

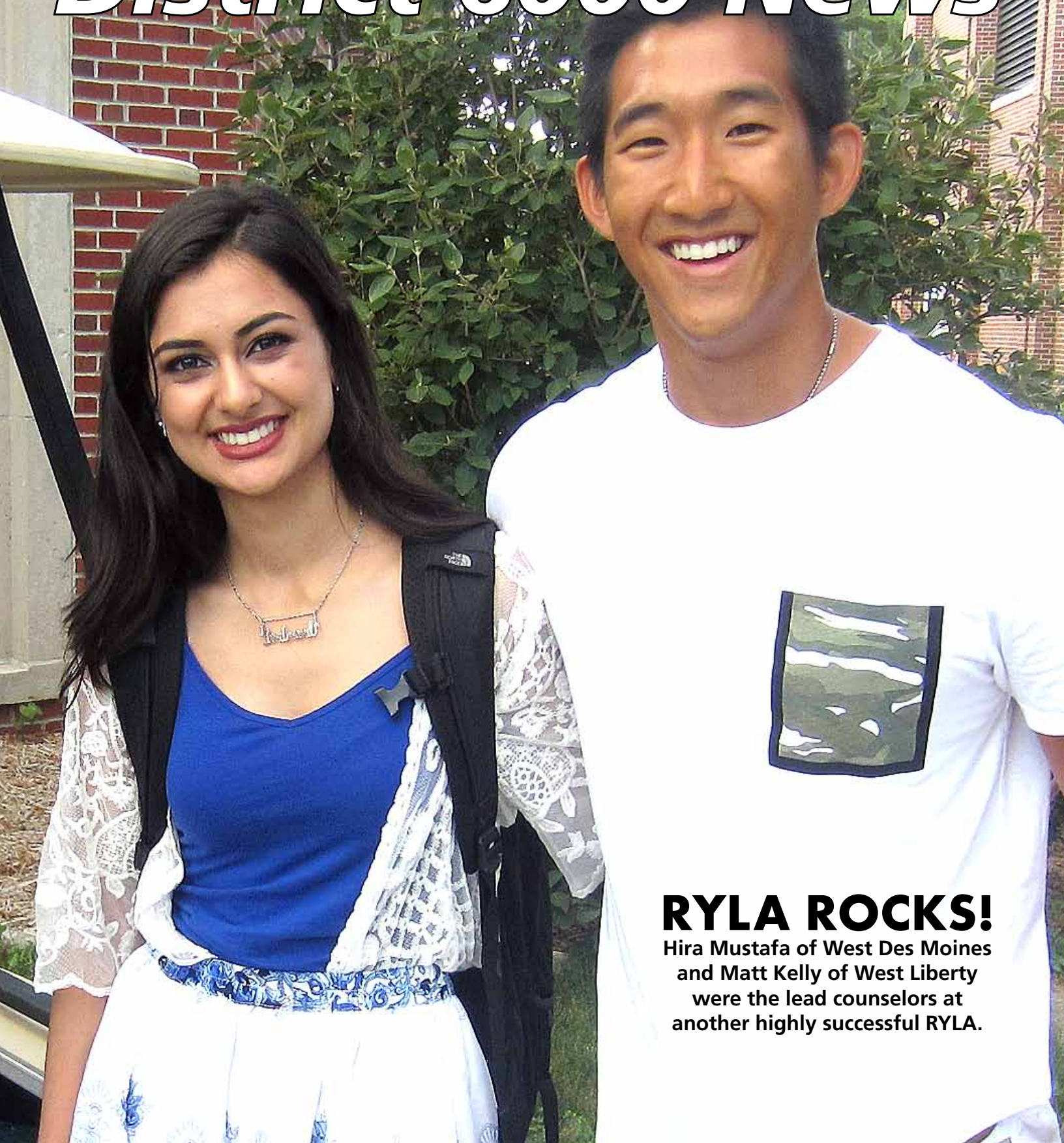
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# With shared information, be engaged and empowered; Make a Difference!

**Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,**

Shared information is the key to member empowerment in any organization, from families to businesses to governments and yes, Rotary clubs and districts.

Wow! Does Rotary in District 6000 have information to share! Which is why every member is receiving *District 6000 News* in the mail for the first time. This publication is



Bill Tubbs

not new, but with this mailing, you are one of 3,792 Rotarians whose addresses were provided to us by Rotary International who is getting your own copy in the mail – at a cost that is about one fifth per piece, delivered, compared with the 300 which were previously produced on an office copy machine and sent to leaders only.

This is your chance to see Rotary beyond your club – to read what others are doing in their clubs, and what we are doing collectively as a Global Network of Community Volunteers to change the world. In this issue, for example, read about our fantastic youth programs – RYLA, Youth Exchange and Interact. Check your club's attendance and Foundation giving and see how many lives are impacted because we give. Read about District 6000 polio initiatives and our collective projects in World Bicycle Relief, Xicotepec and the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team.

But best of all, see what other clubs are doing. Put their best ideas to work in your club – and then share your stories for others in the next issue. Opportunities abound. Your Rotary membership is a gift to the world. Be engaged. Be empowered. Make a Difference!

**Bill Tubbs, District Governor 2004-05**  
**Editor, District 6000 News**



Becky Patterson, wife of the late PDG Don Patterson of Washington, with Jeanne Klaassen, wife of PDG Corliss Klaassen of Chariton, at the changeover. Becky and Jeanne are Rotarians.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

# Join me in getting MAD: Rotarians Making A Difference!



By DG Mike Ruby/Muscatine

**J**oin Me in Getting MAD!  
I don't get really mad very often, but as District Governor, one of my personal goals is to not only get mad each and every day, but to lead District 6000 in being a mad bunch of Rotarians.

Rotary International President Ian Riseley has chosen a wonderful theme for us to embrace this year: "Rotary: Making a Difference."

Yes, Making a Difference (MAD) is what Rotarians all around the world do, all 1.2 million of us and I'm very proud of it.

Individual Rotarians, clubs and districts continue to impact the lives of millions. It is a privilege to be a member of Rotary, to live by the Four-Way Test, to be part of Humanity in Motion, and decide daily to make a difference.



Mike Ruby

To date, my wife, Jo Anne, and I have visited 20 Rotary clubs and we have had an up close and personal view of MAD Rotarians.

MAD Rotarians are awesome! Club members beam with pride as they show us local projects that help make a difference in their communities.

This year District 6000 had the privilege of awarding about \$100,000 in Community Service Grant applications to 37 clubs. It's encouraging to see our Rotarians continue to be MAD, carrying out the 2017-18 Rotary theme.

It's an honor for me to serve as your District Governor and I take my responsibility seriously. When all 3,800 members in our district, representing 66 clubs, work with a Service Above Self mindset, we can raise the MAD bar in District 6000 to a level never experienced before. Thank you for doing your part to carry out this year's theme of Rotary: Making a Difference. Spread the good news of Rotary by sharing this newsletter with others.

Please join me in staying MAD all year long!

## Printed newsletters for everybody!

By DG Mike Ruby/Muscatine

Printed copies of the newsletter for everyone!

Starting with this issue, all 3,800 Rotarians in District 6000 are receiving a hard copy of our quarterly newsletter. Prior to this issue, the majority of Rotarians received the newsletter electronically.

As you see, the newsletter is jam packed with updates showcasing many of our clubs.

This is a pilot project for the 2017-18 Rotary year and we ask for your feedback regarding the hard copies vs electronic. There are several goals of this pilot:

- Rotarians can read the newsletter at his/her convenience, keeping it handy for future reference.
- Other members of the household are encouraged to read the

newsletter and learn about Rotary.

- Distribute the newsletter throughout the community in businesses, waiting rooms, lobbies, etc., for readers to learn about Rotary and District 6000.
- Present a copy of the newsletter to guest speakers and visitors at club meetings.
- Share the newsletter with Interact and Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) students

It is our hope a hard copy newsletter will serve as an outstanding vehicle showcasing the good works of Rotary.

Please make sure your copy is passed on to others for them to learn and to enjoy.

You may attract a few new members to your club!

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This globe with the theme of 2017-18 RI President Ian Riseley, "Rotary: Making a Difference," which was a gift to District Governor Mike Ruby from PDG Loring Miller, was presented at the June 24th changeover event in Muscatine. It was created with colored tongue depressors. When Rotary Foundation Trustee Stephanie Urchick traveled in Nigeria with PDG Miller in 2007, they had a huge oversupply of tongue depressors. At the District 6000 Legacy Dinner in May 2017, Urchick gave one of these to PDG Miller. District Governor Mike truly enjoyed being the next to receive one!



At the changeover, JoAnne Ruby (l), wife of DG Mike Ruby, received encouragement for the year ahead from Rotarian Vernette Knapp, who traveled District 6000 last year with DG 2016-17 Chris Knapp.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



The mantle of leadership passed from Chris Knapp to Mike Ruby at the June 24th changeover, (l-r): AG Peggy Doerge, Krist and Deb Ockenfels, Vernette and Chris Knapp, and 2017-18 District Governor Mike Ruby. Photo by Bill Tubbs

## Transition time

# 'Toast to Rotary' for an avant-garde District Conference in 2018

By DG Mike Ruby/Muscatine

As a pilot project, a totally new format will be used for the 2018 District Conference and you are invited to participate! There will be five Toasts (each 3½ hours long) held at different locations during the weekend of April 12-14, 2018:

- **Thursday, April 12, Davenport (Steeplegate):** 5:30-9:00;
- **Friday, April 13, Coralville (Radisson):** 11:00-2:30;
- **Friday, April 13, Ottumwa (Bridge View Center):** 5:30-9:00;
- **Saturday, April 14, Carroll (Santa Maria Vineyard & Winery):** 11:00-2:30;
- **Saturday, April 14, West Des Moines (Marriott):** 5:30-9:00.

Registration is \$49 per person per event. This includes social hour, a very nice meal, speakers, displays, updates on what's happening in the Rotary world, door prizes, entertainment, and lots of fellowship with Rotarians from other clubs.

Chairs for each event:

- Dennis and Deb Peterson (Davenport);
- PDG John and Deb Ockenfels (Coralville);
- PDG Cal and Rachel Litwiller (Ottumwa);
- PDG Jacque and Jim Andrew (Carroll);
- DGN Erna and Steve Morain (West Des Moines).

Registration forms can be found at the district website at [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org). Click on District Events in the right column and select the location you desire.



At the changeover, Chris Knapp and Vernette were thanked for their year of service by PDG Loring Miller.





Among the early supporters of World Bicycle Relief are Muscatine Rotary president Erica Cox (l) in a photo by Sarah Ritter of the *Muscatine Journal*, and Fort Madison Rotarian Matt Lafrenz (above) and Burlington Rotarian David Miller (r) in photos provided by Assistant District Governor Alka Khonanolkar of Keokuk.



## Making a Difference with World Bicycle Relief

By **DG Mike Ruby/Muscatine**

Over half of the clubs in our district have participated in the World Bicycle Relief project, raising nearly \$75,000 so far to purchase nearly 500 bikes. The 1:1 match offered by WBR in July kick-started many clubs' plans to support the project and the response has been gratifying.

The bike has been displayed at over 30 clubs, generating a lot of enthusiasm and support. This heavy duty, utilitarian bike weighs 51 pounds and costs \$147, delivered on site in developing countries. Each bike has the potential of changing the economic family tree for an average of five people. In many households the bike is the single most valuable asset the family owns.

It is not uncommon to see 3-4 children on a single bike headed for school that is six miles away. Students who receive a bike are recommended by teachers and community leaders. In order to keep the bike, the student and his/her parent must sign a contract that requires the student to stay in school for a minimum of two years and to maintain the bike. If the contract is broken the bike is given to another student.

Bikes are also used for health care workers to reach rural areas and for farmers to get their produce to market. The luggage rack has a load capacity of 200 pounds. No doubt about it, a \$147 investment by Rotarians in District 6000 is life-changing for a family.

The bike project continues throughout

the Rotary year. The goal is for all 66 clubs in our district to participate on some level. In addition, youth groups, Interact clubs, scout troops and community groups are encouraged to participate. If you need more information about the bike project, contact your club president.

**Gift Idea:** Are you looking for a gift idea for the family member who has "everything"? How about sending a donation with a World Bicycle Relief "This Is Not a Bike" card in an envelope for the honored family member? This is a fantastic "teachable moment" to explain to the receiver what the program is about. To view a three-minute video go to <http://rotary.worldbicyclerelief.org/rotary-district-6000>.



Muscatine Rotarians show their support for the World Bicycle Relief initiative which their club member, Mike Ruby, is promoting in District 6000 in his role as district governor.

Photo by Sarah Ritter, Muscatine Journal



# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*Fifteen years of love and service with the people in a Mexican village*



**By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM**  
Xicotepec Project Chair

**2017** was the 15th consecutive year in which District 6000 has sent a project team to Xicotepec, Puebla, Mexico to help make community projects of the Rotary Club of Xicotepec become reality.

As in past years, the project team included Rotarians, Interactors, University of Iowa service-learning students and faculty, and their family members. 2017's project team included 42 members from Clinton, Coralville, Des Moines, Iowa City, Keokuk, West Des Moines, West Liberty, Kent (Washington) and Midlothian (Virginia).

This year's was the smallest project team in the 15-year history of the Xicotepec Project, although only by a few persons. Of the 42 members, 14 had previously made the trip to Xicotepec, while 28 participated for the first time. To date, well over 900 project team members have made the spring break trip to Xicotepec since the first team went there in March 2003 to construct classrooms at the Rotary Club Primary School during PDG Gary Pacha's year as DG.

As usual, project team members put in a week of hard work, but were also given time to relax, recreate and get to know the community by visiting the twice-a-week tianguis, or traditional market, and taking part in social gatherings like a pool party for Iowa and Mexican youth and an end-of-the-week Mexican Fiesta with all the Iowa team and the Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, spouses, children, teachers, tradesmen and others with whom they worked during their week in Xicotepec.

## Deworming

Projects for 2017 included continuing programs such as the Deworming Program organized by U of I College of Pharmacy students (along with their faculty member and Iowa City Rotarian Dr. Chris Catney). This project, now in its 11th year, was executed with help from the rest of the project team, Xicotepec Rotarians and

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The 2017 Xicotepec Project Team of Rotarians, Interactors, University of Iowa service-learning students and faculty. Nine hundred project team members have made the spring break trip to Xicotepec since the first team in 2003.





Tom and Carol Narak with Alejandro Wurts and Millo Fosado, both of whom were Rotary Youth Exchange students in West Des Moines.



Alka Khanolkar of the Rotary Club of Keokuk with young friends at the Casa Hogar Victoria orphanage.



The Rotary Club of West Des Moines helped buy a new washing machine for the orphanage (l-r): Bill Windauer (Rotary Club of Iowa City), Bob Main (Rotary Club of Newton), Tom Mott (Rotary Club of Newton), and Nancy Stroburg (formerly of Jefferson, now living in Alexandria, Virginia).



University of Iowa Pharmacy students walking on water.



Hazel Seaba (Iowa City AM), Alka Khanolkar (Keokuk), Ana Rodríguez, Nancy Stroburg and Alexia Sánchez at work preparing a bus stop for a new coat of paint.



Carol and DGE Tom Narak of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines admire the sign commemorating 15 years of service to Xicotepec along with Rotary Club of Xicotepec president 2017-18 Millo Fosado Ramírez and president 2016-17 Jaime Fosado Gómez.



# Xicotepec: A project of Rotary District 6000

## XICOTEPEC/continued

friends, and school staff in many preschools and primary schools where students received the deworming medication. In recent years this program has shifted its focus toward poorer rural communities where parasite infection rates are highest. Retired College of Pharmacy Associate Dean, Hazel Seaba, a member of the Iowa City AM Rotary Club, played a key role in establishing this program and was a member of the project team this year – her first trip to Xicotepec as a former member of the U of I faculty.

## Dental hygiene

Another continuing program is a community dental health program, conducted by U of I College of Dentistry students along with faculty members Dr. Steven Levy and Daisy Patino. This group also works in schools to promote preventative dental hygiene to students, their parents and school staff. Both the Deworming and Dental programs address needs identified by the community, and both depend on support from the Xicotepec Rotary Club for scheduling, obtaining authorizations from schools and parents, transportation and other logistics, and the actual execution of the programs in the schools. Other groups that contributed personnel for these projects include a local nursing school, the local Red Cross chapter, and members of Xicotepec's Inner Wheel, Interact and Rotaract clubs.

## Other projects

Other projects for this year's project team included:

- Cleaning and repainting two existing bus stops, and painting a new bus stop – all of which will be branded with the Rotary wheel and the name of the Xicotepec Rotary Club.
- A project of the Xicotepec Interact Club, landscaping the lawn and garden area of the Damas Vicentinas home for senior citizens.
- The construction of an entrance canopy at a special education school in Villa Ávila Camacho that allows disabled students to get into and out of vehicles without being exposed to inclement weather.
- Construction of a workshop area for teaching food preparation



Iowa Interactors at work landscaping the lawn and garden area of the Damas Vicentinas home for senior citizens.

and related vocational skills to secondary school students in a rural school in Mecatlán de las Flores.

- Improvements to the Cruz Azul Center, where lodging and food is provided for project team members. This Catholic center hosts many group activities throughout the year and is also the home for several nuns who work with indigenous villages in the Xicotepec area.

- Improvements at the La Aldea orphanage; their former location was destroyed by Tropical Storm Earl and they have moved 53 children into a large house in Xicotepec. The Rotary Club of Xicotepec has contributed in many ways to help La Aldea settle in and adapt to its new home.

## How you can help

In addition to these work projects, team members visited the sites of past projects, such as the Casa Hogar Victoria orphanage, where a new blanket was given to each child, as well as projects that are being considered for the future, such as the need for repairs and improvements at the Escuela Club Rotario and the construction of a new classroom at a preschool in San Pedro Itztla, just outside of Xicotepec. About \$30,000 will be needed to finance these two important projects.

Tax-deductible contributions to help with projects in Xicotepec can be made to D6000 HEF; contributions should be sent to Phil Peterson, Treasurer, Rotary District 6000 HEF, P.O. Box 5774, Coralville, IA 52241-5774.



The Interactors' landscaping project, before and after.





2017 was the 15th year that project teams have come to Xicotepec from D6000.



The team that did the work – Xicotepec Interactors are in purple shirts, Women of St. Vincent de Paul are in blue suits, and Iowa youth and Rotarians are the others.



Hazel Seaba of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM with Gregorio Sánchez, who came to Iowa City as a visiting scholar in 2015.



On Friday, project team members were treated to a performance at the Escuela Club Rotario.



One of many ways in which Iowans are warmly welcomed to Xicotepec.



Friday's fiesta, celebrating a week of fellowship and service (l-r): Jaime Fosado (Xicotepec Rotary president), Nancy Stroburg (formerly of Jefferson, now living in Alexandria, Va.), Chris Catney (Iowa City), Bob Main (Newton), Carol and Tom Narak (West Des Moines), Carlos Gómez-Tello (past president and secretary of Xicotepec Rotary), Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM), Oscar Ramírez (Xicotepec Rotarian), Millo Fosado (president-elect of Xicotepec Rotary), Luis Arturo Arroyo (Xicotepec Rotary), Hazel Seaba (Iowa City AM), and Dr. Steve Levy (University of Iowa College of Dentistry).

Photos provided by Jim Peterson



# Who is supporting The Rotary Foundation?

**By PDG Corliss Klaassen/Chariton**

Paul Harris Society Chair and  
Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator

The 2016-2017 Rotary year figures are in and now we are able to analyze where the money came from and what areas of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) they went to. Contributions went in to one of four areas: 1) Annual Fund; 2) PolioPlus; 3) Endowment; and 4) Specific Grants and other.

Where did they go?

Last year 80 percent went to the Annual Fund, 10 percent to PolioPlus, 9 percent to the Endowment Fund and 1 percent were designated specific grants.

Who gave the money? Last year:

- 1,027 Rotarians (27 percent of our members) gave zero to the Foundation.
- 511 Rotarians (13.5 percent) gave between \$1 and \$99, for a total of \$25,715, or 4.7 percent of the total.
- However, 2,155 (57 percent) gave from \$100 to \$999. This group gave a total of \$294,534, or 53.4 percent of the total given to The Rotary Foundation.
- \$230,664 came from 94 Rotarians (2.5 percent of our members) who gave \$1,000 or more. These Rotarians who give over a \$1,000 in a year are given the title of Paul Harris Society Eligible



Members. This group gave almost 43 percent of all the money contributed this past year.

We need to convince those 1,027 non-giving Rotarians what more we could do if only they would contribute to our Foundation.

Results of our contributions:

Last year, approximately \$86,000 of our district's DDF was used to do Community Grants in our local communities. Most clubs matched with their own money, so over \$170,000 was spent on community projects in our local communities. There were also five Global Grants budgeted at approximately \$269,000, which will benefit approximately 27,000 individuals.

With the money contributed to PolioPlus along with the match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we were able to treat over 200,000 children with the polio vaccine.

Just think how many more underprivileged children and adults could be served if we were able to collect another \$10,000 or even \$100,000.

Let us hope that most of those who contributed zero last year will see how many more underprivileged citizens could be served if only they would contribute to The Rotary Foundation. Let's all increase our giving just a little this year.

We need to live by Rotary's motto of SERVICE Above Self.



## All Paul Harris Fellows!

The Rotary Club of North Scott was recognized as an All Paul Harris Fellows club on Aug. 11 by District Governor 2016-17 Chris Knapp and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Terry Geiger. Accepting the banners on behalf of the club were 2016-17 president Jeff Helms and current president Dennis Peterson. The other All Paul Harris Fellows clubs in District 6000 are named below.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

## All Paul Harris Fellow clubs

West Liberty: 2006	Wellman: 2013
Nevada: 2007	Jefferson: 2013
Iowa City Downtown: 2007	Iowa City: 2014
Coralville NC: 2008	Chariton: 2014
Decatur County: 2008	Boone: 2016
Iowa City AM: 2008	North Scott: 2017
Northwest Des Moines: 2011	Dallas Center: 2017
Marshalltown: 2012	Ames Morning: 2017
Pella: 2013	

## Learn and share at One Rotary Summits!

**By DG Mike Ruby/Muscatine**

What is a One Rotary Summit?

A major goal of Rotary is to provide resources and training for members to learn about ideas and techniques to grow larger, stronger and healthier clubs. Our district offers a variety of training events and one of these opportunities is happening soon: a One Rotary Summit (ORS).

A One Rotary Summit workshop focuses on the three pillars of Rotary: Membership, Public Image and The Rotary Foundation.

There is no charge to participate, however, registration is requested. The evening starts at 5:30 with a light supper and ends by 8:30 p.m.

We have added a third location this year to make attendance even more convenient. The event is for all Rotarians, but especially for committee chairs and club officers. The Summits will be held on:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 3:** West Liberty;
- **Thursday, Oct. 5:** Mount Pleasant;
- **Thursday, Oct. 12:** West Des Moines.

Registration information can be found at [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org). Go to the right column (under District Events) and click on your choice of locations.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn from experienced trainers and to share ideas with Rotarians from other clubs. It is vitally important for all clubs to be represented at a One Rotary Summit. Take a carload of club members to the one nearest you and enjoy the friendship and sharing of creative ideas with fellow Rotarians.



# Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

## District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 (Final Report)

(1) (Members: Jul 15/Jul 16)	(2) 16-17 APF Goal	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita	(5) Thru 6-30-17	(6) PolioPlus	(7) Other (**)	(8) TOTAL
Adel (37/37)	\$ 4,000	96	\$ 103.72	\$ 3,838	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,838
Albia (22/28)	1,150	65	26.79	750	0	0	750
Ames (224/226)	32,000	95	134.57	30,412	8,242	36,410	75,064
Ames Morning (55/55)	8,000	470	684.09	37,625	0	1,765	39,390
Ankeny (61/77)	12,000	102	159.31	12,267	4,900	0	17,167
Atlantic (58/58)	5,500	51	48.48	2,812	1,700	0	4,512
Bettendorf (103/101)	14,500	104	149.78	15,128	0	1,974	17,102
Bloomfield (10/10)	900	0	0	0	525	0	525
Boone (42/34)	17,000	22	108.38	3,685	2,235	25,482	31,402
Burlington (80/79)	7,500	66	68.22	4,915	0	0	4,915
Carroll (46/44)	952	906	187.50	8,625	684	500	9,808
Centerville (50/46)	3,360	137	104.55	4,600	60	0	4,660
Chariton (41/41)	4,500	107	117.07	4,800	1,600	500	6,900
Clinton (98/97)	8,500	91	79.67	7,728	3,488	0	11,216
Coon Rapids (27/31)	1,500	100	48.39	1,500	0	0	1,500
Coralville-North Corridor (20/21)	2,500	80	95.24	2,000	525	0	2,525
Corning (34/33)	1,300	113	44.47	1,468	1,000	0	2,468
Corydon (18/15)	1,200	113	90.00	1,350	0	0	1,350
Creston (23/19)	100	395	20.79	395	0	0	395
Dallas Center (27/29)	2,550	104	91.38	2,650	186	0	2,836
Davenport (112/113)	12,760	117	131.76	14,888	475	2,275	17,638
Decatur County (30/32)	6,300	149	292.91	9,373	1,477	2,420	13,270
Des Moines (276/270)	21,000	136	105.76	28,556	3,234	1,050	32,840
Des Moines AM (170/170)	13,000	104	79.82	13,570	810	0	14,380
East Polk County (34/31)	3,000	74	71.77	2,225	1,495	0	3,720
Fairfield (74/60)	5,800	79	76.08	4,565	0	0	4,565
Fort Madison (49/53)	6,000	91	102.83	5,450	492	0	5,942
Greater Des Moines (12/12)	600	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grinnell (38/40)	5,000	127	158.75	6,350	565	0	6,915
Indianola (54/53)	6,500	116	142.76	7,567	1,331	3,593	12,490
Iowa City (312/329)	45,000	106	144.78	46,633	2,877	2,135	54,545
Iowa City AM (66/69)	12,500	121	219.07	15,116	13,235	1,135	29,486
Iowa City Downtown (23/21)	2,100	235	235.29	4,941	2,140	0	7,081
Iowa Quad-Cities (41/42)	3,500	103	85.83	3,605	75	0	3,680
Jefferson (59/59)	6,000	123	125.42	7,400	3,100	0	10,500
Johnston (60/49)	4,000	172	140.59	6,889	0	0	6,889
Kalona (42/41)	2,200	155	82.93	3,400	1,200	0	4,600
Keokuk (66/71)	3,500	101	49.72	3,530	475	500	4,505
Keosauqua (24/22)	1,200	102	55.75	1,227	0	0	1,227
Knoxville (61/58)	5,500	77	73.28	4,250	0	0	4,250
Lenox (29/28)	2,500	81	72.51	2,030	0	0	2,030
Manning (19/25)	4,692	0	0	0	1,400	0	1,400
Marengo (11/10)	150	107	16.00	160	0	0	160
Marshalltown (150/147)	15,000	65	66.01	9,703	2,456	0	12,159
Mount Pleasant Noon (52/55)	5,000	96	87.65	4,821	2,000	0	6,821
Mount Pleasant (20/20)	400	151	30.28	606	1,063	0	1,669
Muscatine (79/77)	13,500	85	149.78	11,533	1,710	0	13,243
Nevada (71/69)	8,200	138	163.71	11,296	1,975	0	13,271
Newton (60/55)	3,000	34	18.66	1,027	2,030	1,050	4,107
North Scott (85/86)	11,000	148	189.88	16,329	3,760	20,000	40,089
Northwest Des Moines (34/40)	7,500	106	198.00	7,920	3,752	0	11,672
Osceola (28/29)	800	100	27.59	800	56	500	1,356
Oskaloosa (56/55)	3,000	156	85.09	4,680	1,500	0	6,180
Ottumwa (97/98)	12,500	87	110.97	10,875	0	0	10,875
Pella (29/30)	3,000	172	172.03	5,161	625	0	5,786
Perry (26/26)	900	92	31.92	830	723	0	1,553
Tipton (30/26)	2,500	175	168.08	4,370	725	987	6,082
Washington (49/48)	5,000	105	109.17	5,240	500	0	5,740
Waukee (58/64)	7,300	114	130.06	8,324	8,243	5,100	21,667
Wellman (36/34)	3,100	120	109.12	3,710	0	0	3,710
West Des Moines (62/63)	5,000	118	93.83	5,912	725	0	6,637
West Liberty (43/44)	13,000	149	439.86	19,354	325	0	19,679
West Polk County (31/18)	2,200	125	152.38	2,743	0	50,000	52,743
Winterset (25/30)	5,240	83	144.57	4,337	2,800	500	7,637
District Contributions	0	0	0	750	1,578	10,101	39,078
<b>Total (3,854/3,853)</b>	<b>\$ 428,954</b>	<b>111.80</b>	<b>\$ 124.47</b>	<b>\$ 479,591</b>	<b>\$ 97,970</b>		<b>\$ 772,187</b>

(\*) Final Report Rotary Year 2016-17 (Norwalk Club to be added next year)

(\*\*) Other includes endowment fund and restricted giving for grants



## Rotary Foundation support

# Per capita giving hits all-time high

**By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County**

District Rotary Foundation Chair

Another Rotary year has been completed, and in the year 2016-2017, you all hit it out of the park!

Because of your generosity, many more families in the world will have fresh water to drink and many more families will have access to better medical facilities and a better opportunity for a better education.

The trend in per member giving to the Annual Fund hit an all-time in District 6000. Our average for every member for 2016-2017 was \$124.47. Total giving to the annual fund was \$479,581, which is the second highest on record.

In other words, though our total membership has decreased over the past few years, which is obviously a concern, the Rotarians we have are giving more.

I would like to take a few lines to explain to some who may not understand what the Annual Fund is. This is the fund that is used

to support our humanitarian projects both in our local communities and around the world. These are the dollars that fund our grant projects both globally through Global Grants and locally through our Community Service Grants.

There is additional information in this newsletter regarding the use of the District Designated Funds (DDF). Please review this information and contact me or Brock Earnhardt with any questions you may have. This is how the money you gave three years ago was spent. I have been promoting that we do not give TO the Foundation but we give THROUGH the Foundation, so that we can make the world a better place.

One final thought: If you want to learn more about our great Foundation, I would love to come to your club and give a presentation. Our Foundation can be difficult to understand with all its “ins and outs,” so please give me an opportunity to come to your club and help you all understand the process of The Rotary Foundation.

I can be contacted at (641) 442-5559 or [tlgeiger@grm.net](mailto:tlgeiger@grm.net).

## Here is how your money was invested

**Dear Rotarians,**

District 6000 is required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Rotary Foundation agreeing that we will follow all the requirements regarding use of Foundation grant funds. In addition, that MOU requires D6000 to report to all clubs in our district how the funds are used. That is the purpose of this letter.

We do it not only because The Rotary Foundation requires it, but also because it is the right thing to do. In other words, full transparency in District 6000. The is all part of the stewardship we speak about at our Grant Management Seminars, using the funds prudently. The source of our DDF in 2016-17 was giving to the Foundation's Annual Fund in Rotary year 2013-2014, as well as earnings on the Endowment Fund from the same year. Half of all that comes back to District 6000 for our use in changing lives in our own communities as well as communities around the world.

The following is a 2016-2017 report and the use of our District Designated Funds (DDF).

For the 2016-17 year, D6000 had \$353,034 District Designated Funds (DDF) available to contribute to Rotary's six causes:

- 1) Fighting diseases including polio;
- 2) Providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene;
- 3) Saving mothers and children;
- 4) Supporting education;
- 5) Improving local economies; and
- 6) Promoting peace.

District 6000 clubs and Rotarians authorized the following DDF contributions.

- \$84,365 for Community Service Grants requested by 22 of our clubs to help complete 27 projects. These helped to provide humanitarian assistance to disadvantaged people in our Iowa communities, to improve local literacy and educational opportunities, and to construct civic amenities – all enabling us to serve together building Rotary fellowship.

- \$57,905 for Global Grants to help support four international projects sponsored by 10 of our clubs to provide humanitarian aid to more than 670 poor people in Nicaragua, improved education to 3,440 students in Chile, and training in the Ponseti Method for treatment of clubfoot to orthopedic surgeons in Brazil and Bolivia; training that is expected to benefit more than 50,000 children in the physicians' practice lives. Budgets for the four projects totaled more than \$348,000.

- \$85,323 for PolioPlus.

I want to close by thanking the Rotarians of District 6000 for their generosity in giving. It is through your generosity that we are making a difference and making life better for our fellow citizens in our communities and all over the world.

**Terry Geiger, District Rotary Foundation Chair**

**Chris Knapp, District Governor 2016-17**

**Brock Earnhardt, District Gobal Grants Chair**

## Rotary Foundation maintains top 10 ranking

The Rotary Foundation ranked third in CNBC's annual list of “Top 10 Charities Changing the World.” The 2016 list included some of the largest and highest-rated charities that help women, children, the poor and the environment throughout the world, according to Charity Navigator.

The organizations also maintain high standards of financial health, accountability and transparency of reporting.

The Rotary Foundation was noted for connecting 1.2 million members from more than 200 geographic areas to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges, including projects that focus on disease prevention, water, sanitation and maternal and child health. The ranking also recognized Rotary's role in the effort to eradicate polio. The Foundation made the list in 2015 as well.

*from Inside – The Rotarian. Submitted by Terry Geiger*



# District 6000 Global Grants: Doing good on four continents

**By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport**

District 6000 Global Grants Chair

District 6000 clubs are developing Rotary Foundation global grant projects to address pressing humanitarian needs in desperate communities around the world. Already this Rotary year seven applications are being drafted in the Rotary Grant Center. Sponsors of the applications are welcoming additional partners.

- **Jim Peterson, Rotary Club of Iowa City AM**, is leading development of a project to provide a community water supply and sanitation improvements for Nuevo Edén, a remote Mayan village of about 500 people in the **Western Highlands of Guatemala**. The village was settled 20 years ago by retornados who had taken refuge in Mexico during Guatemala's 36-year-long civil war. The Maya that returned to Guatemala were settled in remote and desolate locations with no infrastructure. Because resources are scarce, infrastructure remains rudimentary. A \$179,000 global grant will secure a spring water source and build a pumping station, tank and transmission pipeline and provide improved latrines.

- **Rick Burns, Rotary Club of Atlantic**, is working with Rotarians in **Herat, Afghanistan** – people whom he met while he was deployed there by the U.S. Army – to improve a school in a rural community. Khaja Mohammad Koohi School currently has 480 students in Grades 1 through 9; 250 boys who attend in the mornings and 230 girls who attend in the afternoons. There are many more children in the community whose parents hold them out of school because of the lack of safety, particularly a border wall around the building for protection from traffic and animals. Besides building a border wall, the \$64,000 project will do fundamental renovations to the classrooms and construct improved latrines.

- **Doug Flournoy, Rotary Club of Fairfield**, along with Rotary friends in **Nepal** is drafting an application for a \$180,000 grant for a community water supply for **Gaidakot village in south central Nepal**. The project will drill a well and construct eight miles of pipelines and a pumping station to provide access to clean water for 15,000 people who, at present, walk to a polluted river to get water. This is the final phase of community water supply improvements for Gaidakot that the Rotary Clubs of Fairfield and Narayani Mid Town, Nepal began in 2011. The first project led to continuing friendships between Rotarians in District 6000 and Nepal and visits in each other's countries.

- **Former Ambassadorial Scholar Jennifer Blair, with support from Iowa City AM Rotary**, is developing an application to drill two wells and construct storage tanks for **Kumwambu village in Kibondo District in western Tanzania**. The \$150,000 project will provide clean water for more than 25,000 people who presently walk miles daily to fetch water from small springs and ponds. Kumwambu village is the home of a former St. Ambrose University

nursing student, Sister Candida Massabo. Jennifer, who supports international students in her position as assistant director in Tippie College of Business, and her husband Ryan Dye, who is Director of International Education at St. Ambrose University, befriended Sister Candida while she was in Davenport and were overwhelmed with the water needs of the growing Kumwambu community when they travelled there in 2015.

- **Dimy Doresca, Rotary Club of Iowa City**, is advocating for a community water supply and sanitation project in the **Arcahaie/Cabaret region of Haiti**, Dimy's home country. The project will be a collaboration between clubs in District 6000 and District 5970. The Rotary Club of Waterloo is taking the lead and five D6000 clubs have already pledged financial support for this \$98,000 project. It will drill four wells, provide 400 water treatment devices and construct 20 improved public latrines in an area where 30,000 people live with existing water supplies that are badly contaminated.

- **A vocational training team grant application to provide instruction and mentoring in the Ponseti Method for treatment of clubfoot** is being drafted in a collaboration between Rotarians in District 6000 and **District 4281 in Colombia**. Rotarians who are orthopedic surgeons in Bogotá have requested the VTT, which would be the third such training project for our district. Successful Ponseti training projects are continuing in **Brazil and Bolivia**. The Colombia project will train about 30 orthopedic surgeons, each of whom will treat as many as 1,000 clubfoot patients in their practice lives. That is enough trained specialists to assure that no child in Colombia needs to grow up crippled by clubfoot.

- **Dennis Drager, Rotary Club of Marshalltown**, has drafted an application for a grant for work in **South Sudan** which, when approved, will complete a project that his club started in 2013. With their original Rotary Foundation grant, Marshalltown Rotary was able to purchase water well drilling equipment and ship the equipment to South Sudan. Shortly after purchase of the equipment, civil war broke out in South Sudan causing the project to be temporarily suspended. When the civil unrest has improved, the project will resume under a new global grant, which entails creation of three companies that will train and employ villagers to drill and maintain water wells in Old Fangak and the surrounding areas in South Sudan. In addition to providing clean water for 15,000-plus people, the companies will provide a means of economic development and employment for the local people.

Fourteen projects are currently in progress with Rotary Foundation global grants awarded to District 6000 clubs in prior years. The projects are promoting peace; providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene instruction; supplying medical equipment and instruction to save mothers and children; supporting education; helping grow local economies; and fighting diseases in eleven countries.



## Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus:

- ✓ Maternal and Child Health
- ✓ Water and Sanitation
- ✓ Disease Prevention and Treatment

- ✓ Basic Education and Literacy
- ✓ Economic-Community Development
- ✓ Peace and Conflict Resolution



# Youth Exchange is alive and well!

By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities

District 6000 Youth Exchange Chair

Rotary Youth Exchange is alive and well in District 6000. During August and September we will be saying good-bye to seven Outbound students heading to their destination countries to begin a life-changing year abroad. At the same time, we will be welcoming 15 Inbound students who will be spending the next ten or eleven months in District 6000.

Tearful good-byes and happy hellos are part and parcel of any exchange program, and ours is no exception. Emotions run high during this part of the exchange cycle. New faces and new places await all of our students, and there is much excitement among them, as well as the host families, the hosting clubs and districts, and the receiving schools.

Learning a new culture, improving language skills, making new friends, and exploring new communities and countries are what make Youth Exchange such a significant experience in the lives of our young friends. There are also Rotary rules to learn and follow, house rules to adapt to, club presentations to make, reports to file for the home (sending) districts, and, of course, trying new foods.

Aside from these things, over the duration of the exchange there are emotional highs and lows, and the students will learn to deal with mixed feelings after the initial excitement of arriving in a new country. Homesickness can be a detriment to an exchange. The host families, club counselors, as well as RYE committees all work to assist the student through the ups and downs of a typical exchange year, which will lead to a successful and memorable year abroad.

Your district committee invites all clubs to participate in our program. Contact us with questions. We are always ready and willing to share our program with the district. To quote a classic expression from early television commercials for Alka-Seltzer.... Try it, you'll like it!



Students from District 6000 who will be studying abroad in 2017-18 are (l-r): Emily Thomson (Mount Pleasant, to Spain), Aaron Hoang (Ankeny, to France), Olivia Bohlmann (Ottumwa, to Italy), Caroline Christophersen (Iowa Quad Cities, to France), Isabella O'Connor (Des Moines, to Italy), Alexander Krob (Iowa City AM, to Chile), and Sebastian Llaca (Waukee, to Spain).

## Second generation exchange a joy in Wellman

*District 6000 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee member Rebecca Schultz shared this "second generation" Youth Exchange testimonial from Cinthia Yumi Shiokawa of Brazil, who was an inbound exchange student to Wellman in 1985 and now her daughter will be an inbound exchange student to Wellman.*

By Cinthia Yumi Shiokawa

1985 Youth Exchange student from Brazil

My father is in Rotary for more than 40 years, and my parents hosted many exchange students in their home. In 1982, they hosted a girl from Wisconsin. We had a great time together, and she always encouraged me to go for an exchange, so I did go. I went to Wellman, Iowa in 1985, and had three different host families that were just wonderful for me. Kinneers was one of the families. My year in Wellman was magic. I've had amazing experiences going to a trip to Washington, D.C., with the choir of Mid-Prairie High School, and going to the Appalachia project with the church people.

I had the opportunity to go to Kansas City for the international Rotary Conference, and so many other places. I have been in touch with all my three families since I left. Roger Borup, he was my chairman at the time, came to visit me with his wife in 2000. We had very good time together. Also Beth came to Brazil last year with her son for a visit.

When my oldest son, Leo, decided he was going to try an exchange, Kinnneers thought it could be a possibility for him to go to the same place I did. After almost two years of hard work, finally it is happening. For me is a dream come true. Rotary has changed my life and is now doing the same for Leo. Thank you for being part of this too. – Cinthia

### Inbound students in 2017-18

Student	Country	Host Club
Elisa Brownrigg.....	Brazil	West Liberty
Laureane Noremberg lung .....	Brazil	Ottumwa
Leonardo Seiji Shiokawa Da Silva.....	Brazil	Wellman
Daniel Teixeira de Campos Barreiro....	Brazil	Marshalltown
Daniela Andrea Lozano Lagos .....	Chile	Keokuk
Matej Vukic .....	Croatia	Boone
Lena Julie Renee Bergougnan .....	France	Decatur Cty
Marie Hanoire .....	France	Ankeny
Josefine Teuber .....	Germany	Waukee
Giulia Carlotti .....	Italy	Grinnell
Alessandro Lomaestro.....	Italy	Bettendorf
Andrea Ivana Rodriguez Negrete .....	Mexico	Ankeny
Claudio Sanchez Zertuche .....	Mexico	Ankeny
Nayem Fayad Rodriguez.....	Spain	Waukee
Paula Momplo Martinez .....	Spain	Iowa City AM



## Stationary bikes included

# Rotarians challenged to join District 6000 'Ride To End Polio' Nov. 12-19

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

District PolioPlus Chair

The PolioPlus Subcommittee has been intent on raising funds for the eradication of polio since we started and are always looking for ways to engage more individuals in our fundraising efforts.

Our newest endeavor will allow all Rotarians, their families and friends, Interactors, ROTEXERS, RYLarians and Rotary Youth Exchange students to participate in a district-wide effort that will involve everyone who wants to be able to say that when polio has been eradicated, that they were a part of it!

The PolioPlus Subcommittee has adopted the "Ride to End Polio" fundraiser using the Indoor Ride to End Polio the week of Nov. 12-19 in conjunction with the Tucson event, El Tour of Tucson.

It was decided by the group to set a goal of \$38,000 with a team of 500 from District 6000. Riders of stationary bikes can ride across the District any time during the week of Nov. 12-19 and they may ride as groups in health clubs or

YMCA's or individually in their homes.

Riders can be district Rotarians, family members (of all ages), Interactors, RYLarians or Rotary Youth Exchange students. There is no maximum number of cyclists on our District 6000 team. Team members collect pledges or donations for each minute they ride and then hop on stationary bikes for the self-selected length of time.

It is suggested that the riders solicit donations to PolioPlus in support of the ride in the amount of \$1.00 per minute. To ensure proper Paul Harris credit for donors (and credit to clubs) we recommend that all contributions be made online through special Crowdfunding pages at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). Each rider is responsible to ensure that off-line contributions go to the Rotary Foundation PolioPlus fund. Indoor riders may choose any number of minutes consistent with their level of fitness.

Each rider must complete the indoor ride in one "sitting" any time during the period Nov. 13-20. It is not necessary for all riders to ride together. The top individual fundraiser worldwide (indoor or outdoor) is identified on the Harris Trophy on display at Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, Ill. The top fundraising club and district for Indoor Ride to End Polio will be identified on the Harris Trophy as well. Riders are encouraged to wear their End



PDG Ernie Montagne of Arizona (r) initiated the Ride To End Polio and was promoting it at the 2015 RI Convention in Brazil when this picture was taken with Waukee Rotarian Matt Olson.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

Polio Now shirts for the ride.

Susan Herrick is asking that all clubs send her the names of riders in this fundraiser, preferably by Sept. 30, so that we can begin to publicize the event.

In 2016 the Ride to End Polio (indoor and outdoor) raised \$11.3 million with the Gates 2:1 match. Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$35 million, enough to purchase more than 50 million doses of polio vaccine.

For more information see [www.ridetoeendpolio.org](http://www.ridetoeendpolio.org).

This is a realistic goal that we believe Rotarians from District 6000 can easily achieve. The Assistant Governors will be contacting members of their assigned clubs to work to assemble their riders and to report them back to PDG Susan Herrick.

If we as a district like this challenge we may want to repeat it over the few years that we have remaining before we celebrate the eradication of polio and keep our promise to the children of the world!

## 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 Boone Rotarian, PDG 1954-55 Judge Paul E. 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, 2018. The nominations will be submitted to the District 6000 Vocational

Service Committee and nominees will be recognized at the District Conference.

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.



# Fort Madison Rotarians partner with grocer to raise funds for PolioPlus

By Janelle Case/Fort Madison

On July 28th, the Rotary Club of Fort Madison partnered with their local HyVee Store and held a PolioPlus fundraising event.

We held an outside barbecue during the lunch hour and sold hot-dogs, chips, drinks and root beer floats. The store also asked their patrons if they wanted to round up their receipt to the next dollar and donate to PolioPlus.

In all, the club raised \$384.50 that will be donated to the cause to eradicate polio. Special thanks to Kim Jaber, HyVee store director and fellow Rotarian, for donating all the supplies for the event.

# Metro clubs planning for 10th annual polio fundraiser with Iowa Wolves

By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines

Planning is underway for the Tenth Annual Rotary PolioPlus/Iowa Wolves (formerly Energy) basketball game, which will be Feb. 3, 2018, at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

What started as a humanitarian effort in 2009 by Des Moines area Rotary clubs to support the collaborative efforts of the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations through UNICEF, the United States Center for Disease Control (USCDC), and Rotary International, has continued to grow.

A partnership that was first envisioned in December of 2008 has now raised \$91,505 through ticket sales, contributions, a 50/50 raffle and a barbecue cook off – enough to immunize over 160,000 children.

In 2013, the Polio Plus Committee established a traveling trophy to recognize the club that sold the most tickets per member. The Rotary Club of West Polk County won in 2015, 2016 and again in 2017. Also, last year the Waukee club won the barbecue cook-off.

Our partnership with the Iowa Wolves provides a medium to:

- 1) Raise money for the final eradication of Polio worldwide;
- 2) Provide positive exposure to a primary focus of Rotary and give non-Rotarians a chance to financially support eradication efforts in a fun and inexpensive family event;
- 3) Provide tickets to a variety of youth and other non-profit organizations, who would not otherwise be able to attend a basketball game;
- 4) Provide an opportunity for area Rotary clubs to work together in a fun and cooperative event.

The Feb. 3, 2018, game against the Oklahoma City Blue will also include NBA quality half time entertainment. P.S.: The D-League is now the G-League (Gatorade).



Fort Madison Rotarians created awareness of Rotary and raised funds for polio at the local HyVee store in July, (l-r): Tony Menke, past president Matt Lafrenz, Bob Anderson, Diane Hope and president Tim Gobble.



## Chamber pays Rotary ...

The Rotary Club of Ankeny received a \$500 donation for volunteering again this year at Ankeny Chamber's Summerfest Grand Parade. This marks the 23rd year that club has been a key partner in bringing the parade to the city. Each year, 30 Rotarians arrive at 5:45 a.m. on parade day to check in, organize and release 135 floats onto the two-mile parade route. More than 18,000 residents and their guests gather to watch the parade. Pictured (l-r): Sally Shroeder, club president; Julie Todtz, Chamber ceo; Carmen Davis, Ankeny Rotary; Stacey Koeppen, Ankeny Chamber board; and Todd Wehr, Chairman of the Board, Ankeny Chamber.

Provided by Jody Savage



# Polio statue ready for the next step!

**By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County**

District 6000 Public Image Chair

How exciting it was to get the call from artist Dave Biehl saying that the statue is done and ready for the next step!

With that call it was time for us to make one more trip to have a final look at the statue before it goes to the foundry in Loveland, Colorado.

It was an adrenalin building trip the closer we got to the small town in Elkhorn, Nebraska. Meeting Dave at the Main Street

Studios were Peggy and PDG Terry Geiger, and PDG Chris and Vernetta Knapp. We could have stood there for an hour and just looked over the detailed hours of work that Dave has put into this project – approximately 300 hours so far.

From the look on the little girl's face watching drops go in the child's mouth, to the replica of an actual vial used to administer drops in Nigeria, to the Rotary pin Dave applied to the lapel of the jacket. We were just in awe of Dave's work. He is a retired veterinarian

and self-taught sculptor who has only been sculpting for 13 years. He has works at three museums, two high schools, one college and two downtown areas. He is getting ready to begin a sculpture for the Henry Doorly Zoo this Fall.

I feel what makes a connection with this artist is the personalization that he has given to the statue. From using his three grandchildren (Rocco, 6, Lyla 4, and Liam, 2) as models for the very first sketch to make a rough cut Styrofoam mold, to the final clay production, he calls it "Play with Clay." He tells us of the many times that Rotarians and community people who have heard about this statue in the making and have come in to see it. He has even spoken to a couple Rotary clubs about it.

What a great public image story it is to tell our story and to create awareness, while paying tribute to our District 6000 Rotarians for their dedication and contributions towards the End Polio Now effort for the past 32 years.

The statue will now be transported by the artist himself to the foundry in Loveland, Colorado. It will be cut down into about 25 different molds and later welded back together after quite a lengthy process of waxing, ceramic dipping, being put into an 1800 degree furnace, and sand blasting, etc.

Dave explained the high cost of statues is because the cost of health care has increased drastically. It is a high risk job around the welding, waxing and the hot, hot temperatures, and the insurance side of the business has risen over the years. This process could now take approximately four to six months. When it's time, Dave will return to Colorado for the spraying of the Patinas and the "bronzing."

Then he will bring it home to Iowa.



A Rotary pin is added to the jacket.



Artist Dave Biehl with the Polio Statue for District 6000



Proudly holding the Rotary sign with Artist Dave Biehl (middle) are PDG Terry and Peggy Geiger and Vernetta and PDG Chris Knapp. A job well done!



# Vocational Training Teams create lasting change in Nigeria, Tanzania and Brazil

By Lynn Hicks/Des Moines

District Vocational Training Team Chair

Rotarians in District 6000 are offering their expertise to create lasting change in Nigeria, Tanzania, Brazil and elsewhere through Rotary International's Vocational Training Team program.

Vocational training teams consist of groups of professionals – both Rotarians and non-Rotarians – who travel to another country either to teach local professionals about a particular field or to learn more about their own. The VTT program is an outgrowth of the old Group Study Exchange program, but it goes a step further by giving team members the chance to use their skills to improve the lives of others.

VTT activities support The Rotary Foundation's mission to promote goodwill and peace, improve health, support education, and alleviate poverty. Teams can be funded by district and global grants, and projects must have a minimum budget of \$30,000 to be eligible for global grants.

Here are some of the VTT projects District 6000 has supported:

- **Prenatal and birthing training in Nigeria:** The Rotary Clubs of Adel and Malali are wrapping up a grant to reduce high infant and maternal mortality rates in the west African nation. In August 2016, eight healthcare workers and Rotarians from Kaduna State spent a week at Des Moines University receiving training on MamaNatalie birthing simulators. These low-tech mannequins are suited for training in rural areas and simulate several medical complications that can occur during childbirth. The health care providers returned to Nigeria with 12 mannequins and other training materials. Iowa Rotarians traveled to northern Nigeria to observe training. Several independent training workshops have followed.

"To date, the program has resulted in more than 200 Nigerian medical professionals as well as traditional birthing attendants improving their skill sets to better address the birthing challenges faced in rural northern Nigeria," said VTT team leader Del Christensen of the Adel Rotary Club.

- **Training on clubfoot treatment in Brazil:** District 6000's partnership with the Ponseti International Association, based at the University of Iowa, has led to VTT projects to train physicians in the non-surgical method of treating clubfoot. In the last year, the

VTT team has trained about 30 physicians in Salvador, São Paulo and Passo Fundo.

"Many doctors did not know about Rotary, and this was an excellent venue to show them the power of RI in helping the world," reported Anna Hanson, the team leader from the Rotary Club of West Liberty.

District 6000 is also working with District 5970 in northern Iowa to pursue a similar VTT project to train doctors in Mexico on the Ponseti method.

- **Well driller training in Tanzania:** The Rotary Clubs of Ames and Same have collaborated to improve water quality in villages in northeast Tanzania. Through a previous Rotary Foundation grant, the Ames Rotarians identified problems with borehole drilling in the region, which led to poor water quality. The VTT team, led by well contractors from Nevada, Iowa, provided classroom and field training in summer and fall 2016. Those attending included drillers and government officials.

- **English-teacher training in Tanzania:** This VTT project grew out of the longtime relationship between the Rotary Clubs of Ames and Moshi/Mwanga. The Rotarians identified a shortage of teachers, particularly those with adequate training in teaching English. In March 2016, educator Tom Walsh Jr. of Ames and other team members presented training on effective teaching methodologies and English conversation to teachers at five secondary schools in the Mwangi District. The project provided textbooks and other learning materials and a stipend to trainees so they would continue coaching colleagues.

"Teachers and students want to continue using the strategies and students report having gained more confidence with these approaches," Walsh reported.

All of these projects fulfilled the goal of Rotary International: "A successful VTT increases the capacity of the host community to solve problems and improve the quality of life."

Do you have an idea for a VTT project? Do you have relationships with Rotarians in other nations who are interested in working with us? Contact VTT chairman Lynn Hicks (lynhyx@gmail.com or 515-556-0747) or Global Grants chairman Brock Earnhardt (brockearnhardt@hotmail.com or 563-343-6304).

## Six project fairs in 2017-18 unite leaders, exchange ideas

By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport

District 6000 Global Grants Chair

There are six Rotary project fairs scheduled this 2017-18 year. These are regional events hosted by Rotary districts to encourage international friendship and collaboration. They give Rotary clubs a chance to showcase service efforts to potential partners and give international visitors the opportunity to find grant projects that meets their clubs' international service goals.

- West Africa; Accra, Ghana: Nov. 4-11, 2017; [www.rotarywestafricaprojectfair.org/](http://www.rotarywestafricaprojectfair.org/)

- Ecuador; Guayaquil, Ecuador: Nov. 17-19, 2017; email Ampato Albuja at: [a.abuja.comunicacion@hotmail.org](mailto:a.abuja.comunicacion@hotmail.org); [www.rotaryecuador.org](http://www.rotaryecuador.org).

- Uniendo America (Central America); Belize City, Belize: Jan. 25-27, 2018; email Rene Villanueva at: [renevillanueva1516@gmail.com](mailto:renevillanueva1516@gmail.com).

[www.uniendoamericaprojectfair.org](http://www.uniendoamericaprojectfair.org).

- Colombia; Armenia, Colombia: Feb. 2-4, 2018; Facebook: Feria de Proyectos Colombia; [www.feriadeproyectoscolombia.com](http://www.feriadeproyectoscolombia.com).

- East Africa; Uganda: Feb. 8-10, 2018; email Stephen Mwanje at: [mwanjes@gmail.com](mailto:mwanjes@gmail.com).

- Peru; May 2018; email Carlos Rioja at: [carlosorioja@yahoo.com](mailto:carlosorioja@yahoo.com). (Some of the website may not be up to date. If so, check later in the fall.)

These events offer good ways to learn about different countries, cultures and communities and build long-lasting relationships. Consider attending. They promise to broaden your horizons.

If you are thinking of going to a project fair and would like to be in touch with others from our district who are attending, please contact Brock Earnhardt, Global Grants Committee Chair at [brockearnhardt@hotmail.com](mailto:brockearnhardt@hotmail.com).



Fernando and his father are eagerly awaiting the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team's visit in February 2018 and the corrective surgery that will give him a new life!



Afner (right) was one of Iowa MOST's first patients when he was a toddler. He and his family return to the mission year after year so surgeons can continue his cleft repairs.

## Iowa M.O.S.T.: Making a Difference!

**By Deb Dunkhase/Iowa City AM**

Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team Leader

*Iowa Miles Of Smiles – Iowa Millas de Sonrisas!*

It's a tremendous accomplishment that District 6000 is making our 13th Iowa MOST cleft medical mission to Guatemala in February 2018! When you think about Rotary's dedication to "Making a Difference" in the world, this project is spot on. The Iowa MOST team of 35-40 Rotarians and medical professionals travel to Huehuetenango, Guatemala, to make life-changing differences in the lives of our friends in Central America.

In partnership with long-time friends from the Rotary Club of Huehuetenango and brand new Rotarian friends from the Guatemala City Metro Club, we have high hopes that our team will be able to help more kids than ever this year! This project relies heavily on the philosophy that "It takes a village to make a difference" to find the children who are born with cleft birth defects.

It is customary in Guatemala for these children to be hidden from society. They're kept inside their homes and most often not allowed to go to school. Without help from Rotary, these Guatemalan families would never have the opportunity to have a medical team help their children. Considering the rate of poverty and lack of resources, it just wouldn't be possible. The surgeries provided by the Iowa MOST team truly gives these beautiful children a chance at a better life – making a difference in a profound way to so many young lives.

Afner, in the photo above, was one of Iowa MOST's very first patients coming for his first surgery when he was just a toddler. Afner and his family return to the mission year after year so that our team

surgeons can continue his cleft repairs as he grows up. Today he's a young man of 11 years with a love of life, a joy of learning and school, and a connectedness to his family and culture that every child deserves to experience. Afner's story would have had a much different ending without District 6000 and Iowa MOST.

Waiting for us to return this year are Fernando and his father. Fernando has been desperate for cleft surgery from birth, but our team was not able to help him until he was old enough and strong enough to endure heart surgery in Guatemala City in 2016. The heart surgery was successful and Fernando had his first cleft surgery last year. He'll be back in February in the hopes of more extensive surgery and dental work that will help him eat and drink normally and speak more clearly. Fernando is a super sweet kid who is full of laughter and smiles just waiting for Iowa MOST to help them escape his little body.

The incredible work the Iowa MOST team performs every year dramatically impacts children who would otherwise have very little chance of a healthy, bright future and it couldn't be done without the support of District 6000 and each of you!

Please consider supporting District 6000's 2018 Iowa MOST mission with a personal donation or by advocating for your Rotary club to designate a specific dollar amount per member when paying your annual dues. Every dollar donated makes a real difference in Rotary Making a Difference!

On behalf of our Guatemalan children, Dr. John Canady – MOST Medical Team Director, and the entire team of volunteer doctors, nurses, and non-medical staff ... *Muchas, Muchas Gracias!*





Districts 5970 of northern Iowa and 6000 of southern Iowa co-sponsored Iowa RYLA which brought 240 high school students to

# RYLA: *It's all about the exp*

**By Mark McAndrews/Northwest Des Moines**  
District 6000 RYLA Coordinator

**"W**ords can't even describe this very special moment in my life. I learned how to be a better leader, how to trust people, and how to help those in need of my help. I had an amazing team full of people I get to call friends for the rest of my life. I had an amazing counselor and Rotarian that I care for and respect very much. I wouldn't trade that week for anything! I could write a whole book about my experience!"

*"Best week of my life."*

*"Prior to this experience, I had never really considered myself having the talents to be a leader, and could not understand how I could interpret my love of serving my community into my high school experience."*

These comments from three of the 240 conferees who attended the 2017 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) conference July 16-20 at Grinnell College capture the essence of RYLA—experience.

The very design of RYLA is to allow future leaders to learn through experience so that they lock in the lessons they acquire.

It has often been remarked, "Leadership cannot be taught, it must be learned." RYLA creates the atmosphere where that learning can happen. Through a carefully structured series of activities, with each building upon prior activities, leadership lessons and life lessons are available to be learned.

The experience starts on Sunday afternoon as the conferees meet

their teams. Each conferee is assigned to a team of 12 conferees led by a counselor (a returning conferee from prior years) and mentored by a Rotarian. The teams are structured so that no one will know any other member of the team. This accomplishes a number of things: it puts everyone on even footing since no one can rely on a friend; it pushes conferees to expand their comfort zone; and it frees conferees to drop pretenses they may hide behind or feel bound to live by.

The team is an integral part of RYLA. A conference of 240 can seem overwhelming at times, but a team of 12 is a group small enough to find a comfortable balance. The majority of the week will be spent in activities with the 12 team members working and learning together.

The week starts with each individual learning about their own strengths and motivations. The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator personality inventory and Real Colors assessment helps conferees gain an appreciation of the mix of traits that comprise their identity. With this knowledge they gain an understanding of where they have strengths relative to others and where they may struggle. They also gain an appreciation of how to interact with team members who have different strengths to achieve team goals.

The teams undertake a number of activities through the week that challenge their ability to work together as a team. The activities challenge the conferees to learn to understand their teammates and appreciate their unique talents, gifts and capabilities as well as how to marshal those talents towards their common goal.

After each activity, the counselor leads a debrief of the activity





Grinnell College July 16-20 for leadership training. More photos and articles are on the next pages.

# *Experience for young leaders*

that focuses on what went right, what went wrong and what lessons are available from the activity. These discussions give the conferees the chance to reflect on their experiences and tease out the lessons that are available to them from the activity. By actively practicing the skills needed to be a successful team, the leadership lessons are truly learned and incorporated into their lives.

One of the realizations, mentioned in one of the quotes at the start of this article, is that leadership can look very different than many imagine on Sunday afternoon. Stereotypes of what leadership looks like fall away as the teams experience each team member's unique manner of leading. Understanding that leadership can look very different with different teams and in different situations gives the conferees a whole new perspective on how they can lead in the future and how they can appreciate and support leaders with whom they work.

Another facet of the RYLA experience is that the teams become very close to each other very quickly as they engage in open discussions of how they work and how they work effectively together. Debriefing activities requires honesty, authenticity, accountability, integrity, responsibility and vulnerability to fully appreciate all of the lessons available to the team. This environment is uncommon and often leads to discussions of the challenges the conferees face outside of RYLA. Seeing conferees expand leadership lessons to general life lessons and make plans to lead richer more fulfilling lives drives home the importance of the RYLA experience.

On Sunday and Monday we see some hesitation on some of the

faces in the crowd. Some conferees are not sure what they have gotten themselves into or whether this week will be worth it for the line on their résumé. By Friday we have a hard time getting them to leave. One Rotary club that provides transportation for their conferees told me, "the students we dropped off on Sunday were not the students we picked up on Friday."

These conferees are inspired, enthusiastic, servant leaders, fired up about Rotary, ready and willing to share their talents with the world. You have given them a fantastic opportunity to enhance their leadership abilities; now is the time to invite them to engage with your club and participate in service activities for your communities. A number of Interact clubs have been started by students returning from RYLA. Find ways to capitalize on these great, young leaders.

The best job at RYLA is serving as a Rotarian with a team of conferees. You are essential to the RYLA experience and continuing the success of RYLA. Rotarians mentor their teams by sharing their life experiences and relating them to the leadership lessons that can be learned. The most important trait for a Rotarian at RYLA is simply wanting to see young people succeed and prosper. This generation of leaders in a few short years will be leading our businesses, schools, governments, churches, Rotary clubs and other civic organizations. We need better leaders to build a better world and this is your chance to help form those leaders.

If you have any questions about RYLA or would like to have me address your club I can be reached at 515-371-0863 or [markmccandrews@msn.com](mailto:markmccandrews@msn.com).



# If we could harness RYLA's energy ...

By Michael McAllister

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If we could harness the energy generated by 240 young people and direct it toward powering automobiles, fueling freight trains, firing jet airplanes, and lighting a few cities, we could eliminate the phrase “energy crisis” from our lexicon.

The only problem we would have is what to do with the leftover energy.

Directing the power of young people – molding it into leadership potential – is one of the goals of RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, an international program that invigorated the Grinnell College campus during the week of July 17.

***“Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.” – Jack Welsh***

RYLA works to grow others. RYLA “seeks to provide young adults...with an opportunity to develop their skills and character while exposing them to Rotary’s values of service, high ethical standards, and peace,” states the Rotary Youth Leadership Award handbook.

Iowa RYLA’s 2017 website lists additional goals for this year’s conference:

- To encourage and assist youth leaders and potential leaders ... with a training experience;
- To encourage continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth; and
- To publicly recognize the outstanding qualities of many young people...rendering service to their schools and communities.

Now in its seventh year in Iowa, RYLA brought 240 teens and a host of counselors and volunteers to the city for a week of intensive leadership training mixed with straightforward fun.

According to Linda Nudd of Bellevue, as Assistant District Governor in District 5970 and chair of the 2017 program, the first Iowa RYLA drew 37 students, making this year’s session a little more than six times the size of the original.

Rotarian volunteers, pictured in turquoise t-shirts, served as advisors and facilitators, and RYLA veterans, in coral tees, led teams as counselors.

***“Good leaders make people think they are at the heart of things, not the periphery.” – Warren G. Bennis***

Grinnell sent two participants to the heart of things at this year’s RYLA – Dani-



RYLA was a high energy experience for 240 Iowa high school students July 16-20 at Grinnell College.  
Photo by Michael McAllister

ca Noltton and Liliann Hatting.

Danica reported that she set her sights on RYLA after seeing a group of young people wearing RYLA T-shirts in a local restaurant when she was eating a meal out with her parents. The teens were so enthusiastic, so pumped up, that Danica was at once intrigued.

“I was like, ‘Wow! That looks super fun!’” she stated.

So, showing the drive of a true Rotarian, she researched the RYLA process and found an online application. She also spoke to Grinnell Rotary members to learn more

about the organization and the process. Danica applied and earned acceptance.

Educational speakers and challenging leadership activities – these are two of the conference highlights for Danica. She contrasted team progress with individual progress of the sort one might check in school while trying to earn a high grade.

“Learning how everybody works and learns” is part of the team dynamic, she reported, and building off differences is one way a team can succeed.

“We’re all really close now,” Danica

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The human knot ...



All aboard ...

## 'At all levels, RYLA is an inspiring experience'

summarized, referring to her teammates, even though they had not known one another prior to the conference.

Liliann Hatting learned about RYLA from her father, a Rotarian in Newton. Through his Rotary associations, he had listened to earlier conferees call their RYLA week “the best week of their lives.”

“He told me that he thought it would be really cool for me to go,” Liliann said. She, too, achieved approval after applying.

Procedures for acceptance can vary from one Rotary club to another, and in some cases the competition is keen.

Like Danica, Liliann stayed on the campus even though she was close to home. One of the conference requirements is that attendees remain on the site throughout the session.

Liliann was completely positive about her RYLA experience, citing the group dynamics, the opportunities to connect with new friends, and the team-building exercises that stressed both cooperation and leadership.

She summed up her experience with, “It’s awesome!”

RYLA participants learn through listening, learn through doing, and learn through interacting. Conferees report to teams headed by a counselor who has previously attended RYLA. Organizers assure that all members are from various locations, thus promoting interaction and relationship building.

***“Leadership is lifting a person's vision to high sights.” — Peter Drucker***

Speaking of high sights, there was the egg launch.

In one of several team-building exercises conducted during the week, conferees carried out the task of creating a protective

device, from a few supplied materials, that would enable an egg to withstand a flight and a landing on solid ground. The further the flight, the stronger the recognition – assuming, of course, that the egg retained its integrity upon impact.

First the launch, then the landing, and finally the look.

In the sequence displayed below, Egg-master Ben Stutting first launches an encased egg from an overgrown slingshot (center of the picture below). Following touchdown, he carefully deconstructed the capsule and assessed the egg’s status. In this case, he proclaimed, “The egg survived!”

Activities like the egg launch employ experiential learning. “A good way to convey ideas to younger participants is through action,” states the Iowa RYLA handbook. Experiential learning emphasizes learning through activities more so than instruction.

Some subtle principles are also at work within RYLA teaching strategies; for example, team counselors do not reveal their ages to conferees until near the end of the session – this to eliminate stereotypes about

**A roster of RYLA leaders and participants is on the next page.**

leadership as related to age.

At all levels, RYLA is an inspiring experience. During RYLA week on the Grinnell College campus, comradery was as thick as the humidity in the air, as when volunteer Mary Shepherd posed with counselor Josh Simms while they monitored a team activity, and when counselor Izzy Kapustka (despite a torn ACL) was kind enough to accompany a bemused correspondent to a team meeting site.

And RYLA is not all.

This year, Grinnell College hosts YRYLA – that’s *Young* Rotary Leadership Awards – during the week of July 24. Thirty-two students of middle-school age will be on hand for events similar to those of RYLA.

Both RYLA and YRYLA have the potential to changed participants’ lives for the better and to instill in young people – tomorrow’s leaders – “Rotary’s values of service, high ethical standards, and peace.”



The egg launch was one of the team building activities. Photo by Michael McAllister



# 2017 Iowa RYLA participants

## District 6000

### Rotarians:

**Ames:** Chuck Jons

**Ames AM:** Alan Hermanson, Carolyn Jons

**Davenport:** Patt Englander

**Iowa City AM:** Greg Probst

**Keokuk:** Alka Khanolkar

**Muscatine:** Cath Hahn

**Northwest Des Moines:** Mark McAndrews

**Rotex:** Melissa Morley, Carley Wright

**West Liberty:** Wayne Steen

### Counselors:

**Albia:** Josh Simms

**Ames:** Izzy Kaputska

**Ankeny:** Lauren Coon

**Bettendorf:** Eleanor Drexler

**Coralville-North Corridor:** Mariah Roller, Quinn Baker

**Corydon:** Emma Robinson

**Dallas Center:** Anne Becker

**Decatur County:** Chase Potter

**Fairfield:** Melat Gebremariam

**Indianola:** Abby Green

**Iowa City:** David Keffala-Gerhard, Kasey Baller

**Johnston:** Bernardo Duarte

**Knoxville:** Cade McNeill, Quinlan Robuck

**North Scott (Davenport):** Allie Stutting, Ben

Stutting

**Waukee:** Olivia Gagnon

**West Des Moines:** Hira Mustafa, Alexia Sanchez

**West Liberty:** Matt Kelly

### Conferees:

**Adel:** Nick Dufoe, Jacob Kenny

**Ames AM:** Morgan Gustafson, Ryleigh Kerns

**Ames Noon:** Annalissa Eller, Grayson McKinney, Kelby Rewerts

**Ankeny:** Bridget Akers, Shantal Hernandez, Aaron Hoang, Eva Long, Meredith Long, Lillie Rademacher, Elinor Sagemo, John Schrader-Bachar

**Atlantic:** Halsey Bailey, Josh McLean

**Bettendorf:** James Baker, Kathryn Lent, Ebony Springfield, Joshua Turner

**Bloomfield:** Carson Wright

**Boone:** Samantha Crouse, Mackenzie Parrish, Kaine Simmonds, Kyra Troendle

**Burlington:** Sierra Kelman

**Chariton:** Ali Goldensoph, Allie Smith

**Clinton:** Ruby Jasa, Lauren Sichterman

**Coralville-North Corridor:** Megan Barloon,

Andrea Cooper

**Corning:** Kathryn Hoerman

**Corydon:** Lane Kunzie

**Creston:** Devon Buls, Faith Wilson

**Dallas Center:** Isabelle Murray

**Davenport:** Grace Estes, Lisa Truong

**Decatur County:** Nicholas Bishop, Amy Hernandez

**Des Moines AM:** Amran Farah, Jada Franklin, John Harding

**Des Moines:** Tiffany Githens-Galeazzi, Thong Luu, Van Mawii, Isabella O'Connor, Emily Swessinger

**East Polk County:** Raegan Little

**Fairfield:** Kirsie Bland, Natalie Brader, Drew Schoenfeld, Narayani Thijm, Daniel Zhu

**Fort Madison:** Kearstyn Johnson, Megan Jordan, Olivia Koechle, Sydney Weiler

**Grinnell:** Liliann Hatting, Danica Norton

**Indianola:** Tyler Jufferbruch, Jenna Lee-Johnson, Colton Miller, Abygail Mouzakis, Douglas Voigts

**Iowa City AM:** Laura Apolonio, Jillian Baker,



Linda Nudd of Bellevue (District 5970) was the chair of 2017 RYLA and Mark McAndrews of Northwest Des Moines (District 6000) was vice-chair. Mark will be chair in 2018

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Carlotta Gidal, Alexander Krob, Annalise Rummelhart, Shane Snapp

**Iowa City Downtown:** Meirav Flatté, Crystal Kim, Allison Schmitt-Morris

**Iowa City Noon:** Stella Cartledge, Breeana Enriquez, Alejandro Garcia-Gonzalez, Emma Luckett, Kate Malkusak, Anna Martin, Keyauna Miller, Lucy Polyak, Jennifer Segreto, Justin Thomas

**Iowa Quad Cities:** Maaz Ahmed, Susan Anil, Caroline Christophersen, Brenner Stickney

**Jefferson:** Haley Hall, Regan Lamoureux

**Johnston:** Adam Koch, Katherine Michalski

**Kalona:** Delaney Smith

**Keokuk:** Aubree Carroll, Austin Derr, John McIlmoil

**Knoxville:** Joseph Kesteloot, Hallie Orr, Darius Pipkins, Bailey VandeKamp

**Manning:** Nathan Blankman, Lily Doyel

**Marengo:** Sydney Campbell

**Marshalltown:** Olivia Ryan

**Mount Pleasant Evening:** Levi Puig, Shaleen

Thiengmany, Emily Thomson, Callie DePriest

**Muscatine:** Cooper Zeck

**Nevada:** Giuliana Sanzaro, Nathan Tanner, Erianna Currie, Kyle Hansen

**North Scott (Davenport):** Madison Case, Peyton Reese

**NW Des Moines:** Brad Holland, Sky Holmes, Francine Nyinawumwami

**Oskaloosa:** Isabel Feudner, Jamison Ireland, Kalyb James

**Ottumwa:** Savannah Ford, Frida Sosa

**Pella:** Elise Beukelman, Mara Juffer, Connor Nielsen, Janet Ortiz

**Tipton:** Alyssa Elijah, Emmarie Husemann, Noah Jedlicka

**Washington:** Mark Engelken, Meredith Raber Waukee, Elicia Hoth, Kyler Johnson, Sebastian

Llaca, Mitch O'Meara

**Wellman:** Mitchell Christiansen

**West Des Moines:** Zoe-Ella Anderson, Jade Miller, Austin Reding

**West Liberty:** John Baker, Mariela Filerio,

Brookelyn Harned, Emily Rodriguez

**West Polk County:** Joshua Jones

## District 5970

### Rotarians:

**Dubuque:** Gary Gansemer, Kay Gansemer, Larry Loeppke, Pat Udzielak

**Bellevue:** Barry Nudd, Linda Nudd

**Cedar Falls:** Mary Shepherd

**Cedar Rapids West:** Dave Kutter, Rochelle Naylor, Make Babcock

### Counselors:

**Cedar Rapids Downtown:** Cora Lassen

**Cedar Rapids Sunrise:** Megan Lenss

**Fort Dodge:** John Woodruff

**Independence:** Josie Fischels

### Conferees:

**Bancroft Area:** Samantha Hagedorn, Sarah Ingalls

**Belle Plaine:** Kathryn Andersen, Dawn Toney

**Bellevue:** Garret Krieg, Khloe Seiders

**Cedar Falls:** Emerald Barnes-Seger, Sylvia Brown, Cedric Hassman, Katia Haugstad, Thomas Koons, Gina Muetherthies

**Cedar Rapids Daybreak:** Anderson Crow, Max Stark, Gracie Stark

**Cedar Rapids Downtown:** Christa Chavez, Evan Griffith, Catherine McCartan, Evey Siems

**Cedar Rapids Metro North:** Chloe Clemenson, Ashley Wright

**Cedar Rapids Sunrise:** Allison Clemenson, Jaden Joslyn

**Cedar Rapids West:** Blaze Bouzek, Mackenzie Hayes, Wesley Hutchinson

**Charles City:** Cinnamon Evans, Billie Rode-maker

**Dubuque:** Jayden Blue, Maeve Breslin, Elizabeth Connolly, Elizabeth Freiburger, Megan Grant, Kaitlin Hansen, Garrett Knowles, Molly Maloney, Madeline Monahan, Madeline Perreard, Luke Schaefer, Gabriella Schroud, Leah Segerstrom, Khalil Simpson, Sarah Stanley, Peter Unmacht, Martha Ward

**Forest City:** Caleb Barker, Natalie Jefson, Josiah Kleveland, Micah Lambert, Emma Segerstrom, Emily Sichanthongthip

**Fort Dodge Daybreak:** Claire Martens

**Garner:** Amanda Bierle, Tyler Kumsher, Tehya Mitchell, Megan Oetken

**Gateway:** Thomas Bush

**Humboldt:** Brook Hjelmeland, Cassondra Peyton

**Independence:** Ashley Dawson, Reid Lewin, Spenser Rothman

**Manchester:** Hannah Wenger

**Maquoketa:** Sidney Michel, Xavier Pestana

**Marion-East Cedar Rapids:** Derrick Dolezal, Nolan Freymark, Chad Gorgen, Ciera Hansen

**Mason City:** Trayvontae Lewis, Paige Walker

**Mt. Vernon-Lisbon:** Theresa Gruber-Miller

**New Hampton:** Faith Erdman, Kassidy Pfaffle, Celena Quirk

**Oswein:** Lydia Hamilton, Benjamin Hoffman

**Pocahontas:** Caroline Brown, Rylee Eisenbarth

**Rockwell City:** Connor Bahr, Maia Schossow

**Spencer:** Natalie Jacobson

**Storm Lake:** Zachary Brown, Crystal Lopez

**Sumner:** Julia Buchholz

**Waterloo:** Margaret Durbahn, Holly Harris

**Waverly:** Soren Beckstrom, Claire Boots

**Webster City:** Khaitrina Phompong, Lacey Westberg

**West Union:** Ashton Johnson

# Interact goal: Support a district-wide project

By **Steve Hanson/West Liberty**

District 6000 Interact Chair

Greetings, advisors of Interact clubs in Rotary District 6000.

I have accepted the role of coordinator for Interact in District 6000, so I am reaching out to you to help accomplish the following goals:

1. Develop a full and accurate record of club advisors and their contact information, so that we can build a network that will help us support each other and coordinate efforts.
2. Find out some of your thoughts, needs and questions in regard to Interact.
3. Share a report sent to us by the Fairfield Interact Club.
4. Propose a district-wide Interact project for 2017-18.

In June, I made contact with most Interact advisors, and with high school principals, to develop a list of advisors and contact information: Interact Rotary District 6000. Please let me know if any of the information is inaccurate. If you would like to use a different email address, please let me know. If any information is missing, please provide it for me, or suggest where I might go to find the information.

What do you need to know about Interact? What needs do you have?

The Fairfield Interact Club has produced a summary of the year for 2016-17, including a document, a video, and a few photos.

We would like to pursue is a district-wide project for the Interact clubs in District 6000. One idea would be for each club to hold a fundraiser, the proceeds of which would go towards supporting the project of Rotary District 6000 Governor Mike Ruby. Mike's project for 2017-18 is to help World Bicycle Relief provide bicycles for people in developing countries.

I look forward to hearing from you. Together we can make each other better.



## Ribs for Kids in the Quad Cities

Sigrid Zaehring and club president Geno Berta announce silent auction winners at the Rotary Club of Iowa Quad Cities successful Ribs for Kids fundraiser Aug. 18 at Kelly's Irish Pub in Davenport. A record amount was raised in support of service projects, including Miracle Field – a handicapped accessible baseball diamond.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



## Club presidents collaborate ...

These four newly installed Rotary club presidents from Waukee, Adel, Dallas Center and Winterset recently got together to talk about their upcoming year of service to their local communities and the world (l-r): Roger Queck (Winterset), Shirley McAdon (Adel), Matt Fox (Dallas Center) and Devin Boyer (Waukee). Their meetings are facilitated by their assistant district governor, DGN Erna Morain.

# Rotarians have a voice at Rotary International

By **PDG Susan Herrick/Boone**

Council On Legislation Delegate

You, too, have a voice at Rotary International

Have you ever said, "I wish Rotary would..." or "Rotary would be so much better if..."?

Well, you need to learn about the Rotary International Council On Legislation. Every three years representatives of each Rotary district in the world convene in Chicago to examine and vote on legislation that has been submitted from Rotarians just like you from around the world.

I am PDG Susan Herrick and I will be your Council On Legislation representative from District 6000 to the 2019 Council On Legislation. Proposed legislation must be submitted to Rotary International by Dec. 31, 2017, to be considered for presentation at the next Council On Legislation. There is a process for submission. There is a course in Rotary's Learning Center on the Rotary International website entitled How to Propose Legislation. It can be found by going to: MyRotary>Learning&Reference>Learning Center at rotary.org.

Remember that the District Governor and the Board of Directors must sign off on your submission, so you will want to get it prepared before their Nov. 30, 2017, meeting.

There are a number of people in District 6000 who would be willing to help you with your proposed legislation. I am available to you as well as past governors who have served on the Council and PDG Jacque Andrew who is the alternate to the 2019 Council, and who will serve as the representative at the next Council in 2022.

I look forward to learning of anyone's proposal to improve and enrich the work of Rotary International.





Ninety Rotarians and guests attended the largest District 6000 Breakfast ever at the Double-Tree Hotel in Atlanta the morning of June 12.

Photo by Jim Peterson

## RI Convention gives 20-year member a new appreciation of Rotary

**By Tim Lane/Bettendorf**  
Club President

Bettendorf Rotary had just held the 11th Annual Lobsterfest on June 10th, with perfect weather and an energy any fundraiser could only dream of. On a beautiful Saturday evening, 333 Rotarians and guests raised a club record-setting amount of money, all to support the work of Rotary, not only to be used for local projects in Bettendorf and the Quad Cities, but for Rotary's work around the globe.

Headed to the airport at 4 a.m. the next morning, hours after closing the books on our most successful fundraiser to date, I took a big step on my Rotary journey. I jumped on a plane with my wife Carrie, and we headed to Atlanta for my first Rotary International Convention. Even though I had been a Rotarian for nearly 20 years, with a fairly solid attendance record, my eyes would soon be opened up to the true reach and connectedness that Rotary brings.

It is easy to connect the Rotary dots and feel the Rotary experience when you rub elbows with business and community leaders week after week. Or feel the connectedness when you walk into the

President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) and run into your college roommate, who is also getting ready to serve his club as president. Or when you realize that there are seven other Edward Jones financial advisors within a 150 mile radius also serving as club president in the same Rotary year. With Rotary comes connections.

Prior to June 11th, my Rotary experience was still a little unconnected, and perhaps a little bit too vanilla.

I have visited many Rotary clubs over the years, with some incredible service opportunities and lots of great meetings, yet nothing has compared to seeing 200 countries come together, as flags were presented during the opening ceremony. The diversity of Rotary was evidenced by the numerous translations required of each presentation. From every corner of the globe, the week included every language, religion, race and color. We were all connected by the Rotary wheel.

Highlights of our week included visits with Rotarians from Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, England, Italy, Mexico, Puerto Rico,

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Tim and Carrie Lane met a global partner, surgeon and District Governor Robert Leger and his wife Rosa, of Haiti, at the RI Convention in Atlanta.



The Lanes also chatted with the-RI President-Elect, now Rotary International president, Ian Riseley of Australia.

Provided by Tim Lane



# 'It's a small world, after all ...'

Nicaragua, Nigeria, and the list goes on.

We had lunch with Dr. Robert Leger and his wife Rosa. Leger is a retired surgeon from Haiti, who serves as District Governor now in District 7020. Leger was my point person for the recent installation of a water project in Les Cayes. We toasted a successful project, and planned for the next. Leger has subsequently made introductions for me to other projects in D-7020, including arranging a meeting in Jamaica where my wife and I were blessed to tour several potential water and sanitation projects.

Having the chance to visit with and learn from global-minded individuals was extraordinary. The convention hall was a melting pot. Learning of the incredible needs of global partners was humbling. To hear first-hand how our PolioPlus contributions change lives was heart-wrenching. Our Rotary work at Bettendorf Rotary and the efforts throughout District 6000 reaches far and wide. The dollars we send to The Rotary Foundation are getting used, and we are Making A Difference.

Speaking of Making A Difference, we were able to visit briefly with RI President Ian Riseley, of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia. This was my second visit with Riseley, as he is very accessible, having attended PETS training in Ames this past March.

The speakers were powerful. Golf legend Jack Nicklaus, a polio survivor, and philanthropist Bill Gates spoke on just how close we are to eradicating a second global disease from this planet. With the Gates Foundation's partnership with Rotary, and announcing a 2:1 match over the next five years, there is now a combined \$1.5 billion commitment in the Fight to End Polio.

Steven Quincy, president and COO of Coca-Cola emphasized the importance of partnership. We are stronger when we work together. U.S. Ambassador and civil rights activist Andrew Young spoke of Thinking Globally and Acting Locally. Rotarians are the glue and the grease, for bringing people together and getting things done. Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed again spoke of the need to work together. Partnership. Partnership. Partnership.

The most surreal moment of our week was as we were having a drink in a courtyard, surrounded by several hundred of our newest friends. All of a sudden there was some laughing and then loud cheering. When we turned to see the commotion, we saw a group of Europeans who had made their connection with a group of Nigerians, all sharing hugs. Amidst the laughter and cheers, someone broke out in song "It's A Small World." Within seconds, the entire courtyard echoed in song, *It's a small world, after all, it's a small, small, world.*

As with my regular Wednesday Rotary meetings, we indulged in



PDG Herb Wilson speaks at a breakout session for the Ponseti project, RAG4Clubfoot, at the Atlanta RI Convention. .  
Photo by Carolyn Scharff

## Register Now for Toronto 2018

Plan now for the 2018 Convention, June 23-27 in Toronto, Canada. Register at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). Information: DGN Erna Morain, (515) 205-2043; [morain4rotary@gmail.com](mailto:morain4rotary@gmail.com)

food and fun and fellowship. We developed new friendships, and were strengthened by the immense breadth of this thing we call a service club. We are not just a service club, though, we are the most amazing service club in the world.

The people we serve are real. The impact we make is great. I know the time and energy that I will put into the success of next year's Bettendorf Rotary Lobsterfest will be greater and it will make a difference. I know that there are lives that are being touched by the work we do here in Bettendorf and across District 6000.

I now have a better understanding of WHY Rotary does what it does.

With my new appreciation of Rotary, I am proud to be a Rotarian, especially a Bettendorf Rotarian.



Iowa Rotarians John Schultz, Janice Wilson and PDG John Ockenfels visit LaDonna and Gary Wicklund of Iowa City who are promoting their "I Can Read Songs" DVDs at the House of Friendship.  
Provided by LaDonna Wicklund



In the House of Friendship, Dr. Tom Cook (l) and Phil Peterson of Iowa City talk with doctors from Colombia about the Ponseti Method of clubfoot repair. Photo by Tomeka Petersen



## Wilsons meet with Bill Gates, Rotary leaders

At the RI Convention in Atlanta, PDG 2001-02 Herb Wilson and Janice of Iowa City met with Bill Gates and Rotary International leaders. In the front row, RI President 2016-17 John Germ is second from the left next to Bill Gates and Rotary Foundation Trustee Paul Netzel. Standing, from left, are PDG Fred Hahn and his wife, Marge, next to Janice and Herb. The gentleman seated front left and the couple at right are unknown.

Provided by Herb Wilson



PDG Gary Welch and Coke collector Colleen at the Coca-Cola Museum.

Provided by Gary Welch



RI Convention images.



Keokuk Rotarian Alka Khanolkar.



Keokuk Rotarian Alka Khanolkar and Kiran at the 100th birthday party of The Rotary Foundation.

Alka Khanolkar



Blue jeans vigil for human trafficking.

Alka Khanolkar



End Polio Now bracelets.

Provided by Jim Peterson



John Schultz, Amber Hoffman, Rebecca Schultz and Shari Bender with a standup of Rotary Foundation founder Arch Klumph.

Photo by Vernetta Knapp



House of Friendship: PDG Don Goering with DGE Tom and Carol Narak.

Provided by Don Goering





Thirty-four workers break for lunch during installation of the \$155,000 Play and Park national demonstration handicapped playground in Eldridge on Aug. 19. More than 50 volunteers assembled the huge playground in two days. Photos by Bill Tubbs

## An old-fashioned barn raising at North Scott

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

It was like an old-fashioned Amish barn raising, except it was a playground. Volunteers brought their drills, bits, levels and hand tools Saturday and Sunday (Aug. 19-20) to Eldridge's Sheridan Meadows Park to assemble the Rotary Inspiration Play Zone—an inclusive, handicapped accessible playground.

When work began at 8 a.m. Saturday, there were 91 holes in the ground and the playground consisted of 40,000 (?) pieces — nuts, bolts, clasps, clamps, posts, poles, ramps, slides, murals and more — waiting to be sorted and assembled.

By 7 p.m. Saturday and with many of the day's 40-plus volunteers still on the job, the main structure was in place. Work resumed at 8 on Sunday morning and wrapped up by late afternoon. City crews, who also dug the holes, would come on Monday afternoon

to fill them. The volunteers' service saved \$30,000 — that's what commercial installation would've cost.

From beginning to end, I witnessed — and was part of — teamwork as it ought to be. My skills are not in the building trades, but I can sort parts, hold a pole in place and fasten things together. So can lots of others.

The idea was born when the Rotary Club of North Scott netted a large amount at its fundraising auction in 2015 and set funds aside for a signature project. A member survey favored one that served the disadvantaged and was visible in the community.

The \$155,000 playground was selected and fund raising began in earnest. After another successful auction in 2016, Rotary's amount was doubled to \$60,000. Donations from members, other service clubs — Eldridge Lions and North Scott Optimists — and local foundations exceeded the goal.

The city of Eldridge was a willing part-

ner, as were the Lions and Optimists whose volunteers worked side-by-side with Rotarians. There were skilled volunteers from the community who showed up, too, after seeing the work day mentioned in a city council write-up in *The North Scott Press*.

So many good people working together for a common purpose. I'm afraid to mention names for fear of leaving somebody out, but it was interesting to observe that people of many vocations contributed, each in his/her own way — from the engineer who oversaw it all to the volunteers who provided meals.

Isn't that what a community is about?

On Monday these volunteers returned to their jobs in businesses and professions with the feeling that they did something good.

Their reward will be the laughter of children and adults — including the disabled — when this huge playground is wrapped up soon. All are welcome. I, for one, can't wait.

(Reprinted from *The North Scott Press*)



Eldridge mayor and Rotarian Marty O'Boyle manned the lift as volunteers steered the capstone in place.



DG Mike Ruby (r) paid a visit on Sunday as the project neared completion and is pictured with (l-r): Patrick Olsen, Jeff Ashcraft, Greg Schaapveld and Marty O'Boyle.





Rotarians sell tickets and direct traffic at the National Balloon Classic in Indianola.

## Sky high in Indianola!

By Terry Pauling/Indianola

The 2017 National Balloon Classic (NBC) held its nine-day event near Indianola from July 28th through August 4th. NBC invites balloonists from across the country to visit Indianola and participate, flying their balloons both morning and evenings, weather/winds permitting, while spectators from across the country visit to watch the balloons fill the skies.

What does this have to do with Rotary?

The Rotary Club of Indianola has assisted NBC for over 20 years by providing the resources to sell tickets and direct traffic into the event parking area. On most evenings 20 or more Rotarians, along with additional help on the busiest nights, gather to direct traffic into the field, sell tickets to the event and direct the cars into an orderly parking arrangement.

As our only fund-raising event of the year, the Rotary Club of Indianola uses the income to fund projects around our community and participate in District 6000 and Rotary International projects around our state and the world.

In 2016 our club demolished two old



Indianola Rotarians dedicated a new storage shed in memory of longtime member and community volunteer, Steve Pfeifer.

sheds that were used during the event and built a new, more functional, storage shed that is now used to coordinate ticket sales and parking. This year, our club dedicated the new structure to honor long-time member Steve Pfeifer, who passed away suddenly in 2015. Steve exemplified the spirit of "Service Above Self" through the Indianola community and was always ready to help with our club's Rotary projects in so many ways.



**Rich Klahn**  
President, Clinton Rotary

## Clinton Rotary is on the move

By Jennifer Graf/Clinton  
Club Publicity Chair

Meet our new Rotary Club of Clinton president, Rich Klahn. Rich comes to the position with a wealth of experience from banking as a vice-president at Clinton National Bank, as a husband to Aubrey and father to Autumn and Ivy; to many other volunteer activities in the area. Rich and his wife attended the Rotary International Convention held in Atlanta this past summer and came away with a renewed understanding about Rotary and what we can accomplish together. Rich brings many thoughtful ideas for our club to undertake during his tenure. Among those, partnering with District 6000 and World Bicycle Relief in the purchase of bicycles to help those out of poverty. From our annual social gatherings attending the Showboat theatre to Rich throwing out the first pitch at our Lumberkings game recently, our club looks forward to an exciting 2017-2018 with Rich at the helm!

## Operation Warm still provides coats

Deb Ockenfels said she has received several requests for information about coats for this winter, so the Ockenfels family (PDG John, Deb, and Kris) is willing to again coordinate an Operation Warm effort for the clubs who have expressed interest. She says that by combining orders from District 6000 clubs, the Waterloo club, our extended Ockenfels family, and perhaps Kiwanians, we can qualify for a hefty discount. If your club is interested, please contact Deb at [crabbyo@hotmail.com](mailto:crabbyo@hotmail.com).



# Fellowship is a core value of Rotary, too!



## Fairfield fellowship ...

The Rotary Club of Fairfield had a great social on the Country Club patio Aug. 24. We saw some Rotarians who we haven't seen in a while, their spouses, friends and guests who are potential new Rotarians. There was no agenda except to kick back, relax and enjoy the beautiful weather, a refreshing beverage and each other's company. The chicken parmesan sliders and flatbread pizzas were delicious also. The social replaced our Friday meeting that week. We'll be doing a Rotary Social once a month in place of one of our regular meetings and we are still ironing out a regular schedule when each of these socials will be.

— Joshua Laraby



Marshalltown Rotarians and their families kicked off the Rotary year with a Fourth of July picnic at the rural residence of incoming president Dennis Drager and his wife Heidi.

## Club meeting date is July Fourth? Have a picnic!

By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown

What do you do if your regularly scheduled weekly Rotary meeting happens to fall on the Fourth of July? Reschedule? Cancel?

Well, in Marshalltown it happens to be neither. If you are Marshalltown incoming president Dennis Drager, the answer behind curtain three says to host an Independence Day picnic at your rural home.

After receiving the gavel during the prior week, Drager noted that the notion of engagement is key for the Marshalltown club. "We may have the biggest and best service club in town, but we cannot rest on our laurels," insisted Drager. He proposed that engagement will be critical for the club to grow and stay relevant. The level of engagement must be present at the membership level as well and Drager offered up his home for a picnic on the upcoming holiday for some Rotary fellowship.

It was a beautiful, sunny day and the setting was serene. The weather was warm and so was the grill. Rotarians and their families enjoyed some shade, cold drinks, grilled meats and savory deserts. While the adults were enjoying a view of the pond, kids were busy on the deck slide as well as some arts and crafts supplied by the Dragers.



## Scholarships at Fairfield ...

Each year the Rotary Club of Fairfield is extremely proud to provide four \$2,000 scholarships to graduating seniors. The proceeds from our annual auction helps the club raise the money for the scholarships. Judith Cox, past club president, presented the scholarships to Olivia Hammel, Navin Martin, Emily Hanna and Sara Hardin. Provided by Judith Cox

## Rotary's Core Values

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





Billboards sponsored by the Rotary Club of Des Moines and Lamar Advertising will be placed in various locations in the metro area to honor the city's outstanding police officer and firefighter. Provided by Kitte Noble

## Firefighter, police officer honored in Des Moines

**By Kitte Noble/Des Moines**

Club Executive Director

The Rotary Club of Des Moines presented the recipients of their 2017 Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year Awards on July 6.

Firefighter Brad Peterson and Officer Lori Neely were recognized by the Rotary Club of Des Moines for their outstanding service above and beyond the call of duty.

For over 30 years the Rotary Club of Des Moines has recognized the outstanding men and women annually who excel in their commitment to public safety.

A traveling billboard sponsored by Lamar Advertising Company and the Rotary Club of Des Moines will be placed at various locations in the community for the next 11 months.

Both firefighter Peterson and Officer Neely were nominated by their peers to receive this prestigious service recognition.

The Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation makes it possible to make a donation of \$500 to a charity of choice in each recipient's honor.

Officer Lori Neely selected Iowa Homeless Youth Center.

Firefighter Peterson chose Make-a-Wish Iowa for his donation.

## News from Waukee Rotary



President Devin Boyer introduced Kim Stewart as the 2016-2017 Waukee Rotarian of the Year at the June 29th meeting. Kim is the head of Waukee Rotary's Youth Service Committee and was instrumental in several new initiatives of this committee throughout the year. Photos provided by Mark Heffernan



The Waukee Rotary welcomed their sponsored RYLA and YRYLA students at the Aug. 3 meeting to share their RYLA experiences. YRYLA is for junior high school students. Pictured are seven RYLA and YRYLA students, Rotarian Shari Bender, Waukee RYLA Chair Dan Bever and club president Devin Boyer.



Incoming Waukee president Devin Boyer introduced the incoming board of directors at their June 29th meeting, (l-r): Dan Bever, Matt Olson, Anna Bergman, Devon Murphy-Petersen, Joyce Wheeler, Brad Kobernusz, Kim Stewart, Chris Curran, Jim Strauss, Drew Strube, Mark Heffernan and President Devin Boyer.



# Chicken feed turns into dough for Grinnell

By Effie Hall/Grinnell

Club President

The summer of 2017 saw the past and present of the Grinnell Rotary Club Chicken Barbecue come together.

A Grinnell summer tradition for six decades, the Rotary Chicken Barbecue was, for its first 20 years, a sit-down event. In 1985 it became take-out. The goal is, of course, to raise funds for the Grinnell Rotary Club's numerous service projects.

The Rotary Chicken Barbecue is held downtown on the first Thursday in June after school is let out. Rotarians set up the barbecue pits, designed and fabricated by longtime Rotarian Alan Latchem. Then, the next day, the delectable aroma of chicken barbecue wafts throughout town. A total of 1,400 chicken halves are grilled using a secret sauce prepared by Rotarian Bruce Blankenfeld, and packed, accompanied by cole slaw, potato salad, pudding and lemonade – a complete meal for \$10. Meals can be picked up for lunch or from 3 to 6 p.m. On this day, downtown Grinnell is in a busy and festive mood. Farmers' Market and Music in the Park share the day. It is the only day of the year that downtown motorists may have to sit through the same traffic light for two cycles!

**THE PAST:** In 1980 the proceeds from the barbecue enabled the Rotary club to purchase and donate an old buggy made in Grinnell to the Grinnell Historical Museum. The buggy was manufactured by Laros and Sons, a Grinnell business in the late 1800s.

D.A. Laros first came to Grinnell in 1889 as upholstery trimmer for Spaulding Manufacturing Company, a wagons and buggy maker which transitioned into early automobile production before closing in 1929. When Laros and his brothers first opened their business, their primary product was buggy tops, later growing into "Concord" buggies with springs along the sides for the



Grinnell Rotarians take the Laros Buggy to its new home. From left: Jim Buck, Allen Latchem, Bruce Blankenfeld, LaMoyne Gaard, Effie Hall (in chicken suit, coordinator of 2017 Chicken Barbecue), Rod Rosburg, Jim White, Frank Shults, and Howard Raffety.

ultimate in pioneer travel comfort. They also made lighter surreys for family use. Sadly, the Laros plant burned down in 1914 and closed shortly thereafter.

In 1906 a Laros buggy's sticker price was a hefty \$50, according to Jim White, a longtime Rotarian. In 1980 the Grinnell Rotary Club purchased it for \$5,000 to donate to the Grinnell Historical Museum. Thus, with its buggy donation the Rotary club preserved a wonderful artifact from Grinnell's past for Grinnell's future.

**THE PRESENT:** In time, the collections of the Grinnell Historical Museum grew, putting space at a premium, necessitating a new home for the Laros buggy.

Through a happy coincidence, the Grinnell City Hall had just relocated to a new site that has space for a historical exhibit in its

atrium. Another long-time Rotarian, Frank Shults, who also sits on the Museum's board, asked the club if it could move the buggy to the new city hall.

In May the Rotarians did just that, led by Effie Hall, coordinator of the 2017 chicken barbecue. (That task is always reserved for the president-elect.) The occasion proved to be an opportunity to promote this year's chicken barbecue as now President Effie dignified herself by donning the bright yellow chicken suit and rode on the buggy, holding up a poster of the event as strong-as-a-horse Rotarians pulled (and pushed) the buggy through city streets with a Grinnell Police escort.

The building in which the Grinnell City Hall is now located is the former home of

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Allen Latchem directs the pit crew from start to finish, a day filled with Rotarian camaraderie.



Bruce Blankenfeld's secret sauce spices up the Rotary Club of Grinnell barbecue.



Rotarians (l-r): Denny Conway, Greg Hawkins, Denny Anderson, Rod Rosburg and Brent Nickel start pit.





The Rotary Club of Knoxville had a cake to celebrate 50 years in Rotary of Abie Davis. Joining him for the occasion were his daughter Ann and son Jodie, and Jody's wife, Joyce.

Provided by John Mertz

## Knoxville honors 50-year member, boosts bicycles and feeds Sprint Car guests

By John Mertz/Knoxville

The Rotary Club of Knoxville honored our 50-year member, Abie Davis, this summer and reached out to the community in other ways.

World Bike Relief seemed to strike a chord among the Knoxville Rotary Club. Not only did the club donate funds for a bike, but 12 other members also stepped up to donate a bike. This is about 25 percent of the members.

The National Sprint Car Championships came to Knoxville for ten days of racing Aug. 3-12. The majority of the 20,000 race fans show up for the second weekend and the 410 Nationals.

All those fans need to eat, so the Rotary Club of Knoxville operates a food tent featuring pie and ice cream. The club also offered ribs and smoked chicken.

This is the major fundraising event for the year.

## Chicken dinner raises funds for service projects in Grinnell

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Spaulding Manufacturing Company (buggies then cars). Following extensive renovation, it became the Iowa Transportation Museum in the early 2000s and now houses Grinnell City Hall. The buggy was manufactured at the Laros plant, which was located across the street more than a century ago. So it was a homecoming for the buggy.

Income from this year's chicken barbecue will help fund Grinnell Rotary Club's service projects: Kites Over Grinnell (September); Shults and Company: Great Movie Themes (a musical in November, proceeds for Grinnell Regional Medical Center); non-fiction books for K-2; funds for the Station Clubhouse; support for the Rotary Youth Exchange student; RYLA; scholarships for graduating high school seniors; contributions to the Grinnell Central Park Renovation; Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Grinnell Police Shop with a Cop; United Way of Poweshiek County; LifeServe Blood Center Grinnell collection site; and club donations to the Ames Rotary Club's global project in Tanzania; The Rotary Foundation, PolioPlus, and District Governor Mike Ruby's project, World Bicycle Relief.



## Oktoberfest planned

By Linda Hulleman/West Des Moines

The Rotary Club of West Des Moines will hold its Third Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 5 to 8 p.m. District 6000 Rotarians along with their families and friends are welcome and encouraged to come and join the fun.

The event will be held at the newly opened BeerStyles Taproom & Gastropub, located at 5313 Mills Civic Parkway in West Des Moines. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://tinyurl.com/wdmrotarian>.

Your \$30 ticket provides you with dinner, entertainment and a delicious sampling of beers and wine. Funds raised will be distributed by the Rotary Club of West Des Moines throughout the West Des Moines community to children and students.

## West Liberty Rotary's 50th Annual Chicken Barbecue slated for Oct. 15

The Rotary Club of West Liberty will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of its chicken barbecue on Sunday, Oct. 15. The barbecue will be held at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds in West Liberty from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The barbecue will cost \$10 per person. The contact person is President-Elect Tomeka Peterson, (319) 384-4747, or [tomeka\\_petersen@yahoo.com](mailto:tomeka_petersen@yahoo.com). You can also contact any member of the Rotary Club of West Liberty for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the day of the event. You can dine in or carry out.

# Rotarians lead the way in Atlantic

**By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic**

Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Club of Atlantic has been busy this summer, visiting local businesses, volunteering at Fourth of July events and the county fair, attending a family picnic and much more.

They started the summer by visiting Snyder and Associates. Snyder & Associates was established in 1990 in Atlantic and is a business with surveyors on staff who specialize in surveying land, land development, aviation, highways, landscape architecture and civil engineering. The Atlantic location is one of six in Iowa. They

also have five out-of-state locations. We had a catered lunch and were presented a brief history of Snyder and Associates and a tour of their offices.

The Atlantic Jaycees have organized the annual Fourth of July pancake breakfast and fireworks, but earlier this year they unfortunately had to dissolve the group because of lack of membership. The remaining Jaycees are also

members of Rotary so those former Jaycees asked if Rotary could continue this tradition. The Rotary Club of Atlantic members stepped up to the challenge. Several Rotarians helped serve the pancakes in the morning and then assisted with directing traffic and helping at the fireworks.

Another business we visited this summer was Lindeman Tractor. Lindeman Tractor, Inc. in Atlantic, has been serving farmers since 1917. Located in the rich farm land of southwest Iowa, Lindeman Tractor is a single-location dealership that prides itself in unmatched service to its customers. The service, parts and sales departments



Bob Lindeman with a tractor similar to one his father sold when starting the business.



The Rotary Club of Atlantic welcomed new teachers, front (l-r): Montana Applegate, Rachel Larsen, Cecily Knapp and Melanie Fell; back: Hollie Reilly, Bryce Casey, Michael Applegate, Jeremy Blake, Steve Barber and Sarah Sheeder.

have been recognized by New Holland as a recipient of the 2013 Presidents Club Award. This distinguished award goes to only a handful of dealerships across the nation annually. Lindeman Tractor is a family operation with four generations involved.

The Cass County Fair brings a lot of activity for Rotary. Several members volunteer to work at the food stand. The proceeds from the food stand make it possible for the fair to be free for all activities. The Atlantic Rotary Club also sponsors two trophies at the Hog Show. Many members purchase animals at the annual auction, but the main event is serving watermelon during the beef show. It doesn't take long for 25 watermelons to be served!

The summer is capped off with the annual family picnic held at Sunnyside Park in Atlantic. The children enjoy coming to this event. They have the opportunity to play at the new playground equipment in the park.

With school getting started, the club holds its annual New Teacher Welcome. This year there were eight new teachers and two new administration positions.



Watermelons served to youth by Rotarians at the Cass County Fair are a big hit!



# Johnston Rotarians build Bike Fix-It Station

By Greg Baker/Johnston  
Club Secretary

The Rotary Club of Johnston just completed its Community Service Grant project, the installation of a Bike Fix-It Station at Terra Lake in Johnston.

The station was purchased through funds received from a Community Service Grant awarded by The Rotary Foundation and matching funds raised by members of the Rotary Club of Johnston.



The project was identified as a need for the expanding city of Johnston trail network. It is placed near Crown Point, which is identified as the trailhead for the Johnston trail network.

The Bike Fix-it Station includes a stand, a wide arrange of tools and a tire pump to assist riders in quick repairs and adjustments to their bikes as they are enjoying the area trails. It is free to use and available 24 hours a day.

The area was finished off with planting and the Rotary logo.



Rotary Club of Johnston members celebrate the completion of the Bike Fix-It Station at Terra Lake in Johnston, (l-r): Brad Johnson and his wife, Nancy, Greg Baker, Jim Miles, Bill Levay, Bob Wiley, Gene Nelsen, Dennis Dietz, Mike Schoville and Bob Bisenius.  
Provided by Greg Baker

# 'Golden turkey' contest targets food insecurity

By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM

Food Fight!!

For the second year in a row, the Iowa City area Rotary clubs conducted a Food Fight in July. The clubs vie to see which group can donate the most pounds of food per member to the local Food Bank at the Johnson County Crisis Center for their annual Thanksgiving in July campaign. The winning club gets a highly coveted trophy, a golden bejeweled turkey that is pretty indescribable.

Food insecurity is a growing problem in Johnson County. In FY17, the Johnson County Crisis Center Food Bank distributed 1.6 million pounds of food, which is up about 221,000 pounds from the previous year. The distributed food came from various sources. Interestingly, three quarters of the donations, 950,000 pounds, were donated by Table to Table, a local food recovery program. Another 220,637 pounds were donated by the community, and the last 426,000 pounds were purchased by the Food Bank at a cost of \$106,550.

In recent years, food donations from the community to the Johnson County Crisis Center Food Bank have steadily declined. The awareness Rotary has helped to raise through the friendly competition of the Food Fight has brought the issue of food insecurity back to the forefront of people's minds. With cash and food donations, the equivalent of 27,877 pounds of food were donated by Iowa City area Rotarians in July this year! Using Food Bank calculations, Rotarians contributed an amount equal to an entire week's worth of food to nearly 1,000 individuals who need to supplement their food supplies through the Food Bank.

Rotarians were generous. One resourceful member of the turkey trophy-winning club donated 6,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables over the course of the month by purchasing bulk produce at the Kalona produce auction. She and her husband continue to haunt the auction in August having picked up a habit. Why stop when there are still hungry families and there is so much healthy, delicious bounty straight out of gardens?



Receiving the indescribable golden turkey to signify the first-place award to the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM for collecting the most food per capita were (l-r): Deb Ockenfels, Hunger Games MVP; Phil Peterson, club president; and Sara Sedlacek, Communications and Development Director for the Crisis Center of Johnson County. Photo by Dick Huber

The element of the contest has spurred Rotarians' competitive instincts. The winning club donated 204,575 pounds of food per member and gets to keep the turkey trophy for a second year. But it doesn't really matter who has the treasured turkey because the competition is secondary to the whole idea of the successful Thanksgiving in July campaign and providing help to food insecure families.

We don't think this idea is limited to Johnson County. You may have a great service project lurking in your community to help reduce food insecurity. Call an Iowa City area Rotary Club!





Raised bed construction by Central Decatur's industrial technology class and TSA members. The bed design was selected by students.



Student leaders of ROCCS helped fourth grade classes to plant the beds.



The raised bed after six weeks of growth and maintenance by Rotary Club of Decatur County.

## Rotary builds raised garden beds for school

**By Beth Saxton/Decatur County**

Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Club of Decatur County has facilitated the installation of a raised garden bed at Central Decatur High School for use by the school nutrition department. A group of newer Rotarians and school representatives worked together to involve students in designing and building the bed. The Newer Member Committee was mentored by Linda Chastain and included Shane Akers, Bridgett Davis, Shannon Erb, Seth Fulton, Jordan Omstead, Beth Saxton,

Jeanne Vogel and Jacque Welchans.

Funding for the project was provided by the Rotary Club of Decatur County and a ROCCS grant. A crop of tomatoes, peppers, beets and onions will be available for harvest as school is back in session. Rotarians are maintaining the bed over the summer and any early harvest will be donated to the food pantry.

Rotary Club of Decatur County has made plans to use the ROCCS funding to facilitate additional raised beds at the other two schools in the county at Lamoni and at Mormon Trail school in Garden Grove.

## Rotary Club of Ankeny presents awards, honors

**By Jody Savage/Ankeny**

Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Club of Ankeny held its annual meeting on June 27th at the Ankeny Golf & Country Club. Many of the Rotarians were honored for their service this past year:

- Terry Peter was named Rotarian of the Year for his work as chairman of the Ankeny Market Pavilion fundraising committee.
- Ryan Bach was the "2017 New Member of the Year." Ryan joined the Ankeny Rotary Club in July 2016. He has had perfect attendance and has participated in several service projects and socials over the past year.

• Colleen Welch was presented the Rotary International Spouse Award, which was announced at District Conference. The award is presented to the spouse of a Rotarian for the contributions they have made to Rotary.

• The club itself also was honored with the District Governor's Citation Award and Certificate of Appreciation for PolioPlus Award for their significant contributions to the "End Polio Now; Make History Today Campaign."

• The Rotary Club of Ankeny also saw significant growth from 82 to 92 members during the 2016-2017 year.

• The club was honored for having 100 percent of the members making a donation to The Rotary Foundation.

• Lastly, 29 members were recognized for perfect attendance over the past years with Mike Lydon at the longest of 28 years and Shar Dunlap not far behind with 27 years.



Rotary Club of Ankeny outgoing president Carmen Davis and incoming president Sally Schroeder.



Terry Peter left and Kathy Sibbel

**Rotary** 



# News briefs

**Report Hours and Money:** RI President Ian Riseley, an accountant, wants to quantify the value of Rotarians' service world-wide to show the global impact of our organization. District Governor Mike Ruby reminds clubs to be sure to keep track of the hours that club members devote to Rotary projects as well as the money spent on your projects/activities. Report this information at least monthly. It's a simple process. Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) – My Rotary – Rotary Club Central (Under Manage tab, then left column – Service tab).

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**Trees:** President Rieseley wants to make the world greener, so he is asking clubs to plant a tree for every member – 1.2 million worldwide!

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**Community Grants:** District Governor Mike Ruby reports that on Aug. 19, all 37 Community Service Grant applications were reviewed and all were accepted. Some received full funding of 100 percent but most received 75, 60 or 50 percent as determined by a grading scale. These grants will be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for final approval.

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**NCPETS:** Presidents-elect for 2018-19 are required to attend the annual President-Elect Training Seminar. District 6000 is partnering with District 5970 of northern Iowa and Districts 5950 and 5960 in Minnesota and Wisconsin. North Central PETS will be March 8-10 at Rochester, Minn. Information: <https://www.ncpets.org>.

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**RLI:** PDG Terry Geiger encourages Rotarians to sign up for Heartland RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) sessions of interactive communication and learning, "An opportunity to learn so much more about the great organization of Rotary." Sessions are for all Rotarians with a focus on new Rotarians. Sessions will be Sept. 30 at Iowa City and Oct. 21 in Omaha. Registration is required at [www.rli-heartland.org](http://www.rli-heartland.org). Information: [tgeiger@grm.com](mailto:tgeiger@grm.com); (641) 442-5559.

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**Nominations:** Clubs are invited to nominate a past president for District Governor 2020-21. Nomination forms were sent to clubs on Aug. 14 which prescribe the necessary actions. Mail the original data form and candidate resume to: Rotary D6000, PO Box 122, Pella, IA 50219. It must be received no later than Oct. 11, 2017.

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**Peace:** The Rotary Foundation received 1,354 applications to its Peace Centers in 2017 of which 527 were endorsed by a district, compared with 541 (478 endorsed) in 2016. PDG Bill Tubbs of District 6000 was among the readers who read and scored the applications from inspired young leaders who seek to build a world of peace.



Sam Owori and his wife, Norah, with North Scott Rotarian Merle Anderson and his wife, Mary Lou, at Atlanta.

## President-Elect Sam Owori dies; Barry Rassin nominated for 18-19

In one of the last activities before his untimely death on July 13, Sam Owori of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda, accepted Merle Anderson's invitation to meet with the Rotary RV Fellowship at the RI Convention in Atlanta. Sam's term as RI's 108th president would have begun July 1, 2018.

Upon Owori's death, the RI Nominating Committee selected Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, for President of Rotary International for 2018-19. Rassin earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas.

Mark Daniel Maloney, of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2019-20.

A Sam F. Owori Memorial to Polio Fund has been established at The Rotary Foundation.



Barry Rassin



Mark Maloney

## New Zone 29 paired with Texas, Mexico, Central America

The new Rotary Zone 29 (renumbered from 28), which will include District 6000 and all of Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska, and parts of Kansas, Oklahoma and four clubs in Ontario, Canada, has been paired with the new Zone 25, which will include most of Texas, all of Mexico and Central America, for purposes of electing a director to the RI Board.

Details of the transition are being worked out, according to our rep on the RI Board, Robb Knuepfer of Chicago. Knuepfer said the next two Zone Institutes, where PDGs and leaders of two zones meet annually, will be in Chicago Oct. 25-28, 2017, and Erie, Pa., on Sept. 25-27, 2018. Those are with

the current Zone 29 (parts of Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Ontario).

Our first Zone Institute with the new paired zones will be in 2019. Knuepfer's term ends June 30, 2019. The next director to be nominated from the new Zone 29, which includes District 6000, will serve on the RI Board from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024. Further details regarding the new zone structure and district details may be found on the Rotary website at <https://my.rotary.org/en/updates-regarding-new-zone-structure>.

North America is losing a director on the 17-member RI Board because membership is declining here and growing elsewhere, namely Asia.

– Bill Tubbs



## 'Pellaship' welcomes past RI President Ray Klinginsmith

RI President 2010-11 Ray Klinginsmith of Kirksville, Mo., was a guest of Pella Rotarians on Aug.

16 at their annual "Pellaship," a pre-event for Rotarians attending the Iowa State Fair. A wonderful meal hosted by the Pella Rotary Club and entertainment was by the Dutchesses. A number of people were there from the district and Ray spent the day at the State Fair with Rotarians.

— *Jacque Andrew*



Photo by Carolyn Scharff

## Hurricane Harvey: Rotarians can help

District Governor Mike Ruby says many clubs are asking how they can offer support for Hurricane Harvey. "The main effort now is to raise the funds. Rotary is not meant to be the first responder; we will be there for the long haul. As a district, we will support the victims. If your club wants to show support, a check should be made payable to HEF (Humanitarian and Educational Foundation) and sent to Phil Peterson, P.O. Box 5774, Coralville, IA 52241-5774. Make sure you include a note that designates the donation is for Hurricane Harvey. Phil is the treasurer for HEF (a District 6000 entity)."



## Happy together ...

Roger Borup (DG 1997-98), formerly of Wellman, attended the PDG summer social June 24 at Muscatine with his new bride, Anna. She is the sister of Roger's wife of 55 years, Pat, who died June 14, 2016. The happy couple is at home at 1333 Santa Barbara Blvd., Apt. 541, Cape Coral, FL 33991.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

## CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

CLUB	APRIL 2017		MAY 2017		JUNE 2017	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	47.00%	48	50.00%	39	47.00%	39
Albia	46.60%	49	44.80%	44	44.80%	41
Ames	59.90%	31	57.52%	28	56.36%	27
Ames Morning			53.00%	37	50.00%	35
Ankeny	71.74%	13	70.71%	11	70.09%	13
Atlantic						
Bettendorf	55.30%	41	62.10%	22	42.10%	43
Bloomfield	59.00%	32				
Boone	61.00%	29	59.00%	25		
Burlington	85.50%	6	86.10%	6	81.30%	7
Carroll	50.00%	45	47.06%	42	54.41%	29
Centerville	47.00%	48			39.00%	47
Chariton	70.00%	16	66.15%	17		
Clinton	60.71%	30	49.20%	41	49.01%	36
Coon Rapids			55.00%	32	42.00%	44
Coralville-North Corridor	76.00%	10	92.00%	3	75.00%	11
Corning	69.00%	17	72.00%	10	67.00%	16
Corydon	56.00%	40	50.00%	39	40.00%	46
Creston	63.00%	26	67.00%	16	61.00%	22
Dallas Center	78.00%	8	68.00%	15	73.00%	12
Davenport	39.30%	52	52.20%	38	0.00%	51
Decatur County	71.00%	14	62.00%	23	63.00%	21
Des Moines	57.23%	36	54.59%	33		
Des Moines A.M.	57.00%	38	62.00%	23	80.00%	9
East Polk County	61.21%	28	68.05%	14	59.68%	24
Fairfield	40.79%	51	36.40%	46	30.73%	48
Fort Madison	55.00%	43	54.00%	34	55.00%	28
Greater Des Moines	88.00%	5	72.00%	10	88.00%	3
Grinnell	90.28%	3	92.58%	2	83.78%	5
Indianola	57.97%	34	56.76%	29	51.68%	33
Iowa City	29.66%	53	27.88%	47	27.37%	49
Iowa City A.M.	77.12%	9	77.99%	9	81.51%	6
Iowa City Downtown	97.56%	1	95.24%	1	86.90%	4
Iowa Quad-Cities	68.75%	18	70.00%	12	64.61%	19
Jefferson	62.00%	27	65.00%	19		
Johnston	66.67%	21	64.68%	20	69.00%	14
Kalona	72.15%	11	88.50%	5	64.90%	18
Keokuk	25.76%	54	21.05%	48	15.25%	50
Keosauqua	66.30%	22	54.00%	34	57.00%	26
Knoxville	56.77%	39	57.92%	27	52.60%	32
Lenox	58.00%	33	60.00%	24	69.00%	14
Manning	58.00%	33	72.00%	10	59.00%	25
Marengo						
Marshalltown	48.24%	46	49.68%	40	47.70%	38
Mount Pleasant Noon	58.00%	33	54.00%	34	50.00%	35
Mt. Pleasant	64.00%	25	68.00%	15	81.00%	8
Muscatine	47.97%	47	44.98%	43	43.72%	42
Nevada	68.00%	20	53.19%	36	53.91%	30
Newton	68.33%	19	53.25%	35	67.20%	15
North Scott	91.22%	2	88.93%	4	90.22%	2
Northwest Des Moines	70.78%	15	78.43%	8	78.99%	10
Norwalk - Chartered May 31						
Osceola	43.00%	50	38.00%	45	41.00%	45
Oskaloosa	64.40%	24	55.80%	31	50.10%	34
Ottumwa	65.18%	23	65.43%	18	64.51%	20
Pella	72.00%	12	72.00%	10	60.00%	23
Perry	62.00%	27	72.00%	10		
Tipton	58.00%	33	62.40%	21	59.00%	25
Washington	50.79%	44	58.80%	26	45.63%	40
Waukee	55.03%	42	56.49%	30	52.75%	31
Wellman	81.62%	7	83.52%	7	75.00%	11
West Des Moines	57.50%	35	68.80%	13	65.59%	17
West Liberty	50.00%	45	50.00%	39	48.00%	37
West Polk County	57.14%	37	65.00%	19	60.00%	23
Winterset	90.00%	4			92.00%	1





• Ten cases of polio year to date Sept. 9, 2017; 6 in Afghanistan and 4 in Pakistan. YTD Sept. 9, 2016 there were 37.

• World Polio Day is Oct. 24 to call attention in our communities to Rotary's polio initiative.

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## Club leaders' checklist

*From DG Mike Ruby . . .*

- Share your copy of **District 6000 News** to show others what Rotary is about!
- Register to attend a **One Rotary Summit** (p. 10).
- Make a Difference with **World Bicycle Relief** (p. 5).
- Support **Hurricane Harvey Relief** (p. 39).
- **Plant a tree** for every member of your club (p. 38).
- Report your club's **volunteer hours and monetary contributions** to Rotary International (p. 38).
- Encourage members to be a part of the **2018 Xicotepec Project Team** (p. 6-9).
- Nominate a worthy member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** (p. 15).
- Encourage club leaders and others to register for the **Rotary Leadership Institute** (p. 38).
- Encourage members to give to **PolioPlus** and join the **District 6000 Ride To End Polio** (p. 15).
- Make plans to meet or exceed your **Rotary Foundation** goal (p. 11).
- Set a specific **Membership Goal** and invite quality new members to be a part of Rotary.
- Encourage members to attend a **Project Fair** (p. 18).
- Mark March 8-10, 2017, for **NCPETS** at Rochester.
- Choose and carry out club and service projects to qualify for Ian Riseley's **Presidential Citation**.
- Encourage members to register early for the **RI Convention in Toronto** (p. 27).
- Nominate a past president for **District Governor 2020-21** (p. 38).
- Submit a proposal for the **Council On Legislation** (p. 25).
- **Submit news** of your activities by Nov. 20 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs at btubbs@northscottpress.com. Send text as a Word file or in the body of the email; and free-standing high resolution .jpg images.



## The Object of Rotary

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

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

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

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

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

## 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?