

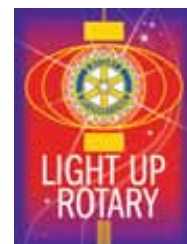
Rotary District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

John Ockenfels, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

First Quarter (July-August-September 2014)



President Gary: Let Rotary's light shine!

By DG John Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

Welcome to another new Rotary year.

Each year we transition to a new leadership team in Rotary. This year we welcomed our new president of Rotary International, Gary Huang. Gary is from Taipei, Taiwan, and has settled into the responsibilities of the presidency as if he has been doing the job for a very long time. He is an excellent leader and has a very strong passion for the work Rotary and Rotarians throughout the world do.



John Ockenfels
District Governor

As most of our Rotary International presidents have done for many years, Gary has selected his theme as the central point of the message that he wants to focus on during his term as our leader.

Gary chose "Light Up Rotary" because it truly highlights his message about the need for Rotarians to start telling people throughout the world about the great service for humanity that Rotarians do

every day.

Gary has said that it is time to tell the story of the hard work and service to our communities that we've quietly been doing for years.

He uses a concept from the teachings of the philosopher Confucius to illustrate his message. Gary says that according to Confucius: "It is better to light a single candle than to curse the darkness." He goes on to say, "The Confucius way is the Rotary way. I will light a candle; you will light a candle; together 1.2 million Rotarians will light a candle and we will light up the world."

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–RI President Gary Huang

It is time to "Light Up Rotary" so that our neighbors and friends begin to understand the impact of our service projects.

It is time to "Light Up Rotary" so that people will begin to learn about who we are and what we do.

It is time to pull the veil of secrecy off of the things we do for the benefit of humanity.

When we do things for our communities, it should be shared with the community members so that they begin to see what Rotary is

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RYLA bigger and better than ever!



Iowa Rotarians in Districts 6000 and 5970 lit a candle and the changed lives of 172 high school students attending RYLA, July 13-18 at Grinnell College. It was the second year the two districts combined their efforts. It was the largest number of RYLA students ever assembled in Iowa, and the result was amazing. Hear the students' stories on pages 9-12.

'Take every opportunity to tell Rotary's story'

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really about. Too many people do not know who we are or what we do. They hear the name Rotary, but still don't associate it with local and worldwide community service. Too many people still think of Rotary as being an exclusive club made up only of business people who just meet for lunch and to make business contacts.

We can change this misconception by sharing the Light of Rotary with our neighbors and friends and by making sure that we tell our story at every opportunity we get to do so. We need to take advantage of the press and social media to get the word out to all demographics of people who may be interested in Rotary. Our goal is to educate more people, who will begin to ask us for more information about Rotary.

If we can get them to ask "What is Rotary?" we have the opportunity to tell our story in a meaningful way and also to invite more interested people to join us.

If we do not shine our own light on Rotary, the story of Rotary will stay dark.

So join us, as we "Light Up Rotary!"



District Governor John Ockenfels is an aircraft aficionado and pilot, pictured at the June 28 change-over meeting of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM at the Iowa City Airport with his North American T6 WWII-vintage advanced trainer. On July 26, John flew this plane in a formation of four T6's in a fly-over at the Bix 7 Road Race in Davenport. Photos by Bill Tubbs

Clubs asked to sponsor 'My Rotary Days'

By DG John Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

Along with the theme of "Light Up Rotary," Rotary International President Gary Huang has announced a new program to highlight the important community service aspect of our local Rotary clubs.

The new program is called "My Rotary Days."

Gary is asking every Rotary club to hold an event that will bring the local community and Rotary members into a setting where Rotarians can share the information about what they are doing to benefit their communities.

These events can be almost anything that your club wants to do, or may already be doing. You can hold a community seminar, you can put together a fundraiser, such as a meal event or a local theatrical event. You can do just about anything you want to do that will draw people to your Rotary event.

This event can be sponsored by a single club, several clubs in partnership, or even a district event with many clubs. What is important is that you plan the event so that you can share information about Rotary International and your local club.

For more information about "My Rotary Days," you can refer to the "My Rotary Days" brochure that was distributed to your club presidents, or you can download a copy from the Rotary International website: www.rotary.org.



District Governor 2013-14 Jacquie Andrew (r) handed over the leadership of District 6000 to DG John Ockenfels, with Deb (l) at his side, at a special meeting of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM on June 28 at the Iowa City Airport.

Rotary Core Values

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

Light Up Rotary with the smiles of kids we keep warm!

By Deb Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

District Governor John Ockenfels has selected a service project that will provide new, warm winter coats to children in need across District 6000.

We are partnering with Operation Warm with the goal of at least 4,000 coats to distribute throughout our communities. That number is roughly the number of Rotarians in our district. Many people don't realize that 20-25 percent of children in our communities live at or below the poverty level; in some areas, that number is closer to 70 percent. There's a tremendous need that isn't always obvious unless you're looking for it. Ask a local school administrator how many children in their school are receiving free or reduced-price lunches. You may be surprised at the answer.



Operation Warm was started by a member of the Rotary Club of Longwood in Pennsylvania in 1998 and has partnered with 160 Rotary clubs in more than 50 districts to provide new coats to over 100,000 children.

As an organization, Operation Warm will have provided 1.7 million coats for children by the end of 2014. For more information on Operation Warm, click on www.operationwarm.org. If you want to see more about their involvement with Rotary, click the "Our Programs" tab and scroll down to "Rotary." The February 2010 issue of Rotarian Magazine features Operation Warm.

If you'd like to see the video clip starring (???) DG John and wife Crabby O., go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdkBe2aTO9o. Nobody in Hollywood is worried about their job!!

Coats come in sizes 3T-14/16 and adult Small-XXL. Children's sizes come in 18 different color/style combinations for boys and girls. Adult sizes are unisex colors. The coats come packed six to a box, all the same size and gender. There will be at least two variations in each box. These coats are available for kids in need up through age 18. Size chart and color samples are on the Operation Warm site. The idea is not to have a bunch of kids on the playground all wearing the exact same coat.

Pricing for coats is \$18 per coat. If we order 3,000 or more, the

price lowers to \$16 per coat. If we raise enough to order 5,000 or more coats, the cost drops to \$15 per coat. (Have I mentioned leveraging money?) The folks at the WalMart Distribution Center in Mt. Pleasant have contacted me and are willing to donate the trucking services to pick up coats. That will save us \$1 per coat; if we can order 5,000 coats, that saves our district \$5,000 and enables us to buy approximately 355 additional coats! Woohoo!!

Funds raised by individual clubs will be tracked and credited to those clubs for coats. If a club raises money to pay for 10 boxes of coats, 10 boxes of coats will come back to that club for distribution. Raise enough for 300 coats and warm up 300 kids!

We're asking for funds to be sent by Oct. 3, 2014, to Don Patterson, treasurer, District 6000 HEF, 605 S. 15th Ave., Washington, IA 53253. Checks should be written to "Rotary District 6000 HEF, Inc.," which is our district's 501c3. Please designate your Rotary club in the memo line so credit goes to the proper club. If you'd prefer to donate with a credit card, go to www.operationwarm.org/rotary6000. There's a line on the form that asks which Rotary club you'd like to support. If you have friends, family, co-workers or others who would like to help support this project, please share the information! You don't have to be a Rotarian to help out our kids!

For additional information, please contact Deb Ockenfels at crabby@hotmail.com or (319) 321-7461.



New members were inducted into the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM on June 28, the day of District Governor John Ockenfels' installation at the Iowa City Airport (l-r): Bryan Clemons (sponsor), Ann Romanowski, 2014-15 president Casey Cook, Kristin Ockenfels and sponsor Deb Ockenfels.

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Rotary scholar Dylan Clark.

Global Scholar will study impact of climate change in northern Canada

By Liz Beck/Ames

District 6000 Scholarships Chair

Dylan G. Clark has been selected by Rotary International District 6000 for a Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarship. He will be studying for his master's degree in geography at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, in the host Rotary International District 7040.

Dylan graduated from Iowa State University in 2014 with a double major in Global Resource Systems, a college-wide major housed in the Department of Horticulture. He also received a paramedic specialist certification from the University of Iowa in summer 2014.

He will be a part of the research group of Dr. James Ford, a notable academic in the field of climate change adaptation, with a focus on changes in the Arctic, Uganda and Peru. His specific research interest will be the impact of global climate change on the food systems and health of the indigenous peoples in the remote Nunavut Territory of northern Canada. Dr. Ford's lab is a project lead for a 5-year funded project by the International Development Research Center and the Inuit Traditional Knowledge for Adapting to the Health Effects of Climate Change.

As an undergraduate in the Global Resource Management program at Iowa State University, Dylan had done sustained on-site research in rural Tanzania and also in Uganda. His plans after receiving his master of science degree are to work in the area of public health in developing countries gaining field experience before he pursues a doctor of philosophy program in geography.

The scholar is a graduate of Ames High School, but currently lists his residence as Grand Junction, Colo.

The review committee approved Clark for two years at \$30,000 for each year.

The review committee members were: Elizabeth Beck (Ames), chair; PDG Diana Reed (NW Des Moines), liaison; PDG Becky and Don Patterson (Washington); Susan Christensen (Ames); Bernie Stephenson (Nevada); Herberto Hernandez (Grinnell); Art Spisak (Iowa City); and Madeline Windauer (Iowa City).



Scholarship committee ...

Members of the District 6000 Rotary Foundation Scholarship Sub-Committee were hard at work last year at the District Office in Pella (clockwise from left): PDG Don Patterson, Becky Patterson, Madeline Windauer, Jeff Bremer, PDG Diana Reed, Susan Christensen and Bernie Stephenson .

Photos by Liz Beck



New sign at District Office

Executive members had their pictures taken on June 19 with the new sign outside the District Office in Pella that displays Rotary's new "Mark of Excellence" (l-r): administrator Carolyn Scharrf, PDG Diana Reed, DG John Ockenfels, DGN Chris Knapp, PDG Gary Welch, PDG Jacque Andrew, DGE Loring Miller and PDG Susan Herrick. Photo by Bill Tubbs

Bajat to keynote Nov. 8 Foundation Dinner

By DG John Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

Save the date of Nov. 8, 2014, for an exciting evening with your fellow Rotarians as we celebrate the outstanding programs of The Rotary Foundation.

District 6000 has been well known for many years throughout the Rotary world for our great support of The Rotary Foundation. We continue to take advantage of the opportunities provided through the Foundation to help many people improve their quality of living in other districts around the world, as well as right here in our own district.

I would like to invite everyone to join us from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center in Coralville, Iowa, for dinner as we listen to some of Rotary's most knowledgeable speakers share some of the truly amazing ways we combine efforts and finances to achieve what most governments around the world



Noel A. Bajat
Rotary Foundation Trustee
will keynote District 6000
Foundation Dinner

cannot accomplish.

Our featured speaker for the evening is Past Rotary International Vice President Noel A. Bajat of the Rotary Club of Abbeville, Louisiana USA. Noel is also a Past Rotary International director, and is currently a trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

We are excited to host him for this event. Noel Bajat is president and chief executive officer of Abbeville Building and Loan. He has served in numerous executive capacities with civic organizations.

A Rotarian since 1976, Bajat has served RI as vice president and director, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, RI president's representative, Permanent Fund national adviser, RI training leader, task force zone coordinator and member, and district governor in Rotary's Centennial year of 2004-05. He represented his district at the 2004 Council on Legislation.

Bajat is a recipient of the RI Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Helen, are Major Donors, Benefactors, and charter members of the Bequest Society of The Rotary Foundation.

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

Watch for more information in the near future.

Connect with friends and learn at Fall Training Seminars

By DG John Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

Whether you have been in Rotary for many years, or may have just joined, you probably have questions about some of the programs and procedures that make up the activities of Rotary.

In District 6000 we hold seminars each fall to help keep everyone in our district informed about the ongoing changes throughout Rotary. These "Fall Training Seminars" give each of us an opportunity to meet with our district's experienced members to discuss the things that can make a difference for the benefit of our members and the viability of our clubs.

If you are a club officer, board member, secretary, committee chair, or just interested in what is happening in Rotary, I encourage you to attend one these sessions.

Our programs this year will include: The Rotary Foundation and using the Grants program; also Navigating and Utilizing the Rotary Website. We will also have separate breakout sessions on

Membership Development and Retention, and becoming active in the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

Another benefit of these seminars is the opportunity to interact with many other club leaders from around the district to learn even more about ways to help make all of our clubs better.

The first seminar will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 22 at the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC campus in Ankeny.

The next Seminar will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at the West Liberty Community Center in West Liberty.

We will provide a light meal, at no cost to participants, at both of these events.

There is no fee to attend these seminars but we ask you to register, either on line at www.rotary6000.org or by calling Carolyn Scharff at (877) 976-8279, so that we can ensure that we have enough food and handouts for everyone.

Come and join us. We look forward to seeing you.

Nominate a member for 'Guardian of Integrity' award

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

D-6000, Vocational Service chair

To encourage Rotarians and clubs to focus on Rotary's core value of integrity, and to honor the memory of the late PDG Paul Hellwege, District 6000 is asking clubs to nominate one member for the fifth 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, 2015. The nominations will be submitted to the District 6000 Vocational Service Committee and nominees will be recognized at the District Conference, April 16-18, 2015, at the Coralville Marriott and Convention Center in Coralville (Iowa City).

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

The award will be presented annually to Rotarians in District 6000 who have been a member for a minimum of three years and who exemplify the attributes and passion for ethics and integrity in his or her vocation, business and personal life that Paul exemplified.

This award recognizes individuals who have made contributions in business, media, academia or government and who have by their actions, writing, policies and public pronouncements strengthened and fostered development of integrity and ethical practices.



FAMSCO: Medical supplies en route to Guatemala ...

A container shipment of medical equipment and supplies from the District 6000 Fire and Medical Supply Company (FAMSCO) should be arriving in Guatemala at any time. The supplies will be distributed to needy health clinics by Club Rotario Guatemala del Este. Among the Rotarians assisting on loading day on July 16 were (l-r): Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM), Bob Main (Grinnell), Phil Peterson (Iowa City), Dick Kennedy (Iowa City) and Bill Burrell (Davenport). Photographer Nenu Piragine (Iowa City AM) was also a volunteer.

District Governor nominations due Oct. 14

This letter was sent to club presidents:

District 6000 invites you to nominate a past president from your club for District Governor for the year 2017-2018. The Rotarian you nominate must be in good standing as a member of your club, have at least seven years of Rotary membership by the time they take office as governor in 2017, commit to be available for Rotary district activities in preparation for the office, and be able to arrange their affairs for the time demands of the governorship. The term of office for District Governor is a single year, but there will be additional training and experience in the years leading up to the year in office.

Nominating "official forms" are on the district website. What you need to do now is:

1. Identify a candidate and review with that person the qualifications and duties of the District Governor.

2. Meet with your board to nominate a candidate.

3. Have your club adopt a resolution proposing your candidate. The candidate shall complete the Governor Nominee form (writable pdf).

4. Both your club secretary and the candidate need to sign the statements on the Governor Nominee form.

5. Mail the original data form to: Rotary District 6000, P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219. It must be received no later than the deadline: Oct. 14, 2014.

6. Candidate interviews are scheduled for Nov. 2, 2014. Candidates must be available on the scheduled date.

Thank you for participating in this important process.

John Ockenfels

District Governor 2014-15

Join us in South Africa for a 'Vacation with a Purpose'

By Lee Holmes/Waukee

Greetings fellow Rotarians: I'm Lee Holmes, a former AG from District 6000. Last January, 12 Rotarians went to South Africa on a mission trip with Blessman Ministries. It was an incredible trip. For me, a retired veterinarian, it was the trip of a lifetime.

On this adventure, we got an "up close and personal" look at the beautiful South African landscape, animals, and of course the people. District 6000 has several projects and future projects in the province of Mokopane, where the Blessman Lodge of Dreams is located.

While we were there we visited water projects, as well as sites where we will be drilling wells in the future. We also helped feed "Meals from the Heartland" to hungry African children and adults. We fitted children with new shoes and provided eyeglasses for these same children. We visited an African orphanage. We visited micro businesses that Blessman Ministries have developed to help the people become more financially independent. We attended several evening Rotary meetings that were a blast.

We went on walks in the Shikwaru game farm and did a safari in Entabeni, a 50,000-acre game preserve. The animals and the preserve were breathtaking. Many of us also walked with lions and went on an elephant excursion.

I am leading a trip back this winter, which is summer in South Africa. In addition to the opportunities described above, we also will offer a golf trip, with the additional opportunity to play the Extreme 19th hole only accessible by a helicopter, a visit to a crocodile farm, and participation in a cheetah and white lion experience, and if possible a visit to a Rhino orphanage.

Many more experiences await us in addition to the opportunities described above. We want to make this trip a "Vacation with a Purpose" that will create memories for a lifetime.

We will depart from Des Moines on Jan. 29 and return on Feb. 10. The trip will be limited to 26 people, and I hope you are with us. Please contact me at leerobholmes@gmail.com or call me at (515) 669-3779.

Exchange student returns to Iowa Quad Cities

By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities

D-6000 Youth Exchange chair

The Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities recently welcomed back its exchange student from 2011-12, Julian Teplinski. Julian was a student at Pleasant Valley High School where he enjoyed a year of American hospitality while participating in soccer, drama and bowling. At the conclusion of the school year, Julian traveled with his host parents, father and brother to Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota and the Mall of America.

A highlight of Julian's, and that of most D6000 exchange students who participate in it, was the USA Tour. This is an 8000-mile bus trip exploring the USA from coast to coast, capped off with a Fourth of July celebration in Washington, DC. Julian returned home to Germany and his natural parents in July of 2012, to finish three remaining years of high school (German "gymnasium"), get his driver's license, and continue to explore various universities in Germany that would fit his planned course of study.

Julian's return to the Quad Cities in August was a long-awaited and much-anticipated reunion with friends and "family" in Bettendorf. Along with his friend, Alina Burghard, Julian met friends, teachers and staff from PV, went fishing, attended the state fair and a rodeo, a baseball game and Adventureland, Rotary meetings, and of course, the mall!

I stopped Julian just long enough to quiz him about some highlights of his exchange. Asked about how the exchange influenced his future educational plans, Julian replied that, rather than altering his plans, the exchange confirmed the plans that he was already making, and enabled him to feel more secure about his planned study of law.

Many positive things came to Julian during his year in Iowa. He became fluent in English, became much more comfortable and appreciative of cultural differences, and further developed an already wonderful sense of thankfulness for opportunities that came his way. A big plus was meeting many, many other exchange students. He says, "I now have friends all over the world and a second set



2011-12 Rotary Youth Exchange student Julian Teplinski (l) returned to the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities and connected with Alina Burghard, Gilles Vandereecken (new exchange student from Belgium) and Dave Borcharding (counselor).

of parents!" The exchange program has given Julian a new world view, and a better understanding of people and cultures.

Julian also has some advice for students contemplating an exchange, or having already decided to become an exchange student: make it your exchange, be assertive, but follow the Rotary rules (they actually help!) Talk, talk, talk. Ask questions. Let other people help you. Be grateful. Make friends, including older people like Rotarians. Be open-minded and say "Yes" a lot and "No" if necessary. Excellent advice, Julian!

Julian was a model exchange student who set a very high standard for future students. His exchange has propelled him into the future with a set of life skills that will take him far, to wherever he wants to go. The D6000 Rotary Youth Exchange is proud to have hosted Julian and we look forward to many more just like him. For more information about RYE, contact Doug Peterson, chair of the D6000 committee.

Youth Exchange: District sends, receives 15 students

District 6000 will launch another year with Rotary Youth Exchange with the fall kick-off event on Sunday, Sept. 21, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Iowa City from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Inbound Fall Fun Day will be Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Indianola at Warren County Fairgrounds. We are pleased to have 15 students Inbound and 14 Outbound this year! — Doug Peterson

Outbound:

Justin Barry (Iowa City) Spain
 Ruben Delatorre (Muscatine) Germany
 Austin Fagen (Oskaloosa) Belgium
 Riley Risk (Knoxville) Italy
 Samantha Fuller (Pella) Chile
 Genvieve Gaston (North Scott) Ecuador
 Megan Johnson (Grinnell) South Korea
 Andie Lynch (Iowa City AM) Chile
 Paige McKibben (Des Moines) Italy
 Leanna Miller (Fairfield) Ecuador
 Kate Paul (Boone) Austria
 Erin Probst (Iowa City AM) Chile
 KaiLeigh Rickard-Urban (Tipton) France
 Ksenia Vickery (NW Des Moines) Croatia



D-6000 Outbound Youth Exchange students for 2014-15 at RYLA. (Gary Welch)

Inbound:

Alberta Buffa (Italy) Nevada
 Tania Carrion Serrano (Ecuador) Burlington
 Eleonora Cherubini (Italy) Iowa City
 Ignatia Gacitua Francovich (Chile) Des Moines
 Emma Grosjean (France) Ottumwa
 Sophie Horstmann (Germany) Iowa City AM
 Manuela Huscher DaLuz (Brazil) N. Scott
 Francisca Inostroza (Chile) Centerville

Agustina Mateo Talavera (Paraguay)
 West Des Moines
 Elena Rodriguez Juliani (Spain)
 Decatur County
 Timea Schweiger (Austria) Mt. Pleasant
 Ivona Stefanac (Croatia) Boone
 Maria Jose Torres Pino (Chile) Fairfield
 Gilles Vandereecken (Belgium)
 Iowa Quad Cities
 David Wilches Serrano (Ecuador) Knoxville

Centennial Pavilion dedicated in Davenport

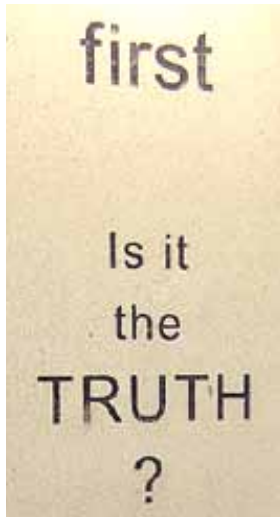
By Gary Loss/Davenport

Club President 2013-14

The Rotary Club of Davenport dedicated its Centennial Pavilion on June 16, 2014, with Davenport Mayor Bill Gluba, District Governor Jacque Andrew, and club president Gary Loss providing remarks. Also in attendance were District Governor-Elect John Ockenfels, Past District Governor Bill Tubbs, Assistant District Governor Doug Peterson, aldermen from the city of Davenport, members from other Rotary clubs, and past presidents and members of the Rotary Club of Davenport.

The dedication observance culminated activities recognizing 100 years of service for the Rotary Club of Davenport. The first meeting of our club took place on Nov. 11, 1911. We are the 34th club to be organized within Rotary International.

Mayor Gluba pointed out that the centennial pavilion represents a \$100,000 donation to honor the Rotary club's 100th anniversary in the city. Funds have been raised starting more than ten years ago. Numerous Rotarians and friends of Rotary have contributed to make the project successful, including a community grant from The Rotary Foundation through District 6000. The four pillars of the pavilion each share one of the tests in Rotary's Four-Way Test. The Rotary seal is prominently displayed in the center of the pavilion and on the donor plaque at the entrance.



Rotary's Four-Way Test is engraved on the pillars of the Pavilion.

The pavilion is dedicated to the residents of the Quad Cities, and all those who use the bike trails along the Mississippi River. It was noted that the pavilion is located at the intersection of two major national bicycle trails.

Over the past 100 years the Rotary Club of Davenport has sponsored 10 new clubs: Rock Island, Moline, Burlington, Maquoketa, Bettendorf, North Scott, Iowa City, Muscatine, Iowa Quad Cities, and Siem Reap, Cambodia.

The pavilion is located in River Heritage Park, Davenport's newest park. When fully developed the park will recognize the rich history of the site:



Mayor Bill Gluba, Rotary District Governor Jacque Andrew and Davenport president Gary Loss at the historic site.



The Davenport Rotary Centennial Pavilion was dedicated June 16 at River Heritage Park.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

- First railroad bridge to cross the Mississippi River. The burning of the bridge triggered the Effie Afton lawsuit where Abraham Lincoln defended the railroad.

- Treaty ending the Blackhawk War was signed here.
- Young surveyor Robert E. Lee surveyed the Rock Island Rapids.
- Tremendous view of the historic Government Bridge and Rock Island Arsenal.

Several acknowledgements included:

- Rotarian Greg Larrison with Larrison Architects for designing the pavilion.

- Rotarian A.J. Loss, president of Bush Construction, for providing construction management of the pavilion.

- City of Davenport and Davenport Levee Improvement Commission for allowing us to construct the pavilion in this historic park and all the work they did on site preparation.

- Past presidents Mike Hamann and Cheryl Goodwin for guiding the project through the planning and approval process and getting it under construction.

- Past president Becky Eiting for heading the task force that worked with Aunt Rhodies on the landscaping.

- All the Rotarians and friends of Rotary who contributed to the funding of the pavilion, including from other clubs and District 6000.



Rotarians and city officials celebrated the dedication of the Davenport Rotary Centennial Pavilion

RYLA

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards are changing the world; one person at a time!



RYLA students were engaged, learning and having fun (above). Samantha Akers of Ankeny and PDG Susan Herrick of Boone (below) had a lot to smile about. Photos by Bill Tubbs

By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny
RYLA Co-Chair

Again, we have had an amazingly successful RYLA, July 13-18 at Grinnell College, thanks to all your support. We had 107 students last year and 172 this year from the combined Districts 6000 and 5970 (northern Iowa). That is a 62-percent increase.

In addition, we had 23 youth counselors and 18 Rotary Volunteers, and most of the outbound Youth Exchange students attended RYLA as part of their training to prepare them for their exchange. Next year it will be required of all outbound Youth Exchange students.

RYLA is much more than a leadership program; it is a leadership experience that your high school sophomores and juniors deserve. It is a life-changing experience for these students. It gives them a jump start on life and becomes the best experience in their lives – “yet.” It is about the journey of life, and we have the honor of being part of their lives to launch them into their future.

But it does not stop at RYLA; it is but the beginning of the rest of their lives. It is imperative that you continue this journey with them. Include them in Rotary club meetings, social events, service projects and offer to mentor them. They will have freshly minted leadership skills and unbelievable excitement and energy. Use them in the schools and community. We will all benefit. They will change the world, one person at a time, if we help them. If you don't engage the RYLA youth in your club and community you are not using their talents and energy.

Here is one example of what your RYLA students can do to help your community. The Rotary Club of Ankeny sent 12 students to RYLA this year. Nine of them were from Centennial High School.

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Keynote speakers at RYLA included Dr. Stephanie Rose-Judge (l) and Dr. Richard Deming (r).

Provided by Gary Welch

Welch: Engage RYLA students in Rotary



RYLA was a positive experience for all of its participants, including Nyajuok Lam from Storm Lake.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

They met with the principal of the high school and now are working on changing the culture of the school. They are actively welcoming new students, and working on creating a positive environment one student at a time. They are developing a Community Based Interact Club, working on food donations, exploring recycling projects, and involving themselves in Rotary service projects. They are planning a “Talk” group where students can find support from other students. That is in the first month since RYLA. The longest journey begins with the first step and I am extremely proud of their accomplishments in such a short time. It is an opportunity that you do not want to miss.

Last year a few parents called to thank RYLA for the positive impact on their children. They indicated that their son/daughter came home with such a positive attitude and increased self-confidence and self-discovery; they began to realize their potential and had a different perspective of the world. This year parents have sent me emails expressing their appreciation for RYLA. They noticed major changes in their son/daughter (see adjacent article).

You are encouraged to become a Rotary Volunteer next year, not only to obtain a better understanding of RYLA, but I will guarantee you that it will change your life. We cannot have a world class Leadership experience without your help (see adjacent article).

If it is to be, it is up to us to make a difference. We can and do make a difference one person at a time. Do not miss this opportunity to not only change their lives, but to change yours. Those who were unable to send students this year missed out on a “life changing” opportunity. I have received numerous notes from RYLArians who have expressed their thanks to Rotary for this life changing opportunity (see adjacent article).

You are encouraged to reach out to surrounding communities who do not have Rotary clubs. If we are to “Light up Rotary,” what better way than to extend your Rotary hand to help other communities high school students.

Keep in mind that Rotary Youth Exchange and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards are the two best programs for Youth that we have. I challenge you to reach out to youth and engage them in Rotary.

If you have any questions, or you would like me to visit your club again, please contact me at: gwelch3002@msn.com; or cell phone, (515) 419-3707.

Comments from RYLA participants are on the next two pages



Gold Team, front (l-r): Ian Coon, Anna Unger, Allie Cahill, and Rotary Volunteer Colleen Welch. Row 2: Rachel Weeks, Caleb Herrick, Kaitlynn Pate, Carolyn Lutovsky, Alex Bare, Kate Paul, Jake Parks and Becky Hickerson. Back: Youth Counselor Thomas Woodruff.



District 5970 DG Kathy Fahy of Spirit Lake (l) and District 6000 DG John Ockenfels of Iowa City and his wife, Deb (r) lent their support to RYLA. They are pictured with RYLA leaders PDG Gary Welch (second from left) and District 5970 RYLA chair David Kutter of Cedar Rapids..

Students speak of their RYLA experiences

Michaela Lillie: "I'm so blessed I had this opportunity in life."

Christian Loaiza: "Thank you guys so much for giving me the best week of my life! I love you all."

Hira Mustafa: "I was at the state fair this past week and I ran into some Rylarians while I was there and they stopped me to say hello. I hadn't formally met a few of them yet but we still talked like old friends and it reminded me of the wonderful atmosphere RYLA had. Even away from camp I still find droplets of happiness and comfort in the people that I run into that have any connection to the program. I wanted to thank you all for such an amazing experience; one that didn't just end when I got into my car to drive home. RYLA definitely holds a special place in my heart."

Jessie Ault: "I went to RYLA this summer. I just wanted to thank you so much for sponsoring me to go to RYLA. I had the time of my life and learned so much from it. It was one of the most fun things I have ever done and I gained a lot of friends that I still keep in contact with. I really loved it. One of my favorite things was how close everyone got and I feel like I got to know a lot of

people better than I ever thought I would. I gained a lot of leadership skills that I will take with me in my future such as hopefully becoming the captain of my high school soccer team."

RYLArian: "RYLA has done things for me that I never thought were even remote possibilities. I am so THANKFUL for this great program and the opportunity to participate. I've finally realized that I have a choice. In everything I do. I have a choice and now that I've been here for a week, I choose to be happy and I've decided to stop allowing myself to be vulnerable and sad ALL THE TIME. I now see how much I am loved and it's been so helpful to my self-esteem/confidence."

RYLArian: "RYLA was simply amazing in every way. It opened my eyes as to how I view others and myself. I have so much more confidence!"

RYLArian: "It hasn't even been a week away from RYLA, and I am already noticing how differently I now see the world and people. I can't thank any of you enough for the new perspective you have given me and the new things I am now able to achieve through it."

'RYLA nurtured my soul and helped me challenge myself'

By Leanna Miller/Fairfield

RYLA Student

It amazes me the amount of change that can come over a person in such a short amount of time. RYLA has given my life new perspective and has broadened my awareness, my self-awareness and my awareness of others.



Leanna Miller

One of my favorite things at RYLA was the speakers. The guest speakers, counselors and Rotarians all shared wisdom that acted as a flashlight when navigating through understanding leadership and life.

Some of the points that stuck with me the most were about needing our differences in collaboration if we desire to be successful; that you can do anything, though sometimes you have to work really hard for it, but if you "tie a knot in the end of your rope and hang on"

you'll make it. Remember to not limit yourself by only focusing on winning and to not be afraid to ask questions; to have passion and seize opportunity – take risks when you don't know what will

happen, but you know it will be something good. Remember to be humble and to listen; especially remember that the ship won't sink if the water doesn't get in. Positivity is golden, and now is the future – take hold of life now. All of these nuggets of knowledge will help me as I make decisions and set goals.

Another thing that I enjoyed about RYLA was how we got the opportunity to implement what we learned from the speakers in team-building activities. The games were fun, but ultimately they gave us the chance to learn even more deeply about ourselves and working with others, through experience.

RYLA is not just a place for stretching and growing your leadership skills, it also is the most amazing support team. The meaning of love and friendship is truly demonstrated by RYLA: 172-plus people, who care unconditionally, with no judgment of your past and only pure belief in your future.

RYLA has nurtured my soul and has helped me challenge myself to be a better person – a better leader. I want to thank you for giving me this incredible opportunity, RYLA has changed my future for the better and my potential has become so much greater. You have given me a leap in life.

RYLA parents report positive changes

Parents' comments about RYLA:

Jennifer Johnson, a mother: "DJ had an amazing time. He came home and packed up his Xbox, cleaned and rearranged his room, and has had the BEST attitude I have seen out of him in years. He said the food was amazing. The challenges were fun. The people were AWESOME (and he's been texting and snap chatting with several kids from there). I love that because DJ is friends with everyone but really doesn't have many close friends at Southwest Valley. He tells me he will be able to apply to be a counselor next year and I am all for it and hopefully he is allowed to! I can't say "Thanks" enough for allowing him the opportunity to partake in such an amazing camp. He had spent most of the summer holed up in his room and depressed. He came home so happy!"

Greg Probst, a father from Iowa City: "Erin's RYLA experience not only helped her gain a variety of perspectives in life as she prepares for travels to Chile and beyond. I had confidence in the RYLA program counselors largely due to my prior experience in Rotary and having had the benefit of building a foundation of trust based upon the many valued relationships of fellow Rotarians. RYLA provided the safety net to allow us to face this challenge and for Erin to overcome. When Erin is in Chile, both she and our family will continue to have to rely on that Rotarian circle of friendship and she will inevitably use her RYLA experience to foster these new relationships with people she has not met before and will be relying on for help as she begins an unimaginably incredible experience. Having difficult RYLA experiences and challenges allowed Erin to begin building her own foundation of self-confidence to endure the problems that can only be resolved locally and with limited help from the "nest." RYLA and RYE are incredible experiences and as adults we have a tendency to look at these opportunities through the prism of 50 years or more of wisdom. Kicking the RYLA teens out of their "comfy zone" is what is needed and all the talking and lecturing we can do as parents and leaders does not stack up to the actual experience – the experience needed to undertake RYE adventures before even leaving home for the first time. **Until now, I didn't even realize that I also was an unexpected participant in RYLA.**"



PDG Gary Welch lends support to RYLArian Michaela Lille Thronndson, who was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Burlington. Michaela had recently received a severe medical diagnosis.
Photo by Bill Tubbs

Volunteers sing RYLA's praises

RYLA Volunteer comments:

Mark McAndrews, Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines: "The best job at RYLA is serving as a Rotarian Volunteer. You get to spend the week on a small team of bright, passionate, talented, engaging leaders of tomorrow. The team dynamic gives you a window into the world of today's young adults and you have the chance to share some of the perspective that comes from years of experience. By the end of the week you will be inspired, exhausted and exhilarated."

Mary Ellen Stanley, Rotary Club of Decatur County: "Reflecting on her experience as an adult volunteer at RYLA compares it to opening a gift. As the week unfolded, we untied the ribbons, peeled off the layers of wrapping paper, opened the box, and revealed a priceless treasure awaiting inside each of us. I was both proud and humbled to be just a small part of the network of support and encouragement that evolved as the young people grew in self-awareness and self-confidence through the team-building activities and sharing of stories. I can honestly say that I've never laughed so hard or cried so hard in one week's time. It was truly an amazing gift."



Abby Mulholland, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Clinton, was one of 172 students who attended RYLA at Grinnell College, July 13-18. Photos provided by Gary Welch



District 6000 provided 13 of 18 volunteers and 6 of 23 youth counselors for RYLA:

Volunteers:

Barb Gannon, Johnston
Chuck Jons, Ames Noon
Colleen Welch, Ankeny
Richard Rasmussen, Waukee
Kathy Sibbel, Ankeny
PDG Gary Welch, Ankeny
Mark McAndrews, NW Des Moines
Mary Ellen Stanley, Decatur Co.
Mike Ruby, Muscatine
Shari Bender, ROTEX

Stephanie Kitchen, Johnston
PDG Susan Herrick, Boone
T. Waldmann-Williams, Knoxville

Youth Counselors:

Monica Irvine, Decatur Co.
Zach Walker, Johnston
Cody Birely, North Scott
Lilian Sanchez, Des Moines
Rahul Seshappa, Ames AM
Zach Fisher, Chariton

Summer takes Peace Scholar to Colombia

Dear District 6000 Rotarians,

Aug. 20: I write to you from the beautiful Colombian capital of Bogotá where I am completing the Rotary Peace Fellowship Applied Field Experience (AFE). Since July, I have been working with the Colombian Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development on wildlife conservation efforts focused around curbing wildlife trafficking. I couldn't have asked for a better placement because I

have been able to work on a topic I know and love with wonderful people in a diverse and stunning country.



My colleagues in Class XII at the Tokyo Rotary Peace Center have chosen a diverse range of countries to carry out their AFEs. They have been placed in humanitarian organizations and agencies across Laos, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Ukraine.

You can read more details about their placements and projects in the June edition of the Rotary Peace Center newsletter at <http://rotaryicu.files.wordpress.com/2014/07/newsletter-june-2014-volume-6-issue-2.pdf>.

While I have had limited contact with the Colombian Rotarians, I have met up with some Rotaractors and attended a meeting in this, my last year as an official Rotaractor. However, as work has me traveling throughout the country, I plan on taking advantage and visiting the coastal city of Cartagena, Colombia, in the coming days where I will get the opportunity to engage and interact with local Rotarians on various topics. More on that in my next Postcard of Peace.

In the meantime, please visit my blog <http://ciliamaria.blogspot.jp/> to follow my Rotary Peace Fellowship learn many fun facts about life in Japan!

¡Hasta muy pronto!

Cilia María Ruiz-Paz

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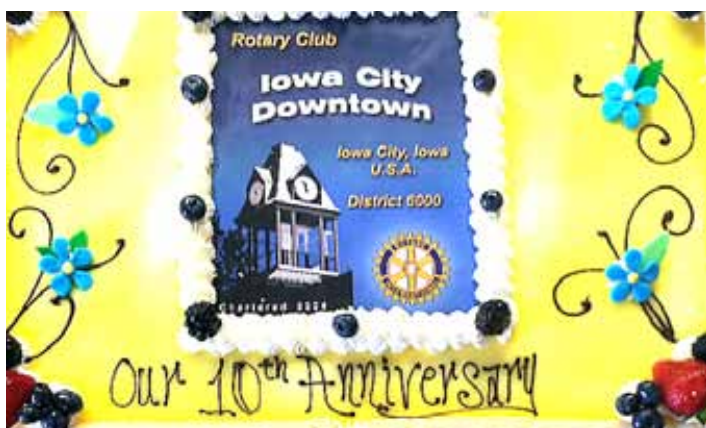
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Rotary Foundation Peace Scholar Cilia María Ruiz-Paz, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fairfield and District 6000, during her field experience in Bogotá, Colombia.



Celebrating a decade of service for Iowa City Downtown ...

On Friday, Aug. 22, the Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown celebrated its 10th anniversary since chartering. The club welcomed back several past members and important Rotarians who helped get the club started. The club started as a provisional club in 2002 and was chartered in 2004. The members have enjoyed many projects and focus on "hands on" community service. Friday's festivities included a barbecue dinner, cake, cocktails, music and presentations that took us all back through the last decade of service. Past District Governors Gary Pacha, Don Patterson and Herb Wilson (left photo) helped us celebrate. Happy Anniversary Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown!

— James Phelps, Club Public Relations Chair



One hundred members and guests attended the 25th anniversary celebration of the Rotary Club of Ames Morning.



Jim and 2013-14 DG Jacquie Andrew with Ames Morning president Dorothy Schumer and president-elect Al Hermanson.

Ames Morning celebrates quarter century of success

By PDG Jacquie Andrew/Jefferson

The Rotary Club of Ames Morning celebrated the 25th anniversary of its charter on June 25 at the Ames Golf and Country Club with about 100 members and guests in attendance.

Emcee for the evening was Dave Kraemer, past member and former editor of the *Ames Daily Tribune*, now of Rochester, MN. John Lott, a long-time song lyrics writer and leader for the club, engaged the crowd in the reprise of several favorite songs which created fun and fellowship.

Charter members were introduced and presented special charter member pins by club president Dorothy Schumer.

Past presidents were introduced by past president Myrna Whigham with highlights of their years. A review of the club's legacy and marquee projects was included in the printed program. Remarks were shared by DG Jacquie Andrew who attended with her husband, Jim.

To close the evening the gavel was passed from president Dorothy to president-elect Al Hermanson.



Featured on the CyRide ad are Cassie Dohrn reading with her sons Cael and Jack, and Dan Divine, Rotary Club of Ames president, as Cat in the Hat. Provided by Jacki Foley

Ames clubs cooperate in CyRide literacy project

By Jacki Foley/Ames Morning

The Rotary Club of Ames Morning and the Rotary Club of Ames are champions for early literacy.

This spring Rotarians created a CyRide bus ad with the message "Reading to a child is the best part of a day."

The ad is part of a community-based Grade Level Reading Campaign initiated by United Way of Story County and Raising Readers in Story County.

It began in Ames and is now spreading county-wide.

The common goals are:

- 1) All children come to school healthy ready to read; and
- 2) All children read at or above grade level by the end of third grade.

A growing number of area organizations and individuals are helping to promote literacy with financial, in-kind, and volunteer contributions.

Partner groups represented in this photo are Ames Morning Rotary, Benjamin Design, Raising Readers in Story County, Rotary Club of Ames, Story County Community Foundation, Theta Chi Sorority, and United Way of Story County.



Thanks to the work of the NGO SiKanda, in a partnership with The Rotary Foundation, the children of the dump in Oaxaca, Mexico, have a brighter future.



Children at the Oaxaca landfill are grateful for the fertilizer rich in nutrients produced at the Worm Composting Center that was made possible with a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant. They report that the organic plantings are growing strong at all schools and communities that they support. SiKanda's mission is to transmit effective knowledge and a highly replicable model so that the children can learn how to take care of the environment and how to adopt healthier eating habits.

Photos by SiKanda

New hope for 'children of the dump' in Oaxaca

In 2011, PDG Bill Tubbs attended a Project Fair in Oaxaca, Mexico, and encouraged the Rotary Clubs of North Scott, Bettendorf, Davenport and Iowa Quad Cities to initiate a Rotary Foundation World Community Service (Global) Grant to provide a means of sustainable support for the garbage pickers at the Oaxaca landfill, who lived in abject poverty. Working with the Rotary Club of Gualtegetza (Oaxaca) and the NGO SiKanda-Solidaridad Internacional, the grant gave the garbage pickers the supplies they needed to make the compost (worms) they gleaned from the dump commercially viable. They were then able to improve their diets and send their children to school.

The following is a report received earlier this year from SiKanda on improvements in the lives of the garbage pickers. To learn more about SiKanda, see <http://si-kanda.org>.

By Aurelia Annino

SiKanda-Solidaridad Internacional

Thanks to the fertilizer rich in nutrients produced at the Worm Composting Center and by the micro-producers families with whom SiKanda has been collaborating, organic plantings are growing strong at all schools and communities that we support. SiKanda continues to transmit effective knowledge and a highly replicable model so that the children can learn how to take care of the environment and how to adopt healthier eating habits since childhood.

After the implementation of vegetable planting and composting sets at schools along with the delivery of recycling and composting trainings for 1,600 students at six schools, we have generated very positive results towards creating greater food security. So far vegetable consumption among children has increased from one piece a week to four pieces a week (a 400-percent increase) and has been identified in contributing to a 50-percent reduction of the gastrointestinal illnesses.

Besides these significant impacts on the children's health, the families are also able to save up to US\$10 per month by substitut-

ing home grown produce for what they would have had to buy at the store.

In another project achieved with the support of foundations, private groups, volunteers and the state of Oaxaca's government, SiKanda inaugurated two Green Libraries, built with recyclable materials using a certified technique, in the schools Adolfo López Mateos and Bicentenario, and delivered furniture (tables, chairs and bookcases) and school supplies. Our goal is that schools in communities with limited resources become platforms of community development, environmental education and opportunities for the children.

Our friends Sophie Tuttle (USA) and Steve Tierney (Australia), designers with broad international experience, gave us the gift of their art so that SiKanda's Worm Composting Center could be nice and cozy.



One of two "green libraries" that will enrich the lives of the children of the dump at Oaxaca, Mexico.

Rotary Foundation Annual giving

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(Members: Jul 12/Jul 13)	(1) 13-14 Goal	(2) Thru 6-11-14	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (26/27)	\$ 2,800	2,090	75	\$ 77.41
Albia (28/24)	1,200	1,625	135	67.71
Ames Morning (61/54)	6,770	8,275	122	153.24
Ames (230/235)	26,975	26,145	97	111.26
Ankeny (62/66)	18,000	10,110	56	153.18
Atlantic (64/55)	5,200	5,687	109	103.40
Bettendorf (113/101)	16,000	14,725	92	145.79
Bloomfield (14/11)	1,210	1,200	99	109.09
Boone (52/47)	7,950	6,805	86	144.79
Burlington (85/77)	7,600	3,465	46	45.00
Carroll (55/50)	5,200	4,000	77	80.00
Centerville (41/48)	4,800	2,410	50	50.21
Chariton (53/49)	5,300	6,400	121	130.61
Clinton (116/112)	11,000	10,191	93	91.00
Coon Rapids (29/31)	1,400	1,400	100	45.16
Coralville-North Corridor (22/19)	2,000	1,700	85	89.47
Corning (48/43)	1,836	1,571	86	36.55
Corydon (20/21)	200	300	150	14.29
Creston (19/19)	500	100	20	5.26
Dallas Center (26/26)	2,700	2,700	100	103.85
Davenport (132/123)	13,000	17,045	131	138.58
Decatur County (25/25)	5,600	4,995	89	199.80
Des Moines AM (139/153)	11,000	12,350	112	80.72
Des Moines (294/278)	21,500	23,445	109	84.33
East Polk County (42/37)	3,800	3,782	100	102.22
Fairfield (60/63)	6,500	7,054	109	111.97
Fort Madison (52/42)	5,300	3,675	69	87.50
Greater Des Moines (37/19)	2,000	1,800	90	94.74
Grinnell (33/36)	3,800	4,050	107	112.50
Indianola (50/55)	4,350	5,130	118	93.27
Iowa City AM (55/57)	8,400	13,785	164	241.84
Iowa City Downtown (19/19)	800	1,695	212	89.21
Iowa City (303/304)	34,700	57,140	165	187.96
Iowa Quad-Cities (47/44)	3,500	2,985	85	67.84
Jefferson (53/55)	12,000	18,025	150	327.73
Johnston (53/51)	4,100	3,436	84	67.37
Kalona (43/39)	2,600	3,400	131	87.18
Keokuk (84/77)	3,700	3,910	106	50.78
Keosauqua (26/21)	1,210	1,210	100	57.62
Knoxville (63/59)	5,325	5,300	100	89.83
Lenox (23/27)	3,500	2,275	65	84.26
Manning (22/19)	1,710	1,617	95	85.09
Marengo (10/12)	120	120	100	10.00
Marshalltown (158/157)	11,825	11,850	100	75.48
Mount Pleasant Noon (51/58)	3,016	3,153	105	54.36
Mt. Pleasant (24/25)	2,700	1,600	59	64.00
Muscatine (117/112)	15,420	7,335	48	65.49
Nevada (66/69)	9,050	9,560	106	138.55
Newton (72/65)	4,000	5,709	143	87.83
North Scott (91/81)	10,625	25,420	239	313.83
Northwest Des Moines (49/41)	4,900	7,750	158	189.02
Osceola (28/31)	1,644	1,670	102	53.87
Oskaloosa (55/53)	2,200	2,625	118	49.53
Ottumwa (98/104)	10,600	12,200	115	117.31
Pella (40/27)	3,000	3,950	132	146.30
Perry (29/29)	350	790	226	27.24
Tipton (28/30)	2,000	2,045	102	68.17
Washington (55/48)	5,300	5,640	106	117.50
Waukee (50/52)	5,200	5,095	98	97.98
Wellman (36/37)	3,700	1,960	53	52.97
West Des Moines (71/76)	7,300	6,780	93	89.21
West Liberty (39/39)	13,800	16,000	116	410.26
West Polk County (25/23)	3,000	0	0	0.00
Winterset (29/30)	1,200	1,200	100	40.00
Total (4,015/3,917)	\$ 408,012	\$ 441,556	108	\$112.73

(*) Final Report for 2013-14

Foundation news

Annual Giving averaged \$112⁷³ last year!

By PDG Corliss Klaassen/Chariton
District 6000 Annual Giving Chair

The totals are in for the 2013-2014 Rotary year. If my math is correct, the Rotarians in District 6000 contributed \$76,602.77 in the month of June. This brings our total for the year at \$441,556. When you divide that by our membership (3917) we come up with an average of \$112.73 per Rotarian.

I believe the \$112.73 is the best average per member in our district's history. Our membership also went from 3,917 to 3,934, giving us a net increase of 17 members.

District Governor 2013-14 Jacques Andrew commented, "THANK YOU to District 6000 Rotarians for your generosity! YOU have made 2013-14 a banner year in support of The Rotary Foundation (TRF)!"

"Because of your donations, at a rate of over \$112 average per member across the district, LIVES ARE CHANGED in our communities and communities around the world! Thank you!"

All clubs had goals in 2013-14, and 63 of our 64 clubs contributed to The Rotary Foundation. Thirty-eight clubs exceeded their goal, and 24 clubs averaged more than \$100 per member. The top three clubs in total giving were Iowa City, Ames and North Scott. The top three in per capita giving were West Liberty, Jefferson and North Scott. Congratulations all!



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

Goal setting matters! Help is available

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Assistant Governor Coordinator

Whether on the athletic field, the corporate world or in our homes, we all do better when we have goals to shoot for. Rotary clubs are no different. For many, many years, the method of formulating and reporting those goals was through the exercise of completing the "Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs" and turning it into the District. Still a good tool for club leaders to use in preparation for presidency and recommended, however, it is no longer "required."

Rotary District 6000 has historically placed great emphasis on completing goals for club giving to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation and to the Polio Plus effort, which is the No. 1 initiative of Rotary International. For many years the district has held a 100 percent goal record among districts in Zone 28. Membership goals, too, are so important to keep our clubs vital and active.

Thank you to the VAST MAJORITY of clubs that have set and reported their goals and are now working toward achieving them! We are grateful for your attention to the success of your club!

Instead of turning in goals on the paper "planning guide," they are now reported via a new tool on www.Rotary.org called Rotary Club

Central. As new computer applications sometimes do, it has created some frustration. However, THERE IS HELP! If club officers and committee chairs would like help with Rotary Club Central, there are resources! Turn first to the assistant governor for your club, the assistant governor coordinator (me) or district administrator Carolyn Scharff. Our contact information is in the District Directory that each president received and on the District website: www.rotary6000.org.

If there are goals to be entered, contact me at jeandrew@netins.net and I can get them on-line. However, we DO want to encourage club officers especially presidents and assistant governors to utilize the great tool that Rotary Club Central is! If you need assistance with that too, we can provide it.

Club goal history data was sent to each assistant governor to help with setting goals for the 2014-15 year. Please contact your assistant governor for help in calculating your goals if needed.

Goals help keep us on track and working together for the benefit of Rotary. Please help us by setting, reporting and STRIVING to reach your goals to help The Rotary Foundation "do good in the world" and in our District!

THANK YOU!

Success Seminar focuses on Membership, Foundation, PR



DGE Loring Miller (r) asks questions about a PR project with Zone 28 Rotary Public Image Coordinator Debbie Stacey (l) and RI Director Mary Beth Growney-Selene of Madison, Wis., at the Zone 28 Success Seminar Aug. 2 at Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny. Forty Rotarians learned the latest about The Rotary Foundation, Membership and Public Image.



The Zone 28 Success Seminar training team (l-r): End Polio Now coordinator PDG Jon Stillman of Stillwater, Minn.; Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Bill Tubbs of Eldridge, Iowa; Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Newell Krogmann of LeSueur, Minn.; Rotary Public Image Coordinator Debbie Stacey of Wilmette, Ill.; Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Dick Galitz of Naperville, Ill.; and Rotary Coordinator Tamie Koop of Waukesha, Wis.



District 6000 Global Grants chair Brock Earnhardt of Davenport (r) with ARRFC Newell Krogmann.



District 6000 DG John Ockenfels (l) of Iowa City AM with District 5970 DG Kathy Fahy of Spirit Lake.



District 6000 DGE Loring Miller of Decatur County (l) with District 5970 DGE Jozsef Gitta of Cedar Falls.

'Down Under' but 'Top of the World'!

Rotarians experience 'Amazing Australia' at RI Convention

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Rotary District 6000 was well represented by over two dozen Rotarians and spouses who headed "down under" for the annual Rotary International Convention June 1-4 in Sydney, Australia. A photo in the last issue of the newsletter featured the great turnout for the District breakfast hosted by DGE Loring Miller and Phyllis.

PDG Cal and Rachel Litwiller of Mt. Pleasant, Steve and Leslie Dakin of Boone, Mike and JoAnne Ruby of Muscatine and Steve and Cheryl Miller of Ottumwa also participated in a Friendship Ex-

change with Districts 9500 and 9790.

PDG Gary and Colleen Welch and the Litwillers did independent travel for six to seven weeks. Many others did shorter pre- and post-convention travel to see just some of the country's highlights. There just isn't enough time to fully experience the vastness of Australia and appreciate the natural beauty there and in New Zealand!

More than 18,000 Rotarians and families were welcomed to Sydney and the Olympic venue by RI President Ron Burton.

New South Wales province generously provided free transportation by ferry, bus and train, all scrupulously clean, to the Olympic park about 30 minutes from the city center where many Rotarians stayed. The trips to and from with trains full of Rotarians were fortunate opportunities to visit and share Rotary. We experienced helpful, friendly Aussies everywhere and enjoyed comfortable weather throughout. Registration was fast and easy for us – a day early!

Although only for one day, the Olympic flame was lighted in honor of the support received from Rotarians during the 2000 Sum-



While attending the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia, on June 2, these District 6000 Rotarians (Sue Rasmussen of Waukee, Steve Dakin of Boone and Mike Ruby of Muscatine) climbed the Sydney Harbor Bridge. The photo was taken 400 feet above the water. "Awesome experience!" reports Mike. "The Rotary Friendship Exchange in New Zealand and Australia were fantastic! We're ready to go again!"

Provided by Mike Ruby

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2014-15 RI President Gary Huang is presented with banners for his club and the club of his wife, Corinna, at the Sydney Convention. It was the first time that the RI President's spouse was a Rotarian.

Photos by Jacque Andrew



2013-14 RI President Ron Burton on stage at the opening plenary, attended by 18,000 at the Sydney Convention.

Olympic torch lit for one day at RI Convention

mer Olympic Games held in Sydney.

Chance reunions with far-flung Rotarian friends were joyous: five fellow NID teammates from California and Canada; District 6000 Foundation Dinner speaker Linda Bradley of Canada; District Conference speaker, then RI VP Anne Matthews of South Carolina, and Corinna Yao, wife of then-incoming RI President Gary Huang of Taiwan. During the Polio fundraising walk with thousands of Rotarians from throughout the world, we were delighted to see Karin Franklin of Iowa City and in the House of Friendship Floyd and Kathy Hammer of Des Moines.

Near the end of the Polio walk, President Ron greeted those finishing their years of service, including then-DG Jacque.

The plenary sessions, of course, provided great exposure to every aspect of Rotary and spectacular entertainment, including aboriginal dancers/musicians; the Ten Tenors and Human Nature. A highlight was the announcement by the Prime Minister of Australia, the Honorable Tony Abbott, of the country's \$100-million donation in support of Rotary's polio eradication effort.

In the huge ANZ Stadium, a record number of breakout sessions were held in the comfortable setting. DGE Loring and Phyllis Miller and Jim and PDG Jacque Andrew served as volunteer sergeants and guides to help attendees find meeting rooms and seating. Everything imaginable was located in the House of Friendship from live koala bears to snuggle to aboriginal art, Rotary projects, vendors, more entertainment and a semi full of the bush outfitter R. M. Williams' best outback gear!

Amazing Australia...G'day mates!



Near the end of the Polio walk, then-RI President Ron Burton greeted Rotary leaders completing their years of service, including then-District Governor Jacque Andrew.



District 6000 leaders take a break in the House of Friendship (l-r): DG John and Deb Ockenfels, PDG Cal and Rachel Litwiller, and 2013-14 DG Jacque Andrew.



Now is the time for Rotarians and clubs to start making plans for the 2015 RI Convention June 6-9 in São Paulo, Brazil. In a break from tradition, the convention will start on Saturday and end on Tuesday.



The Olympic torch from the 2000 Games in Sydney was lighted in honor of Rotary's support.

THE MAGIC OF XICOTEPEC

District 6000's 12th annual Project Team to a Mexican village lights up Rotary and changes lives

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Magic happens in Xicotepec, Mexico! Magic in the projects completed, the culture exchanged, the partnerships and camaraderie, the fun, all of it...MAGIC! When 84 volunteers, the largest project team ever in the 12 years of the Rotary District 6000 project, arrive in Xicotepec and join with the locals to accomplish so much good, the experience is truly magical!

The Rotary Club of Xicotepec warmly welcomed the travelers on March 15, 2014, as they arrived by bus following their flights into Mexico City. It was the beginning of a miraculous week of working together. Local Rotarians and their wives invested great involvement in the project and support of the Iowa Rotarians, college and high school students, and other volunteers.

Under the overall direction of West Des Moines Rotarian Tom and Carol Narak, their son Tom and his wife Maria, and guidance from project veteran Jim Peterson of Iowa City, the dental team, pharmacy team, students, Rotarians and all, were assigned to tasks at a variety of locations throughout the area during the week. In the following paragraphs, team leaders provide detail about their tasks and the ways in which they provide needed help in Xicotepec.

Hogar Victoria Orphanage

Always a priority is the Hogar Victoria Orphanage, a long-time beneficiary of the efforts of the D6000 group. The children are weighed, measured and receive de-worming medication. This year a new washing machine, uniforms and PE shoes were purchased by the Rotary Club of West Des Moines and new shoes that the children chose were funded by Jefferson Rotarian Nancy Stroburg and her husband Jeff. Books were purchased in Xicotepec for Hogar Victoria children to encourage literacy and reading for pleasure through the book fund established by then-DG Jacque Andrew. Donations were received from clubs and individuals in the district for this fund's purpose.

Dental team

The dental team included seven dental students along with two University of Iowa College of Dentistry faculty members, Dr. Julie Reynolds, who reported for the team, and Dr. Steven Levy, both of whom have participated in the project several years. The team partnered with five schools and two orphanages in and around Xicotepec to provide dental preventive services and educational activities.

They screened and applied fluoride varnish to 507 children across the seven locations, and provided toothbrushes, toothpaste, and educational materials to approximately 700 children. In addition, they held educational sessions with parents at two schools where they could ask questions about how to maintain optimal oral health for their children.

Making good dental care fun, they performed an oral health-themed puppet show, created by undergraduate students at the University of Iowa, at six schools as well as a primary care hospital where the staff dentist asked us to perform it for patients in the waiting area.

Pharmacy

In its eighth year of travelling to Xicotepec with District 6000 Rotarians, University of Iowa student pharmacists delivered a deworming program to primary and elementary schools in the Xicotepec area. This year there were eight pharmacy students and two U of I faculty members, Christine Catney and Hazel Seaba. Soil-transmitted intestinal worms infect about one-third of the world's population. Because young children are particularly vulnerable, the pharmacy team

focuses its efforts in schools.

With the help and support of Xicotepec Rotarians and community members, about 3,000 albendazole doses are administered each year to children in 20 of the poorest schools. For student pharmacists, this



The twinkle in the eyes of this girl at the Francisco Velasco Marañon II School in Xicotepec, Mexico, is the reward that makes Rotarians' "Service Above Self" worthwhile.

Photo by Jacque Andrew

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The 84 members of the District 6000 project team in March 2014 made friendships with their hosts in Xicotepec, Mexico, as they expanded the “family of Rotary” and gave “Service Above Self.”

Pharmacy students speak of personal growth

service-learning experience offers rich opportunities for personal and professional growth – and can be transformative. In the students’ own voices, Seaba reports:

“I am honored that they welcomed us into their community and allowed us to utilize our talents to help give back.”

“I better understand how to not only administer medications to young children, but how to work with patients where there is a language barrier. I better understand how to provide healthcare to an underserved area.”

“The biggest way that this has changed me personally is to remind me of the vast diversity of cultures, circumstances and education that individuals may come from and how vitally important it is to never judge too harshly why people may act in certain ways that seem so foreign to you. As a healthcare professional, this trip has [strengthened] my desire to better serve the diverse population that walks into pharmacies every day.”

Francisco Velasco Marañón II Primary School

The eight students from the University of Iowa Career Leadership Academy compiled a final report detailing their projects during the

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Team Leader Tom Narak of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines with a nun at Francisco Velasco Marañón II School.



Xicotepec students present a program of music and dance at the Rotary school in honor of visiting Rotarians.



Carol Narak and 2013-14 District Governor Jacquie Andrew buy books for the Hogar Victoria Orphanage.

Students build relationships with children

week. The students took the lead in fully painting six classrooms and priming a seventh at Francisco Velasco Marañon II Primary School, while also building relationships with its students, the nuns who run the school, and Rotarians from Xicotepec and Iowa.

To quote their final report, "The hope for Francisco Velasco Marañon II was that if we helped paint the school, it would be more visually appealing to new students, so the school's enrollment would increase. Once the school's enrollment numbers reach a certain point, then the government will increase its funding to the school."

After they successfully finished the painting project, the CLA students were joined by the Sociology team students on a visit to the Technological University of Xicotepec (UTXJ), spending time with the college students there and visiting an equine therapy ranch together.

Staffed by an order of Roman Catholic nuns, the Francisco



Interactors bought fans for the Los Arroyos School.



Students at the Francisco Velasco Marañon II Primary School help paint a mural on the school.

Velasco Marañon II school serves students who are not able to attend elsewhere because they were not admitted, or due to lack of resources. The needs at the school are great, not only for the students but for the nuns who have taken a vow of poverty to live in extremely humble quarters at the school. Last year, when it was discovered the nuns were sleeping on hard mats, the Rotary Club of West Des Moines purchased mattresses for them. This year, the club provided bed frames to keep the mattresses off of the floor.

The "construction team" provided much needed light to several classrooms by installing large windows. These rooms were also painted and refurbished by the CLA group, Interactors and others.

In keeping with the goal of Francisco Velasco Marañon II Primary School to grow its enrollment, an attractive element of fun and drama was added to the buildings. During the week of helping on other projects, the service learning students from the University of Iowa, again the largest group ever composed of 35 students and seven faculty members, joined other volunteers to paint an attractive mural on classroom and bathroom buildings.

Under the direction of Loyce Arthur, U of I college of theater arts professor, the fanciful mural unfolded onto the exterior walls of the buildings featuring waves of bright green grass topped by large, colorful Mexican flowers combined with the Iowa flower, the wild rose. Other elements included the buzzing bee, a symbol of Xicotepec; and Iowa goldfinches and butterflies. The final touch, at the request of the nuns, was the face of patron priest Francisco Velasco Marañon, painted by Loyce in the center of a huge sunflower. The mural is a whimsical attraction signaling the "life" that is so much a part of the school.

Planning in the fall

In the fall, a team comprised of Tom and Carol Narak, Newton Rotarian Bob Main, Jefferson Rotarian Nancy Stroburg and other Xicotepec committee members and project veterans made a trip to Xicotepec to meet with the local Rotarians and wives to "scout" projects for the spring trip.

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University of Iowa theater professor Loyce Arthur (r), designer of the mural and leader of its painting, is pictured with the Roman Catholic nuns who teach at the Francisco Velasco Marañon II school. At their request, Arthur painted the face of the patron priest into the center of the sunflower.

Photo by Michael Schmitz



District Governor 2013-14 Jacque Andrew presented books to students at the Hogar Victoria Orphanage.

Images from Xicotepec

Photos by Jacque Andrew and Tom Narak



Students in their outdoor classroom at Francisco Velasco Mara?on II School while work was done on their school.



Interactors painting at at the Francisco Velasco Mara?on II Primary School.



The bathroom mural is completed at the Francisco Velasco Mara?on II Primary School.



West Des Moines Rotarians Chris Nelson and Tom Narak with students in the woods at the Francisco Velasco Mara?on II Primary School.

Baldes: 'Better than any spring break vacation'

Nancy reports, "When we arrived in Tlaxcalontongo in November and saw the two-room building with the ceiling falling in, the walls and windows needing a complete makeover as well as the garbage and trash inside, it was overwhelming. The vision to see what a lot of hard work and dedicated people could accomplish was there, but ... And in a week!!

We did it! New roof, cleaned, scraped and painted walls and windows. Beautiful and oh so rewarding. The community was so supportive of us. We even had some of the teachers come and help after they finished school for the day. Some of the moms fixed us lunch everyday AND on Thursday the entire school celebrated our work with a fiesta and a program. One room in the renovated building is to be used as a library, the other as a room for special education students."

Water team

Another important ongoing group is the water team which has installed 18 systems over the years to provide clean water primarily in schools. This year Bob Main reported that two new systems were installed, one at the school in Tlaxcalontongo and at Francisco Velasco Marañon II school. The other systems were checked and for the most part, were in the best condition he has ever found them. Local Rotarians monitor the systems to maintain function between visits from the water team.

Many of the schools in which the team works show great appreciation for the Iowans' efforts with special all-school programs, parents bringing so many home-cooked traditional foods the tables are laden. But the best rewards are the smiles and hugs many receive from these warm and grateful people. It is an experience that is truly magical!

Family

One family made the effort to be part of the team this year. Rotary Club of Iowa City Rotarian Brad Baldes and his wife Janice brought the entire family, including Carson, age 13, and Rylie, age 11. They wanted "to expose the children to this type of humanitarian effort at a young age," in hopes that "they would be more likely to participate in additional mission/service opportunities as they get older."

"My son had been on a mission trip within the U.S. with me a few years ago and thus, knew generally what it was like. He was 'all in' when we proposed the Rotary trip to Xicotepec. My daughter was less than enthusiastic. She was nervous, scared, and not wanting to go," Brad explained.



Rotarian Brad Baldes and his family presented books on behalf of the Rotary Club of Iowa City at the Rotary School. The week was a rewarding experience for the Baldus family.

"However, after spending the week:

- 1) traveling with new friends of all ages on a trip with a unified purpose;
- 2) experiencing a different culture and language;
- 3) assisting fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors in helping young children from Mexico get healthier;
- 4) playing with the local children;
- 5) recognizing how fortunate we are and how much we have in our lives in Iowa;
- 6) recognizing how impactful a visit from us was to so many of them...

she ended the week loving it and wanting to return to Xicotepec to help further. She said this trip was better than any spring break vacation we could have gone on."

"This was the desired result that my wife and I had for my children. The trip was a success, was worth it, and will not only benefit the people we interacted with in Xicotepec, but also my children, and all of the people they will help on future mission trips."

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Photos by Nancy Strobarg the Tlaxcalontongo classroom building before (l) and after the roof was replaced.



District Governor 2013-14 Jacquie Andrew is "cleansed" at La Xochipila – the first district governor to do so!



A student reaches out to hug Rotarian Tom Narak at the Francisco Velasco Marañon II Primary School..

Xicotepec: Applications accepted now for 2015

Youth

While a bit later in life than Carson and Rylie Baldes, the youth in high school and college who are part of the Xicotepec mission have the opportunity to experience very real and beneficial humanitarian service, opening the door to greater commitments as adults, hopefully as Rotarians.

The District 6000 Youth Service Fund helps facilitate participation by offering scholarships (with requirements) so that students may have the chance to participate in a district sponsored international humanitarian project.

Purchases

In addition to the items already noted, team leader Tom Narak reported that the Rotary Club of West Des Moines and other donations also accomplished the purchase of:

- Uniforms for some children at Hogar Victor and at Sor Juana schools;
- A new refrigerator for Los Arroyos;
- Paper and school supplies for some schools;
- Supplies for the FVM II nuns;
- Shoes for Sor Juana and FVM II students;
- Medicine for a boy with seizures;
- An eye doctor exam and new glasses for a student.

If any District 6000 Rotarians or clubs are interested in helping with the purchase uniforms and shoes, please contact Tom Narak at tom.carol@msn.com.

2015 applications

In reviewing the year, project veteran Jim Peterson noted, "2014 was the first year ever in which some applicants were not accepted due to the large number of applications; 2015 is also likely to "sell out" early. He provided the following information regarding participation:

Applications for the March 2015 trip will begin in mid-September; application is online; all D6000 club presidents will be

notified when the application website is up and running and asked to announce this to their clubs; link to the application webpage will also appear on the Rotary6000.org website.

Those eligible to apply, subject to a maximum team size:

- D6000 Rotarians and their family members;
- D6000 Interactors and Rotaractors and their family members;
- any other high school or college youth proposed or sponsored by a D6000 Rotary club and their family members.

The anticipated cost for 2015 is \$1,600-\$1,750/person and includes airfare, ground transportation to Chicago O'Hare (where applicable), Mexico City hotel stay(s), all ground transportation in Mexico, all food/lodging while in Xicotepec.

This report is by no means exhaustive of the work accomplished or the many experiences of the team. The many acts of kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity during the week are numerous – such as the Interactors and CLA students who scoured the market to find just the right gifts for school kids they would leave at the end of the week. Indeed, the magic is everywhere, but especially in the hearts of the Xicotepec 2014 team!



Dental students presented a program on oral hygiene at a Xicotepec school.



Rotarians from clubs in the Des Moines metro area packed 72,576 meals for the hungry on July 16.

Des Moines clubs pack meals for the hungry

By Kitte Noble/Des Moines

Club Executive Secretary

On July 16th, the Rotary Club of Des Moines (RCDM) and eight area Rotary clubs gathered to package 72,576 Outreach's Mac & Cheese meals that were delivered to food banks and pantries in central Iowa.

Over 260 volunteers gathered at the Des Moines warehouse/office to package 12,096 bags of food which were delivered to various organizations serving the hungry in Central Iowa. \$18,000 was raised to help pay for the meals which are 25 cents a meal.

Kyle McCormick (RCDM), one of the event organizers said, "When we were looking for a service project for our club, it was brought to our attention that we have one of the greatest resources in Iowa to team up with, Floyd and Kathy Hammer. I don't think people realize the gem that we have here that we're providing the rest of the world."

Of the 336 boxes packaged, 169 went to the Central Iowa Food Bank. 110 went to DMARC (Des Moines Area Religious Council) and 19 boxes went to each of the Rotary clubs in Waukee, Indianola and Altoona.

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey (RCDM) said, "It was fun to see the Rotary clubs almost compete with each other a little bit to see who could get the most number of boxes out; a lot of smiles; a lot of happy folks! It's fun to be able to do something that matters."

Outreach co-founder Floyd Hammer (RCDM) says, "One of the unique things about our packaging event is that you hardly ever see anyone go out the door not smiling!"

Outreach co-founder Kathy Hamilton said, "This brings communities together; this brings our country together; this serves all of humanity!"

The Rotary Clubs participating in this were: Greater Des Moines, Indianola, Waukee, Northwest Des Moines, East Polk, West Des Moines, Des Moines and the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

Rotary District 6000 Governor for 2013-14, Jacque Andrew said, "It's such a great experience for Rotarians to be together, to have fellowship, and to practice our motto which is service above self."

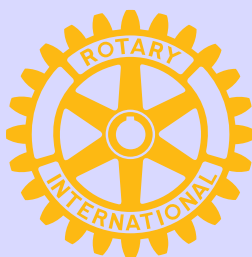
You can watch the video here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAfeIO9haqE>.



Waukee Rotarians joined metro Des Moines area Rotary clubs, coordinated by the Rotary Club of Des Moines, and worked hard to pack 100K meals at the "Outreach Hunger-Free Through Rotary Meal Packaging Event" on July 16. The mission of Outreach is to provide safe water, food, medical care and education to children and those in need at home and abroad. Pictured (l-r): Jim Strauss, Joyce Wheeler, Tim Moerman, Marge Schlaefer, Erna Morain, Roger Schlaefer, Michael Morman, Bob Henderson, Frank Hayer, Wendy Marsh, David Driscoll, Jim Riordon, Shelly Hughes, Ben Hughes, David Hughes, Brian Hughes and Sue Rasmussen.

Provided by Erna Morain

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S.O.A.P. aims to stem human trafficking

By Johanna Smith/Davenport

Club Executive Secretary

The Rotary Club of Davenport has teamed up with Braking Traffik to champion an outreach effort aimed at providing education and resources to hotels in Davenport to help combat human trafficking in the area.

S.O.A.P. (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) was started by survivor Teresa Flores and is designed to train and educate hotel staff on how they can help identify potential trafficking activity and what they should do if they suspect it in the hotel.

“Interstate 80 runs through the heart of the Quad Cities and is a major thoroughfare for human trafficking from coast-to-coast. One in three kids who run away is approached to be sold for sex within 48 hours on the street,” said Cheryl Goodwin, president and CEO of Family Resources and Davenport Rotary past president and SOAP Grant chair. “Working with the hotels and their staff to help us identify potential trafficking in the area is essential to putting a halt to trafficking in the area.”

Human trafficking is modern day slavery. By definition, it is “the recruitment, harboring, transporting, obtaining or maintaining of a person by means of force, fraud or coercion, for purposes of servitude, debt bondage, slavery, or participation in the sex trade.” Annually, 100,000 American children, both boys and girls, fall victim to sex trafficking in the United States with the average age of entry into the industry being 12-14 years of age. It is the fastest growing crime in the world today, generating \$32 billion a year in profit.

“A misconception surrounding human trafficking is that it involves only foreigners brought into the United States, or that most human trafficking victims are kidnapped. This isn’t always the case,” said Goodwin. “Today, we are seeing teens and young adults from all walks of life being trafficked. We have even witnessed parents selling their own children to pay bills.”



A bus sign sponsored by the Rotary Club of Davenport and a Rotary Foundation Community Grant tells the public how to take action to stop human trafficking.

Braking Traffik is an organization dedicated to eradicating human trafficking in the Quad-City area. The Rotary Club of Davenport, in conjunction with Braking Traffik, is hopeful this project will catch on and become a training program for hotels on both sides of the river and across the state.

“It is not just a big city crime that targets boys and girls from low income families in other parts of the United States. It’s happening here – in the Quad Cities and throughout Iowa,” says Goodwin.

The project has been made possible by funding through a Rotary District 6000 Rotary Foundation Community Grant and Davenport Rotary. For more information or to implement a program in your area, contact Goodwin at cgoodwin@famres.org, or Cathy O’Keeffe, executive director, Braking Traffik, at cathy@brakingtraffik.org.



Club Builder ...

Rotary Club of Tipton 2013-14 president Bruce Cary (c) received the Rotary International Club Builder Award at the club’s annual change-over picnic July 16 at the home of past president Diana Waltz on the banks of the Cedar River. Cary was among the Club Builders recognized at District Conference, but because he was not able to attend, the award was presented by Wayne Steen (l), 2013-14 president of the Rotary Club of West Liberty, and Rotary Club of Tipton 2014-15 president Laurie Brandenburg.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Major Donor ...

Rotarian Nancy Stroburg (c) of the Rotary Club of Jefferson was recognized at her club meeting on July 21 for achieving Rotary Foundation Major Donor Level 1 status for cumulative gifts of \$10,000. PDG Corliss Klaassen of Chariton, who is the District 6000 Annual Funds co-chair, and PDG Jacque Andrew of Jefferson presented the award. In addition to her support of The Rotary Foundation, Nancy is a long time supporter of and volunteer with the District 6000 project team in Xicotepec, Mexico.

Photo by Jeanne Klaassen



Oskaloosa Rotarians lead the way for Blue Zones Project

The Oskaloosa community is a demonstration site for the Blue Zones Project. The Rotary Club of Oskaloosa is committed to improving the health of our community. We strongly supported the application for the Blue Zones project. We are also the first civic organization to complete the Blue Zones organization checklist (July 2014), demonstrating the healthy choice is the easy choice for Rotary Club of Oskaloosa.

Provided by Dawn Collins

34 clubs submit community grant requests

By Doug Flournoy/Fairfield

D-6000 Community Grants chair

This year the District Grants Committee received 34 applications from 32 clubs. These applications are requesting \$83,316 in DDF match. Under the new grant model there is sufficient DDF available to meet this demand in full. But, seeing that at least one club asked for a greater amount than is allowed, not all of these applications will be funded. The committee will meet in September to make a

recommendation as to which applications will be included in the spending plan to be submitted to The Rotary Foundation.



Turkey dinners at Washington

The Rotary Club of Washington Rotary will host its 24th Annual Turkey Dinner on Sept. 15 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Washington United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$10, and children under 5 are free. This fundraiser helps the club to sponsor scholarships for area high school students, and other Rotary projects. This annual event serves over 600 dinners and is a great service and community impact project. Pictured (l-r): Denise Erpelding, Becky Harkema, Becky Engelken, Becky Patterson, Lil Perry, Chris Marshall and Michelle Redlinger.

Provided by Ed Raber



Root beer floats for Special Olympics

Waukee Rotarians handed out root beer floats to patrons at the Waukee and West Des Moines Hy-Vee stores on Aug. 16. All donations received from the floats were donated to the Special Olympics of Iowa. Rotarians participating included (l-r): John Eldred, Craig Butterfield, Mike Stifel and Bill Waldman.

Provided by Mark Heffernan

'New Member Advisory Council' guides Bettendorf

By Glenn Kass/Bettendorf

Club Publicity Chair

The biggest questions in Rotary currently are interchangeable. How do you bring new members to your club and how do you keep them engaged once they join?

In 2013, the Rotary Club of Bettendorf, led by immediate past president Chelsea Powers, welcomed 17 new Rotarians. Tried and true recruitment tenets combined with a new commitment on the part of sponsoring members, and the club as a whole, to mentor individuals up to and through their pin ceremony has been received well by the club.

Against that backdrop, 2014-15 club president Sharon Sarver set out to continue making Rotary more accessible and to encourage new members to impact their club experience. This has led to the creation of the New Member Advisory Council (NMAC) to the Executive Board. Ryan Bell will serve as the first chair of this group.

"During sessions at the international conference in Australia, we were challenged to look for where the gaps were in our clubs," said Sarver. "Membership retention was emphasized as part of the new theme of 'Light Up Rotary.' That was already one of the big buttons I wanted to push during my Presidential year."

Bell had been looking at a couple of options when he chose Rotary as a new transplant to the Bettendorf area for a sales position in late 2013. Despite traveling around the country for his work, the Midwest native was glad to be "home" with his family and looking to get involved with the community as a young professional and parent.

"Sharon and I discussed the thought you have upon entering the club, 'I've joined Rotary, now what,'" Bell said. "There was also some disconnect between the board and new members. The mentorship aspect helped uncover for me all of the ways that Rotary is outstanding. It was time for me to dive in deeper and get more involved."

Starting out, all of the new Rotarians from 2013 have been informed of the NMAC. These members will be given one year from joining the club to opt in for the council. Because the group is new, Sarver approached Bell and asked to nominate him for the inaugural Chair position which will run concurrently with the Presidential term. In future, the Chair will always be a new member nominated by the NMAC group itself to serve as its representative to the Executive Board.

Next, the council will develop a first-year service project of its



Bettendorf Rotarian Ryan Bell.

choosing and design. By September 1st of each year, the NMAC will bring that project's plan with budget and timeline to the Executive Board for approval.

Sarver looks for the council to create new club leaders who will more readily consider a future as possible officers in the club. Bell, who is getting good response from his peers to his inquiries to join the council, also hopes that it will create the immediate service opportunity that will carry new members toward becoming long-time Rotarians.

"I have seen through my time with the club that newer members are not always looking to get involved with the board in times we recruited for positions," Sarver commented. "I also felt that getting regular feedback from new members would help them create the Rotary culture they want to experience."

"Putting together a project through the council will be a legacy of that particular year's group of new members," added Bell. "To have those members look back in 10-15 years on what they accomplished in their first year would be something for us to be proud of."

Rotarians take the field at Living History Farms

By David Hoffman/Greater Des Moines

Club President

On Aug. 2, the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines fielded a "visiting" team for Living History Farm's 1870 baseball game. They hold the games six times throughout the summer, and are always looking for volunteers to go up against the home team, the Walnut Hill Bluestockings.

The team included our members and friends. We did OK for a bunch of novices. I can't tell you the final score except to say that the mercy rule was never more aptly applied.

Photo at right: Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines team members in the Living History Farms game, front (l-r): Kristie Bell, Rob Oxenford and David Hofmann. Back (l-r): Will Lyman, Chris Fultz, Alexis Plaza Sanabria, Sean Lee, Nick Beacom, Eric Pihlblad and Amy Yost.





Firefighter Nathan Stewart and Senior Police Officer Michael Delaney were recognized as "Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year" by the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

'Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year' honored by RCDM

By Kitte Noble/Des Moines

Club Executive Secretary

The Rotary Club of Des Moines has presented the recipients of their 2014 Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year Awards.

Firefighter Nathan Stewart and Senior Police Officer Michael Delaney were recognized by the Rotary Club of Des Moines at its Thursday, July 10 noon luncheon for their outstanding service above and beyond the call of duty.

For over 25 years the Rotary Club of Des Moines has annually recognized the outstanding men and women who excel in their commitment to public safety. Stewart and Delaney were nominated by their peers to receive this prestigious service recognition. \$500 is donated to a charity of their choice. Firefighter Stewart has selected the Des Moines Bicycle Collective to help with youth programs and education in cycling. Officer Delaney selected the Children's Cancer Connection.



The Rotary Club of Des Moines 2014 "Educators of the Year" award recipients.

'Educator of the Year' awards

By Kitte Noble/Des Moines

Club Executive Secretary

The Rotary Club of Des Moines (RCDM) is proud to announce the 2014 Educator of the Year award winners. Awards this year are being given to two high school teachers, a middle school teacher and an elementary school teacher whose dedication and devotion to teaching provides a great value to our community.

This year's winners are Amy Erwin, a first-grade teacher at Madison Elementary; Amelia "Amy" Kissell, a seventh-grade science teacher at Brody Middle School; Mindy Euken, a Spanish teacher at Roosevelt High School; and Karen Sissel, a Theatre Arts teacher at Lincoln High School.

The teachers were nominated by their principals. They then completed a written narrative describing aspects of how their teaching provides excellence in education. A Rotary committee reviews the applications and selects the recipients. Each winner receives a certificate and a monetary award, which recipients often use for classroom materials or community service activities. The awards are being handed out April 3 at the RCDM's meeting at the Wakonda Club.

Des Moines school teachers have considered the annual recognition from the Rotary Club of Des Moines a huge honor for the more than 20 years the awards have been handed out.

Fellowship: Ankeny clubs come together for evening picnic



The Rotary Club of Ankeny held a picnic at Sunrise Shelter in Ankeny on Aug. 12. Both the noon and evening meetings were canceled to encourage all members to attend. Approximately 70 members, guests, prospective members, and RYLA students were present. All members brought a dish to share and the club provided the hamburgers and hot dogs. Those attending brought a food item which was donated to the Red Rock Area Community Action Program's food pantry. Provided by Nate Burnham

Watermelon served, teachers welcomed at Atlantic

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic
Club Public Relations Chair

Rotary Club of Atlantic members again participated in the Cass County Fair. The annual watermelon feed is held the same day as the cattle show. The cattle show is outdoors so the need for a refreshing taste of watermelon is welcomed by everyone. The Rotarians set up near the cattle show ring and distribute watermelon free to everyone who stops by. The weather was great for eating watermelon! A great group of Rotarians helped serve 25 watermelons in an hour.

The watermelon feed was started by the Rotary Club in 1980, so there are many fairgoers who remember having watermelon as kids at the fair and now bring their children, and even a few grandchildren to the event. Everyone loves watermelon, especially on a hot day in August. This year one individual stopped to tell us that this was her favorite activity at the fair. She wouldn't miss getting to eat watermelon served by the Rotarians.

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A new opportunity to serve the community of Atlantic was started earlier this year. Sixteen local organizations, one of which is the Rotary Club of Atlantic, serve a "Community Dinner" every Tuesday night at the Catholic Parish Center. The Rotary club served the meal on July 15th and will serve again in the fall. Ten Rotarians assisted in the preparation and serving of the meal to seventy residents of the community.

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On Aug. 12 the Rotary Club of Atlantic welcomed the new teachers to the community. Twenty-four new teachers have joined the Atlantic School District: Nine at the high school, two at the middle school, three at Schuler Elementary and 10 at Washington Elementary.

Atlantic Superintendent Dr. Michael Amstein (a Rotarian) said a lot of teachers who left the district last spring, but he thought the public was "going to be impressed" with the new teachers.

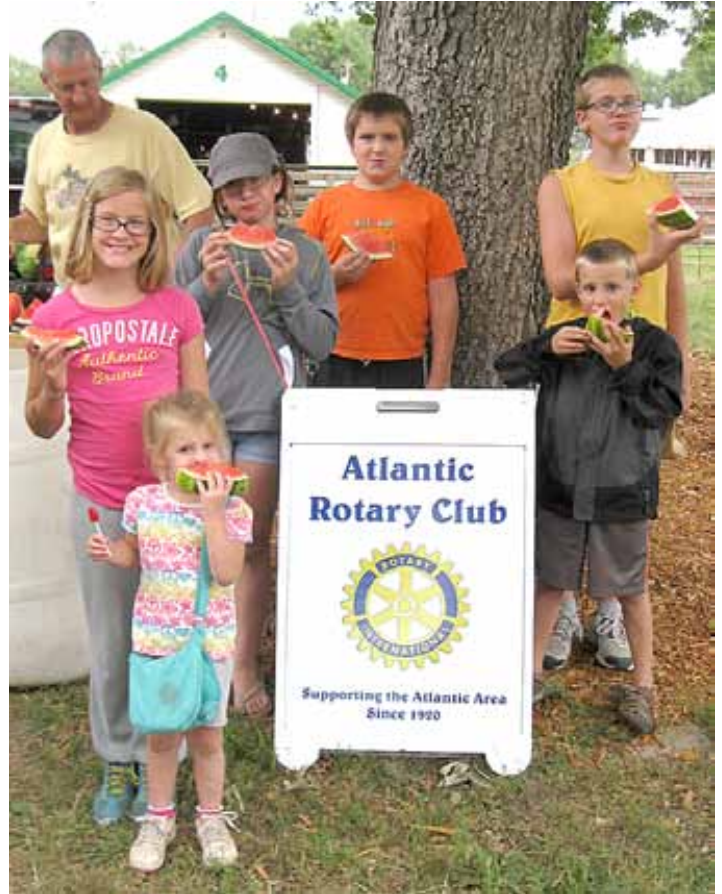
Margo Magill who received the first Atlantic, Iowa, Outstanding Teacher Award in May, 2014, said a few words of encouragement to the new teachers. Dr. Amstein thanked the members of the Rotary club for holding the luncheon and for their continued support of the school district, which is a benefit for all the students.



Rotary World Affairs Seminar ...

At the Aug. 21 meeting of the Rotary Club of Iowa City, Rotarian Linda Farkas (c) introduced Jamie Porter, senior at Regina High School, and Addison Schmitz, senior at West High, who reported about their life-changing experiences at the Rotary World Affairs Seminar in Waukesha, Wis. Students, many from other countries, attended the June 21-27 seminar whose theme was "World Health: Issues and Responsibilities." Information: <http://worldaffairsseminar.org/>.

(From Iowa City Rotary newsletter)



Nellee Ritter, Dayna Dreager, Tessa Ritter, Dustin Dreager, Derek Dreager and Corbin Ritter (great nieces and great nephews of Rotarian Dolly Bergmann) love the watermelon!



The Rotary Club of Atlantic held a welcome for new teachers, front (l-r): Trisha Niceswanger, Hillary Waldstein, Michelle McLaren and Morgan Stoasheim; row 2: Macie Silliman, Taylor Williams, Jessica Larsen, Gena Rush, Julia Gross and Katie Gaughan; row 3: Emily Brown, Stephanie Graham, Mindy Duff, Ellie Smith, Katina Coffield and Carolyn Russell; and row 4: Alisa Winqust, Kelly Juhl, Paul Dudley, Marcos Upchurch, Chris Hansen, Eric Waldstein and Rebecca Jacobson.



Fort Madison Rotarians Roger Cowles and Eric Van Ausdall book grillers for the club's 5th annual community-wide Picnic in the Park.

'Picnic in the Park' raises funds for Fort Madison projects

By Tamara L. Dietsch/Fort Madison

The Rotary Club of Fort Madison had its 5th Annual Picnic in the Park on June 8 in Fort Madison at Central Park. Central Park is an important project that the Rotary Club of Fort Madison had taken on many years ago. The club restored the bandstand to its glory and continues to maintain the bandstand and the park itself.

On June 8, the Annual Picnic in the Park took place from 4-7:30 p.m. with food and entertainment. Food was provided by the club and a free will donation was taken during the event and \$1,810 was collected. The club sold raffle tickets for a travel voucher or cash and netted \$2,290.

The proceeds from the free will donation and the raffle were given to the Central Park Maintenance Fund and the Fort Madison City Band, which performs in the summer in Central Park in the bandstand. While the event is only a one-day event, it takes an entire year to put together the pieces that make up the Picnic in the Park.

The Rotary Club of Fort Madison membership is a vital key to the project along with the entertainment acts that provide enjoyment for all of the community folks who attend.



Rotarians Tamara Dietsch and Morgan Kokjohn serve food at the Fort Madison Rotary's Picnic in the Park.



A customer makes a donation with Rotarians Dick Canelia, Moudy Nabulsi and Bob Anderson nearby.



Promoting sportsmanship



North Scott Rotarian Hank Runge (c) presented first-place Sportsmanship Awards earlier in 2014 to Davenport North coaches in the sportsmanship program that has been a partnership of the Mississippi Athletic Conference and seven Rotary clubs since 1998: Clinton, Bettendorf, Davenport, North Scott, Iowa Quad Cities, Muscatine and Burlington. Game officials rate the conduct of coaches, players and spectators after each contest and awards are presented annually in nine sports plus an overall award for boys' and girls' sports. Rotary's mark of excellence is displayed in school gymnasiums, and officials say that sportsmanship has improved because of the awards. For information about this project, contact project coordinator Bill Tubbs: btubbs@northscottpress.com. Photo by Bill Tubbs

Rotarians welcome Naomi Tutu; funds raised for Central Iowa Food Bank and PolioPlus

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Members of more than a dozen central Iowa Rotary clubs and guests were privileged on Friday, June 20, to experience the presentation “Our Shared Humanity” of Naomi Tutu, daughter of the Rev. Desmond Tutu, a South African social rights activist and retired Anglican bishop who rose to worldwide fame during the 1980s as an opponent of apartheid. Two hundred attended the breakfast meeting at Drake University’s Olmstead Center to hear Tutu.

Des Moines area club presidents formed a team to organize the event with the goals of bringing together Rotarians from different clubs and making significant donations to charities as a result. According to Tamara Kenworthy, 2013-14 president of the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM, sponsors and the metro area clubs covered expenses. Donations were made from the proceeds of the event to The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus effort, \$2,600, and to Outreach Inc./Central Iowa Food Bank, \$2,600.

“We’re thrilled with the amount generated for charity – while we had a great time mingling with other clubs. We actually exceeded our goal going to charity,” Kenworthy said.

As a child, Tutu was taught by way of proverbs, “In times of crisis the wise build bridges, the foolish build walls.” She used this and other sayings taught by her elders as illustrations of her view “our shared humanity.”

Tutu’s remarks were significantly aligned with Rotary’s 2013-14 theme, ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES. Her father was committed to peace as is Rotary. He said, “My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together.”

Tutu added, “As we are reminded of the value and yes the need for Rotarians to ENGAGE in your clubs, your communities and our work, LIVES are changed as we express “our shared humanity.”



Naomi Tutu spoke about “Our Shared Humanity” on June 20 at Drake University’s Olmstead Center. Metro Rotary clubs and sponsors covered her expenses. Photo by Jacque Andrew



Naomi Tutu (c) with Rotary Club of Des Moines AM 2013-14 president Tamara Kenworthy and District 6000 2013-14 District Governor Jacque Andrew.

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.

Golf ball drop raises funds for Ankeny charities

By Nate Burnham/Ankeny

Club Executive Secretary

For the fourth consecutive year, the Rotary Club of Ankeny sold golf ball drop tickets during Ankeny's 2014 Summerfest Celebration. Each ticket is numbered and corresponds to a number on a golf ball. At approximately 9:00 on the last night of Summerfest, prior to the fireworks, all the numbered balls are placed in a big tub and taken up in the air by the Ankeny Fire Department's ladder truck. They are then dropped, all at the same time, towards a golf hole cut in the grass about 60 feet below. The first ball in the hole, or closest to the hole if none goes in, wins \$1,000 for the person with the ticket matching the number on the ball. The second ball in the hole, or closest, wins \$500 the third ball in the hole, or closest, wins \$250, and the fourth ball in the hole or closest wins \$125. A total of 580 balls were sold this year.

Each ticket sold had a coupon for \$3.00 of a pizza at Leaning Tower of Pizza, and a donation of \$2,000 was received from Monsanto to be used for the prize money. For the first time this year, other non-profit service clubs in Ankeny were invited to assist with the sale of the tickets.

After expenses, \$5,687.50 was generated. The majority of the proceeds were donated to the Ankeny Service Center. Becky McKim, administrative assistant for the Ankeny Service Center, attended the noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Ankeny on Aug. 19 and received a check from the club in the amount of \$3,570.80.

The Ankeny Service Center has been a preferred charity of the Rotary Club of Ankeny for many years. It assists the Ankeny community through a wide range of programs and activities including emergency assistance, food vouchers daily bread program, holiday assistance, senior transportation, a senior expo and coordinating volunteer activities. The mission of the Ankeny Service Center is to provide coordination of services, activities, and programs in the areas of health, education and human services for the residents of Ankeny and northern Polk County.



Tom Friedman (l), Golf Ball Drop Committee chairperson, and Julie Cooper (r), president of the Rotary Club of Ankeny, present a check to Becky McKim of the Ankeny Service Center for \$3,750 that was raised in the golf ball drop.



This year's winner of the golf ball drop was Leigh Lewis. She is pictured with (l-r): Julie Cooper (l), president of the Rotary Club of Ankeny; Jim Ramsey, club treasurer; Leigh Lewis; Terry Peter, Rotarian selling the winning ticket; and Tom Friedman, Golf Ball Drop Committee chairperson.

Satellite club grows produce for Agape Gardens

By Nate Burnham/Ankeny

Club Executive Secretary

The Rotary Club of Ankeny is sponsoring a new satellite club that meets every Tuesday evening. One of the goals of the club is to allocate one meeting each month to a service project. In June, they completed a door-to-door food drive to benefit the Red Rock Area Community Action's food pantry. During the drive, 129 pounds of food and \$60 in cash and checks was collected.

The service project the club completed in August was, along with other volunteers, to help harvest 854 pounds of fresh produce at Agape Gardens in Ankeny one evening. The produce included wax beans, tomatoes, potatoes, eggplants, okra, Swiss chard, raspberries and a 29-pound cabbage!

Agape Gardens is located on the grounds of the Faith Chapel location of First United Methodist Church in Ankeny. Its mission is to provide fresh nutritious produce free of charge to those in need. This requires a number of volunteers to assist with planting, weeding, watering and harvesting. So far in 2014, the garden has produced over 5,000 pounds of fresh produce.



Members of the Rotary Club of Ankeny satellite club raised over 5,000 pounds of fresh produce for Agape Gardens.

Change lives: Join the Paul Harris Society!

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Paul Harris Society Committee member

Most Rotarians know about becoming a Paul Harris Fellow through a cumulative donation of \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The Paul Harris Society (PHS) recognizes Rotarians and friends who personally contribute \$1,000 or more to the TRF Annual Fund, PolioPlus or an approved Foundation grant each year. There are now more than 90 members of the Paul Harris Society in District 6000 (or those eligible) with 15 new members in 2013-14.

The idea of the Paul Harris Society formulated in districts in 1999 with D6000 adopting the idea in 2004-05. For consistency of the initiative, the TRF trustees approved it as an official recognition program of The Rotary Foundation effective July 1, 2013.

PHS changes lives!

Paul Harris Society members bring positive change to communities around the world. In any given year, less than 3 percent of Rotary Foundation donors worldwide contribute at the Paul Harris Society level or above, yet their contributions represent approximately 35 percent of all annual giving. PHS members are the backbone of the Foundation. As Rotary Foundation grants and activities are largely funded by Annual Fund contributions, Paul Harris Society members help determine how many individuals, families and communities Rotary can impact each year. The work of the Rotary Foundation starts with YOU!

The annual support of Paul Harris Society members allows Rotary to fulfill the promises made to improve local communities and communities around the world. Through their contributions, Paul Harris Society Members provide substantial support for The Rotary Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs such as:

- Polio Eradication;
- Community Service Grants to fund projects in our own district
- Global Grants to support humanitarian projects around the world.

- Global Scholarships and Vocational Training Teams (VTT) to further international understanding and share knowledge and skills
- Rotary World Peace Fellowships to foster peace in the world.

Benefits

As a benefit of membership, the recognition pin "flag" of the Paul Harris Society is presented to new members. Recognition points earned from PHS donations may be used to award new a Paul Harris Fellow to a recipient of the donor's choice annually, an opportunity to recognize dedication to Rotary and its ideals. The cumulative donations as a PHS member moves donors toward "Major Donor" levels of recognition for ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation.

For those not yet a Society member, but whom have already made a gift (for which we thank you!), please contact a member of this committee (see below) because Society membership does not occur automatically. The District Chair must receive word of your commitment to recognize your support, and for you to receive all the benefits of Paul Harris Society membership. Membership is an annual choice, at the donor's discretion, indicating intent to support The Rotary Foundation.

Donations may be made online at www.rotary.org/donate, by monthly "TRF Direct" bank transaction, or by check payable to "The Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund" delivered to the donor's club treasurer.

For more information or to join the Paul Harris Society, contact the District 6000 Paul Harris Society Coordinator, PDG Don Goering of Ames (donaaldgski@aol.com) or committee members PDG Jacque Andrew of Jefferson (jeandrew@netins.net) or Mike Ruby of Muscatine (rubys@machllink.com). More information is also available at www.rotary.org/PHS. Club presidents are encouraged to contact the committee with names of those club members who may be interested in joining or who are now contributing to TRF at this level.



'Family of Rotary' at North Scott

The Rotary Club of North Scott has been busy with activities involving family members: 1. President Steve Fahrenkrog (1) throws out the first pitch Rotary Night at the Ballpark for polio; 2. Greg Schapveld and son were among 260 at the annual Corn Boil at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds; 3. Pat DeLuca assists some of the 1,000 children who participated in the Scott County Library's "Fizz Boom Read" program (a Rotary grant project); 4. Tom Wilkerson (with golfer Zach Johnson) was among the volunteers at the John Deere Classic; and 5. Becky Porter and son, Brooks, were among 160 Rotarians and family members at a Niabi Zoo party. Photos by Bill Tubbs



Letters

Jacque, this note is to let you know I received your April-May-June News. This is a very informative and interesting piece you have produced. It tells a full story of district activities and projects. D6000 has a good history of being a strong district. You have worked hard to keep the enthusiasm and forward momentum going.

It has been interesting to me to see all the PDG's I have known from D6000 over the years. Hope you enjoyed your year as DG. It is a great experience and rewarding seeing all the good activities. Look forward to seeing you at the Zone Institute.

PDG Jerry Meigs, St. Paul, MN
Past RI Director

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Jacque, I appreciate being included in your newsletter circulation and see by your thoroughness that your "charges" are well served. Your newsletters are among the most thorough and celebratory I have ever had the opportunity to read. I even saw a guy with a "turtle on a post"!

Know that you made a positive difference during your tenure and set a strong stage on which DG John can launch. Great seeing you in Sydney and know that our paths will cross many times in the future.

PDG Steve Wilcox, Rotary trainer
Hudson, WI

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Jacque, I followed you through your year vicariously on Facebook, but seeing your newsletters reinforces the successes I know you had all year long! Steve and I were honored to have had the opportunity to work with you and your classmates, and now know our journey, which began at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, has concluded so positively. We appreciate the recognition, but know it was you who executed your duties with energy and style. All the best!

PDG Mark Kriebel
Endwell, NY

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DG Jacque and PDG Bill: Thanks for keeping me aware of events in D-6000 this year. Jacque's Facebook postings and Bill's quarterly newsletter demonstrated that your members really engaged Rotary and changed a lot of lives.

PDG John "Jack" K. Best
Past RI Director
Rotary Peace Centers Major Gift
Initiative Committee
Rochester, NY

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Bill, I hope all is well for you. The real purpose of this e-mail is again to let you know how much I enjoy your newsletter. Both Kathy and I read it from cover to cover. The quality is just remarkable. The news is very interesting. I learn something from each one. One truly gets a feeling for all that is happening in your district. Again kudos; keep them coming. I always share them with my current DG on the basis of here is the model to strive for. If there is a Pulitzer for Rotary District News, you should get it. Take care my friend. If I do get to LaCrosse (Zone Institute), the main purpose would be to hopefully see people like you and my good friend Susan Herrick.

PDG Ted Gurzinsky
Greendale, WI

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Bill and Jacque, I just received the newsletter in the mail. It provided the best review of a district conference ever. The format in presenting the conference was great. I thought the front page picture was inspired. Great work!!!!

DGN Chris Knapp
Rotary Club of Iowa City AM

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Congratulations on another great issue of the District 6000 News. I'm glad we had a long Fourth of July weekend so I could finally squeeze in some quality time and read your latest edition of the D6000 News. Very comprehensive, great pictures, lots of important information about clubs and the district. Great job. Better than a great job. I have found your newsletter to be one of the best sources to answer many of the questions we get asked about D6000.

Gerald Klonglan
Rotary Club of Ames

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Dear DG 2013-14 Jacque: Wow! Thanks so much for the SUPER SUPPORT of Rotary's No.1 priority – Ending Polio Now. Your DDF gift of \$61,000 with the matches of 50 cents to the dollar from the trustees and then the double match from the Gates Foundation means that, with the leverage, your gift will generate \$274,000 in support of ending polio. This gift of well beyond 20 percent of DDF identifies your district as one that truly understands the importance of keeping our promise of a polio free world to all children. Your district's leadership team has also demonstrated a willingness and understanding of supporting top priorities using means encouraged by our trustees.

You are team players.

This also puts your district on the track to be recognized as a "20 Percent District" if the district can continue to provide a minimum of 20 percent of DDF to polio eradication during each of the years through 2018. The outcome would be recognition on the plaque at Rotary International of a district that provided a minimum of 20 percent of DDF through 2018. You have set the standard that hopefully future leadership teams in your district can follow.

The funds your team has provided with this gift, along with the matches, may be used for a number of expenses related to ending polio – but is an amount sufficient to immunize nearly half a million children. Your team, and all Rotarians in your district, should be very proud of your support for a cause that will become a significant part of history. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

As a final note, I know that International PolioPlus Committee chair, Dr. Bob Scott, will be very pleased with this as one of the final gifts of DDF in his tenure as chairman. He retired from his post on 30 June but hopefully will stay active in a supporting role.

Needless to say, President Ron will also be happy with your district's Engaging Rotary and Changing Lives of children who will not have to suffer from polio.

Thanks so much.

PDG Jon Stillman
End Polio Now Zone Coordinator
Rotary Zone 28
Stillwater, MN

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Dear DG Jacque: Jon Stillman is absolutely right. A tremendous support and as Jon points out in another way, so many children will not now have a life as a cripple because of you and your Rotarians. Thank you for your support. Thank you on behalf of the children.

PDG Bob Scott
Ontario, Canada
Chair, Rotary International PolioPlus
Committee (retired June 30, 2014)

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Jacque: What a fantastic surprise. This wonderful contribution truly enhances our efforts to achieve a polio free world. Your leadership is greatly appreciated.

John Germ
Chattanooga, Tenn.
PolioPlus Chair and President-Nominee
of Rotary International

Your Rotary legacy: An endowment gift to The Rotary Foundation

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

District 6000 Endowment Chair

Did you know that studies show that as many as 50 percent of Americans do not take even the most basic steps to provide for the future management and distribution of their property. We would all agree that it is very important that we individually exercise our right and responsibility to control the distribution of property we have worked a lifetime to accumulate.



Don Goering

A properly planned legacy gift to Rotary offers potential tax and other financial benefits for your estate. It is important to consult with your lawyer or other professional advisor when you consider how a gift might impact your overall plan.

1. Make a bequest in your will or other estate plan. When you make or update a will, you may include The Rotary Foundation for a specific dollar amount, a percentage of what is left after other bequests, or even a particular asset. You may be able to add a bequest to an existing will through a codicil, or amendment.

2. Make The Rotary Foundation the beneficiary of a retirement plan. When you leave the balance of an IRA or 401(k) to your heirs, they must carefully manage the account to avoid losing its tax deferred status and potentially triggering large income taxes and possible penalties. You can simplify matters for your loved ones by directing all or a portion of what remains in your retirement accounts to charities and leaving other more tax-favored assets to your heirs.

3. Turn your life insurance into a charitable gift. Life insurance policies no longer needed for their original purposes can make excellent gifts to The Rotary Foundation. Check with your life insurance professional to review and update the necessary forms to make your life insurance a charitable gift.

4. Use your bank accounts or certificates of deposit to provide future gifts to the Rotary Foundation through Pay on Death (P.O.D.) instructions. Brokerage accounts may also be left to charities through Transfer on Death (T.O.D.) provisions.

Rotary is pleased to confer Benefactor status on those who commit any amount in their estate plan to the Endowment Fund. Benefactors receive personalized certificates and a special insignia to wear with their Rotary pins. Those who commit to gifts of \$10,000 or more receive membership in the Bequest Society, which provides special Foundation updates and invitations, and an exclusive pin and engraved crystal.

You may be able to personalize your legacy through a named fund within the Endowment Fund. The separately identified fund could bear your name, your family's name, or the name of a loved one. The Foundation will work with you and your advisors to prepare a customized testamentary gift agreement memorializing your intent. The minimum amount to establish a named endowment is \$25,000.

As you consider achieving your charitable goals, The Rotary Foundation has a Planned Giving team of professionals to assist District 6000 Rotarians. To contact one of the TRF team members, contact them at (847) 866-3100 or via e-mail: plannedgiving@rotary.org.

For additional information online, please visit www.rotary.org/planned-giving.



PolioPlus Giving

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2014,
and July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Club (Membership)	'13-'14 Rotary year	Since 2001
District contributions	\$ 1,650	\$ 53,514
Adel (27)	0	3,577
Albia (24)	0	11,262
Ames Morning (54)	1,500	12,299
Ames (235)	3,781	114,485
Ankeny (66)	4,490	24,091
Atlantic (55)	0	11,301
Bettendorf (101)	2,000	19,992
Bloomfield (11)	828	6,898
Boone (47)	1,747	16,216
Burlington (77)	4,960	20,852
Carroll (50)	50	18,145
Centerville (48)	970	7,318
Chariton (49)	2,000	28,826
Clinton (112)	2,789	27,102
Coon Rapids (31)	0	606
Coralville-North Corridor (19)	525	174,663
Corning (43)	1,000	11,653
Corydon (21)	0	1,641
Creston (19)	0	2,949
Dallas Center (26)	0	4,494
Davenport (123)	2,735	20,160
Decatur County (25)	620	8,354
Des Moines AM (153)	4,460	16,040
Des Moines (278)	1,316	76,965
East Polk County (37)	1,978	12,997
Fairfield (63)	1,960	20,299
Fort Madison (42)	0	7,001
Greater Des Moines (19)	20	5,208
Grinnell (36)	3,015	17,289
Indianola (55)	853	13,824
Iowa City AM (57)	324	16,813
Iowa City Downtown (19)	1,510	9,471
Iowa City (304)	2,880	71,791
Iowa Quad-Cities (44)	0	6,670
Jefferson (55)	2,505	24,050
Johnston (51)	928	6,241
Kalona (39)	0	3,929
Keokuk (77)	1,140	23,129
Keosauqua (21)	0	1,939
Knoxville (59)	0	7,091
Lenox (27)	0	1,349
Manning (19)	250	5,839
Marengo (12)	0	262
Marshalltown (157)	1,427	48,007
Mount Pleasant Noon (58)	2,169	10,922
Mount Pleasant (25)	910	10,442
Muscatine (112)	1,600	39,523
Nevada (69)	1,825	30,410
Newton (65)	1,967	25,914
North Scott (81)	1,820	36,787
Northwest Des Moines (41)	3,782	62,829
Osceola (31)	5	1,029
Oskaloosa (53)	2,000	13,113
Ottumwa (104)	0	16,689
Pella (27)	576	5,983
Perry (29)	821	2,990
Tipton (30)	825	6,063
Washington (48)	540	14,861
Waukee (52)	3,350	17,074
Wellman (37)	0	5,152
West Des Moines (76)	60	24,876
West Liberty (39)	2,091	16,275
West Polk County (23)	1,120	3,672
Winterset (30)	0	1,647
Total (3,917)	\$81,672	\$1,342,853

(* Source: Rotary Foundation; also \$61,000 DDF in 2013-14, and \$384,741 DDF since 2001 for a total PolioPlus giving from District 6000 of \$1,727,595.

News Briefs

District Conference: The 2015 District Conference will be District 6000's 100th. Mark the dates: April 16-18, 2015, at the new Marriot Coralville Hotel and Conference Center, just south of I-80 in the Iowa City area. The theme is "Celebrating Youth."

Zone: Rotary leaders from 12 districts in Zone 28 and 16 districts in Zone 29 will convene for the 2014 Zone Leadership Training and Institute Sept. 9-14 at the Radisson Hotel and LaCrosse Convention Center in LaCrosse, Wis. District Governor-Elect Loring Miller and Phyllis will attend the Governor-Elect Training Seminar (GETS) Sept. 9-11 and will be joined by past district governors and other Rotary leaders for the Institute, Sept. 11-14. The theme of the Institute, convened by RI Director Mary Beth Growney-Selene of Madison, Wis., is "Breathe a Song."

Keosauqua: The theme of "175 Years of Progress" will be the parade theme for the 2014 Fall Festival Parade which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11 during the annual county Scenic Drive/Fall Festival. The theme carries on the celebration of the city of Keosauqua's 175th anniversary this year.

Board actions: Recent actions of the RI board of directors, reported by director Mary Beth Growney-Selene include:

- The board does NOT AGREE to adopt a new RI structured program for children 12 years of age, but encourages interested clubs and districts to continue to develop those programs on a local level.

- Rotary will maintain the existing Project Partnership with ShelterBox as a recognized mechanism for Rotarians to respond to disasters.

- The board agrees that adoption of Rotary's online tools, including Rotary Club Central, is necessary to create stronger Clubs; and encourages conveners and organizers of PETS, GETS, and other events to include training on Rotary Club Central and other online tools.

District Dues: Bills have sent to clubs and are now payable for District dues of \$30 per member. Clubs are invited and encouraged to make voluntary contributions of \$5 per member in support of the Iowa Miles of Smiles Team (cleft lip-cleft palate surgical teams), FAMSCO (Fire And Medical Supply Company), and \$2 for the Youth Services Fund.



Rebaz (Shamsiden) Yerington, at home in Kurdistan, Facebook photo

Rebaz is a healthy teenager!

In January 2005, District 6000 Rotarians arranged for a very sick 5-year-old boy, Rebaz Shamsideen, to come to Iowa from Kurdistan, in northern Iraq, for a heart surgery that would save his life. His older brother had died of the heart condition that afflicted Rebaz, who was found by U.S. Army Sgt. Cory Yerington of West Liberty. Rotarians worked through diplomatic channels to bring Rebaz to the University Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City where surgeons donated their services to save his life. Rotarians raised over \$23,000 for hospital and other expenses. Rebaz and his father, Subhi, lived in the West Liberty home of Scott and Cindy Yerington from January through April. The Yeringtons have since moved to Minnesota, and are now keeping in touch with Rebaz, whose Facebook name is Rebaz Yerington. He posts messages often about cars, animals and things that would interest any teenage boy. It was a heartwarming story then, which now appears to have a happy ending – thanks to Rotary! – DG 2004-05 Bill Tubbs



Rebaz Shamsideen

A sick 5-year-old in 2005 who came to Iowa for heart surgery, thanks to Rotary

President: John F. Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tenn., and the new chair of the International PolioPlus Committee, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2016-17. He will become the president-nominee on Oct. 1 if there are no challenging candidates. He will succeed President-Elect Ravi Ravindran of Sri Lanka.

In 1965, after four years in the U.S. Air Force, Germ, an engineer, joined Campbell and Associates Inc., an engineering consulting firm. He now serves as the company's board chair and chief executive officer.



RI President-Nominee John Germ presided at the 2013 Council On Legislation.
Photo by Bill Tubbs



Thank you, Jacque

District Governor 2013-14 Jacques Andrew received this framed and matted painting of a Rotary meeting from District 6000 Rotarians in appreciation of her service. The painting, and a gorgeous crystal vase, were presented by District Governor 2011-12 Don Patterson, pictured here with his wife, Becky. (District Governor 2012-13 Terry Geiger was out of state on a long awaited Alaskan trip.) The PDG summer event was June 28 at the Ox Yoke Inn in Amana.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Perfect attendance

During the annual meeting on June 26, the Rotary Club of Ankeny recognized 27 members who had achieved perfect attendance for the 2013-2014 Rotary year. The most consecutive years with perfect attendance has been achieved by Mike Lydon. Mike joined the Rotary Club of Ankeny on Aug. 17, 1987. He did not have perfect attendance his first year but has had 25 consecutive years since. Mike (I) was presented a plaque in recognition of this accomplishment by 2013-2014 President Dirk Westercamp.

Provided by Nate Burnham

New member ...

Rotary Club of North Scott 2013-14 president Steve Suiter (I) presented the William F. Tubbs Honor Rotarian Award to new member Patrick Olsen on July 16. Olsen is a Rotary Foundation Level II Bequest Society member and chaired the club's fundraising auction that raised \$43,000. A second honoree, Christine Garrow, who was recognized for her work with literacy and reading programs, was not present. The award has been presented since 2003 to recognize an outstanding new member.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

CLUB	APRIL 2014		MAY 2014		JUNE 2014	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	67.00%	21	69.00%	17	55.00%	35
Albia	43.50%	50	43.50%	52		
Ames	66.91%	22	62.95%	30	61.07%	25
Ames Morning	55.50%	38	58.60%	37	56.80%	31
Ankeny	82.17%	9	73.91%	13	79.65%	9
Atlantic						
Bettendorf	54.10%	41	58.40%	39	56.20%	33
Bloomfield	56.00%	37	64.00%	27	61.00%	26
Boone	63.00%	27	61.00%	34	62.00%	24
Burlington	84.10%	7	87.20%	4	84.70%	3
Carroll	51.41%	46	61.00%	34	48.03%	42
Centerville	52.00%	44	47.00%	48	43.00%	47
Chariton	64.90%	25	62.96%	29	76.29%	10
Clinton	59.37%	33	43.89%	51	54.34%	38
Coon Rapids						
Coralville-North Corridor	84.00%	8	75.00%	12	83.00%	4
Corning	70.00%	17				
Corydon						
Creston	49.00%	47	51.00%	45	47.00%	45
Dallas Center	73.00%	12	68.00%	18	74.00%	12
Davenport	60.58%	30	58.90%	36	57.99%	29
Decatur County	80.00%	11	80.00%	8		
Des Moines	58.81%	35	53.69%	42	57.29%	30
Des Moines A.M.	84.00%	8	73.00%	14	64.00%	20
East Polk County	54.21%	40	61.84%	33	54.61%	37
Fairfield	42.70%	52	39.50%	54	43.00%	47
Fort Madison	62.00%	28	64.00%	27	61.00%	26
Greater Des Moines	42.00%	53	41.00%	54	52.00%	39
Grinnell	86.00%	6	78.00%	10	83.00%	4
Indianola	67.65%	19	65.50%	25		
Iowa City	32.24%	54	35.69%	55	32.02%	48
Iowa City A.M.	94.69%	1	91.02%	1	82.88%	5
Iowa City Downtown	92.19%	2	83.33%	6	80.26%	7
Iowa Quad-Cities	70.51%	16	65.64%	24	63.16%	21
Jefferson	68.00%	18	67.00%	21		
Johnston	67.05%	20	58.54%	38	58.02%	28
Kalona	89.47%	5	72.89%	15	71.34%	15
Keokuk	43.17%	51	45.72%	50	47.25%	43
Keosauqua	59.00%	34	53.60%	43	54.80%	36
Knoxville	63.36%	26	57.61%	41	59.43%	27
Lenox	72.00%	14	76.00%	11	72.00%	14
Manning	80.00%	11	90.00%	2	63.00%	22
Marengo						
Marshalltown	60.79%	29	46.81%	49	20.69%	49
Mount Pleasant Noon	60.36%	31	61.95%	32	64.07%	19
Mt. Pleasant	86.00%	6	89.00%	3	89.00%	1
Muscatine	44.58%	49	49.51%	47	44.33%	46
Nevada	51.96%	45	62.15%	31		
Newton	71.44%	15	65.77%	23		
North Scott	91.33%	3	86.97%	5	82.23%	6
Northwest Des Moines	81.25%	10	79.52%	9	72.50%	13
Osceola	70.00%	17	65.00%	26	65.00%	18
Oskaloosa	65.30%	24	66.00%	22	65.30%	17
Ottumwa	54.57%	39	58.16%	40	56.46%	32
Pella	66.00%	23	73.00%	14	76.00%	11
Perry	54.00%	42	59.00%	35	56.00%	34
Tipton	48.40%	48	52.00%	44	62.50%	23
Washington	57.21%	36	63.02%	28	51.18%	40
Waukee	72.29%	13	67.35%	19	69.83%	16
Wellman	90.76%	4	67.18%	20	88.89%	2
West Des Moines	53.17%	43	50.34%	46	47.22%	44
West Liberty	60.00%	32	72.00%	16	56.00%	34
West Polk County			41.91%	53	50.59%	41
Winterset	86.00%	6	82.00%	7	80.00%	8

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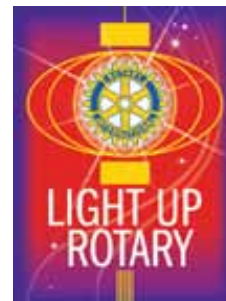
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Club leaders' checklist



From DG John Ockenfels . . .

• Ensure that your RI dues and your 2014-15 **district dues** are paid, including voluntary contributions for **Iowa M.O.S.T., FAMSCO and Youth Services Fund**.

• Plan "**Rotary Days**" in your community (p. 2).

• Order coats for children in your community through **Operation Warm** (p. 3).

• Encourage members to attend one of two District 6000 **Fall Training Seminars** (p. 5).

• Encourage members to attend the **District Rotary Foundation Dinner** (p. 5).

• Nominate a worthy member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** (p. 5).

• Consider nominations for **District Governor** (p. 6).

• Encourage members to start making plans now to attend the **2015 RI Convention** in São Paulo, Brazil (p. 19).

• Encourage members to apply for the **2015 Project Team to Xicotepec, Mexico** (p. 25).

• Invite a **RYLA student(s)** to speak at your club and engage them in your activities (pp. 9-12).

• Submit your club's goal for giving to the Annual Fund of **The Rotary Foundation** at Rotary Club Central and make plans to meet or exceed it (pp. 16-17).

• Prepare for **District Governor 2014-15 John Ockenfels' Official Visit** to your club (unless he has already been there).

• Set a challenging goal for membership development and invite quality **new member(s)** to your club (p. 17).

• Promote attendance and report your **club attendance** to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 39).

• Create awareness of Rotary's global quest to **eradicate polio** and meet or exceed your club's fundraising goal for **PolioPlus** (p. 37).

• **Submit news** of your club's activities by Nov. 24, 2014, for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, at btubbs@northscottpress.com.

• "**Light Up Rotary**" in your club, community and world!

The Four-Way Test

(of the things we Think, Say or Do)

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