

District 6000 News

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Reach within and find YOUR way to serve



Don Patterson
District Governor

By DG Don Patterson/Washington

Hello Everyone!!!

It is such a pleasure, honor and privilege to serve as your District Governor! Thank you for the opportunity.

The time from January to July of this year was spent on planning, training, and making leadership appointments. Now are club visits in District 6000.

Every visit has been enjoyed. We have an excellent Rotary district, with excellent Rotary clubs, and excellent Rotarians. It is

amazing that the commonality of Rotary values and service brings us all together as if we were longtime friends and acquaintances.

While visiting clubs I bring everyone “up to date” on district activities and goals. During my presentation, I attempt to reflect on ones “trip” through Rotary and the connection to our Rotary International theme this year, “REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY.”

If we choose, there can be a personal connection, and a club connection, as all of us attempt to find our interests and passion in the five Rotary Avenues of Service. My wife and fellow Rotarian,

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D-6000 Rotarians are making a permanent impact on lives in Sri Lanka through funds raised for tsunami relief in 2005. Gandhimathi stands proudly in the background with her goats as two of her three children smile. Read about our microcredit finance partnership with World Vision on pages 8-9.



District Governor Don Patterson found his Rotary inspiration with friends at Casa Hogar Victoria Orphanage in Xicotepec, Mexico. Governor Don writes about each Rotarian finding YOUR way to serve (above). Read about our district's Xicotepec project on pages 4-7.



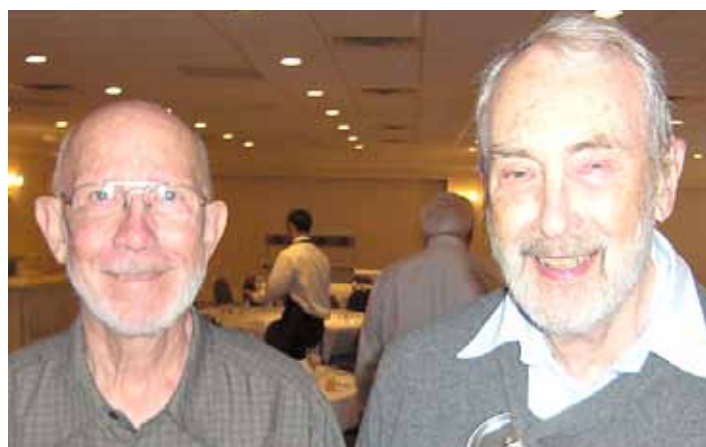
June 23 was a special day at the Rotary Club of Iowa City, as PDG Herb Wilson (l) was the recipient of The Rotary Foundation's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award, present by PDG Don Goering, with Janice Wilson present. In the photo at right, PDG Gary Pacha and Nancy received recognition as Major Donors, present by PDG Corliss Klaassen.



Foundation celebrated at Iowa City



Celebrating The Rotary Foundation at Iowa City were PDGs Bill Tubbs and Don Goering, DG Gary Welch, EREY chair Bill Koellner, and Foundation chair Corliss Klaassen.



Longtime Iowa City Rotarians Dick Kennedy and Major Donor Ed Barker were among the celebrants at the Rotary Club of Iowa City on June 16.

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Major Donors Stan Barber and Corrine, formerly of Wellman and now Iowa City, were among many in attendance as The Rotary Foundation was celebrated June 16 in Iowa City.

Governor: Best wishes for a successful year!

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Becky, and I have chosen our Xicotepec, Mexico, experiences to share with the district.

Of course, it can't go without saying, how successful we have been in our \$200 million Bill and Melinda Gates worldwide challenge grant to eradicate polio. Our District Club Goal is \$378,000. We have now raised over \$295,000 from our District 6000 clubs. If we meet our club pledges this year of \$78,000, we will be so close. We should do everything possible to meet or exceed our pledges. We are using as a guide, \$31.50 per club member a year (July 2011-June 2012). If your pledge is lower than this, please consider an increase. If you are a club that has not pledged, please plan on doing so. The eradication of polio must, and will happen.

Best wishes for a successful year!

Klinginsmith to speak at Davenport Rotary Centennial celebration

The Rotary Club of Davenport was the second in Iowa to receive a charter and the 34th in Rotary International, on Feb. 16, 1912. The first meeting was held on Nov. 11, 1911.

To celebrate its 100th Anniversary, the club is planning a gala Centennial event the evening of Friday, Nov. 11, 2011. The featured speaker will be Ray Klinginsmith of Kirksville, Mo., who completed his year as president of Rotary International in June.

Since Nov. 11 is Veteran's Day, the club will also be honoring our nation's armed forces with a visit and presentation from Sgt. Major Steve Blake, a motivational speaker who is now commanding at the Rock Island Arsenal.

This event will be held at the Rogalski Center on the campus of St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport. Cocktail hour will start at 5:30 and run until 6:30 p.m.

During that time you will be able to mingle and view displays from Rotary clubs who were sponsored by the Davenport club: North Scott, Bettendorf, Iowa City, Burlington, Iowa Quad Cities, Moline, Rock Island, Muscatine and Maquoketa.

Club president Mike Hamann says you will also be entertained by a piano player, and the ceremony will open with the ROTC students from the Davenport schools presenting the colors of our country.

Along with dinner, you will hear from a couple of Rotary scholarship recipients. Hamann said there will be a few other surprises designed to keep you entertained, while celebrating the accomplishments of Rotary in our communities!

Cost is \$50 per person. There will be menu options to choose (beef, chicken or vegetarian). Rotarians, spouses and friends of Rotary are welcome. To make reservations, call (563) 322-3567 or e-mail davrotary@netexpress.net.

Please join us!

— Provided by Mike Hamann



Ray Klinginsmith

Fall seminars offer training, fellowship



District Governor Don Patterson and the District Training Committee welcome and encourage Rotarians from all clubs to attend one or more of four regional evening seminars for fun, fellowship and training from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on these dates and locations:

Thursday, Sept. 15:

First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
309 N. Main Street, Mt. Pleasant

Tuesday, Sept. 20:

DMACC - Ankeny Campus
2006 South Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny, FFA Building (NW)

Thursday, Sept 22:

West Liberty Community Center
1204 N. Calhoun Street, West Liberty

Tuesday, Sept. 27:

Indianola, location to be determined.

The committee considers this to be mandatory for those who are new to the secretary or treasurer office within the last two years. Individuals who have previously served in these two roles are also invited to attend to brush up on reports and processes and to have questions answered.

The cost of the seminars is pre-paid for all who attend with district dues, but your pre-registration at www.rotary6000.org will help with planning. A light supper will be served at each location.

Who should attend? For each club we are aiming for attendance from each of the following roles:

- Club President and President-Elect.
- Rotary Foundation chair (or committee member).
- Membership chair (or committee member).
- Public Image (PR) chair (or committee member).
- Current and future Rotary Youth Exchange officers and counselors and those interested in Youth Exchange
- Club secretaries and treasurers (especially those who are new to these offices).
- All other interested Rotarians from District 6000 are also welcome.

To register, log in at www.rotary6000.org. A separate registration link is provided for each location. Your team can also register by phone at 1(877) 976-8279 or by email to dis6000admin@lisco.com. For those attending the secretary/treasurer session, please specify that.

Questions? Contact Carolyn Scharff at the District Office, 1 (877) 976-8279

XICOTEPEC: Year No. 9 Rotarians, friends celebrate progress in Mexican village

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM
Xicotepec Project Team Leader

March 2011 marked the ninth consecutive year in which District 6000 project teams have joined the Xicotepec Rotary Club to work on projects. Each of two project teams comprising a total of 64 Rotarians, Interactors, university students and their family members spent a week of work, fellowship and fun in Xicotepec de Juárez, Puebla, Mexico.

Xicotepec, with a population of about 75,000, is located three hours by car northeast of Mexico City in the Sierra Norte de Puebla. Since first contacting one another in 2001, the Xicotepec Rotary Club and our district have enjoyed a long and productive partnership that has helped improve schools, health care and many other aspects of life for the citizens of Xicotepec.

As has been the custom in the past, youth were lodged in the dormitories of the Centro Cruz Azul, while adults were housed with Rotarians in their homes. Three times a day, all the members of the project team gathered at the Cruz Azul to eat a delicious meal prepared on-site by a kitchen staff hired by the Xicotepec Rotary Club especially to provide for their guests from Iowa.

In spite of a very busy work schedule, project team members were given time to visit the weekly market, la Xochipila (a pre-Columbian shrine still visited by indigenous pilgrims), a local history museum, an artisans' cooperative and a road/bridge/tunnel construction project that will greatly improve communications between Xicotepec,

the national capital Mexico City, and Tuxpan – soon to be Mexico's most important port on the Gulf coast. At the end of the second week, Gringo visitors were treated to an honest-to-goodness fiesta Mexicana, complete with a mariachi band and traditional dancers.

In 2011, several important projects were undertaken. At the Sor Juana



Interior of new classroom at Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Pre-school.

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This boy at the Casa Hogar Victoria orphanage shows his delight with his new shoes – thanks to Rotary!



University of Iowa dental students Julie Reynolds and Marcela Zamora demonstrate correct brushing for children.

XICOTEPEC

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Inés de la Cruz Preschool, a new classroom was constructed with the help of the parents. This classroom allows the 86 children at this school to share three classrooms instead of two. The school director, parents, students and several officials from the state and local offices of the Ministry of Education celebrated the inauguration of the classroom at the end of the second week.

The Cuauhtémoc Bilingual Primary School in the Ojo de Agua neighborhood has been the site of a series of projects during the past four years. Not only has the school been transformed during this time, but the entire neighborhood has also improved in many respects. Running water, sewer drainage and paved streets have all come to the neighborhood recently, and the enrollment at the school has more than doubled. A school that was destined to be closed has become a vital center of neighborhood activity and pride with help from Rotary. This year's project was the paving of the plaza cívica or playground area. Because Xicotepec receives about 100 inches of rain each year, paved play areas are much preferred over bare ground. In addition, the Xicotepec municipal government promised to build a permanent steel canopy over the play area, making it usable under all weather conditions – on the condition that the playground was first paved.

The West Des Moines Rotary Club, represented by Tom Narak and Tom George (known all over Xicotepec as “los Toms”), once again supported the families and the teachers at the Cuauhtémoc school by providing uniforms, desks, chairs, computer equipment, filing cabinets and school supplies. At the celebratory convivio held at the end of the week, much fresh fruit and many tamales were consumed by Gringos and Mexicans alike. “Los Toms” also visited several other schools in marginal neighborhoods and arranged to provide uniforms and school supplies for students from poor families who struggle to meet these basic needs for their children.

As in the past, Jefferson Rotarian Nancy Stroburg and her husband, Jeff, provided the funds for the purchase of shoes for each of the 60 children at the Casa Hogar Victoria Orphanage. These were purchased by the Xicotepec Rotarians' wives and distributed to everyone's delight by the second project team, which was treated to a choral performance by the children as a thank-you for their new footwear.



Water filtration system provided by Rotary at CAM Special Education School in La Ceiba.

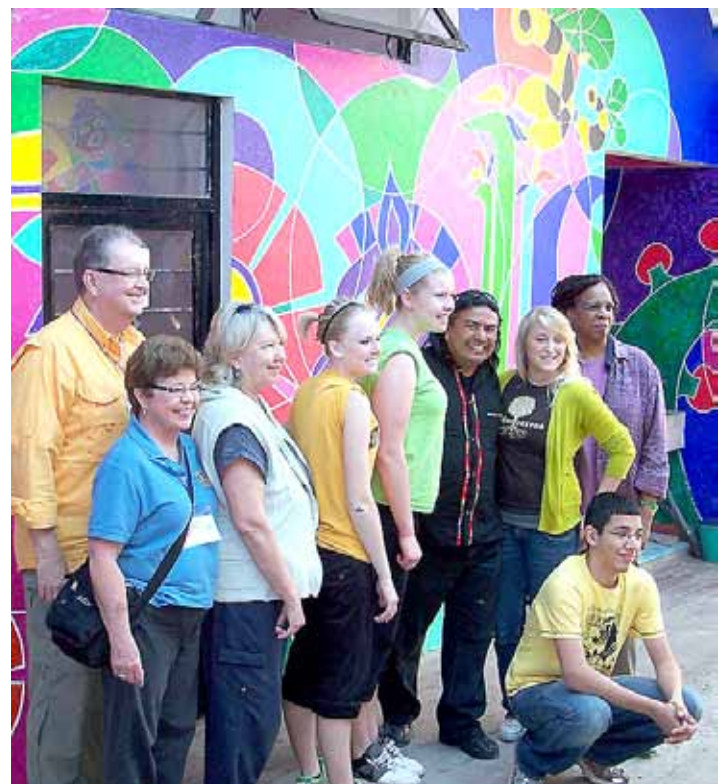
Bob Main of the Rotary Club of Newton and Keith Hobson of the Rotary Club of Nevada, as leaders of the Water Team, installed, moved, repaired and tested several drinking water filtration systems in schools, the Red Cross and the prison.

At the Xicotepec Casa de Cultura, project team members worked together with local artist Jacobo

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“Los Toms” – Rotarians Tom Narak and Tom George – handing out uniforms to students at the Cuauhtémoc Primary School in Ojo de Agua.



Mural designed by Jacobo Domínguez and painted by the D6000 project team: Becky Patterson, Don Patterson, Kathy Skinner, Tali Christian, Nikki Miller, Jacobo Domínguez, Anne Underwood, Loyce Arthur, Nikilesh Rao (kneeling)

XICOTEPEC

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Domínguez to complete a striking wall mural. Another mural was completed at the La Uno bottled water plant in honor of Rotarian Jaime Wurts, who passed away in 2010.

Since 2007, the University of Iowa has offered a semester-long service-learning class in which the students develop a service project related to their area of study and then work together to complete the project in Xicotepec during spring break. At the end of the semester, students present a written report and a give a public presentation about their project and their experience. In addition to the project-related work, service-learning students study Mexican culture, cultural competence and effective teamwork, and they produce written reflections on both their classroom and field experiences.

In 2011, students from the College of Pharmacy, College of Nursing and College of Dentistry enrolled in the "International Perspectives: Xicotepec" service-learning class. Professors Hazel Seaba and Chris Catney of the College of Pharmacy worked with their students, local nursing students, Red Cross volunteers, local Rotarians, their family members and project team members to administer more than 3,500 de-worming treatments to school-age children and carefully record name, age, height and weight data for each.

The College of Dentistry's Professor Steve Levy worked with two of his students to establish a pilot program of preventive dental hygiene in three schools (pre-, primary and secondary) in the poor community of Gilberto Camacho. It is hoped that this program will serve as a model for future programs.

Professor Connie Trowbridge, from the College of Nursing, supervised three of her students who visited local hospitals and clinics, accompanied a public health nurse on her home visits, and worked with Mexican nursing students. Rotarian Dr. Pete Wallace of the Rotary Club of Iowa City shared his knowledge and observations with this group, greatly enriching their experience and insights. The nursing students and some of the pharmacy students also worked with the wives of Xicotepec Rotarians and Tehuacán Rotarian Dr. Jorge Octavio Martínez to help provide cervical cancer and diabetes screening to some 200 women in the course of two days.

As usual, the hospitality shown to the entire Iowa D6000 group by the Xicotepec Rotarians, their families and by the entire community of Xicotepec was gracious and warm. New friendships were formed and old bonds were strengthened.

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Rotarians and townsfolk celebrate the paving of the plaza cívica (seen in the picture), Cuauhtémoc Primary School in Ojo de Agua.



Three University of Iowa nursing students, Xicotepec nurse, professor Connie Trowbridge, Xicotepec Rotary club president Dr. Angel Velázquez, and Dr. Pete Wallace at the Hospital Integral, Xicotepec.



On right, the new classroom at Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Pre-school.



Nevada Rotarian Kathy Skinner and her friend celebrate the inauguration of the new classroom at Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Pre-school.



Dr Pete Wallace of the Rotary Club of Iowa City at work in the DIF Municipal Clinic, Xicotepec.

XICOTEPEC

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District 6000 Rotarians and their family members are encouraged to apply for one the 2012 Xicotepec trips, which will be March 3-11 and March 10-18. Application will be online, and club presidents will receive information on how to apply in the near future for sharing with their clubs. D6000 Interactors, Rotaractors, and youth sponsored by D6000 Rotary clubs are eligible to apply and to receive a partial reimbursement of the cost of the trip.

Funding for projects in Xicotepec is always needed and welcome. Tax-deductible contributions can be made to D6000 HEF, Inc., 818 3rd Ave, Iowa City, IA 52245 – please indicate in a note or on the memo line of your check that the contribution is for the Xicotepec Project.



Students at the Rotary Club Primary School show books donated by the Rotary Club of Iowa City.



Dennis Drager (Rotary Club of Marshalltown), Marlene Main (wife of Bob Main, Rotary Club of Newton) and Ted Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor) at work leveling the plaza cívica at the Cuauhtémoc Primary School in Ojo de Agua.



Mrs. Jayakodi shows off some of the cashews she is getting ready for market. A microfinance loan helped her launch her cashew business.



Mr. Gamage pours ingredients into the machine he purchased with a VFL loan, allowing him to quadruple his sweetmeat production.

VISION FUND LANKA

District 6000's partnership with World Vision supports a microfinance fund - 'the gift that keeps on giving' - that is changing lives every day

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

When the south Asia tsunami proved an unfair match for life as people knew it in Sri Lanka in December 2004, Rotarians saw the need and took action. Building on a friendship he had established at an international training session with District 3220 Governor Lucky Pieris, DG Bill Tubbs asked the clubs and communities of Iowa to "reach within and embrace humanity."

The call went out to the clubs and through the news media for contributions for the District 6000 Humanitarian Services Fund. Months later when the aid was tallied, contributions surpassing \$80,000 had been received from 47 clubs and 165 non-Rotarians.

When added to funds released from the Humanitarian Services Fund, nearly \$90,000 was available to help these most unfortunate people rebuild their lives. Monies were advanced immediately to rebuild schools in Sri Lanka and to replace fishing boats in India.

District Governors Lucky Pieris (D-3220) and Ranga Rao Jashti (D-3150, India), who received aid, attended our District Conference in Davenport in June 2005.

With the involvement of DG Cal Litwiller, the bulk of the money - \$78,333 - was later invested with VisionFund Lanka (VFL), World Vision's microfinance institution in Sri Lanka. The gift was matched by World Vision to create a \$156,667 revolving loan fund that is changing lives every day. It is literally, the gift that keeps on giving!

The latest report from World Vision in April 2011 tells a story of hope and sustainability:

World Vision report

"VisionFund Lanka (VFL) continues to benefit the lives of people in six development areas. VFL has increased the number of loans it has been able to distribute, affecting an ever-increasing number of families and their children.

"We are privileged to present you with a report on activities undertaken by VFL through 2010. VFL is part of the international group of World Vision-affiliated microfinance institutions known as VisionFund International (VFI).

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Growing Toward Sustainability

“Despite various challenges faced by financial institutions throughout the world during the past few years, VisionFund Lanka has made progress in many areas. It increased operational sustainability from 65 percent to 85 percent and financial sustainability from 45 percent to 67 percent.

“Operational sustainability is a measure of the total operating revenues divided by total administrative and financial expenses. A resulting figure of more than 100 means the organization is operationally self-sufficient and able to cover administrative costs with client revenues.

“Financial sustainability is measured by dividing the total operating revenues by the total administrative and financial expenses, adjusted for low-interest loans, inflation, and subsidies. A microfinance institution is financially self-sufficient when it has enough revenue to pay for all administrative costs, loan losses, and potential losses and funds.

“Between 2009 and 2010, financial revenue increased 37 percent for VFL, rising to \$969,306. Although loan losses increased slightly, recoveries of loans that had previously been written off reduced overall impairment.

“The greatest challenge to VFL’s sustainability is a tax levied by the country of Sri Lanka, which was aimed at large banks. The taxation increased from \$145,000 to \$662,000 between 2009 and 2010. The Sri Lankan government is expected to pass a new microfinance act, giving relief to small-scale nonprofit microfinance institutions, thus reducing taxation considerably.

“VFL expects to reach operational sustainability by the end of 2011 and financial sustainability by the end of 2012.

Jobs, Lives Impacted

“The integration of VFL’s work into World Vision’s development area is 100 percent. In other words, all people receiving loans – 82 percent of them female – reside in World Vision development areas.

“Through Dec. 31, 2010 VFL activity had resulted in 7,692 created or sustained jobs, which impacted 25,309 children.

Stories of success – Gandhimathi

“When an accident took the life of Gandhimathi’s lawyer husband, she was forced to move from the city with her three daughters to Sadayaneri village. Gandhimathi’s husband had been the sole wage earner of the family, but she had hope that she could live a simple life in her new rural environment. It didn’t happen.

“‘I couldn’t get a job and the labor was tough,’ Gandhimathi said. ‘The money was not sufficient to meet the needs of the house.’

“Despite her circumstances, Gandhimathi did not let the dream of having her children educated die out. However, to accomplish this, she would need additional income.

“She was introduced to World Vision’s microfinance operations and joined a microfinance lending group, which provided her with four goats and two kids – young goats (see photo, p. 1).

“She sold two of the goats and used the resources to pay her children’s school fees. Gandhimathi continues to work with VisionFund Lanka to improve the life of herself and her children.

Mrs. Jayakodi

“Mrs. Jayakodi used her first loan of \$272 to open a cashew nut production business.

“‘We used to process the nuts under a tree, but I have been able to build a separate building to shell, clean, roast, package and store



Thanks to a loan from VFL, Mrs. Renuka has gone from sewing occasionally for clients, to hiring three employees for a tailoring business.

the cashews,’ She said.

“Mrs. Jayakodi now employs 11 people to assist with the cashew business. Her revenue has increased from \$181 to \$635 per week. She hopes to one day purchase a cashew processing machine, which will increase production and decrease other costs.

Mrs. Gamage

“Prior to receiving a loan from VFL for a grinding machine, Mr. Gamage said everything in his sweetmeat business was done by hand. The machine now grinds the ingredients and produces the finished product, which only has to be cut and wrapped.

“‘We are making 2,000 sweetmeats a day with four people, and now this has increased to 8,000 with just three people at a more leisurely pace,’ Mr. Gamage said.

“The family income has increased by 60 percent, making life more pleasant for Mr. Gamage and his two children. He said he hopes soon to purchase a vehicle that will allow him to transport his product to the city, making an additional increase in income possible.

Our Sincere Thanks

“Your financial contribution to VisionFund Lanka has made the difference in the lives of thousands of children and their families. With support from donors like you, the future is brighter for many Sri Lankan entrepreneurs.

District Simplified Grants

Clubs can apply for \$43,714 for projects in their communities

By Doug Flournoy/Fairfield

District Simplified Grants chair

A District Simplified Grant (DSG) is a grant to District 6000 from The Rotary Foundation. In Rotary year 2011-12 the district will receive \$43,714. These monies are in turn distributed to local Rotary clubs through a granting process administered by the D6000 DSG Committee.

It's time to begin putting together a District Simplified Grant application for your club. Detailed information about the process and hard copies of the application and supporting materials were given to Presidents-Elect at PETS; electronic copies of all materials maybe downloaded from the district website on the District Grant page under Community Service.

Completed applications must be delivered to the D6000 DSG Chair by Oct. 1, 2010. Members of the District Simplified Grants Committee will then evaluate each application and meet on Oct. 17 at the district offices in Pella to make award decisions.

We are looking forward to the review of many new proposals by D6000 clubs and we hope your club will be among those that apply. If your club has not submitted a DSG application in the last two years please consider doing so this year as one of the goals of the district is to have every club within the district to participate in the DSG process over any over any three year period. The process is not complicated but does require time and commitment.

Remember:

1. A District Simplified Grant is a grant from The Rotary Foundation. Please treat DSG funds as a sacred trust and please acknowledge The Rotary Foundation's support in all of your public relations materials in regard to grant projects.

2. Only grants executed wholly within the geographical boundar-



The Rotary Club of Newton recently was awarded a Governor's Volunteer Award (GVA) from Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad. The GVA program is a way for state agencies, nonprofit and charitable organizations to honor their volunteers. The club was honored with a group award by the Iowa Department of Transportation for highway clean-up work. Marty Hoffert (c) received the award on behalf of Newton Rotary from Gov. Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds.

Mandi Lamb/Newton Daily News

ies of D6000 will be funded.

3. The DSG Committee will no longer fund recurring projects.

4. The DSG Committee will continue to require original signatures on applications but will encourage clubs to submit applications electronically. Clubs are encouraged to submit applications and supporting documentation as a PDF file.

5. Remember, weighting given to the criterion "benefit to disadvantaged people" was increased last year. This criterion is given twice the weighting of the other three categories.

And as always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me by phone at (641) 472-0216 or by email (best) at dsflournoy@hotmail.com.



The Rotary Club of Manning is getting a "New Generations" boost from Trey Boyle (c), the seventh-grade son of president Kevin Boyle. Trey, who participates in civic projects like Adopt-A-Highway, Red Cross bloodmobile, park cleanup and Kinderfest, attends meetings and has his own badge! Pictured (l-r): AG Jacque Andrew, DG Don Patterson, Kevin and Trey Boyle, Bob Mueller and Dawn Lorenzen.



Members of the Rotary Club of Perry are planning a "Gala Evening" that they will host on Nov. 11 to promote the community's "Art On The Prairie" festival, Nov. 12-13. Pictured (l-r): Kathy Powell, Marcus Carris, club president Scott Finneseth, Melody Lager and Harley Weyer. The club meets at the historic and beautiful Hotel Pattee.

Medical students learn about Rotary while working for FAMSCO

By Karin Franklin/Iowa City
FAMSCO Secretary

Again this year, through a collaboration with the University of Iowa College of Medicine orchestrated by West Liberty Rotarian Gerry Wickham, FAMSCO was able to obtain much needed help organizing and inventorying donated goods.

As part of the orientation of new medical students, each incoming first year medical student is given the opportunity to participate in a community service project. Out of this year's class of 151 students, nearly the entire class chose to take some time out of their preparation for their future careers and donate time to service.

FAMSCO was fortunate enough to have 53 of these medical students come to the "new" warehouse in west Coralville and spend two hours taking inventory and packing gaylords of medical and dental supplies and firefighting gear that will ultimately be shipped to Central America. They were able to pack 43 gaylords in this short time period. This event also gave us an opportunity to tell 53 young people about Rotary and plant the seed of "Service Above Self."

In May, FAMSCO was politely asked to leave the warehouse we occupied in the Iowa River Landing area of Coralville to make way for a commercial enterprise that wished to occupy the building. In a speedy two weeks, we were able to find a new temporary home in a warehouse owned by Rotarian Jody Braverman. Although this warehouse is on the market, we will be able to stay there until someone wishes to buy the property. Sometimes a slower economy has some benefits!



University of Iowa medical students take inventory of supplies at the FAMSCO warehouse in Coralville that are destined for Central America.

Since we may become "homeless" at any moment, the FAMSCO board is committed to rapidly packing donated goods and sending them out to those in need in the quickest possible fashion. To that end, if any clubs or associated organizations would like to participate in the work of FAMSCO by scheduling a half day of service to pack and inventory donations, please contact Karin Franklin at karinf@q.com.

Right now, given the help of the students, we are all packed, however, that will change shortly. On the horizon we have donations expected from Marshalltown, Decatur County and Fairfield.



A special guest at the Rotary Club of Tipton on July 20 was Christof Tatje of Hanover, Germany. He was a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Tipton in 2003-04 and today is a student and officer in the German Army. He is pictured with club president Teresa Horton Bumgarner.

2011-12 'Integrity' awards

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 second annual "Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award."

A nomination form is posted at the District website and will be sent to clubs. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31, 2012.

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 a Rotarian in District 6000 who has been a member for a minimum of three years who exemplifies the attributes and passion for ethics and integrity in his or her vocation, business and personal life that Paul exemplified.

This award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions that foster the development of integrity. It singles out a person who has made contributions in business, media, academia or government and who has by his or her actions, writing, policies and public pronouncements strengthened and fostered development of integrity and ethical practices.

The nominees will be introduced and the winner will be announced at District Conference.

Outbound Scholars named for 2012-13

By Jeff Bremer/Northwest Des Moines

District 6000 Scholars chair

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship committee is pleased to announce our award recipients for the 2012-2013 academic year. The interviews were held June 4 at Simpson College in Indianola.

Professor Joe Walt, who is a member of the committee, arranges for the members of the committee to use a classroom in Mary Berry Hall to interview the scholars. This year we interviewed nine students and recommended three to Rotary International to be awarded the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. We had a very balanced pool of candidates and we would like to thank everyone that recommended students for the application process.

Ambassadorial Scholarships, The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947. Since then, nearly 38,000 men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. Nearly 800 scholarships were awarded for study in 2010-11. Through grants totaling approximately US\$500 million, recipients from about 70 countries studied in more than 70 nations.

The award recipients for the 2012-2013 academic year are:

Nathaniel Meyer graduated from Graceland University with a bachelor of arts degree in business administration and finance. He is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Decatur County. His goal is to seek out the opportunity to earn a degree in a foreign language, foreign business atmosphere and foreign culture studying at the IAE Business School in Pilar, Buenos Aires, Argentina. This degree will provide the skills he seeks in order to lead the international

integration of the United States-based manufacturer, Universal Electric Corporation.

Cammeo Medici graduated from Drake University with a bachelor of arts degree in international relations/sociology. The Rotary Club of Waukee is her sponsoring club. This scholarship will provide her the opportunity to work towards a masters in public health, with a concentration in global health. An academic year in South America will allow her to study public health in a unique region of the world that faces a wide array of imminent public concerns stemming from social, economic, and environmental conditions studying at the Universidad Nacional de Columbia in Bogota, Columbia.

Kashmira Chawla is a graduate of Drake University with a degree in biochemistry, cell and molecular biology. The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines is her sponsoring club. As Kashmira pursues her M.D. degree, she wants to focus on serving underserved populations in the United States and in developing countries. Her program of study will allow her the freedom to interact and gain an understanding of another people's way of life. She will be studying at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in London, England.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that lead to a greater understanding of their host country.

The deadline for applications for the 2013-2014 academic year is April 9, 2012. Any questions can be addressed to Jeff Bremer at (515) 249-5366 or email at jeffbremer@mchsi.com.

Committee members include: Richard Johns, Iowa City; Susan Christensen, Ames; Cindy Mays, West Liberty; Tsalika Drown, Washington; Becky Patterson, Washington; District Governor Don Patterson, Washington; and DG 12-13 Terry Geiger, Decatur County.

Non-Rotarian members include Nia Kos and Peggy Geiger.



During their official visit to the Rotary Club of Kalona on Aug. 2, club president Pat Anderson (r) showed DG Don and Becky Patterson a display of memorabilia from PDG Logan Reif of Kalona. Reif, a local businessman, was District Governor in 1971-72. He had received a blue and gold quilt with the Rotary wheel in the center from the Kalona Rotary Club. The club has had access to it for many years and decided to display it on the 40th anniversary of his leadership. The club meets on Tuesday noons in the Freedom Security Bank basement. The bank loaned us the use of a display case in their lobby to show the community the quilt and other Rotary memorabilia.



At its meeting on July 25, the Rotary Club of Ames held a special tribute to longtime former member Jack Shelley, the famed WWII war correspondent, "Voice of Iowa" and ISU journalism professor (l-r): PDG Del and Georgia Bluhm, John and Stephen Shelley (sons of Jack), DG Don and Becky Patterson, and PDG Don and Doris Goering.

Cultural exchanges available through Rotary

By Jack Schreiber/Des Moines

D-6000 Friendship Exchange chair

Interested in Rotary International travel and hosting experiences? Stay tuned!

We are assembling names of District 6000 Rotarians and spouses/significant others/adult family members interested in future communications on any of the opportunities below.

Our Rotary District 6000 offers our members cultural travel opportunities through our Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE).

An additional way to enjoy international travel experiences is through the Rotary International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF).

Both of these offer travel and cultural opportunities as you experience home hosting in other countries as well as hosting right here in District 6000 through a reciprocity experience. So you see, there are chances for "going" as a guest and "receiving" guests as well.

Group Study Exchange

District 6000 will participate in Group Study Exchange in 2011-12, but not outbound. Our district will host a team from New Zealand District 9910 in April 2012. Please contact inbound chairman Mark Snell or GSE chairman Lynn Hicks if your club would like to host or help with the exchange.

For 2012-13, we have applied to RI for approval of an exchange with District 4340 in Chile. We expect to host a team in April 2013, and send a team at a date to be determined.

Let me share a few ideas for you to ponder:

- Our District 6000 RFE committee is made up of nine members from around our district. Our RFE committee does not meet on a regular basis; but we work toward meeting four times per year and members serve three years and rotate on and off the committee.

We plan and execute both inbound and outbound travel/cultural exchanges. Inter-

ested? Let me know.

Some opportunities we see possibly coming are:

- RFE: There is active discussion surrounding: Australia (outbound) and South Africa (outbound) and a complete exchange (in and outbound) with Argentina.
- RFE: The end of February and into March (2012), outgoing exchange with New Zealand with possible individual extensions to several other opportunities (exchange full).
- RFE: Inbound in September 2012 with British Columbia. Opportunities for home and club hosting; and, exchange committee involvement to become familiar with RFE.
- ITHF: Travel to Taiwan. This is a 100th birthday celebration for the country of Taiwan. (This opportunity is full.)

If you are interested in any aspect of Rotary Friendship Exchange experiences (listed above), please contact me, Jack Schreiber, chairman of the RFE committee: Schreiber50@msn.com. Ph.: (515) 225-4115. I will keep your name and contact information and communicate with you as these opportunities develop.

Join other Rotarians as we see the world in an exchange format. What a joy it can be!



Richard Hogan and Brian Peterson slice tomatoes and cucumbers served during the Corning Rotary School Luncheon.

Corning Rotarians lead the way to welcome teachers

The Rotary Club of Corning expressed its gratitude toward the Corning school faculty on Aug. 15, providing lunch to approximately 100 guests. New additions to the staff were graciously recognized by president Jeff Slotsky and school principals, Kent Jorgensen and Patti Morris.

Chicken Alfredo fettucine, green salad, garlic bread, bars and cookies were prepared by the Corning Rotarians.

This is the second year lunch has been prepared by the Corning Rotary Club. In prior years, lunch was provided by the school and Corning Rotary was invited to honor the school staff. Rotarian members took a different angle last year and turned the tables so to speak, preparing the meal, allowing the entire staff to enjoy the recognition. "It's a great way to kick off the school year and mingle with the school staff while showing our support for education, it fits our mission statement perfectly," remarked Rotarian Jayne Templeton, project chairperson.

Provided by Jayne Templeton



Des Moines Rotarian Sharon Vickery (c) accepts a certificate from DG Don and Becky Patterson (l) honoring her club for 100 years of membership in Rotary International. They are joined by PDG Dale Belknap and Mary (r).

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Keeping up with 2006-07 Foundation Alumni

By PDG Del Bluhm/Ames

This article is going to update you on the history of these two programs – GSE and Ambassadorial Scholars – which took place during 2006-07 when I was district governor.

We have answered the following questions:

- 1) Who was selected?
- 2) What countries did they visit?
- 3) How did this experience change their lives?
- 4) What things about this experience would they like to share with us?
- 5) What have the participants been doing during the last five years? We need to mention that these scholars and GSE team members will always be considered as The Rotary Foundation alumni for D-6000 during 2006-07 because they all benefited directly from TRF funds. We will always keep track of their community and professional activities wherever they are located and expect someday that many of them will become Rotarians.



PDG Del Bluhm

community and professional activities wherever they are located and expect someday that many of them will become Rotarians.

Additionally we should mention our dedicated D-6000 committee members. These are the Ambassadorial Scholars Committee and the Group Study Exchange Committee who helped organize these groups who then participated in these wonderful international

programs, which include educational opportunities as well as the background on local businesses, industry and social programs – plus an introduction to the host district's national cultural focus.

'Rotary is truly the most powerful collective force of good in the world today.'

– Andy Stoll,
Ambassadorial Scholar

Scholars

This was the first year that Jeff Bremer (Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines) became the Ambassadorial Scholars Committee chair.

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships program is currently the world's largest, privately funded international scholarship program. Rotary supports 1,100 students serving abroad annually, has introduced scholars to the cultures of over 70 countries, has created a worldwide network of more than 36,000 scholar alumni and has empowered students to improve international understanding for over a half century.

The Ambassadorial Scholars Committee selected Andy Stoll who studied at the University of Hong Kong and pursuing his interests in film making, and Ramsey Tesdell, who had to change his plans because of the uncertainty in the Middle East, so he studied at the University of Jordan in Amman.

GSE

The GSE - Outbound Teams Committee had the objective to work with clubs to recruit team members for the GSE teams to visit districts outside the U.S.A. and this year it was District 3110, India. This committee was chaired by Karin Franklin (Iowa City)



GSE team members at the Taj Mahal in India in 2007 (l-r): Jeffe Hornback, Kristie Bell, Brian Donaghy, Jason Walsmith and Amy Swenson.

who has served many years in this capacity and has always done a wonderful job of managing this program.

First they had to select the Rotarian member of the Willis Shaw Group Study Exchange outbound team and they selected Brian Donaghy (Des Moines) as the GSE team leader. Then they had to select the other Willis Shaw Group Study Exchange outbound team members who were not Rotarians which included: Kristie Bell (Des Moines); Jesse Hornback (Sigourney); Amy Swenson (Ames); and Jason Walsmith (Johnston).

Scholars: Where are they now?

The first report on scholars is given by Andy Stoll.

"The Ambassadorial Scholarship demonstrated the influence and impact of Rotary worldwide, while encouraging me to pursue my aspirations of changing the world in the name of international peace and understanding. The experience also gave me 'the space' I needed to really think about what it is I wanted to do with my life, while enabling me to travel to experience the world in a way that would have otherwise been inaccessible. During my time as a scholar, I got a better understanding how small groups of dedicated individuals from around the world can join together to make a true worldwide impact. Rotary is truly the most powerful collective force of good in the world today. I spent the three years following my time as a

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Alumni: Rotary's untapped resource

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scholar in Hong Kong, China, on a 40-country around-the-world trip visiting Rotary clubs, Rotary projects and exploring how people live in the world. I am presently working as a social entrepreneur and film/TV producer and am working on growing the entrepreneurial and creative communities in eastern Iowa to connect to the regional and national entrepreneurial ecosystem. I am also working on a number of film, television and new media projects.

The second report on scholars is given by Ramsey Tesdell.

"The experience allowed me to meet some incredible people and start a project that has become a full-time job in my life. We've trained thousands of people, worked with lots of youth and other marginalized communities. We've traveled to many countries to conduct training and have a growing web presence. We are invited to speak about new media to various UN agencies, the British Council, Al Jazeera, Qatar Foundation, and the Salzburg Seminars. I want to say thank you for the opportunity and flexibility. I felt supported but at the same time, not restricted. That year really helped me shape and define my vision for the future. I was able to



Andy Stoll
Ambassadorial Scholar
in Hong Kong

'From this experience, I've started down the path that has allowed me to help provide Service Above Self.'

– Ramsey Tesdell,
Ambassadorial Scholar

explore my interests and skills, meet new people and develop a project around these things. The project '7iber' (pronounced he-bur) has already impacted our lives and helped many around the region. And it is growing quickly! From this experience, I've start-

ed down the path that has allowed me to help provide Service Above Self. Since my scholarship year, I have returned to the United States and finished a masters degree in technical communication from the University of Washington in Seattle. After completing my degree, I returned to Jordan, where I was on my Ambassadorial Scholarship, and continued working on a media project that I started during my scholarship. The project, 7iber works on alternative and new media spaces. We encourage people to tell their stories online through training, support and providing a platform."

GSE team: Where are they now?

The first report on the 2006-07 GSE team will be on Rotarian Brian Donaghy, GSE team leader:

True to the mission of the Rotary Group Study Exchange, the team was able to broaden their world vision, experience Rotary service in action, and act as ambassadors of their state and country. "I know that this experience has brought a greater understanding of each culture and provided a lifelong perspective of our global village," he said. Brian then added these facts. In the last five years since their GSE Team visit, he and Julie are splitting time between

their farm in St. Charles and their West Des Moines house. Jade is a junior at the University of Iowa and is an art major. Taylor is in the second year at DMACC. Brian has invested in several new companies, and founded appcore.com in 2008. They have offices in Africa, which keeps him on a plane frequently.

The next GSE Team member report is from Kristie Bell:

"The Group Study Exchange had a big impact on my life by providing me the opportunity to intimately experience a culture very different from my own. Any time you step outside your comfort zone and live in the moment, as I tried to do on the trip, you grow in ways that have an impact for many years to come. I also feel that being away from 'normal' life for a month can teach you a lot about who you are and what's important to you. I feel I gained a deeper understanding of my own strengths by being exposed to unfamiliar situations and being able to reflect upon them. I think of our trip to India often, and with fond memories. Of course I learned practical things about the country of India and the industries in the cities we visited, and visiting the Taj Mahal was incredible, but more importantly, I made new friends in both District 3110 and with my fellow teammates. I learned first-hand of the generosity of those we



Ramsey Tesdell
Ambassadorial Scholar
to Jordan

'The GSE had a big impact on my life. I think of our trip to India often, and with fond memories.'

– Kristie Bell
GSE team member

visited and was exposed to new ways of thinking and seeing the world. Jason and I had the good fortune to meet up with one of our hosts, Dr. Awadh Dubey, in Chicago last summer. We had a great time reminiscing about our stay with his family. Since the Group

Study Exchange trip, I changed jobs and now work in public affairs at Pioneer Hi-Bred. I also joined the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines, and is serving as president of the club in 2011-2012. The past few years I have been co-chair of the International Committee which has successfully raised funds for both the Haiti Earthquake Relief efforts and the Iowa Miles of Smiles Team.

The following GSE Team report is from Jesse Hornback.

"I want to stress that by far our hosts and everyone we encountered during the trip made the biggest impression. The unique perspective from staying with families – GSE team members often displaced hosts from their own beds – afforded the most lasting memory. Conversations at the family dinner table or while relaxing on the deck provided a genuine exchange of ideas, experiences and reflections about the trip.

Crystal and I are still in Sigourney. I am still the community services director for Keokuk County and Crystal is now the special ed consultant for Great Prairie AEA and serves the Ottumwa School District. Madelynn is 6 years old and in first grade in Sigourney.

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Alumni speak positively about Rotary

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She's very busy these days with dance, tap, TaeKwonDoe, Girl Scouts, and is gearing up for soccer and T-Ball for which both Crystal and I are going to be coaches (me for soccer and her for t-ball). We purchased a new house recently which is double the size of our last home. Unfortunately, we were unable to sell our previous home and have become landlords. I have become active in politics within this past year and am now the Keokuk County Republican Central Committee chairperson and was the co-chair for Gov. Terry Branstad's re-election campaign. I have been mulling a run for public office in the next few years at the state level (Iowa House or Senate). That was a topic of discussion when we went on the Rotary GSE as I was just starting to voice my interest in politics and had applied for a position on our city council after another member had resigned and moved away. It was while I was taking part in the Group Study Exchange when the city council interviewed the interested applicants and therefore, I was not considered further for the position. I had a great excuse, though; I was out of the country. The only changes in my family are that we are older and Madelynn is taller and has several missing teeth. We call her Jack-O-Lantern these days."

"The experience reinforced my belief that we must continue to communicate one-to-one with people and not rely on political impressions to define us."

**— Amy Myers,
GSE team member**

The next GSE Team member report is from Amy Myers:

"The trip was an eye opener. When I reflect on the GSE experience I first think of the incredibly generous and inspirational people we met. I think of the beautiful landscape, vivid colors and incredible history of the area we traveled. And finally I think of the conditions within which people lived. The experience reinforced my belief that we must continue to communicate one-to-one with people and not rely on political impressions to define us – whether that be with our own neighbors across the street or with citizens of another country. Meeting people, talking and being physically present in each other's homes to experience the sounds, smells and sights is vital to understanding the 'why' of our respective values, attitudes, beliefs and behaviors.

Well, of course the Taj Mahal was fabulous. Pictures don't do it justice. Our team spent a good portion of the day there watching the color of the Taj change as the sun crossed the sky – truly moving. I'd have to say the work of Dr. Dubey and his eye clinic made an emotional impact on me – a man who truly shares his time, talents and treasures. Throughout our time there, I got the impression

Rotary was successful/growing because of its ability to adapt to the cultural norms within the country. Meeting times, formats and the inclusion of family seemed to fit the needs of the members. Witnessing firsthand the difference Rotary clubs across the world are making was one of the factors that led me to become a member of Ames Morning Rotary.

In November of 2009 I wrapped up my time with the Iowa Energy Center in Ames and embarked on a new adventure at The University of Iowa within its newly formed Office of Sustainability where I serve as associate editor 2. It's been quite the learning experience as I'm new to most aspects of sustainability – it's a long word with even a longer definition. It's proven a great opportunity to work with students and make a difference. Family and friends remain a priority in my life. My time is filled with family, church, work and lots of extra activities. And now that I've settled in my new home I'm searching for a volunteer opportunity – and a Rotary club – that fits.

The last GSE team member report is from Jason Walsmith:

"This experience has brought a greater understanding of each culture and provided a lifelong perspective on our global village."

**— Brian Donaghy,
GSE team leader**

"I don't think a person can experience India without it having a significant impact on your life. It is fascinating to be immersed in a culture so completely different from our own, everything from traffic to eating customs to religions to family structure.

Our GSE team experienced things and saw places that you would never see as an average tourist. What it did for me is to show me that even with all of these differences, we are all very similar. I was fortunate to really connect with some of my hosts there, even to the point of relating to one of the families as the Indian version of my own family. I made some very strong ties and friendships that I have maintained to this day. I hope to sometime have the means to visit with my own family and use my talents in photography and storytelling to show some of the work that one of these families is doing to help people in India. It was also amazing to see the power of an organization like Rotary.

The network of people doing 'good' for others was very evident. I continue to play music with my band 'The Nadas.' We recorded a new record called Almanac for all of 2009 and toured the country for all of 2010. I continue to work to discover new artists and help them make and release records on our label which is titled "Authentic Records." I also have continued my career in professional, commercial and editorial photography."

Ron Burton nominated for RI President

Ron D. Burton, a member of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2013-14. Burton will become the president-nominee on Oct. 1 if there are no challenging candidates.

Burton retired as president of the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. in 2007. He is a member

of the American Bar Association, as well as the bar associations of Cleveland County and the state of Oklahoma. He is admitted to practice in Oklahoma and before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Burton will succeed RI President 2011-12 Kalyan Banerjee of Vapi, Gujarat, India, and 2012-13 Sakuji Tanaka of Yashio, Saitama, Japan.



Ron Burton

Governor nominations accepted until Oct. 12

District Governor Don Patterson sent a letter to club presidents on Aug 25, inviting them to nominate a past president for District Governor for the year 2014-2015. "The nominee 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 2014, 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 letter explained that 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" were sent to presidents, who were asked to:

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 Data form.

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

5. Mail the Data form to: Rotary District 6000, P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219. It must be received no later than Oct. 12, 2011.

Candidate interviews are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011. Candidates must be available on the scheduled date.

Future governors previously nominated include Terry Geiger of Decatur County (2012-13) and Rita Perea of Greater Des Moines (2013-14).



On special occasions such as the Past Governors Picnic July 16 at Ankeny, Past District Governor Bill Reese (1994-95) wears a keepsake Rotary ring that was a gift from his mentor, PDG Conley Biddle (1978-79). The two PDGs were members of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines where Biddle was secretary and Reese was treasurer for many years. The ring has a blue stone and is inscribed with Biddle's initials. Biddle, who was a pastor, died in 2006. Reese is an accountant.



Ted Drain and his grandchildren, Natalie and Alex Grevling, are pictured on one of the new park benches in Central Park in Washington. The bench was purchased by the Rotary Club of Washington in memory of longtime Rotarian Mary Ann Drain. Mary Ann served as president and treasurer of the local club.

Provided by Sue Wellington



Grinnell celebrates Youth Exchange, chicken barbecue

By Dennis Conway/Grinnell

Club Public Relations chair

Rotarians in Grinnell are proud of two accomplishments.

First, we are actively involved in the foreign exchange program. We sponsored Grinnell High School graduate, Amelia Loew, who traveled to Ecuador and spent the year there as an exchange student. She lived with two host families during her stay. After her return to Grinnell, Amelia presented a program at one of our club meetings, and reported her experiences while living in Ecuador. We were pleased to welcome Pedro Bueno, a foreign exchange student from Brazil. Pedro's father is a fellow Rotarian. While in Grinnell, Pedro lived with the Dr. Roy Doorenbos family and the Dr. David Cooke-Martin family, attended Grinnell High School, and played soccer for the Grinnell Tigers.

Our second accomplishment is the Grinnell Rotary Club Annual Chicken Barbecue, held on June 9, 2011. Under the able leadership of Rotarian Al Latham, members organized, prepared and served 970 barbecued chicken dinners. The day began with a rain shower, but cleared off in time for Rotary members to host this popular annual event. We are thankful for the local community support, which allowed our club to host a successful fundraiser netting more than \$5,000.



The Des Moines Bicycle Collective (DMBC) was the recipient of \$2,500 from the Third Annual Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride, presented by the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines (l-r): Wanda Armstrong, president of NW Rotary; Kent Newman, DMBC; Chuck Corwin, NW Rotary; Carl Voss, DMBC; and Gene Gabus, NW Rotary.



Reach Out and Read (ROR) received \$1,000 from the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, from the Third Annual Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride (l-r): Mary Ann Abrams, ROR; Wanda Armstrong, president of NW Rotary; Chuck Corwin and Gene Gabus, NW Rotary; and Molly Olinger Topf, ROR.



The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines presented \$4,000 to the Urbandale Food Pantry from funds raised by the Third Annual Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride (l-r): Wanda Armstrong, president of NW Rotary; Chuck Corwin and Gene Gabus, NW Rotary; and Eileen Boggess, Urbandale Food Pantry.

NW Des Moines, in memory of Charles Gabus:

Bike ride raises \$27,500 for charities

By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines Club Public Relations chair

The Third Annual Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride (CGM-BR), hosted by the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, was held Saturday, June 8.

The purpose of the ride was to honor the memory of PDG Charles Gabus and to raise money for local community and international service projects. Mr. Gabus was a very active Rotarian for 38 years, serving his club in many capacities including club president and District 6000 Governor. He was also recently posthumously inducted into Rotary's Arch Klumph Society for his generous donations to The Rotary Foundation.

The CGM-BR continues to grow and build on the success of the initial rides, this year raising over \$27,500 to support various community projects.

The Aug. 5 meeting of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines was an occasion to celebrate the memory of Charles Gabus and to continue to his legacy of service to the community.

Checks were presented to several organizations from the funds raised by the CGM-BR.

The "Reach out and Read" organization was given \$1,000 to provide books to children ages 0-5 to promote a love of books and literacy.

Urbandale Parks & Recreation was provided \$4,000 to help fund the Walker-

Johnson Park bike trail bridge, and the MAC Camp Program.

\$1,000 was accepted by Urbandale Police Chief Ross McCarty to be used for their bike patrol program and bike licensing.

The Urbandale Food Pantry was the recipient of \$4,000 to help combat hunger in the local community.

In addition, \$2,500 was donated to the Des Moines Bicycle Collective to be used to support various bike programs in the Greater Des Moines Area.



City Manager A.J. Johnson accepted \$4,000 on behalf of Urbandale Parks and Rec. The money was raised by the Third Annual Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride (l-r): Wanda Armstrong, President of NW Rotary; Gene Gabus, NW Rotary; Urbandale city manager A.J. Johnson (also a NW Rotarian); and Chuck Corwin, NW Rotary.

And finally, \$4,000 was pledged to a future Rotary International project that will be matched by District and Rotary International funds, thus impacting lives on an international scale.

Rotary International is comprised of 1.2 million members world-wide whose mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



Urbandale Police Chief Ross McCarty is shown accepting a \$1,000 check from the Third Annual Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride on behalf of the Urbandale Police Department. (l-r): Wanda Armstrong, president of NW Rotary; Gene Gabus, NW Rotary; Chief Ross McCarty; and Chuck Corwin, NW Rotary.



The Storybook Planning Team, front (l-r): Jerri Heid, Carolyn Jons, Jessica Loecke and daughter Mae, Mona Berkey, Diana Schmidt; middle: Gail Johnston, Mary Wells, Randi Peters, Jane Halliburton, Mary Harms, Tanya Anderson, Margie Oldehoeft; back: Kathryn Wirth, Dorothy Schumer, Judy Dahlke.



Jim Gohman impersonates "Count" Dracula from Sesame Street.

Literacy project teaches math:

Reading 'counts' for Ames children

By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning

D-6000, Literacy Promotion

"Exploring Math Through Books" was the theme of the 2011 Step Into Story books event held April 30, 2011. "Families from every walk of life are here and having a great time!" observed Ames Morning Rotarian Jim Gohman.

Step Into Story books was begun in 2009 by the Ames Morning Rotary Club. It's become an annual service project that enhances Rotary's reputation for promoting literacy. In 2011, a record 771 parents, grandparents, and children from twelve communities participated, an increase of 58 percent from 2010.

Funding for the 2011 event came from Ames Morning Rotary Club, a Rotary District 6000 Simplified Grant, and an Ames Convention and Visitors Bureau grant. In-kind support was provided by co-sponsors Ames Public Library, Raising Readers in Story County, and the Rotary Club of Ames (Noon).

People power was essential to the event's success. Members of the Ames Morning Rotary Club contributed 507 hours of sweat equity valued at \$3,675. The Rotary Club of Ames gave 168 hours for \$1,218, and the Rotary Club of Nevada added two hours for \$14.50.

A 20-person planning team of Rotarians and other community volunteers met each week for three months. Expertise needed to design effective early math and literacy activities and select math-related children's books was provided by parent educator Mona Berkey, librarian Jerri Heid, retired elementary teachers, and Iowa State University professors.

Ames Morning Rotary also collaborated with 18 community groups who provided volunteers: Ames Breakfast Lions Club, Ames Community Preschool Center Ames Community School District, Ames High School Speech Team, Ames Young Professionals, Bethesda Christian Preschool, Bookmobile of Ames Public Library, Delta Kappa Gamma, First National Bank Ames, Friendship Force of Central Iowa, Iowa State University Math Department, Mary Greeley Medical Center Obstetrics and Pediatrics Units, People Place of Lutheran Services in Iowa, Prairie Flower Children's

Center, Story County Youth Philanthropists, Travel and Transport (Susan Dunn), and University Community Childcare.

There were 18 interactive stations offering playful ways for children to explore the five early mathematics concepts of: 1) algebra; 2) measurement; 3) geometry; 4) numbers; and 5) data analysis. Families discovered how to maximize learning at home by talking about the activities using math vocabulary and reading math-related children's books together.

Every child was invited to take home a book from a display of math-related books. Each book had a label saying it was a gift from Rotary District 6000 and Ames Morning Rotary.

On exit surveys, 98 percent of families said they'd recommend Step Into Storybooks to others, and 95 percent said they learned ways to support their child's early math development. In the words of one parent, "Thank you so much! This is a great community event and much appreciated by myself and my son."

Photos of Step Into Storybooks are available online at www.amesamrotary.org.



Ames Morning Rotarians Al Hermanson, Jim Obrecht, Arch Oldehoeft and Frank Amos give math-related books to children.)



Rotarians from four clubs in Iowa City greeted 15,000 bicycle riders in RAGBRAI, the Des Moines Register's Great Bike Ride Across Iowa, the last week of July. They gave free water and granola bars while educating and raising funds for PolioPlus.

RAGBRAI riders get water, donate for polio at Iowa City

John Kenyon/Iowa City
Club Public Relations chair

Members of four Iowa City area Rotary clubs raised about \$1,000 for PolioPlus by selling ice cream bars and soliciting donations from riders as they entered Coralville for the last overnight stay of RAGBRAI.

The effort, organized by the new member committee of the Rotary Club of Iowa City

and the club's president, Verne Folkmann, also drew volunteers from the Iowa City AM, Iowa City Downtown and Coralville-North Corridor clubs.

Volunteers gave away free water and granola bars to riders and encouraged donations toward PolioPlus. The items contained stickers and other information about the local clubs and the Polio Plus effort. Ice



Water bottles and granola wraps were labeled with End Polio Now messages.

cream bars were given free to children who were "Riding Right" by wearing a helmet.

According to Iowa City Rotary New Member Committee chair Tara Edberg, who chaired the effort, the project was a success because it raised awareness and goodwill.

"Responses ranged from, 'I thought Polio was already eradicated' to 'My Aunt is a polio survivor; thank you for your efforts.'"



The invitation was as clear as the water: Come to Rotary for refreshments and celebrate a world without polio.



In Boone, which was another RAGBRAI overnight stop, Rotarians rolled out the hospitality, including overnight guests from Kansas with PDG Susan and Bob Herrick (l-r): Holly Higgs, rising sophomore at K-State; Kathy Stacken, retired travel agent; Rich Woltkamp, retired fireman; and Rick Higgs, past president of the Rotary Club of Topeka South. "We had a great time!" writes PDG Herrick.



Katie Balsley shows off her newly acquired bicycle.



The smile of Dallas Riskendall says it all.



Myah Jordan, with help from her grandmother, tries out her bicycle.

West Des Moines: Free bikes bring smiles

Thirteen students at Phenix Elementary School received bicycles on June 1, courtesy of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines.

Bicycles were donated by West Des Moines residents. Rotary club members inspected the bicycles and made needed repairs before they were given to the students. Each student also received a helmet,

courtesy of the Des Moines Bicycle Collective.

The Rotary club plans to conduct additional bicycle giveaways in the fall. Residents having bicycles to donate can contact club secretary Harold Hulleman at (515) 224-4062 to have their bicycles picked up. Donations are tax deductible; a receipt will be issued.



Carlos Lopez-Salazar and Anthony Dressic have just completed test rides on their bicycles.



West Des Moines Rotary Club members are ready for their first Bicycle Giveaway at Phenix Elementary (l-r): Larry Everett, Doug Hillman, Harold Hulleman and Bob Start. Not pictured was Tyler Price.



Two members of the Rotary Club of Ames Class of 2008, Steve King (l) and Michael Adams (r), helped with the class project to landscape the ChildServe facility in Ames.



Several members of the Rotary Club of Ames Class of 2010 are shown starting the construction of a picnic shelter for Campfire Camp Canwita.

In Ames, new members make a difference

By Carole Custer/Ames

Club Public Relations chair

What better way for new Rotarians to get to know each other and experience the true meaning of “Service Above Self” than a program started eight years ago by the Rotary Club of Ames?

Since 2003, the club’s new members each year meet and determine a community service project they can do as the “Class Of.” The projects are funded by the club’s membership and to date, the projects total almost \$23,000.

Over the years, 65 new members have planted, scrubbed, built, installed, organized, stuffed, sweated, bled, laughed and bonded through their class Rotary service experiences.

The projects have included a Rotary Overlook landscaping

project and arbor swing at Ada Hayden Park; a Christmas party, a refurbished food pantry and building a deck and landscaping for mothers and children at ACCESS, Ames’ local shelter; a basketball court installation at O’Neil Park; collecting materials and organizing welcome bags for the Special Olympics athletes who participated in the National Games in Ames; installing a storage shelving system at the Arc of Story County that serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; funding community conversations on diversity; landscaping at the ChildServe facility that provides services to children with health care needs; constructing a picnic shelter at Campfire Camp Canwita; and painting the interior and purchasing new chairs and play equipment for the Story County Dental Clinic.



‘Rotary Night at the Ballpark’ in the Quad Cities

Rotary club presidents in the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities threw out the first pitches at the fourth annual Rotary Night at the Ballpark when the QC River Bandits played the Cedar Rapids Kernels on June 29 (l-r): Kelly Doty (River City), Dakota McManus (Moline), Scott Naumann (Bettendorf), Andrew Guzzo (Rock Island), Mike Hamann (Davenport), Tony Joseph (Muscatine), J.D. Walls (Iowa Quad Cities), Bea Brasel (East Moline), Mike Wernsman (Milan), Becky Bray (North Scott) and DG Don Patterson. End Polio Now videos and club projects were shown on the JumboTron, Rotary clubs had displays on the mezzanine, and Muscatine Rotarian Paul Kraushaar (r) sang the National Anthem. Proceeds benefitted PolioPlus.

Photos by Bill Tubbs





Simon Estes entertains, inspires at West Liberty

Opera singer Simon Estes (l), who arranged for students from South Africa to sing at District Conference and at the RI Convention in New Orleans, was a special guest at the Rotary Club of West Liberty installation night June 28. Estes, who sang for Rotarians, is pictured with club president Tom Brooke.

The club recognized members and citizens: Steve Hinkhouse (at center in right photo with Brooke and Tom Barr) was Rotarian of the Year; Sydney Harned for work with Kids Against Hunger; James "Rusty" Brotherton won the Artistic

Achievement Award; Bob Cline received the Special Service Award; Marilyn and Robert Little received the club's Distinguished Service Award for their work with Youth Exchange; Mary Pat Brooke was honored for service as a senior exercise class instructor; Onie Waite was honored for her work with RSVP; Brenda Miller received a Vocational Service Award for her work with the Middle School band; and new Paul Harris Fellows were presented to Conrad Gregg, Janette McMahon, Al Wilson, Anna Hanson, Todd Leach and Tom Brooke.



Changes, awards at Iowa Quad Cities



Doug Petersen (left, top left), with 2010-11 president J.D. Walls, was Rotarian of the Year at the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities.

Longtime club secretary Carole Ferry (right, top right) is stepping down and was honored for her service. She is pictured with the new secretary, Julia denBlaauwen, who came to the Quad Cities from South Africa.

Bettendorf city administrator Decker Ploehn (right, left photo), with past president Richard Pokora, was the club's Citizen of the Year.

Margo McInnis, a leader with the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau, is the recipient of the Rotary Club of North Scott's "William F. Tubbs Honor Rotarian" award presented annually since 2003 to an outstanding new member. She has been active with the club's service projects and chaired the program committee. She is pictured with PDG Bill Tubbs.





DG Don Patterson watches as Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Club president Doug Peterson is interviewed by WHBF-TV at the club's Ribs for Kids event on Aug. 12.

'Ribs for Kids' raises \$11,000 in Quad Cities

By Sigrid Zaehring/Iowa Quad Cities

The Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities held a charitable event called Ribs for Kids on Aug. 12 at Kelly's Irish Pub in Davenport.

Through ticket sales and sponsorships, the club raised over \$11,000 with the aim of supporting a number of youth-oriented causes, including sending children of military families to Camp Abe Lincoln.

District Governor Don Patterson and his wife, Becky, as well as Past District Governor Bill Tubbs and his wife Linda, were in attendance to support the club in what is hoped to become an annual event.

Guests enjoyed barbecued ribs and other summer favorites prepared by Dan Kelly and his staff, and were treated to music by local band Wicked Liz and the Belly Swirls. Door prizes provided by the club's generous sponsors were awarded throughout the evening, and at the end of the night, the club announced the winners of the various raffle prizes which ranged from baseball tickets to a flatscreen TV.

With over 230 tickets sold, club members were kept busy clearing tables, selling raffle tickets, and entertaining the crowd. Perfect weather helped to make the evening all the more memorable. Iowa Quad Cities Rotary looks forward to undergoing planning efforts for next year and hopes for enthusiastic support in years to come.

Honorary Paul Harris Fellow

On July 25 at the Rotary Club of Muscatine, Foundation Committee chair Charlie Lewis and club president Mike Ruby presented Mary Wildermuth with an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Mary is the 93rd club recipient of an Honorary Award!!

Knoxville raises funds at National Sprint Car races

By T. Waldmann-Williams/Knoxville

The Rotary Club of Knoxville completed an annual fundraiser during the Nationals Sprint Car racing Aug. 10-13. The team leads were Kathy Caviness for our pie and ice cream tent and Kevin Wadle for our food tent. Most shifts were four hours other than the food preparation which worked in the early morning or in the evening before. Sixty-nine percent of our members volunteered during this event with about 53 percent working two or more shifts. Not included in those percents were spouses, friends and other family members who also volunteered.

This year we tried something new under each tent. Although we were challenged with high winds on the eve of the opening, a call for volunteers allowed us to "raise" the tent and prepare the grounds again. Caviness included ice cream floats with Knoxville's own brewed root beer from Peace Tree Brewing Co. "We completely sold out of all pies, root beer and ice cream." Our international, USA, and local guests look forward to the "best pie ever and don't you forget the ice cream."

Because a local grocer decided not to have a food tent this year where our Rotarians also worked in previous years, the board decided to reinstate our own food tent. Prior to working at the grocer's food tent we sold turkey legs as some of our pie and ice cream guests remembered. This year we decided to sell wraps, chips and drinks in the same location as the grocer. One of the challenges, though, was our location and non-exposure to the "food strip." Location was important and all parties agreed to move our food tent next to our pie and ice cream tent. Our guests could complement their meal with a root beer float and then "wrap-up" their meal with pie and ice cream.

Working the Nationals is a great opportunity for fellowship besides serving our chapter and community.



The addition of public restrooms at the Albia City Park was a project in which the Rotary Club of Albia raised and donated a large percent of the funds. The Albia Rotary Club also was recently recognized by Cargill Corp. with a \$225 gift based on employee volunteer service. Among the club's projects was awarding four \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors at Albia High School.

Provided by Tony Humeston



Rotarians in Atlantic provide watermelon and awards at the Cass County Fair. Dillon Christensen (l) chows down on watermelon and Sydney Steffen (r) receives her showmanship award from Rotarian Dolly Bergmann.



In August the Rotary Club of Atlantic holds its picnic to celebrate the Family of Rotary. This is a chance for the family of Rotarians to meet other Rotarians and just enjoy an evening with friends. This year the club was blessed with a beautiful evening. After such a hot July it was great to have a pleasant evening in the park. Rotarians Russell Joyce and Steve Tjepkes were in charge of the food and beverages. Everyone enjoyed a great pork sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, chips and dessert. The event was very well attended. (l-r): Julie Tjepkes, Michelle Saluk, and Bill Saluk have gotten their food and pause long enough for a picture.

Provided by Dolly Bergmann

Atlantic Rotarians visible at Cass County Fair

The Rotary Club of Atlantic participates in the Cass County Fair in several ways. 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 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. The watermelon feed is very well received by the fairgoers. Everyone loves watermelon, especially on a hot day in August.

Another way the Atlantic Rotarians support the county fair is by eating breakfast at the 4-H food stand instead of the weekly meeting. By eating at the food stand everyone is helping the fair continue as a free event to the community. The proceeds from the food stand are

used to pay for entertainment at the fair along with other expenses associated with the running of the fair. Many Rotarians make the breakfast a family affair by bringing the entire family.

The Atlantic Rotary Club also sponsors two trophies at the fair. The trophies are presented to the Swine Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman and the Swine Reserve Junior Showman. No one is sure how long Rotary has been doing this but most say it is as long as they can remember.

Provided by Dolly Bergmann

Focus is on the homeless for Greater Des Moines Rotary



Rotarians Adam Hammes and Darron Kitterman are on cleanup duty.

Chartered just two years ago in 2009, the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines has focused its service efforts, both locally and internationally, in providing support for the homeless.

The club's most recent local service project involved purchasing, preparing and serving a meal at Central Iowa Services and Shelter, located in downtown Des Moines. The club's local service project committee chose to prepare a taco bar for the CISS clients.

President Kristie Bell stated, "We know that the shelter provides a lot of casserole dinners.

We chose a taco bar to give the clients something a little different. The clients were very appreciative. Our club members were thrilled to be able to help

brighten the clients' day."

The club members served over 125 dinners in one evening to those less fortunate.

— Provided by DGN Rita Perea



Rotarians DGE Terry Geiger and DGN Rita Perea (left photo) and Ernie Perea and Matt Olson (right) lend a hand.

Jefferson Rotarians honor Olympian

By AG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

The dreams and leadership of Jefferson Rotarians brought to life the Olympic Plaza that honors archery gold medalist and Jefferson native, the late Doreen Wilber. At the age of 42, Wilber was the first female from Iowa to win an Olympic gold medal in any sport, a feat she achieved at the 1972 Munich (Germany) Games.

Not only was she a gifted and dedicated athlete, Wilber embodied exemplary sportsmanship. In her many years of competition, she would carry extra archery supplies and equipment to share with those from countries where these items were scarce. In her mind, she wanted her competitors to have every advantage she did and the result would be based on skill not equipment. The stories are legion of her efforts to help competitors and other Olympians even hours before competition.

Although she was not a Rotarian, "Service Above Self" was a standard by which she lived her life. Wilber and husband Paul (Skeeter) who was her only coach, devoted countless hours to teaching archery skills to youth. The Wilbers developed a Junior Olympic Archery Development group (JOAD) that drew youngsters from a wide area to their acreage where the shooting range was located. While the calm, quiet pair opened their home and their hearts to the young people, archery skills weren't the only life skills being taught.

Don Orris, Jefferson Rotarian, was one of the Wilber's students. Although he learned the rudiments of archery as an adult, his son and daughter were active participants and competitors in the youth program. Over the years, Orris became very close to Doreen and Skeeter and when she passed away in 2008, he vowed to develop a tribute to her in Jefferson.

He enlisted fellow Rotarian Larry Fie, a next door neighbor of the Wilbers. Coincidentally, Fie's wife, Jackie, was an Olympic competitor in gymnastics and went on to become an international gymnastics judge and president of the Federation International of Gymnastics (FIG) Women's Artistic Gymnastics Technical Committee. The two sport-connected couples raised the Olympic flag on the flagpole between their homes during each Olympiad.

Developing a permanent reminder of Doreen's accomplishments and ideals was the inspiration for the plaza, Orris said. "The 1972 Olympic Games were 39 years ago. We want to honor her achievements and who she was, telling her story to those who don't know now and to those who come in the future," said Orris.

Following years of planning, dreaming and hard work, the plaza

is now a reality. A circle of paving bricks, centered by a marble pedestal, the life-size bronze statue of Wilber by Illinois sculptor Jeff Adams is the centerpiece of the plaza, on the corner of Lincolnway and Vine Streets in Jefferson.

To complete the Olympic venue experience, a bronze target has also been placed across the street at the shortest distance Wilber shot in competition. Visualizing the distance lends a sense of realism and involvement in the experience.

Supplemental interpretive signage details Wilber's archery career and permanent stone benches donated by the Rotary Club of Jefferson and the Greene County Community Foundation encircle the statue. Lighting allows visitors to enjoy the plaza throughout the day and evening.

The total project cost is approximately \$98,000 raised from individual and business donations. The Rotary Club of Jefferson's \$10,000 donation and a major grant from the Greene County Community Foundation of \$25,000 fueled the fundraising campaign and lent a sense that "we can do this," Orris said. In addition, donated services and labor played an important role in completing the project. Fie was instrumental in getting local business and individual donations making daily personal visits to many.

The developers of the project were faced with a number of challenges as the project progressed. But true to Doreen's teaching, they persevered one step at a time and kept the goal of creating the Olympic plaza sharply focused and in view.

Orris guided and participated in all aspects of the construction of the plaza from blueprints to installation. He and Doreen's husband chose the sculptor of Mt. Morris, Ill., and made numerous trips there through the design and pouring process.

Dedication of the statue and plaza was held during the Jefferson Bell Tower Festival on June 11, 2011. Three hundred people were in attendance for the program and final unveiling.

To fully understand the enormity of the Olympic honor, a few facts should be reviewed. Wilber was a newcomer to the sport, shooting competitively for only 15 years before winning the Olympic gold. She first picked up a bow in 1957 when Skeeter received a bow and set of arrows as payment for automobile repair work he had done. It quickly became evident that Doreen had the natural



Jefferson Rotarians Don Orris and Larry Fie were the leaders in a project to honor the late Doreen Wilber of Jefferson, the first Iowa female to win an Olympic gold medal in any sport. Wilber, at age 42, won the medal at the 1972 Munich Games. Centering the plaza is an original bronze sculpture of Wilber in shooting stance. The statue aims at a target across the street located at the shortest shooting distance Wilber would have seen in competition. The plaza is lighted and open to visitors daily around the clock.

D-6000 Rotarian named to Public Image team

By DGN Rita Perea/Greater Des Moines

In today's fast-paced and media-driven society, an organization that doesn't promote itself will be left behind. Rotary International's new strategic plan has three interdependent strategic priorities, one of which is to Enhance Public Image and Awareness.



DGN Rita Perea

The RPIC (Rotary Public Image Coordinator) team was created to provide support, encouragement and resources to district governors, district leaders and District Public Image Chairs to enhance the public image and awareness of Rotary.

District 6000 DGN Rita Perea of the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines was named to the RPIC team for Zone 28.

From providing support to districts to help local club's publicize service projects and fundraisers to raising Rotary International's profile on the global stage, this public image strategic priority is the key to Rotary's long-term success.

In addition to Rotary District 6000, DGN Perea will also be serving Districts 6420, 5650 and 5970. Other members of the Zone 28 RPIC team are: Team Leader, PDG Roger Kueter (D5970), Debbie Stacey (D6440), and Timothy Kaminski (D5580).

Olympian honored

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talent for the sport. There were no professional coaches or commercial sponsors. Skeeter was her only coach and advisor. Under his tutelage, Doreen honed her skills and sharpened her athleticism.

From 1963 to 1973 she never lost a tournament at the state level. In ten years as a national competitor from 1965 to 1975 she medaled eight times, winning five golds, two silvers and one bronze. Internationally she rewrote the record book, establishing ten new records and the first woman to shoot over 1,200 in world competition. The high point of her archery career was winning the Olympic gold medal on Sept. 15, 1972, becoming the first woman from Iowa to win an Olympic gold medal which she accomplished at age 42.

Archery was an Olympic sport from 1900 to 1920 when it was discontinued. It was reintroduced in 1972 marking the beginning of the modern era of archery competition at the Olympic Games. The timing was right for Doreen, known to be a fierce competitor but equally remembered for her gracious sportsmanship.

When Wilber returned from the Olympics she received a hero's welcome, greeted by the Governor of Iowa, Robert D. Ray, and a caravan of cars two miles long escorted her back to Jefferson. There she was welcomed by a crowd of around 2,000 gathered around the courthouse square.

Her family, friends and neighbors were proud of her accomplishments on the world stage but Doreen herself was humble. To her, the values of her rural upbringing, commitment to family and community and high ideals overshadowed athletic prowess. Her life lessons of hard work, belief in big dreams and in one's self are lasting legacies. All those who visit the plaza will be inspired by the story of Doreen, her achievements and the ideals she modeled.



LobsterFest underwrites charities in Bettendorf

By Glenn Kass/Bettendorf

Thanks to funds raised during its fifth annual Lobsterfest, the Rotary Club of Bettendorf will be able to offer grants up to \$20,000 for area charities and \$6,000 in scholarships to graduates pursuing higher education.

Held in June at Rivermont Collegiate College Preparatory School, the event has become a signature club project. Over 300 attendees dine on Lobsters that have been flown in fresh from Maine. The dinner is prepared by the Scott Community College Culinary Arts students and served in a traditional New England lobster bake style.

This record catch in 2011 is made possible by presenting sponsors Califf & Harper, P.C. and THE National Bank, along with over 30 supporting businesses and individuals. Charity distribution will occur through grant requests to the Charitable Giving Board of the Bettendorf Rotary Club under the watch of chair Jeff Hassell, the club's immediate past president.

Once again this year, the scholarships will go to deserving students at Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley high schools, Rivermont Collegiate and Scott Community College. Those students are chosen by the educational institutions.

Guidance for Lobsterfest was provided by event chair Scott Naumann, the 2011-2012 president, operations captain Frank Mitvalsky, volunteer captain Sharon Sarver, facilities captain David Deuth and financial captain George Daugherty.

In addition Amber Castro, one of the newer Bettendorf Rotarians, oversaw collection and organization of all donated auction items. That effort, as well as others, resulted in her being named "Rotarian of the Quarter" for the club.

"Lobsterfest is a tremendous undertaking for our club, but the results speak for themselves," said Naumann. "By bringing together fellow Rotarians, friends, family and business associates, exposing them to the message of 'Service Above Self' as well as assisting area charities and students, clearly that makes all of our efforts worthwhile."



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Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2010 - June 13, 2011*

(Members: Jul 10/Jul 11)	(1) 10-11 Goal	(2) Thru 6-30-11	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (28/26)	\$ 2,800	2,446	87	\$ 87.37
Albia (32/28)	1,860	925	50	28.91
Ames Morning (61/61)	6,930	9,225	133	151.23
Ames (237/230)	35,700	28,628	80	120.79
Ankeny (63/62)	11,250	8,450	75	134.13
Atlantic (65/64)	5,025	6,345	126	97.62
Bettendorf (101/113)	11,000	14,625	133	144.80
Bloomfield (14/14)	1,500	200	13	14.29
Boone (54/52)	5,700	8,420	148	155.93
Burlington (90/85)	9,900	7,335	74	81.50
Carroll (56/55)	5,800	2,832	49	50.59
Centerville (40/41)	3,900	3,500	90	87.50
Chariton (57/53)	5,985	6,950	116	121.93
Clinton (115/116)	9,840	8,424	86	73.25
Coon Rapids (23/29)	1,250	1,250	100	54.35
Coralville-North Corridor (27/22)	3,080	1,975	64	73.15
Corning (49/48)	2,600	2,590	100	52.86
Corydon (17/20)	300	300	100	17.65
Creston (21/19)	525	75	14	3.57
Dallas Center (26/26)	2,500	2,500	100	96.15
Davenport (133/132)	14,300	9,240	65	69.48
Decatur County (20/25)	675	5,600	830	280
Des Moines AM (138/139)	12,000	11,850	99	85.87
Des Moines (306/294)	22,500	23,865	106	77.99
East Polk County (41/42)	4,000	3,397	85	82.85
Fairfield (65/60)	7,040	7,040	100	108.31
Fort Madison (58/52)	5,600	5,625	100	96.98
Greater Des Moines (44/37)	4,100	10,500	256	238.64
Grinnell (31/33)	3,000	1,370	46	44.19
Indianola (45/50)	5,060	4,125	82	91.67
Iowa City AM (55/55)	7,000	15,592	223	283.49
Iowa City Downtown (18/19)	1,600	2,335	146	129.72
Iowa City (297/303)	26,640	36,700	138	123.57
Iowa Quad-Cities (48/47)	2,940	4,250	145	88.54
Jefferson (54/53)	5,400	8,147	151	150.88
Johnston (49/53)	5,000	5,002	100	102.09
Kalona (45/43)	4,600	2,200	48	48.89
Keokuk (87/84)	9,000	6,325	70	72.70
Keosauqua (24/26)	1,650	1,980	120	82.50
Knoxville (67/63)	6,400	5,675	89	84.70
Lenox (26/23)	2,500	2,426	97	93.32
Manning (20/22)	1,700	1,525	90	76.25
Marengo (12/10)	1,500	50	3	4.17
Marshalltown (168/158)	10,000	2,600	26	15.48
Mount Pleasant Noon (37/51)	1,700	2,550	150	68.92
Mt. Pleasant (28/24)	3,200	1,000	31	35.71
Muscatine (125/117)	18,500	16,359	88	130.87
Nevada (61/66)	6,820	8,200	120	134.43
Newton (72/72)	7,800	3,680	47	51.11
North Scott (96/91)	12,600	12,845	102	133.80
Northwest Des Moines (51/49)	11,310	10,850	96	212.75
Osceola (30/28)	2,400	600	25	20.00
Oskaloosa (50/55)	4,125	2,454	59	49.08
Ottumwa (100/98)	11,880	11,250	95	112.50
Pella (39/40)	4,300	3,630	84	93.08
Perry (26/29)	435	550	126	21.15
Tipton (24/28)	2,600	3,123	120	130.15
Washington (61/55)	7,040	6,350	90	104.10
Wauke (48/50)	5,500	5,025	91	104.69
Wellman (37/36)	4,248	4,150	98	112.16
West Des Moines (74/71)	8,970	7,055	79	95.34
West Liberty (37/39)	7,400	13,235	179	357.70
Winterset (30/29)	1,860	1,860	100	62.00
Total (4,053/4,015)	\$ 414,338	\$ 409,183	98.76	\$ 100.96

Foundation news

53 percent in D-6000 are Sustainers, but 32 percent did not give to the Foundation

By PDG Corliss Klaassen/Chariton
District Rotary Foundation Chair

How well did we as Rotarians in District 6000 do this last Rotary year in giving to The Rotary Foundation (TRF)? That is a hard question to answer, for we did well in some areas, so-so in other areas and rather poorly in others.

In our district last year 2,226 (53 percent) of our Rotarians gave \$100 or more to TRF. There were 67 Rotarians who gave \$1,000 or more and those 67 Rotarians contributed 20 percent of the total collected for the Annual Programs Fund. There were, however, 1,269 (32 percent) Rotarians in our district who gave NOTHING to The Rotary Foundation.

We did well in that all 63 clubs in our district set a goal of giving to the Annual Programs Fund last year. We can say 100 percent of our clubs in District 6000 set a goal and all 63 clubs contributed to the Annual Programs Fund (APF) of The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

However, how many clubs met their goal? Twenty-eight clubs (44 percent) met or exceeded their goal. Nineteen clubs (30 percent) gave 75-99 percent of their goal. Six clubs (10 percent) gave 50-74 percent of their goal and I am sorry to report 10 clubs (16 percent) gave 49 percent or less of their goal.

These figures show that 56 percent of our clubs didn't reach their goal and a whopping 16 percent didn't even meet 50 percent of their goal. The district goal for 2010-11 was \$414,338 and we received \$409,183, which comes to \$100.96 per member based on a membership of 4,053 members. This is down just slightly from last year when we raised \$424,602 for an average of \$101.48.

It really helped when a few clubs in our district far exceeded their goal. It helped offset those who gave less than 50 percent of their goal. Our district ended up with achieving 98.76 percent of its goal.

When it came to Restricted Giving we did well, for we collected \$116,549. Our

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Our 2011-12 goal: \$400,140

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goal for the year was \$67,310 for the Polio Plus Program and we raised \$85,133. This tells us that we exceeded our goal by a whopping 26 percent. In addition to what Rotarians gave in District 6000, our district governor last year (Gary Welch) contributed \$49,967 of our District Designated Funds to the PolioPlus Program. We as a district ended up giving a grand total of \$135,100. This definitely will prevent many children from contracting that crippling disease of polio!

Now the difference between the total Restricted Giving of \$116,549 and the amount given to the PolioPlus Program of \$85,133 leaves us with \$31,416. This is the total contributed by all the clubs in District 6000 towards the seven Matching Grants our district did this last Rotary year.

What are the district's goals for this 2011-12 Rotary year? All 100 percent of our current club presidents filled out their Club Foundation Goal Forms. The totals came out to \$400,140 to the Annual Programs Fund and \$78,478 towards PolioPlus. Both of these goals are attainable.

We as Rotarians need to remember if we are to make the world a better place to live in and if we live by our motto of "Service Above Self," it will take our time, our talent and our resources to make it possible. Let us remember we must "REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY."

If those 1,269 non-contributing Rotarians would contribute SOMETHING this year and all the remaining Rotarians would contribute just a little more, we can make this year a VERY SUCCESSFUL ROTARY YEAR. Remember, the more we contribute to The Rotary Foundation, the more money we will have available to do more humanitarian grants, sponsor more educational programs and vaccinate many more children from polio.

Future Vision: D-6000 is ahead of schedule

By DGN Rita Perea/Greater Des Moines

Future Vision Team chair

Rotary's founder, Paul Harris said, "This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it."

The Rotary Foundation is doing just that, making changes in the way that districts and clubs access grant monies and program funds. The changes, which will be implemented beginning July 1, 2013, have been named the Future Vision Plan (FVP).

Currently 100 districts worldwide have been selected to "test" the changes as pilot districts. The Rotary Foundation is diligently evaluating the results of these changes and tweaking FVP along the way before the 2013 worldwide roll out.

District 6000 has taken a proactive approach to this change and, I am pleased to announce, is well ahead of the implementation timeline. We have secured a mentor pilot district – District 5960 in Minnesota – to provide support as we plan for the coming Future Vision changes.

The District 6000 Future Vision team, working closely with RI Future Vision staff, has also developed a Future Vision Transition Plan which will be on the District Executive Committee's agenda for discussion in October.

Attendees at the 2011 Fall Training Seminars will learn about "Future Vision 101." Be sure to send a future club leader to the training so your club, and our district, can continue to, in the words of our founder, "be prepared to change."



Bob Scott of Canada (c), who chairs Rotary's global campaign to eradicate polio, was the speaker at the Rotary Club of Des Moines on June 16. He is pictured with his wife, Ann (r), and PDG Susan Herrick (l), who chairs the District 6000 initiative. "It was a thrill when he spoke to the club he did mention giving me the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World in New Orleans!" said PDG Herrick.

Polio campaign chair speaks in Des Moines

By Eric Fogg/Des Moines

Dr. Robert Scott, polio expert and International PolioPlus Committee chair, spoke to the Rotary Club of Des Moines on June 16 about Rotary's involvement in the worldwide campaign to eradicate this terrible disease. Vast improvements have been made over just the last few years with as few as 205 cases reported in 2008.

According to Dr. Scott, most people who carry the polio virus don't know they have it and it's only through vaccinations that the disease is stopped. "Please have your children vaccinated," he urged, "as polio can be only a plane ride away." Unfortunately there is no cure for the disease, so eradication not control is the only solution. "We can do that," Dr. Scott noted, "but the world just doesn't have enough money."

Rotary is part of a world-wide consortium of organizations – including the Gates Foundation – and governments who are actively battling polio.

"If it wasn't for the Gates Foundation, we would have been bankrupt by now," stated Dr. Scott. The Gates Foundation donated \$355 million, challenging Rotary to raise a matching \$200 million by July 1, 2012. Currently Rotarians have contributed \$175 million.

A native of Scotland, Dr. Scott now lives in Canada. He and his wife, Ann, have traveled the globe to see, firsthand, the effects of this disease and to urge governments to aid in the eradication of polio.

Rotary's Core Values

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

News Briefs

District Conference: Mark your calendars and save the dates of April 12-14, 2012, for District Governor Don and Becky's celebration of Rotary at the District Conference at the Riverside Casino & Resort in Riverside, Iowa, near Iowa City.

Zone: Leaders of districts in Zones 28-29, from New York to North Dakota, will meet at the "Rally In Chicago" Rotary Institute Sept. 8-11 at the Westin Lombard Hotel at Yorktown Center. PDG Diana Reed is head trainer for the Sept. 6-8 Governor-Elect Training Seminar (GETS), and DGE Terry Geiger and DGN Rita Perea will receive training. RRFC Don Goering and others from District 6000 will be in attendance. The Institute is convened by RI Director Betsy Demaray of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Youth Exchange: Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students for 2011-12 and their home hosts and counselors will meet each other Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the annual Fall Kickoff Training, which will be held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Iowa City. District 6000 clubs will be hosting 16 students this year.

PILOT CLUBS: Two clubs in District 6000 have been approved by Rotary International for Club Pilot Programs: The Rotary Club of Adel for the Corporate Membership Program and the Rotary Club of West Liberty for the Associate Member Program.

The Associate Member Program allows younger members to join with no cost. The Corporate Membership Program allows more than one representative to be a member under the corporate member category. The object is not attendance requirements,

but to introduce new people to Rotary with the expectation that they would become full dues-paying members after three years.

Xicotepec: Applications for the 2012 Xicotepec Project Teams will be available this fall. If your Rotary Club or Interact Club would like to learn more about District 6000's Xicotepec Project, Jim Peterson, Kay Carpenter and Ted Carpenter are willing to present to your club. Feel free to contact us at xicoproj@gmail.com or the Carpenters at (319) 541-1788. *Thanks, Kay Carpenter*

MOST: PDG Gary Pacha says the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.) is hopeful of confirming dates in late February or early March 2012 for the cleft lip-cleft palate repair team in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. Those interested in volunteering for the trip should call Gary at (319) 351-6251.

RI Convention: Register now for the RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, May 6-9 2012. The "Land of a Thousand Smiles!" offers Thai hospitality, spectacular sights, a vibrant culture, and delicious cuisine. Make friends with fellow Rotarians from around the world and renew your commitment to Service Above Self. Register at www.rotary.org/en/members/events/convention.



In Keokuk, Rotary Road is the entry way to Joyce Park. The City of Keokuk honored the Rotary Club of Keokuk by naming the street when the club donated Bradford pear trees that line the sides of the road. Rotary club president Tony Conn (r) is pictured with DG Don Patterson.

PETS: The Multi-District President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) for presidents who will serve in 2012-13 will be Friday and Saturday, March 2-3 at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, Minn. Participating will be Districts 6000 and 5970 in Iowa, 5950 in Minnesota, and 5960 of Minnesota and Wisconsin. Assistant Governor Training will be at Rochester on March 1. Watch for registration information at the District website.

Project Fairs: Rotarians looking for international fellowship and service projects are invited to attend the West Africa Project Fair in Dakar, Senegal, Oct. 26-Nov. 2, and the three-district Project Fair in Oaxaca, Mexico, Jan. 26-29, 2012. Information: Howard Tours, (800) 475-2260 (Africa), and Jim Peterson, (319) 214-0102 (Oaxaca).

Ask! Did you invite some to join Rotary today?



The traditional passing of the "Home of the District Governor" banner and governor's pin took place July 7 at the Rotary Club of Washington (l-r): DGE Terry and Peggy Geiger of Decatur County, Becky and DG Don Patterson of Washington, and Colleen and PDG Gary Welch of Ankeny.

Rotary seeks partnership with Public TV

A cornerstone of Rotary's PR initiative is the district PR grants, which were increased to \$15,000 for 2011-12 with required one-third district matches. For the fourth consecutive year, PDG Bill Tubbs submitted a multi-district PR grant proposal to RI for Districts 6000 and 5970 (northern Iowa). The 2011-12 grant is for a corporate partnership with Iowa Public TV. If approved, Rotary's "Humanity In Motion" messages will air 928 times on statewide IPTV during 2012 on programs like Iowa Press, Washington Week In Review, the Newshour with Jim Lehrer, Nightly Business Report, Nova, and 20 PBS specials. Rotarians will also be involved with Iowa Public TV's FESTIVAL.



Previous two-district grants supported the Iowa Rotary tabloid in 49 newspapers in 2007-08, a partnership with the Iowa Broadcasters in 2008-09, the Iowa Rotary Video for clubs and on Mediacom in 2009-10, and a co-op ad program that produced pages about Rotary in 72 newspapers in 2010-11. Those newspapers are named below:

Adel Dallas County News	Independence Bulletin-Journal
Altoona Herald-Index	Indianola Record-Herald & Tribune
Ames Daily Tribune	Iowa City Corridor Journal
Ankeny Press-Citizen	Iowa City Daily Iowan
Atlantic News Telegraph	Iowa City Press Citizen
Bancroft Register	Jefferson Herald
Belle Plaine Star Press Union	Kalona News
Bloomfield Democrat	Keosauqua Van Buren Co. Register
Boone News Republican	Knoxville Journal/Express
Burlington Hawk Eye	Lake City Graphic-Advocate
Carroll Daily Times Herald	Manchester Press
Cedar Rapids Gazette	Manning Monitor
Centerville Daily Iowegian	Maquoketa Sentinel-Press
Chariton Herald Patriot	Marengo Pioneer-Republican
Clarion Wright County Monitor	Marshalltown Times-Republican
Clear Lake Mirror Reporter	Mason City Globe-Gazette
Coming Adams County Free Press	Monticello Express
Creston News Advertiser	Mt. Vernon Sun
Davenport Quad-City Times	Muscatine Journal
Decorah Public Opinion	Nevada Journal
Des Moines Business Record	Odebolt Chronicle
Des Moines Register	Oelwein Daily Register
Dows Advocate	Osage Mitchell County Press-News
Dubuque Telegraph Herald	Oskaloosa Daily Herald
Eagle Grove Eagle	Pella Chronicle
Eldora Herald Ledger	Perry Chief
Eldridge North Scott Press	Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune
Ermetsburg Democrat	Storm Lake Times
Estherville Daily News	Washington Evening Journal
Forest City Summit	Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier
Fort Dodge Messenger	Wellman Advance
Fort Madison Democrat	West Liberty Index
33 Garner Leader & Signal	West Union Fayette County Union
Grinnell Poweshiek County CR	Winterset Madsonian
Guttenberg Press	Hudson Herald
Hampton Chronicle	Humboldt Independent

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK May 2011 - July 2011

CLUB	MAY		JUNE		JULY	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	64.00 %	33	62.00 %	28	59.00 %	33
Albia	55.20 %	46	49.10 %	48	53.40 %	42
Ames	65.00 %	30	59.00 %	30	61.00 %	31
Ames Morning	53.30 %	50	53.40 %	39	47.90 %	45
Ankeny	81.46 %	10	74.29 %	12	75.45 %	11
Atlantic	39.49 %	56	52.82 %	41		
Bettendorf	79.50 %	12	77.00 %	10	73.00 %	13
Bloomfield	56.00 %	45	80.00 %	9		
Boone	63.00 %	34	55.00 %	37	54.00 %	41
Burlington	75.90 %	14	68.90 %	21	70.90 %	15
Carroll	67.19 %	24	55.21 %	36	54.00 %	40
Centerville	61.00 %	36	53.00 %	40	55.00 %	37
Chariton	69.00 %	22	58.00 %	33	57.00 %	36
Clinton	57.82 %	42	51.91 %	45	41.72 %	46
Coon Rapids						
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00 %	1	83.00 %	6	88.00 %	2
Corning	72.00 %	18	71.00 %	15	70.00 %	19
Corydon	46.00 %	53	50.00 %	47		
Creston	67.00 %	25	57.00 %	34	61.00 %	30
Dallas Center	65.00 %	29	66.00 %	24	73.00 %	12
Davenport					37.84 %	48
Decatur County	71.00 %	20	81.00 %	7	70.00 %	18
Des Moines	56.88 %	43	52.26 %	42	58.22 %	35
Des Moines A.M.						
East Polk County	64.17 %	31	54.46 %	38	61.59 %	28
Fairfield						
Fort Madison	62.00 %	35	58.00 %	32	60.30 %	32
Greater Des Moines			83.00 %	5	54.00 %	39
Grinnell	79.00 %	13	65.00 %	25	64.00 %	25
Indianola	67.86 %	23	48.68 %	49		
Iowa City	40.00 %	55	37.56 %	52	34.83 %	49
Iowa City A.M.	75.19 %	15	70.51 %	16	71.37 %	14
Iowa City Downtown	72.63 %	16	76.32 %	11	82.67 %	7
Iowa Quad-Cities	87.79 %	6	70.23 %	17	64.16 %	24
Jefferson					66.00 %	23
Johnston	71.84 %	19	69.28 %	20	67.35 %	22
Kalona	84.50 %	7	70.00 %	19	70.00 %	17
Keokuk	47.32 %	52	47.62 %	50		
Keosauqua	53.90 %	49	50.00 %	46	68.20 %	21
Knoxville	60.73 %	37	58.69 %	31	61.73 %	27
Lenox	83.00 %	8	70.00 %	18	83.00 %	6
Manning	64.00 %	32	87.00 %	2	79.00 %	9
Marengo	80.00 %	11	84.00 %	3		
Marshalltown	43.47 %	54				
Mount Pleasant Noon	72.13 %	17	71.06 %	14	54.90 %	38
Mt. Pleasant	92.00 %	3	83.00 %	4	83.00 %	5
Muscatine	48.90 %	51	46.05 %	51	41.25 %	47
Nevada	66.41 %	26	72.82 %	13		
Newton	60.47 %	38	62.00 %	27		
North Scott	87.79 %	5	80.65 %	8	85.89 %	3
Northwest Des Moines	82.78 %	9	89.62 %	1	83.69 %	4
Osceola	55.00 %	47	56.00 %	35	50.62 %	43
Oskaloosa	58.50 %	41	60.40 %	29	61.00 %	29
Ottumwa	54.89 %	48			50.20 %	44
Pella	69.00 %	21			62.00 %	26
Perry						
Tipton	59.30 %	40	66.00 %	23		
Washington	56.25 %	44	51.97 %	44	69.55 %	20
Waukee	90.10 %	4			75.52 %	10
Wellman	92.50 %	2			89.00 %	1
West Des Moines	66.35 %	27	62.69 %	26	81.92 %	8
West Liberty	66.00 %	28	66.00 %	22	70.00 %	16
Winterset	60.20 %	39	52.00 %	43	58.80 %	34

Watch For: The impressions of first-time attenders of the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans, and more, will be in the December issue of *District 6000 News*. To report your club's news, send Word documents and free-standing high resolution .jpg photos to: btubbs@northscottpress.com. The deadline is Nov. 21. Questions? PDG Bill Tubbs, (563) 285-8111, or Jacque Andrew, (515) 386-2114; or Karin Franklin, (319), 321-8261.

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(of the things we Think, Say or Do)

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

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Club leaders' checklist

From DG Don Patterson . . .

- Ensure that **RI and District dues** are paid, including voluntary contributions to FAMSCO and M.O.S.T. and the Youth Services Fund.
- Register club members to attend one or more **Regional Rotary Foundation/Membership/PR seminars** (p. 3).
- Determine significant community projects that might be aided with a **District Simplified Grant** and apply by the Oct. 1 deadline (p. 10).
- Nominate a worthy member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** (p. 11).
- Encourage club members, volunteers, and youth in your community to join a **Project Team in Xicotepec, Mexico** in March 2012 (p. 4-7, 30).
- Consider nominations for **District Governor 2014-15** (p. 17).
- Encourage attendance and report your **attendance** monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 31).
- Plan programs and activities to observe November as **Rotary Foundation Month** and implement a plan to meet or exceed your goal (p. 28-29, insert).
- Plan **membership development** activities, and personally invite a member to Rotary.
- Contact **GSE** inbound chairman Mark Snell of GSE chairman Lynn Hicks if your club would like to help host a team from New Zealand in the spring of 2012 (p. 13).
- Encourage and support your 2012-13 club president's participation in **Multi-District PETS** (p. 30).
- Encourage members to attend the 2012 **RI Convention** in Bangkok, Thailand (p. 30).
- Reach out the **Rotary Foundation Alumni** in your area and invite them to become members and more involved with Rotary. A list of Foundation alumni in our district is available from Bill Koeller (p. 14-16).
- Observe Oct. 23 **World Polio Day** and plan activities to create awareness in your community of Rotary's campaign to **eradicate polio** and to raise funds to meet or exceed your club's commitment (p. 3, 20, 22, 29, insert).
- Identify projects and plan activities to achieve 2011-12 RI President Kalyan Banerjee's **Presidential Citation** (www.rotary6000.org).
- Tell the **Friendship Exchange** Committee of your interest in cultural exchanges (p. 13).
- **Submit news** of your club's successes or upcoming events by Nov. 21, 2011 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacque Andrew (Jefferson).
- **"Celebrate Rotary" and Have Fun!**

You and YOUR Rotary Foundation

Where the money comes from and how it changes lives here and globally

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty

D-6000 Annual Giving chair

Past Rotary International President Bill Boyd, who is chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) provided this message to all Rotarians. *"I am excited, and I hope you are too, as we move into the new Rotary year. Our clubs and districts have new leaders, and we've set new goals for the year ahead. Everything we appreciate in Rotary remains constant, but the people and roles change. Similarly, our Rotary Foundation has new trustees and a new chair, but our mission remains the same: '... to enable Rotarians to advance world peace through the improvement of health, support of education, and alleviation of poverty.'"*

This year, District 6000 has three goals for the Foundation, not to replace our vision for the future, but to give us focus for the year.

1. OUR FIRST GOAL is to complete the eradication of polio. We took great steps forward in 2010. We cannot relax, however, as the outbreaks in Tajikistan and the Republic of the Congo remind us. Each of us can make a contribution to this, the greatest achievement in the history of Rotary.

2. OUR SECOND GOAL is that every one of us should feel that we own The Rotary Foundation. We can do that through our service and our contributions. This should be our Rotary Foundation.

3. THE THIRD GOAL is to make our Foundation more effective and efficient by testing and refining our Future Vision Plan. After a very positive first year, we need the pilot districts to tell us what works and what could be improved, and to develop new ways to serve. This also will be a preparation year for non-pilot districts. Think now how your district structure will change and how you will make decisions on grants and audits.

The strength of The Rotary Foundation, our Foundation, is not determined by the trustees. What we can do is determined by you. Please support us, and together let us make THE ROTARY FOUNDATION has three main program areas:

- PolioPlus
- Educational Programs
- Humanitarian Grants

The goal of **PolioPlus** is the global certification of polio eradication. It is important for Rotarians to stay informed and involved until certification is achieved. Rotarians serve as a powerful volunteer network at the local level providing support at clinics and mobilizing their communities for immunization or other polio eradication activities. The PolioPlus program allows Rotary clubs, districts and individual Rotarians to voluntarily assist in reaching Rotary's goal of a polio-free world. Recognizing Rotary's resolve to eradicate polio and its extensive volunteer network, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation awarded The Rotary Foundation grants totaling \$355 million. In return, Rotary is committed to raising \$200 million by June 30, 2012. Together, Rotary International and the Gates Foundation will provide over half a billion dollars toward our goal of a polio-free world.

Through its **educational** programs, The Rotary Foundation furthers international understanding by providing opportunities for students, educators, and business and professional people to

experience another culture and develop long-lasting relationships with peers in other countries.

Educational programs help participants learn about the needs of their local and world communities and the opportunities available through Rotary to help address them. The educational programs include:

- Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Group Study Exchange (GSE)
- Rotary World Peace Fellowships

Rotarians are involved in the selection, orientation, and hosting of educational program participants.

The **Humanitarian Grants** Program provides grants to Rotary clubs and districts to implement humanitarian projects. The following grants are available to address different service needs and funding options:

- Matching Grants
- District Simplified Grants

There are two tightly intertwined facets to the Rotary Foundation (TRF). They are the programs and funding, and we can't do one without the other. The magic of Rotary is in the actual planning, the fund raising, participating in and then seeing the extraordinary results of our programs. Rotarians make the world a better place while financially supporting our educational, humanitarian and vocational projects.

Since its creation in 1917, The Rotary Foundation has grown into a global force for good, thanks to the generosity of Rotarians and friends of Rotary who share our vision for a better world.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary's main objective is service - in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

District 6000 fundraising goals

Our First Goal in District 6000 is to complete the eradication of polio. Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, who served as chairman of the trustees of Rotary International until June 30, 2011, states that, "We have the power to eradicate polio - we have the vaccine. There's still a funding gap so it's a question of money, but it can be done."

That's the message from Rotary International, which has donated \$1 billion to the global polio eradication effort. "We have always been confident that it can be achieved, but the final leg of the journey has proven difficult. 99 percent of the work has been done. It's like a marathon - the final mile is the hardest."

Rotary International first became involved with the drive to eradicate polio in 1988 and its army of volunteers is on the ground working in some of the toughest conditions imaginable. "We are prioritizing polio because it is a disease that can be eradicated. We have the vaccine and we have the power to do it."

Since 2007, Rotary clubs in District 6000 have contributed



FOUNDATION/continued on reverse

Twenty-four clubs topped \$100 per capita

FOUNDATION/continued

\$287,971.55. That includes \$82,458.60 contributed for Rotary year 2010-11. Since 2007, district governors have reallocated District Designated Funds to PolioPlus in the amount of \$117,567.23. This makes the total contribution to Polio from District 6000 \$405,538.78. The 63 clubs have established a goal for Rotary Year 2011-12 of \$78,478.

Our Second Goal is that The Rotary Foundation is our foundation, and it is successful through our contributions and our service. The final audit has been made on contributions for Rotary year 2010-11, and again District 6000 Rotarians have contributed an average of \$100.96 per Rotarian or a total of \$409,184. Rotarians have contributed an average of \$100 or more since 2006-07. The table at right shows the Annual Programs Fund gifts since 2003-04.

The goal established by club presidents for Rotary year 2011-12 is \$400,380, or about \$100 per Rotarian.

Last year, 24 clubs contributed more than \$100 per Rotarian, which includes four clubs who gave more than \$200 per Rotarian and one club who gave more than \$300 per Rotarian.

The clubs who gave more than \$100 were: Ames Morning, Ames, Ankeny, Bettendorf, Boone, Chariton, Decatur County, Fairfield, Greater Des Moines, Iowa City A.M., Iowa City Downtown, Iowa City, Jefferson, Johnston, Muscatine, Nevada, North Scott, Northwest Des Moines, Ottumwa, Tipton, Washington, Waukee, Wellman, and West Liberty.

The clubs who gave more than \$200 were: Decatur County, Greater Des Moines, Iowa City A.M., and West Liberty.

The club who gave more than \$300 is West Liberty.

District 6000 thanks all clubs for their contributions, and especially those who gave more than \$100 to TRF. The number of Rotarians in District 6000 for Rotary year 2010-11 was 4,053, and

2,164 of those Rotarians were Sustaining Members. A Sustaining Member is someone who contributes at least \$100 annually.

How the money changed lives

Now what did District 6000 do with the money it got back as District Designated Funds (DDF)? We started the year by awarding Ambassadorial Scholarships to Andrew Boyles and Margaret Fountain. The two scholarships cost us \$25,000 each. We then set aside \$45,223 for District Simplified Grants. This money supported 13 projects in our local communities. We supported eight Matching Grants which took \$21,818 of DDF, and then we then gave \$49,968 of our DDF to the PolioPlus program. The total DDF the district used this year came to a total of \$167,019.

As we celebrate the achievements of last Rotary year, we also look forward with great excitement and momentum. At the 2010 RI Convention in Montreal, Rotary Foundation trustees announced a goal of \$95.5 million for the Annual Programs Fund for 2010-11.

With a financial contribution from every Rotarian, we will exceed this goal. And remember,

Every Rotarian, Every Year really means:

- Every child everywhere can learn to read and write.
- Every community everywhere deserves access to clean water.
- Everybody everywhere may live in a world at peace.

District 6000 Annual Giving

Year	Annual Gifts	Per Capita Gifts
2010-11	\$409,184	100.96
2009-10	424,604	101.48
2008-09	437,219	103.26
2007-08	452,232	105.00
2006-07	482,226	110.00
2005-06	430,620	96.44
2004-05	435,279	96.90
2003-04	316,528	71.13

Help celebrate World Polio Day on Oct. 24

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

D-6000 PolioPlus chair

World Polio Day is again on Oct. 24. The PolioPlus Challenge Committee is asking that all D6000 Rotary clubs have a member or a number of their members have their pictures taken and put on the "We Are This Close" site and then run those pictures on posters, billboards, in newspapers, or in their club newsletters around World Polio Day. This can be done by going to the RI website: www.rotary.org and entering We Are This Close, followed by selecting "Make Your Own Ad" and following the directions how to enter your face into a 'We Are This Close' ad.

The committee believes that a local face attached to the PolioPlus Challenge will draw the attention of Rotarians and their communities. If we run these spots district-wide around World Polio Day this will serve to once again bring polio to the attention of our communities.

Polio Eradication update: Globally there are 327 cases year-to-date for the week ending 8/20/11. The total last year on this date was 612. Again, there were no new cases last week in India and Nigeria with new cases reported as 6 in Pakistan, 1 in Afghanistan, 7 in Chad

and 4 in Cote d'Ivoire. The 2011 Polio Case Breakdown by Country is (with totals for 2010 in parenthesis): **Endemic Countries:** 1 India (42), 24 Nigeria (21), 69 Pakistan (144), 12 Afghanistan (25).

Importation Countries: 4 Angola (33), 3 Burkina Faso (0), 100 Chad (26), 1 Congo (384), 32 Cote d'Ivoire (0), 75 DRC (100), 1 Gabon (0), 1 Guinea (0), 0 Kazakhstan (1), 0 Liberia (2), 4 Mali (4), 0 Mauritania (5), 0 Nepal (6), 1 Niger (2), 0 Russian Federation (14), 0 Senegal (18), 0 Sierra Leone (1), 0 Tajikistan (458), 0 Turkmenistan (3), 0 Uganda (4).

The committee noted that outbreaks in importation countries are quickly brought under control but that until we have completely eradicated polio there will continue to be outbreaks of this disease. Therefore, it is crucial that we continue to work toward eradication of this disease.

It is important that we continue to stress to our clubs that the **ULTIMATE GOAL** is not to reach the Gates Challenge Goal but to attain the No. 1 priority of Rotary International to eradicate polio for the planet.

We thank all D-6000 Rotarians for their continued efforts to help Rotary International achieve its No. 1 Goal – the eradication of polio from the planet. Help us keep our promise to the children of the world.

