

# District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Terry Geiger, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –  
First Quarter (July-August-September 2012)

## District 6000 Rotarians are all working on 'Peace Through Service'

By DG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

**R**otarians in District 6000 and all around the Rotary world have been asked to pursue "Peace Through Service" by our President Sakuji Tanaka.



**Terry Geiger**  
District Governor

What a timely and appropriate theme we have to work with when we consider the tragedies we have seen in recent days with the shootings and the violence.

However, Tanaka emphasizes to all of us that peace is not just the absence of war.

When we distribute dictionaries to our

elementary students, we are helping them find peace in helping them learn to read.

When we provide food to the local food shelter, we are helping bring peace to those that are in need of nourishment.

As Peg and I have begun our travels throughout District 6000, we are finding that every club in the district is helping to bring peace in its own way to its own community. Thank you Rotarians for all the "Peace Through Service" you are providing.

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**Thank You:** I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your 2012-2013 District Governor. As Peg and I travel the district, we are amazed with the friendly hospitality we have been receiving. As we have asked clubs for action, we see it is

happening over and over and over again in your communities.

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**Shoes:** I have set some of my own personal goals for the year. You will hear more about our District Conference next April but one thing we are asking is clubs to bring one pair of new shoes from each member to the conference.

We will have a roll call of shoes as each club acknowledges their presence and the number of pairs of shoes they have brought. These shoes will be shipped to South Africa for Blessman Ministries' use in their villages. Many of you have already begun this shoe gathering process and I sincerely

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Photo by Bill Tubbs

District 6000's 64th and newest club, the Rotary Club of West Polk, received its charter Aug. 20. Rotarians from 15 clubs were on hand to celebrate at Nick's Bar & Grill in West Des Moines. Charter members pictured with district leaders included (l-r): Kevin Smith, DG Terry Geiger, Matt Sokowoski, PDG Don Patterson, Kim Bruns, Luke Vogel, Kimberly Hansen, Jeff Holloday, Dustyn Curran, Lorinda Peters (charter president), Mike Thibeadoux, Justin Vaught, Jerry Lande and Larry Lyon. Gene Gabus was PDG Patterson's special representative during the chartering process. A story is on page 2.

# West Polk Rotary Club is District 6000's newest

**By Lorinda Peters/West Polk  
Club President**

The Rotary Club of West Polk County celebrated its Charter Night on Aug. 20 at Nick's in West Des Moines.

The new Rotary club came about through the strategic planning process Bill Koellner conducted a couple of years ago which determined a need and population base that would support a club in the western suburbs of Des Moines.

As the club worked towards meeting the requirements to charter, members worked on several community projects: Rebuilding Together, YMCA Transitional Housing, Freedom for Youth, Urbandale Hospice, and West Des Moines Human Services. With a true attitude of Service Above Self, this new group is ready and eager to serve the community.

The Rotary Club of West Polk County was humbled to have so many representatives from the district at the charter event to welcome them into the fold of Rotary International. Rotarians attended from the Rotary Clubs of West Liberty, North Scott, Iowa City AM, Waukee, Northwest Des Moines, Des Moines, Boone, Nevada, Ames, Chariton, Decatur County, Jefferson, Ankeny and Washington.

The club meets Mondays at noon at Des Moines Imports (second floor conference room), Hwy 141, Grimes.



Gene Gabus worked closely with PDG Don Patterson, DG Terry Geiger and District 6000 Club Extension chair Bill Koellner to establish the new Rotary Club of West Polk. In earlier years, Gene was instrumental in chartering the Rotary Clubs of Waukee and Johnston.  
Photo by Bill Tubbs

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## Polio eradication efforts need to be redoubled

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thank you for that.

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**Polio:** Polio eradication continues to be the No. 1 goal of Rotary International and we must not quit the fight that we started in 1985. We have made such great progress with only three endemic countries left in the world: Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

Though we have met the Gates challenge of \$200,000 by June 30, 2012 (actual amount raised is over \$228,000), there continues to be a shortage of funds resulting in national immunization days being cancelled (p.13).

I am encouraging clubs to continue their efforts of awareness in their communities. The Quad Cities clubs worked together with a day at the ballpark for both polio fund raising and awareness.

The Des Moines clubs, led by Ed Arnold of the Northwest Des Moines club, will be having a night at the Iowa Energy basketball game in February for the same purpose. Thank you and thanks to all the clubs that continue with this effort. We really are "this close" to finishing the job.

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**Facebook:** Peg and I look forward to the rest of our journey around District 6000. I have created a facebook blog of our travels and encourage all Rotarians to follow us as we feature the clubs we are visiting and see the great projects of the clubs as you all work on "Peace Through Service."



# Annual Giving tops \$445,000 in 2011-12

**By Bill Koellner/West Liberty**

District 6000 Annual Giving Chair

"PEACE THROUGH SERVICE" is the theme selected by our current Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka. What better way is there to have peace in the world than to do it through service!

Another Rotary year has passed and the Rotarians in District 6000 once again came through by contributing \$445,126 to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Our average contribution per Rotarian was \$110.52 which was the highest on record. This would not have been possible if it wasn't for Rotarians like you who supported The Rotary Foundation with your generous gifts.

As I am sure you know, contributions to The Rotary Foundation enable Rotarians to carry out numerous humanitarian and educational projects each year. These projects help change the world. The mission of the Annual Programs Fund supports that of The Rotary Foundation which is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative are the primary source of funding for the yearly foundation programs.

## NEW! District Rotary Foundation celebration!

On Saturday, Nov. 17 at 6:00 p.m., District 6000 is holding its first Annual Foundation Dinner at the West Des Moines Marriott, 1250 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines.

Several speakers will talk about the programs supported by The Rotary Foundation. RI Director-Elect Larry Lunsford from Kansas, and Jamie Revord, TRF staff, will share key messages about what is happening presently and with the new Foundation model beginning in July 2013.

The cost of the event is \$50 per person. A portion of the cost will be directed to polio eradication. It is our hope that every District 6000 club will be represented at this inaugural gala celebration of The Rotary Foundation.

Please register online at <http://rotary6000.org/> or by calling Carolyn Scharff at 877-976-8279.

# Fall seminars focus on Foundation, membership, PR and Youth Exchange

**By DG Terry Geiger/Decatur County**

We have some excellent opportunities for all Rotarians to attend training this fall in District 6000. All are invited! We especially encourage you to attend if you have responsibilities in your club in any of the four areas of training. This year we are also offering clubs the opportunity to do some of the training online to eliminate some of the burden of travel.

For the public image people in your clubs, we will only be offering these seminars online. Our Rotary public image coordinator team, known as RPIC, will be offering two excellent opportunities on Tuesday, Oct. 2, for you to learn about promoting your club's activities. They are both one-hour webinars. The first begins at noon and it is entitled "Public Relations 101 for Rotary Clubs." The other webinar begins at 4:00 p.m. and is entitled "Making Connections: Using Social Media Strategies to Tell our Rotary Stories and Enhance Club and District Public Image." Information will be forthcoming from the RPIC team on registration procedures, so be alert to that. Information will be sent to all club presidents and it will also be listed on the district website.

The other training seminars will be on Membership and Foundation and there will actually be three opportunities to attend these. The Foundation section will focus not only on the current grant model, but also on the new grant model that will begin July 1, 2013. The first will be held on Thursday, Sept. 27, and will be at Living History Farms Murray Conference Center in Urbandale. The second will be on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the West Liberty Community Center. Both of these will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at approximately 9:00 p.m. with a light supper being served to those attending.

Training for Youth Exchange host families and counselors will only be held at the two "live" locations of Urbandale and West

Liberty. The time schedules will be the same for this training.

The final of these will be held on Thursday, Oct. 4, and this will be a webinar. This webinar will begin at 6:00 p.m. and have a very similar format of the live seminars. We are offering this option for those who have to travel greater distances. We are limited to about 20 participants, so we are asking these 20 slots be left for those clubs that have a great distance to travel. As I have said, this is an experiment that we are trying to help clubs avoid travel costs and time.

You can now register for any of these by going to the District website. There is no cost - yes, it is FREE. We only ask you to please register so we can get correct food amounts for the seminars. There are many great options here to learn about the many things that are happening in Rotary so please take advantage.

I look forward to seeing (or hearing) as many of you as possible.



A pleasant surprise to Governor Geiger's official visit to the Rotary Club of Ottumwa on Aug. 13 was the attendance of Past RI President Ray Klingensmith. Pictured (l-r) are: DG Terry and Peggy Geiger, club president Bill Reece, Past RI President Ray Klingensmith, and AG John Schroeder.

# Clubs invited to nominate for GSE team to Chile

By Lynn Hicks/Des Moines

District 6000 GSE Chair

Rotary District 6000 is seeking young professionals for a Group Study Exchange team. Team leader Linda Chastain of the Rotary Club of Decatur County will prepare and direct a team of four young professionals in a professional development, service and goodwill exchange with District 4340 in central Chile, including the capital, Santiago.

Who's eligible?

- Non-Rotarians between the ages of 25 and 40 who are unrelated to Rotarians.

- Professionals who are committed to staying in their profession after the exchange.

- Team members who live or work in District 6000 (roughly half of Iowa south of Highway 30, excluding Cedar Rapids).

- Exemplary representatives of the state and nation. Members should be courteous, flexible, enthusiastic about their vocations and passionate about exploring another culture.

Who pays for this? The Rotary Foundation provides the flights. The hosts take care of most of the costs in-country, including housing (typically at Rotarian homes), meals, entertainment and transportation. Team members are responsible for obtaining passports and health/travel insurance and buying team uniforms, incidentals and small gifts for hosts.

Who's going? We'll select four team members, who will be led by a Rotarian.

How do I apply? Find the team member application form at [www.rotary.org/gse](http://www.rotary.org/gse) (under related documents) or go to <http://bit.ly/poebxn>. Send completed applications to Lynn Hicks, GSE chairman, at [lynhyx@gmail.com](mailto:lynhyx@gmail.com), by Sept. 17. You must be available for an interview on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Questions? Contact Lynn Hicks, GSE chairman, at [lynhyx@gmail.com](mailto:lynhyx@gmail.com) or (515) 556-0747.

## Linda Chastain will lead D-6000 GSE team to Chile

Linda Chastain will lead the District 6000 Group Study Exchange team to Chile. She has been a member of Rotary Club of Decatur County since 2007 and is the immediate past president. She is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Linda taught business classes for many years at the high school and college level. In 1984, she initiated a career move into the investment field and retired from Smith Barney, El Paso, Texas, in 2005.

Upon retirement, Linda achieved a life-long dream of returning to Iowa and building a home on family farm land. She is very active in her community, civic organizations, and her church.

Linda is a veteran traveler (multiple trips to Europe, China, Mexico, the Caribbean) who has served on church mission trips. In addition, she visits her daughter, Angie, in El Paso, Texas, and her son, Nick and family, in Encinitas, California, as often as they allow!



Linda Chastain



## GSE launched Rotarian's career ...

Newton Rotarian Robert E. "Bob" Mick (l), pictured with club president Bruce Hoffmeier, was part of the District 6000 Group Study Exchange to north Norway in May and June of 1969. He became a Rotarian in Chariton in 1972, and served as secretary in 1973-74. He then moved to Newton, where he joined the Rotary Club of Newton and served as president in 1978-79. In 1982, he moved to Burlington and joined their Rotary Club for two years before returning to Newton, where he has been an active member since. In 1992-93, he served as PolioPlus chair and he is a Paul Harris Fellow. Bob currently assists our Sergeant-of-Arms Bill Freese each week and is a very valued member of our club. As this year's president, I look to Bob for advice and guidance quite often.

— Bruce Hoffmeier, club president



## Governor-Elect visits ...

Rotary International recommends that district governors-elect visit as many clubs in their district at possible prior to their governor year. DGE Jacque Andrew of Jefferson is taking that advice to heart on her "get acquainted" tour of District 6000. She has had the pleasure of visiting 29 of the District's 64 clubs in recent months. During the Newton club meeting on Aug. 21 she was pictured (above) with president Bruce Hoffmeier, left; new inbound student Nuria Cunado Gutierrez of Spain, second from right; and at right, Josie Thurmond, a recently returned Newton outbound student who spent last school year in Spain. Will DGE Andrew get to all 64 clubs? Stay tuned!

— Jacque Andrew



# SUSTAINABLE SERVICE:

## *Ames Rotarian speaks at Bangkok RI Convention about global water, sanitation, hygiene projects*

*Ames Rotarian Dave Fox gave a presentation at the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, about the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group (WASRAG). The group is focused on the sustainability of water, sanitation and hygiene projects of The Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Club of Ames, with the involvement of Dave, Gerald Klongheim and others, is involved with projects in the African nation of Tanzania. Here is an overview of Dave's remarks:*

### **By Dave Fox/Ames**

**P**lanning for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene programs and monitoring their performance is vital to the success of Wasrag's Start with Water program to develop sustainable WASH programs around the world.

Development of the Wasrag Model for WASH projects will include assessing the needs in each area, prioritizing those needs, developing projects, secure funding to address those needs and ongoing monitoring and evaluation to assure the success and sustainability of the program. All of this will be done through communication with the area residents, local Rotary clubs and the Regional Team.

This project planning, delivery and monitoring system is being pilot tested by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and WASRAG in nine pilot districts around the world from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, as part of the Future Vision program of Rotary. The pilot testing is identified by the Foundation as the Project Enhancement Process (PEP).

The Start with Water Program Planning and Performance Evaluation program is an integral part of the WASRAG model and PEP and is based on a process developed through consultation with Rotarians and other WASH experts around the world. The tools and detailed protocol have been developed by WASRAG in partnership with the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina under the direction of Dr. Jamie Bartram. TRF hopes that the pilot testing will be successful and it will become the project delivery model for all of Future Vision. This is a multi-step process that can be summarized as follows:

- At the heart of the planning and performance evaluation process is a network of Regional Teams located in Rotary districts around the world. Regional Teams are comprised of knowledgeable Rotarians, many of whom live in the local area and who have experience in water, sanitation, health and hygiene work. This means that a Regional Team has an understanding of the local culture, political, geological and geographic realities. They live and work in the area, and can provide support, oversight, and long-term monitoring of programs.

- Each Regional Team will be responsible for a geographic area, and will be familiar with who is working on what in their region (not just Rotarians).

- With WASRAG support, the Regional Team selects an area (watershed) for mapping and preparing a baseline needs assess-

ment. With WASRAG assistance, the Regional Team selects a Team Leader and team members to map all pertinent water points, sanitation facilities and local hygiene practices. Through interviews with local citizens, community leaders, and institutions, the team determines the current status of each point, needs are documented and community interest in improvement is established. A report will be prepared to document the findings of the field study that rates each site according to need. Once a good knowledge of the local situation is completed, the Regional Team will work with resources at WASRAG, the community needs assessment PPP team and other experts to develop a long-term plan and a list of proposed programs/projects.

- The Community Needs Assessment are corresponding list of programs/projects will be entered on the WASRAG website.

- Completed programs/projects will be reviewed and documented using a procedure of real-time local data collection and reporting developed by the Gillings School of Global Public Health. Regional Teams, WASRAG and other PPP teams will monitor programs/projects during and after completion, and may monitor other Rotary programs/projects located in each area in a similar fashion. If a completed program/project needs remedial work, it can be listed on the website as a program/project seeking Rotary club involvement. It is assumed that the original clubs involved in the program/project would be contacted first to undertake remedial work. If they don't want to be involved, or can't for some reason, other clubs would be encouraged to step in.



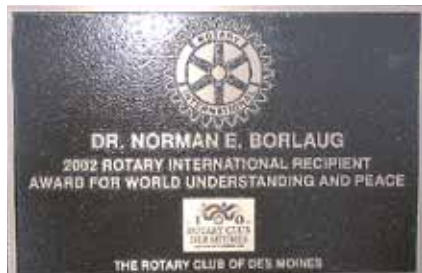
Ames Rotarian Dave Fox spoke at the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, in May 2012 about water, sanitation and hygiene projects.

# Rotarians celebrate World Food Prize support

**By Kitte Noble/Des Moines**

Club Executive Director

Over 100 Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Des Moines, Des Moines AM, West Des Moines and Greater Des Moines gathered at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates for a special event sponsored by the Rotary Club of Des Moines on July 26.



Bronze plaque at the World Food Prize commemorating the support of the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

The World Food Prize Foundation is based in Des Moines and is known around the world for advancing and honoring humanitarian efforts in the tradition of Dr. Norman Borlaug, an Iowa native and winner

of the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize and the 2002 Rotary International Award for World Understanding and Peace, for his work to combat world hunger.

The World Food Prize Foundation took on a \$29.8 million capital project to restore the century-old Des Moines Public Library Building as the Dr. Norman E. Borlaug World Food Prize Hall of Laureates, which recently opened to the public.

The Rotary Club of Des Moines donated \$150,000 to the World



Rotary Club of Des Moines executive director Kitte Noble and club president-elect Dick Reasons are pictured in the garden of the World Food Prize Foundation in Des Moines with the plaque honoring the club's \$150,000 contribution.

Food Prize as part of its Centennial Celebration in 2011. A plaque was placed in the garden next to the statue of Norman Borlaug in honor of the RCDM's donation.

Guests on July 26 heard from Ambassador Kenneth Quinn, World Food Prize president and former U.S. ambassador to Cambodia. Docent tours were available of this magnificently restored space and Iowa treasure.



Gathered around a baby grand piano, District 6000 leadership is promoting "harmony" for the North Central Presidents-Elect Training (I-r): PDG Dale Belknap, Mary Belknap, Tom Narak, Harold Hulleman, PDG Diana Reed, Carolyn Scharff, DGN John Ockenfels, Kitte Noble and DGE Jacques Andrew.

## Leaders promote 'harmony' for NC PETS

**By DGE Jacques Andrew/Jefferson**

District 6000 will welcome hundreds of Rotary club presidents-elect to Des Moines March 1-2, 2013, for the North Central Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (NCPETS) which also includes districts 5950, 5960 and 5970 in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport/Conference Center. The training is required for presidents-elect and also offers excellent preparation for club leadership and a unique opportunity to network with other incoming presidents from the NCPETS districts.

Many Rotarians from D6000 are part of leading the event, including general chair PDG Diana Reed of the Rotary Club of

Northwest Des Moines.

A group of nine from D6000 met on Saturday, Aug. 25, in Mason City with representatives from the other three districts to plan the event. Other planning meetings are held via webinar.

Several highly-sought speakers from the Rotary world will address the group of presidents-elect in March. The anticipated confirmation of speakers will be released in coming months.

Presidents-elect are urged to make sure the event is calendered and watch for registration notification from D6000. This event should not be missed by any PE, and president-nominees are also encouraged to attend.



## Nominations for 2015-16 District Governor accepted until Oct. 23

District 6000 invites clubs to nominate a past president for district governor for the year 2015-2016. The Rotarian you nominate must be in good standing as a member of his or her club, have at least seven years of Rotary membership by the time he or she takes office as governor in 2015, commit to be available for Rotary district activities in preparation for the office, and be able to arrange his or her affairs for the time demands of the governorship.

The term of office 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 e-mailed to club presidents. The next steps are:

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 must 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 form to: Rotary District 6000, P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219. It must be received no later than Oct. 23, 2012.

Candidate interviews are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012. Candidates must be available on the scheduled date.

Thank you for participating in this important process.

(Jacque Andrew of the Rotary Club of Jefferson will serve as district governor in 2013-14, and John Ockenfels of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM in 2014-15.)

(From a letter e-mailed to club presidents by District Governor Terry Geiger.)



Law students at the University of Iowa volunteered at the FAMSCO warehouse in Coralville.

## Law students lend a hand

By Linda Muston/Iowa City

For the third consecutive year, the new school semester at the University of Iowa marked a significant assistance for FAMSCO, District 6000's Fire And Medical Supply Company. In 2010 and 2011 it was medical students and this year it was law students devoting part of their community service day to assist in the temporary FAMSCO warehouse.

On Aug. 12, the 30 lawyers-to-be worked at the Coralville location – unloading the fire equipment and medical supplies in the FAMSCO truck and trailer. They also loaded and inventoried 27 gaylords (large cardboard shipping boxes) to be sent to Guatemala. Many hands do make light work and FAMSCO's work has benefited again this year by students doing service.

The student efforts were coordinated by Linda McGuire, Associate Dean for Civic Engagement and Instructor of Law. FAMSCO was one of six Iowa City area projects selected for help and their work was featured with photos in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*.



## 'Family of Rotary' in Ottumwa ...

The "Family of Rotary" is evident in Ottumwa where DG Terry Geiger photographed two father-son teams. In the photo at left, club president Bill Reece is pictured with his

father, William Reece. Bill was two years old when William was club president. In the photo at right, son Marty Helgersen with his father, Bob Helgersen. (Provided by Peggy Geiger)

# Recruit, involve, retain and GROW!

## ■ Change needed: 80 percent of Rotarians never sponsor a new member

By Ros Dunblazier/Nevada

D-6000, Membership Development chair

Think to yourself, “Would I be comfortable inviting a non-Rotarian to visit my Rotary club or learn more about Rotary?” Please turn to the person next to you and invite them to join Rotary. Were you comfortable inviting the person to Rotary and telling them a little about Rotary?

We need to spread the word about Rotary both from a PR and membership perspective to current and prospective members. Rotary is a diverse group of individuals working together in many different areas: locally, nationally and internationally. The benefits of being a Rotarian include serving the community, networking and friendship, international involvement, and promoting ethics and leadership skills.



Ros Dunblazier

We need to get away from some common misconceptions that Rotarians are businessmen, elite, secretive, older, wealthy or inflexible.

Overall, there is a significant lack of knowledge of what Rotary actually does and accomplishes. There is still a common misconception that women are not allowed or welcome in Rotary. Did you know? Women make up 50 percent of the business community, yet they make up less than 20 percent of our Rotary community? We, as Rotarians, need to invite more women and a more diverse demographic to join Rotary. We, as members need to spread the word about Rotary. Tell others what attracted you about Rotary and helped you make the decision to become a member of Rotary.

Rotarians are looking for different things from Rotary depending on the number of years they have been in Rotary. A survey conducted by RI determined the following reasons members belong:

- 0-5-year Rotarians: Networking, professional development, service with peers;
- 6-20-year Rotarians: Service to community, maintain friendships;
- 20-plus-year Rotarians: Maintain friendships, service to community, world peace.

Rotary's membership is rapidly declining. The steepest decline started in 2004. **A chart showing each club's membership numbers was in the last issue of District 6000 News.**

### How do we grow?

How does a club start to increase and sustain membership? Is your club attracting Rotarians or recruiting members? Are your members engaged or simply attending?

Each club member has the opportunity and responsibility to attract new members. Attracting new members works better than recruiting. Recruiting is a short-term fix because those who are recruited into Rotary then need to be recruited to do everything else we do. Attraction will help turn around our retention efforts, because if we attract the right people to Rotary, retention almost takes care of itself. Attrition will still happen but it will be small compared to our rate of attraction. Attraction pulls the right kind of people to Rotary. To keep membership engaged, all members can

serve in an area that matches their passion.

Your Membership Committee should prepare a list of club projects and programs with a brief description of each. Give this list to all new members. Let them pick a committee of interest to them. Keep everyone in the club engaged by planning a new community or vocation service project. Use newspapers and other media, including social media, to share your club's stories.

### Sources for new members include:

- Former members who may be interested in rejoining due to changes in their lives or jobs.
- Rotaract and Interact members.
- New business people in the community.
- New leadership within current businesses in the community.
- Programs within the community, for example Jaycees, graduates of leadership programs, new management through attrition.
- Former club speakers.
- Friends or co-workers.

Approximately 80 percent of Rotarians have never sponsored a new member. Are you part of the 80 percent? If every Rotarian sponsored one new member, your club's membership numbers would drastically change.

### Get new members involved!

**After attracting new members to your club, have them choose a mentor** to assist the new member with learning more about Rotary and your club. The mentor, chosen by the new member, may be someone they know and are comfortable working with, or the mentor may be someone the new member has always wanted to know more about or has admired. Letting the new member choose their mentor makes them comfortable and helps the new member know their opinions and selection matters.

**Get the new member involved in their areas of interest that attracted them to Rotary originally.** Have them share their ideas with other committee members and with the club. Change is good. Change helps dispel the notion that Rotarians are inflexible. One member offering ideas may spur others – who have been quiet for fear of rejection – share their thoughts and ideas. If a club program or project is not sticking with a club's membership, have the courage to change it to appeal to the members, or replace it with a project that all can embrace. We must attract prospective and interested members.

**Provide the opportunity for new members to share information about themselves, their family and their goals.** Play Jeopardy using information about members as the questions. This will help longtime members and new members get to know each other. You may turn up some very interesting unknown facts about your club's membership! Proceeds from Jeopardy can be given to a pre-determined cause within the community, used as fundraiser “seed money” or given to a Rotary cause. We need to make sure club members feel a part of your clubs and we need to make sure visitors, guests and prospective members feel welcome when they attend our clubs.

**Remind members and inform new members about e-clubs, online make-ups and podcasts all available on the RI website.**

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# Lobsterfest supports \$26,000 community grants for Bettendorf Rotary

**By Glenn Kass/Bettendorf**

Club Public Relations Chair

Thanks to proceeds from its 6th Annual THE National Bank Lobsterfest this past June, the Rotary Club of Bettendorf will again offer grants totaling \$20,000 for Quad City area non-profits and \$6,000 in scholarships to graduates pursuing higher education.

A crowd of over 300 was served a traditional New England-style lobster bake with lobsters flown in fresh from Maine.

The meal is itself a community effort. It's prepared by students



2011-12 president Scott Nau-mann and Glenn Kass as "Louie the Lobster" form the welcoming committee for Bettendorf Rotary.

from the Scott Community College Culinary Arts program led by instructor Chef Brad Scott. Family Resources, Inc.'s Culinary Kids program provided fresh cannolis for dessert under the leadership of Chef Sal Cracco. The dinner was held at Rivermont Collegiate school in Bettendorf. Local Boy Scouts assist in set-up, service and clean-up.

The results are individual grants of as much as \$2,500 to any qualified non-profit organization in the Quad Cities. Full information on

the grant process can be found online at [www.bettendorfr Rotary.com/rotarygrants](http://www.bettendorfr Rotary.com/rotarygrants).

Grants are not awarded to groups for annual fundraising, organizational endowment funds, deficit financing, grants to individuals, scholarship funds, political groups or activities, Rotarians and their families or for sectarian purposes. Organizations that received funds



Bettendorf Rotary 2012-13 president Mark Ross (l) welcomed Peggy and 2012-13 District Governor Terry Geiger to the club's annual Lobsterfest.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

last year are not eligible for the 2012 funding cycle. Applications are reviewed and awarded by the Bettendorf Rotary's Charitable Giving Board with funds located at the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend.

Scholarships are administered through a different fund. Those are provided to deserving students at Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley high schools, Rivermont Collegiate and Scott Community College. Recipients are chosen by the educational institutions.

In addition to title sponsorship from THE National Bank, other major sponsors included: Bowe Machine Company, McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home, Werner Home Restoration, Senior Star at Elmore Place, Midland Communications, RLS and Associates, Inc., Weerts Funeral Home, Results Marketing, Scott Community College, Rivermont Collegiate, Iowa American Water, Hy-Vee, Quad-City Times, WOC 1420 AM and Mediacom.

## Conduct exit interviews when members resign

### MEMBERSHIP/continued

Keep your local club website updated and take advantage of social networks like Facebook and Twitter to reach out to prospective members both young and more mature. As well as prospective members.

An anonymous survey of all club members is a great retention tool. After each member completes the survey, compile and share the results with members. On the District 6000 website are the results of the Rotary Club of Nevada's survey in 2008.

### When members resign

Members do resign for various reasons. To assist your club in attracting new members, do an exit interview with your resigning member. This tool will assist you with areas that might be weak within your club. You can't stop the drain if you don't know what's going into the funnel.

Are current or prospective members or community members saying Rotary is too structured for me? Rotary International offered clubs the opportunity to apply for Pilot Programs. Several clubs ap-

plied for these programs. A few clubs were selected. The selected clubs report to RI. However, any club can use and implement the criteria in the Pilot projects within their own clubs. The options are Corporate Member, Associate Member, Satellite Club, Innovative and Flexible.

Our clubs need to be innovative, flexible and creative as we move forward. Our projects need to address the passions of our members. Our membership needs to reflect our business community. When we share our dreams and goals with others we are truly changing the world. When we create an environment that is BIGGER, BETTER and BOLDER Rotary will be strong. Never stop improving. Spread the word!

### Rotary's Core Values

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



DG Terry Geiger tries out a piece of the exercise equipment supported with a District Grant located in the Rotary "Fitness Zone" sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ottumwa inside in the park area near the Des Moines River. Governor Terry said it was a beautiful setting for exercising.

Photo by Peggy Geiger



Iowa Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds was the speaker at the June 8 meeting of the Rotary Club of Fairfield. She is pictured with (l-r): President Steve Beltramea, Jefferson County Supervisor Dick Reed and State Sen. Mark Chelgren.

## West Liberty fundraisers support \$53,672 for community, world service

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty

It was a good year!

The Rotary Club of West Liberty had several fundraisers last Rotary year. The total gross income for four fundraisers was \$69,483 and the net income was \$53,672.

The four fundraisers were the Muscatine County Fair, Children's Festival, Chicken Barbecue and Auction/Gala.

West Liberty Rotary is supporting over 40 projects locally and internationally. Some of the projects supported last year included the new computers and musical instruments for the Middle School in the amount of \$21,336. The club sponsored efforts at the Casa Hogar Los Angeles orphanage through a Rotary Foundation matching grant. We also worked with Fairfield Rotary on the Nepal water project, providing \$4,000 for new water wells (p. 16-19). The club had a Rotary Foundation matching grant for about \$11,000.

Other projects were continuing support of the Rotary chartered Cub Scout Pack 141, "I Can Read Song" CDs for preschoolers, Andy and Elmer Four-Way Test books, college scholarships to graduating seniors, American Legion Boys State, RYLA, summer music program in the park, assisted West Liberty, Kentucky, Camp Courageous and several others.

We feel fortunate that in a small town with only 42 Rotarians that we are very active in making a difference in our community and in the world.



### Helping the food pantry ...

The Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines met at the Des Moines Area Religious Council Emergency Food Pantry Warehouse on June 20. They were given a history of the food pantry warehouse and then allowed to help "stock shelves" with the donated items the club and individuals brought in. The club does monthly service projects in the area. Pictured front (l-r): Christian Abrams, Kristie Bell, Joyce Whittle (Waukee Rotary), Matt Gardner and Jesse Rittenhouse. Back: Chris Simmons, David Hoffman, David Jamison, Gabriel Glynn, Ryan Morgan, Matt Van Loon, Peggy Geiger, DG Terry Geiger and Todd Wheeler.

(Provided by Peggy Geiger)



# New guidelines, two deadlines for District Grants in 2012-13

**By Doug Flourney/Fairfield**

District 6000 District Grants chair

A District Grant (DG) is a block grant to District 6000 from The Rotary Foundation. In Rotary year 2012-13 our district will receive \$42,460. These monies will, in turn, be distributed to local Rotary clubs through a granting process administered by the District 6000 District Grants Committee.

I hope you have already begun putting together a District Grant application for your club. Detailed information about the process and an application may be downloaded from the district's website on the District Grant page under Community Service. Completed applications must be delivered to the D6000 DG chair by Oct. 1. Members of the District Grants Committee will then evaluate each application and meet in October 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 applies. If your club has not submitted a DG 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 participate in the process over any three-year period. The process is not complicated, but does require time and commitment.

## New rules this year

In preparation for the new grant model that The Rotary Foundation will be rolling out on July 1, 2013, a few things on our current District Grant application have been changed from last year's version. These are:

1. The club must declare an Area of Focus within which their project is aligned. The purpose here is to encourage clubs to begin thinking about their projects in light of Rotary's new six areas of focus.

2. A club must assign a committee of three Rotarians who will take responsibility for the project. This is a requirement of the new grant model. In the past only two committee members were required.

3. The club must obtain the signature of its assistant governor. Although not yet fully defined, we anticipate that the ADGs will play a more active role in the Foundation's granting process in the coming years.

## Two rounds of grants

Finally, the district will entertain two rounds of District Grant applications this year. The first round of applications will have a deadline of Oct. 1, the usual date. These applications will be the last ones received under the existing grant system, and grant awards will come from the money mentioned above in the first paragraph of this article.

The second round of applications will have a deadline of May 1, 2013, and will be the first set of applications received under the new grant model. These projects will be executed in Rotary year 2013-2014 and the grants awarded will be made available after July 1, 2013.

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 dsflourney@hotmail.com.



Davenport Rotarians lent their hands for the Habitat for Humanity Work Day at 828 Charlotte and Spring in Davenport on June 23. They helped with grading and landscaping, framing, installing trusses and other miscellaneous tasks as a house was built from the ground up. Past president Glen Hummel (pictured) was one of eleven club members who provided Service Above Self: Tom Bowman, Patt Englander, Dennis Hoaglin, Mike Hamann, Roger Killion, A.J. Loss, Kirk Metzger, Jack Rosenberg, Dan Solchenberger, and Melissa Van Ert Traman. Davenport Rotarian Mark Zimmerman sponsored lunch for the day.

(Provided by Johanna Smith)

## Public Image grant approved

District Governor Terry Geiger was notified in July that District 6000's two-district Public Relations Grant for 2012-13 in partnership with District 5970 (northern Iowa) was approved by Rotary International. The \$42,000 budget includes a \$5,000 contribution from each district.

The majority (\$34,423) will continue Rotary's partnership with Iowa Public TV in which 994 "Humanity In Motion" spots will be aired during 2013 on Nova, Nightly Business Report, The Newshour with Jim Lehrer, Iowa Press, Washington Week in Review, and selected special programs. The ads highlight Rotary's work with polio eradication, scholarships and peace.

The balance of the funds will pay for: 1) Iconic building lightings of "End Polio Now" at the the West Des Moines Marriott in West Des Moines, and the Gallagher-Bludorn Center for Arts in Cedar Falls, in conjunction with Rotary Foundation events on Nov. 17 and Nov. 24; and 2) "End Polio Now" ads in the Des Moines Symphony and Gallagher-Bludorn program books.

The grant proposal was submitted in March by DGs Terry Geiger (D-6000) and Jill Olsen (D-5970) and written by PDG Bill Tubbs, who is public relations chair for District 6000.

— Bill Tubbs



Photos by Bill Tubbs



## Rotary Day at the Ballpark ...

DG Terry Geiger (l) and Rotary club presidents threw out the ceremonial first pitch(es) at Rotary Night at the Ballpark July 8 for the Quad-City River Bandits in Davenport on July 8. The event brought together Rotarians from clubs in the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities to raise funds for polio eradication. Club presidents (top, l-r) included: Tim Perkins (Iowa Quad Cities), Peggy Geiger, Cheryl Goodwin (Davenport), John Maxwell (North Scott), DG Geiger and an Illinois president. AG Doug Peterson (below, left), sang the national anthem, and PDG Bill Tubbs (below, right) did an interview for the Jumbotron about Rotary's global polio eradication efforts.



Photo by Mark Nagan

## Iowa Speedway volunteers raise funds for Newton Rotary

**By Bruce Hoffmeier/Newton**  
Club President

On Friday, Aug. 3, approximately 30 Newton Rotarians and a few spouses were busy working at the Iowa Speedway. It was the first day of a Nationwide Race Weekend and the Rotarians were selling 50/50 chances on the concourse, in the parking lots, in the campgrounds and the motor home area. Each race day there is a chance for an individual to win 50 percent of the total with the Iowa Speedway Foundation receiving 25 percent and the organization selling the tickets 25 percent. After taxes were deducted, the winner received \$3,236 and the Newton Rotary Club earned \$1,618. The club will use this money to support various activities in Newton, such as Courthouse Lighting at Christmas, Fireworks on July 4th, and possibly replacing flags on the square.

## International Project Fairs set

It's time now to begin planning to attend a Rotary project fair. Several are already planned for this Rotary year:

- West Africa Project Fair: Lagos, Nigeria; Oct. 10-17, 2012; <http://www.westafricaprojectfair.org/>
- District 4400 Project Fair: Guayaquil, Ecuador; Oct. 12-14, 2012; [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/project\\_fair\\_invitation\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/project_fair_invitation_en.pdf).
- Uniendo America Project Fair, Central America: San Salvador, El Salvador; Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2013; <http://www.uniendoamericaprojectfair.org/>

These project fairs are organized to encourage Rotary friendships and to develop matching grant project partnerships with Rotarians from around the world. If you are planning to attend any of the project fairs and would like to be in touch with others from our district who are attending, please contact Brock Earnhardt at [brockearnhardt@hotmail.com](mailto:brockearnhardt@hotmail.com).



# Emergency declared in quest to eradicate polio

■ Funding needed now more than ever!

By Rotary International News Service

Aug. 1, 2012

Despite the dramatic drop in polio cases in the last year, the threat of continued transmission due to funding and immunization gaps has driven the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to launch the Global Polio Emergency Action Plan 2012-13.

The plan aims to boost vaccination coverage in the three remaining polio-endemic countries – Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan – to levels needed to stop polio transmission. Health ministers meeting at the World Health Assembly in Geneva adopted a resolution on May 25 that declared “the completion of polio eradication to be a programmatic emergency for global public health.”

Polio eradication activities have resulted in several

landmark successes

since 2010. India, long regarded as the nation facing the greatest challenges to eradication, was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization (WHO) in February. Outbreaks in previously polio-free countries were nearly all stopped.

During that same time span, however, polio outbreaks in China and West Africa due to importation from Pakistan and Nigeria, respectively, have highlighted the continued threat of resurgence. Failure to eradicate the disease could lead within a decade to paralysis of as many as 200,000 children per year worldwide.

“Polio eradication is at a tipping point between success and failure,” says Dr. Margaret Chan, director-general of WHO. “We are in emergency mode to tip it towards success – working faster and better, focusing on the areas where children are most vulnerable.”

Eradicating polio would generate net benefits of US\$40-50 billion globally by 2035, with the bulk of savings in the poorest countries, based on investments made since the GPEI was formed, savings from reduced treatment costs, and gains in productivity.

“We know polio can be eradicated, and our success in India proves it,” says Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee. “It is now a question of political and societal will. Do we choose to deliver a polio-free world to future generations, or do we choose to allow 55 cases this year to turn into 200,000 children paralyzed for life, every single year?”



During a visit to the Gates Foundation Visitor Center in Seattle in July, editor Bill Tubbs saw displays like these that recognize the Gates Foundation's partnership with Rotary.



## Rotary International

A leader in polio vaccination efforts, Rotary International encourages public and private partners to join the global effort to rid the world of this crippling disease.



## PolioPlus Giving



July 1, 2011 thru May 31, 2012,  
and since December 2007

Club (Membership)	7-1-11 thru 5-31-12	Since 12-07
District contributions	\$ 761	\$ 7,359
Adel (26)	0	910
Albia (28)	25	6,025
Ames Morning (61)	520	2,856
Ames (230)	3,856	17,667
Ankeny (62)	0	2,404
Atlantic (64)	400	2,726
Bettendorf (113)	3,320	6,861
Bloomfield (14)	90	2,772
Boone (52)	2,475	8,376
Burlington (85)	72	795
Carroll (55)	100	4,870
Centerville (41)	0	200
Chariton (53)	2,020	9,109
Clinton (116)	0	15,784
Coon Rapids (29)	0	0
Coralville-North Corridor (22)	0	1,141
Corning (48)	0	3,000
Corydon (20)	500	820
Creston (19)	1,470	1,497
Dallas Center (26)	557	2,916
Davenport (132)	90	2,950
Decatur County (25)	995	3,334
Des Moines AM (139)	0	4,801
Des Moines (294)	260	35,969
East Polk County (42)	1,896	5,275
Fairfield (60)	314	5,042
Fort Madison (52)	0	447
Greater Des Moines (37)	745	3,902
Grinnell (33)	1,100	3,750
Indianola (50)	150	6,751
Iowa City AM (55)	1,287	4,186
Iowa City Downtown (19)	195	702
Iowa City (303)	9,135	24,292
Iowa Quad-Cities (47)	270	5,026
Jefferson (53)	287	7,625
Johnston (53)	20	2,407
Kalona (43)	40	2,390
Keokuk (84)	976	7,468
Keosauqua (26)	0	1,095
Knoxville (63)	1,362	4,372
Lenox (23)	131	621
Manning (22)	350	2,200
Marengo (10)	0	50
Marshalltown (158)	1,888	12,203
Mount Pleasant Noon (51)	1,435	3,999
Mt. Pleasant (24)	1,517	5,001
Muscataine (117)	4,731	11,021
Nevada (66)	3,505	8,660
Newton (72)	400	5,805
North Scott (91)	1,431	13,139
Northwest Des Moines (49)	470	19,340
Osceola (28)	0	375
Oskaloosa (55)	316	4,647
Ottumwa (98)	20	(1,659)
Pella (40)	0	1,490
Perry (29)	0	184
Tipton (28)	0	1,620
Washington (55)	170	5,376
Waukeet (50)	92	6,339
Wellman (36)	40	1,775
West Des Moines (71)	80	4,980
West Liberty (39)	1,520	6,122
Winterset (29)	345	1,055
<b>Total (4,015)</b>	<b>\$ 53,530</b>	<b>\$ 344,176</b>

# The meaning of Community Service:

## *Inspirational message from our Rotary International director*

*Editor's note: Betsy Demaray of Saulte Ste. Marie, Mich., is the first woman from North America to serve on the Rotary International Board of Directors. She was subsequently elected treasurer of Rotary International. On April 20, 2012, she represented Rotary at the White House with this most inspirational message, and didn't hesitate to provide the text to District 6000 so we can share it with you. The 10-minute speech can also be viewed on YouTube at: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhmgV9Wfyq0&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhmgV9Wfyq0&feature=youtube_gdata_player)*

**By Betsy Demaray/Saulte St. Marie, Michigan**

Director, Rotary International, Zones 28-29

**W**hen my grandparents were growing up at the turn of the 20th century, community service was a way of life.

If someone needed a barn, all the neighbors gathered together and some helped build the barn, while others prepared food for the group. If someone got sick, the community showed up at their home with meals, household help and nursing care. Some of this still happens in small towns around the world, but the world has changed.



Betsy Demaray

at his home, I asked her why they hadn't talked...were they shy? Had it been a terrible evening? She responded "no, it was fine.... we were texting to each other...across the back seat."

With this change in the way people communicate, the concept of community service becomes even more important in our lives. It is far too easy for one to become isolated in the technology and not have the real feeling of being part of the community around us.

Today we are hearing the stories of Rotary members from around this country, who care, not only about their own local community, but the expanded vision of the world community. With over 34,000 Rotary clubs around the world, these dedicated volunteers realize, as the Greek proverb tells us that, "A civilization flourishes when people plant trees under which they will never sit." These are stories about Rotarians saving the lives of mothers and children they've never met, providing clean water in places they'll never live, and developing literacy in languages they'll never speak.

The obvious beneficiary of any community service project is the community being helped, but sometimes we as volunteers don't realize the true impact of what we do.

One of the projects within Rotary has been drilling wells and providing biosand water filters. When we leave a community with these items, we leave knowing that they now have safe

clean water to drink; they don't have to walk miles each day for water; and they have a better understanding of the issues of sanitation. But the real impact?

There was a Rotarian from my part of the country whose club had drilled a well in a village in the Dominican Republic. A few years later, he visited the village to see if the well was working and find out if the villagers were using it. As he stood by the well, an elderly woman approached to draw water. He asked her what she thought of the well and her response was simple. She said, "Since they put in the well, the children have stopped dying." It was as simple as that....the children have stopped dying.

The work done by the 1.2 million Rotarians around the world is changing lives. We see it not only in the poorest developing parts of the world, but in our own neighborhoods.

When we see a group of business professionals sitting on the floor, reading to a bright eyed group of children, who come from neighborhoods where books and reading often take second place to gangs and violence, we would think it is the children getting the most from the experience.

Certainly these role models who are willing to take the time to do this will have an impact on the children, but in addition, it is the volunteers whose lives are changed as well. As Gandhi once said, "The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others."

In preparing for these remarks, I asked my many Facebook friends (yes, I admit it - I have Facebook friends, too), why do you volunteer in your community? and the answers were inspiring. Many of them commented that their parents had been volunteers and had taught them that this was a way of life. One wanted to make sure his children saw him walking the talk, so that they would grow up with a giving nature. Some were paying back the wonderful things that the community had provided to them. Some were paying it forward. Several commented that helping others was the "rent" they pay for their place on Earth. As Winston Churchill once said.... "You make a living by what you get...you make a life by what you give."

As a member of Rotary, I have had many opportunities to volunteer ... to give back ... to pay it forward ... whatever explanation suits your fancy. I'd like to end today with a short story of one of those experiences. A number of years ago, I was

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# ‘Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better’

honored to be asked to be a part of the Rotary project called the “Children of the Dump” in rural Nicaragua. This project helped children whose lives were destined to be lived out in the city dump of Chinendega, Nicaragua. As victims of Hurricane Mitch, hundreds of thousands of families were displaced and the children in those families found their only form of sustenance in scrounging in the dump for food and things to sell. The vision of a Catholic priest in the area started a school to draw the children out of the cycle of poverty and give them an education. Rotary stepped in to help, growing the project from just a handful of students to hundreds of students, getting a good general education as well as vocational training.

My first visit to the project started at the dump. We needed to see the beginnings of the problem to have a better understanding of why we were there. During that visit I had the opportunity to meet a quiet young barefoot girl about 9 years – the same age as one of my granddaughters. I spent some time talking with her about her life in the dump and took some photos to take back to share with my Rotary club.

Her big brown empty eyes haunted me. Upon returning home, I put her picture

on my refrigerator, along side photos of our grandchildren. This precipitated questions from them about this “new” girl on the refrigerator. I told them the story of the children in the dump and they listened in amazement. Doesn’t she have to go to school? Can she take piano lessons? How could she eat food she found in the garbage? They had a million questions.

I didn’t realize the impact that my Rotary service was having on this next generation of volunteers until months later, on the day we were leaving for our next trip to Nicaragua. Our daughter’s family arrived to send us off to the airport, but little Brianna had something to give me. She showed up carrying her favorite red dress. When I asked why she had brought it, she said, “Would you please take it to the little girl in the dump – because she probably doesn’t have a pretty dress.” No she didn’t, but she does now. It was Mother Teresa who said “We can do no great things, only small things with great love.”

My being a volunteer has added much to my life, but the defining moment was when I realized that my example might not only change the world today, but long into the future. When asked if she could imagine anything worse than being blind, Helen Keller replied, “Oh yes – having sight, but no vision.” It is the vision of a better world that has lead Rotary into changing lives in communities everywhere for over 100 years.

I’ve quoted several notable people with their thoughts on service: Winston Churchill, Mother Teresa, Helen Keller, Gandhi. I’d like to end with another famous author: Dr. Seuss, who said

*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,  
nothing is going to get better.*

**‘The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in service to others.’**

– Gandhi



## Fun and fellowship at Leon ...

DDG Don Patterson had a “passing of the pin” event at the annual Past District Governor’s social June 23 in Leon. Along with the pin, Terry also received the Rotary car magnet (below) from DG 2011-12 Patterson. All PDGs were invited to the Geigers’ rural Leon home that evening. A “passing of the gavel” event was held with Decatur County Rotarians and leaders of District 6000 and neighboring districts. Tahitian dancer from Graceland University entertained and taught dance steps to PDG Patterson, DG Geiger and DGN John Ockenfels. Photos by Bill Tubbs





## *Rotarians combine resources for a massive water project in Nepal. Now they are truly ...*

# ON TOP OF THE WORLD

## *How did this amazing project happen?*

**By Douglas Flournoy/Fairfield**

*Here's how District 6000 came to provide water for over 10,000 people at the "Top of the World."*

*First, Naya's story.* Naya Raj Baral completed his high school education at Gandaki Boarding School in Pokhara, Nepal, a school funded by United Mission to Nepal. Subsequently, in 1993 he earned his bachelors degree in commerce and completed a Chartered Accountancy course from The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India in 1997.

In 1997 Naya began work as a controller in a finance company and then started his own accounting business in 1998. He became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town on June 25, 2003, and served that club as treasurer and board member. The Rotary club's focus was on education and health. They have done numerous projects such as eye screening, dental clinics, general health, and a gynecology camp.

In January 2007 Naya came to Maharishi University of Management (MUM) in Fairfield, Iowa, to work on his MBA in accounting as a way to increase his career potential in Nepal. Nepal was experiencing great political unrest and what was expected to be a relatively short few year stay in Fairfield became a life changing situation. Naya finally came to the realization that he must wish the best for his extended family in Nepal and arranged to have his wife and children join him in 2010.

Rotarian and professor Andy Bargerstock, who was director of his MBA program at MUM, learned of Naya's love and connections to Rotary in Nepal and he invited Naya to visit the Rotary Club of Fairfield. Naya was so pleased to go to the local Rotary club that he visited several times. There, he met Rotarian Doug Flournoy and others and developed a friendship. Naya became a member of the Rotary Club of Fairfield in 2008.

### **The role of Fairfield Interact**

The Interact Club of Fairfield was formed in February 2005 as a community-based club with Rotarian advisors. Rotarian Doug Flournoy was working closely with the Interact club when he met Naya Raj, and at this time was seeking an international project in which the Interact club could participate. In conversations over lunch with Naya, at Rotary club meetings in the spring of 2007, he and Naya devised a plan: the Interact Club of Fairfield would collect tooth paste and brushes and other supplies to assist the Rotary

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Rotarian Naya Raj Baral in Nepal with his father Bhol Raj Baral, his wife, Rajani, son Pawan and daughter Puja, celebrate a dependable source of clean water, thanks to District 6000 Rotarians and The Rotary Foundation.



There was plenty to celebrate at the inauguration Ceremony at Jaluke, Nepal. In the front row are engineer Upenendra Singh Pant and Rotarian Narayan B. Chettri.





Top photo: Nepali children waiting to receive care at RC Narayani Mid Town's free Dental camp. Right photo: Nepali woman filtering water through cloth.



## Clean water expected by December 2012

Club of Narayani Mid Town with one of their dental clinics. Naya would hand carry these supplies to Nepal in his luggage during one of his regular visits there.

In July 2007, Naya went back to his home with hundreds of toothbrushes and other dental supplies collected by the Interactors and Rotarians of Fairfield. The Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town selected an elementary school where children from lower castes and income classes were students. They requested a volunteer dentist and a few nurses to attend to that dental camp in Chitwan. The children were so thankful for the effort of both clubs.

### The Jaluke community in Nepal

Gaindakot Village Development Committee is one of the VDC (Village Development Committees) where Naya has his residential land and relatives, and the Jaluke community is situated nearby.

The Jaluke population is distributed in 1,620 households with an average household size of 6.11 people. Various ethnic groups are settled in the area. The main castes are Brahman and Chhetri. Minority groups are comprised of Magar, Tamang, Gurung, Newar, Bote, Thakuri and other lower castes. The literacy rate of the area is equal to the national average. The social system is based on peon tradition with payment in cash and in-kind labor for public services; parma, that is in exchange for labor, mainly in agriculture.

Agriculture is the dominant occupation of the majority of people residing in the area; the main crops grown in the area are paddy, wheat, millet and maize. Oil seeds belong to the cash crops grown in the area. The raising of livestock is closely linked with farming, as livestock provides manure for fertilizer, milk and meat. Some of the people are engaged in local trade, labor and business and in service.

Rotarian Narayan B. Chettri, past president of Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town, and Naya were looking at opportunities to do a project for the Jaluke community. Narayan had been approached by the Jaluke community and he brought this issue to the attention of Naya during his visit to Nepal in 2008. Naya went to the community and had a meeting with them. He saw their existing water supply system which had been laid many years ago and the urgent

need of another safe drinking water system.

Naya saw PVC pipe that was used to bring water to the community from about five miles away. The land structure is hilly and the water pipe is laid on the top of the land and is always at a high risk of breaking due to rain, landslides, animals and flooding. The system was insufficient to fulfill the current needs of the community. The water supply came from an open 4-inch bore, and water was directly pumped into a channel during peak hours (morning and evening) without treatment. The original design was to meet the needs of just 2,000 people. Due to the Maoist movement in the 1990s, many people had moved from places of high risk to safer locations like Gaindakot. The population had increased from about 2,000 to 15,000 or more in just 10-15 years.

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Clean water means a new life for the people of Nepal.

# Nepal water grant: 'Humanity in Motion'

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## The water project

Jaluke community members are very active and very eager to implement a water supply project. About 90 percent of household representatives presented a strong commitment and support for such a project in a general meeting of residents. All major political parties, the VDC and DDC, were in agreement that a water supply project should be implemented.

The community selects its own representatives, both male and female, to the Water User's Committee, which is very active and well managed. They are enthusiastic and committed to local participation. The Water User's Committee is charged with maintaining the current water supply system. This group manages a water bill collection office and acts on behalf of the community at large.

Evidence of strong community commitment came as an offer of five kattha (approximately 18,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) land; (3 kattha for a reservoir tank and 2 kattha for deep well construction) at a present commercial value of NRs 1,00,00,000 (over \$120,000) from the VDC for this project. The Water User's Committee has been collecting funds and had cash (approx. \$13,000) available for this project. They also desired direct involvement in development and implementation phases. They desired to be actively involved in policy formation, construction, procurement, supervision, monitoring and evaluation committees. They wished to contribute to the project costs through cash and in-kind labor.

They Water User's Committee will distribute more than 2,000 private taps and will install a water meter at each private tap. They will collect a minimum NRs. 100 per tap per month. The minimum water tariff is NRs. 200,000 per month. This amount is enough for project maintenance and operation cost, thereby ensuring sustainability.

It became abundantly clear to Doug Flournoy of the Rotary Club of Fairfield that this project was technically, socially, economically, politically and geographically feasible. Other members of the club expressed interest in exploring the potential of this project further.

## Nepal clean water project

The Rotary Club of Fairfield has been active in The Rotary Foundation's Matching Grants program since 2004. It has successfully

completed projects in Turkey, Colombia and South Africa. The largest project completed to date had been for just \$40,000. The project that Naya Raj and the Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town brought to Fairfield was on the order of \$250,000 or more.

A committee of Fairfield Rotarians was put together to consider the Nepali proposal. The committee counter-proposed that the project be scaled down so the project budget would not exceed \$50,000 and could be submitted to the Foundation as a Matching Grant application. The community and Nepal Rotarians countered that scaling back would not meet the basic needs of the community

and that at minimum a borehole and 400,000 L reservoir were needed. The expected budget now put the proposed project into the category of a Competitive Matching Grant (CMG) application.

In February and March of 2011, Rotarian Naya Raj Baral traveled again to Nepal and in cooperation with Nepal Rotarians and Jaluke community leaders, conducted a Community Needs Assessment, a requirement for Rotary Foundation Competitive Matching Grants. Like other visits, Naya met with the engineer, Upendra Singh Pant, who had donated his time to design the project. The people were desperate and requested immediate action. Naya went to the project site where there will be a deep borehole and pump which will lift the water to a tank constructed on the top of a hill, then the water will be distributed by gravity.

During the spring and summer of 2011 work began in earnest to complete the work needed to meet the elevated requirements for a CMG. While a committee may decide the scope and magnitude of a project budget, generally just two individuals write a grant proposal

for The Rotary Foundation. In this case they were Rotarians Narayan Chettri (for the Host Partner) and Douglas Flournoy (for the International Partner). This was the very first Matching Grant application by the Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town and the first CMG by the Rotary Club Fairfield; many lessons were being learned by both parties.

As the Aug. 1 deadline for CMGs approached, we continued to struggle with the budget. District 3292's commitment of DDF (Dis-



Fairfield youth dancing in front of the slide show at the middle school dance.

## Matching Grant participants

The Fairfield Interact and Rotaract clubs were sponsors of the World Community Service Matching Grant in Nepal, along with these Rotary clubs:



Bloomfield  
Centerville  
Chariton  
Fairfield  
Greater Des Moines  
Jefferson  
Kalona  
Keosauqua

Ottumwa  
Mount Pleasant  
Mount Pleasant Noon  
Sées-Gacé, D 1640, France  
Washington  
Waukee  
West Liberty

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# Nepal: Thank You, Rotary!

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trict Designated Funds) had changed several times and the Rotary Club of Fairfield was not sure how it would raise enough money to meet its obligation.

Many details needed to be clarified. The Nepal Rotarians are, of course, not working in their first language and some verbiage needed to be rewritten for clarity. This proposal was to be reviewed personally by The Rotary Foundation's Board of Trustees; we would have just one valuable chance for their attention.

And finally, signatures were needed. On the afternoon of Aug. 1, we still needed signatures from D-3292 Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC), but he was out of the country!

The Nepal Rotarians are wonderful and resourceful partners. The district governor of District 3292 appointed a new DRFC, obtained his signature, and it arrived in Iowa by e-mail on the afternoon of Aug. 1. Doug was delightfully surprised and immediately forwarded this document to Brock Earnhardt, who had already acquired District 6000 signatures; he placed the documents together and sent them to our contact at The Rotary Foundation late that afternoon in a nick of time. *Thank you, Brock!*

## The Rotary Foundation

What followed was a month-long exchange of e-mails with Laura Bradley, Grant Coordinator for The Rotary Foundation, which asked for clarification and more details. She was strengthening our application and as such it was much improved by the time the Board of Trustees examined it. The burden fell mostly on Narayan and Doug, who had developed an excellent and reliable working relationship by this time.

The committee of Rotarians who had nurtured the project to date, launched the fundraising campaign in late July 2011 with a presentation to the board of the Rotary Club of Fairfield. With their endorsement, they presented to the home club and then took the show on the road. We routinely made appearances on the square in Fairfield, during summer activities, giving away water in exchange for a free will offering and raising awareness. We even had a visit by KTVO, a television station that serves northeastern Missouri and southeastern Iowa, which resulted in a spot on the evening news.

A Facebook group was created and all project events were posted; we added as many Rotarians as we could. In the fall we held a middle school dance and began visiting Rotary clubs with a program about the project. Doug had anticipated it would take until early 2012 before the money would be raised, but he had sorely underestimated the generosity of District 6000 Rotarians. With the assistance of many Rotarians, too many to list, the Rotary Club of Fairfield met the fundraising goal by late November; very close to the time that they received notice from The Rotary Foundation that the grant had been approved!

It is now summer 2012 and notice has just been received that payment of the grant has been made. The project has been inaugurated and is well underway. Plans are beginning to be made to visit contributing clubs this summer with a progress update. The project is expected to begin delivering clean water by December 2012.

## Participating Rotary clubs

The people of Jaluke, Nepal, thank the Rotary clubs and members who contributed to the success of the project (see p. 18).



Dick Galitz of Naperville, Ill. (l), the Regional Rotary Foundation Chair for Zone 28, presented a certificate of thanks to Don Goering of Ames for exceptional service during his three years as RRFC that ended June 30. The presentation was at a Zone Training Seminar July 14 at Ames. Some 50-plus Rotarians were in attendance from Districts 6000, 5970 and 5650. Zone 28 includes districts in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota and Ontario, Canada.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



The Major Donor Crystal (Level One) was presented to PDG Ev Laning at the Rotary Club of Indianola on June 15. Present were (l-r): Jolene Laning Huen (Ev and Ruth's daughter), PDG Ev Laning, RRFC Don Goering of Ames, and Rotary Club of Indianola president Deb Virkus.

(Provided by Don Goering)



**Wear your Rotary  
pin with pride!**





# Rotary rolls out red carpet for new teachers

New teachers in the Atlantic School District were introduced at the Atlantic Rotary Club meeting the Tuesday before school started. The District has 16 new teachers this year.

Atlantic Superintendent Dr. Michael Amstien (also a Rotarian) said the district lost a lot of teachers with a lot of experience last year, however, the motto in the district is "We don't rebuild – we reload," and he and other district officials are "excited" to work with the new teachers. There are six new teachers in the Atlantic High School, four new teachers at the Atlantic Middle School, one new teacher at the Schuler Elementary and five new teachers at Washington Elementary.

Each teacher was presented with a "Welcome" bag from the Rotary club. Included in the bag were items representing the community of Atlantic, such as an Atlantic Trojan t-shirt, Oinkers Sauce from the Oinkers Restaurant, a can of Coca-Cola since



New teachers at Atlantic received a warm welcome the Rotary Club of Atlantic, front (l-r): Carrie Bredahl, Julie Livingston, Mandi Brauer, Jodi Hogue, Kandra Henningson, Jennifer Gaesser and Ashley Mosier. Back: Jordan Newberg, Jessica Humpfer, Ann Gigstad, Stacy Johnson, Bryan Woods, Stephanie Midden-dorf, Brealle Cerven, Jenny Madsen and Dan Vargasor. (Provided by Dolly Bergmann)

Atlantic is the Coca-Cola Capital of Iowa, a certificate for a Coca-Cola Days t-shirt from

the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce, along with several other items.



These Albia Rotarians, Kenneth Williams and Dr. Dean Stocker, each contributed a thousand dollars a year for ten years, making a total of ten thousand dollars each with the monies given to fight polio. Provided by Tony Humeston



Past president Charlie Jones of the Rotary Club of North Scott (l) presented the William F. Tubbs Honor Rotarian Award to Lorraine Lynch. The award has been presented to an outstanding new member annually since 2003.



Laura Ashby, the immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Centerville, awarded Henry Ortmann with the club's first annual Rotarian of the Year award. Henry (l) is receiving the award from the current club president Eugene Aldrich. Henry was a member of the local Optimists and chair of the Student of the Month club there. The club disbanded and Henry became a Rotarian and has continued the program for over 10 years. Student of the Month awards go to all grades K-12 each year. Students are nominated by their teachers and selections are made by the teachers. Henry is very active in the Centerville High School booster club, and volunteers as announcer at their athletic events. He is treasurer of the Knights of Columbus and an Ambassador for the Chamber of Commerce. He gives a very favorable image of our club. – Eugene Aldrich, president



Rotarians and family members of the Rotary Club of North Scott manned the 1-mile water stop for the annual 4-mile Moonlight Chase Run on July 14 in Eldridge. The evening run, in its 28th year, saw 2,100 runners and walkers. Photo by Bill Tubbs



# 2013 Xicotepec project dates March 16-24; applications to open soon

**By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM**

Xicotepec Project Team leader

2013 will be the 11th year in which a project team from District 6000 travels to Xicotepec (in the state of Puebla, Mexico) to help implement projects of the Rotary club there. The dates for the 2013 trip will be March 16-24. Mark your calendars!

Since 2003, teams from District 6000 have helped implement projects such as school classroom construction, de-worming of school children, cervical cancer screening for women, painting murals in public spaces, school playground improvements – and many others.

No special knowledge, talent or language skills are required. To date, over 600 project team members have gone to Xicotepec to participate in this Rotary project.

District 6000 Rotarians, Interactors, Rotaractors, other club-sponsored youth and their family members are eligible to apply. The online application site for the 2013 Xicotepec Project Team will be available beginning in mid-September and the application period will close in November. Details on how to apply will be sent to all District 6000 club presidents, who are asked to pass them on to their club members.

The District 6000 website ([www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org)) will also have a link to the application webpage beginning in mid-September..

If you have questions about the trip or the application process, contact Jim Peterson or Kay Carpenter by E-mailing to [xicoproj@gmail.com](mailto:xicoproj@gmail.com).

Make your plans now to take part in this special project!



District Governor Terry Geiger and wife Peggy visited the West Des Moines Rotary Club's orange juice stand at the downtown Des Moines Farmers Market on Saturday, July 28. West Des Moines club secretary Harold Hulleman is at left. The market is a major fundraiser, netting \$400-500 per week during the market's 26-week run. The club operates two three-hour shifts of five to six volunteers each day.

(Provided by Harold Hulleman)

## 'Integrity' nominations opened

**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 third annual "Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award."

A nomination form will soon be posted at the District website and sent to clubs. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31, 2013.

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

The nominees will be introduced and the winner will be announced at District Conference. Past district governors are not eligible for the district award.



Rotary is a family affair in Decatur County. From the left are Rotarian siblings Marilyn Saxton, Marcia Stephens, and Dave McGahuey at a club meeting. They are pictured here with guest speaker Brenda Fry. Brenda is the supervisor/co-ordinator for FaDSS (Family Development & Self-Sufficiency Program) which covers a five-county area.

– Peggy Geiger



A project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chariton is the disc golf course, pictured here with club members PDG Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen. The course was constructed at the Northwest Park Recreation Complex in Chariton. Disc golf is also popular on college and university campuses.

Photo by Peggy Geiger

# Rotarians receive 'Vision Facilitation' training

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

On Aug. 25, Rotarians from 17 clubs met in Newton to be trained as Vision Facilitators. Vision Facilitation is a new planning resource coming to our district that will help clubs develop their own vision for the future, and then also help them to develop a plan to achieve that vision.



David Cook

Club Visioning began in District 5960 in 2002. Since then, facilitators have been trained in 78 Rotary districts in the U.S., Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

The Vision Facilitation planning was led by David Cook of the Rotary Club of Boone. The process is unique because it brings together a cross-section of a club's members from the newest to the most experienced. The four-hour process uses the talents and life experiences of those members to develop a plan that will help the club strengthen its impact in the community

and beyond. The result is a vision and a plan developed and endorsed by the club's own members.

*By starting with the end in mind...*

Successful Clubs:

- Sustain and increase membership;
- Implement successful service projects;
- Develop leaders in the club and beyond;
- Support the Rotary Foundation;

*...and develop a long-range plan which creates:*

- Continuity of leadership, vision and process;
- Consistency in programming;
- Consensus, solidarity and unanimity in purpose and action.

At the end of the four-hour process the members of each club will have a clear vision of:

- What the club stands for in its community;
- The club's target membership size in five years;
- Identification of the club's key attributes;

- Top three objectives for each Avenue of Service;
- Ways to improve club's leadership development.

Here's what other clubs have had to say about this process...

- "The session generated a great deal of enthusiasm and gave the club a point from which to build and progress."

• "If other clubs experience the same level of progress that we are enjoying, this truly ranks among the most significant contributions to Rotary that I will experience."

• "It's so simple, it actually works; the process is sound and easy to follow."

• "We are truly on a new adventure, with a fresh sense of excitement and possibility. Thank you for making this happen."

Several teams were trained on Aug. 25 and trainer AG Dave Cook of the Rotary Club of Boone, says, "We will begin signing up interested clubs starting Oct. 1."

Cook said in addition to those who were trained on Aug. 25, another 24 are interested. Another training date will be scheduled.

Encourage your club to be one of the first to experience this approach to improving your club and building toward a better future.

## Rotarians who were trained as facilitators and are willing to serve:

**Ames:** Gerald Klonglan, Glen Rippke.

**Ames Morning:** Daryle Vegge, Harold Jensen.

**Ankeny:** PDG Gary Welch.

**Boone:** David Cook, Nan Sloan, PDG Susan Herrick, Tim Trudeau.

**Clinton:** Norlan Hinke.

**Decatur County:** DG Terry Geiger.

**Des Moines:** Doug Lewis.

**Des Moines AM:** Tamara Kenworthy.

**Iowa City:** Usha Balakrishnan.

**Grinnell:** Clem Bodensteiner.

**Iowa City:** John Fraser.

**Keokuk:** Tony Conn.

**Knoxville:** T. Waldmann-Williams.

**Newton:** John McNeer.

**North Scott:** Christine Garrow.

**Pella:** Bill Bruxvoort.

**Washington:** PDG Don Patterson.



## Ankeny Rotarians an action ...

Rotary Club of Ankeny members sell tickets and help coordinate the Golf Ball Drop that is done the last day of Ankeny Summerfest. Each ball has a number on it corresponding to the ticket numbers sold, and the one closest to the hole wins \$1,000 and second place \$500. Proceeds go to the Ankeny Service Center. Pictured (l-r): Tom Friedman, Rotarian, and Golf Ball Drop winner Jim Foth.

The Rotary Club of Ankeny again this year helped with set up for the Ankeny Summerfest Parade on July 14. It takes many members to coordinate all of the floats and participants, as the festival brings thousands to Ankeny for the parade and weekend of events. Rotarians pictured are (l-r): Dave Mercer, Steve Schraderbachar and Shar Dunlap.

(Photos provided by Jody Savage)



# District explores new options for RYLA

## By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny

The Rotary Club of West Des Moines has organized and provided the RYLA program for high school students for District 6000 as a single-day leadership conference for several years. Ken Angersola has chaired the program for the last few years.

The Rotary Club of West Des Moines has chosen not to continue the RYLA program for the following year. We thank the Rotary Club of West Des Moines for their commitment of time, service and organization with the RYLA program.

District 6000 District Governor Terry Geiger recommended that this is an opportune time to re-evaluate the RYLA program and plan for the future. To provide new and expanded opportunities, District 6000 has formed a committee to research and evaluate the development of a RYLA camp.

The committee is co-chaired by PDG Gary Welch of Ankeny and Loring Miller of Decatur County, with committee members DG Terry Geiger and Peggy of Decatur County, Colleen Welch of Ankeny, PDG Susan Herrick and Bob Herrick of Boone, Phyllis Miller of Decatur County, DGE Jacque Andrew of Jeffersn, DGN John Ockenfels of Iowa City AM and Stephanie Simonson.

The committee has extensively researched the approaches of several districts with focus on six highly recommended RYLA camps throughout the United States. It became apparent that most districts were



The week-long RYLA camp attended by PDG Gary Welch in Colorado offered a great experience for youth.

Photos by Gary Welch

involved in a 4-5 day RYLA camp to help the students receive maximum leadership benefit.

After extensive discussion it was felt that it would take more than one year to effectively prepare to launch our own RYLA camp. During the research, District 5970 (northern Iowa), has recently developed a 5-day RYLA camp and invited District 6000 to join them. Therefore, the committee recommended that for 2013, District 6000 will combine with District 5970 to hold a five-day leadership camp July 7-12, 2013, at Wartburg College in Waverly, IA.

The cost of the one-day event was \$90. The new cost for five-day RYLA Camp will be \$400 per student. We know this will be a significant transition for all participating clubs, but the increased value to youth should clearly make it worthwhile.

Therefore, the committee proposes that in 2013, District 6000 send 50 students to the multi-District RYLA camp. This is the beginning of the process for the RYLA committee, which will continue to evaluate options and opportunities, even after the 2013 joint RYLA camp. The committee will be in further contact with additional information, including recruiting information for the students, club presentation and training.

Extensive observation and research of other RYLA camps has confirmed the committee's belief that a well-organized five-day camp will provide the most value to effective leadership training, through intense team-building activities, leadership sessions, dynamic speakers and trained facilitators.

RYLA participants, several years after participation, have noted positive effects from the training received at RYLA camps. Through powerful and effective leadership training, the RYLA committee expects that there will be indirect benefits to people affected by the RYLA students beyond what was expected from the single-day conference.

If you have comments or questions, please direct them to PDG Gary Welch at gwelch3002@msn.com or Loring Miller at miller2@grm.net.

## Youth Exchange is alive, well – and growing – in District 6000

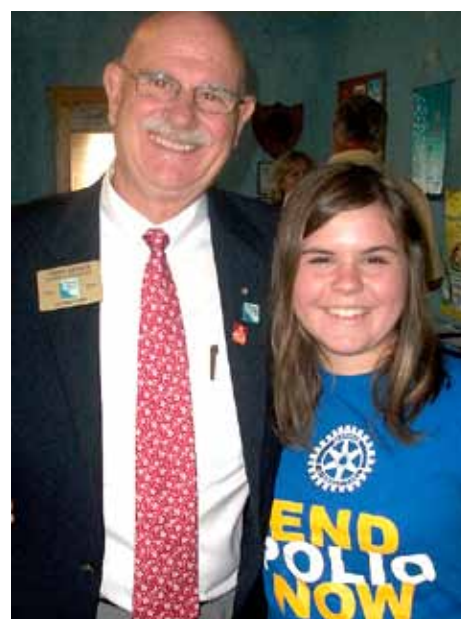
### DISTRICT 6000 ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN 2012-13

#### Outbound:

Ian (Stanley) Bassett (Waukee) .... Germany  
Janie Cornell (Decatur County) ..... Italy  
Rebecca Darling (Tipton) ..... France  
Cory Denton (Waukee) ..... Germany  
Samantha Halsten (Des Moines AM) Norway  
Cara Hahn (Muscatine) ..... Belgium  
Danielle Hammes (Tipton) ..... Austria  
Andrina (Andi) Helgersen (Ottumwa) . Brazil  
Vanessa Jorgensen (Marshalltown) .. Japan  
Madeline Lorentzen (Des Moines) ..... Italy  
Nathan Roberts (Fort Madison) ..... Ecuador  
Kayleigh Sizemore (Burlington) ..... Turkey  
Emily Smith (Muscatine) ..... Spain  
Michael Snell (Winterset) ..... France  
Nadia Trimnell (Johnston) ..... Chile  
Charissa Trudeau (Boone) ..... Spain  
Keegan VanDevender (Oskaloosa) Belgium

#### Inbound:

Camille Delanoe (France) ..... Boone  
Paula Lomasclo (Spain) ..... Burlington  
Alberto Reyes (Chile) ..... Decatur County  
Canberk Yilmaz (Turkey) ..... Fairfield  
Raphael Heliot (France) ..... Grinnell  
Titus Boldt (Germany) ..... Iowa City  
Anette Nosted (Norway) ..... Iowa City AM  
Felipe Zaldana Viteri (Ecuador) ..... Marshalltown  
Ghilane Gamboso (Belgium) ... Mt. Pleasant and Mt. Pleasant Noon  
Rafaella Orsini (Brazil) ..... Muscatine  
Christian Gross (Germany) ..... Nevada  
Nuria Cunado Gutierrez (Spain) ..... Newton  
Morgane Cloesen (Belgium) ..... Oskaloosa  
Fumika Nakamura (Japan) ..... Ottumwa  
Barbara Alliger (Austria) ..... Pella  
Flavia Vicenzotti (Italy) ..... Tipton  
Gloria Barbarino (Italy) ..... West Des Moines  
Lucas Santana (Brazil) ..... Winterset



DG Terry Geiger met outbound student Danielle Hammes of Wilton during his visit to Tipton. Photo by Peggy Geiger





### *Fairfield community service ...*

Fairfield Rotary club president Earl Shepard welcomes visitors to the Fairfield Parks and Recreation building where Rotarians provided the indoor playground for children. Below, Shepard (r) is pictured with an infra-red scanning machine donated by Rotarians (on left) which allows Fairfield firefighters to image a building for hot spots and locate fallen victims. Shepard is holding a set of lightweight grass and brush firefighting gear which the club provided for firefighters to relieve them of the need to wear heavy structure firefighting boots and coats at grass fires, which can lead to heat related injuries.

(Provided by Peggy Geiger)



### *Burlington playgrounds ...*

The Rotary Club of Burlington has built seven playgrounds in Burlington and Des Moines County, including a park with handicap accessibility, and one built at the Hospice House. The total cost for these playgrounds was \$150,700. The playground (below) was built as the club's Centennial project in conjunction with club members and the City of Burlington workers. District Simplified Grants awarded \$6,795 for two of the playgrounds and an \$11,733 grant for a playground to replace one damaged in the flood of 2009. District Governor Terry Geiger is pictured (above) with Ed Whitham, club secretary/treasurer.

(Provided by Peggy Geiger)



Members of the Rotary Club of Decatur County, pictured on Aug. 4, have been helping their friends from the Rotary of Indianola during the Hot Air Balloon Festival for many years. Rotary club members run the admission gate and park cars.

(Provided by Linda Chastain)



# Iowa City Rotarians promote Ponseti method of healing club foot

The Rotary Club of Iowa City is actively promoting the use of the Ponseti method of healing children who were born with club feet in third world countries. Rotarian Tita Coffman, who is the vice president and COO of the UI Foundation, gave an update on the Guatemala Club Foot Project at a club meeting in June, including a brief history of how the project began.

The project is based on the Ponseti Club Foot non-invasive treatment, beginning as a new humanitarian Rotary project. Those who championed this project included PDG Herb Wilson, Lynette Marshall, Verne Folkmann, Chris Collins, John Buchanan, Tom Robinson, Dr. Bill Olin and Dr. Jose Morecuende. Efforts for fundraising ultimately resulted with a joint project funded by two Rotary districts in Iowa in 2010 and private donors of \$25,000. Work is underway in Guatemala with nine children in the program. The original budget per child was estimated at US \$250; now it is \$100.

The next step includes training, program expansion and putting all children in the PIA data base. This fall an International Clubfoot Symposium is planned for healthcare providers from all over the world to learn more about Dr. Ponseti and his method. (The late Ignacio Dr. Ponseti was born in Spain and developed the method while working at the University of Iowa.)

This will also include presentations of research and work of physicians in primarily underdeveloped countries. An extremely generous gift from Herb Wilson will help fund the trip for doctors to attend the symposium. Cathy Grotte spoke in conclusion of the presentation about the importance of this symposium. Thanks to Tita and Cathy for this informative program!

— by Eleanor McClelland, Rotary Club of Iowa City newsletter



John Gere, a member of the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities, is captain of the course marshals for Hole No. 16 at the John Deere Classic PGA Tournament in the Quad Cities. Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Iowa Quad Cities, Bettendorf, Davenport and North Scott provide the marshals for three different holes all five days at the PGA event, July 11-15.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



## Ribs, hotrods and Rotary ...

The Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities' annual "Ribs for Kids" on July 20 at Kelly's Irish Pub & Eatery was another huge success, boosting fellowship and raising \$18,000 for the club's projects with great ribs, a silent auction, raffle and music. For club president Tim Perkins (l), it was a family affair with his wife, Sarah, and children. District Governor Terry Geiger (above) took a turn in the car simulator.

(Provided by Peggy Geiger)





## Welcome to Bloomfield ...

Brad Martin (l), Public Relations chair of the Rotary Club of Bloomfield, welcomes District Governor Terry Geiger with a "hometown handshake" on his official visit Aug. 14. DG Terry and Peggy also enjoyed meeting with the board on the 13th at the home of Assistant Governor (and chef) John and Helen Schroeder (right).

(Provided by Peggy Geiger)



## 32-year tradition in Atlantic ...

Members of the Rotary Club of Atlantic participate 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 day was "perfect" for watermelon; it was warm but not too warm. Rotarians Ray Underwood, Don Reinertson and Dolly Bergmann (above) served 20 watermelons in one hour. The watermelon feed was started by the club in 1980, so there are many fairgoers who remember having watermelon as kids at the fair and now bring their children – and even a few grandchildren to the event. Everyone loves watermelon, especially on a hot day in August.

(Provided by Dolly Bergmann)



## 'Rotary Place' in Clinton ...

Clinton Rotary President Norlan Hinke (r) and President-Elect Tom Determann (l) welcome visitors to the city's "Rotary Place." The club worked closely with the City of Clinton in developing parks with a synthetic surface that was recommended by the Park and Recreation Department for its safety and durability. "Rotarians worked cohesively with the Park and Recreation Department as to location of the park to develop, facility improvements, equipment, and surface," said Hinke. "The Park and Recreation Department was very cooperative and installed the equipment."

(Provided by Peggy Geiger)





The annual Corn Boil, attended by 250, is one of several fellowship activities of the Rotary Club of North Scott. District Governor Terry Geiger (r) enjoyed an ear that was picked the day of the event and boiled by Rotarians Scott Case, Glen Keppy, Mike Auliff and Eric Langan (above). Keeping the "Family of Rotary" together, Sherri Briegel (center, below), the widow of Assistant Governor Chuck Briegel, who died of cancer in 2011, was welcomed by Mary Lou Anderson (l) and Linda Tubbs (r).



# 'Changemaker Club of Zone 28'

## ■ *North Scott Rotary nominated for international award*

### From Eldridge North Scott Press

**T**he Rotary Club of North Scott (Davenport) was honored by 2011-12 Rotary International president Kalyan Banerjee of India as the most outstanding club over 50 members in Zone 28, a region that includes 12 districts in Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada.

The club was nominated by District Governor Don Patterson and selected by Rotary International Director Betsy Demaray for the award. It was one of 34 who were eligible for the Rotary International Changemaker Award that was won by the Rotary Club of Roseville, in District 5180 in California.

The award was presented to 2011-12 club president Becky Bray at the club's annual installation meeting June 22 by Past District Governor Bill Tubbs, a member of the North Scott club.

The award is based on meeting and exceeding Banerjee's criteria for activities within the club, in the community, with youth, in the international community, and in members' vocations.

The 87-member club, chartered in 1973, has several fellowship and social events annually, actively volunteers in the community, and raises over \$30,000 for projects both locally and internationally:

Service projects in 2011-12 included:

Support of Special Olympics, scholarships for graduating seniors from high schools, second-career students at Scott Community College and the Camp Cheley character building camp in Colorado, student dictionaries, North Scott Fine Arts awards, donations to the North Scott Food Pantry and Café on Vine, Quad Cities Kite Festival, post prom donations, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Scott County Family Y, Family Resources, Scott County Library and bookmobile, Rotary Youth Exchange host club for Mikel Ursua of Spain, and sponsoring a retreat in Davenport for District 6000

Rotary Youth Exchange students, benches for the Eldridge Recreation Trail and the Davenport Riverfront, MAC Sportsmanship awards, Youth Harvest Party, "school shop" to provide essentials to local students in partnership with AEA, LeClaire Road beautification in Eldridge, reading to students at elementary schools, sending a student to the Rotary World Affairs Conference, volunteers at the John Deere Classic, Moonlight Chase and Mississippi Valley Fair, support of cleft lip-cleft palate repair teams in Guatemala and used fire and medical equipment for villages in Central America, global polio eradication, support of a hospital for HIV children in Cuernavaca, Mexico, sponsorship of a bio-sustainable project for garbage pickers in Oaxaca, Mexico, hosting a Group Study Exchange team from New Zealand for five days, providing a lawnmower for Habitat for Humanity and protective equipment for the Eldridge Volunteer Fire Department, sponsoring GED diplomas, providing blankets for disadvantaged children in the Quad Cities with the Eldridge United Methodist Women, and cancer pillows with Beta Sigma Phi, Boy Scout scholarships for disadvantaged children, supporting children from Neil Armstrong Elementary School to attend the Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque, disaster assistance for the Red Cross in the Quad Cities, exhaust fans for the Juan Diez Rancheros horse outreach for youth, sponsorship of North Scott Chamber of Commerce Sophomore Career Fair, partnering with the Generations Agency on Aging to install safety equipment for senior citizens, starting an Interact Club for youths at North Scott Junior High, and support of more than \$100 per member for the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Forty club members maintained perfect attendance, and six club members served beyond the club, including district committees for Youth Exchange, Public Relations, Disaster Relief, Vocational Service and Matching Grants. Club members served as Rotary Volunteers in Uganda and Moldova, and participated on a polio immunization team to India.

# Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2012

(Members: Jul 10/Jul 11)	(1) 11-12 Goal	(2) Thru 6-30-12	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (28/26)	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,311	96	\$ 88.90
Albia (32/28)	1,840	1,550	84	55.36
Ames Morning (61/61)	8,450	29,725	99	129.24
Ames (237/230)	30,000	6,775	80	111.07
Ankeny (63/62)	9,000	8,250	92	133.06
Atlantic (65/64)	4,725	6,529	138	102.02
Bettendorf (101/113)	12,720	16,025	126	141.81
Bloomfield (14/14)	1,600	200	13	14.29
Boone (54/52)	6,270	8,915	142	171.44
Burlington (90/85)	7,440	9,300	125	109.41
Carroll (56/55)	5,700	3,405	60	61.91
Centerville (40/41)	3,360	2,635	78	64.27
Chariton (57/53)	5,500	6,675	121	125.94
Clinton (115/116)	9,435	9,102	96	78.47
Coon Rapids (23/29)	1,250	1,250	100	43.10
Coralville-North Corridor (27/22)	2,662	2,200	83	100.00
Corning (49/48)	2,800	1,573	56	32.78
Corydon (17/20)	380	300	79	15.00
Creston (21/19)	525	100	19	4.35
Dallas Center (26/26)	2,600	2,700	104	103.85
Davenport (133/132)	13,100	31,676	242	238.17
Decatur County (20/25)	5,000	5,280	106	211.20
Des Moines AM (138/139)	13,500	11,210	83	80.65
Des Moines (306/294)	22,500	24,975	111	84.95
East Polk County (41/42)	2,000	4,672	234	111.24
Fairfield (65/60)	6,930	6,930	100	115.50
Fort Madison (58/52)	5,200	4,675	90	89.90
Greater Des Moines (44/37)	4,300	3,975	92	104.61
Grinnell (31/33)	3,100	5,320	172	161.21
Indianola (45/50)	4,700	5,035	107	100.70
Iowa City AM (55/55)	7,950	9,492	119	172.58
Iowa City Downtown (18/19)	450	2,640	587	146.67
Iowa City (297/303)	27,000	37,750	140	124.59
Iowa Quad-Cities (48/47)	2,990	5,135	172	109.26
Jefferson (54/53)	5,500	8,000	145	150.94
Johnston (49/53)	4,700	4,918	105	92.79
Kalona (45/43)	5,170	2,800	54	65.12
Keokuk (87/84)	8,700	5,003	58	61.01
Keosauqua (24/26)	1,890	1,910	101	73.46
Knoxville (67/63)	6,200	5,700	92	90.48
Lenox (26/23)	600	1,575	263	68.51
Manning (20/22)	2,000	1,300	65	59.09
Marengo (12/10)	390	100	26	10.00
Marshalltown (168/158)	11,000	20,326	185	128.65
Mount Pleasant Noon (37/51)	2,100	3,579	170	70.18
Mt. Pleasant (28/24)	3,200	1,105	35	44.20
Muscatine (125/117)	17,400	14,808	85	126.57
Nevada (61/66)	7,700	7,500	97	113.64
Newton (72/72)	8,140	5,216	64	74.51
North Scott (96/91)	11,760	13,018	111	143.05
Northwest Des Moines (51/49)	5,733	8,200	143	167.35
Osceola (30/28)	1,350	1,508	112	53.88
Oskaloosa (50/55)	5,400	2,636	49	47.94
Ottumwa (100/98)	10,800	10,170	94	103.78
Pella (39/40)	4,510	5,050	112	129.49
Perry (26/29)	540	525	97	18.10
Tipton (24/28)	3,000	2,130	71	76.07
Washington (61/55)	6,930	5,850	84	106.36
Waukeke (48/50)	5,100	6,350	125	127.00
Wellman (37/36)	4,070	3,810	94	105.83
West Des Moines (74/71)	8,280	6,750	82	95.07
West Liberty (37/39)	8,200	16,200	198	415.38
Winterset (30/29)	2,400	800	33	27.59
<b>Total (4,053/4,015)</b>	<b>\$ 400,140</b>	<b>\$ 445,126</b>	<b>111.24</b>	<b>\$110.84</b>

## Foundation news

### A good year for giving in D-6000

By Corliss Klaassen/Chariton

District Rotary Foundation Chair 2011-12

When the presidents-elect attended PETS in March 2011, they were asked to turn in what they thought their club would contribute to The Rotary Foundation during their year as president. All of the 63 presidents-elect turned in their goal report and that total came to \$400,140 to the Annual Programs Fund – which averaged to \$99.64 per member.

When the final numbers came in at the end of the year, which ended on June 30, 2012, the total contributed to the Annual Programs Fund was \$445,126.65, which averaged to \$110.84 per Rotarian. This was the highest per capita giving in our district's history. One-half of this, which is \$222,563.32, will come back to the district in three years as District Designated Funds (DDF). This will be available to our district to be used on District and Global Grants.

When we compare what was pledged to what was contributed, we had 28 clubs exceed their pledges. Twenty-two clubs gave between 75 and 99 percent of what they pledged. Seven clubs gave between 50 and 74 percent of what they pledged. However, six clubs gave less than 49 percent of what they pledged.

In comparison to the other 11 districts in Zone 28, our district came in second again this year in total giving to the Annual Programs Fund. The only district with a larger amount given to the Annual Programs Fund was District 5950 (Minneapolis, Minn., area) which gave \$645,698.63.

When it comes to the number of Rotarians who gave to the Annual Programs Fund, our District came in FIRST. A total of 3,161 out of 4,016 members (78.7 percent) gave something to the Foundation. The average for Zone 28 was 52 percent, and District 6440 (Chicago area) came in second at 66 percent.

When it comes to giving \$100 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, our district came in FIRST again. A total of 2,432 Rotarians (60.6 percent) from our district reached this plateau. District 6440 once

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District 6000 Rotary Foundation leaders presented the 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow banner to the Rotary Club of Marshalltown in a special meeting at the farm of club president Scott Neff. Pictured (l-r): DG Don Patterson, Foundation Chair PDG Corliss Klaassen, Scott Neff, EREY chair Bill Koellner of West Liberty, and Zone 28 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Don Goering of Ames.

## How did last year compare?

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty

District Annual Giving Chair

The Rotary year 2011-12 saw the highest per capita giving in District 6000. This would not have been possible if it wasn't for Rotarians who supported The Rotary Foundation with generous gifts. How does last year compare to historical giving?

This table shows the membership at the beginning of each year. The annual giving is the amount that each club gives to The Rotary Foundation through the Annual Program Fund. The per capita giving is the average amount of giving by all the members for the Rotary year. The District Designated Funds are the funds that will be returned to the district in three years for the district leadership to use for all the Foundation programs, such as Ambassadorial Scholars, District Simplified Grants, matching grants, Group Study Exchanges and more.

Year	Members	Annual Giving	Per-Capita Giving	District Designated Funds To D-6000
7-1-06	4,384	\$482,226	\$109.99	\$241,113
7-1-07	4,307	452,232	104.99	226,116
7-1-08	4,235	437,218	103.24	218,609
7-1-09	4,184	424,602	101.48	212,301
7-1-10	4,053	409,184	100.95	204,592
7-1-11	4,016	445,126	110.84	222,563

Clubs in District 6000 contributed \$78,956.97 to Polio Plus for the eradication of polio. In addition, District 6000 contributed \$43,714.37 to eradicate polio through the use of District Designated Funds. Members in the district also contributed to the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation. That amount was \$38,147. The Permanent Fund is the endowment fund of The Rotary Foundation, and it never is used; only the interest is used for Foundation projects.

Finally, both clubs and members contributed to matching grants in locations like Nepal for the development of a water project. The amount contributed was \$22,031 for matching grants.

The membership for 2011-12 was 4,016 Rotarians in District 6000. The total Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members were 2,432. This means that 2,342 Rotarians gave at least \$100 per year. The goal for 2012-13 that was established by 63 clubs is \$391,831.

## Paul Harris Society

Thanks to these District 6000 Rotarians who are leading the way with gifts of \$1,000 or more annually to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund. To sign up, contact Annual Giving chair Bill Koellner, (319) 627-4545.

### PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY IN DISTRICT 6000:

#### Charter Members (2004-05):

Bob Anderson (Ames)  
 Roger & Pat Borup (Wellman)  
 Tom Brooke (West Liberty)  
 George Christiansen (Ames)  
 John & Linda Dasher (Ames)  
 Don & Doris Goering (Ames)  
 Conrad Gregg (West Liberty)  
 Corliss & Jeanne Klaassen (Chariton)  
 Bill Koellner (West Liberty)  
 Loring Miller (Decatur County)  
 Phyllis Miller (Decatur County)  
 Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM)  
 Bob Rudman (Ames)  
 Bill & Linda Tubbs (North Scott)  
 Herb Wilson (Iowa City)  
 Janice Wilson (Iowa City)



Terry Geiger (Decatur County)  
 Anne Hargrave (Iowa City)

#### Paul Harris Society Members (2005-06)

Ed Barker (Iowa City)  
 Trent W. Frohock (Northwest Des Moines)  
 Doug & Meldoy Huette (Iowa City AM)  
 Ev Laning (Indianola)  
 Steven F. & Karen Laughlin (Coralville-North Corridor)  
 Darrell & Sharon Limkeman (Ottumwa)  
 Nancy & Jeff Stroborg (Jefferson)  
 Richard Young (Iowa City)

#### Paul Harris Society Members (2006-07)

William & Dixie Burress (Davenport)  
 Deepak Giri (West Liberty)  
 Alan Hermanson (Ames Morning)  
 Lee Holmes (Waukee)  
 Michael E. Mumma (Jefferson)  
 John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM)  
 Chelon Stanzel (Ames Morning)

#### Paul Harris Society Members (2007-08)

Stan Barber (Iowa City)  
 Ed Barker (Iowa City)  
 Willis (Bill) Bywater (Iowa City)  
 R.T. Fedderson (Iowa City)  
 Geraldene Felton (Iowa City)  
 Verne Folkman (Iowa City)  
 Charles Funk (Iowa City)  
 Dean Moore (Iowa City)  
 Jim Swaner (Iowa City)  
 Stephen L. West (Iowa City)

#### Paul Harris Society Members (2008-09)

Jacque Andrew (Jefferson)  
 Jeff Disterhoff (Iowa City)  
 Linda Hartkopf (Atlantic)  
 Rita Perea (Des Moines)

#### Paul Harris Society Members (2009-10)

Steve Dakin (Boone)  
 Karin Franklin (Iowa City)

#### Paul Harris Society Members (2010-11)

Gerald Clausen (Carroll)  
 Tim Terry (Iowa City)  
 John Buchanan (Iowa City)  
 Doug Flournoy (Fairfield)

#### Paul Harris Society Members (2011-12)

Todd Wheeler (Greater Des Moines)  
 Wayne Steen (West Liberty)

#### Paul Harris Society Eligible (2012-13)

Robert Brierly (Grinnell)  
 David Campbell (Johnston)  
 Theodore Clausen (Grinnell)  
 Abie Davis (Knoxville)  
 Michael Ebberts Sr. (Pella)  
 Barbara Evans (Des Moines)  
 Gary Foster (Clinton)  
 John Fraser (Iowa City)  
 Gene Gabus (West Polk County)  
 Douglas Garner (Davenport)  
 Curt Hoff (Marshalltown)  
 Lucinda Iutzi (Keokuk)  
 David Jensen (Iowa City AM)  
 Dan Johnson (Nevada)  
 Bruce Kelley (Des Moines)  
 Kenneth Kinsey (Iowa City)  
 Anne Kolar (Iowa City Downtown)  
 Josh Lederman (Davenport)  
 Charles Lewis (Muscatine)  
 Calvin Litwiller (Mount Pleasant)  
 Francis Mosse (Fairfield)  
 Mark Nagan (Iowa Quad Cities)  
 Scott Neff (Marshalltown)  
 Gary Pacha (Iowa City)  
 Nancy Pacha (Iowa City AM)  
 James Radtke (Fairfield)  
 Don Ringgenberg (Pella)  
 Steven Saxton (Ames)  
 Kerry Skinner (Davenport)  
 Charles Swanson (Iowa City)  
 Kevin Swartz (Marshalltown)  
 Michael Vance (Mt. Pleasant Noon)  
 William Bruce Wirin (Marshalltown)  
 Mark Zimmerman (Davenport)

# News Briefs

**Future Vision:** A comprehensive article about the transition to The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision plan that will be launched July 1, 2013, was in the last issue of *District 6000 News*. The District 6000 Rotary Foundation Committee has produced a tri-fold "Quick Reference Guide" to explain the new requirements and deadlines that clubs will need to know, including mandatory Grant Management Seminars (GMS) and Memorandums of Understanding (MOU). These materials will be available at the fall seminars (p. 3), and GMS training will offered in the spring of 2013. Questions? District Rotary Foundation chair Cal Litwiller, (319) 931-6441; [crlitwiller@yahoo.com](mailto:crlitwiller@yahoo.com).

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**RYE:** Youth Exchange numbers are up, and the Inbound Picnic for students and hosts will be Saturday, Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Iowa City, reports committee chair Chris Knapp (p. 23).

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**Zone:** Rotary leaders from 29 districts in Zones 28-29 will convene Sept. 11-16 at the Grand Hotel in Mackinac, Mich. The zones include 29 districts in parts of North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York and Ontario, Canada. DGE Jacques Andrew and DGN John Ockenfels will attend the Governor-Elect Training Seminar (GETS), Sept. 11-13. Trainer Tom Narak will also attend, and will be joined by past governors and zone leaders for the Institute Sept. 14-16.

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**Conference:** Save the dates! District Conference will be April 11-13, 2013, at the new and VERY SPECIAL Honey Creek Resort on Lake Rathburn, near Moravia, in southern Iowa. Watch for details ... District Governor Terry Geiger and Peggy have an outstanding program planned!!

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**Friendship Exchange:** Five Rotarian couples from District 5080 in British Columbia, Canada, will be guests of District 6000 Rotarians Sept. 3-17, 2012, in the Rotary Friendship Exchange program. AG Doug Peterson of the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities is in charge. Future activities include: hosting a team from Australia in April 2013,



Jack Schreiber



## West Des Moines: Bicycles bring smiles



A popular project for West Des Moines Rotarians is providing refurbished and safety-inspected bicycles for elementary students. Devin Hargrove of Phenix Elementary (l) smiles when he gets his bicycle from Rotarian Harold Hulleman, as does Clive Elementary student Karma Horn (above) and Crestview student Suum, pictured with Rotarian Bob Start.

(Provided by Harold Hulleman)

sending a team to South Africa in the spring of 2013, and to Australia in the fall of 2013. Jack Schreiber of the Rotary Club of Des Moines is chair: [schreiber58@gmail.com](mailto:schreiber58@gmail.com).

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**Polio:** For the latest news about polio eradication, see [www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org). The domain was procured several years ago by Rotarians in District 6440, in the Chicago area, and ownership was transferred to Rotary International, according to PDG Bruce Baumgardner, who is an Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator in Zone 28.

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**Conventions:** Lisbon, Portugal, will host the Rotary International Convention June 23-26, 2013. Other future conventions:

- Sydney, Australia, June 1-4, 2014;
- São Paulo, Brazil, June 5-8, 2015;
- Seoul, Korea, May 29-June 1, 2016;
- Atlanta, Georgia, June 10-14, 2017.

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**Nominated:** Gary C.K. Huang, a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2014-15. Huang will become the president-nominee on Oct. 1 if there are no challenging candidates. Huang has served as the chair of Taiwan Sogo Shinkong Security Co., Ltd., Shin Kong Life Real Estate Service Co., and P.S. Insurance Agency, Inc. and director of Federal Corporation and managing director of Taipei



Gary Huang

Life-Line Association. Rotary's president in 2013-14 will be Ron Burton of Norman, Oklahoma USA.

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**Thank You!** Thanks to the Rotary Club of Jefferson for its ongoing financial support of FAMSCO, Iowa MOST, and the Humanitarian Services Fund. Due to a timing issue, the club was not named among the contributors to these activities in the last newsletter.

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**Japan:** Des Moines Rotarian Mark Snell and his spouse, Cindy, are heading to Kofu, Japan. They will be teaching middle school students in Kofu, Yamanashi Prefecture as part of the Kofu Foreign English Teacher Exchange (Des Moines Public Schools and Kofu Public Schools). Kofu is Des Moines' sister city. The exchange program, which is 25 years old, annually selects a maximum of five Des Moines teachers to travel to Kofu, Japan and teach English. Mark has been active as GSE inbound coordinator for District 6000 for several years. Rotarians may be in touch with the Snells at [snellmarkh@gmail.com](mailto:snellmarkh@gmail.com), or (515) 981-6476 (Google phone number forwarded to the Snells in Japan.)

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**Goal tracker:** To better measure how your club contributes to Rotary's success, RI created Rotary Club Central, an online tool that will empower club leaders to track your club's goals, progress, and achievements. Clubs are encouraged to login to Member Access and add their club goals to Rotary Club Central. Throughout the year, club leaders can continue to use this tool to submit and measure their achievements.



## CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

### May 2012 - June 2012

CLUB	MAY		JUNE	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	63.00%	23	53.00%	44
Albia	63.40%	22	60.70%	29
Ames	65.00%	21	56.00%	39
Ames Morning	57.90%	32	56.50%	37
Ankeny	80.07%	11	75.71%	16
Atlantic	46.21%	47	45.17%	50
Bettendorf	62.00%	26	71.25%	20
Bloomfield	57.00%	36		
Boone	62.00%	26	53.00%	44
Burlington	82.90%	8	79.00%	11
Carroll	57.45%	35	57.87%	34
Centerville	54.00%	43	52.00%	45
Chariton	62.37%	25	58.73%	31
Clinton	57.61%	34	49.66%	47
Coon Rapids				
Coralville-North Corridor	97.00%	1	100.00%	1
Corning			78.00%	13
Corydon	49.00%	45		
Creston	62.00%	26	57.00%	36
Dallas Center	68.00%	18	66.00%	25
Davenport	49.07%	44	41.89%	52
Decatur County	68.00%	18	64.00%	26
Des Moines	55.50%	40	53.88%	43
Des Moines A.M.	55.00%	42	73.00%	17
East Polk County	55.90%	38	55.84%	40
Fairfield			39.75%	54
Fort Madison	60.20%	29	58.00%	33
Greater Des Moines	48.00%	46	49.00%	48
Grinnell	67.00%	19	81.00%	7
Indianola	57.64%	33	57.67%	35
Iowa City	35.98%	49	37.94%	55
Iowa City A.M.	73.93%	15	68.86%	23
Iowa City Downtown	84.21%	6	86.84%	5
Iowa Quad-Cities	66.09%	20	69.23%	22
Jefferson			64.00%	26
Johnston	71.20%	16	72.36%	19
Kalona	82.29%	9	79.30%	9
Keokuk			54.55%	41
Keosauqua	62.90%	24	48.80%	49
Knoxville	60.93%	28	58.61%	32
Lenox	75.00%	13	76.00%	15
Manning	85.00%	5	85.00%	6
Marengo	80.00%	12	80.00%	8
Marshalltown	60.17%	30	58.90%	30
Mount Pleasant Noon	58.14%	31	72.41%	18
Mt. Pleasant	84.00%	7	95.00%	3
Muscatine	44.65%	48	41.82%	53
Nevada			70.51%	21
Newton			62.30%	27
North Scott	94.00%	2	86.84%	5
Northwest Des Moines	85.80%	4	79.23%	10
Osceola	56.30%	37	56.48%	38
Oskaloosa	61.90%	27	54.50%	42
Ottumwa	55.67%	39	51.07%	46
Pella			62.00%	28
Perry	55.00%	42		
Tipton				
Washington	55.20%	41	52.00%	45
Waukee			78.24%	12
Wellman	92.82%	3	89.79%	4
West Des Moines	80.59%	10	95.32%	2
West Polk County	n/a	n/a	67.00%	24
West Liberty	70.00%	17	44.00%	51
Winterset	74.00%	14	77.50%	14



District Governor Terry Geiger and Rotary Club of Kalona president Meg Nagel admire the clock in the Kalona town square. Terry comments, "The clock looks awesome and is well maintained and landscaped around it."

(Provided by Peggy Geiger)

## NEW! Calendar

A new feature at the district website, [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org), lets clubs post their special activities on a calendar, including date and time, cost, details, and name and contact information of a club leader. Upcoming events posted thus far:

Sept. 20 ..... Burlington chicken BBQ  
 Sept. 27 ..... Kalona Fall Fest Gate Keepers  
 Oct. 2 ..... Ottumwa chicken BBQ  
 Oct. 4 ..... Oskaloosa Barbecue  
 Oct. 25 ..... North Scott Auction  
 Oct. 25 ..... East Polk Auction, Wine Tasting  
 Nov. 2 ..... Tipton Auction  
 Nov. 9 ..... Jefferson Auction  
 Nov. 13 ..... Kalona Senior Men's Luncheon  
 Nov. 17 ..... Atlantic Auction  
 Feb. 2 ..... Ankeny Auction  
 Feb. 16 ..... Manning Dancing with the Stars  
 April 20 ..... Waukee Auction  
 April 22 ..... Kalona Blood Drive  
 May 7 ..... Kalona Omelette Breakfast  
 May 21.. Kalona Senior Women's Luncheon  
 June 2 ..... Wellman Auction  
 June 6 ..... Grinnell Barbecue

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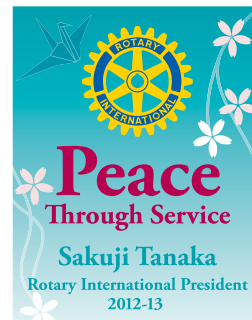
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Gerald Clausen, Carroll  
David Cook, Boone  
Tim Ennis, Corning  
Lee Holmes, Waukee  
Leon Lamer, Marshalltown  
Chris Marshall, Washington  
John Ockenfels, Iowa City AM  
Doug Peterson, Iowa Quad Cities  
Jenn Pfeifer-Malaney, Indianola  
Mike Ruby, Muscatine  
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# Club leaders' checklist



*From DG Terry Geiger . . .*

- Ensure that **RI and District dues** are paid, including voluntary contributions to FAMSCO, M.O.S.T. and the Youth Services Fund.
- Register club members to attend one or more **Regional Training Seminars** (p. 3).
- Determine significant community projects that might be aided by a **District Grant** (p. 11).
- Nominate a worthy member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** (p. 21).
- Encourage members to join a **Xicotepec Project Team** to Mexico in March 2013 (p. 21).
- Consider nominations for **District Governor** (p. 7).
- Recruit candidates for the **GSE to Chile** (p. 4).
- Plan **Membership Development** strategies (p. 8-9).
- Create awareness and raise funds for the **Global Emergency for Polio** (p. 12-13).
- Inspire members for **Community Service** (p. 14-15).
- Share your ideas about the future of **RYLA** (p. 23).
- Evaluate "**Vision Facilitation**" for your club (p. 22).
- Submit the dates of club events to the district administrator for the **District Activities Calendar** (p. 31).
- Make plans to meet or exceed your club's **Rotary Foundation** goal (p. 28-29).
- Promote **attendance** and report your **attendance** monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 31).
- **Submit news** of your club's successes or upcoming events by Nov. 15, 2012 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacques Andrew (Jefferson).
- **Building "Peace Through Service" in your club, community and world.**

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reached this plateau. District 6440 once again came in second with 52 percent of their members giving at least \$100. In our Zone, 38.3 percent of the members contributed at least \$100 to the Foundation this past Rotary year.

District 6000 had 69 Rotarians (1.7 percent) who gave \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation this last year and they are eligible to become "Paul Harris Society" members. District 5950 had 183 Rotarians (6.4 percent). We invite you to join other Rotarians who have made a resounding commitment to serving others with their support.

"THANK YOU" to all Rotarians who contributed to THE ROTARY FOUNDATION this last year. We appreciate your commitment to the Foundation as we continue "Doing Good in the World." Your contributions will change the lives of many who are less fortunate than us not only around the world but also in our own communities.