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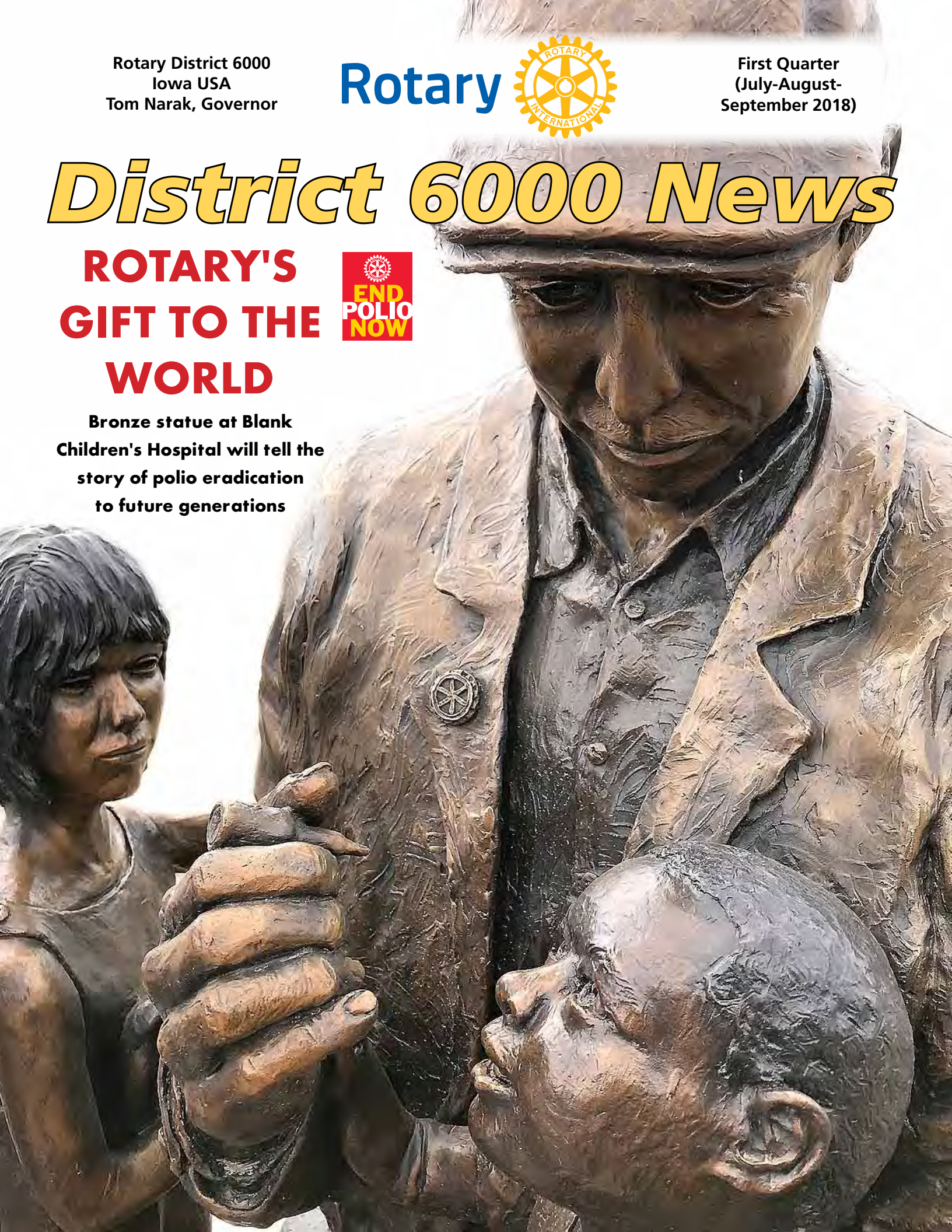
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**Bronze statue at Blank
Children's Hospital will tell the
story of polio eradication
to future generations**



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Polio statue inspires!

If Rotary doesn't tell our story big and bold within five years of the eradication of polio, we will have failed from a public relations standpoint.

— Ed Futa, General Secretary
Rotary International, 2008

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

These words of our general secretary to the members of the RI Public Image Resource Group 10 years ago stuck with me and should be taken to heart by all who have shared our vision of a polio-free world. Now that Rotary and our partners are "this close" to eradication – which when completed will be the world's greatest service project – they must be taken seriously.



Bill Tubbs

Polio is barely on the radar screen of our younger members, and when this once-feared disease is gone, who will remember that in 1985 Rotary – a global network of community volunteers – stepped up to the plate and said, "We can do it. We can eradicate polio?"

Thirty-three years and hundreds of thousands of hours of volunteer service and advocacy later – not to mention \$1.5 billion in financial support – the end is in sight.

It is past time to tell our story big and bold, and the statue which is soon to be dedicated at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines is an important step forward.

We were hoping to be able to announce the time and place of the dedication in this issue of *District 6000 News*, but those details had not been finalized when we went to press. Watch for this news from DG Tom Narak and district administrator Carolyn Scharff and plan to attend. What a grand unveiling that will be!

The idea of a statue to commemorate this humanitarian milestone was just wishful thinking until Decatur County Rotarian Peggy Geiger, who was then District Public Image Chair, took the lead and found a sculptor, David Biehl, a retired veterinarian from Elkhorn, Neb., who turned the dream into reality. Peggy has written about David and his remarkable vision for this statue in past issues of *District 6000 News* which are archived at www.rotary6000.org.

Placing the statue in a location where all parties agreed was a challenge. Many sites were considered. There are more rules about placing statues than most of us imagine. With help from Rotarians Chris Nelson, Graham Gillette and others, Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines will be this statue's home.

Peggy's article on page 5 tells how the statue is branded for Rotary, gives some history of Blank Children's Hospital, and tells how individual Rotarians and Rotary clubs can contribute to this monument which will *Be the Inspiration* for future generations.

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

The polio statue will be in a highly visible location at Blank Children's Hospital.

Image provided by Chris Nelson



District Governor

Inspiration in every club

**BE THE
INSPIRATION****By DG Tom Narak/West Des Moines**

So far Carol and I have visited almost half of our Rotary clubs in District 6000. We have been having a great time. With our new Rotary theme, "Be the Inspiration," we have found inspiration in every club that we have visited.

The common thread among our clubs is meeting with a group of dedicated volunteers working hard to make this world a better place. In my mind, that is why we are all here on this earth.



Tom Narak

ROTARIANS ROCK, and I thank every Rotarian for your dedication and service.

We are very thankful for the positive reception we have had with our request that our District 6000 clubs do some additional things to help **improve literacy, prevent child abuse, and to help end polio.**

Literacy and child abuse prevention are two areas in which Rotary has many connections. Helping children in these three important areas is demonstrating how to "Be the Inspiration."

The most common challenging issue we have heard in our visits is how to turn around the declining membership trend in many clubs. We are requesting that each member of our District 6000 clubs **invite a guest to one of their Rotary club meetings** this year. We know that inviting a guest will expose more people to the great work that is happening in our communities, state and world. We anticipate that some guests will want to become more engaged in our great work. More people and more resources will provide each club with more possibilities to do more great things.

We have had several people thank us for our service in our capacity as district governor and spouse. We appreciate the kind words, but to us the Rotary heroes are our members. We are having fun seeing and experiencing all the clubs in our district. Your hard

work, dedication, and service fill us with inspiration.

We thank all Rotary members for allowing us this tremendous opportunity to serve Rotary and our District.



DG 2017-18 Mike Ruby and Jo Anne (r) passed the gavel to DG Tom Narak and Carol at the June 30 changeover at Shive-Hattery in West Des Moines.



PDG Ray Muston gave a box of tools and tips to DG Narak.

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District Governor Tom Narak:

New plan for One Rotary Summit, District Conference

Video to be shown at club meeting will replace One Rotary Summits

This year we are changing our plans for the One Rotary Summit meetings. They are a product of our Rotary Zone training.

In the past, we held some meetings in two or three locations across our district. The meetings were designed for members to better understand and discuss the three pillars of **Membership, The Rotary Foundation and Public Image**.

We know that Rotarians are very interested in these topics, but the addition of another evening meeting in the busy Rotarian schedule makes it difficult for many to attend. The topics are too good for members to miss, so we are bringing the Summit to each club.

We are making a video to share at a club meeting. It will be relatively short, and there should be time at the same meeting for small group discussions. Then the assistant governors will meet with representatives from each of his/her clubs for discussion. Each AG will submit the ideas and suggestions that are shared, and we will compile that information and send it out to all clubs.

– DG Tom Narak

Every member should invite a member

I am asking each Rotarian to **invite a non-Rotarian guest** to one of his/her club meetings this year. We know that inviting a guest will help share many of the great things your club is doing in your community and in the world. We anticipate that you may spark more interest in helping with your many service projects, and you may gain some more members as a result. We encourage all clubs and members to rally in the efforts to share the great work that is being accomplished.

Exciting plans for District Conference, 'Be the Inspiration,' May 2-4, 2019

Carol and I and our District Conference Committee are planning a "fun" conference to be held at the **Sheraton in West Des Moines, May 2-4**.

The evening of Thursday, May 2 will be a social event. On Friday we will have speakers and activities on important topics. Some of our conference focus will be on traditional Rotary topics, and some will be on **Literacy, Child Abuse Prevention**, and of course **Polio eradication**. When we have a panel discussion, we will follow up with break-out sessions on the panel topics so more in-depth learning can occur.

The Friday noon keynote speaker is Suku Radia, a longtime and outstanding Rotarian, who has a wonderful message for all of us.

Saturday will be "**Family Friendly Day**." We plan to have activities and sessions that will be fun and enjoyable for Rotarians, spouses/partners, children, grandchildren and others. We are also planning a "**Service Project**" for Saturday for many people to experience.

Please put these dates into your calendar and try to attend when it is possible for you. Rotary Rocks! And we will have great fun together helping to make this world a better place.

Membership lagging? Consider new approaches

By Chris Nelson/West Des Moines

District 6000 Membership Chair

I had the opportunity to visit Toronto this summer and attend an International Rotary Convention to learn about membership.

Do you want to know what clubs across the world are doing for membership? Just about anything they can to attract more people who are dedicated to helping humankind.

If you have a new idea for membership, don't hold back, let's talk about it. Rotary International recognizes the need to change, in order to fit the lifestyles of a changing world. In the end, the format of our meetings can change, but our resolve to make a difference in our communities and in the world must stay the course.

The seminar in Toronto was all about flexibility and how we can reach more people with fewer "rules." Here are three possible options for flexible clubs:



Chris Nelson

1. Satellite Clubs: This type of club is really an extension of a sponsoring club. The Rotary

Club of Boone has started a satellite club. A satellite club can meet in the morning, night or any time that is convenient. They typically start out with eight people to form a club, and as they grow to 20 people, they can become a fully chartered club with their own president and board. You can design a lot of flexibility into the new satellite club, including a different fee structure. If you don't have a club meeting with a meal, you could potentially get your annual dues down to about \$150 per year. It's up to you.

2. Passport Clubs: This type of club is less common, but there are some out there. Look up the Passport Club of Greater Sacramento. They were the first Passport Club in the world. They meet quarterly (soon to be monthly) and attend different clubs in the area in between their regular meetings. They gravitate to clubs with service projects that pique their interest.

3. E-Clubs: It's possible to actually meet online and be a Rotary club! Like anything that is new and different, it would require a different approach to membership. The club members might have to work harder at communication and fellowship, but what seems difficult for some is second nature for others. We need to think outside the box.

Rotary clubs can come in all shapes and sizes, and I'm proud that Rotary International has been so open to change. That doesn't mean your club has to change. Your club may be perfect for the community you serve. Your club and your membership might be growing, and that's awesome. Even if your club isn't growing, it may still be a fantastic club; however, it might be worth considering adding a different type of club in your town instead of trying to change an existing club.

In the end, we're all on the same Rotary Team, and we need to be cognizant of future generations and what their clubs will look like and feel like. If I can be of service, please contact me at (515) 669-1876 or cnelson@shive-hattery.com!

On the road to tell our Foundation's story

By PDG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Rotary Foundation Chair

District 6000 Rotary Foundation chair Chris Knapp and his wife Vernette have hit the road to bring the story of the “What, How and Why of The Rotary Foundation” to all the clubs of our district. The visit includes a chance to talk one-on-one with Chris about grants, giving and opportunities to become engaged in the best philanthropic foundation in the world.



Chris Knapp

This road trip provides Rotarians the opportunity to understand how their contributions to The Annual Fund and The Endowment Fund provide the funding for Community and Global Grants. They also learn how their contributions to the End Polio Now campaign receives a 2-for-1 match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This match of polio contributions has a huge impact on Rotary's world-wide effort to eradicate polio from the face of the earth.

Finally, district Rotarians are learning first-hand about other ways that they, as Rotarians and their families, can leave a Legacy that supports their personal and family philanthropic goals of working towards: World Peace and Conflict Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, and Economic and Community Development.

At the time this article was written, Chris and Vernette had visited 29 clubs and met with over 800 Rotarians. They look forward to visiting the other 37 clubs and the members of each and every club.



Mark your calendars and plan to join fellow Rotarians for an evening of Celebration, Fellowship and Inspiration at the

District 6000 Rotary Foundation Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

West Des Moines Sheraton

Keynote Speaker:

Carl Chinnery, Polio Survivor and
District 6040 PDG 2002-03

Registration will open Oct. 1, 2018

You and your Rotary club can be part of history by supporting the Polio Statue project

By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County

District 6000 Past Public Relations Chair

PolioPlus is the vision of a world free from Poliomyelitis, a disease feared for centuries. In 1985, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International began its efforts to provide the large quantities of vaccine and an immunization program to deliver vaccine to children around the world. With volunteerism from more than 35,000 Rotary clubs, Rotarians have united across political boundaries and religious beliefs to administer polio vaccinations.

To commemorate this humanitarian effort for present and future generations, District 6000 Rotarians commissioned a bronze statue by artist David Biehl, DVM. This statue celebrates the commitment of Rotary District 6000 Rotarians and Rotarians world-wide to help eradicate



David Biehl at work in his studio with the polio statue in 2017.

polio from the world. Through the generosity and participation in National Immunization Days, fundraisers, and donations the end of polio is at hand.

We are proud to announce that the statue will be displayed at Unity Point Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines. And what better place for this unique statue than a children's hospital? A hospital that was built in 1944 to address the health care needs of Iowa's ill and injured children. A hospital that in 1947 expanded because of the overwhelming number of children hospitalized for polio.

Funds are still needed for the final stages of placement and branding of this statue, and we invite you to be a part of it! We had hoped to conduct a “brick campaign” fundraiser around the statue to help defray costs; however, bricks are not allowed. We are now asking all Rotarians and Rotary clubs in District 6000 for a donation.

Please act now and donate to the District 6000 Polio Statue. To do this, mail checks made out to District 6000 H.E.F. (501.C.3) to our district office at: Rotary District 6000, P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219, or call district administrator Carolyn Scharff at (877) 976-8279 for credit card payment by phone. Donations of \$250 or more qualifies for a tax deductible receipt. All donors will be recognized in the next quarterly issue of *District 6000 News*. Help fund a part of District 6000 history.

Community Service Grants approved

By Kris Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

Community Service Grants Co-Chair

The District Grants Committee was given the chance to review and fund 40 grants from across District 6000, all serving the needs of our communities. While we did not have the funds available to fund every community service grant request at 100 percent, we were able to fund \$124,630 using funds Rotarians have contributed to The Rotary Foundation. The criteria used to rate the grants includes:

1. *Benefit to disadvantaged people:* the extent to which the grant will address needs of people who face mental, emotional, physical and/or economic challenges. (1-30 points).

2. *Benefit to Rotary's public image:* the extent to which the project be visible to people of the community and will be widely appreciated. The community will know that a grant from The Rotary Foundation helped finance the project and the community understanding of Rotary will be enhanced. (1-15 points).

3. *Club contribution ratio:* the comparison of the amount of funding provided by the club to the total community service grant requested (1-15 points).

4. *Member involvement:* the extent to which Rotarians will participate in implementation of the project. Member involvement is expected to be direct hands-on work with beneficiaries. Grant writing, public relations and fundraising are not considered. (1-15 points).

5. *Club support for The Rotary Foundation:* the applicant club's current and historical financial contributions to The Rotary Foundation. (1-25 points).

These grants were approved:

North Scott: Assemble and provide customized bicycles and tricycles to 14 disabled children in the Quad-Cities area, **\$5,000.**

Iowa City AM: Provide training bicycles and a training program for low income elementary students in the Iowa City Community School District, **\$2,341.**

Iowa City Downtown: Provide a walk-in cooler for the Crisis Center of Johnson County food pantry, **\$5,000.**

West Liberty: Purchase and install modern playground equipment in Kimberly Park, **\$5,000.**

Ames Morning: Provide eight books to 326 disadvantaged elementary school students in the Back Pack Food Program to take home for the summer, **\$4,890.**

Iowa City: Provide outdoor improvements to the grounds of The Bird House hospice home, **\$2,500.**

Decatur County: Provide furniture, a desktop computer and software for a business incubator and co-working space for Central Decatur High School students, **\$4,193.**

Adel: Remodel a space in the Adel Food Pantry, replacing sinks, shelving, cabinets and lighting, **\$1,050.**

Davenport: Provide the electronic scoreboard for the Miracle Field of the Quad Cities all-inclusive baseball field, **\$4,775.**

Ottumwa: Provide adjustable basketball goals, benches, waste receptacles and fencing to renovate the Wilson Elementary School playground, **\$4,820.**

Des Moines AM: Provide furniture, Google Chromebook tablets and E-book resources for professionals to use to enhance reading skills of 850 underprivileged Des Moines elementary students and supplies for family recognition events, **\$5,000.**

Indianola: Provide site preparation and one piece of equipment for an all-inclusive playground in Pickard Park, **\$4,800.**

Ames: Relocate and renovate playground equipment at Inis Grove Park, **\$5,000.**

Knoxville: Provide shelving, a freezer and coolers for Knoxville Food Youth Initiative food pantry in Knoxville High School, **\$927.**

Clinton: Provide "Josh the Otter" books and mascot to use to provide

water safety instruction for kindergarten students in Clinton Area Community School District elementary schools, **\$1,995.**

Ankeny: Purchase and install a bicycle rack and park benches at Ankeny Market Pavilion farmers market and High Trestle Trail, **\$2,392.**

Fairfield: Provide materials and labor to construct the concrete floor for expansion of the Greater Fairfield Habitat for Humanity ReStore, **\$2,000.**

Grinnell: Install two basketball backboards and rims to replace deteriorated equipment in Ahrens-Paschall Memorial Park, **\$1,750.**

Boone: Restore and repaint a locomotive, tender and passenger train car and move to the U.S. Route 30 entrance to the City of Boone, a Rotary Club of Boone centennial project, **\$5,000.**

Bettendorf: Replace and enlarge the entrance steps and deck of Agape Center food, housing and clothing pantry, **\$4,090.**

Grinnell: Purchase resources to use in instructing ~900 students in grades 6-12 to identify depression and suicidal intentions in themselves and peers and how to seek help, **\$2,360.**

Dallas Center: Fabricate roofed benches and prepare site and install at the intersection of the Raccoon River Valley Bike Trail and Spurgeon Manor walking trail, **\$2,872.**

West Des Moines: Fund a literacy program to reach ~5,000 students implemented through West Des Moines School District and WDM Public Library that focuses on books and study programs written by Laurie Halse Anderson, culminating in assemblies and interaction with Anderson, **\$5,000.**

Ankeny: Purchase five laptop computers and a virtual reality processor for Ankeny Public Library, **\$2,610.**

Marshalltown: Provide "Josh the Otter" books and kits to use to provide water safety instruction to kindergarten students in Marshalltown Community School District elementary schools, **\$1,025.**

Pella: Purchase and plant 14 trees for shade and windbreak at Pella Sports Park, **\$1,225.**

Osceola: Purchase and distribute 60 Operations Warm winter coats to underprivileged children in the Osceola community, **\$540.**

Tipton: Provide a Scott Safety RIT PAK emergency air supply system and rescue tools to Tipton Volunteer Fire Department., **\$2,297.**

Iowa Quad-Cities: Provide bench seats for the entryway and donor plaza of the Miracle Field of the Quad Cities all-inclusive baseball field, **\$2,342.**

Wellman: Purchase and install playground equipment in the City of Wellman's South Park, **\$2,500.**

Muscataine: Provide 36 way-finding signs along community recreation trails and 18 benches at city dog parks, **\$4,120.**

Carroll: Provide dictionaries and bicycle helmets and safety instruction to all (~300) Third Grade students in Carroll County, **\$1,200.**

Oskaloosa: Provide books to all Oskaloosa schools to improve students' access to quality reading materials, **\$2,125.**

Coralville-North Corridor: Supply materials and assist with construction of a shelter at Coralville's Rotary Camp Park, **\$4,250.**

Keokuk: Provide furniture for an after-school study room in the community YMCA, **\$2,412.**

Fairfield: Provide playground equipment for Pence and Washington elementary schools, **\$2,550.**

Manning: Provide and install Outdoor Learning Environment equipment in Trestle Park, **\$4,250.**

Albia: Construct a restroom facility at Albia Reservoir Park, **\$4,250.**

Bloomfield: Purchase and install four benches along the Bloomfield recreation trail, **\$629.**

Kalona: Purchase computer equipment for Pathway Christian School, **\$3,550.**

District 6000: Administration (maximum 3 percent), **\$2,540.**

Spending plan total: **\$127,170.**

Any questions regarding district grants should be directed to Norlan Hinke and Kris Ockenfels at D6000CSG@gmail.com.

'Your help has had a tremendous impact'

By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown

The Rotary Club of Marshalltown would like to thank the many clubs and individuals from Rotary District 6000 who have provided help since the devastating tornado that descended on our town July 19th.

We have been blessed with an outpouring of support, both through donations and physical labor. The City of Marshalltown, our downtown businesses, industries including Lennox and JBS, as well as the hundreds of homes affected by the tornado will have

a long road to recovery. Your help has had, and will have, a tremendous impact on our rebuilding efforts.

Rotarian Dennis Drager reported that as of Aug. 22, we have received about \$5,300. The first \$1,000, our board sent directly to MICA (Mid-Iowa Community Action) for immediate relief. Our board will meet to

discuss the best way to utilize/leverage the additional/future funds.

Service Above Self has been demonstrated over and over during the last month. There are countless stories of people that have shown up at strangers' homes, knocked on doors to ask how they can help, or just started cleaning up areas that so obviously needed it. Neighbors helping neighbors, strangers helping strangers, all without any expectation of reward or acknowledgment. We have no way to identify the Rotarians from the other good Samaritans, but we know so many of you were out there, and we wish to say thank you!

We know that we are facing a long recovery, but with the efforts of people within and outside of our community we will continue to move forward. We will be a stronger community, as we emerge from this catastrophe. Marshalltown Strong!



A long road to recovery lies ahead for the community of Marshalltown.



THE AFTERMATH



Lucy Stedman, 4, looks up from the destroyed toy police car Philip left her in the 200 block of Broadway Street in Marshalltown. Much of the debris in the street came from the home across the street.



Photos by Marshalltown Rotarians, provided by Curt Hoff



D6000 Rotarians Carole Custer (Ames), Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM, with wife Beth), Alka Khanolkar (Keokuk), Mario Rodríguez (Greater Des Moines), Deb Galbraith (Iowa City AM), Tom Narak (West Des Moines) and Xicotepec Rotarians Abel Solís and Millo Fosado with children at the La Aldea orphanage who received new shoes.

INSPIRATION IN XICOTEPEC!

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

Xicotepec Project Team

The 16th annual “invasion” of Iowans in Xicotepec, Puebla, Mexico took place in March, and once again invaders of the D6000 project team were warmly received by Rotarians, Inner Wheelers, Rotaractors, Interactors and community members of Xicotepec.

The 48-member project team arrived in Xicotepec at about 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 after a long day of travel by airplane and charter bus. Upon arrival at the Cruz Azul, every team member received a vest and ball cap embroidered with the Rotary wheel, along with a name tag that included emergency contact numbers printed on the back so that local Rotarians would be notified in case

a Gringo lost his or her way or suffered a mishap. Fortunately, the week went smoothly and no emergencies arose.

After a good night's rest, Sunday morning was dedicated to visiting the local street market, or tianguis, and getting oriented. The team then attended a reception and meal hosted by Rotarian Miguel Huerta and his family at the Hotel Casablanca. Following this, team members, local Rotarians and many others visited the **Casa Hogar Victoria Orphanage**, where each of the 50 children there received de-worming medication, dental fluoride treatment and new pair of shoes. This visit has become an annual tradition and is anticipated

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Jim Peterson and Tom Narak with teachers and director of the Rotary Club Primary School.



DG 2018-19 Tom Narak (West Des Moines) with Angel and his mother. Tom worked with the Rotary Club of Xicotepec to get a life-changing eye surgery for Angel.



Construction crew: (back) Carole Custer (RC of Ames), Nancy Stroburg, Beth Peterson, Alka Khanolkar (RC of Keokuk), Mario Rodriguez (RC of Greater Des Moines), 3 Mexican workers, Phil Peterson (RC of Iowa City AM), (front) Hannah Gim (West Des Moines Valley Interact), Jameson Reineke (Iowa City HS Interact), David Keffala-Gerhard (Iowa City HS Interact)



Xicotepec's Inner Wheel Club honors Rotarian Miguel Huerta (in wheelchair)



After painting playground equipment at the Francisco Velasco Marañón II school; Xicotepec Rotarian Carlos Gómez-Tello (right) and Xicotepec RYE student Etan Cahen of France (second from right) with D6000 Interactors (back) David Keffala-Gerhard, Eric Thomas, (front) Haley Wojciechowski, Hannah Gim, Jameson Reineke, Bihotza James-Lejarcegui, Zadie Smith and Isabelle Kalinkin.



French RYE student Etan Cahen, Haley Wojciechowski (Iowa City Liberty High School Interact), Carlos Gómez-Tello (Rotary Club of Xicotepec), Bihotza James-Lejarcegui (hidden, Iowa City High School Interact), Eric Thomas (Iowa City High School Interact) and Isabelle Kalinkin (Dallas Center).

Rotary: Humanity in Motion, Xicotepec, Mexico



Rotarian Deb Galbraith (Iowa City AM) presents new shoes to a girl at the La Aldea orphanage.



Rotarian Mario Rodríguez (Greater Des Moines) presents new shoes to a girl at the La Aldea orphanage.



Rotarian Alka Khanolkar (Keokuk) presents new shoes to a girl at the La Aldea orphanage.

Rotarians have provided service and built friendships in Xicotepec, Mexico, for 16 years

XICOTEPEC/continued

with excitement by the children and staff at the orphanage, as well as by Iowans who have visited the orphanage previously. For first-time visitors it is often an emotional experience to see the orphanage and meet, talk to and play with the children there.

By Monday morning, as work was to begin in earnest, the weather had changed from clear and sunny to rainy and cool. Nevertheless, the de-worming team, the dental hygiene team, the public health team, the water team and the construction team were all off to a running start on the programs that had been carefully planned and programmed for each group in the weeks leading up to the visit.

The de-worming team, continuing a project that began in 2006, executed an ambitious plan during which they visited over 20 schools and de-wormed over 3,000 students, mostly of pre- and primary-school age. The core of this team are University of Iowa Pharmacy students and faculty, who enlist the help of other Iowa team members as well as Rotarians and others from Xicotepec.

The University of Iowa dental hygiene team, which has operated for each of the past seven years, continued to work with students, school staff and parents to promote good dental hygiene (including healthy eating), check students for serious or urgent dental problems so they can be referred for treatment, and apply fluoride varnish treatments for over 1,500 students. This team worked in partnership with a public health dentist from the municipal government.

A University of Iowa team of Public Health students and faculty were a new addition to the project team in 2018. This team conducted a needs assessment focused on food sources, food availability and food security, and their report will be used by future Public Health teams to propose and define service projects. During their week in Xicotepec, the team visited and interviewed many government and school officials, business owners and consumers.

The University of Iowa Pharmacy, Dental and Public Health students and faculty who come to Xicotepec all take part in a semester-long service-learning course that has been offered each spring since 2007. These students undertake service projects related to their discipline and obtain real-world experience in an international setting, while also learning about Mexican culture and history, effective teamwork, Rotary and humanitarian service. The collaboration among Rotary District 6000, the Rotary Club of Xicotepec and the University of Iowa is unique, and it is a source of pride for the Rotarians and the university faculty who have helped to establish and develop it over the past 12 years. Many students who have taken the course have said their service-learning experience will play a role in future career decisions.

Although the weather in Xicotepec was less than ideal for much of the week, a construction team of Rotarians and Interactors helped make major improvements by paving part of the play area at the Francisco Velasco Marañón II school and helping to construct bleachers at the secondary school in the scenic village of Mecatlán de las Flores.

The water team continued to work toward the goal of providing safe drinking water to Xicotepec school children and their families by testing and maintaining purification systems that were installed in previous years and by installing new systems in schools. The water team is also consulting with the city water utility as the local distribution system is upgraded and a new filtration plant is readied for service.

The focus and productivity of the 2018 Xicotepec Project Team impressed the team's leaders and hosts alike. Team members have left behind not only the results of their work, but the fondness of many Xicotepecanos who appreciate their visitors' concern and desire to help. At the same time, Xicotepec will occupy a special place in the hearts of the Iowans who have experienced the warmth of this special community.



Rotary Club of Xicotepec president Millo Fosado and Rotarian Jonny Morales speak with the mother of a student at the Rotary Club Primary School.



U of I Pharmacy student Sherlie Llorens celebrated her birthday while in Xicotepec.



The project team included high school youth from Davenport, Iowa City, North Liberty, West Des Moines and Dallas Center.



Rotarians Bob Main (Newton) and Jaime Fosado (Xicotepec) celebrate a productive week.

Sign up now to catch the inspiration in 2019!

Sign up now to catch the inspiration of the Xicotepec Project Team March 10-18, 2019! Team leader Jim Peterson invites you to watch for the announcement in early September that the application website is open. Applications are accepted from mid-September until early November. The all-inclusive cost for the nine-day trip was \$1,850 per person in 2018. For more information on The Xicotepec Project, or to make a donation, visit <https://xicoproject.org> or email: info@xicoproject.org.



The March 2018 project team provided service and made friends in the eastern Mexico mountain village of Xicotepec.

Rotary Youth Exchange

District 6000 sends, receives 27 students

Inbound students in 2018-19:

Timothee Adam Benitez, France, Waukee
Monica Marco Romero, Spain, Nevada
Sofia Portillo Morales, Mexico, Ankeny
Jesus Esteban Rojas Davila, Mexico, Ankeny
Pina Marrosu, Italy, Des Moines
Carla Gomez Tello Tellez, Mexico, Boone
Rocio Mataix Jimenez, Spain, Decatur County
Sarah Meurisse, Belgium, Ottumwa
Mateo Canonville, France, Oskaloosa
Cristina Cinotto, Italy, Iowa City AM
Pauline Leblanc, Belgium, Mount Vernon (D5970)
Maria Isabel "Bel" Schmitt Goedert, Brazil, Iowa Quad Cities
Juan Carrillo, Ecuador, Bettendorf
Ignacio "Nacho" Cagio Rodriguez, Spain, Keokuk

Outbound students in 2018-19:

Kayla Babcock, Winterset, Belgium
Elise Beukelman, Pella, Brazil
Connor Grau, Ankeny, France
Kyler Johnson, Waukee, Belgium
Yajatra Kulkarni, Iowa City, Germany
Katherine (Kate) Malkusak, Iowa City AM, Spain
Lara Murray, Ames, Italy
Minerva Patterson, Waukee, Japan
Jordan Peck, Waukee, France
Zachary Perry, Mount Vernon-Lisbon (D5970), Brazil
Evren Sasmazer, West Liberty, Japan
Vanessa (Vana) Slattery, Iowa City AM, Spain
Lisa Truong, Davenport, Italy



Des Moines Rotarians had a welcoming team at the airport for Youth Exchange student Pina Marrasou from Italy.



Ankeny farewell ...

Youth Exchange is about sending and receiving. In June, Ankeny Rotarians wished their Rotary Youth Exchange students well as they left on their USA tour, (l-r): Andrew and Dawn Martin (host family), Claudio Zertuche (Copan, Mexico student), Marie Haniore (France student), Andrea Rodriguez (Copan, Mexico student), PDG Gary Welch (Youth Services chair), Colleen Welch, and Enrique Rodriguez and Gabriela Negrete (Andrea's parents from Mexico).

Provided by Jody Savage



Pina sees the Iowa State Capitol with her first host family, John and Jane Lorentzen. The Lorentzen's daughter, Maddie, was an outbound exchange student to Italy sponsored by the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

Provided by Kitte Noble



RAG4CLUBFOOT



PDG John Ockenfels (r), presented RAG4Clubfoot's highest award to District 6000 for advancing the Ponseti Method of clubfoot repair. Receiving the award at the June 30 change-over meeting were PDG Chris Knapp and then-DG Mike Ruby.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

RAG4Clubfoot thanks district for leadership

By PDG John Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

RAG4Clubfoot Co-Chair

As a co-chair of the Rotarian Action Group, RAG4Clubfoot, I was happy to present our highest recognition, the Strider Award, to District 6000 as a recognition of their very significant donation to the RAG.

District Governor 2017-18 Mike Ruby and PDG 2016-17 Chris Knapp have been very strong advocates of District 6000's leadership role in training doctors to learn the Ponseti Method for clubfoot treatment.

Their ongoing support has helped us provide assistance to clubs and districts in getting Rotary support for teaching, and implementing, the Ponseti Method of treating clubfoot disability for children throughout the world.

This low cost procedure is done through the use of gentle muscle manipulation, casting and braces for the feet.

Dr. Ponseti's process is almost eliminating the need for major foot surgery and the potential lifelong problems and pain associated with it. Our goal as the RAG4Clubfoot is to train 4,000 doctors during the next 10 years.

Thanks to the support from district 6000, and others, we are well on our way.

District Governor nominations

Clubs in District 6000 are invited to nominate a past president for District Governor 2021-22. Nomination forms were sent to clubs on Aug. 28 which prescribe the necessary actions. Mail the original data form and candidate résumé to: Rotary D6000, P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219. They must be received no later than Oct. 23, 2018. The date for candidate interviews has changed. Now they will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11, not Nov. 3 as previously printed. The current district governor lineup: Tom Narak, West Des Moines (2018-19), Erna Morain, Waukee (2019-20), and Steve Dakin, Boone (2020-21).



The Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team makes a difference in the lives of children like this girl.

Provided by Deb Dunkhase

Be the inspiration for children of Guatemala

By Deb Dunkhase/Iowa City AM

Team Leader, Iowa M.O.S.T.

Because of the support of Rotary District 6000 Rotarians and clubs, the Iowa MOST (Miles of Smiles Team) medical mission is preparing for our 13th mission to Huehuetenango, Guatemala.

Iowa MOST brings hope to the hundreds of children who suffer from cleft birth defects and have no access to health care and the many adults who go through life in blindness due to cataracts.

Our team is busy preparing for our 2019 mission (Jan. 31 to Feb. 10) and is thrilled to once again provide cleft lip and palate surgeries, as well as adding **tonsillectomies** and **cataract surgeries** to our doctor's kit this year! The mission has four non-medical volunteer positions that are open to Rotarians: Interpreter, Photographer/Blogger, Pre- and Post-Surgery Volunteer (play with kids), and Recovery Room Volunteer. All it takes is a willing heart, lots of energy, a great smile and good knees to be a great volunteer!

Applications are open until Sept. 30th at: <https://iowamost.org/2019-iowa-most-application>.

Iowa MOST truly gives Rotarians an opportunity to "Be the Inspiration" that changes lives. Your financial support can truly make a difference in the number of children who will be given hope for a bright future where they can go to school and lead a healthy life. Can you and your club help? Donations can be made online at: <https://iowamost.org/donate-now>.

Gracias de los niños de Guatemala!



Rotarian volunteer leaders from Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin met Aug. 24 to plan NCPETS 2019 at Iowa State.

Planning for NCPETS in Ames underway

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Assistant Editor

Planning is well underway for the multi-district North Central Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (NCPETS) set for Thursday, March 14 through Saturday, March 16, 2019 in Ames. Inspiring speakers, training and networking at the event helps prepare presidents as club leaders from District 6000 along with PEs from three districts in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin (5970, 5950 and 5960).

Attendance is expected to be nearly 350.

Many details for NCPETS were covered at an on-site meeting Friday, Aug. 24, attended by more than 30 members of the planning team. The group visited the Scheman Center on the Iowa State University campus and the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center. Both locations will be utilized during the event.

An executive committee with representatives from all four of the districts leads the organization and delivers the training as guided by the District Governors-Elect (DGEs) from each district. DGEs are: Erna Morain, 6000; Michelle Bell, 5970; Russ Michaletz, 5950; and, Paul Perez, 5960.

The NCPETS executive committee includes the following who are all PDGs: Jill Olsen, 5970, as general chair; Tim Murphy, 5950, as vice chair; Chris Knapp, 6000, as secretary, and Gary Campbell, 5960, as immediate past chair. In addition to the executive committee, past NCPETS chair of District 6000, Jacque Andrew, serves as

operations chair and Ken Crabb of 5960 serves as treasurer.

General session speakers for the 2019 NCPETS will include: RI President-Elect Mark Maloney; RI Director-Elect Stephanie Urchick; past RI Vice President Jennifer Jones; and, PDG Michael Angelo Caruso. Additional members of the planning team from district 6000 are: DGN Steve Dakin, Boone; Allyson Walter, Ames; Karin Sevde, Ames; Tanya Anderson, Ames; PDG Jim Patton, Ames; and Carolyn Scharff, Pella. Their roles include site management for Scheman and Gateway, registration and sergeants at arms. Team members from other districts are covering instruction, technology, House of Friendship and other tasks.

PDG Jim Patton, chair of the sergeants committee, will be seeking volunteers from clubs in the area near Ames to provide welcome hospitality and directions for the visiting presidents-elect, assistant governors and others attending. To volunteer, contact Jim at his email: jlpatton.rotary@gmail.com.

The multi-district NCPETS was held in Des Moines in 2013 and Ames in 2017. In alternate years, the event is held in Rochester, MN.

More information on the event can be found at www.ncpets.org, including the new Rotary International manual for presidents-elect, "Lead Your Club," located under the training materials tab.

Event registration will be open after Oct. 1, 2018. Hotel information is available on the website, and reservations can now be made.

Incoming presidents and presidents-elect are urged to attend.

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, 2019. 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.

Rotarians urged: Lead the way for peace

By Ron Heideman/Indianola

District 6000 Peace Committee Chair

DG Tom Narak resurrected the Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee. Our objective is to educate and engage Rotarians and the public about peace and conflict resolution issues locally and globally. Considering the news we hear each day, we know we need more peace and conflict resolution.



Ron Heideman

Our members are Rick Burns (Atlantic), David Hansen (Ames), Ron Heideman, Jan Heinicke and Steve Rose (Indianola), Alka and Kiran Khanolkar and Dev Kiedaisch (Keokuk), Meagan Cox, Carol and Tom Narak (West Des Moines), Kathy Skinner (Nevada), Wayne Steen (West Liberty), and Bill Tubbs (North Scott). Following are two projects we're supporting. We'll share more ideas throughout the year.

Here are some ways Rotary clubs and Rotarians can promote peace on **World Peace Day, Sept. 21**. Time for planning is short, but several of these activities can be done any time:

- Ask the mayor to declare that day or week International Peace Day (partner with Interact/RYLA/ Rotaract clubs). Rotarians can go to the signing to create awareness in the entire community. This can be followed by an article in the newspaper with Rotary's Area of Focus on Peace and Conflict Resolution. Bring a Rotary sign.
- Have a get-together at a Rotarian's home or venue and have an International potluck dinner.
- Work with your Sister City/Sister State on a peace project. Include other clubs: Lions, Kiwanis, United Way, AAUW, KARE, Toastmasters, etc.
- Have a community event and not just Rotary event (could be big or just a small gathering). Make T-shirts to wear on that day! Use Rotary graphics in any IDOP activity. The public library could have a display of "peace books" with Rotary signage in partnership with the library.
- Sponsor a community discussion on diversity, multiculturalism and peace. Read passages from "peace books." Plan family events. Open the mic for "peace poetry" and show peace films. Read a book on peace for story time with children. Display paintings or art denoting peace.
- Restaurants can place signs on tables celebrating Sept. 21 as IDOP with the Rotary symbol. Participate in parades and work with schools. Have students make origami and glue onto a large dove. Invite kids to create art about peace.
- Plan a day in the park to celebrate peace with a release of balloons or butterflies in the name of peace (<http://butterflyreleasecompany.com/>). Have tables with different activities and music in the park celebrating peace. Yoga in the park. A Peace Walk in the park (walking together), or a peace ball pit!
- Organize letter writing to people in different countries.
- Create a community banner, painting different words for peace/ friendship, and hang it somewhere special. Make bracelets signifying peace and friendship with Rotary.
- District-wide, Rotarians can observe a minute of silence for peace at their meetings and ask schools to do the same. Use social media, use Peace banner on district 6000 website that day. If your club does something, take a photo and send it to the district to post on our website. Get a drone to take video/photo of people standing in the position of peace, a "human peace sign."

Rick Burns served in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan where he established the Minaret Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp to build peace by creating opportunities for women.



How you can help build peace in Afghanistan

By Rick Burns/Atlantic

District 6000 Peace Committee

The Minaret Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp is one of five such camps in and around Herat, Afghanistan. These camps are places of hopelessness and minimal opportunities, particularly for women.

Women Education for a Better Tomorrow Organization (WEBTO), a Herat, Afghanistan women-founded nonprofit focusing on displaced and disadvantaged women, and Karadah Project International, a veteran-founded and Elk Horn, Iowa-based nonprofit, are committed to helping these women move themselves closer to self-sufficiency in the IDP camps.

We are providing Afghan moms with vocational skills that will give them a sustainable means of income in such market-researched areas as cosmetology, tailoring, embroidery and rug weaving.

WEBTO and Karadah Projects successfully completed two similar projects in December 2017 in the Maslakh IDP camp with 100 women, and 250 women in the Minaret Displaced Persons Camp that ended in July 2018. In August 2018, we began training the remaining 100 eligible women in the Minaret IDP camp.

In addition to six months of skills training, WEBTO and Karadah Project provide support during and after the training by:

- mentoring women with an interest in setting up a business;
- creating markets by negotiating with local businesses to buy the women's products, so they earn as they learn;
- creating workspaces within the IDP camps for those unable to leave the camps;
- facilitating professional and government certifications;
- working with local community and government leaders on behalf of women in the IDP camps;
- providing U.N. World Food Program food vouchers for the participants and their families.

The total cost for each of the 100 participants in this iteration is \$130, for a total project cost of \$13,000.

Donations can be made online at https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/Mzc3MDg= or by contacting Rick Burns, 2319 Street F58, Elk Horn, IA 51531, ph. (712) 249-7435, or at www.Karadahproject.com.



The District 6000 Breakfast on June 25, hosted by DGE Erna and Steve Morain at the tradition-rich Canada National Club, gave District 6000 Rotarians and guests a chance to connect amidst 25,000 who attended the convention. At the House of Friendship and throughout the Convention, District 6000 was well represented.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



District 6000 Rotarians hosted the RAG4Clubfoot booth at the House of Friendship to promote the Ponseti Method to train doctors world-wide in the non-surgical treatment of clubfoot, (l-r): Chas Wilson (California), Phil Peterson (Iowa City), Jim and Beth Peterson (Iowa City AM) and Tomeka Petersen (West Liberty).

Photo by Bill Tubbs



District 6000 well represented at Toronto



Gary and LaDonna Wicklund of the Rotary Club of Iowa City had a booth in the House of Friendship to tell the world about the "I Can Read Songs" DVD created by LaDonna, which teaches preschoolers basic sounds and words through catchy, original musical numbers. Learn more at <http://ican-readsongs.org/>.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



The success of DG 2017-18 Mike Ruby's campaign for World Bicycle Relief was celebrated in a prominent location in the House of Friendship. District 6000 Rotarians raised \$167,000 to purchase 1,134 bicycles for students, farmers and health care workers in Zambia. Rotarian Didier Fosse from France (second from left) is joined by (l-r): Linda Tubbs, Mary Beth Johnson of World Bicycle Relief, and Rotarians Deb Ockenfels of Iowa City AM and Nate Burnham of Ankeny.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



A concrete campground provided for fun and fellowship at Toronto for Rotary RV Fellowship members. With a total of 64 Rotarian rigs around a big white tent, 120-plus campers rallied together, hosted by Rotarians from the USA, UK, Australia, England, and the host country, Canada. D6000 RVFers in front are Neil MacArthur (Centerville), Peggy Geiger, PDG Loring and Phyllis Miller (Decatur County), and Chris and Laura Bertelson (Winterset). Back: Dick and Sue Rasmussen (Waukee), and PDG Terry Geiger (Decatur County). Not pictured: Diane MacArthur (Centerville).

Provided by Peggy Geiger



Ames Rotarians Dave Fox, George Belitsos and David Hansen at the District 6000 Breakfast.

Ames Rotarians push anti-trafficking message

By George Belitsos/Ames

Three Rotary Club of Ames delegates – Dave Fox, George Belitsos and David Hansen – attended the Toronto RI Convention.

David Hansen was also an active participant in the three-day Rotary Peace Institute held just prior to the convention. Dr. George made a brief presentation at the district breakfast and handed out a document entitled "What Your Rotary Club Can Do to Join the Fight to End Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery."

Dr. George also staffed the Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery booth in the House of Friendship and the anti-trafficking breakout session attended by 700 people. He was also recently elected to the board of directors of the Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery.

David Fox spoke about the success of the African water project led by the Rotary Club of Ames at a breakout session titled "Achieving Lasting Impact from Rotary Water Projects." Several District 6000 clubs funded and participated in this exemplary water project.

These three delegates demonstrate how Ames and District 6000 contributed to best practice knowledge at the Toronto convention.



Ames Rotarians were hosts at the Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery in the House of Friendship.

Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

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(Members: Jul 15/16/17)	17-18 APF Goal	% of Goal	Per capita	Thru 6-30-18	PolioPlus	Other (*)	TOTAL
Adel (37/37/34)	\$ 2,200	210	\$ 135.96	\$ 4,623	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 4,723
Albia (22/28/28)	1,000	0	0	0	52	0	52
Ames (224/226/217)	29,000	91	121.67	26,403	14,575	0	40,979
Ames Morning (55/55/59)	9,000	75	114.97	6,783	4,115	0	10,898
Ankeny (61/77/85)	7,500	170	150.35	12,780	5,100	0	17,880
Atlantic (58/58/58)	5,500	49	46.16	2,677	1,475	0	4,152
Bettendorf (103/101/102)	11,000	113	121.57	12,400	4,000	0	16,400
Bloomfield (10/10/10)	1,000	39	39.10	391	100	451	942
Boone (42/34/41)	3,500	626	534.71	21,923	3,485	0	25,408
Burlington (80/79/80)	3,000	147	55.00	4,400	0	3,000	7,400
Carroll (46/44/43)	4,500	74	77.33	3,325	828	0	4,153
Centerville (50/46/45)	5,000	97	107.22	4,825	0	0	4,825
Chariton (41/41/34)	3,400	122	122.35	4,160	1,000	0	5,160
Clinton (98/97/94)	10,000	99	104.88	9,859	1,486	0	11,344
Coon Rapids (27/31/34)	1,500	107	47.06	1,600	0	0	1,600
Coralville-North Corridor (20/21/22)	2,100	101	96.59	2,125	600	0	2,725
Corning (34/33/32)	1,000	128	40.09	1,283	2,000	0	3,283
Corydon (18/15/15)	1,200	108	86.67	1,300	0	0	1,300
Creston (23/19/17)	100	100	5.88	100	0	0	100
Dallas Center (27/29/26)	2,700	93	96.15	2,500	100	0	2,600
Davenport (112/113/110)	13,000	109	129.29	14,222	75	1,300	15,597
Decatur County (30/32/31)	5,000	125	201.61	6,250	1,393	0	7,643
Des Moines (276/270/269)	21,000	103	80.09	21,544	3,093	0	24,637
Des Moines AM (170/170/179)	11,350	123	78.02	13,965	614	0	14,579
East Polk County (34/31/29)	2,500	100	86.59	2,511	1,604	0	4,115
Fairfield (74/60/57)	5,500	93	89.47	5,100	1,400	45,674	52,174
Fort Madison (49/53/55)	6,000	89	96.82	5,325	3,073	1,500	9,898
Greater Des Moines (12/12/11)	1,000	10	9.09	100	0	0	100
Grinnell (38/40/35)	5,500	118	185.71	6,500	180	0	6,680
Indianola (54/53/54)	6,500	82	99.19	5,356	0	0	5,356
Iowa City (312/329/333)	45,000	99	134.29	44,716	2,875	5,000	52,592
Iowa City AM (66/69/74)	15,900	92	197.91	14,645	10,255	0	24,900
Iowa City Downtown (23/21/23)	4,000	96	166.52	3,830	1,332	0	5,162
Iowa Quad-Cities (41/42/38)	5,000	52	67.84	2,578	0	0	2,578
Jefferson (59/59/56)	6,500	73	84.82	4,750	1,703	0	6,453
Johnston (60/49/52)	5,400	144	149.42	7,700	1,125	0	8,895
Kalona (42/41/43)	3,000	108	75.58	3,250	1,100	0	4,350
Keokuk (66/71/57)	3,500	82	50.18	2,860	150	0	3,010
Keosauqua (24/22/23)	1,200	100	52.17	1,200	270	0	1,470
Knoxville (61/58/48)	4,500	103	96.73	4,643	2,405	0	7,048
Lenox (29/28/27)	2,000	102	75.49	2,038	0	0	2,038
Manning (19/25/21)	100	1,800	85.71	1,800	250	0	2,050
Marengo (11/10/10)	150	100	15.00	150	0	0	150
Marshalltown (150/147/145)	10,000	98	67.57	9,797	2,798	0	12,595
Mount Pleasant Noon (52/55/47)	5,000	82	87.71	4,123	2,000	1,000	7,123
Mount Pleasant (20/20/18)	800	56	25.00	450	1,799	2,500	4,749
Muscatine (79/77/69)	13,000	82	153.86	10,616	1,516	0	12,132
Nevada (71/69/61)	12,500	78	160.66	9,800	1,775	0	11,575
Newton (60/55/49)	3,000	10	6.12	300	3,591	1,024	4,915
North Scott (85/86/89)	12,500	112	157.63	14,029	2,075	22,500	38,604
Northwest Des Moines (34/40/36)	8,000	121	268.08	9,650	3,983	0	13,633
Norwalk (0/0/20)	500	100	25.00	500	60	0	500
Osceola (28/29/25)	800	100	32.00	800	60	0	860
Oskaloosa (56/55/57)	4,500	93	73.16	4,170	1,500	0	5,670
Ottumwa (97/98/92)	11,000	101	121.20	11,150	0	3,056	14,206
Pella (29/30/29)	4,000	87	119.63	3,469	754	0	4,223
Perry (26/26/26)	1,000	74	28.31	736	204	0	940
Tipton (30/26/27)	2,500	64	59.07	1,595	600	1,000	3,195
Washington (49/48/43)	4,900	89	101.51	4,365	500	0	4,865
Waukee (58/64/69)	8,000	135	156.67	10,810	2,155	100	13,065
Wellman (36/34/30)	3,100	96	99.33	2,980	160	1,150	4,290
West Des Moines (62/63/52)	5,000	111	106.73	5,500	550	0	6,100
West Liberty (43/44/46)	18,000	94	360.20	16,983	1,500	2,000	20,483
West Polk County (31/18/19)	500	623	164.04	3,117	0	0	3,117
Winterset (25/30/33)	5,000	90	136.58	4,507	4,506	0	9,013
District Contributions	0	0	0	0	615	1,000	1,615
Total (3,854/3,853/3,793)	\$ 411,400	104.05	\$ 112.85	\$ 428,058	\$ 104,554	\$ 92,257	\$ 624,869

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

Grants boost huge water project in Nepal

By Doug Flournoy/Fairfield

Lindsey Flanigan of Hy-Vee, Inc. visited the Rotary Club of Fairfield on June 22 to present the club with a check for \$41,303. That visit was followed on Aug. 10 by Patrick Edwards of Anheuser-Busch, who presented the club with a donation of \$15,000. Together, these funds will help establish a well project in Jaluke, Nepal, and bring clean water to thousands of area residents as the region's population continues to grow.

These corporate gifts are matched at 50 cents on the dollar by The Rotary Foundation. The well project is possible through an international partnership between Fairfield and the Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town in Nepal. This is the second global grant between the two clubs.

"Hy-Vee aims to help with meaningful projects in our communities and beyond," said Fairfield Hy-Vee Store Director Lindsey Flanigan. "This partnership is a terrific way for Iowans to help bring safe, sufficient drinking water to a community that can greatly benefit from the well, its distribution system and the public bathrooms the project will help provide."

Doug Flournoy, a member of the Rotary Club of Fairfield who wrote the grant for the project, said Anheuser-Busch and Hy-Vee are helping not only to meet a humanitarian need, but also to build better understanding and friendly relationships with countries across the world. "I'm extremely grateful for this support and for the opportunity for a match in funding by The Rotary Foundation. A project like this in a community where people do not have clean water, which is such a fundamental need, helps to provide other elementary necessities" said Flournoy. "If you can make water available, then health care and education often follow."

Flournoy said the project would not have been possible without the support of other clubs in our district. Rotarians Bob Freeman of Wellman, Cal Litwiller of Mount Pleasant, Jim Pedrick of Mount Pleasant Noon, John Schroeder of Bloomfield and Matt Bresch of Ottumwa all played crucial roles in obtaining support from their clubs.

With those commitments and the District's support with District



Doug Flournoy (l) of the Rotary Club of Fairfield accepted a check for \$15,000 from Anheuser-Busch, represented by Patrick Edwards, in support of a Rotary Foundation Global Grant that will provide safe water to the people of Jaluke, Nepal. Additionally, Hy-Vee provided \$41,303.

Designated Funds in place, he was able to subsequently approach Hy-Vee and Anheuser-Busch. Projects of this magnitude are too large to be completed by a single Rotary club and partnerships are essential.

Flournoy said the well will replace an existing water supply pipeline that is old, damaged, unreliable and provides untreated surface water. It also will help meet the need of a population that's expected to grow from about 10,000 to 14,000 people by 2027. The Jaluke project, which includes two bore holes, pumps and a 400,000-liter storage tank, public bathrooms and 8-9 miles of conveyance pipe, is expected to be completed over the next year.

How's your club giving?



Look at the figures on page 18 to check your club's support of District 6000's Rotary Foundation goals.

- Giving to the Annual Programs Fund in 2017-18 achieved the goal, but both the goal and giving were less than the previous year's goal of \$428,954 and contributions of \$479,591. Every club except one contributed to the Annual Programs Fund (column 4). Twenty-eight clubs gave more than \$100 per member to the Annual Fund. Four averaged more than \$200 per member, one averaged \$360 and one averaged \$534!

- Giving to PolioPlus increased from \$97,970 last year to \$104,554. Twenty-three clubs gave \$1,500 or more, while one club gave more than \$14,575. Twelve clubs did not contribute to polio.

- Total giving of \$624,869 ranks District 6000 well in comparison with other districts in Zone 29, but this was less than \$772,187 in 2017-18.

— Editor



Level 3 Major Donors

At the District 6000 Breakfast during the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada, PDG Terry Geiger (l) recognized Phyllis and PDG Loring Miller of the Rotary Club of Decatur County as Level 3 Major Donors in recognition of gifts of \$50,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Photo by Bill Tubbs



Head student counselors Allie Stutting (North Scott) and Bernardo Duarte (Johnston).
Photos by Bill Tubbs



Districts 5970 of northern Iowa and 6000 of southern Iowa co-sponsored Iowa RYLA training. In the foreground: head student counselors Bernardo Duarte and Allie Stutting

RYLA 2018

240 youth learn

By Mark McAndrews/Northwest Des Moines
Iowa RYLA 2018 Chair



Students laugh and engage.

Iowa Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (Iowa RYLA) completed another successful conference at Grinnell College from July 15-20. Rotary clubs from all over Districts 5970 and 6000 sponsored 240 students for a week of learning and development that will have them return to your communities as better leaders, enthused to embrace an opportunity to serve their schools, Interact clubs, sports teams, bands, student government, church organizations, scouting organizations and any other groups they are involved with.

Conferees often describe RYLA as a life changing experience. While I have seen that happen, a more detailed description with comments from Rotarians, teachers and parents will give a glimpse of how those changes affect the conferees.

One Rotary club provides transportation to their students to and from RYLA. Sometime after RYLA I spoke to the Rotarian who drove the students and he told me, "The students I dropped off on Sunday were not the same students I picked up on Friday." Riding a couple hours in a car, he could already tell these students had been changed.

I attended a presentation by a conferee to the Rotary club that had sponsored her. She made a presentation about the week and some of the lessons learned, then opened the floor to questions. A Rotarian asked her how she had changed since attending RYLA. She answered that having to give a presentation to a room full of Rotarians would have made her physically ill. One of her teachers who was present verified that she was not exaggerating the stress her presentation would have caused prior to RYLA!

I had the opportunity to speak with a mother of a conferee

from a few years back. She told me she kept her own counsel and it had been a struggle to figure out what was going on with her daughter at RYLA and had a three-hour conversation with her daughter got in the car and talked about it as flipping a switch. While I know she is a bright, talented student, she struggled through the remainder of her high school activities caused her to be reclusive. One that her mom didn't think she had the confidence to apply to prior to RYLA.

In all of these cases the effect has been a change in the course of lives. Part of the RYLA mission is to believe leadership is a skill that must be applied to have success. One of the cases is the conferees are active in their communities at RYLA to reach more of their potential by design and is driven by our

Learning in teams

All conferees are assigned to a team. A team consists of 12 conferees, one student from a prior RYLA who serves as a mentor and a Rotarian (who serves as a sponsor) provides insights gained through experience.

RYLA is structured in a way that allows practicing leadership in an interactive environment so that leadership skills are being done. As the team engages in activities (failing early on) they are led through each activity as an essential part



Indianola students Ally O'Meara, Tyler Juffenbrunch and Abby Green presented an inspirational message about Interact.



RYLA 2019, which brought 240 high school students to Grinnell College July 15-20 for leadership training. Names of participants and information is on the next page. Photo by Jody Kelly



Kerrigan Levi participates in a problem-solving exercise.

RYLA Leadership

When I told me her daughter had always been difficult for the mother to deal with her. They picked her up for a weekend event. Her daughter described the entire trip. She described her daughter had always been a bright light out leadership opportunities in high school days. Her leadership journey led to a prestigious university, where she would have had the confidence to lead.

Effects of RYLA are changing the RYLA Mission Statement reads "We believe that leadership can be learned and practiced through experience." The key in all of these is the application of the skills they learn to their innate potential. This happens through the mission statement.

experience-based learning tends to establish the lesson more firmly for many conferees, thus the activity debriefs drive home the lessons available.

Early in the week, teams often do not achieve the goal of an activity, but a great deal of learning takes place. Teams learn how to evaluate the skills needed for each activity. Counselors may modify activities to encourage the more reluctant students to take charge, teams learn to communicate and to accept each team member's personality and unique skills.

One of the key lessons I see embraced every year is the realization that leaders are not perfect. Too often conferees have an image of leaders being perfect and are reluctant to lead because they don't perceive themselves as meeting that standard. As they realize no one meets that unrealistic standard and leadership can look very different from person to person, they begin envisioning themselves as leaders and developing their own unique style of leadership.

Following our mission of practicing leadership drives the changes described above by Rotarians, teachers and parents and serves our clubs, districts, state and world by providing better leaders for our future.

Serving as a team Rotarian at RYLA is the best job at RYLA. You have the opportunity to serve with an outstanding counselor who will lead the team as well as interacting with bright, engaging, talented, passionate students from all across Iowa.

Rotarians are key to creating the environment where conferees can embrace the leadership lessons presented at RYLA.

RYLA 2019 will take place from July 13-19 on the campus of Grinnell College. If you have an interest in discussing serving as a Rotarian, please contact Mark McAndrews at (515) 371-0863 or markmcandrews@msn.com.



Student counselor Xavier Pestana.



Listening and learning.

2018 Iowa RYLA participants

District 6000

Rotarians:

Ames: Chuck Jons

Ames AM: Alan Hermanson, Carolyn Jons, Collette Winfrey

Boone: Steve Dakin

Chariton: Zach Fisher

Iowa City AM: Greg Probst

Keokuk: Alka Khanolkar

Knoxville: T. Waldmann-Williams (Registration), Park Woodlee

Muscatine: Cath Hahn

Northwest Des Moines: Mark McAndrews (chair)

West Liberty: Jodi Kelly (photographer), Wayne Steen

Counselors:

Ankeny: Shantal Hernandez

Boone: Isidro Gonzalez

Davenport: Lisa Truong

Des Moines: Isabella O'Connor

Fairfield: Daniel Zhu, Melat Gebremariam

Grinnell: Danica Nolton

Indianola: Abby Green, Ally O'Meara, Tyler Juffernbruch

Iowa City: Lucy Polyak

Iowa City AM: Jillian Baker

Iowa City Downtown: David Keffala-Gerhard

Johnston: Bernardo Duarte (head counselor), Katie Michalski

Knoxville: Quinlan Robuck

Nevada: Izzy Kaputka

North Scott: Allie Stutting (head counselor), Ben Stutting

Northwest Des Moines: Brad Holland

Waukee: Kyler Johnson

West Liberty: Mariela Filerio

Conferees:

Adel: Steven Dobrzynski

Albia: Bradley Yenger

Ames: Cameron Campbell, Chloe David, Lara Murray, Claire Rouse, Leah Wolter

Ames AM: Peyton Clatt, Isaac Gustafson

Ankeny: Connor Grau, Haley Grubb, Marie Hanoire, Ella Hawkins, Sharon Mamuya, Katelin Meier, Chloe Peck, Benton Renaud, Andrea Rodriguez, Claudio Sanchez Zertuche, Elise Wilson

Atlantic: Zachary McKay, Heidi Williams

Bettendorf: Natalie Murphy, Joshua Soultz, Cecilia Zavala

Boone: Alea Klauenberg, Rory McDermott, Sean McDermott, Taylor Renze, Lindsey Snakenberg

Burlington: Kamryn Miller

Carroll: Samantha Walsh

Chariton: Jackson Curnutte, Amy Laing, Jesse Watkins-Schoenig

Clinton: Morgan Bork, Ryann Hubbart

Coralville-North Corridor: Taylor Grefe, Sarah Stewart

Corning: Emily Lauer

Corydon: Aubrey Bennett

Creston: Alexis Ward, Lillian Watkins

Dallas Center: Madelyn Rose

Davenport: Clémence Guyot, Jacob Hansen, Zachary Keel, Presley Roseman, Maddison Smith

Decatur County: Curtis Roberts, Lauren Saxton

Des Moines: Ferdinand Alobo, Tam Cao, Grant Ganpat, Ka Muie Paw

Des Moines AM: Docial Vleyee

East Polk County: Dezi Jones, Jasmin Mendoza



RYLA leaders Mark McAndrews of District 6000 (l) and Mike Babcock of District 5970. Photo by Bill Tubbs

Fairfield: Lucianna Miller, Evelyn Winer

Fort Madison: Abby Camp, Jace Fedler, Gracie Gobble, Abbee Kelly, Mâille Sheerin

Grinnell: Riley Osborne

Indianola: Tom Krapfl, Lauren Mathieu, Heather Willmott, Andrew Winjum

Iowa City: Jordan Barry, Abigail Burger, Everline Bwayo, Elizabeth Chen, Nicholas Hein, Yajatra Kulkarni, Jada Melvin, Nathaniel Nelson, Grace Quast-Villafana, Katherine Randle, Sushma Santhana, Mami Selemani, Natalie Young

Iowa City AM: Grace Ellis, Mariam Keita, Salima Omari, Vanessa Slattery, Patrick Taylor, Xenophilus Tyne

Iowa City Downtown: Estella Brady, Maia DeGrazia, Marina Richardson, Emma Grace Shoppa

Iowa Quad-Cities: Molly Edwards, Haylie Spencer, Mizuki Wittmer

Jefferson: Arthur Bardole, Claire Teusch

Johnston: Grace Campidilli, Shreya Shrestha

Kalona: Camden Marner

Keokuk: Thomas Barrett, Elena Buckner, Cameron Muston

Knoxville: Alexander Buckley, Maxfield Eck, Ethan Murra, Riley Newendorp, Isis Walle, Caroline Woodlee

Manning: Hanna Mullen, Dylan Spies

Marengo: Riley Kienitz

Mount Pleasant Evening: Lucas Lee, Alyssa Striegel, Piper Wiley

Muscatine: Carlos Acuna, Jessica Ahluwalia, Odysseus Orr

Nevada: Eliana Hornbuckle, Isabelle Humpal-Pash, Kacie Rewerts, Megan Wessels

Newton: Mackenzie Baker, Sadie Steinbach

North Scott: Josephine Meyer, Delaney Nylin, Megan Triplett

Norwalk: Nicholas Bergan, Annika Schulz

Osceola: Madyson Hill, McKenzie Young

Oskaloosa: Hannah Flaherty, Ashlee Smith
Ottumwa: Meghan Cantu, Hasya Joshi, Tavia Swarney

Pella: Tierney Copeland, Grace Heap, Grayson Parisee

Perry: Brianna Fields, Cesar Ramirez

Tipton: Britney Ford

Washington: Claire Horak

Waukee: Geetika Kanaparti, Rei McCormick, Minerva Patterson, Jordan Peck

West Des Moines: Gwyneth Chilcoat, Walter Golay, Omar Mustafa

West Liberty: Kiara Hernandez, Denisse Romero, Evren Sasmazer, Ashley Tapia

West Polk County: Elizabeth Becker, Allison Koch

Winterset: Kayla Babcock

District 5970

Rotarians:

Bellevue: Linda Nudd

Cedar Falls: Mary Shepherd

Cedar Rapids West: David Kutter (Registrar), Rochelle Naylor

Dubuque: Larry Loeppke, Pat Udzielak

New Hampton: Mike Babcock (Chair-elect)

Counselors:

Dubuque: Lilly Ries

Independence: Josie Fischels

Maquoketa: Xavier Pestana

Storm Lake: Zach Brown

Conferees:

Algona: Ethan DeGroot, Hallie Lovstad

Belle Plaine: Ethan Gates, Samantha Ward

Bellevue: Spencer Haxmeier, Kayla Ignatowicz, Kaylynn Sieverding

Cedar Falls: Michelle Ki

Cedar Rapids: Haji Ali, Marianna Dawley, Eva Deegan, Emma Lassen, Sydney Maxa

Cedar Rapids Daybreak: Nathaniel Burke, Carson Uthe

Cedar Rapids Sunrise: Kevin Drahos, Kerrigan Levi

Cedar Rapids West: Johanna Hayes, Ali Juma

Cedar Valley: Whitley Galbraith

Charles City: Lauren Connell, Mariah McKenzie

Dubuque: Lauren Barnes, Riley Bley Meyer, Brady Booth, Erin Bughman, Carly Dalberg, Julie Hammerand, Shaelyn Hostager, Isaac Johnson, Hannah Kramer, Caleb Perreard, Grace Ries, Joyce Sun, Sophie Thielen, Kayla Valentine

Forest City: Drake Bang, Josie Edel, Meggie Cleveland, Sophia Kudej, Jessa Loges, Jacob Olson, Ellie Reece, Olivia Sarasio Meyer, Taylor Tendall, Melissa Wilson

Garner: Macey Spilman

Gateway: Tiffany Yoder

Humboldt: Hope Hjelmeland, Madeleine Ruzicka, Teisha Sritharan

Independence: Jenavieve Grover, Ellie Nabholz

Iowa Great Lakes (Spirit Lake): Claudia Schimek, Seattle Sweeney

Manchester: Olivia Neuzil, Tyler Salow

Maquoketa: Lorelei Bahl

Marion-East Cedar Rapids: Parker

Houdeshell, Marianne Selfridge

Mason City: Grayson Gaubatz, Jenna Retterath

Mason City Sunrise: Jack Lander, Rebekah Mason

Metro North Cedar Rapids: Isabel Hogg, Alexandria Meek

Mt. Vernon-Lisbon: Zachary Perry

New Hampton Madison: Wenzlaff, Brittney White

Pocahontas: Cheyenne Orwig

Storm Lake: Sally Henry, Alondra Rangel

Sumner: Tiffany Beyer

Waverly: Alison Ashlock, Paige Kane

Webster City: Emma Bailey, Daniel Blankenship, Jackson Leman

District 6000 has 27 active Interact clubs

By Steve Hanson/West Liberty

District 6000 Interact Chair

Interact is a service club for youth ages 12 to 18 who want to connect with other young people and have fun while serving their communities and learning about the world. Interact clubs are sponsored by local Rotary clubs. Most Interact clubs are school-based; they meet for about 30 minutes twice a month at school. A school staff person takes the role of adviser; the sponsoring Rotary club appoints one of their members to serve as liaison and attend Interact meetings.

District 6000 has 27 active Interact clubs: 26 school-based and one community-based. The following clubs are sponsoring, or at some phase of sponsoring, active Interact clubs: Bettendorf, Clinton, Coralville-North Corridor, Des Moines, Des Moines AM, East Polk County, Fairfield, Indianola, Iowa City Noon, Iowa City AM, Jefferson, Mt. Pleasant, Newton, North Scott, Northwest Des Moines, Oskaloosa, Ottumwa, Pella, Perry, Tipton, Waukee, Wellman, West Des Moines and West Liberty.

Clubs should identify at least two projects to carry out during the school year: a local project and an international project. In 2017-18, some clubs participated in the Rotary District 6000 project to provide bicycles for people in developing countries. The Perry club carried out a project called "Soccer Balls for Malawi," which involved organizing donations of soccer balls and accessories, toiletries and first aid kits that a local resident transported to Malawi. Some Perry High School students offered a soccer clinic (for a freewill donation) to raise funds for the project. Another international opportunity for individual students is to participate in the annual Rotary District 6000 mission trip to Xicotepec, Mexico (see <https://xicoproject.org/>).

Some clubs had monthly mini-projects, as well as one or more larger projects. Here is a sampling of projects that some clubs in our district carried out in 2017-18:

- Distribute "Stop the Hate" bracelets to students who sign a poster pledging to keep their school bully-free;
- Raise funds for victims of natural disasters;
- Plan and carry out a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Focus Day at school;
- Pick up litter
- Literacy activities: Read to children; participate in local library activities; conduct a book drive;
- Help at a food bank;
- Organize an end-of-year dance for eighth-grade students, to welcome them to their new school;
- Volunteer to help local organizations, such as providing child care at Rotary club events;
- Make blankets, cookies, food baskets, valentine cards, etc.
- Bingo Night at a local nursing home

Compile a list of local service opportunities and make it available to all students; some students have a goal of earning a Silver Cord to wear at graduation.

Members of the D6000 Interact Team are Nancy Pacha, Joan Garrity, Wayne Steen, Vicki Struzynski-Olson, and Steve Hanson, in addition to DG Tom Narak, PDG Mike Ruby and DGE Erna Morain.

If your club is not yet sponsoring an Interact club, and would like to know more, please reach out and contact us! Steve Hanson: stevehanson@iowa@gmail.com, or (319) 930-9827.



Three Rotarian volunteers from the Rotary Club of Ames Morning are pictured with the students sponsored by the club (l-r): Rotarians Al Hermanson and Collette Winfrey, students Isaac Gustafson and Peyton Clatt, and Rotarian Carolyn Jons.

Provided by Carolyn Jons

RYLA inspires Interact

By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning

The Rotary Club of Ames Morning is proud to have had the most Rotarian volunteers for RYLA this summer. The three members who volunteered for 2018 RYLA were Collette Winfrey (first year), Al Hermanson (third year) and Carolyn Jons (third year). Our club also sponsored two awesome students, Isaac Gustafson and Peyton Clatt. Peyton and Isaac shared their "best week of our life" RYLA experience with club members on Aug. 15. To use their leadership skills, they proposed starting a Rotary Interact Club in Gilbert with our club as their sponsors. We look forward to exciting times ahead!



Knoxville RYLArrians, front (l-r): Bella Day-Suhr (YRYLA), Norah Pearson (YRYLA), Caroline Woodlee (RYLA), Riley Newendorp (RYLA) and Isis Walle (RYLA). Back: Alex Buckley (RYLA), Ethan Murra (RYLA), Park Woodlee (Rotary Volunteer), and Dr. Megan Franklin (Rotary Club of Des Moines AM who sponsored our two RYLA alternates).

RYLA was 'life changing'

By Mark Worrall/Knoxville

A successful RYLA 2018 is in the books. The Rotary Club of Knoxville was able to offer a total of seven Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), to Bella Day-Suhr, Norah Pearson, Caroline Woodlee, Riley Newendorp and Isis Walle. A special thank you for the generous support of the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM RYLA for sponsoring our two alternates!

Students attended the leadership training on the beautiful Grinnell College campus July 16-22. Each and every student described the experience as a "life changing" event and were excited to share their stories. A special thank you to Park Woodlee for volunteering at the conference.

District Ride To End Polio goal: \$16,000

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

District PolioPlus Chair

The PolioPlus Subcommittee continues to be intent on raising funds for the eradication of polio. Our new endeavor last year allowed all Rotarians, their families and friends, Interactors, Rotexers, RYLarians and Rotary Youth Exchange students to participate in a district-wide effort that involved everyone who wanted to be able to say, when polio has been eradicated, that they were a part of it!

The PolioPlus Subcommittee adopted the "Ride to End Polio" fundraiser using the **Indoor Ride to End Polio that will be the week of Nov. 10-17** in conjunction with the founding Ride To End Polio, El Tour of Tucson. Last year District 6000 had 41 riders from six clubs raise over \$8,000 to WIN the Indoor Ride and have our name displayed on the Harris Trophy at RI headquarters.

It was decided this year to set a District 6000 goal of \$16,000. Riders of stationary bikes can ride across the district any time during the week of Nov. 10-17. They may ride as groups in health clubs or YMCAs, or individually in their homes. Riders can be Rotarians, family members (all ages), Interactors, RYLarians, or Rotary Youth Exchange students.

There is no maximum number of cyclists on our D6000 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 collected and sent to PolioPlus Chair, PDG Susan Herrick, for submission to RI.

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 Nov. 10-17. 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. That was DISTRICT 6000 last year and our goal is to make it District 6000 again this year!

Riders are encouraged to wear their End Polio Now shirts. This is a great Public Image opportunity as we splash pictures all over newspapers, social media, and television!

I am asking clubs to send the names of riders in this fundraiser to me, preferably by Sept. 30, so that we can begin to publicize the event. The 2017 Ride to End Polio (indoor and outdoor) raised \$11.7 million with the Gates 2:1 match. Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$47 million, enough to purchase millions of doses of polio vaccine.

For more information see www.ridetoendpolio.org.

We think this is a realistic goal for District 6000. The assistant governors will be contacting their clubs to assemble their riders and to report back to Susan Herrick. We want to repeat our win of last year so that we can celebrate the eradication of polio and keep our promise to the children of the world!

'We are competing for people's time'

Marshalltown implements new membership options

By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown

Any day the Rotary Club of Marshalltown inducts a new member is a good day. It was particularly welcome to outgoing president Dennis Drager, as it was a day to celebrate accomplishments and give thanks at this meeting to wrap up the fiscal year.

During his farewell remarks, Drager suggested there is no better organization in the world to be a member of than Rotary. It was at

this luncheon meeting that the Marshalltown club was introduced to its newest member, Ben Daniels. Daniels represents The Willows, a \$13-million assisted living and memory care facility under construction in Marshalltown.

The Marshalltown club has 130-140 members and is part of a world-wide network of over 1.2 million men and women. This club was chartered in 1915 and

was the 185th club chartered. The Rotary International Council on Legislation approved changes to allow local clubs more flexibility in structuring membership requirements. The Marshalltown Rotary Club board has voted to allow a test of one of the new options – corporate memberships. Membership is in the name of one person, an executive of the business, but additional named employees will be allowed (and encouraged) to attend meetings when the primary member is unable to attend.

Assistant district governor and past president Bonnie Lowry championed networking in her induction of Daniels. Drager says the new membership option enhances our ability to network. Oftentimes a company executive may be unavailable to attend meetings because of location or job constraints. This is a strategy to stay engaged and encourage attendance. Member satisfaction is a key to retention.

The Marshalltown Rotary board hopes other clubs will take a look at this membership option to allow their club to engage Rotary. "We are competing for people's time," said Drager. "This is a challenge for any service club dealing with a revolving membership. I really appreciate the flexible nature of this idea and we think there are other opportunities to put this to use in the Marshalltown area," he said.

If it is deemed successful, the club will ask for formal adoption by our membership later in the year.



President Dennis Drager (r) looks on as Bonnie Lowry presides over the induction of Ben Daniels who represents The Willows.



✓ Join Leaders ✓ Exchange Ideas ✓ Take Action



Pictured at the award ceremony are (l-r): Lt. Gov Adam Gregg, club member Pedro Salinas, co-advisor Teresa Green, 2017-18 club president Haley Hall, co-advisor Kelley Gray, club member Morrgan Zmolek, and Gov. Kim Reynolds.

Greene County Interact receives Governor's Volunteer Award

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

The Greene County High School Interact Club received a Governor's Volunteer Award from Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg during a special recognition ceremony held at Southeast Polk High School in Pleasant Hill on June 19.

The Interact Club was selected for the 20-Year Length of Service Award by Mark Lowe of the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Adopt-A-Highway Program.

The Interact Club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jefferson and has a membership of about 85 students each year. The club has been in continuous existence since 1996, with Teresa Green as advisor since 2006.

There are 27 Interact clubs in Rotary District 6000. Greene County is the smallest high school among them.

Coordinated by Volunteer Iowa, the Governor's Volunteer Award program – now in its 35th year – recognizes the dedicated people who volunteer their time and talent to help fulfill the missions of Iowa nonprofits, charitable organizations, and government entities. The program provides an easy way for these organizations to honor their volunteers with a prestigious, state-level award.

More than 500 awards are being presented this year during ceremonies held at several locations around the state. It is estimated that more than 20,000 hours of service with an economic impact of nearly \$500,000 were served by this year's honorees during the past 12 months.



Oktoberfest to boost literacy project at WDM

By Diana Weishaar/West Des Moines

The Rotary Club of West Des Moines is hosting its annual Oktoberfest Fundraiser at Fox Brewing this year on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 5-8 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will support the club's literacy projects, namely the Laurie Halse Anderson program with West Des Moines Schools and the West Des Moines Library. The program features the works of author Laurie Halse Anderson, supplying books to the students and facilitating study projects throughout the year that will culminate in assemblies and personal interaction with the author. The West Des Moines club was recently awarded a Community Service Grant that they hope to match with the funds raised at the event. The club is grateful for the opportunity to support this exciting program.

For \$30 a ticket, attendees will enjoy a flight of six beer tastings, four Oktoberfest beers from local breweries, plus two more of their choice – or two full glasses of wine from local winery The Cellar at White Oak. The ticket also includes choice of one of four brat and burger entrees from Flame the Food Truck, along with a side of potato salad or french fries. A portion of any additional food purchases will go towards the Rotary Club of West Des Moines, so the club encourages attendees to come hungry! They are grateful to Fox Brewing and Flame the Food Truck for their generous support of the West Des Moines Rotary and its literacy projects.

In addition to food and beverages, there will be various activities such as a bags tournament, costume contest, prize raffle, and more. The club encourages attendees to bring any prospective members to this fun and meaningful fundraiser and show what Rotary can do for the community.

Tickets are available at <https://app.tikly.co/events/3011> or visit the Rotary Club of West Des Moines Facebook page for more information. For questions about the event or to purchase tickets, contact Diana Weishaar at diana@humbletravel.com or by calling (515) 421-4101.

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**



Mark Ruggeberg, president of the Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown, received the infamous "Bejeweled Golden Turkey" prize, (l-r): John Calacci, president, Coralville-North Corridor; Julia Erickson, developmental coordinator, Johnson County Crisis Center; Dick Huber, president, Iowa City AM; Ruggeberg; and Steve Quigley, president, Iowa City.

Provided by Dick Huber

Crisis Center is winner in Rotary food fight!

By Dick Huber/Iowa City AM

Club President

The Iowa City and Coralville Rotary clubs (Iowa City, Iowa City Downtown, Iowa City AM and Coralville-North Corridor) sponsored their Annual Rotary July Food Fight. The Johnson County Crisis Center Food Bank was the beneficiary of this year's event. The total amount of food collected through cash and food donations was an amazing 53,318 pounds of food – more than 26 tons!

The four clubs made this a friendly competition as the winner would be in possession of the "Bejeweled Golden Turkey." The award is given to the club which collected the most pounds of food per member. This year's winning club was the Iowa City Downtown Club. Mark Ruggeberg, president, gracefully accepted the "Bejeweled Golden Turkey" from Dick Huber, president of the Iowa City AM club (last year's winner). In the end, the Johnson County Crisis Center Food Bank is the winner!

"The Johnson County Crisis Center is able to keep the Food Bank shelves stocked throughout the summer months and into the fall with those contributions," said Sara Sedlacek, communications and development director.



Produce harvest at Boone ...

Boone Rotarians worked with members of the Boone Master Gardeners on Aug. 16 to harvest over 150 pounds of fresh produce from the Boone Community Garden for donation to the food pantry located at the Boone Salvation Army, front (l-r): Lesley Dakin, Tim Trudeau, Jane Hitsman and club president Lisa Mount. Back: Jeff Anderson, Steve Dakin, a member of Boone Master Gardeners, and Ruth Thompson.

Provided by Jeff Anderson



Providing ice cold water at the Adel Sweet Corn Festival are Mikah Doll with his dad, Rotarian Adam Doll, and sister Jaeley.

Sweetcorn Fest at Adel

By Shirley McAdon/Adel

Club Public Image Chair

Every year, the Rotary Club of Adel joins with the Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce to make sure cold water is available to all visitors to the annual Adel Sweet Corn Festival. For the exclusive rights to sell bottled water, the two groups share the proceeds to help fund projects for the coming year.

In addition to projects that support the Boy and Girl Scouts, ADM Schools, Adel Historical Museum, Oakdale Cemetery, and other community groups, the Rotary Club of Adel looks outward to fund the efforts to eradicate polio in the world, provide a college scholarship for a woman in law school in South Sudan, and contribute to The Rotary International Foundation, "Doing Good in the World."

Rotarians think of our organization as a family, even though it sports 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs in 200 countries. Here in Adel, it was definitely a "Family Affair" when family and friends helped man the water sales tents. It was another great year to spend a beautiful day in Adel at the annual Adel Sweet Corn Festival!



Rotary
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?

Popular spot in Jefferson dubbed 'Rotary Room'

By PDG **Jacque Andrew/Jefferson**

The collaboration of the City of Jefferson and the Rotary Club of Jefferson over the last year resulted in an updated and much more functional meeting/event room at the Jefferson Community Golf Course with improvements valued at over \$12,000. Last fall the Rotary club received \$3,750 from a Rotary District 6000 Community Service Grant. For its portion of the match for the grant, the club contributed \$4,527, a portion of proceeds from its 2016 Charity Auction held annually the second Friday of November.

The city served as the fiscal agent for the grant and Micah Destival, manager of the golf course, led the project. Among the improvements that were funded by Rotary are: new dishwasher, ductless heating/air conditioning for the kitchen, two electric ranges, five round banquet tables, new speakers linked to the sound system, commercial refrigerator, two stainless steel work tables and three shelving units (for the kitchen), and acoustic panels to improve the sound in the room which were purchased with funds from the 2017 Rotary auction. To complement the work already being done, the city purchased and installed new laminate flooring in the kitchen.

Because the improvements made would so significantly improve the function of the room, it was approved to refer to the space as the "Rotary Room," denoted by a metal Rotary sign above the fireplace created by Olson Iron Works.

Although the room where the Rotary Club of Jefferson meets each Monday noon is named for the club, any organization or individual may rent the room. To do so, contact Destival at (515) 386-4178.



As the improvements to the meeting room of the Jefferson Community Golf Course are completed, those involved in making the changes are from left: Mike Palmer, Jefferson city manager; Joel Williams, immediate past president of the Rotary club; Carol Durbin, incoming club president; Jonathan Law, club member/grant committee; Ruth Freeman, club member, author of the grant and assistant district governor and Adam Pedersen, chair of the 2017 Rotary Charity Auction which funded some of the improvements. Not pictured: Micah Destival, golf course manager.

Operation Warm Coats continues in District 6000

By Deb Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

It's the middle of summer, so you know it's time for "letters from Crabby." I'm taking the opportunity to let everyone know that the Warm Coats project is available again this fall for Rotary clubs, individuals and even our friends, the Kiwanians. This project has impacted about 25,000 children across Iowa so far and has a major ripple effect on their families too.

The procedure will remain pretty much the same as it has been the past two years. Operation Warm will combine our orders to give everyone a better price, orders will be shipped to your requested address and our communities will have warmer, healthier and happier kids. I'll send out a link for the order form, which will calculate amounts for you so you don't even have to do math! By partnering, we can potentially receive a larger quantity discount. The minimum order is five boxes. If your club wants to order but can't afford 30 coats, we can ship your order with another club's that may be nearby.

Coats come in sizes 3T-14/16 in both boys' and girls' styles; adult sizes are small-XXL, again, for women or for men. A box of coats will contain six coats of the same size and gender, but there will be six different coats in that box. Pricing is per box, with kids' coats



costing \$108 per box (\$18 per coat). Adult sizes are \$120 per box (\$20 per coat). When we get a total order of 1,000 coats, the price drops by \$1 per coat, which is \$6 per box. This is the price I'm planning on for now. The price reduction is another \$1 per coat when the total reaches 3,000 coats. Boxes of coats would cost \$96 for kids and \$108 for adult sizes at that point. If we reach 5,000 coats, I think the price drops another \$1 per coat – that would be \$90 for a box of six coats for kids and \$102 for adults. At that point, I'm going to look for a trucking donation and save another \$1 per coat!

As soon as I hear back from clubs and interested folks, I'll have a better gauge of the pricing. If you're interested in ordering coats this year, please give me a heads up so I make sure to add you to my contact list. I've asked DG Tom about continuing with coats and he has given an all clear. I'm asking District Administrator Carolyn Scharff to send this message to everyone so I can reach anyone who is interested. You're welcome to join the effort – John's extended family has participated as a group the past four years.

As always, please feel free to contact me with questions at crabby@hotmail.com or my cell phone, (319) 321-7461.

Thank you for all you've done and all you continue to do!

Rotary's Core Values

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





This athlete made it across the water without falling – but not everyone did! The Rotary Club of North Scott's Mississippi Mudder raised \$7,500 for the club's service work.

'Mudder' raises \$7,500

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Editor, District 6000 News (reprinted from North Scott Press)

Thirty obstacles, from a cargo net to wading through a creek to carrying logs and climbing walls, faced 163 brave souls who competed in the Rotary Club of North Scott's 3-mile Mississippi Mudder mud run Saturday at Case Creek farm near Coal Valley, Ill.

Thirty Rotarian volunteers ran the event, which netted \$7,500 for the club's service projects.

"Feedback was positive. Everybody had a great time. It helps people accomplish something that they didn't believe they could do," said organizer Ryan Varner.

Travis Henningsen's winning time was 39 minutes.



Event organizer Ryan Varner (l) with first place finishers April Davis of Davenport and Travis Henningsen of Long Grove.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

'Impact Grant' to build all-accessible, safe, enrichment garden

By Synclaire Lunardi

Reprinted from the Eldridge North Scott Press

North Scott Rotary's first-ever community impact grant will provide an outdoor classroom for Armstrong Elementary School's preschool program.

The \$15,000 community impact grant will build a voluntary preschool enrichment garden. This grant will create an all-ability accessible play area for young children. This nature classroom will provide a safe place to play for all students in the community.

North Scott Rotary president Jeff Ashcraft said the Rotary club faced tough choices.

"It was a lot more difficult process than we all expected it would be, as far as trying to narrow down a particular grant that we could all agree on because there were so many good ones," Ashcraft said.

"This is the first time we've done a grant like this. We've been doing community grants, which are smaller grants, for years, maybe decades. This is the first time we've done a larger, what we're calling a community impact grant, where we award one grant up to \$20,000 to an organization to really try to help the winner impact their project and impact the specific demographic that they were focusing on."

This program focuses on children, mostly ages 3-4, who have special needs. The Enrichment Garden will include 10 specific learning areas. These areas, separated by fences, have been designed so all students have access to outdoor play including art, large motor activities such as balancing logs, bikes, and gross motor management.

Students can participate in dirt, sand and water play, and also learn responsibility and take ownership in helping grow the plants. All of these areas provide support for STEM learning.

Abbi Strobbe, the preschool teacher at the head of this proposal, says, "This outdoor nature classroom will provide not only my preschool students, but all students in the community, the opportunity to have a safe space to connect with nature and to spark their natural curiosity. It will allow children of all abilities to have access to different play areas and different learning opportunities. I believe that this will help not only the preschool, but the whole school."

This grant opens up new doors for this program as the supplies needed were out of the budget of a preschool program. Taking inspiration from other nature classrooms, including one at St. Ambrose University, plans are in the works to have the Enrichment Garden accessible by next summer.

"For us, this is just a really exciting opportunity to be able to do something like this. Our club has never done a grant of this size before. And we hope we're going to be able to do this next year and the year after, and so on. So we hope that we will be able to continue making real impact with different organizations and whatever projects they may have out there," said Ashcraft.

Because of successful fundraising, North Scott Rotary decided to set aside a larger amount for bigger projects. The club provided seed money for the \$170,000 all-inclusive, handicapped accessible Rotary Inspiration Play Zone that opened in 2017. The club's big fundraising auction will be Nov. 16 at the Rogalski Center at St. Ambrose University in Davenport with an expected attendance of 400.



Jeff Ashcraft



The Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Rotary Club of Atlantic draws a large crowd.

Full slate of summer activities at Atlantic

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Club of Atlantic has been busy this summer, volunteering at Fourth of July events and the county fair, attending a family picnic and recognizing the new teachers to the Atlantic Community School District.

Club members were active with the annual Fourth of July pancake breakfast. Rotarians help with set up, serving pancakes, directing traffic to the event, clean-up and any other help that was needed to make the event successful. The funds raised at the pancake breakfast are used to assist with the funding for the fireworks that evening.

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 Rotary club also sponsors two trophies at the Hog Show.

The main event for Rotarians at the fair is serving watermelon during the beef show. It doesn't take long for 25 watermelons to be served. There are many adults who say they remember Rotary serving watermelon when they were "kids" in 4-H, and now they are at the fair watching their children or grandchildren. This support for the community has been going on for many years. Also many

members of the Rotary club purchase livestock at the annual auction. This is just another way to support the youth in the community.

This year the funds from the annual Rotary club raffle associated with the auction will be used to air condition the kitchen area of the 4-H food stand. You saw many flyers at the fairgrounds promoting the raffle. Tickets were available from Rotarians and members of the fair board.

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 on the new playground equipment in the park, and the food is always great.

With school getting started, the Rotary club holds its annual New Teacher Welcome. This year there were 11 new teachers and one new administrator.

Superintendent Steve Barber (a Rotarian) opened the event by saying he liked to see this year's theme banner displayed, since "Be the Inspiration" is also what he has been telling the teachers and administrators that that's who they are to the students.

The teachers are introduced and presented with a "goody" bag of items from Rotarian member businesses. This is just one way to say welcome to the community.



New teachers are welcomed by the Rotary Club of Atlantic, front (l-r): Sarah Dorsey, Kim Denning, Hilary Zimmerline, Caroline Madsen, Erin Ebling and Danille Meek. Back: Randall Simpson, Coke Renken, Andy Mitchell, Derek Hall, Jeff Ebling and Valerie Jaehrling.



Second- and third generation fairgoers to the Beef Show at the Cass County Fair in Atlantic have enjoyed watermelon, a longstanding tradition, compliments of the Rotary Club of Atlantic.

Rotary club hosts International Summit

By Becky Greenwald/Des Moines

Club International Service Chair

Nearly 150 central Iowans came together June 1 with something big on their minds – learning from each other as they shared ideas, examined best practices, and focused on increasing their global impact while making the world a better place for those less fortunate. The Rotary Club of Des Moines' 2018 International Summit sparked new connections between non-government organizations, corporate leaders and Rotarians.

The main theme was how global corporations approach international humanitarian projects. The keynote message delivered by Dan Houston, Principal Financial Group's chairman, president and CEO, captivated participants with his stirring account of understanding real poverty while traveling in India. Houston reiterated how actively working to improve circumstances for the less fortunate is much more meaningful than simply writing a check. Principal has initiated a five-year project to improve financial literacy in 10 locations around the world, directly impacting 50,000 young people.

Houston joined Rotarian and former DuPont Pioneer (now Corteva Agriscience) president Paul Schickler; Lauren Burt, worldwide communications manager for Kemin Industries; and Laura E. Asiala, Senior Fellow with Washington, D.C.-based PYXERA Global for an Executive Fireside Chat moderated by Kavi Chawla with Baton Global, discussing international community investment strategies. Schickler stressed the importance of partnering with the local community on a project the community wants, to insure continued engagement and long-term success. Burt talked about Kemin's



At the Rotary Club of Des Moines' International Summit (l-r): RCDM member Paul Schickler, RCDM International Service Committee chair Becky Greenwald, Dan Houston, Laura Asiala, Lauren Burt and RCDM member Kavi Chawla.

partnership with the World Food Program. A Kemin team recently visited a Syrian refugee camp in the Middle East, assessing their food delivery processes in a camp housing 90,000 refugees. Asiala wove the corporate messages together, emphasizing the importance of leveraging unique strengths to solve complex problems and attain mutually beneficial goals.

Rotarians from area clubs joined their Rotary Club of Des Moines hosts, sharing Rotary International's Areas of Focus and its collaborative approach to international projects. International Service Committee chair Becky Greenwald emceed the Summit and presented three Rotary Club of Des Moines international grants: 1) Continuing a multi-year partnership with the Rotary Club of Ames and Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania in a massive water sanitation project; 2) Funding Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS) with a small

business entrepreneur micro-finance project in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; and 3) Assisting Humanitarian Action for Vulnerable People and Orphan Children, an NGO teaching women to plant and sell soybeans and use the income to support meals and education supplies for children in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Rotary Club of Des Moines' International Service Committee organized and implemented the summit. Summit attendance tripled over the previous year, thanks to an increase in the number of NGOs and exhibitors, Rotarians and corporate leaders. The Consulate General of Kosovo led a delegation, marking their first Rotary summit.

Plans for the 2019 International Summit are underway and we encourage Rotarian and Interact Club participation. Check out 2018 International Summit highlights on Twitter #RCDMSummit2018 and Facebook @RotaryClubDesMoines.

Rotary Leadership Institute training Nov. 3

By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

District 6000 will be holding our next RLI session in West Des Moines on Nov. 3. We will be presenting Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3. (We want a minimum of six to hold a session in order to have the Rotarian interaction we want.) We are part of the Heartland Division of RLI formed by Rotary District 5650 in southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska.

Who should attend RLI? 1) New Rotarians who want to learn more about what Rotary is; and 2) Seasoned Rotarians who want to become more seasoned on Rotary.

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

Where will it be held? Shive Hattery, Inc., 4125 Westown

Parkway Suite 100, West Des Moines, IA 50265.

How do I register? Go to the following link: <http://www.rli-heartland.org/Register.aspx> and select Part 1, 2 or 3 and continue with the registration.

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

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

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



The Rotary Clubs of West Liberty and Iowa City Downtown partnered to raise funds for Prevent Child Abuse Iowa at a breakfast food booth in West Liberty on July 28th.



Boone Rotarian Lisa Mount welcomes a bicyclist to the Rotary club's water and watermelon stand during RAGBRAI on July 24th.

Cyclists see Rotarian hospitality at RAGBRAI

The Des Moines Register's Annual Bicycle Ride Across Iowa traversed towns in District 6000 this year, which gave Rotarians a chance to roll out hospitality and raise funds. District Public Image Chair Liz Cox encouraged clubs to give Rotary stickers to the riders for their helmets and to tell Rotary's story. Here are two reports:

On July 24, RAGBRAI rolled through Boone. Boone Rotarians were on a mission to raise money for World Bicycle Relief. People

from around the world stopped by for some free watermelon, a water bottle fill and in return gave free will donations for World Bicycle Relief. Rotarians from around the U.S. stopped by for some conversation and many other riders were educated on this great non-profit organization. It was truly a fun day!

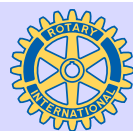
After giving away 60 watermelons and many gallons of water, enough money had been raised to fund seven Buffalo Bikes. We also gave out WBR and Rotary International stickers adding to the RAGBRAI rider's collections. This project was initiated by the evening satellite club which was started last year, but supported by all Boone Rotarians. This project was a great way to lift up Rotary in a very positive way. – Boone Rotarian Troy Thompson

RAGBRAI rolled into West Liberty the morning of Saturday, July 28, with more than 15,000 riders. The Rotary Club of West Liberty partnered with Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown and set up a stand to sell breakfast sandwiches, bananas and Gatorade. The stand sold out of food within two hours of the event, which was awesome! The clubs raised over \$2,300, which went towards Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, for services in Muscatine and Johnson counties. Prevent Child Abuse Iowa recognizes it takes working together to ensure children are raised in safe, nurturing environments.

– West Liberty Rotarian Gretchen Nollman



Anna Hanson, Wayne Steen and fellow Downtown Iowa City Rotarian set up for the RAGBRAI food stand at West Liberty.



**Wear your Rotary
pin with pride!**





Davenport Rotarians were among volunteers from several clubs in the Quad Cities who lend a hand at the John Deere Classic PGA Tour event in Silvis, Ill.

Davenport volunteers at John Deere Classic

By Patt Englander/Davenport

Club Secretary

The Rotary Club of Davenport for many years has supported the John Deere Classic Golf Tournament by serving as marshals for Hole No. 2. The John Deere Classic at TPC at Deere Run in Silvis, Ill., is on the PGA tour. Serving as marshals is no easy task; we are responsible for staffing the hole Wednesday through Sunday. Under the leadership of Rotarian Tom Bowman, two shifts of volunteers are scheduled daily with 10-15 volunteers per shift.



Davenport Rotarian Tom Bowman coordinates volunteers at the John Deere Classic PGA Tour event.

This year the following Davenport Rotarians volunteered: Nathan Boynton, Tom Bowman, Brian DeLaney, Jacqueline Holm, Glen Hummel, Steve Gray, Mary Macumber Schmidt, Hap Volz, Roger Killian, Aaron Christopher, Patt Englander, Mary Huebbe, Austin Gross, Sherry Ristau, Mike Hamann, and Tim Schiffer.

In addition, 37 non-rotarian volunteers assisted in this effort (many members of the Bowman family!). This year's tournament was a huge success, and Davenport Rotary is proud to lend a hand to support this event that shines such a positive light on our communities.

The club also participated in the Birdies for Charity program this year to raise funds for our Student Scholarship program.



Club presidents take a selfie at the ballpark, (l-r): Annette Horvath (Davenport), Jeff Ashcraft (North Scott), Emily Shenk-DeMay (Iowa Quad Cities) and Bill Daley (Bettendorf).

Miracle Field fundraiser

By AG Gary Loss/Davenport

Ten Rotary clubs from the Quad-Cities joined together on July 19 at the Modern Woodmen ballpark in Davenport for Rotary Night at the Ballpark to Benefit Miracle Field. More than 350 Rotarians and family members had a great time getting acquainted and watching the Quad Cities River Bandits play the South Bend Cubs.

Area Rotary clubs have pledged to raise \$100,000 over two years for the Miracle Field project. The \$1,692 raised through ticket sales and donations will bring the total raised to date to nearly \$75,000.

The Miracle Field is specifically designed to be fully accessible and safe for athletes who face physical, mental and mobility challenges. The field features a rubberized surface with flat bases and other painted elements that allow players of all abilities to experience the joy of America's pastime in a safe and inclusive way.

Athletes from the local Challenger League joined 10 club presidents for the ceremonial first-pitch ceremonies. Iowa Quad Cities club president Emily Shenk-DeMay sang the National Anthem, and Assistant Governors Gary Loss (D6000) and Dave Emerick (D6420) presented a check to the Miracle Field Fundraising Committee.

Davenport Rotarian and River Bandits Assistant General Manager Jacqueline Holm was instrumental in making the evening a success.



Rotary Night at the Ballpark raised \$1,692 for the Miracle Field project, (l-r): Jacqueline Holm (assistant general manager of the QC River Bandits (also a Davenport Rotarian); Gary Loss (assistant governor); Steve Grimes (Miracle Field Fundraising Committee member); and Dave Emerick (assistant governor, Illinois District 6420).



Firefighter, police officer honored in Des Moines

The Rotary Club of Des Moines presented the recipients of its Annual Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year Awards on July 12.

Firefighter Stuart Isaacson and Officer Mike Moody 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 annually recognized the

outstanding men and women 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 up at various locations in the community for the next 11 months.

Both Firefighter Isaacson and Officer Moody were nominated by their peers to receive this prestigious service recognition.

The RCDM Foundation makes it possible to make a donation of \$500 to a charity of choice in each recipient's honor. Officer Mike Moody selected "Starts Right Here," a non-profit organization that supports community relations and conducts mentoring in Des Moines Public Schools using music as the message. Firefighter Peterson chose the Iowa School for the Deaf Foundation for his donation.

— Kitte Noble

Rotary club recognizes outstanding volunteers

By Kitte Noble/Des Moines
Club Executive Director

Rotary Club of Des Moines member Dave Kenworthy recently received the Cecil C. Bolsinger Lifetime Service Award. This award is given to a member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines who, over a lifetime, has demonstrated adherence to the tenets of Rotary's Four-Way Test. It is named after Cecil Bolsinger who was a member up until his death in 2008 at the age of 101.

This award requires a minimum of 10

years membership in Rotary, with significant achievements both in Rotary and in the local and regional community.

Dave Kenworthy has been a member of RCDM for 26 years. He has served as club president and Foundation president. His father was a member of RCDM.

Rotary Club of Des Moines member Judy McCoy Davis received the Roger T. Stetson Rotarian of the Year Award. This award is given to a member of RCDM who, over the recent past, has demonstrated adherence to the tenets



Bolsinger



Davis

of Rotary's Four-Way Test in business and professional life, and in Rotary and civic activities, and has made exceptional contributions to our community and to our club.

Judy McCoy Davis put a great deal of time and energy into very important governance work this year. She helped revise the club bylaws and constitution.



The Rotary Club of Des Moines Community Service committee kicked off the new year by helping package two tons of pasta (4,300 pounds) for the Food Bank of Iowa for distribution across the state of Iowa, (l-r): Steve Jacobs, David Dickson, Doug Eberhart, Bev Evans, Todd and Joyce Wheeler, Scott Bennett, Anne Starr, Katie Cownie, and Pamela and John Stark.

Provided by Kitte Noble



Dave Kenworthy with RCDM club president (2017-18) Jamie Boersma.



Promoting student safety ...

This spring, the Rotary Club of Waukee presented the City of Waukee with 10 "Drive Carefully" signs to be placed by close to the Waukee area schools. Pictured are (l-r): Waukee Rotarian and Police Chief John Quinn, Tim Moerman, DGE Erna Morain, club president Devin Boyer and Anna Bergman.

Provided by Mark



U.S. Attorney General speaks ...

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions was the speaker on Aug. 19 at the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM. In his talk, he referenced the cycle of crime in the United States as continuing the need for justice. He also praised the work of service clubs like Rotary, saying they are "little platoons of democracy." Club members who were instrumental in arranging this program were (l-r): Jeff Courter, Bev McLinden, Jeff Pigott, (Sessions), Mark Schaul, Joe Stopolous, Michael Dayton, Jennifer Chittenden and Rev. Zachary Kautzky.

Provided by
Sally Cooper Smith



Cara McFerren, Ethan Anderson and Ken Noble of the Rotary Club of West Liberty are happy to be serving food.

Three fun fundraisers

By Gretchen Nollman/West Liberty

Club President-Elect/PR Chair

What a fun month July was for the Rotary Club of West Liberty. We had three different fundraising activities during July!

The first activity was Picnic in the Park on Sunday, July 15. Rotarians sold turkey legs, Yotty bars and water. It was a successful event for all Rotarians who helped serve there. The funds raised during the activity will be used to purchase four trees, at \$100 each, to be planted along the walking trail in West Liberty that the club hopes to plant this fall.

The second activity was running the annual food stand at the Muscatine County Fair July 18-22. This year was a little different in that we partnered with the Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown in efforts to accommodate everyone's busy schedule so that fairgoers could enjoy Rotary's yummy food! There were two stands total that Rotary operated during the fair. The first stand served turkey legs, turkey filets, brats, chips, lemonade, tea and soda.

The second stand was operated by the local Interact club where they sold corn dogs, Yotty bars, ice cream, water and Gatorade. Some might not know who or what the Interact club is, right? Interact clubs bring together young people to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self, Rotary's motto. West Liberty's club started in 2015 and has been going strong due to the great leadership within Rotary leading and showing the way – as well as the great leadership from the West Liberty High School students who are part of the club, along with the wonderful leadership from the high school teachers who have helped, as well.

The club's third activity was held on Saturday, July 28 when over 15,000 RAGBRAI riders came into West Liberty (see page 31).

So again, July was a busy month for Rotarians!



West Liberty Interactors Kiara Hernandez, Maria Lozano, Ashley Tapia and Emily Rodriguez sold corn dogs and other food at the Muscatine County Fair in West Liberty.



'Thank you for quenching the students' thirst for learning ...

Rotary Club of Keokuk president Joyce Taylor led her club in a project in which 155 water bottles were given to the teachers and administrators in the Keokuk School District, 16 bottles to St. Vincent and 12 to the Christian Academy. The water was flavored with sachets and the bottles had a label with the words, "Thank you for quenching the students' thirst for learning." This was a way for the club to show its appreciation for the great work teachers do for our students every day! It was a neat project because everyone present in the club took part and had a great time doing it. The members were very engaged. Andrea Rogers donated the water bottles from Keokuk Water Works, and Lori Conn provided the Rotary labels. Barb Smidt provided the flavored sachets.

Photos by Alka Khanolkar



Boone Rotary auction ...

The Rotary Club of Boone auction on June 15 raised \$20,000 for service projects, including \$11,000 for scholarships and RYLA. Past and future DGs supporting the cause included (l-r): Tom and Carol Narak, Gary and Colleen Welch, Steve and Leslie Dakin, Vernetta and Chris Knapp, and Bob and Susan Herrick.

Photo by Jeff Anderson



\$25,000 for the Knoxville Library!

On Aug. 22, the Rotary Club of Knoxville fulfilled its pledge and presented the Knoxville Library director, Roslin Thompson, with a check for \$25,000. In May of 2017 the Rotary Club pledged to assist the Knoxville Library towards its goal of a \$1.75 million dollar campaign designed to double the capacity of the historic library. On hand for the presentation of the check were (l-r): Rotary members Harv Sprafka, Don Croghan, Rotary co-president Larry Formanek and library director Roslin Thompson (front).

Photo by Mark Worrall



Books for second graders ...

Keokuk Rotary members and their families donated books to Mrs. Amy Muston's second grade classroom at Hawthorne Elementary School. Every child received a book on the first day of school. The Rotarians wrote a nice motivating message on the inside of the front cover of the book. Members of Keokuk Rotary Club can be seen in the pictures.

Provided by Alka Khanolkar





Adel Rotarians cut the ribbon to celebrate the placement of Rotary-label bicycle racks along the Raccoon River Valley Trail, (l-r): Earl Sande, Bill Kimber, Shirley McAdon, Doug Pfeiffer and Rebecca Hillmer. Rotarians in white shirts are Van Van Buren (left) and Anthony Brown (right). In the center, back, in the dark shirt is Rotarian Warren Poldberg.

Adel Rotarians dedicate bike racks on rec trail

By Shirley McAdon/Adel
Club Public Image Chair

The Rotary Club of Adel celebrated the installation of its new "Rotary Blue" bike rack at Adel's Pedal Plaza just off the Raccoon River Valley Trail with its community partners on Aug. 1.

The project started with the Rotary club's Spring Road Block, where generous citizens and visitors filled up the collection buckets. Additional funds were contributed by the South Dallas County Landfill Agency, making it possible to apply for a matching grant from the Dallas County Foundation. With the success of the grant and with the permission of the Dallas County Conservation Board, the bike rack was installed by the City of Adel to aid in the efforts of the Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce to add more amenities to Pedal Plaza to encourage bikers and walkers to stop in Adel.

Now, users of the RRVt can park their bicycles at the new bike rack, branded with the Rotary Club of Adel name on the wheels at each end. The Rotary Club of Adel was pleased to have representatives from all of our partners help us cut the ribbon to mark the occasion!



The Rotary branded bicycle racks.

Small club provides big service at Dallas Center

By Bob King/Dallas Center

The 25 members of the Rotary Club of Dallas Center helped donate 46 bicycles to the World Bicycle Relief project last year and continue to be a 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellows club. The club has also been very active on local projects this past year by:

- Pledging \$1,000 toward a match with Walmart to provide ice skates for youth to use with the ice rink being constructed this year in a local park.

- Providing two \$1,000 scholarships to Dallas Center Grimes (DCG) High School seniors and at least one RYLA scholarship every year.

- Sponsor the local Cub Scout troop and the Dallas Center Celebrations Committees.

- Sponsoring a new sign to be placed by the Raccoon River Valley Bike Trail (RRVT) directing riders to food and medical services in town.

- Sent out members to help the Brenton Arboretum plant close to 600 trees in a re-established woodland they are developing.

- Teamed up with the West Polk County Rotary Club to provide every 4th grader in the DCG schools with their own dictionary.

- Initiated the volunteer organization Sustaining Active Independent Living in Dallas Center (SAILDC) in 2016. SAILDC provides volunteer drivers for people needing trips to doctors, food shopping, etc. They also help clear snow in the winter and are considering helping with lawn care next year. Almost half of SAILDC's Board of Directors are Rotarians.

- Obtained a District 6000 grant, a Dallas County Foundation grant, and raised the remaining funds to create two back-to-back shaded benches at the intersection of the Spurgeon Manor walking/biking trail and the RRVt. The bench and roof will be steel that is powder-coated in "Rotary Blue" and will welcome visitors to Dallas Center while providing shade for RRVt users and the residents of the Manor.

To raise these funds, the club sponsored two Pancake Breakfast events and a Trivia contest during the 2017-2018 Rotary year.

Annual auction raised \$29,000 for Ankeny projects

By Jody Savage/Ankeny

The Rotary Club of Ankeny held its eighth annual Dinner/Fundraiser/Auction, "Rotary Olympics," at the FFA Enrichment Center on the campus of DMACC in Ankeny on Feb. 24 with about 200 Rotarians and guests in attendance. The event included a catered dinner with complimentary wine and beer and both a silent and live auction.

The total raised during the evening was nearly \$29,000. This included both the live and silent auctions, a raffle, and three "paddle raisers." The proceeds from the paddle raisers will benefit Puppy Jake, World Bike Relief, and Ankeny's FUEL (Filling Up Every Learner) program. The proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Ankeny Service Center. The balance of the net income from the event will be utilized by the Rotary Club of Ankeny in its support of local and international projects. Each year, the club provides hundreds of hours of volunteer support for local events and fundraisers and contributes \$35,000 - \$40,000 to local charities and service projects.



'110 Percent' honoree ...

The Rotary Club of Clinton unveiled its first 110 Percent recipient on Aug. 6 to Paul Holmer (r), with club president Jennifer Graf, who said, "Paul exemplifies the platform of the award, based on the Rotary standard, 'Service above Self.' His swift, affirmative response to club projects, coupled with a smile and positive attitude, made Paul the logical choice for this club award."

Provided by Jody Brooke



Rotary hospitality rolling on the Mississippi River at Clinton ...

Cape Coral, Fla., Rotarian and past president, Erik Elsea, landed at the Clinton Marina on the Mississippi River on Aug. 12 and was greeted by Rotary Club of Clinton president Jennifer Graf. Other Rotarians welcoming Erik Elsea were Idell Klein and Matthew and Jody Brooke. Also welcoming him were Karen Tate, president of the Clinton Women's Club, Dave Vickers and family from KROS Radio, and Rachelle Keating from the *Clinton Herald*. Mr. Elsea was presented the Rotary Club of Clinton flag and was taken to supper at the Candlelight Restaurant. He stayed at the home of Jennifer Graf. Idell Klein was in communication with Mr. Elsea and made sure he was greeted.

Provided by Jody Brooke



President throws first pitch ...

Rotary Club of Clinton president Jennifer Graf threw out the first pitch during the club's Rotary Picnic at the Clinton Lumberkings Minor League game at Riverfront Park on Aug. 6. Dale Dalton, club treasurer, is pictured, too.

Provided by Jody Brooke



Former Iowa Hawkeye great quarterback Chuck Long, pictured with Rich Klahn and Jennifer Graf, was the speaker at Rotary Club of Clinton on July 16. What a great presentation/meeting and book signing!

— Jody Brooke

Fellowship:

A loving tribute to a new nonagenarian

By Olabisi Gwamna/Mount Pleasant Club Secretary

The Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant became a chartered chapter of Rotary International in April of 1921, seven years before the birth of one who would go on to become the longest registered member of the Mount Pleasant Evening Rotary Club. On Aug. 2, 2018, members of the club gathered at the Park Place Nursing Home on the premise of Henry County Health Center in Mount Pleasant to celebrate the 90th birthday of one of the facility's patients, Dr. Clint Rila, retired chemistry professor, world traveler and avowed horticulturist.



Clint Rila

Rotarian Rila joined the Rotary Club over half a century ago and has been vigorously active in all its activities. A lover of life, Rila enjoyed traveling and exploring the outdoors. Of particular significance were his trips to raging waters west of the Mississippi where he canoed and kayaked all over Colorado and Alaska with family and friends.

On the day Clint turned 90 years, members of his club celebrated him. On the evening of Aug. 2, 2018, Mt Pleasant Evening Club President, Mersihda Dyer, baked a tasty yellow cake, decorated with the Rotary logo, and led the delegation to his room. The letterings were in green and the symbol in yellow. It was a surprise, as registered by the look (delightful) on Clint's face which brightened as he squinted to focus on the unannounced visitors bellowing a "Happy Birthday to You" in a funny cacophony.

Rotarian Dyer lit the cake and all gathered round the celebrant's bed so he could blow out the candle (a green 9 and a red 0). Several members gave him cards and Rotarian Mike Fitzpatrick made some badges which he gave to Clint's family. Each member held his hand and wished him well. The club's secretary, Olabisi Gwamna, asked the brand new nonagenarian what he wanted to be when he grew up. Clint replied in a weak but steady voice, "A Rotarian."

Member Doug Deardoff asked how he felt. "...Overwhelming"....

It was a truly loving tribute to one who genuinely deserved the attention.



Reconnecting ...

The editor reconnected with former Muscatine Rotarian Don Johnson and his wife, Virginia, at the RI Convention in Toronto. Don was DG for District 7720 in North Carolina in 2010-11. The Johnsons are at home at 106 Cape Fear Dr., Hertford, NC 27944, and can be contacted at dljgov1011@embarqmail.com.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

Letter

DG Mike: Just wanted to let you know that the hard-copy newsletter hit my kitchen table with all the mail from the last several days. I sorted out everything and then read the *WHOLE* newsletter. Thanks, from a baby boomer, for a printed newsletter. I would have not taken the time to read the whole newsletter in an email on my computer. *Carole Custer, Rotary Club of Ames, director, Office of Marketing, Iowa State University*



Purple for polio ...

DGN Steve Dakin (r), who wears his beard a shade of purple, just happened to have his purple can of spray paint with him at the District 6000 Breakfast at Toronto. The purple represents Rotary's fight against polio. Others lined up for him to spray heads, hair or hands – we all proudly wore the shade to create awareness, if only for a couple days. Thanks Steve!

Photo by Peggy Geiger

News briefs

Zone Institute: The Zones 28-29 Rotary Institute convened by RI Director Robb Knuepfer Sept. 26-30 at Erie, Pa., will be the last in which Rotarians in the 12 districts of Zone 28 in Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and Ontario meet with Rotarians in Zone 29 in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Ontario. Beginning in 2019, our new Zone will expand to include districts in South Dakota, Kansas and Oklahoma, and will be paired with districts in Texas for purposes of administration and electing a director to the RI Board. The change, which means the end of longstanding relationships and the opportunity for new ones, is because membership is growing in Asia and declining in North America, resulting in the loss of proportional representation on the 17-member RI Board.

Child Abuse Prevention: District PR Chair Liz Cox invites Rotarians to support the Kappa Delta Classic, a golf tournament on Sept. 16 at Coldwater Creek Golf Links in Ames to raise funds for Prevent Child Abuse Iowa. Check in 10-11 a.m. for tee off at noon. Information: Karli Keller, (815) 904-5099.

Hamburg: Travelers who are going to the June 1-5, 2019, RI Convention in Hamburg, Germany, are invited by Humble Travel of West Des Moines to join a post-convention cruise down the Rhine River, June 6-15. Rotarian Diana Weishaar says Humble Travel will provide a donation to each member's club after the travel. Space is limited. Contact Diana at diana@humble-travel.com or call (515) 421-4101.



Support from past governors ...

Past District Governors were in attendance at the June 30 changeover social at Shive-Hattery in Des Moines to thank Mike and Jo Anne Ruby for their leadership and wish Tom and Carol Narak well. Front (l-r): Bill Tubbs, Ken Noble, DG Tom Narak, DGE Erna Morain, DGN Steve Dakin and Jim Patton (D5970). Row 2: Herb Wilson, Dale Belknap, Chris Knapp, Loring Miller and Susan Herrick. Row 3: Diana Reed, John Ockenfels, Mike Ruby and Terry Geiger. Row 4: Jacque Andrew, Dennis Skinner and Corliss Klaassen. Row 5: Ray Muston, Don Goering and Del Bluhm.

At right, teacher Robin Nelson distributed book marks for Rotarians to write messages to encourage students in area schools.

Photos by and for Bill Tubbs



Robin Nelson

Obituaries



Chuck Keller

May light perpetual shine upon them:

Chuck Keller: RI President 1987-88 Chuck Keller, 94, of Washington, Pa., who was a friend of District 6000, died May 10, and was remembered well in a tribute in *The Rotarian* by our friend, Stephanie Urchick. He was a combat pilot in World War II, an accomplished attorney, a sports enthusiast and musician, and a visionary leader whose year as president of Rotary International saw the launch of PolioPlus and the inclusion of women for the first time. Keller

received RI's Service Above Self Award, the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Awards, and the Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

Don Ambrosion: Don Ambrosion, 86, a longtime Iowa public school administrator who was a former member of the Rotary Club of Ankeny and served District 5970 in northern Iowa as District Governor in 1996-97, died Aug. 21. A veteran of the U.S. Army who served in Korea, he was engaged in service to others throughout his life.

Sharon Limkeman: Sharon Limkeman, the wife of Ottumwa Rotarian and past AG Darrell Limkeman, died Aug. 10. A longtime teacher in the Davis County School District, her courage in going forward after she was severely injured in an automobile accident in 2005, was an inspiration to all.

— Editor

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Club leaders' checklist

From DG Tom Narak . . .

- Share your copy of **District 6000 News** to show others what Rotary is about!
- Ask your club and members to support the **District 6000 Polio Statue Project** (p. 1-2, 5).
- Encourage members to give to **PolioPlus** and join the **District 6000 Ride To End Polio** (p. 24).
- Make plans to meet or exceed your **Rotary Foundation** and **PolioPlus** goals (p. 16).
- Encourage members to be a part of the **2018 Xicotepec Project Team** (p. 8-11).
- Plan activities to **promote peace** (p. 15)
- Nominate a worthy member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** (p. 14).
- Ask your club to place an order with **Operation Warm Coats** for children in your community (p. 27).
- Set a specific **Membership Goal** and invite quality new members to be a part of Rotary (p. 4).
- Encourage members to attend the **District 6000 Rotary Foundation Dinner** (p. 3).
- Invite your club and members to support **disaster relief in Marshalltown** (p. 7).
- Encourage a past president to consider serving as **District Governor 2021-22** (p. 13).
- Support the **Iowa Miles of Smiles Team** (p. 13).
- Ask the **RYLA students** you sponsored to present a program at a club meeting (p. 20-22).
- Encourage club leaders and others to register for the **Rotary Leadership Institute** (p. 30).
- Recognize your clubs' **outstanding volunteers** (p. 33).
- Mark March 14-16, 2018, for **NCPETS** at Ames.
- Promote attendance at **District Conference** (p. 4).
- **Submit news** of your activities by Nov. 25 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.



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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.

Rotary Core Values

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