the Iowa State Fair from different countries had a fun day. If you are able to try different foods, enjoy all kinds of entertainment and rides, plus be able to help the less fortunate all in one day – consider it a good day! Pictured here are Peggy Geiger of the Rotary Club of Decatur County, Catalina Meszaros, D6000 visitor from Chile, Rotary Youth Exchange student Petra Kolem-busova from Slovakia, and PDG Terry Geiger. "Ending Hunger, Enriching Lives" was on the Outreach banner (below). It was a rewarding first-time experience for our two young visitors.

Provided by Peggy Geiger



Waukee 'Outreach' volunteers ...

The Rotary Club of Waukee joined other Des Moines area Rotary clubs for the Outreach Meal Packaging event in Des Moines on July 15 (see p. 13). Waukee Rotarians included (l-r): Tim Moerman, David Driscoll, Michael Morman, Matthew Corwin, Erna Morain, Ben Chiochon and PDG Andrew of Jefferson.

Provided by Mark Heffernan

Service Above Self: Even after death

By DGN Mike Ruby/Muscatine

District Rotary Foundation Endowment Committee

Periodically my wife, Jo Anne, and I have “the talk,” discussing estate planning. Oftentimes it’s just casual dinner conversation as we look to the future. A few years ago we knew it was time to again update our will since it had been at least ten years since the last revision. Yes, some changes were made but we remained steadfast in our commitment to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). One of the best financial decisions we’ve ever made was to become Bequest Society Members with TRF several years ago.

We want to include our family, church, and favorite charities in our estate planning. It is difficult to find a charity that is more committed to serving others than The

Rotary Foundation. We are strong believers in Rotary’s Service Above Self motto and we want to carry out that motto long after we are deceased.

Have 'the talk' with loved ones and give serious consideration to including The Rotary Foundation in your estate planning. You can be a vital part of Rotary's Humanity in Motion even after death.'

Charity Navigators gives The Rotary Foundation stellar accolades, consistently ranking TRF at the very top regarding the ratio of overhead and administrative expenses in relation to the millions of dollars that are spent each year to make our world a better place. The favorable endorsement of Charity

Navigators had a huge impact on our personal decision to become Bequest Society Members.

Have you given serious thought to what kind of legacy you want to leave? You have a fantastic opportunity to put your dollars to work in perpetuity to change the lives of others. You can be a vital part of Rotary’s Humanity in Motion efforts to provide clean water, maternal care, education, vocational training, fighting disease, helping third world economies, and promoting peace long after you have departed this earth.

The opportunity is knocking at your door and the process is very simple. You can be a Rotary Foundation Benefactor for as little as including \$1,000 in your estate, or a Bequest Society member for committing a minimum of \$10,000 of your estate. You are in the driver’s seat of how these can be funded, including making TRF a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

Be assured the return on the investment you make is priceless. By your kindness and generosity you can be instrumental in changing our world. Have “the talk” with loved ones and give serious consideration to including The Rotary Foundation in your estate planning.

For more information, please contact me. Mike Ruby, District Governor Nominee: rubys@machlink.com; ph. (563) 264-5417.

Rotary Core Values

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

WE RISE

Des Moines project's goal is empowerment of women and sustainable agriculture

By Rick McNary/Des Moines

Club International Service Committee

The Rotary Club of Des Moines (RCDM) is partnering with the Iowa-based nonprofit, Outreach, Inc., to fund a scientific in Tanzania, East Africa.

Project WE RISE – Women Engaging Research to Insure a Sustainable Economy – will provide Rotarians opportunities to volunteer in the U.S. and in Tanzania. The project will also engage Rotary clubs in Tanzania.

WE RISE is a research-based project that will provide information to create greater economic and educational opportunities for empowerment of women farmers in Tanzania. Drs. Deborah Ann Turner, M.D., and anthropologist Dr. Elizabeth Richey, of Des Moines, will oversee the project. They will use the WEAI (Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index) of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Leslie Shaffer, regional executive for Red Cross and vice-chair of the RCDM International Service Committee said, "The Rotary Club of Des Moines' International Service Committee is pleased to lend support to this effort. The proposed needs assessment will surely provide valuable information directly from women in Tanzania that can inform future empowerment projects. This project is one of three for which the committee has provided partial support over this next year."

Survey information will be drawn directly from the targeted population; it will be more valuable in strategic planning. The empowerment of Tanzanian women will benefit the health and well-being of their families and their communities.

Agricultural production

It has been projected that agricultural production must increase 75 percent in the next 35 years to feed the world's population of 9 billion by the year 2050. In order to do that, smallholder farmers – especially women who represent over 50 percent of farmers in the world – are the wisest investment of education for agribusiness development.

Rotarians Floyd Hammer and Kathy Hamilton, founders of Outreach, Inc., based in Union and Des Moines, Iowa, also direct the work of the Outreach International, a nongovernmental organization in Tanzania.

Approximately two years ago, Floyd and Kathy partnered with Tanzanian Regional Commissioner, Dr P.V. Kone, to acquire the 8,000-acre Shallom Farm in the Tanga Region. The farm was originally part of the National Ranch so there were no people living on the land who were displaced. However, there are two villages just outside the border of the farm. The focus of this project will be the residents of Mainga village.

The vision for Shallom Farm is to develop a research-based demonstration farm that will serve as a nucleus farm to provide environmental improvement, educational opportunities, and for-



The Rotary Club of Des Moines project aims to empower women in Tanzania to increase agricultural production.

Provided by Rick McNary

profit agribusiness development.

The WE RISE Project will be able to engage Rotary volunteers in the U.S. as well as Rotary volunteers in Tanzania in the survey's preparation, execution, and analysis. Out of that analysis, a strategic plan will develop for the combination of research projects that lead to agribusiness development, improved health care, and targeted education programs.

The project offers both short-term and long-term opportunities for a Rotary and Outreach partnership to create solutions to provide for-profit agribusiness and education for rural smallholder farmers who want and need opportunities for economic advancement and educational development. The project will create social impact that can be quantified and qualified through continued monitoring and evaluation.

Most importantly, the WE RISE Project will provide a pathway to sustainable development which will result in greater economic opportunity, food security, environmental enhancement and education for some of the poorest people on earth.

For more information, contact Outreach's VP of International Programs, Dr. Deborah Ann Turner: DrTurner@outreachprogram.org, or phone (515) 710-6168.

Rotary Is Engaged: 'THE MOST VIRTUOUS WAR IS THE WAR AGAINST WAR'



– Paul P. Harris, Founder of Rotary



These words from Rotary founder Paul Harris were the title of the keynote speech of Nobel Peace Prize winner Oscar Arias, the former president of Costa Rica, at the Rotary International Convention June 8 at the Anhembi Palace, São Paulo, Brazil. With assistance from David Alexander, director of communications for Rotary International, District 6000 procured the script of Arias' speech. – BT

against war.” This is a battle cry for all of us. We have all enlisted in that effort to avert conflict and build peace. But for an organization as broad as Rotary International, and for global citizens around the world, what does the war against war really look like? How is it waged? Where are its battlefields? Who are its soldiers? And, most importantly of all, how can this war be won?

My Friends:

It is a wonderful thing when life continues to surprise and to amaze us. Here I stand, a citizen of a small country in Central America, and a visitor to vast and vibrant Brazil. Here I stand, looking out at thousands upon thousands of leaders and scholars and movers and shakers from around the globe. Here I stand, a man from San José, Costa Rica, about to quote the writings of a man from Wisconsin who went on to change the world. I can think of only one organization that could bring about such an eclectic and international situation, in an environment of friendship and fellowship. There is no doubt about it. This is Rotary International.

Addressing this extraordinary audience is a once in a lifetime privilege, for which I am deeply grateful to President Gary Huang and Trustee Chair John Kenny for inviting me to be here today, as well as Past Trustee Carolyn Jones who has supported me during my visit. Of course, speaking to an audience like this one is also a challenge. I cannot remember ever addressing such a large and diverse crowd of people all united by a mission to make the world a better and more peaceful place. Over the course of my career, I have met with groups of students, educators, entrepreneurs, politicians and civil leaders, seeking peace in countries and regions all over the planet – but I cannot remember a time when I met with all of those categories at once.

That man from Wisconsin I mentioned, your Founder, Paul P. Harris, memorably wrote that “the most virtuous war is the war



Nobel Peace Prize winner Oscar Arias, at left, with Zones 28-29 RI Director Jennifer Jones (second from right) and her husband, Nicholas Krayacich, at the RI Convention in Brazil.

I have spent the better part of my life trying to find answers to these questions. While I cannot say I have finished the task, I have learned this: that the war against war must seek much more than an end to violence. The laying down of arms is just a single battle. To achieve real peace, lasting peace, we must also win much broader victories.

The war against war is a war against poverty – for, in the words of Mahatma Gandhi, “There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.” As long as this situation endures, the desperation of poverty will always drive good people into conflict and provide fertile ground for dangerous movements around the world.

The war against war is a war against environmental destruction – for if humankind has been willing to kill over money and land, we cannot hope to avoid conflict

over resources that are necessary for life, such as clean water. We must recognize the link between conservation and security, change our international aid structures to reward countries that protect their natural resources, and lobby until the world’s most powerful nations provide the leadership we need to combat climate change and end our war on nature.

The war against war is a war against indifference – for no other word than indifference can describe a world that spends its riches on weapons and leaves its children without sufficient food, or safe water, or basic medical treatment. In 1961, John F. Kennedy said that for the first time in history, “man holds in his mortal hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty and all forms of hu-

man life.” Fifty-four years later, we are still following the wrong priorities. We are investing in the abolition of life, rather than in the alleviation of misery.

The war against war is a war against ignorance – for no other word than ignorance can describe the pervasive attitude that a wealthy country can escape the suffering of other nations. To paraphrase former British Prime Minister Clement Atlee, we cannot sustain a paradise within our borders if there is an inferno beyond them. Poverty needs no passport to travel. It travels in the form of immigrants crossing border walls in Texas or California, or the Mediterranean Sea, in search of a better life. It travels in the form of terrorist attacks and the formation of terrorist organizations. It manifests itself in thousands of dangerous ways, but we will never defeat those manifestations until we accept that they are only symptoms of a deeper problem. We will never achieve security for our own people until we achieve security for all people.

This war against poverty, against environmental destruction, against indifference and ignorance, and against the countless other threats to peace, is the largest struggle in human history. Its battlefield is our entire planet. To win it, we need millions of champions of peace – because, terrible as it may seem, the forces with an interest in maintaining the status quo are powerful indeed.

I know those forces are powerful, because I have dedicated most of my life to struggling against them. To be precise, I have come up against those forces during two major battles in my career. One was a sprint, the other a marathon, but both required the most important weapon in the war against war: perseverance. Endurance. Grit.

The sprint was the drafting, negotiation and signing of the Central American Peace Accords that ended our region’s Civil Wars in the 1980s. The United States and the Soviet Union, who were using our region as a prop in their own Cold War agendas, did not want Central America to find its own solution. Peace in our region, on our own terms, was not in the interests of the two reigning superpowers. In order to achieve the goal I knew my region had to achieve, I had to get up every morning, month after month, and listen to some of the world’s most powerful people tell me my efforts were doomed to failure. I had to take one step forward, two steps back, again and again. I had to trust that even so, I was on the right path. I had to continue during the darkest of days, knowing that my region had no other choice than to succeed.

That was the sprint. The marathon was the approval of the International Arms Trade Treaty. That struggle began when I watched my region, now at peace, suffer from the continuing effect of the many weapons that had been imported to our countries when we were still Cold War pawns. I learned that the international trade of arms, free from any regulations whatsoever, was feeding unnecessary violence in Central America and all over the world. In 1997, I began my call for a treaty to regulate the trade of arms, and once more, people told me it was an impossible dream. This time, however, I had to continue my struggle not for years, but for decades.

I raised my voice for peace again and again. In front of any group that would give me a microphone, in any newspaper that would give me the time of day, in any meeting or conference or casual conversation, in any language I knew how to speak, I spoke out in

favor of the Treaty. I continued even when it seemed no one was listening. I continued even when organizations as powerful as the National Rifle Association in the United States came out against me. I continued even when it seemed that all hope was lost.

Yes, people all over the world told me that Central America could never achieve its own peace. People all the world told me that convincing some of the world’s largest arms exporters to regulate their sale of arms was an impossible dream. But in 1987, the presidents of Central America signed the Peace Accords that ended our civil wars and conflict.

And this past December, more than 17 years after my efforts to create an International Arms Trade Treaty began, the treaty took effect and became a part of international law. We can win our battles in the war against war. We can win them if we remember that we cannot give up, because too much depends on our success.

I have spoken of days of hopelessness and struggle. Today is not one of those days. Today is a day for hope, because of what I see when I look out before me in this room. Today is a day for hope, because of the ocean of leaders that has swept into Sao Paulo because they believe that a solution is possible. Today is a day for hope, because of you. Today is a day for hope, because of Rotary International. And today is a day for hope, because of me, for I am now a Rotarian, too.

When I joined your ranks three months ago in my hometown of San José, Costa Rica, I joined a fellowship unlike any other on the planet, and I energized my own war against war – because the steps we must take to win this struggle are the steps that this organization has carried out since its inception.

We will turn the tide through greater interaction between nations – not only on an official level, but through the person-to-person interactions that take

place between Rotarians every day.

We will turn the tide by ensuring that a person who speaks out against violence and injustice anywhere, is quickly supported by friends and colleagues everywhere.

We will turn the tide by building a network for peace that is stronger than the formidable network for war, by sharing with each other the projects we believe can make a difference. I look forward to sharing with my fellow Rotarians the Museum for Peace that the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress is working to build in San José as a source of inspiration and support for peacemakers around the world. Most of all, however, I look forward to learning more about you – about the initiatives through which you are changing the world, every day. If we support each other, we will do more than win these battles. We will win the war.

My friends, my colleagues and my fellow Rotarians:

I am not here today to tell you how to end violence on our planet. I am here to urge you onward in your efforts. I am here to add my voice to the chorus for peace that you represent. I am here to promise you that, ambitious though our goals might be, difficult though our path may prove, I will not tire, I will not slow, I will not pipe down. I will raise my voice for peace as long as I have breath to do so, and I trust you to do the same. For we are not alone. We are 1.2 million strong. And we have the force of history on our side in the most virtuous struggle of all. Thank you very much.

'The war against war is more than an end to violence. It is a war against poverty, a war against environmental destruction, against indifference, against ignorance.'

– Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and Rotarian



This year's first prize winner of \$1,000 in the Rotary Club of Ankeny's golf ball drop was Samatha Angell, pictured with Ankeny Rotarian Chuck Stewart who sold the winning ticket.

'Golf ball drop' raises \$6,500 for Ankeny Service Center

By Jody Savage/Ankeny
Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Club of Ankeny, for the fifth consecutive year, was the sponsor of the golf ball drop held on the last night of the 2015 Ankeny Summerfest celebration.

Seven hundred-twelve numbered tickets were sold with each number corresponding to a number on a golf ball. At approximately 9:00 p.m., prior to the fireworks, all the numbered balls are placed in a big tub by Rotarian Kevin Brooks and taken up in the air by the Ankeny Fire Department's ladder truck. When instructed to "Drop those balls!", Kevin dumped the balls in the tub, all at the same time, towards a golf hole cut in the grass approximately 60 feet below.

Three balls found their way into the hole and several others were on the edge of the hole. The first ball in the hole was declared the winner. The winners were:

1st Prize, \$1,000, Samatha Angell; 2nd Prize, \$375, Molly Lydon; 3rd Prize, \$250, John Peterson; and 4th Prize, \$125, Dave Paplow.

The Rotary Club of Ankeny thanks Monsanto for donating the prize money, First National Bank for printing and cutting the tickets, Lindsay Weyer at the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce for designing the tickets, Mel Weatherwax for installing the temporary golf hole and supplying the balls, the Ankeny Fire Department for providing their ladder truck, and Leaning Tower of Pizza for the coupon on the tickets.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets which will result in approximately \$6,500 being donated to the Ankeny Service Center and other service projects in the Ankeny community supported by the Rotary Club of Ankeny.



Des Moines Rotarians clean up!

The Rotary Club of Des Moines participated in the city-wide Earth Day Cleanup "Trash Bash" Campaign in April. This cleanup event was sponsored by the City of Des Moines Parks & Rec Department. More than 25 members helped pick up trash from various locations in and around Water Works Park. Pictured at the kickoff luncheon are (l-r): Shawn Mullen, John Rathjen, Lynette Rasmussen, Dale Vande Haar, Steve Brase, Chaden Halfhill and Jim Slife.

Provided by Kitte Noble



Down to earth in Albia ...

The Rotary Club of Albia poured the slab where a new shelter house will be built this summer at the Albia Reservoir. With the help from a grant and volunteer labor we will be to provide this for the public's use while they are camping, fishing and enjoying the outdoors with their families. Pictured are Rotarians Brian Lindberg, Ryan Harris and Heath Heiden.

Provided by Brian Lindberg

Trivia night boosts city park

On April 21, the Rotary Club of Albia raised \$2,220 dollars for a new picnic shelter at the City Park. The funds were raised from a trivia pursuit fundraiser that netted the full \$2,220!

- Tony Humeston

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Out for blood in Washington!

The Rotary Club of Washington hosted its annual blood drive in February with the Mississippi River Blood Center. There were over 93 pints of blood donated by the community and Rotarians. Past club president Becky Patterson (l) smiled as she offered donors a sweet or two after giving blood. Rotarian John Thorne not only helped to staff the event, but he was also a donor! Provided by Becky Patterson



Major Donor at Albia ...

Albia Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow Dean Stocker is being presented with a plaque by DG 2014-15 John Ockenfels for contributing \$10,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Cumulative gifts of \$10,000 are considered Major Donors.

Provided by Tony Humeston

Flipped

The Rotary Club of Waukee held a pancake breakfast on June 6 as part of the "Celebrate Waukee" festivities. Rotarians Tim Moerman and Erna Morain stir things up for Rotary!

Provided by Mark Heffernan



Taking no chance on hunger ...

In May, the Washington County Rotary Clubs of Kalona, Washington and Wellman helped pack 12,000 meals for Kids Against Hunger at the Riverside Casino with their Winning Hands Employee Volunteer Program. This cooperative event, in its fourth year, is becoming an important annual initiative! The casino donated \$1,500 and the three Rotary clubs added another \$1,500 for a total of \$3,000 (below)!

Provided by Becky Patterson



Rotarian of the Year

The Rotary Club of Ankeny honored Rich Job (c), as Rotarian of the Year at its annual meeting on June 25. Job co-chaired the club's largest annual fundraiser in March and worked on several other events throughout the year for the club. Job is congratulated by 2015-16 club president Damon Miller (l) and 2014-15 president Julie Cooper Todtz.

Provided by Jody Savage



Leaders from Riverside Casino and the Rotary Clubs of Washington, Kalona and Wellman hand over big fake checks totaling \$3,000 to Kids Against Hunger (l-r): Jeremy Statler (Kalona), Susan Wellington (Washington), and Bob Freeman (Wellman). Provided by Ed Raber



Club uses RAGBRAI to create awareness Rotary's efforts to cure clubfoot

When RAGBRAI (The Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa) came through West Liberty on July 25, Rotarians set up a display about clubfoot disability for visitors like the kilted gentleman (top, right). Our goal was to educate people about Clubfoot Solutions, and to collect donations to pay for clubfoot braces for children in impoverished areas of the world. (To see a short video about clubfoot produced by West Liberty Rotarian Tom Barr, go to <http://youtu.be/KtIVloqvTkA>. To learn about how you can join a Rotarian Action Group dedicated to the treatment of clubfoot, go to <http://www.rag4clubfoot.org/>.) A Rotarian Action Group is an autonomous group of Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni who are experts in a particular field, such as microcredit or water and sanitation. Group members share their expertise by collaborating with clubs and districts on service projects. District 6000, along with District 5970 and four other districts, are working in collaboration form a Rotarian Action Group to eliminate clubfoot disability. Are you interested in joining this effort? See this site for details: <http://www.rag4clubfoot.org/>.

– Steve Hanson, club president 2013-14

West Liberty embraces Hispanic Heritage Month

By Steve Hanson/West Liberty

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on Sept. 15 and ending on Oct. 15. It was enacted into law on Aug. 17, 1988, on the

approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of Sept. 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is Oct. 12, falls within this 30-day period. See <http://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/>.



District Governor Loring and Phyllis Miller visit the West Liberty Rotary food stand at the Muscatine County Fair.



West Liberty Rotaraisn set up for their food booth at the Muscatine County Fair.

Photos Provided by Steve Hanson



Making Manning beautiful ...

Manning Rotarians Dawn Lorenzen, Scott Bowker, guest Bev Ramsey, Rotarians Greg Sextro, Jean Behrens, Kevin Boyle, Kirk Huehn and Brian Irlbeck are pictured (above, left) in the newly completed flower ring at the Manning City Park. Manning Rotarians planted the foliage and will be responsible for its care, while city employee Justin Mundt was instrumental in placement of the pavers. An identifying plaque is on display in a holder customized and donated by Puck Custom Enterprises of Manning. The Rotary Club of Manning financially supported this project which complements the other two updated features in the city park. Rotarians actually doing "the dirty work" (above, right) are Brad Vollstedt, Brian Irlbeck, Kevin Boyle, Robert Mueller and Dr. Bob Vonnahme.

Provided by Jean Behrens



Newton Retirement Village ...

The Rotary Club of Newton recently made a donation to the Newton Village Retirement and Life Care Home in Newton for \$1,500 (l-r): Brenda Colvin of Newton Village, club president Craig Armstrong, and Annette West of Newton Village.

Provided by Margaret Dimon

35 years of perfect attendance ...

At the West Liberty Rotary changeover party on June 30, PDG Ken Noble (r), with his wife, Jo, was honored for 35 years of perfect attendance. The award was presented by club president Wayne Steen (l) and DGN Mike Ruby. Steve Hanson was named Rotarian of the Year, and Jim Conrey received the Lester A. Royal Service Above Self Award for his years of service from 1968-91 with Big Jim's Supermarket, and club secretary since 2001. Volunteers and groups in the community were recognized, as well. Photo by Bill Tubbs

Rotarians, partners light up the stage in Fairfield

By Adam Plagge/Fairfield

Club President

A more than \$10,000 effort to replace the Fairfield High School's 1930s auditorium stage lighting is set to take place by spring 2016.

Earlier this year, the lighting project was named a beneficiary of the Fairfield Rotary Charitable Auction which raised \$2,500 for the project. Additional money has been raised with Fairfield Rotary "Happy Bucks," and a Community Service Grant application was submitted in July.

Unique to this project is the participation of The Fairfield Lions and Kwanis Club. Hy-Vee, First National Bank in Fairfield and Libertyville Savings Bank have agreed to fund the remaining amount needed to complete the project

In total, 22 LED lights will be installed, decreasing the likelihood of accidents and lowering the school's utility bill. The Fairfield High School Drama Department anticipates the improvements will make the auditorium a more performance friendly space and significantly increase the range of visual effects available for performances.



'Service Above Self' in the Ozarks

While visiting the Rotary Club of Osage Beach, Mo., on July 23, PDG Terry and Peggy Geiger accepted the request for any and all Rotarians to help out the incoming campers at Wonderland Camp at Lake of the Ozarks. Rotarians come in during the week to offer their assistance where needed from meals to crafts to the pool. This camp has been serving people of all ages with disabilities for 46 years. For more information on Camp Wonderland, visit www.wonderlandcamp.org. In the photo are Rotarians from District 6080 along PDG Terry and Peggy in the front row on the right. Next to Terry in front is D6080 District Governor Steve Dulle. A good day for "Service Above Self."
 Provided by Peggy Geiger



Northwest club sells root beer floats for Special Olympics ...

For 21 years, since PDG Diana Reed was the club president, the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines has sold root beer floats at the Urbandale Hy-Vee to raise funds for Special Olympics. Special Olympics Iowa helps people with intellectual disabilities become accepted members of their communities, using the joy of sports. Volunteers this summer included (l-r) PDG Diana Reed, Jim Arthur and Rick Rarick. The young lady holding the sign is Rick's granddaughter, Kailee Menedenhall. The club had a successful day, raising over \$600.
 Provided by Jim Arthur



Summer fun (and sad farewells) at North Scott Rotary ...

The summer of 2015 for the Rotary Club of North Scott was marked with well-attended fellowship activities, top program speakers, new member inductions and celebrating the lives of three longtime members who died: John Pfeiffer, who was one of two remaining active charter members from 1973; Keith Mattke, who had a combined 50 years of Rotary membership in the Davenport and North Scott clubs and who put Iowa Rotary at the table with the Iowa Human Resources Disaster Council; and "Mr. Hardware" Jeff Miller. At the Installation Party in June, Bruce Wehr as "Uncle Bruster" and his recruited aide, Jerry Trimble, had club members rolling in laughter as no person – and that included Eldridge Mayor Marty O'Boyle in the "Old MacDonald" farmer garb (left photo) – was exempt from gags. In August, more than 140 Rotarians, children and grandchildren rode the train and saw the animals at Niabi Zoo. That's club president Glen Keppy and his family and others in the train (right photo). The annual Corn Boil at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds attracted 250 Rotarians, family members and guests. Club members awarded community grants in June, volunteered at the Moonlight Chase road race in July and the Mississippi Valley Fair in August, and are gearing up for the fall Harvest Party, which give 300 underprivileged children a day at the pumpkin patch, and a revamped "Rotary Rallies For Youth" auction Friday evening, Nov. 20, at the Rogalski Center at St. Ambrose University with a goal of raising \$50,000 for local and international service projects.
 Photos by Bill Tubbs

Jefferson grants total \$26,000 for charities

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

At three Rotary meetings in April, the Rotary Club of Jefferson awarded more than \$26,000 from its annual auction to not-for-profit projects and entities that serve the Greene County area. As the program for each of the three meetings, recipients of the grants explained to club members how the money would be used and the impact it would make. Grants were awarded to projects in five Greene County communities.

In addition, \$5,000 was contributed to The Rotary Foundation, and District projects including Xicotepac, Iowa MOST and HEF/FAMSCO. The club is nearing \$400,000 that it has donated to Rotary and local projects in the event's 16-year history. \$2,000 in scholarships from club funds (not auction) are also awarded each year to high school seniors.

Requests were received for 46 grants or donations for over \$93,000 in projects and the club was able to fund 23 of the requests. The 17th annual event will be held on Friday, Nov. 13, 2015.

The following are the grants selected from the 2014 grants cycle:

- Rotary Little Lending Library \$600 for construction of additional libraries.
- Greene County Adopt-a-Family requested funds to provide coats, hats and gloves to needy families. \$1,000
- The Mahanay Memorial Bell Tower Foundation will print a book on the History of the Bell Tower in celebration of its 60th anniversary. \$750
- The Churdan Public Library requested funds to purchase and have available a film documentary about PTSD to help families who have returning veterans. \$350
- "Gang Greene" Junior Olympic Archery Development Club, \$2,460 for the purchase of archery equipment.
- Greene County Early Learning Center, classroom organization and storage systems and installation, \$2,873
- Greene County High School Interact Club, assistance for service



Jefferson club president Mike Palmer (l), and immediate past president/auction chair Tim Christensen (r) right, flank recipients who were awarded auction fund grants at one of three club meetings. DG John Ockenfels accepted donations to District 6000 projects; president-elect John Brunow represented the Little Lending Library Committee; Jane Millard, Jefferson library director; Sherri Schwaller, kindergarten teacher; Dianne Blackmer, accepted for Christian Action Resource Center.

projects, \$500.

- Jefferson Boy Scout Troop 534, \$1,250 toward the purchase of a new equipment trailer for overnights.
- New Opportunities to fund school supplies for needy children, \$1,000.
- William Paton Public Library, \$1,000 toward the purchase of non-fiction books.
- Christian Action Resource Center for the purchase of food for needy families, \$1,000.
- Greene County Intermediate School \$1,000 for the purchase of text sets for students.
- Genesis Development for Discovery Program at the Movies \$800.

- Greene County Elementary School (kindergarten) to purchase individual DVD players and DVDs to that promote literacy through structured teaching \$2,500.

- Greene County After Prom, \$500 to purchase prizes for the event.

- Grand Junction Public Library \$500 to repaint the interior of the library.

- Greene County Historical Museum \$350 to purchase a TV that can be used to show videos of historical programs that have been presented at the museum.

- Heart of Iowa Habitat for Humanity, \$850 to purchase materials for the "Helping Hands" home renovation project.

- Jefferson Public Library,

\$1,000 to help remodel the entryway and make more accessible.

- Kids with a Connection Mentoring Program, \$1,130 to fund some of the joint activities for mentors and students.

- Scranton Community Center for the purchase of backboards for the center's gym, \$1,000.

- Sierra Community Theater for assistance with the replacement of the air conditioner, \$2100.

- Webb House teen center, \$1,500 to make needed repairs to the facilities and equipment.

Nominate a member for 'Guardian of Integrity' award

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

D-6000, Vocational Service chair

To encourage Rotarians and clubs to focus on Rotary's core value of integrity, and to honor the memory of the late PDG Paul Hellwege, District 6000 is asking clubs to nominate one member for the sixth annual District 6000 "Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity" awards.

A nomination form will soon be posted at the District website and sent to clubs. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31, 2016. The nominations will be submitted to the District 6000 Vocational Service Committee and nominees will be recognized at the District Conference, March 31-April 2 in Des Moines.

The award is named for Boone Rotarian and Past District Governor (1954-55), Judge Paul E. Hellwege, and is established to promote the ideals of ethics and integrity which were Paul's fervent passions.

The award will be presented annually to Rotarians in District 6000 who have been a member for a minimum of three years and who exemplify the attributes and passion for ethics and integrity in his or her vocation, business and personal life that Paul exemplified. This award recognizes individuals who have made contributions in business, media, academia or government and who have by their actions, writing, policies and public pronouncements strengthened and fostered development of integrity and ethical practices.



Rotarians visit Paraguay project, Iguazu Falls (wow!)

Brock Earnhardt (Davenport), Jim and Beth Peterson (Iowa City AM), Nenu Piragine (Iowa City AM), and Rachel and I have had a great time visiting the village where D-6000 did a water project here in Paraguay. Just visited Iguazu Falls today (June 18). All I can say is WOW!!! In photo (l-r): Litwillers, Nenu (front), Petersons, Brock Earnhardt. *– PDG Cal Litwiller*

Join Rotarians in South Africa in 2016

By Lee Holmes/Waukee

For the third consecutive year I will be headed to South Africa with a group of Rotarians to explore the projects that District 6000 has been sponsoring there. As many of you know, District 6000 is sponsoring 10 wells at schools that will provide fresh, safe water for the school children, their families and their communities.

Past projects that are still having a profound impact include the shoe project started by PDG Terry Geiger 2012-13, the feeding of Meals from the Heartland, farming operations, and a possible future project of vocational training for farming, mechanics, etc.

We will also do hands on farming, visit micro businesses that have been started by Dr. Jim Blessman involving sewing, baking and raising vegetables and chickens. We will fit South African children and adults for glasses, visit two or three Rotary clubs and an orphanage. There will be other activities that have yet to be determined.

We will also do a safari, enjoy a bush dinner, walk with the lions,

ride elephants, and play golf at Entebeni (a game preserve that has a hole called the extreme 19th, which is only accessible by helicopter).

Some of these activities are optional. The fees quoted include airfare, ground transportation, accommodations, and some food. Other food will be purchased individually, but the food is reasonably priced and will easily fit the amount quoted for the cost of the trip.

The trip leaves Des Moines on Thursday, Jan. 28 and returns on the Feb. 9. This is summer in South Africa. The cost is \$4,000 to \$4,900 per person, depending on the optional side trips you select. It is possible to arrange an extension of your visit and visit Victoria Falls. I am also looking into a trip to Krueger Preserve for an extended safari. If you have questions, want to book a trip, or if your Rotary club would like a program on last year's trip, please contact me. I'd love to have you along on this trip. It will change your life and will create memories that will last a lifetime.

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July Fourth celebration in Leon kicks off Rotary year for DG Loring Miller

Decatur County Rotarians were in full patriotic swing to celebrate Independence Day on Saturday, July 4. Club members Mary Ellen Stanley, Phyllis Miller and District Governor Loring Miller (above, right) started the day flipping and serving pancakes, while townsfolk gathered on the lawn of the Decatur County Courthouse square to enjoy. *Photos by John Galloway*



2014-15 Rotary Club of Des Moines president Bruce Kelley (l) and awards committee member Gloria Gray (r) with honored firefighter Jeff Crane and honored police detective Franklin Irving.

Firefighter, police honored

By Kitte Noble/Des Moines
Club Executive Director

The Rotary Club of Des Moines recognized a Des Moines police detective and a fire captain for their years of service on Thursday, July 9. The recipients are nominated and selected by their respective departments.

- Firefighter Jeff Crane of fire station No. 8 near the airport received the Firefighter of the Year award for his many years of work.
- Detective Franklin Irvin received Rotary's Police Officer of the Year award for his years of service solving burglaries.

\$500 was donated from the RCDM Foundation to the Police Boxing Club in honor of Detective Franklin. Firefighter Jeff Crane selected the American Cancer Society to receive a \$500 donation in his honor.

A traveling billboard featuring the two recipients co-sponsored by Clear Channel Outdoors will be displayed around the greater Des Moines metro beginning in September.

The Rotary Club of Des Moines has recognized police officers and firefighters each year since 1990.

Des Moines Police Chief Dana Wingert said of Detective Irvin, "He is a well-respected detective and you will never find him in his office. Rather, he's out in the neighborhoods protecting citizens."

Crane has been on the fire department for 30 years and was an original member of the Hazardous Materials Team.



Promoting Ponseti

Attending the RI Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, and helping promote the Ponseti Method of clubfoot repair, which is a passion of their father, Iowa City Rotarian PDG Herb Wilson, were Phyllis and Chas Wilson of Simi Valley, Calif., and Amy and Emily Nicholson of Iowa City.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Rotary Club of Des Moines Educators of the Year, holding plaques, are (l-r): Judith Pauley, James McNear and Schelsy Smith. They are joined by Rotarians 2015-16 president Janet Phipps Burkhead and Joe Jongewaard, Awards Committee chair.

Honored educators receive clock, \$1,000 at Des Moines

By Kitte Noble/Des Moines
Club Executive Director

The Rotary Club of Des Moines Awards Committee presented the Educator of the Year Awards in April. This year, a peer-review panel was established consisting of past recipients of the award. Educators who were recognized were:

Middle School Teacher of the Year: Judith Pauley. Judith teaches seventh-grade reading and language arts at Brody Middle School. Judith said, "Quality teachers are believers! We believe in kids' capacity to grow and we believe we are making a difference in the world one kid at a time."

Elementary School Teacher of the Year: Schelsy Smith. Schelsy is a fourth-grade teacher at Findley Elementary School. Schelsy incorporates the arts into her core curriculum and tells her students, "Dream big and believe in yourself!"

High School Teacher of the Year: James McNear, Jr. James is the director of vocal music and music tech at Theodore Roosevelt High School. James' goal each day is to have students leave the classroom feeling good about themselves. He tells the students he teaches that he is meeting the future of the country every day.

Judith, Schelsy and James were each presented with a traveling plaque to keep in their school for a year, an engraved clock for their desk, and a \$1,000 stipend for their classroom use.

This is always one of the most rewarding Rotary meetings of the year. If gives us a chance to meet the talented and committed people who teach, counsel and inspire our children. Can there be a more important job?

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?

News briefs

Ponseti Project: District Governor Loring Miller is encouraging Rotarians to help by donating money to be used to purchase shoe braces to correct clubfoot deformity. If you would like to support this cause, please make your check to D6000 H.E.F. and put "Bracing" on the memo line. Mail it to Decatur County Rotarian Chet Redman at 401 SE 3rd Street, Leon, IA 50144. Thank you for helping these children have a better life.

United Nations: RI Director Jennifer Jones invites Rotarians to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the United Nations at Rotary Day at the United Nations, Saturday, Nov. 7, in New York City. Forty-nine Rotarians participated in the drafting of the U.N. charter, and RI holds the largest non-governmental office at the U.N. The U.N.'s vision of world peace and understanding aligns with Rotary's vision. Jennifer says that in addition to hearing from United Nations and Rotary leadership on the post-millennium goals and initiatives, Zones 28 and 29 will gather at the Today Show plaza wearing Polio Plus aprons and promoting Rotary's role in eradicating polio. There will be an early evening reception and dinner with ample time for Rotarians to make Broadway shows that evening. To register, go to www.riunday.org. The Zone 28-29 coordinators are PDGs Elise Cadigan at jhwks77@yahoo.com or Pat Merryweather at dg6450pat@aol.com.

Rotary Institute: District Governor Loring and Phyllis Miller and District 6000 leaders will attend the Rotary Institute for Zones 28-29 on Sept. 10-13 at the Detroit (Mich.) Marriott at the Renaissance Center.



Ann Lee Hussey
Photo by Bill Tubbs

Polio champion is featured speaker

Ann Lee Hussey, who is one of Rotary's great champions of polio eradication, will be the featured speaker at the District 6000 District Conference, March 31-April 2, 2016, at the Holiday Inn-Airport Conference Center in Des Moines. Ann, who has traveled the world many times to participate in National Immunization Days, is a polio survivor. Her compelling personal journey is a "must hear" for all who care about our noble quest to eradicate this dreaded disease. The Conference will open with a reception Thursday evening at the Botanical Gardens, and end Saturday evening, April 2. Activities include entertainment, display tables of interest, a fundraisig "Ping Pong Ball Drop," Youth Exchange, and more! Save the dates and watch for registration information.

The Institute will be preceded by Governor-Elect Training for DGE Chris Knapp and Vernette.

Healthy Iowa: Rotary Club of Des Moines AM past president Jeff Russell, who is president and CEO of Delta Dental of Iowa, encourages Rotarians to participate in Iowa's 5th annual Healthiest State Walk on Wednesday, Oct. 7. This year the Healthiest State Initiative is partnering with the State Fire Marshal Division to keep Iowans safe and a bit healthier, Jeff says. "We are encouraging Iowans to 'Walk at the Whistle' by coordinating a Healthiest State Walk with a fire drill. Because of Rotary members' commitment to serve their communities, Rotarians are encouraged to participate in this – and to get others involved. For more information or to register a group walk, visit iowahealthieststate.com. You can also learn about contests for schools, fire departments and individuals who participate in this year's Healthiest State Walk. Together, we can again vote with our feet in favor of becoming the healthiest state in the nation!"

Africa Polio Trip: RI Director Brad Howard, a travel agent from Oakland, Calif., who spoke at the District 6000 District Conference in 2014 at Ames, invites Rotarians to join him on a Nov. 10-19 trip to West Africa Project Fair at Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa. The cost is \$1,779, double occupancy, and includes hotel accommodations, transfers, most meals, polio immunization exercise, hands-on community service field work, West Africa Project Fair registration, special Rotary and fellowship events and sightseeing. Information: ph. (510) 834-2260' fax (510) 834-1019; or email: Bhoward@HowardTours.net.



Keeping a District 6000 tradition alive, the annual Past District Governor summer picnic was held at the "Back 40" in Diagonal, Iowa, on June 27. PDGs made it a full Rotary day by attending the DG changeover picnic at Loring Miller's farm near Leon that was hosted by the Rotary Club of Decatur County.

Photo provided by Jacque Andrew

Letters



Fernando and Daysy Quintella

Brazilian thank you!

District 6000 Rotarians: Daysy and I are still very emotioned with the amazing meeting today's morning. We thanks for the invitation that give us the opportunity to share your kindness and the hospitality of the District 6000s Rotarians at your District 6000 Breakfast in São Paulo, Brazil. We wish you the best memories of our country, and come back to Brazil as soon as possible.

Daysy and Fernando Quintella

(Fernando Quintella, from Brazil, served on the RI Public Image Resource Group with PDG Bill Tubbs in 2007-10 and accepted his invitation to join District 6000 Rotarians at our breakfast at the RI Convention.)

Join Rotarians in Seoul, Korea

PDG Jacque Andrew, Zone 28 Promotion Coordinator for the 2016 Seoul Convention, urges District 6000 Rotarians to register for what is expected to be one of the largest conventions in recent years by going to www.zones28-29.org to access the convention link.

The Zones' joint welcome event will be held Saturday, May 28 from 4-7 pm for Rotarians and friends from zones 28 and 29. More information about the fun, food and Korean culture event will be announced on the Zone site."



Past RI President Rick King to speak at Burlington Centennial

The Rotary Club of Burlington will celebrate its centennial on Friday, Oct. 23 at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Burlington. The keynote speaker will be past RI President Richard "Rick" King from California.

The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The club will also open the "time capsule" that evening, which could be interesting.

Anyone interested can contact either: David Miller at iamillers@yahoo.com or Ed Whitham at edwardfma@mchsi.com.



Richard King
2001-02 RI President

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

CLUB	APRIL 2015		MAY 2015		JUNE 2015	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	63.00%	29	63.00%	26	59.00%	25
Albia	51.00%	48	52.00%	41	64.20%	17
Ames	63.56%	26	59.66%	29	58.77%	26
Ames Morning			59.70%	28	56.10%	29
Ankeny	70.87%	17	72.65%	13	77.87%	9
Atlantic	51.00%	48				
Bettendorf	58.70%	35	54.60%	36	60.30%	23
Bloomfield	62.00%	31				
Boone	56.00%	40	55.00%	35	59.00%	25
Burlington	83.10%	6	80.10%	8	79.00%	7
Carroll	66.18%	23	55.45%	34	53.94%	31
Carterville	49.00%	50	43.00%	47	46.00%	44
Chariton	61.73%	32	56.69%	33	56.21%	28
Clinton	57.10%	37	40.93%	48	48.07%	40
Coon Rapids	50.00%	49	65.00%	24	66.00%	16
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00%	1	98.00%	1	93.00%	2
Corning	71.00%	16	65.00%	24	63.00%	21
Corydon	34.00%	55	0.00%	52	0.00%	49
Creston	54.00%	44	60.00%	27		
Dallas Center	84.00%	5	75.00%	12	77.00%	10
Davenport	55.28%	41	19.21%	51	42.55%	47
Decatur County	77.00%	12	80.00%	9	80.00%	6
Des Moines	59.79%	34	54.28%	37	52.40%	35
Des Moines A.M.	75.00%	13	65.00%	24	95.00%	1
East Polk County	62.94%	30	65.44%	23		
Fairfield	38.38%	54	34.83%	49	25.61%	48
Fort Madison	58.00%	36	51.00%	42	57.00%	27
Greater Des Moines	54.00%	44	69.00%	16	63.00%	21
Grinnell	79.00%	10	88.00%	5	77.00%	10
Indianola	60.13%	33	56.81%	32	51.21%	37
Iowa City	29.01%	56	31.35%	50	45.58%	45
Iowa City A.M.	88.18%	4	88.43%	2	75.76%	11
Iowa City Downtown	80.30%	7	75.76%	11	86.61%	5
Iowa Quad-Cities	79.17%	9	70.89%	15	78.05%	8
Jefferson			68.00%	17	62.00%	22
Johnston	54.91%	42	57.22%	30	49.29%	38
Kalona	68.10%	20	86.54%	6	68.56%	15
Keokuk	40.51%	52	45.31%	45	46.88%	42
Keosauqua	54.20%	43	65.80%	21	53.00%	33
Knoxville	52.51%	45			48.33%	39
Lenox	78.00%	11	69.00%	16	71.00%	14
Manning	72.00%	15	65.00%	24	71.00%	14
Marengo	68.00%	21	66.00%	20	75.00%	12
Marshalltown	56.18%	39	53.20%	38	47.78%	41
Mount Pleasant Noon	51.55%	47	53.07%	39	64.09%	18
Mt. Pleasant	70.00%	18	67.00%	18	72.00%	13
Muscatine	51.76%	46	48.63%	44	46.55%	43
Nevada	66.46%	22				
Newton	63.36%	28	63.60%	25	66.00%	16
North Scott	94.90%	3	88.09%	4	88.13%	4
Northwest Des Moines	80.00%	8	86.27%	7	52.71%	34
Osceola	50.00%	49	55.00%	35		
Oskaloosa						
Ottumwa	63.76%	25	57.14%	31	52.09%	36
Pella	71.00%	16	72.00%	14	64.00%	19
Perry	66.00%	24	78.00%	10	64.00%	19
Tipton	50.00%	49	49.20%	43	55.20%	30
Washington	41.18%	51	52.94%	40	60.12%	24
Waukee	74.28%	14	65.72%	22	63.38%	20
Wellman	95.29%	2	88.32%	3	90.97%	3
West Des Moines	63.47%	27	66.67%	19	53.05%	32
West Liberty	57.00%	38	55.00%	35	57.00%	27
West Polk County	39.66%	53	43.68%	46	43.15%	46
Winterset	69.00%	19	80.00%	9	80.00%	6

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Club leaders' checklist



From DG Loring Miller . . .

- Make plans to meet or exceed the requirements of the **District Governor's Citation** (p. 2).
- Register member(s) to attend a **One Rotary Seminar** (p. 5, insert).
- Encourage members to attend the **District Rotary Foundation Dinner** (p. 3, insert).
- Encourage members to participate in the **2016 Xicoteppec Project Team** (p. 8) and/or the **2016 Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team** (p. 8).
- Encourage club leaders to register for the **Rotary Leadership Institute** training (p. 7).
- Consider nominations for **District Governor** (p. 7).
- Support your local **Interact** club, or if there is none, explore starting one (p. 9).
- Nominate a worthy member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** (p. 31).
- Show members the opportunities to support **Ponseti clubfoot repair** (p. 34) and **Outreach International** (p. 13).
- Make plans to meet or exceed your **Rotary Foundation** goal (p. 20-22) and to support **PolioPlus** (p. 5-6).
- Invite a **RYLA** student to speak at your club and invite member(s) to volunteer next year (p. 17-19).
- Invite quality **new members** to grow the fellowship and service that you enjoy in your club! (p. 2).
- Support District 6000's **Operation Warm** program to provide coats to kids (p. 2, 21).
- Mark March 10-12, 2016, for **NCETS** (p. 11).
- **Submit news** of your activities by Nov. 20 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs at btubbs@northscottpress.com.



RI President Ravi Ravindran (r) visited with Waukeean Matt Olson at the RI Convention June 7 in São Paulo, Brazil. Matt, whose Rotary classification is data analytics, represented a "new generation" of Rotarians at the convention.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

ONE ROTARY SUMMIT

Attention enthusiastic Rotarians! ONE ROTARY SUMMIT joins together Rotary leaders to exchange ideas on energizing and boosting your club for growth, service and public interaction. Rotarians are Leaders! Engage fresh new thinking and take home hands-on tools to strengthen membership, public image and involvement in Foundation programs. This is a synergistic learning experience for ALL Rotarians!



Join Leaders
September 24, 2015

Shive-Hattery, Inc.
4125 Westown Parkway
West Des Moines, and

October 7, 2015

West Liberty Community Center
1204 Calhoun Street
West Liberty

Dinner 5:30 p.m. both locations
Program 6-9 p.m. both locations

REGISTER on the district website or email dis6000admin@Lisco.com

(Rotary Foundation Dinner information is on the reverse of this page)

Celebration of Life Balloon Release Event at the 4th Annual District 6000 Foundation Banquet November 7 at the



Between now and November 7 everyone (need not be a Rotarian) is encouraged to participate in the POLIOPLUS Balloon Release at our Foundation Banquet. Our celebration balloon release will take place immediately following the banquet. Balloons will be available for \$20.18 per balloon. (***\$20.18 is highlighting the year 2018 in which our Rotary International goal to eradicate polio from the face of the earth is.***) The release of pride will take place outside as they are biodegradable & environmentally friendly. The proceeds raised from the balloon release will go towards the eradication of POLIO-A great way to help impact our efforts. Thank you for taking part in this very special project.



Please mail this form to: Rotary D6000, PO Box 122 in Pella, IA 50219



Included check made payable to Rotary D6000
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 Card # _____ Exp: (MM/YY) _____

Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Name of Rotary Club _____

_____ of Balloons x \$20.18 = \$ _____ (TOTAL)

For every balloon you buy over the 1st one, you will receive 100 recognition points each. (EX: 2 balloons = 100 pts; 3 balloons = 200 pts; 4 balloons = 300 pts)