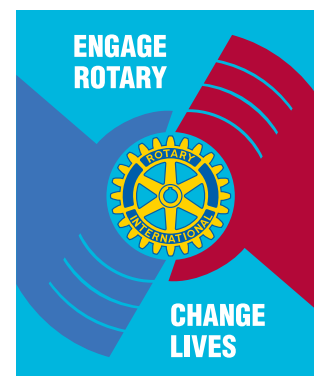


District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Jacque Andrew, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –
First Quarter (July-August-September 2013)



‘When you do meaningful work for Rotary, Rotary is meaningful to you!’

By DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

First, my thanks to the Rotarians of District 6000 for the honor and privilege it is to serve in this capacity. It is an amazing journey with a truly unique



Jacque Andrew
District Governor

vantage point to visit each and every club and to see firsthand the wonderful work being done by clubs in their communities and indeed, throughout the world! We are fortunate that our District is so strong and committed to service.

It is also a great honor to deliver the 2013-14 theme: EN-

GAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES. Our 2013-14 Rotary International President Ron Burton, in choosing this theme, embraces the primary elements of Rotary: our members and our service. Together, they make all the good being done in the world through Rotary clubs come to life.

“If we really want to take Rotary service forward, then we must make sure that every single Rotarian has the same feeling about Rotary that we do,” he said. “We need to make sure that every Rotarian has a meaningful role to play, that they’re all making a contribution, and that their contribution is valued.”

We all came to Rotary because someone asked us, and we said “yes” because we wanted to make a difference in our communities and in the world.

Look around your clubs, encourage fellow Rotarians to find their niche, their passion in Rotary. Re-invite those in your club who may not have a meaningful role to more fully engage. To quote President Ron, “When you are doing meaningful work for Rotary, Rotary is meaningful to you!”

When Rotarians are engaged, they are more likely to be retained as members. Member retention is equally important to the health of our clubs as attracting new members! Both ensure that Rotary clubs will continue to provide leadership and service in their communities and in the world. We encourage treating members as “customers,” listening to them, eliciting their input, and helping them engage in ways that are

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By every measure, the new RYLA conference that was co-sponsored by Districts 6000 and 5970 the week of July 7-12 at Wartburg College in Waverly was a success. One hundred-twelve Iowa high school students participated in activities that helped them share their deepest feelings, make friends for life and open doors for the future. Read about some of their incredible experiences on pages 17-20.

Photo provided by

District 6000 supports Iowa disaster relief fund

By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

Rotary District 6000 has approved a donation to the Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council (IDHRC) in the amount of \$5,000 from the Humanitarian Education Fund disaster funds. The funds will be used in the future for any disaster purpose within the state and can be used at the discretion of the IDHRC committee.

The IDHRC has a Statewide Long Term Recovery Committee that receives funding requests from disaster impacted individuals throughout the state when their county of residence is not covered by a local Long Term Recovery Committee. There have been situations where the local Long Term Recovery Committee no longer has funds to assist local survivors, and we have made an exception to this rule and have assisted those individuals as well.

Rotary has had a presence on this organization with a representative for a number of years and the District 6000 Board of Directors approved the donation at its June meeting. Steve Dakin, Rotary Club of Boone and chair of the District 6000 Disaster Relief Team, is our district's representative on IDHRC, and Don Hampton of the Rotary Club of Indianola also serves on IDHRC.

In the past, District 6000 has been represented on the IDHRC by Keith Matke of the Rotary Club of North Scott and Jim Riordan of the Rotary Club of Waukee.

The check will be presented at the Sept. 9 quarterly meeting in Des Moines.



District Governor Jacquie Andrew: On the road for Rotary!

Photo by Bill Tubbs

2013-14: Year of *NEW!*

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meaningful to them.

As we become more fully engaged, we begin to see more clearly how lives are changed through service. When we enter into a service project, we expect that we will improve the lives of the beneficiaries. Likely, we don't really appreciate how much our own lives will be changed by being fully engaged in Rotary.

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2013-14 is a year of NEW!

Global Launch: The implementation of the new Rotary Foundation grant model that had been termed "Future Vision" is now a reality. The new model encourages bigger, more sustainable projects that will ultimately lead to greater impact to address the needs of the community being served. It encourages collaboration between clubs and districts, more engagement.

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Rotary Club Central: This year is the launch of a new system called Rotary Club Central in which Rotary Foundation and membership goals are entered on-line and tracked. Future leaders will have access to these goals and graphs electronically for greater accessibility and efficiency.

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My Rotary: Just in the last few days, Rotary has launched a new website at www.rotary.org. There are many new features especially via the "MY ROTARY" section to encourage us to learn, to share ideas, to engage. Signing in to My Rotary gives you a customized experience and easier access to tools and information that are relevant to you. During club visits, we encouraged members to sign on to "Member Access." Existing Member Access users can register with their current ID and password to activate their new "My Rotary" account. Please sign up!

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We are excited about the months ahead, the remaining club visits and returning to clubs for their special events and activities. We look forward to many NEW projects and initiatives in our District 6000 clubs and the many ways they will ENGAGE ROTARY, CHANGE LIVES!

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Linda
Bradley,Peace
Centers
chair

Linda Bradley to keynote Rotary Foundation Dinner

By DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Join us as we celebrate...MAKING AN IMPACT...through The Rotary Foundation!

We want to say THANK YOU for every Rotarian's personal donations and every club's donations to the Foundation!

"Making An Impact"... something we all want to do! Making an impact on our kids, in our professions, in our communities, in our Rotary clubs. It takes team work to get things done. Through The Rotary Foundation we have the partnership to "make an impact" in the world!

Together we are "Making An Impact" through SERVICE. Rotarians are providing clean water in places they'll never live, saving the lives of mothers and children they've never met, and developing literacy in languages they'll never speak. All of this and more is accomplished thanks to partnership with The Rotary Foundation.

Together we are "Making An Impact" through PEACE by sponsoring our District's own scholar, Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz, now studying at the Rotary Peace Center in Japan.

Celebrate the IMPACT of being a leader in the past, in the present and in the future ... in your Rotary clubs...and in all that they do!

Join us at the District 6000 Foundation Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Marriott, West Des Moines! Hear from Rotary Foundation leaders including Peace Center Initiative chair, PDG Linda Bradley of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Her Rotary story, one of passion, commitment and service to PEACE, is worth hearing and one you won't want to miss!

REGISTER by calling Carolyn Scharff at the Rotary District 6000 office (toll free) at (877) 976-8279 or emailing her at dis6000admin@Lisco.com no later than Oct. 21.



Rotary 6000 Foundation Dinner

MAKING AN IMPACT

Saturday, November 9, 2013

6:00 PM

Marriott, West Des Moines

SAVE THE DATE



LET'S TALK ROTARY!!

ROTARY DISTRICT 6000

FOUNDATION, MEMBERSHIP, PUBLIC IMAGE,
SECRETARIES/TREASURERS, YOUTH EXCHANGE
FALL TRAINING

OFFERED TWO DATES, TWO LOCATIONS—

Central and Eastern Iowa

FREE training and FREE light supper!

Tuesday, September 24 Ankeny

(Des Moines Area Community College-Building 7— Oak, Maple, Walnut rooms)

Thursday, October 10 West Liberty

(West Liberty Community Center)

Register online at www.rotary6000.org or call the District Administrator (toll free) 1-877-976-8279 by one (1) week prior to training date.

GREAT REASONS for YOU to attend!

- ENGAGED learning, exchanging IDEAS with other clubs
- Learn new strategies for Membership
- Timely training for Secretaries-Treasurers
- Gain updates about Foundation Grants, Youth Exchange, Rotary International's NEW Website, RYLA
- Learn to share Rotary's story using social media tools!
Tell our GREAT STORY!!

See YOU there!

DG Jacque Andrew



Marshalltown grant provides clean water for Sudan

By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown

Rotary Club of Marshalltown past president Bettie Bolar reminded the club in 2012 that “water and sanitation” is one of the six areas of focus of Rotary International.

Club member Greg Brown had been involved in local efforts on behalf of South Sudan since 2010. Last year, Brown presented a program to the club on these efforts, noting the number of Sudanese families that live in Marshalltown and that the Sudanese leader instrumental in securing peace in that country has an Iowa connection.



Marshalltown Rotarian Greg Brown updated the club on a service project in Sudan.

John Garang, often referred to as the “Founding Father” of South Sudan, received degrees from Grinnell College and Iowa State University. This latter fact may, or may not, be a key factor explaining the prevalence of Cyclone logoed t-shirts in the Fangak area recently visited by Brown! Brown provided leadership for a club service project to provide clean water to the village area of Old Fangak.

Clean water is essential to the flood of refugees who returned to the country when the peace treaty was signed in 2005 after decades of civil war. For years, residents in the remote area have historically drawn disease-laden water from swampy areas or the Zaref River, which flows through the county. Trinity Lutheran Church in Marshalltown has been involved since 2009 when Sudanese parishioners made the church aware of the pressing need. Last year, Brown joined a group of area church parishioners and volunteers on a trip involving hard labor in 115-degree heat to instruct and empower the local people in the craft of well drilling.

Increasing awareness locally to garner support has been a goal since day No. 1. One of the volunteers who made the trip was writer Mike Donahey who kept readers posted in reports to the *Marshalltown Times Republican*. Additionally, Marshalltown Community College and professor Steve Muntz are donating time and service to produce a professional video about the well project.

As a result of the trip to Old Fangak, 15,000 people are now served by four hand pumped wells instead of two. Brown believes that positive change in this war-torn environment will continue to be dependent upon hard work and entrepreneurial spirit. Marshalltown veterinarian Dennis Drager chairs the club’s International Service Committee and took a trip to Texas to learn well drilling techniques. These skills and knowledge will dovetail nicely with this group’s



Veterinarian Dennis Drager, a member of the Rotary Club of Marshalltown, announced to members that the club’s application for a matching grant with The Rotary Foundation for a water project in Sudan had been approved.

Photo Courtesy of the Times-Republican.

efforts and will certainly be tapped in the future. Another club member, Conrad Dejardin, spearheaded a project involving sales of organic free-trade coffee from Green Mountain Coffee, whereby a portion of the proceeds is earmarked for clean water projects in coffee-producing countries.

All of these efforts embody the 2012-13 Rotary theme “Peace Through Service.” As the Marshalltown club ushered in a new Rotary year, incoming president Jeff Vance turned the podium over to Drager for a special announcement. Having already obtained generous donations and pledges from Trinity, Hy-Vee, and the Marshalltown Rotary Club totaling \$22,000, Drager announced that the club had now secured a grant from the District and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International that will result in over \$100,000 to support this Sudanese project and move it forward. The club responded to Drager and Brown for their leadership and selfless efforts in this service project, by immediately dropping checks or pledge forms into thematic water cans placed at each table. “Today was a good day for the project and the people of Old Fangak County,” said Drager.

Clubs’ support needed for IOWA ROTARY MAGAZINE

Clubs should watch for information this fall about what they will need to do to maximize the distribution of the IOWA ROTARY MAGAZINE. The magazine will be a slick-covered publication that will tell the stories of what Rotary is and what Rotary does in Iowa and globally. It is a project of Districts 6000 and 5970 that will be funded with a Rotary International Public Image Grant.

To qualify for the grant, the two districts had to provide a one-third cash match plus in-kind support from clubs, who will be asked to pay their local newspapers to insert the Magazine to a large community audience. Clubs will

also be asked to provide information about their projects that will be published in the Magazine.

“We were told by RI Director Mary Beth Growney-Selene at the July 13 Ames Success Seminar not to expect our grant to be funded because RI cut funds for the grants in half,” said District PR Chair PDG Bill Tubbs, “so we are pleased that we will be able to proceed with our project, even if we were awarded just 80 percent of our request. We will still be able to do a credible job and we ask clubs to do their part in distributing the magazine in their communities.”

— Bill Tubbs

A postcard of peace

Dear Rotarians,

Konnichiwa! Greetings from Tokyo!

I am thrilled to be representing our district as a Rotary Peace Scholar here at the International Christian University Rotary Peace Center in Tokyo, Japan. Ten fellows from all over the world have been assigned to this university and eight of us have been working very hard at learning “survival” Japanese and settling into our new home for the next two years. Our formal graduate classes begin next week and we find ourselves frantically going through orientation this week to make sure we choose the appropriate English language classes that will prepare us for peace-building efforts in our respective fields for the rest of our lives! For my part, this will entail finding classes that will serve to make environmental conflict a priority for international compliance and enforcement.

One thing I have learned in my full month in Tokyo: this experience will prove to be challenging on all fronts and thus a perfect playground for learning and applying peace efforts and conflict resolution. My class, Class XII, is a microcosm of 10 very different, A-type personality individuals representing many spoken and unspoken cultures including Israel, Greece, Pakistan, Indonesia, Zimbabwe, India, the UK, Italy, Colombia and Russia in addition to the U.S. (five of us hail from various corners of the latter). We’ve realized if we figure out how to live in harmony amongst ourselves, that in itself will be a start to learning how to promote world peace, not to mention ensure our survival in a country where we can’t even buy trash bags without going through superhuman efforts to communicate!

Throughout the coming two years, you will undoubtedly get a chance to follow the adventures of Cilia Maria and her fearless Chihuahua sidekick Reina on a regular basis in our quest to bring about world peace. I am slowly working on a blog and have opened a private District 6000 Facebook Group page for those interested in getting live coverage! Feel free to reach out at any point and stay tuned for the next installment of “A Postcard of Peace” – the not-yet-heroic but curious adventures of a girl and her dog in Japan.

Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz

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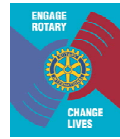
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Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz
Peace Scholar, from Fairfield to Tokyo



District 6000 Calendar Notes

Learning...

Grant Management Seminars

Saturday, February 22, 2014--Community Center, West Liberty, 9 am to 2 pm, box lunch

Saturday, March 1, 2014--DMACC campus West Des Moines, 9 am to 2 pm, box lunch

Friday, March 28, 2014--DMACC center Newton, 4 to 8 pm, includes boxed lunch

All Rotarian District Training Assembly

Saturday, March 29, 2014
DMACC center, Newton

PETS and Assistant Governor Training

March 6, 2014--Assistant Governor training Rochester, MN

March 7-8, 2014--Presidents-Elect Training North Central PETS, Rochester, MN

2014 District Conference

Celebrating success in our clubs and district —

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Topics chosen by our Rotarians for learning and to showcase club and district activities
- Incentives for young or 1st time attendees
- Honoring 25 years of women in Rotary
- Live and silent auction for youth programs
- FUN with Dueling Pianos
- Bunny Harper Golf Tournament

Watch for details for registration on the District website www.rotary6000.org, District newsletter, by E-NEWS and announcements by club presidents

You're Invited!
May 1-3, 2014

Rotary

EngageRotaryChangeLives 2014 District 6000 Conference

Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, Ames
Register for Conference - www.rotary6000.org
Hotel reservations - 515-292-8600 or 800-367-2637



University of Iowa medical students work with Rotarians to pack and inventory supplies that will be shipped to Central America with the District 6000 Fire And Medical Supply Company (FAMSCO).
Provided by Karin Franklin



Bill Burress of Davenport and Dick Kennedy of Iowa City sort materials at the FAMSCO warehouse in Iowa City.

Med students lend a hand for FAMSCO, Rotary

By Karin Franklin/Iowa City

In what has become an ongoing collaboration, the University of Iowa Medical College and FAMSCO, District 6000's Fire And Medical Supply Company, packed and inventoried over 50 boxes of medical supplies to ship to Central America.

In recent years, the University of Iowa Medical College has incorporated a day of service into its first-year medical school student orientation, with the intent of promoting service into the thinking of these future doctors. Through the initiative of Gerry Wickham, a former employee at the college and a West Liberty Rotarian, a collaboration has grown between the college and FAMSCO.

On Aug. 19, 30 first-year medical students came to the FAMSCO warehouse space in Coralville to pack and inventory donated medical supplies headed for Central America. After two hours on the job, these future doctors had leveled two mountains of supplies that had been donated by Iowa hospitals, doctors' offices and nursing homes and prepared 50 boxes and six gaylords to be sent to hospitals and clinics in need in Guatemala. These supplies will

not only be put to good use in Guatemala, but they will be kept out of our area landfills.

The day started with a welcome from PDG Don Patterson of Washington and a little bit about Rotary, and was followed by information about FAMSCO from FAMSCO board president Bill Burress of Davenport. DGE John Ockenfels of Iowa City AM and his wife, Deb, were also on hand with more Rotary info about the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.), District 6000's cleft lip and palate project, and the opportunities for student service learning involvement in that project and in the Xicoteppec project.

Deb, Don and Becky Patterson, as health professionals, provided their expertise in categorizing many of the items on hand and a number of students benefited from some on-the-spot medical procedure lessons.

We at FAMSCO counted the day a great success, with much good work being accomplished, and hope we not only sparked the spirit of service in the young people who came, but also opened their eyes to the good work of Rotary.

Governor nominations accepted

By DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

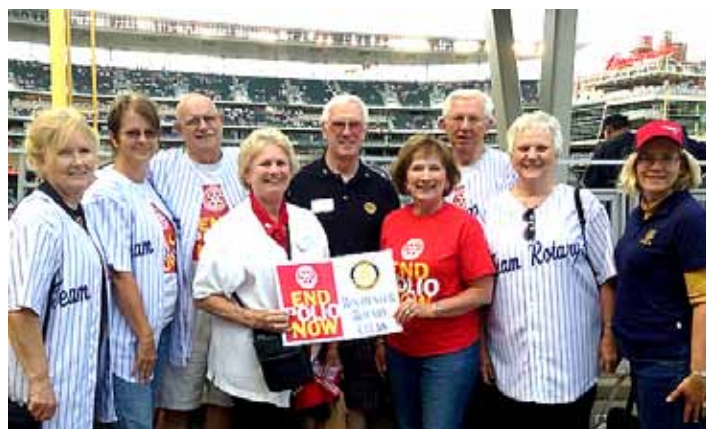
District 6000 invites clubs to nominate a past president for District Governor for the year 2016-2017. The Rotarian must be in good standing as a member of the club, have at least seven years of Rotary membership by the time they take office as governor in 2016, commit to be available for Rotary district activities in preparation for the office, and be able to arrange their affairs for the time demands of the governorship.

The term of office for District Governor is a single year, but there will be additional training and experience in the years leading up to the year in office.

Nominating "official forms" were sent to clubs on Aug. 16 and are available at the district website, www.rotary6000.org. Clubs who are interested should identify a candidate and review with that person the qualifications and duties, meet with your board to nominate a candidate, and have your club adopt a resolution proposing your candidate. The candidate shall complete the Governor-Nominee Data form which should be signed by both your club secretary and the candidate.

The form should be mailed no later than Oct. 16 to: Rotary District 6000, P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219.

Candidate interviews will be scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013. Candidates must be available on the scheduled date.



Creating awareness for polio

A small group from among the many Rotarians who enjoyed the Minnesota Twins' win at the 2013 Polio Game on Saturday, Aug. 3 included (l-r): PDG Jill Olsen (District 5970); Peggy and PDG Terry Geiger (District 6000); Sandy and DG Gary Campbell (District 5960); DG Jacque Andrew (District 6000); PDG Joe and Kathy Kovarik (District 5960), and Tammy Ford (Rotary Club of Jefferson, Iowa).

Provided by Jacque Andrew



Leon and Joy Miller, coordinators of the Water for Life Project.



One of the trucks used to drill the wells in Haiti.

Five Iowa clubs build nine wells in Haiti

By AG Mike Ruby/Muscatine

At the spring 2012 PETS conference, four Rotary club presidents-elect (Clinton, Muscatine, Tipton, West Liberty) agreed to jointly sponsor an international clean water project for the 2012-2013 Rotary year. Each club made a commitment of \$1,250. The Rotary Club of Fairfield heard of the project and asked to participate with a generous donation of \$5,000.

With \$10,000 of seed money, the group received a Rotary Foundation District 6000 matching grant, growing the amount to \$25,100. An additional grant through The Rotary Foundation provided matching funds, thereby bringing the total available to \$45,150.

To ensure this effort would be a success, Rotary has partnered with a family-owned well drilling company located in Kalona, Iowa, that also maintains a not-for-profit entity in Haiti, known as Water for Life (WFL). With over 40 years of experience drilling wells in southern Haiti, WFL will make sure the wells are properly constructed and maintained.

The Rotary Club of Aquin, Haiti, was selected to be the partner club and they committed the required \$100 to the project. This

club will play a key role by working with WFL to identify local communities where the need is greatest. Local Haiti residents are required to invest limited funds, as well as appoint individuals to supervise the operation and maintenance of the wells to ensure a sustainable project.

Water for Life committed \$55,000, for a combined total of \$100,000. The cost of each well averages US\$11,000, with Rotary providing \$5,000 and WFL \$6,000. Each well serves about 350 people and 50 livestock. With the matching grants, plus the generous support of WFL, \$100,000 is available to build nine wells, meaning over 3,000 residents will benefit from this project. In addition to providing clean water to the Haiti families, the daughters will be able to attend school rather than watch their siblings as their mothers carry water from distant locations under the current circumstances. Construction on the first wells will begin in the next few months.

This is an outstanding example of how five Rotary clubs have combined their resources to make a life changing impact on our neighbors in an economically deprived country. Watch for updates in future newsletters.

Miles Of Smiles Team plans mission to Guatemala

By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM

Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team

Many wonderful stories emerge each year about the changed lives of individuals who have been served by Iowa MOST missions.

Last year you read in this newsletter about Tomas, the 16-year-old who refused to attend school and to be seen in public before he was “reborn” following his cleft lip surgery.

The previous year you heard the story of Mario. He is the teenager who in 2011 had walked and hitchhiked from the coast so he could have cleft lip surgery and then returned in 2012 to be fitted for a dental device to cover his cleft palate so he could swallow food and drink normally. Over time you have read and heard many stories and there are many more that remain untold. All these stories end similarly. A life has been improved immeasurably.

Mission volunteers each have personal stories of their own that have impacted them for a lifetime. As some of those stories have been shared there has been an increase in interest to be a mission

participant. Already the 2014 volunteer positions are filled.

The next Iowa MOST mission will take place from Feb. 6-16, 2014. In a new development, the mission will be repeated in Huehuetenango, Guatemala, for the next few years rather than alternating with a hospital in Quetzaltenango. The Quetzaltenango Rotary Club will continue to send patients from their area, but surgeries will be performed at the Hospital de Especialidades in Huehuetenango.

Thanks to the generosity of District 6000 Rotarians and due to various grants in the past from the Gabus Family Foundation and Johnson & Johnson, Iowa MOST has realized eight successful missions leaving behind miles of smiles in Guatemala, and there are funds available for 2014. Thank you to all the Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians who have helped to make possible the Iowa MOST stories.

For the last several years a blog has been kept throughout the mission. To read the blogs, go to www.iowamost.blogspot.com.

Friendship Exchange team explores South Africa, provides service

By Blair Lawson/Indianola

A Rotary Friendship Exchange team from District 6000 left for three weeks in South Africa on April 17.

Team members were: Blair and Marilyn Lawson (Indianola); Dave and Amy Camp (Burlington); Leigh and Karen Svacina (Iowa Quad Cities); Alka Khanolkar (Keokuk); Debra Markus (Iowa City); Clint Rila (Mount Pleasant); and Maggie Tinsman (Davenport).

Sites in Johannesburg and Pretoria were visited followed by six nights in Kruger National Park where African wildlife viewing thrilled the group. A flight to Cape Town was next with a visit to Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for years.



Indian Ocean.

Johannesburg to purchase rain gear for the rangers in Kruger whose task is tracking rhino poachers in this park. They had none prior to this.

Another donation totaling \$365 was given to the Simon Estes School to feed and transport music students to competitions throughout their province of the Western Cape. Many South African Rotarians helped make this trip possible, especially Rob Peacock, John Bird, and Peter Prinsloo, all of Rotary Sandton.

It is impossible to describe the trip in this newsletter, but our team members were thrilled with the excitement of our days and nights with the wildlife of Africa.



Kruger Park.



The District 6000 Friendship Exchange with their guides from the bush camp at Kruger Park in South Africa.

Provided by Blair Lawson

District committee plans future exchanges

By AG Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities

Your Friendship Exchange Committee meets twice a year and provides the D6000 Rotarians with travel opportunities with other Rotarians around the world. This newsletter's report from Blair Lawson about the South Africa exchange should whet the appetite of all district Rotarians who seek adventure and unique travel experiences.

Currently the committee is investigating potential trips to Eastern Europe and South America. These trips, if they come to fruition, would likely take place in 2015. A trip in 2014 to Australia that coincides with the RI International Convention currently has a waiting list for interested persons.

In the spirit of true exchanges, we also arrange visits from other districts into D6000. In late August through early September, four district clubs are hosting a group from New Zealand District 9910.

Your committee consists of the following Rotarians: Sara Lande (Muscatine); Donna Newbrough (Ames); David Gott (Iowa City); Will Hoekman (Des Moines); Steve Miller (Ottumwa); John Helgersen (Ottumwa); Steve Dakin (Boone); Walt Githens (Des Moines); and Chairperson Doug Peterson (Bettendorf). Let any of these members know of your interest in future trips, or if you have questions, comments, or suggestions about our program. We look forward to hearing from you!

Youth Exchange: District sends, receives 17 students

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

The Inbound Fall Fun Day will be Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Indianola at Warren County Fairgrounds. We are pleased to have 17 student both Inbound and Outbound this year! — Chris Knapp

Outbound:

Julia Crouse (Johnston) Ecuador
Angel Delatorre (Muscatine) France
Benjamin Ellis (Newton) Austria
Nohema Graber (Fairfield) Brazil

Conor Henry (Iowa City AM) South Korea
Jordan Hutton (West Des Moines) Brazil
Jessica Jensen (Ankeny) Italy
Maddie Lance (Mount Pleasant) Italy
Grace Lutovsky (Mount Pleasant) Spain
Brookley Lynde (NW Des Moines) Germany
Jonah Marks (Fairfield) Spain
Jessie Monroe (Osceola) Italy
Trevor Poole (Keosauqua) Germany
Isaac Rock (Ottumwa) Brazil
Taylor Werthiem (Ottumwa) Italy
Lilian Winters (Tipton) Italy
Tiffany Youmans (Burlington) France

Inbound:

Marta Calsamiglia (Italy) Decatur County
Maria Carcaba Gomez (Spain) Newton

Lucas Christ Jacobs (Brazil) Muscatine
Federico Ferretti (Italy) Fairfield
Giulia Festugato (Italy) Ottumwa
Paula Gerwin (Germany) Knoxville
Bertrand Joliet (France) Nevada
Madelein Maitre (France) Winterset
Silva Pelligrino (Italy) Ankeny
Carlos Perez Lizan (Spain) Clinton
Franziska Popp (Germany) Mt. Pleasant
Claudia Prota (Italy) West Liberty
Hannah Purner (Austria) Washington
Augusto Sales Dequeiroz (Brazil) Burlington

Lais Tomaselli Kruse (Brazil) Iowa City
Alejandro Wurts Santos (Mexico) West Des Moines
Tae Sung Yun (South Korea) .. Iowa City AM

District Grants Committee to make recommendations

By Douglas Flournoy, Chair

D-6000 District Grant Committee

This year the deadline for reception of District Grant applications was moved from the October 1 deadline of past years to August 1. The committee received twenty-three applications for various club projects, near an all-time high for this program. The total request for matching funds (DDF) was \$68,240.23.

Ten Rotarians reviewed these applications and the committee met on August 18 in Pella to discuss them face-to-face. After a rich and vigorous debate the committee voted to recommend seventeen applications for funding, amounting to \$47,640.23. One application was withdrawn and five were not funded. This funding recommendation was then made to the Foundation Committee on August 22 and it was accepted.

The district will now write a spending plan. The plan describes each club project and the amount of support approved for such. This spending plan must be reviewed by The Rotary Foundation. On approval, the District will then receive funding from the Foundation for club projects included in the spending plan.

The District is hopeful this process can be completed in the next two months. But, as in the past, how rapidly this process can be completed depends on how well past club recipients complete their obligation to report on their use of Foundation (grant) money. We are currently waiting on two clubs to complete reports from 2011-2012. We cannot move the current program forward until these reports are complete.

Inclusion in the spending plan does not guarantee funding, as this depends on Foundation approval. The good news is that the District has been very careful in making decisions and so has never had a spending plan challenged by The Foundation. As a result, we would expect all club projects included in the spending plan to be approved by The Rotary Foundation for funding.

It is my goal to get letters out to applicants, notifying them of their status, as soon as is possible, hopefully, by the time you read this it will have been accomplished.



District Governors from three districts were together at the Zone 28 Success Seminar July 13 at the Gateway Center in Ames, (l-r): John Bender of Cedar Rapids (D-5970, northern Iowa), Jacque Andrew (D-6000), and Jim Griesen of Lincoln, Nebraska (D-5650, Nebraska and southwest Iowa). The seminar with information about The Rotary Foundation, PR and membership was attended by 48, including 26 from District 6000.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Jeff Courter (l) and Tony Woods of the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM accept the trophy from DG Jacque Andrew for the first place team in the Bunny Harper Memorial Golf Tournament, July 15 at Legacy Golf Club, Norwalk.

Des Moines AM defends Bunny Harper golf title

The Rotary Club of Des Moines AM defended its Bunny Harper title on July 15th at The Legacy Golf Club, Norwalk. DMAM won both the low gross and low net divisions, along with various other flag prizes.

The trophy is awarded to the club with the four low gross scores. DMAM shot a total score of 300 to beat the second place team, Jefferson, who shot 353, and the third place team, West Des Moines, who shot 364. DMAM golfers shot the following gross and net scores: Dave Schneider (72/72), Don Coffin (74/70), Tony Woods (77/72), Jeff Courter (77/73), Jim Green (80/72), Donnie Webb (84/77), Trent Middendorf (85/77), Tim Wolf (86/73), Jim Langin (88/74), Jeff Piggott (90/84), and Mark Schaul (94/81).

In winning the low net, DMAM shot a 286, followed by West Des Moines with 316, and Jefferson with 317. The top four individual low gross scores were by Schneider, Coffin, Woods and Courter, with Green 6th, Webb 9th Middendorf 10th. Low net scores were Coffin (1st), Green (3rd), Woods (4th), Schneider (tied for 5th), and Courter/Wolf (tied for 7th).

Jeff Piggott was closest to the pin on No. 7, while Adam Kaduce had the most water balls on No. 17.

The top three Shamble Teams were:

1. Des Moines: Carl Harris, John Tone, Walt Githens and Kent Zimmerman.
2. Indianola/Ottumwa: Bob Whitlock and Kenny Herring (Indianola), and Steve Banyas and Jay Messerschmidt (Ottumwa).
3. Waukee: Tom Hunt, Matt Corwin, Lee Holmes and Chris Curran

The event honors the memory of Russell "Bunny" Harper of Ottumwa, who was district governor in 1964. The 35th annual event has been tentatively scheduled for May 1, 2014, at Coldwater Links in Ames. The District 6000 Conference will be held in Ames at the same time, and District Governor Jacque Andrew requested the events be combined to hopefully generate a larger turnout for both.

– Provided by Jeff Courter



Classrooms were dedicated in the names of Iowa City Rotarians Pete Knapp and PDG Herb Wilson (r) at the Rotary Club Elementary School in Xicotepec, Mexico.

A tip of the hat in Xicotepec, Mexico ...



Classrooms honor Pete Knapp, Herb Wilson

By Kay Carpenter/Coralville-North Corridor

Iowa City Rotarians Herb Wilson and Pete Knapp were honored on Thursday, July 25, at the Rotary Club of Iowa City for two classrooms constructed and named in their honor at the Rotary Club Elementary School in Xicotepec, Puebla, Mexico. The Rotary Clubs of Iowa City, Iowa City AM and Coralville-North Corridor funded the construction of two classrooms in March 2012.

The Rotary Club Elementary School in Xicotepec has a long tradition with Rotary District 6000's Xicotepec Project. You could even go so far as to say the Rotary Club Elementary School WAS the Xicotepec Project in the early years. This school started as a very simple structure with a small number of students, and today its students, faculty, administration and parents are very proud of the beautiful, modern school in their neighborhood.

This transformation is the result of a great working relationship

between District 6000 Rotarians, Xicotepec Rotarians, and the families connected to the school. Everyone involved can be proud of the commitment and dedication to helping this school grow and thrive over the last ten years.

In 2010-2011, the Xicotepec Rotarians and Rotary Club Elementary School staff expressed a need for two more classrooms at the school. The school's enrollment had blossomed to over 300 students in grades one through six and they were attending school in ten classrooms. Two new classrooms would ease the space crunch and would also make the school eligible to conduct two school sessions per day. (The Mexican government stipulates a school must have two classrooms per grade to be eligible to conduct two school sessions per day.) An additional school session would allow more children

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The Wilson plaque.



The Knapp plaque.

Student: 'Know that our school is our home and forever in our hearts'

XICOTEPEC/continued

from the neighborhood to attend school. So, with this plan in place, the only hurdle was raising \$20,000 to build the two classrooms.

Ted Carpenter, a Coralville-North Corridor Rotarian and Xicotepec Project member, decided the \$20,000 was NOT going to be an obstacle and, in the short time between November 2011 and March 2012, Ted raised the money!

Ted proceeded with two great ideas. First, the two classrooms would be named in honor of PDG Herb Wilson and Pete Knapp. Herb and Pete have connections to all the Iowa City and Coralville clubs as members and founding fathers of the clubs, and both men have a great history of international service through Rotary.

The next step was to work with the Iowa City and Coralville clubs to raise the \$20,000. Verne Folkman, Tom Novak and Geoff Wiliming, who were club presidents at the time, are recognized for saying "yes" to Ted's fundraising request, and Jim Peterson for his administration of the Xicotepec project funds and making funds available to see the \$20,000 goal to fulfillment. The Rotary Club of Xicotepec completed all the finishing touches on the classrooms: desks, white boards, paint, windows, doors, etc.

The opportunity to assist with the construction of the classrooms came in March 2012. Coralville Rotarians Ted Carpenter, Kay Carpenter and Todd Nash worked with a handful of Iowa City Interactors, construction workers, school parents and school staff in making 36,000 pounds of cement in four hours to construct the roofs of the classrooms. The Xicotepec Rotarians completed all the finishing touches on the classrooms, and the 2012 graduating class of sixth-graders of the Xicotepec Rotary Elementary School was named the Herb Wilson and Pete Knapp Class of 2012.

Today, the two classrooms at the Rotary Club Elementary School in Xicotepec are distinguished with plaques outside their doors. The "Mr. Lafayette Pete Knapp" classroom plaques states, "Friendship was the foundation stone upon which Rotary was built and tolerance is the principle that sustains its unity." The "Mr. Herb Wilson" classroom plaque states, "We Rotarians must prepare ourselves to change, just as often as the world does."

The two classrooms were officially dedicated in Xicotepec, Mexico on Friday, March 22, 2013, with District 6000 Rotarians present. A third-grade student shared these thoughts:

"Welcome to our distinguished guests of Rotary District 6000. Welcome today to the presentation of these two classrooms. While we do not know these two men, Herb Wilson and Pete Knapp, we are thankful for their work in the world and for the two classrooms at our school which were built in their honor. To the Rotarians of District 6000 in Iowa, we thank you for everything you have done at our school and together we celebrate the 20 years of this school. Know that our school is our home and forever in our hearts. And it is your home – you will always be welcome here."

In closing – Muchas Gracias, Ted Carpenter – for not letting a little thing like \$20,000 get in the way of a great plan!



This little girl from Kisoro, Uganda, showed North Scott Rotarian Merle Anderson where she sleeps when Anderson was serving as a Rotary Volunteer in Uganda in July. Anderson said her room is about 8' X 8'. "She sleeps on a mat on a dirt floor. There are grain sacks in her room and you can see the goat dung in the corner. She sleeps with goats."

Grant sought for orphanage

North Scott Rotarians Merle Anderson and Glen Keppy, in separate trips in 2013, visited the God's Mercy Orphanage in Kisiro, Uganda, where the club is seeking partners for a Global Grant to equip the orphanage. After his most recent trip, in July, Anderson received this letter from orphanage director Robbinah Hakiza.

Dear Merle,

On behalf of God's Mercy Orphanage Center, and on my own behalf, I want to sincerely thank you for visiting us at GMOC. Thank you for the wonderful gifts that you brought to the children, and as you saw by yourself they are going to make good use of them. We cannot forget to thank you and your fellow Rotarians Glen Keppy, Bill Tubbs, Denny Skinner and the many others who are working tirelessly to raise monies for the Matching Grant aiming at helping the children of GMOC.

Your presence in Kisiro and Kabale latter on in Kampala meeting your fellow Rotarians gave us hope that we are headed for the right direction. If it wasn't because of your presence in Uganda, I wouldn't have known Rotarian Sarah Odongo to whom I believe I can contact her anytime I am faced with questions concerning Rotary, and of course Rotarian Aunt Norah (Rotary Club of Kabale). They are lovely ladies. I will be sending to you the revised GMOC budget in the subsequent days ...

God Bless you abundantly. Robbinah Hakiza.

Clubs who are interested in partnering with the Rotary Clubs of North Scott and Tipton for this grant should contact Anderson at (563) 343-1912 or Keppy at (563) 391-2075.



Merle Anderson (in blue shirt) with children from the God's Mercy Orphanage in Kisiro, Uganda. Provided by Merle Anderson

Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

(Members: Jul 12/Jul 13)	(1) 12-13 Goal	(2) Thru 6-30-13	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (28/26)	\$ 2,900	2,300	79	\$ 79.31
Albia (32/28)	1,860	1,150	62	41.07
Ames Morning (61/61)	8,450	7,125	84	122.84
Ames (237/230)	31,500	27,870	88	117.59
Ankeny (63/62)	7,100	7,900	111	127.43
Atlantic (65/64)	4,800	6,562	137	102.53
Bettendorf (101/113)	13,560	13,650	101	126.39
Bloomfield (14/14)	750	200	27	25.00
Boone (54/52)	6,600	8,457	128	159.58
Burlington (90/85)	7,600	6,999	92	77.77
Carroll (56/55)	5,500	1,600	29	32.00
Centerville (40/41)	4,300	4,020	93	87.39
Chariton (57/53)	4,900	6,350	130	122.12
Clinton (115/116)	9,360	10,428	111	89.90
Coon Rapids (23/29)	1,300	1,300	100	48.15
Coralville-North Corridor (27/22)	2,662	1,775	67	93.42
Corning (49/48)	2,350	1,643	70	36.51
Corydon (17/20)	380	300	79	14.29
Creston (21/19)	1,000	75	8	3.57
Dallas Center (26/26)	2,600	2,600	100	96.30
Davenport (133/132)	12,300	13,162	107	107.01
Decatur County (20/25)	5,500	8,925	162	388.04
Des Moines AM (138/139)	10,000	12,875	129	90.67
Des Moines (306/294)	22,500	22,156	98	75.62
East Polk County (41/42)	4,200	3,650	87	91.25
Fairfield (65/60)	7,150	7,250	101	116.94
Fort Madison (58/52)	5,200	4,766	92	93.46
Greater Des Moines (44/37)	3,100	2,981	96	87.68
Grinnell (31/33)	1,770	1,700	96	47.22
Indianola (45/50)	4,900	4,605	94	88.56
Iowa City AM (55/55)	7,950	14,502	182	263.67
Iowa City Downtown (18/19)	500	2,565	513	128.25
Iowa City (297/303)	31,400	39,615	126	130.31
Iowa Quad-Cities (48/47)	3,055	3,395	111	72.23
Jefferson (54/53)	5,500	11,025	200	208.02
Johnston (49/53)	5,400	0	0	0.00
Kalona (45/43)	1,355	2,400	177	58.54
Keokuk (87/84)	6,455	6,208	96	79.59
Keosauqua (24/26)	1,890	1,890	100	82.17
Knoxville (67/63)	6,000	5,575	93	89.92
Lenox (26/23)	2,300	2,434	106	90.15
Manning (20/22)	1,328	600	45	33.33
Marengo (12/10)	850	50	6	5.00
Marshalltown (168/158)	11,830	11,935	101	73.22
Mount Pleasant Noon (37/51)	2,500	1,953	78	33.10
Mt. Pleasant (28/24)	2,500	3,370	135	134.80
Muscatine (125/117)	15,680	12,815	82	114.42
Nevada (61/66)	7,480	8,842	118	144.95
Newton (72/72)	7,000	3,205	46	48.56
North Scott (96/91)	10,920	19,777	181	227.32
Northwest Des Moines (51/49)	7,050	5,650	80	134.52
Osceola (30/28)	1,500	826	55	28.49
Oskaloosa (50/55)	1,575	1,925	122	32.63
Ottumwa (100/98)	10,500	13,320	127	125.66
Pella (39/40)	4,400	3,560	81	82.79
Perry (26/29)	2,800	915	33	27.73
Tipton (24/28)	2,800	1,895	68	75.80
Washington (61/55)	4,900	4,910	100	102.29
Waukee (48/50)	5,100	5,556	109	111.13
Wellman (37/36)	4,320	3,625	84	100.69
West Des Moines (74/71)	7,171	2,150	30	34.13
West Liberty (37/39)	7,800	15,640	201	401.13
West Polk County (0/25)	2,700	1,000	37	40.00
Winterset (30/29)	2,400	1,200	50	38.71
Total (4,053/4,015)	\$ 393,001	\$ 415,259	105.66%	\$103.53

Foundation news

Goal achieved!

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Zone 28 Assistant Regional

Rotary Foundation Coordinator

It took gifts of \$75,281 in the last two weeks for District 6000 Rotarians to achieve their 2012-13 goal of giving to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation – but we did it!

The official tally as shown in the table at left is \$415,259, or \$103.53 per capita.

Congratulations to District 6000, and thank you to club leaders and each and every Rotarian who made it happen! Together, our gifts will fund humanitarian and educational programs that will change lives in all the places in this newsletter where you see Rotary's global outreach – and more!

"Some clubs didn't make their goals and some clubs oversubscribed," said Annual Giving chair Bill Koeller of the Rotary Club of West Liberty. "We exceeded the goal but it was a lot of work in the last month to get people to do things. Our new Major Donors helped out. And it helped that this year is the 10th anniversary of the Paul Harris Society and we have 75 members who gave \$1,000 or more."

Koellner said there was only one zero-giving club, and that club's check for \$5,400 was sent seven days before the end of the year and was not received in time to be credited toward the 2012-13 Rotary year – a reminder that things CAN go wrong, so don't wait until the last minute! Two other clubs mis-marked their forms and their contributions went to polio and not the Annual Programs fund.

Looking ahead to the new Rotary year, Koeller said the challenge is that 12 clubs have not turned in Foundation goals, and 30 clubs have not submitted polio giving goals – mostly due to confusion over the new Rotary Club Central online reporting system.

Those issues will need to be resolved soon so the district can measure progress in the new year.



Paul Harris Society: Making a difference!

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

D-6000 Paul Harris Society chair

Thank you - you generous District 6000 Rotarians!

Fifty-one District 6000 Rotarians are recognized members of the District 6000 Paul Harris Society through their annual contribution of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund of our foundation, The Rotary Foundation. Your continued support of the good being done through The Rotary Foundation is sincerely appreciated. These Rotarians are members of 20 different clubs in District 6000. *Thank you so much!*

Now there is another group of District 6000 Rotarians whose contributions are also very much appreciated. A tremendous thank you to the 75 additional District 6000 Rotarians who made significant contributions of \$1,000 or more during the last Rotary year and are known as Paul Harris Society Eligible in the eyes of The Rotary Foundation.



These two groups of District 6000 Rotarians are just 3 percent of our district Rotarians, but contributed at least 31 percent of the total contributions to the Annual Fund of our foundation. The district leadership cannot thank them enough!

All it takes is an annual contribution of at least \$1,000, which can be contributed as one gift, or as a quarterly gift of \$250, or as a monthly gift of \$85 to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Contributions can easily be made through

Rotary Direct by you authorizing your contribution to be deducted automatically from your checking account or one of your credit card accounts on whatever frequency you desire. You can do this through Rotary's Member Access portal: <https://map.rotary.org/en/selfservice/Pages/login.aspx>

Throughout the Rotary world fewer than 3 percent of the Rotarians contribute at the Paul Harris Society rate of \$1,000 annually, but contribute 35 percent of the giving to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

Please join us in doing good through out the world with your contribution.



District 6000 leaders were present with RI Past President Ray Klinginsmith to lend support to District 5970 of northern Iowa at the district's Paul Harris Society Charter Night June 9 at Brucemore Mansion, Cedar Rapids. Sixteen charter members were recognized. Pictured, (l-r): D5970 Rotary Foundation chair Doug Laird, Past RI President Klinginsmith, then-D-6000 DGE Jacque Andrew, D5970 Governor Jill Olsen, and Assisant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator PDG Bill Tubbs.



These two Albia Rotarians, Kenneth Williams and Dean Stocker, have each donated \$10,000 to help stamp out polio.

Provided by Tony Humeston

Polio effort shoots for 100,000

By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines

The sixth Annual Rotary Polio Plus/Iowa Energy basketball fundraiser has been announced for Feb. 1 or Feb. 8, 2014. What started as a hastily arranged effort for the first game in April of 2009, has now evolved into a humanitarian effort by 16 area Rotary clubs to support the collaborative efforts of the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations through UNICEF, the United States Center for Disease Control (USCDC), and Rotary International. A partnership that was first envisioned in December of 2008 has now raised enough money through Iowa Energy D-League Basketball ticket sales, contributions and a 50/50 raffle at the games to immunize over 70,000 children worldwide.

Rotary clubs from Ankeny, Boone, Dallas Center, Decatur County, Des Moines AM, Des Moines Noon, East Polk, Greater Des Moines, Jefferson, Johnston, Northwest Des Moines, Perry, Waukee, West Des Moines, and West Polk participated in past years.

In 2013, the Polio Plus Committee established a traveling trophy to recognize the club that sold the most tickets per member, hoping to develop the competitive spirit among the clubs. The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines was recognized as the initial winner.

As Rotarians, we are now well aware that the eradication effort has entered a new and perhaps more difficult phase. "We are this Close," but we cannot afford to lessen our efforts, as the disease has proven very resilient and capable of resurgence at any time. New cases in the Horn of Africa, particularly Somalia and Kenya have exposed the fallacy of premature relaxation of efforts. We have set a goal of \$20,000 for the 2014 game, which will provide at least 30,000 immunizations; making our total for the six years; 100,000 children saved from the scourge of polio. We would also like to organize a pre-game Rotary reception for Rotarians and friends attending the game. Final date of the game and reception details will be firmed up over the next four months.

From a numerical standpoint, if each Rotarian in the Des Moines area clubs would buy/sell just two tickets, we would raise over \$24,000. The Iowa Energy provides there best \$20 tickets to us for \$16. For each ticket we buy/sell, Iowa Energy rebates \$8 per ticket back to the selling club, thereby satisfying your clubs commitment to polio eradication. Also, Rotary would like to extend a huge thank you to the owners and staff of the Iowa Energy who have provided a great opportunity to have fun, enjoy good basketball, and most importantly, greatly assist in the polio eradication effort. Clubs outside of the Des Moines area can participate by providing tickets to youth groups and other non-profit groups. Please contact Ed Arnold at (515) 979-6215 or ed.arnold@mchsi.com if you would like to participate.

Rotarians rally to raise funds for polio eradication

An announcement at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, set the stage for a bold new chapter in the partnership between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the campaign for polio eradication.

“Going forward, the Gates Foundation will match two-to-one, up to US\$35 million per year, every dollar Rotary commits to reduce the funding shortfall for polio eradication through 2018,” said Jeff Raikes, the foundation’s chief executive officer, in a prerecorded video address shown during the convention’s plenary session on 25 June. “If fully realized, the value of this new partnership with Rotary is more than \$500 million. In this way, your contributions to polio will work twice as hard.”



PDG Bill Tubbs, DG Jacquie Andrew and DG Ruth Lee of D6420, Rock Island, Ill., promote fundraising for polio eradication at Rotary Night at the Ballpark Aug. 17 in Davenport.

The joint effort, called End Polio Now – Make History Today, comes during a critical phase for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The estimated cost of the initiative’s 2013-18 Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan is \$5.5 billion. Funding commitments, announced at the Global Vaccine Summit in April, total \$4 billion. Unless the \$1.5 billion funding gap is met, immunization levels in polio-affected countries will decrease. And if polio is allowed to rebound, within a decade, more than 200,000

children worldwide could be paralyzed every year.

Rotary and the Gates Foundation are determined not to let polio make a comeback.

“We will combine the strength of Rotary’s network with our resources, and together with the other partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), we will not just end a disease but change the face of public health forever,” said Raikes.

In 2007, the Gates Foundation gave The Rotary Foundation a \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication, and in 2009, increased it to \$355 million. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012, but Rotarians in fact raised \$228.7 million toward the challenge.



Throwing out first pitches at Rotary Night at the Ballpark were (l-r): PDG Jim Prather of Rock Island, Rock Island Rotary president Anne McGlynn, DG Jacquie Andrew, and Graham Woods. Modern Woodmen Stadium in Davenport was voted the best Minor League ballpark in the U.S., and 5,500 attended the game.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



PolioPlus Giving

July 1, 2012 thru Aug. 23, 2013

Club (Membership)	Since 7-1-13	Since 7-1-12
District contributions	\$ 0	\$ 1,765
Adel (26)	0	0
Albia (28)	0	0
Ames Morning (61)	0	1,000
Ames (230)	0	7,890
Ankeny (62)	0	4,385
Atlantic (64)	0	500
Bettendorf (113)	0	3,400
Bloomfield (14)	0	145
Boone (52)	22	1,692
Burlington (85)	1,920	1,920
Carroll (55)	50	4,200
Centerville (41)	0	2,000
Chariton (53)	2,020	9,109
Clinton (116)	0	64
Coon Rapids (29)	0	0
Coralville-North Corridor (22)	0	500
Corning (48)	0	1,545
Corydon (20)	0	0
Creston (19)	0	0
Dallas Center (26)	0	362
Davenport (132)	0	3,315
Decatur County (25)	0	720
Des Moines AM (139)	0	74
Des Moines (294)	1,000	2,907
East Polk County (42)	883	1,128
Fairfield (60)	0	1,994
Fort Madison (52)	0	0
Greater Des Moines (37)	0	541
Grinnell (33)	0	1,750
Indianola (50)	0	407
Iowa City AM (55)	0	1,200
Iowa City Downtown (19)	0	227
Iowa City (303)	200	3,650
Iowa Quad-Cities (47)	0	0
Jefferson (53)	0	1,595
Johnston (53)	0	0
Kalona (43)	0	0
Keokuk (84)	0	2,602
Keosauqua (26)	0	0
Knoxville (63)	0	0
Lenox (23)	0	102
Manning (22)	0	350
Marengo (10)	0	0
Marshalltown (158)	507	2,327
Mount Pleasant Noon (51)	0	1,620
Mt. Pleasant (24)	0	0
Muscatine (117)	0	1,805
Nevada (66)	0	3,600
Newton (72)	250	1,133
North Scott (91)	25	2,609
Northwest Des Moines (49)	264	3,211
Osceola (28)	0	56
Oskaloosa (55)	0	420
Ottumwa (98)	0	0
Pella (40)	0	300
Perry (29)	0	206
Tipton (28)	0	775
Washington (55)	500	1,541
Waukeke (50)	25	1,153
Wellman (36)	0	350
West Des Moines (71)	0	5,998
West Liberty (39)	0	1,400
West Polk	0	529
Winterset (29)	0	0
Total (4,015)	\$ 5,682	\$ 82,967



PDG get together gives Rotarians 'a view from the top'

During the annual Past District Governor's summer get together that was held this year on June 30 at Jefferson, PDG Dale Belknap of Des Moines talked about the Mahanay Bell Tower in that city's town square. Belknap did the structural engineering for the tower in 1966.

The tower, which is 168 feet tall, was a gift to the community from Floyd and Doris Mahanay, who gave \$350,000 for its construction. The electronic carillon keyboard plays 14 bells that came from a foundry in The Netherlands and weigh 5 tons. The tower's foundation is in one piece and is a 60-foot hexagon. Fifteen thousand persons from all over the world visit the tower annually. The KCCI weather tower rests on top of the tower.

District 6000 News photographer Bill Tubbs captured these images of the obviously proud engineer, whose work has stood the test of time, at ground level looking up, and with a view from the top.

At the PDG event at the Tea Garden Restaurant, DGN John Ockenfels and Deb (lower left) gave a Rotary quilt that was made by Deb to PDG Terry and Peggy Geiger, and Peggy gave incoming DG Jacque a jigsaw puzzle that was put together by the PDGs with RI President Ron Burton's theme, "Engage Rotary, Change Lives."

Later in the day, at the Jefferson Country Club, now-PDG Terry passed the pin and installed Jacque as District Governor. The Geigers and Andrews are pictured below. The event was hosted by the Rotary Club of Jefferson, and attended by PDGs and their spouses, and several Assistant District Governors, spouses and Rotary friends from throughout the district.

Below left, DG Jacque and Jim honored their daughters with Paul Harris Fellowships, presented by DG Terry Geiger (l), annual giving chair Bill Koellner, and Foundation chair PDG Corliss Klaassen. Another highlight was Jefferson Rotary past president Don Orris and 2012-13 president David Pedersen presenting a banner celebrating Jacque as the club's third District Governor, and honoring the service of PDGs Eugene Melson (1977-78) and Fred Morain (1970-71).



Des Moines couple's fight against hunger celebrated as 5,000th 'Point of Light' by Presidents Bush and Obama

By White House News Service

The first immigrants to America came seeking freedom, but they survived – and, in time, came to thrive – because of their determination and because of each other. They valued self-reliance, but in times of strife they also knew could rely on neighbors, friends, sometimes even strangers to offer a helping hand.

That neighbor-helping-neighbor spirit is woven into the DNA of the American spirit. It defines in a very real sense who we are as a people.

It also unites us.

That unity was on vivid display this Monday (July 15) when President Obama welcomed the man who launched the modern service movement, President George H. W. Bush, back to the White House to honor the recipients of the 5,000th Daily Point of Light award. Together, they lauded Kathy Hamilton and Floyd Hammer of Union, Iowa, for stepping up to fight hunger and improve the lives of children worldwide.

Nearly 10 years ago, Hamilton and Hammer participated in a volunteer mission to Tanzania to help renovate an HIV/AIDS hospital there. Startled by the starvation they saw, the couple started Outreach, Inc., which has engaged thousands of volunteers in packaging and distributing 230 million free meals to children in more than 15 countries, including the United States.

Their story is a simple one: Two people decided that they simply had to do something. Telling that story, day in and day out, is what the Daily Point of Light Award is all about.

President Bush was the first president in U.S. history to institute a daily presidential recognition program from the White House, conferring 1,020 Daily Point of Light Awards between 1990 and 1993. And President Bush helped launch a nonprofit – Points of Light – that has become the largest organization in the world dedicated to volunteer service.

While he didn't originate the notion of helping our fellow man, he reassured it as a national priority and insisted that "there can be no definition of a successful life that does not include service to others."

President Obama built on this commitment to service when he signed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act in 2009, which will increase the size of AmeriCorps from 75,000 volunteers to 250,000 by 2017. In 2012, the President created the FEMA Corps program, which established a FEMA-dedicated unit of AmeriCorps members to work solely on disaster preparedness, response and recovery efforts – and he launched the Serve.gov platform to make it easier for Americans to find and post local volunteer opportunities.

On July 15, the White House also announced plans to establish an interagency task force led by the Corporation for National and Community Service to develop strategies to expand national service to meet national needs through collaboration with other Federal agencies.

This historic event, then, brought together two presidents and families united in their commitment to expand volunteerism and service – an issue with a long history of strong bipartisan support. While other critical issues can be attended by sharper debate, that bipartisan support for service is durable and enduring.

Today, America faces both challenges and opportunities in forming "a more perfect Union," but that same spirit of selflessness which has sustained us from our earliest days is as strong as ever.

As Kathy Hamilton and Floyd Hammer show in such a wonderful and compassionate way, you don't have to be a President to be a



President Barack Obama and former President George H. W. Bush present the 5,000th Daily Point of Light Award to Outreach, Inc., co-founders Floyd Hammer and Kathy Hamilton of Des Moines, winners of the 5,000th Daily Point of Light Award, in the East Room of the White House, July 15, 2013.
Official White House Photo by Pete Souza

leader – and you don't have to be a First Lady to make a difference in the life of your fellowman. All you have to do is open your heart to the need around you, and then do something about it.

Get started by:

Tweeting about a point of light in your life, using the hashtag #mypointoflight.

Finding an opportunity to volunteer in your community at www.serve.gov.

Nominating someone you know for a Daily Point of Light Award at www.pointsoflight.org/dailypointoflight.

The script above was accessed in the July 19 Rotary Club of Des Moines newsletter, and was provided by the White House. Valerie Jarrett is a Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement. Neil Bush is the Chairman of Points of Light. Michelle Nunn is the CEO of Points of Light. There is a video about this on YouTube.

Rotary's Core Values

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





Photo by Bill Tubbs

Cody Birely gave all the money he had to provide mosquito nets and save the lives of children in Africa ...



Photo provided by Gary Welch

... and Simon Estes was so touched that he will arrange for a four-year scholarship for Cody to study music at Wartburg.

RYLA student's generosity leads to four-year scholarship at Wartburg

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

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

The act of generosity was something Cody Birely had to do, he said, and he did it with no expectation of anything in return.

When world-class opera singer and humanitarian Simon Estes said that children in Africa would die without mosquito nets, Cody gave everything he had: 34 dollars and 16 cents.

"I just felt moved," said Cody. "All my cousins are younger than me and to picture any one of them in that spot, I would do anything to keep them basically from dying. After Simon spoke, I felt it upon my heart to give him everything I've got because there are people who have it a lot worse than me."

Cody's gift was life-changing in ways he never expected. The next morning at breakfast, Loring Miller, who was a Rotary Volunteer at the week-long Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference at Wartburg College, said Simon wanted to speak to him.

Estes, the Iowa native who is a distinguished professor at Wartburg, told the North Scott High School senior that a full scholarship would be waiting for him if he enrolled at Wartburg.

"Simon, he's such a great guy. He's one of a kind," said Cody, in an interview with *The North Scott Press* on Aug. 22.

The feelings are mutual. "He (Cody) displayed a humanity and a beautiful heart for those children in Africa. I can't tell you how much I admire that young man," Estes said in an interview on Aug. 26. "I related that to a passage in the Bible (the parable of the 'Widow and the Mite') of the woman who gave everything she had."

The gift made such an impression with Estes that he said he remembered the 16 cents more than the 34 dollars. When Estes learned that Birely's family had a financial setback and that he has maintained excellent grades, he commented, "I'm sure we will be able to give him a really good scholarship. I will see that he gets one."

Cody said he's already been accepted at Wartburg. He will be enrolled in the School of Music where he will major in music therapy and music education. He is a pianist who took lessons for

five years and played on his own and sight-read for seven years. He plays percussion and piano for North Scott's award-winning Jazz Band and played piano at meetings of the Rotary Club of North Scott that he attended as a Junior Rotarian, and which sponsored his scholarship for RYLA.

"I love the piano," he said, and he fearlessly offered to play for Simon Estes. "I told him if you ever need an accompanist, feel free to call. Wouldn't that be awesome!"

Cody said the RYLA experience was vastly different from the one-day RYLA he attended the previous year. It was such an extraordinarily positive experience that he wants to go back next year as a counselor.

The week was exceptional, he said, because leaders like Rotary Past District Governor Gary Welch, a retired educator who lives in Ankeny, planned activities that let the 112 RYLA students explore their deepest feelings in a safe environment.

Cody commented, "I thought it would be where you sit in a lecture hall and take notes for eight hours, but this conference was not that. It was getting you out of your comfort zone and being yourself. You were willing to throw everything out there that you had and not be judged. Those eleven people in your team know as much about you than your friends back home. My team members that I was with only six days, I'm as close to them than my friends I've gone to school with all the years. I could write a novel about what goes on at RYLA. Personally, I loved this week-long thing."

Welch, who attended RYLA in Colorado to bring ideas to the new two-district RYLA when the Rotary Club of West Des Moines decided not to continue sponsoring the one-day RYLA, was pleased with the result.

"It was an amazing week," Welch said. "You could see the kids grow right before your very eyes."

You'll find no arguments about that from Cody Birely and the students from across Iowa in Districts 6000 and 5970. For them, Rotary was engaged and their lives were changed.

'The most significant program change we have provided for youth in 52 years'

By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny

RYLA Co-chair

It was not a conference, event or lectures; it was an "experience." There is no doubt that the value of RYLA for your student is worth every penny your club invested. For those clubs that sent students, be sure to schedule a student RYLA presentation!

This year's RYLA was held at Wartburg College July 7-12 with 112 students from around Iowa. I can say without a doubt that this new program is the most significant program change that District 6000 has provided to youth in the last 52 years, when the Youth Exchange program began.

The events are 90 percent experiential, to develop skill, i.e.: self-confidence, communication skills, and fundamentals of positive leadership, conflict management and elements of citizenship.

It was amazing to watch the young people develop team-building skills and gain self-confidence. What was the most amazing was to watch them discover their abilities and begin the process of "self discovery." The purpose of the conference was to kick them out of their comfort zone so they could learn that they are capable of anything they choose.

It is difficult to put into words the experience that these young

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What students wrote about RYLA

- "It saved my life." "I will not run away as planned." "I know I am capable of anything I choose." "I thought it was going to be boring, but it was the most amazing experience of my life, yet."
- "Every moment of RYLA was its own little miracle in the sense you wouldn't expect it to be so rewarding, but it was." "I don't know how to word my feelings on RYLA other than it's truly an award. I'm not a superstitious person, but RYLA has made me believe in magic."
- "Previously built up walls came crumbling down as the hours ticked away."
- "I did not want to be there to start with, but it was the best experience ever."
- "One can't be blamed for not realizing what they have before it is gone though."
- "There was something about RYLA that imbued people with a trust so deep within each other that they don't question it."
- "It's usually the smallest things that make the biggest difference."
- "It was a surreal experience that I have wanted to have all of my life; a moment where people truly listened and understood."
- "I remember all the amazing people that I met and how they taught me so many different things."
- "Now that I am a RYLA'rian I am no longer the person from my past."
- "Knowing that I am not alone now and that I never will be again, gives me the strength I need to move ahead and face the challenges from my past and beyond."
- "I needed to get out and meet new people and what better place could I have chosen than RYLA!" "This group of people brought a whole new meaning to the word team."
- "It just made me feel like I was wanted, which wasn't what I had been feeling prior to RYLA."
- "By having that spark ignited in me, I just felt amazing and I wanted to get up and do something with that spark. I have never felt so refreshed and uplifted as I did after EVERY word of focus that was given."
- "I have been suicidal before and to be with a bunch of people that went through the same thing as I did meant the absolute world to me. It truly was what I needed."
- "Talking about the solutions to suicide and depression really helped me because I know ways to help myself if I ever get depressed or suicidal again, and also how to help others if they have the same problem."
- "Ever since RYLA, everything has been extremely positive."
- "If I had to put my RYLA experience into one word, it would be 'life-changing'."
- "The Best Week Of My Life...YET!"
- "I will admit it, when I applied for RYLA I thought it was going to be some dull, boring, lecture-filled leadership conference. I was completely wrong. RYLA was everything but that. As I'm writing this reflection it does get somewhat emotional because of this tremendous change I've had in my life. Even though the conference is over, RYLA isn't. RYLA goes on forever. RYLA will always be in my heart and will NEVER be forgotten."
- "I'm extremely grateful and will forever be for having the opportunity to attend RYLA."
- "On my way to Wartburg College, where RYLA took place, all I was really expecting of RYLA was listening to a lot of boring speakers, taking a bunch of notes I would never look at again, and living for a short period time with complete strangers who I would never speak/talk to or meet again. Boy was I wrong!"
- "The first thing that happened at RYLA was taking us out of our comfort zones and to pushing the limits."
- "I've listened to a lot of motivational speakers, teachers, counselors, books, etc. But never did it hit me the way RYLA hit me."
- "Not only did I learn to practice everything about leadership, but I learned how to lead by following, how to feel empathy for other people, what the Four-Way Test and what Rotary means and so many, many other things that I just can't put into words. The most important thing is, though, that this will all stay with me for the rest of my life."

RYLA: 'Difficult to put the experience into words'

RYLA/continued

people went through, watching them grow and develop before your eyes. Therefore, I am going to let the students speak for themselves. The young men and women shared their reflections, of which I am sharing just a few with you (see below left).

The young people have taken what they experienced at RYLA and are applying it to everyday life because it is something that made a significant impact on their lives. I have talked with several parents and they were amazed and pleased at the positive impact that the RYLA week had on their sons and daughters in such short time.

A major surprise was how it affected me, as a Rotary Volunteer. As I watched, in amazement, they went from individual students to confident young adults before my very eyes, it touched my heart in a way that is hard to describe. The love and support that they

provided for each other was beyond words. They became more confident, willing to take risks, and work as a team. They began the path of self-discovery that they could accomplish anything they chose, that as a person they were OK – flawed,

but OK! It opens the youth to their possibilities in a way that they have never experienced before.

If you believe in your youth and want to have a major impact on their lives, then your students deserve and need RYLA. If your club does not send students to RYLA, you are cheating them out of an experience of a lifetime that will truly impact them far into their future.

By "Engaging Rotary" (RYLA) we HAVE "changed lives"!

A list of D-6000 clubs who sponsored students is on the next page. For further information or to request a presentation, please contact PDG Gary Welch, cell phone (515) 419-3707, or e-mail: gwelch3002@msn.com.



The spider web was one of a dozen matrix activities at RYLA designed for students to work together to solve a problem. The object was for the team to figure out how to get the entire team on other side of the web without touching it.



Simon Estes with RYLA participants from the Rotary Club of Decatur County, (l-r): Rotarian Volunteer Mary Ellen Stanley, Monica Irving from Central Decatur High School, McKenna Jones from Lamoni High School, and Rotarian Volunteer Loring Miller. Provided by Mary Ellen Stanley



Volunteers, front (l-r): Melissa Dalen (Dubuque), Kris Markham (New Hampton), Colleen Welch (Ankeny), Mike Babcock (New Hampton). Back: David Kutter (RYLA chair, Cedar Rapids), Dick Rasmussen (Waukee), Linda Nudd (Bellevue), Mary Ellen Stanley (Leon), DGN Loring Miller (Leon), Mary Shepard (Cedar Falls), Barb Gannon (Johnston), PDG Gary Welch (RYLA co-chair, Ankeny).



PDG Gary Welch's team, front (l-r): McKayla Sturtz (Ankeny), Rachel Wagner (Boone), Allison Mark (Chariton), Thea Thronson (New Hampton), Josie Leeper (Cedar Falls), Callie Coulter (Johnston), Arika Allen (Davenport). Back: Beth Heims (counselor, Cedar Rapids), Heather Kemp (Dubuque), Rahul Seshappa (Ames), Jonah Marks (Fairfield), Adam Wieser (Atlantic), Tori Rothman (Waukee), PDG Gary Welch (Rotary Volunteer, Ankeny). Photos provided by Gary Welch

RYLA: 'The best week of my life so far'

From the Bloomfield Democrat

"It's been the best week of my life so far. I'm so thankful the Bloomfield Rotary Club sponsored me," said Bethany Bremer in reference to the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) conference, which she attended July 7-12 on the Wartburg College campus.

Bremer said high school guidance counselor Marla Wilfawn recommended her for the opportunity and the Bloomfield Rotary Club paid her registration and transported her to and from the camp.



Bethany Bremer

The six-day conference was filled with group activities and inspirational speakers from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The group activities, said Bremer, required working together to solve a problem. She described one activity where half the group was blindfolded and the other half had to give directions on how to successfully move a bucket with a ball on top from one circle to another. During another activity, nonverbal communication and trust were needed to direct group members through an artificially constructed spider web to the final destination on the other side of a tree.

Inspirational speakers, Bremer said, were not only camp counselors but outside speakers as well. Topics of several speeches were truth and lies, listening, and developing personal strength.

Dr. Mollie Marti, author of "Walking with Justice," obviously touched Bremer with her speech when she said, "A leader is one who by the power of positive actions compels others to positive action."

When asked how she would put her conference experience to good use, Bremer stated that she plans to start an Interact club at Davis County High School this coming year. "It is like a Rotary club of high school students," she said. "It will be a good way for students to earn Silver Cord points as we do community service and develop leadership skills."

Bremer also said she would like to return to the RYLA camp in the future as a counselor.

"It was an amazing life-changing and inspirational experience," she said. "The people there become your support system for a week and your family for a lifetime."

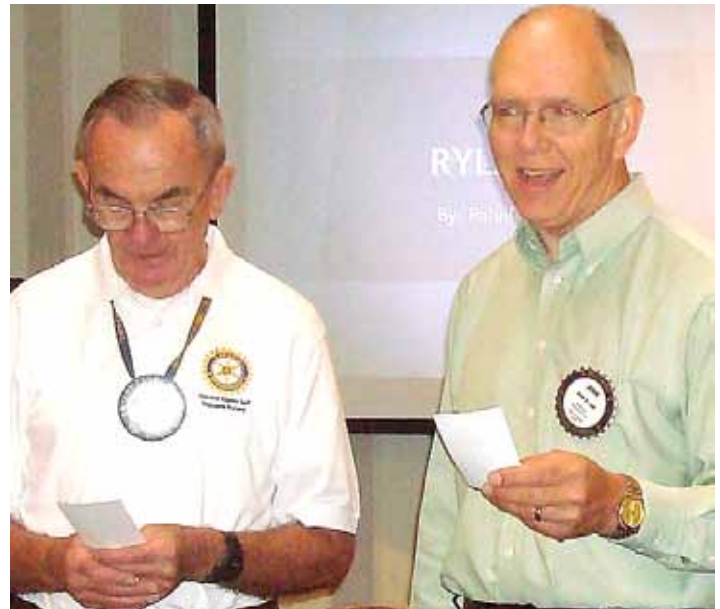
She said no date has been set yet for a reunion of conference attendees, "but we will get back together. It's not if, it's when."

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Clubs that sponsored RYLA students

Thanks to these clubs who sponsored a student or student(s) for the inaugural District 6000-5970 RYLA conference July 7-12 at Wartburg College in Waverly. Let's build on this success and engage more students and change more lives in 2014!

Adel	Clinton	Iowa City D'town	North Scott
Ames Morning	Corning	Iowa City	NW Des Moines
Ankeny	Davenport	Iowa Quad Cities	Ottumwa
Atlantic	Decatur County	Jefferson	Perry
Bettendorf	Des Moines AM	Johnston	Tipton
Bloomfield	Des Moines	Kalona	Washington
Boone	Fairfield	Keosauqua	Waukee
Carroll	Indianola	Lenox	West Des Moines
Chariton	Iowa City AM	Nevada	West Liberty
			Winterset



John Lott (r) leads the Rotary Club of Ames Morning in singing a tribute to Frank Amos. Provided by Carolyn Jons

Fellowship: 'Lotts of Songs' lightens morning spirits at Ames

By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning

Rotarians know that singing at meetings is a great way to build camaraderie. John Lott, a member of the Ames Morning club, takes this tradition to a new level. He has a unique talent for creating ditties set to familiar tunes in order to feature club members and their interests and contributions.

John accepted the role of music director for the Rotary Club of Ames Morning in 1996. For a number of years he focused on leading songs related to news, weather, or other current topics. In those years he kept a list of melodies he used each week and was proud he didn't repeat any one for over two years.

In recent years, John began creating personalized lyrics about individual Rotarians, typically the Rotarian who is the greeter. On Wednesday mornings John arrives at his office desk very early to compose and print a new song before the 7 a.m. meeting.

Club members marvel that John knows so many melodies and can write such clever verses so quickly. It is also impressive that he knows each member so well that he can highlight what is special about them.

In the words of Ames Morning Rotarians:

"John is one of the treasured assets of our club!"

"We could just rent John out for a fundraiser!"

"John makes our club special, that's for sure!"

Jacki Foley summed it up nicely when she declared, "We sing the praises of John Lott!"

Rotarians aid Oklahoma

A handful of District 6000 Rotarians and District 6000 Rotary clubs donated an amazing \$4,445 to help with recovery efforts after the tornado in Oklahoma. The District will add to that, to bring the total amount to \$5,000. The money goes to the Foundation for Oklahoma Rotary, Inc. for the Bi-District Tornado Disaster Fund. Thank you again to those who generously gave to this effort!

Wear your Rotary pin with pride!



Hillside Elementary student Isabel Arbs with Rotarian Chris Nelson

West Des Moines Rotary recycles 250 bicycles for kids

By Harold Hulleman/West Des Moines

Club Secretary

The Rotary Club of West Des Moines has just finished two full years of its bicycle project. More than 250 bicycles have been collected; 200 of those were repaired as needed and cleaned. Bicycles and helmets were given to 170 students in four West Des Moines elementary schools. Plans are to add a fifth elementary school in 2013-2014 along with some preschools.

Donated bicycles are received every week. Some bicycles in stock have been cleaned and repaired and are ready to be given away, but there are still many that need to be placed in inventory and then repaired and cleaned. Work on those bikes will begin in September.

Costs for this project dropped from slightly more than \$3,000 during 2011-2012 to only \$400 in 2012-2013. First-year costs included the shop equipment to set up the workshop. Cost per bike dropped from \$22.83 in the first year to only \$5.71 this year.

This project continues to have good participation from club members. Thirty members either cleaned and repaired bicycles or helped with the giveaways; some were involved with both. Great support has been provided by the Des Moines Bicycle Collective, Bike World West, and the West Des Moines EMS.



Clive Elementary student Will Smith with Rotarian Amy Fetta.

Fresh, fun and meaningful socials enhance fellowship

By Jeff Hatfield/Des Moines AM

Social Committee chair

Early in the 2012-2013 Rotary year, our very creative Rotary Club of Des Moines AM social committee met to brainstorm for fresh, fun, meaningful and unique venues for the upcoming year. For example, we planned (and executed) a party hosted at HGTV's West End Architectural Salvage. After food and drink, we boarded a bus and enjoyed a bus tour of downtown Des Moines hosted by two Rotarian architects who pointed out the famous buildings, architects, trends and styles. Definitely different and memorable.

Another new and unique social event this past year was hosting several Rotarian potluck dinners around the city on one night in early April. The point of the event was to strengthen the ties between about 10 other Rotarians in a deeper fashion than a large breakfast or social setting could provide.

We identified Rotarians who would host a group of about 10 Rotarians at their home, provide the main course and some beverages. We set a deadline for signing up, assigned the invitees to a host family and let the hosts coordinate the party in their own individual manners. Most hosts purchased a main course, assigned specific side dishes, gave directions to their home and asked for each invitee to bring a bottle of wine (or whatever their drink of choice was). DMAM gave each host family \$100 to help offset the costs, though it was not meant to pay exactly 100 percent of the cost of the main course and some beverages.

Based upon the feedback we received from attendees and hosts, the event was an unequivocal success, and it will be repeated again in 2014. Attendees laughed, told stories and bonded over a four-hour period. Most of the spouses of DMAM members did not know most of the others, but all became fast friends by the end of the evening. It was a blast and, as an added bonus, the event didn't cost Rotary very much money, especially compared to a catered social event (\$650 in total). Six DMAM Rotarians hosted about 70 invitees in one evening across the city. Fresh, fun, meaningful and unique, indeed!



Hot Dog Day for the Challenger Little League for handicapped athletes on June 8 at Ridgeview Park in Davenport was an opportunity for fellowship and service for the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities and Rotarians Tom Licea and AG Doug Peterson, as 175 were served. Provided by Tom Licea

Drake students partner with Rotary for major international projects

By Bev McLinden/Des Moines AM
Club Executive Secretary

The story starts at Drake University. A university professor there has a family connection to the community in Kampala, Uganda. He inspired students to get involved in the medical clinic project.

Scott Raecker, the executive director of Character Counts which is housed at Drake University, was asked if the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM could help by establishing a connection with clubs in Uganda. Scott is our club's International Chair. It took time, and a lot of communication back and forth before the International Committee succeeded in establishing a relationship with two Ugandan Rotary clubs.

The Rotary Club of Kampala South has provided planning, design, and construction oversight for the medical clinic. The Rotary Club of Sunrise Kampala oversaw the construction of a kitchen for their "adopted" school. The location of the new medical clinic required relocating the school's dirt floor and wood fire kitchen that serves 300 students daily. Kampala Sunrise Rotary put in \$1,000 of their own funds towards a new kitchen, and submitted a request for funding for \$4,000 to make the new kitchen a reality. Kitchen construction funds were raised by Drake students and the Shining

City Foundation (Des Moines). I believe the new modern kitchen has been completed.

To date, Drake students have raised \$45,000 for these projects in Uganda. Those funds have been deposited in a separate DMAM Rotary checking account. Specific funding requests are presented by student project leaders to the International Committee, asking for specific dollar amounts to be wired to a partnering Uganda Rotary club. Our International Committee takes these opportunities to question students about specific aspects of the project. Once the committee is satisfied and the dollar amount is approved, funds are sent.

This project has exposed students to Rotary's ability to establish international connections, and our club has enjoyed having Drake students come to meetings, make presentations, and sit with the International Committee. We are impressed by their passion for their friends in Uganda, and we trust that Rotary has made a good impression on them in return. Our club is now exploring the possibility of establishing a Drake University Rotaract club.

Photos of other projects of the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM are on the page at right.



Construction progresses on the Kikwanda, Uganda clinic construction (above). This is a joint project between Drake University students and Rotary clubs in Uganda and DMAM Rotary.

Photos provided by Bev McLinden



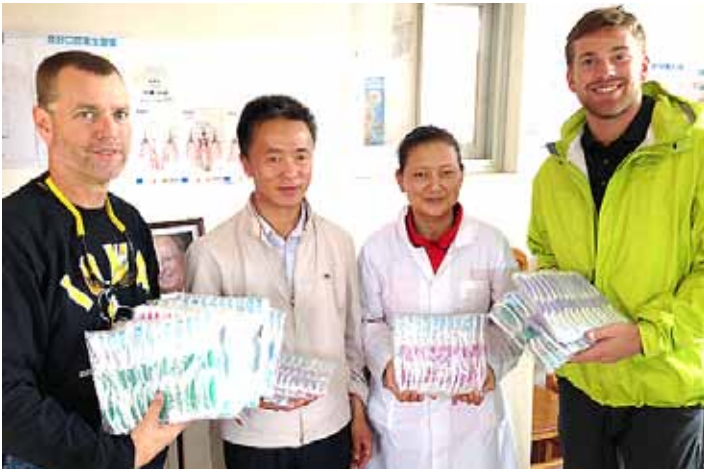
In partnership with the Rotary Club of Kampala South, Shining City Foundation, and students and faculty from Drake University, the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM is partnering to build a medical clinic in a rural village in Uganda. The clinic will provide basic medicine, prenatal and maternity care to this remote location which is currently 30 kilometers from the nearest health care facility.



Clinic nearing completion, with roof.



Rotary members prior to the clinic groundbreaking.



The Rotary Club of Des Moines AM has supported the Ren Li Dental Clinic in Yunnan Province, China, for over a decade. Recently, Rotarian Scott Raecker had the honor to deliver new dental equipment donated by Rotarian Dan Bartlett, dental equipment from the family of Rotarian James Raecker, Waterloo (posthumously), and toothbrushes donated by Delta Dental through Rotarian Jeff Russell.



In partnership with the Sunrise Rotary Club of Kampala, Shining City Foundation, and students and faculty from Drake University, the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM is partnering to build a kitchen facility at the Sure Prospects special needs school in Uganda. The current kitchen is in a wooden hut with a dirt floor room using open fire to prepare the meals. The new facility will bring modern kitchen equipment and preparation of daily meals to over 300 students.



In a partnership with Blessman Ministries, the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM has facilitated this new playground at an orphan school in South Africa. This playground was built in honor of two beautiful orphan girls from the school who were murdered this year. This is the second playground built by the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM in South Africa in the last 12 months.

Photos provided by Bev McLinden



Recipients of \$56,000 in scholarships from the Rotary Club of Davenport are (l-r): Daphne Cornish (Central), Claire Rayburn (Central), Danielle Moore (Assumption), Kristopher Burney (West) and Dylan Beyhl (North). Provided by Johanna Smith

Davenport awards \$56,000 in scholarships; more than \$1 million since 1922

By Johanna Smith/Davenport
Club Executive Secretary

The Rotary Club of Davenport awarded \$56,000 in scholarships to five students graduating from the four high schools in Davenport (four \$10,000 scholarships and one \$16,000 scholarship).

At least one student from each of Assumption, Central, North and West was awarded a scholarship. Selection is based upon GPA, test scores, community service, interview, and recommendations.

Recipients of the 2013 scholarships were: Danielle Moore, Davenport Assumption High School (overall winner, \$16,000); Dylan Beyhl, Davenport North High School (\$10,000); Kristopher Burney, Davenport West High School (\$10,000); Daphne Cornish, Davenport Central High School (\$10,000); and Claire Rayburn, Davenport Central High School (\$10,000).

The Rotary Club of Davenport Scholarship Program is one of the largest in the Quad Cities' metro area providing four \$10,000 and one \$16,000 scholarship annually. Since its inception in 1922, the program has awarded scholarships totaling over \$1,000,000.



RI President Ron Burton challenged us to partner with other service organizations, and the Rotary Club of Bettendorf involved Boy Scout Troop No. 24 to assist with serving at the club's Lobster Fest. The troop, which meets at St. John Vianney Church, had six youths and five adults on hand on June 8 to help serve, as they have for the last four years. The Rotary Club of Bettendorf raised a record amount for its projects, and the Boy Scouts made money for theirs. They left the day after the event for camp. Provided by Jacque Andrew



'I Can Read Songs'

Pam Ellis (second from left) of the Rotary Club of Lake Geneva, Ill., exchanges banners with (l-r): Rotary Club of Iowa City president Jody Braverman, PDG Ray Muston and "I Can Read Songs" project chair LaDonna Wicklund. Pam is starting an "I Can Read Songs" literacy project for children in her community. There are many Hispanic families in Lake Geneva with limited English, and the songs will help parents help their children succeed in kindergarten and will help the parents learn to read English, too. "We (Iowa City Rotary) are still having great fun with our literacy project," said Wicklund. "If you ever want a presentation on the possibilities for your community, PDG Ray Muston and I would love to present. Just let me know." Contact LaDonna at: LDWicklund@aol.com.

Provided by LaDonna Wicklund



This miniature version of the famous Belem Tower (in the shadow of the real one) was placed by the Rotary Club of Lisbon North in 1960. DG Jacque discovered it on a previous trip to Lisbon and made sure Jim got to see it during the RI Convention in June.

Provided by Jacque Andrew

Rotarians enjoy old world hospitality in Portugal

By DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

More than two dozen District 6000 Rotarians and partners joined over 20,000 at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, June 23-26. From the enchanting performance of the Il Divo singers to the announcement of the latest Gates Foundation polio match (\$2 for every \$1 raised up to \$35 million for five years), Rotarians were part of a wonderful experience.

Many from the District enjoyed the breakfast event organized for our attendees by then DGN John Ockenfels and his wife Deb. RI President-elect Ron Burton launched the ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES theme for the 2013-14 year and there was an array of informative and inspirational speakers in plenary and breakout sessions.

The House of Friendship was brimming with project ideas, including our own Floyd Hammer and Kathy Hamilton of Outreach. Many Rotarians took advantage of the sightseeing in the old world city setting and interesting jaunts to the countryside surrounding it.

Several from the district attended The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society and Major Donor events which featured fado (typical Portuguese music) and sumptuous food in beautiful settings.



Literacy at homeless shelter

The Rotary Club of Iowa City, through a District Simplified Grant, enhanced the children's room at our homeless shelter with books, a chalkboard, book shelving, tack strip for hanging artwork, and puppets so that families at the shelter would be encouraged to have literacy fun reading and writing with their children. This summer there are 21 children staying at Shelter House. Children spend a lot of time in that room that encourages literacy fun. Rotary also has books and "I Can Read Songs" resources for families to take as they transition into their own home. This project can be easily replicated. Our Literacy Champion's Party and sweat equity raised the match for the \$1,000 grant.

Provided by LaDonna Wicklund



Thirty-two Rotarians, spouses and guests attended the District 6000 Breakfast at the RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, Jun 24. Front (l-r): Tom Determann (Clinton); Gary Loss (Davenport); Keith Porter (Muscatine); Bob Bartles (Burlington); Steve Morain (Des Moines); Jim Andrew (Jefferson); PDG Terry Geiger (Decatur County); DGN John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM); DGND Loring Miller (Decatur County); Jody Braverman (Iowa City); and Lee Holmes (Waukee). Standing (l-r): Nancy Pacha (Iowa City AM); PDG Gary Pacha (Iowa City); Judy Loss; Carol Bartles; Kitte Noble (Des Moines); Deb Porter; Erna Morain (Waukee); Dick Reasons (Des Moines); Doug Peterson (Iowa Quad Cities); DG Jacque Andrew (Jefferson); Louann Peterson; Peggy Geiger (Decatur County); Chuck Comstock; Deb Ockenfels (Iowa City AM); Judy Sandahl; Phyllis Miller (Decatur County, front); Steve Sandahl (back); Clotilde Thelier; Tom Narak (West Des Moines); Carol Narak; Roberta Holmes.

Provided by Jacque Andrew



RI Convention Lisbon, Portugal June 23-26, 2013



New Rotary club member of Iowa City AM, Deb Ockenfels (l), with her sponsor, Nancy Pacha, at the District 6000 breakfast at the RI Convention in Lisbon. Deb and husband, DGE John, organized the event attended by about 40 Rotarians and guests. Deb is showing off the purple ribbon she received at the Convention as a "New Rotary Member."

Provided by Jacque Andrew



Three couples from the Rotary Club of Waukee attended the 104th Annual Convention of Rotary International in Lisbon, Portugal, June 23-26, (l-r): Steve Morain, Erna Morain (president), Lee Holmes (assistant district governor), Roberta Holmes, and Judy and Steve Sandahl. Rotary representatives from 160 countries and their family members made up the nearly 20,000 attendees at the convention. The couples also took the opportunity to spend several days sightseeing in Portugal.

Provided by Erna Morain



Grinnell: Chicken Barbecue

The Rotary Club of Grinnell held its Chicken Barbecue in June. Special guests were DG Terry and Peg Geiger (photo below). The club cooked 1,600 chicken halves and raised over \$5,000 for community service projects. Allen Latham and his family, with the Grinnell High School ball team and the veteran Rotarians, built a 60-foot-plus pit and char-grilled the chicken. We have drive-up chicken. The main chicken caller, Jim White, had a new arrival this year as Herberto Hernandez made out to be our newest chicken. They stand in the street and sell tickets and direct traffic. What a big success and a great responds from our community!



Provided by Bruce Blankenfeld



Mount Pleasant: Turkey and Pork

The Rotary Clubs of Mount Pleasant Evening and Noon worked together for the 59th year. It is the joint clubs' biggest fundraiser of the year. With sit-down dining as well as drive-up service, we were able to serve 1,300 turkey and pork dinners in 2-1/2 Hours. The line-up of cars went around the block (photo below! Total split for the clubs was \$5,700 with many happy Rotarians serving others. (Notice the nice inflatable sign – top photo!)

Provided by Rich Mueller



Waukee: Pancake Breakfast

On Aug. 24, the fundraiser at Waukee was the Rotary Pancake Breakfast, (l-r): AG Lee Holmes, club president Erna Morain, pancake man Roger Schlaefer, a Waukee Rotarian, and DG Jacque Andrew.

Provided by Jacque Andrew



Albia: Breakfast Pizza, Cinnamon Rolls

When the Rotary Club of Albia was told that the city of Albia needed money to buy fireworks for the Fourth of July, they responded. Saturday morning, June 22, the club sponsored a breakfast consisting of cinnamon rolls and breakfast pizza for \$5. Rotarian Brian Lindberg was kind enough to let us use his excellent restaurant. After working in the hot sun for three hours, the club raised \$600 – which is a lot of pizza and rolls!

Provided by Tony Humeston



Brad Fugate, Brannon Ramsdale, Cheryl Goodwin and Chris Townsend with the Hooters' owl. Photo by Bill Tubbs



Fundraising co-chair Regina Matheson and 2012-13 club president, Cheryl Goodwin. Provided by Johanna Smith

WingFest supports Davenport charities

By Johanna Smith/Davenport

Club Executive Secretary

The Rotary Club of Davenport held its inaugural WingFest on June 22 at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds in Davenport. More than 300 attended the inaugural event, featuring local wing vendors competing for the title of "Rotary WingFest Best Wings."

In a close competition, it was Rivals Sports Bar & Grill in Davenport that walked away with the 2013 title. Thanks in large part to sponsorships received from area businesses, the event raised more

than \$12,000 for the Rotary Charitable Giving Fund, with all proceeds directly funding projects and supporting organizations in the community and abroad that provide basic human services, serve youth, and meet community needs.

The Board of Directors announced the recipients of

the funds at their membership meeting on Sept. 9. The following organizations received funding:

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Career Development Institutes' for Matches creating a series of Saturday "Institutes" for at least 100 middle and high school students matched in our Career Navigator program. \$1,000.

Family Resources, Inc.: Emergency Assistance Fund for Scott County Families to assist with gas, bus tickets/tokens, translation services, etc. \$1,500.

Hand In Hand: Inspiration Studio, Art For Individuals With Disabilities, is an adapted art program, which is a collaboration between local art professionals and artists with disabilities. \$1,500.

Rick's House of Hope: Supply and Snack Stock Up to provide supplies to help with summer and fall programming. \$1,000.

WQPT-PBS: The Ambassador Program is a unique opportunity for college students to develop and implement leadership skills through workshop presentations across the Quad Cities. \$1,000.

Youth Harvest: Project for underprivileged youth to attend a fall harvest event. Project is done in cooperation with the Rotary Club



Fundraising Committee members Chris Townsend and Brad Fugate with the winner of the 2013 "Rotary WingFest Best Wings," Rivals Sports Bar & Grill.

of North Scott. \$1,500.

Handicapped Development Center: Assist in the purchase of a wheelchair-accessible scale to obtain accurate weight on wheelchair-bound individuals that are served through their Personal Independence Services program. \$1,000.

District 6000 Grant: If awarded a District 6000 grant, the club will work with a local human trafficking organization to prevent trafficking in the Quad Cities. \$2,500

Additionally, funds will be used to support FAMSCO/H.E.F. (\$500), Miles of Smiles Team (\$500), Military Appreciation Week (\$500) and the MAC High School Sportsmanship Awards (\$175).

BBQ at Johnston

The Rotary Club of Johnston will host its Fourth Annual Community BBQ Thursday, Sept. 12, from 5-7 p.m. at the Simpson Barn, 6169 Northglenn Drive, Johnston. Proceeds will benefit the Johnston Schools Foundation.



Des Moines' strategy: CATCH ROTARY!

By Dick Reasons/Des Moines
Club President

Two interdependent strategies of the Rotary Club of Des Moines this year are to "continue to increase member engagement and subsequent retention," and to "achieve a net increase in membership of 15." As a result of these two interdependent goals, at the end of the 2012-13 Rotary year, in the spirit of the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitor's new branding campaign – CATCH DES MOINES, the club adopted CATCH ROTARY.

Rotarian Greg Edwards, who is the president/CEO of the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, serves as the membership development committee chair for the club.

Our CATCH ROTARY initiative supports a variety of actions needed to sustain our grand traditions, make the changes needed to be relevant in the future, and more importantly, achieve our objectives.

The CATCH ROTARY theme helps to remind individual members of the our club that we must engage in the work of the club, be active on our committee(s), get to know members with whom we are not familiar, and consider it as our personal responsibility to extend and make more relevant our club's long legacy.

The notion to CATCH ROTARY also supports our efforts to foster relationship with others in our community who will qualify as potential new members. When individual members are engaged in Rotary, we tend to share the value and good works of the club with others.

And finally, CATCH ROTARY aligns with and support RI President Ron Burton's 2013-2104 theme: ENGAGE ROTARY. CHANGE LIVES.

CATCH ROTARY is also not just a catchy phrase but actually an acronym for many of the beliefs and value that we as Rotarians



Greater Des Moines Convention & Visitor Bureau President/CEO Greg Edwards (I), and Rotary Club of Des Moines president Dick Reasons (R) showing off the CATCH ROTARY table tents.

hold and use to drive our daily actions:

- C** = Citizenship in the World
- A** = Awareness
- T** = The Four Way Test
- C** = Community Service
- H** = Habit-Forming
- R** = Real Fellowship
- O** = Opportunity to Serve
- T** = Timely Programs
- A** = Attendance at Great Lunches
- R** = Rewarding
- Y** = Your Place as a Leader in Your Community

The acronym was developed by RCDM executive director Kitte Noble, and RCDM assistant Suzi Torkzadeh created the graphic to support the Rotary-connected acronym and to complement the CVB CATCH DES MOINES theme.

Our CATCH ROTARY theme has been printed on table tents and is placed out every week to remind members to CATCH ROTARY by participating in the activities and work of the club and subsequently creating the personal opportunity to give through Rotary, and feel Rotary gives back in return!

Nominate a worthy member for 'Integrity' award

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott
D-6000, Vocational Service chair

To encourage Rotarians and clubs to focus on Rotary's core value of integrity, and to honor the memory of the late PDG Paul Hellwege, District 6000 is asking clubs to nominate one member for the fourth annual District 6000 "Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity" awards.

A nomination form will soon be posted at the District website and sent to clubs. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31, 2014. The nominations will be submitted to the District 6000 Vocational Service Committee and nominees will be recognized at the District Conference, May 1-3, 2014, in Ames.

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

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

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

Take good care of your new members!

By AG Mike Ruby/Muscatine

D6000 Membership Committee co-chair

Celebrate when you have a new member join your club! New Rotarians are eager to learn about Rotary and get in the swing of things quickly. Don't let them down! They are willing to invest their time, energy and money in Rotary. It's now time for the club to step up to the plate and invest in the new Rotarian. They deserve our attention!

One of the best ways to do this is to have a strong mentoring program in place (in addition to a meaningful new member orientation meeting) to receive, shepherd, and nurture the new members. The end result will bring substantial rewards and satisfaction to the new member as well as to the club. Remember, the ball is in our court to get the new member connected and involved. If we don't do this, new Rotarians may watch from the sidelines and then quietly disappear. When that happens, it oftentimes is the result of a poor quality new member mentor program.

Guidelines for Effective Mentoring:

- *Carefully select the mentor.* Do not assume the sponsor will be the mentor. Oftentimes sponsors do a great job in inviting new members but do a poor job in shepherding them.

- *Qualities of a good mentor:* Active in the club; A nurturing personality; Enthusiasm for Rotary; Someone who will take their responsibility seriously.

Mentors should:

- Be in attendance when new Rotarian is inducted.
- Arrange an informal one-on-one get acquainted meeting with new Rotarian.
- Make a special effort to learn of the new member's family, interests, hobbies and career. People like others to take an interest in them!
- Make a 6-month commitment to get new member "launched" properly.
- Attend the new member orientation, if possible. Ideally the sponsor or mentor will provide transportation.
- Personally introduce the new member to other Rotarians.
- Make sure there is at least brief interaction with new member at every club meeting during mentorship. This could range from something as simple as a handshake and "glad to see you" to inviting them to sit at the same table.
- Let new members know of service opportunities and follow through with helping them get hooked up with an activity/committee that is of interest to them.
- Acquaint them with club's rules, make-up attendance opportunities, etc.
- Be prepared to have fun and make a new friend!



The Rotary Club of North Scott's adoption of Fillmore School in the Ridgeview neighborhood of northern Davenport in 2012-13 helped the club grow when administrator Jillian Townsell (c) accepted John Maxwell's invitation for membership. Jillian is pictured with 2013-14 president Steve Suiter and DG Jacque Andrew. With help from a District Simplified Grant, the club supported the school in many ways: warm winter coats, books for the library, dictionaries for the fourth-graders, an appreciation breakfast for the teachers, trees for the school ground, school supplies, and treating students to the club's annual Harvest Party at Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch.

Provided by Jacque Andrew

The process for new members

By Tanya Anderson/Ames

Club Membership chair

A current member discusses membership with a prospective member by sharing the purpose of Rotary and a little history of Rotary. The next step if a prospective member is still interested would be to host them at a couple of our meetings to better get an understanding of what Rotary stands for and introduce them to some of the members.

If the prospective member is still interested in proceeding forward with Rotary you would fill out an application and return to the secretary. You do not share that with the potential member until it has been processed and approved by the general membership.

The secretary will then forward the application to the classification committee. The next step is to the board of directors. The final step would be to the general membership.

Upon approval, the member would be introduced and would join other new members to serve on the new member project and begin their relationship with Rotary.

The new member project is good, but it is imperative to keep members engaged following completion of their project, not necessarily with another project, but through social interaction.

Once a month we have an off-site social where all Rotarians particularly new ones have an opportunity to socialize with other Rotarians. This year we will be having a Fall Rotary Barbecue for all members to bring their families to provide additional time to socialize with other Rotarians. Lastly, we have a holiday party for members and their spouses to enjoy a little Rotarian cheer.

Financial support for Youth Services

Voluntary contributions from 21 clubs raised \$2,056 this year for the District 6000 Youth Services Fund for scholarships for projects like Xicotepec in 2012-13. Clubs are asked to make a voluntary contribution of \$2 per member with the annual District dues billing for 2013-14. Thanks to these clubs!

Bettendorf	Fairfield	Keosauqua
Bloomfield	Iowa City AM	Manning
Chariton	Iowa Quad Cities	Nevada
Coralville-North Corridor	Jefferson	Newton
Dallas Center	Johnston	North Scott
Decatur County	Kalona	Northwest Des Moines
East Polk	Keokuk	Waukee
		Wellman



In the garden ...

The Rotary Club of Waukeee built raised garden beds for the Waukeee Area Christian Services Fruitful Vine Community Garden which grows produce for their Food Pantry patrons. We received a District 6000 grant to help build the beds. Additionally we provided a computer for the free clinic, personal products, and school supplies for Food Pantry recipients. Pictured (l-r): Ron Robbins, Pat Robbins, John Wemer, Linda Waknitz, Joyce Whittle, Denny Dolmage, Erna Morrain, Jim Riordan, Nolan and Matt Olson, Frank Hayer, Roberta Holmes, and Lee Holmes.

Provided by Kim Stewart



Breaking ground ...

A formal groundbreaking kicked off construction of the Rotary Club of Davenport's Centennial Pavilion project in River Heritage Park on June 5, (l-r): Davenport Mayor Bill Gluba; Mike Hamann, past president of the Rotary Club of Davenport; Cheryl Goodwin, 2012-13 club president; A.J. Loss, president of Bush Construction; Greg Larrison, architect; Gary Loss, 2013-14 club president; and Bill Tubbs, Rotary Past District Governor. The Four-Way Test will be displayed in the stone structure whose base will be 30'x30'. Rotarians raised \$100,000 for the project.



On the river ...

The Rotary Club of Tipton enjoyed a scenic view of the Cedar River at its installation event July 17 at the home of past president Diana Waltz. Phyllis Miller and DGN Loring Miller (l) gave a program about Rotary Youth Exchange at the New Orleans RI Convention, as leadership passed from Teresa Horton to Bruce Cary.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Overlooking the river ...

Marcia Brandt is the recipient of the "William F. Tubbs Honor Rotarian Award" that is presented annually to an outstanding new member of the Rotary Club of North Scott. The award was presented at the club's Installation Dinner June 27 at Steventon's overlooking the Mississippi River in LeClaire. During 2012-13, the club held several fellowship events: Auction Party at the Starlite Ballroom, Walter Fahrenkrog Golf Tournament at Springbrook Country Club, Christmas Party at the Putnam Museum, Corn Boil at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Valentine Party at the Hotel Blackhawk, Youth Day at the Steeplegate Inn, and a vocational day at club president John Maxwell's Cinnamon Ridge robotic dairy farm.

New Rotary website is two websites in one!

By DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

This is a compilation of information from John Hannes, club and district support coordinator with RI, and information from the Peter Markos (RI CSO) email to presidents prior to the launch of the new Rotary International website on Aug. 26.

www.Rotary.org: Two websites in one!

1. My Rotary (for members):

- All members will be encouraged to register and sign in when visiting the site. Members will be able to better engage through their own customized experience based on their interests, and conduct their Rotary business more easily than ever before.

- The new website will eliminate the need for the Member Access Portal (MAP). Those currently registered in MAP will simply be prompted to re-register when first visiting the site and will then be able to access tools previously located in MAP, such as the ability to edit club data, use Rotary Club Central, etc. After the initial re-registration, it may be necessary to log off and log in again to establish the new profile and the permissions associated with your position.

2. Rotary.org (for the general public)

- The public site tells our story to external audiences in a fresh, streamlined way, encouraging people to get to know Rotary and learn about all the great work Rotarians are doing all over the world.

Find what you need!

- The website has been entirely rebuilt, grouping items more logically. Testing has confirmed that user experience is cleaner and more streamlined than what is offered today. For example, tools that help you manage your Rotary business – such as running reports – are now conveniently located under a tab called “Manage” (when logged on to “My Rotary”).

- The website’s “search” engine is now powered by Google, making locating documents, articles and tools much easier.

3. Important changes

- “Contact this Club” – Visitors to the site can submit a request online to learn more about a specific club and membership. The RI Board has requested that an email be automatically sent to the District Governor and Membership Chair to notify you of this request, they will then follow up as appropriate with the club.

- Rotary Foundation Grants – Many of you have already visited the Rotary Grants microsite and all it has to offer. That functionality will now be merged into the new site so everything you need will be in one place.

- Security – As part of the new launch, RI adopted industry leading security measures to manage your IDs and passwords. To facilitate this transition, any MAP user who logged in within the last year will go through an abbreviated re-registration process.

- Browsers – The new website uses some of the latest browser capabilities and because of that, visitors to the site will need to be on modern browsers. Whatever browser you prefer to use, it is recommended that you upgrade to the latest version to have the best experience possible.



Then-DGE Jacque Andrew visits with RI Past President Wilf Wilkinson at The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society reception during the RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal.

Provided by Jacque Andrw

New service connections at website, Rotary Central

By Adelita Hernandez and Mohamd Shedou

Rotary International

It's here! Rotary's website has a new look and new tools to help you make personal connections, exchange ideas, and collaborate with others from the convenience of your computer or mobile device.

My Rotary: When you visit the new rotary.org for the first time, you'll be seeing the public-facing version of the site. To enjoy the full functionality the site has to offer for members, you'll need to create a profile in My Rotary. Visit www.rotary.org/myrotary to get started.

Are you logged in to My Rotary? Good! Now you can fully explore an array of new social tools that will enable you to converse and collaborate with other Rotarians and Rotaractors.

Join (or start) a conversation: You can join groups to discuss common questions, learn new things, or connect with new friends who share your interests. Lend your voice to the Rotary conversation. If you don't see a group to meet your needs, consider starting one! You can also connect directly with other Rotarians and Rotaractors.

Collaborate on a service project: Our new crowdsourcing tool enables clubs to share their project plans, find partners, and request volunteers, funding, and materials to enhance their capacity to serve others. Browse projects in need of assistance or post your own project to find supporters. Start here to bring good ideas to life!

Publicize your projects and activities: Rotary Showcase is a social networking tool that lets you share your service projects with others in Rotary and with the general public. With recent enhancements and more than 3000 projects already shared in its first year, Rotary Showcase is more robust than ever. Help tell our Rotary story by sharing your club's impact.

For more information, contact social@rotary.org.

All's fair at the fair for Rotary Club of Atlantic

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic
Club Public Relations chair

Rotary Club of Atlantic Rotary members 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 that stops by. The day was a little cooler than it has been in the past but that didn't stop people from enjoying the great taste of watermelon. A great group of Rotarians helped serve 18 watermelons in an hour. The watermelon feed was started by the Rotary club in 1980, so there are many fairgoers that remember having watermelon as kids at the fair and now bring their children and even a few grandchildren to the event. Everyone loves watermelon especially on a hot day in August. This year as the event was winding down, two interested boys asked if they could have a "watermelon eating contest". So we provided each of them with a quarter of a watermelon and let them start eating. They decided it wasn't that easy to eat watermelon fast, but they had a good time.



Club president Bill Saluk looks at the Cass County Fair Sale bill after having breakfast at the fair.

Another way Atlantic Rotarians support the fair is by eating breakfast at the 4-H food stand instead of the weekly meeting. By eating at the food stand everyone is helping the fair continue as a free event to the community. The proceeds from the food stand are used to pay for entertainment at the fair along with other expenses associated with the running of the fair. Many Rotarians also support the fair by purchasing livestock. At the breakfast you will see Rotarians checking out the sale bill for the auction later that morning.

In August the club continued with one of the new projects started last spring. Wanting to know more about businesses in our community, two very different businesses were visited in August. Rotarians enjoyed lunch at each business, were given a short presentation from employees of the business and then were taken on tours. Businesses visited



Five local youth enjoy watermelon at the Atlantic Rotary Club Watermelon Feed at the Cass County Fair. The children are (l-r): Nellee Ritter, Tessa Ritter, Dustin Dreager, Derek Dreager and Corbin Ritter. Provided by Dolly Bergmann

were Atlantic Bottling Company and Milk Unlimited. Anyone who has purchased Coca-Cola in the Des Moines area or the south-west portion of Iowa have had a Coke bottled in Atlantic. Rotarians learned about the "bottling" of Coca-Cola and the many other products produced by Atlantic Bottling. We had the opportunity to watch the entire process, starting with the empty cans, to the filling of the cans, to dating the cans with the smallest printer I have ever seen, to packaging the cases for travel.

Milk Unlimited is a 3,600-head dairy farm located west of Atlantic. We had the opportunity to view the actual milking process. The employees of the farm milk 300 cows an hour, 24 hours a day. When not in the milking parlor, the cows spend their time eating, drinking and relaxing. The cows are pampered; they sleep on a bed of sand. Milk Unlimited was started in 1998 and has grown every year. It was a great place to visit.

Unique and great members in our Rotary clubs

Many Rotary clubs have unique and great members, but we at the Atlantic Rotary Club think we have some of the best members. One example of that is member Dr. Duane Acker. He has quite a résumé, growing up in the Wiota area (just east of Atlantic), a farmer, graduate of Iowa State University, instructor at Oklahoma A& M, instructor at Iowa State University, dean at South Dakota State University, vice chancellor at the University of Nebraska, president of Kansas State University, member of the Department of Agriculture, much more and now an author.

Duane has compiled his memoirs into a book titled "Troublesome Creek: A Farm Boy's Encounters on the Way to a University President." He talked to the club about why he decided to write the book and the challenges involved in getting it published. He talked about some of his unique experiences along the way. Duane's advice: have fun and write your memoirs. Purchasing his book is now on my list of things to do after listening to his story. He is one example of the great people in Iowa and great people belonging to Rotary clubs in Iowa. — Dolly Bergmann



The Rotary Club of Fairfield has recently offered a \$5,000 grant to the Fire Department that now plans to buy a rescue boat. Scott Vaughn receives the grant check from Jen Osby and Tammy Jones who are co-chairs of the Rotary Club of Fairfield's Auction Committee.



Randy Anderman (r) receives a \$1,500 William Stever scholarship from Earl Shepard of Fairfield Rotary.



The Rotary Club of Fairfield volunteered at the gate of the Jefferson County Fair on June 29, (l-r): Doug Flournoy, Beth Alonso and Linn Cornick.

Fairfield: Scholarships, Fair, Fire and RAGBRAI

The Rotary Club of Fairfield has granted three scholarships: two William Stever Rotary Scholarships and the Rotary Challenge Scholarship. Both scholarships are granted each year. The William Stever Rotary Scholarships have been given by the club for the last 43 years in remembrance of Bill Stever. He was known as "Mr. Rotary," having joined the club in 1927.

When the scholarship was started in 1970 by Dr. Larry Nash, Bill had served as secretary of the Fairfield club for 29 years. In 1970, when the scholarship started, one \$300 annual scholarship was awarded to a member of the Fairfield High School senior class who planned to enter college. As the club has evolved through the years so has the scholarship. This year, two \$1,500 William Stever Rotary Scholarships are awarded and one \$1,500 Rotary Challenge Scholarship.

The Fairfield club's Rotary Challenge Scholarship is a \$1500 scholarship given to a graduating senior of Fairfield High School. This scholarship is unique in that the recipient of the scholarship is selected by the faculty and staff at Fairfield High School. It is awarded to a student who has been dealt a particularly tough hand during his/her high school years but, through it all, has worked hard, maintained a good attitude and persevered. – *Francis Mossé*



The Rotary Club of Fairfield was present and active during the Register's Great Annual Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) in Fairfield. Rotarians have organized and offered showers to RAGBRAI participants at the Middle School as well as the high school. The club has been able to raise money towards ending polio as well as other laudable causes. The club had a booth at the Fairfield High School, (l-r): Judy Qualters, Doug Flournoy, president-elect Linn Cornick and Sue Buch. Please see a letter from RAGBRAI riders to the Rotary Club of Fairfield on page 35A. Provided by Francis Mossé



Jennifer Clements receives a \$1,500 William Stever Scholarship and Cody Cohen the \$1,500 Rotary Challenge Scholarship. From left to right: Earl Shepard, Eugene Copeland, Jennifer Clements, Cody Cohen, Patrick Hurley and Lindsey Lippencott.

Rotary's Avenues of Service

- Club Service
- Community Service
- Vocational Service
- International Service
- Service To Youth

News Briefs

Xicotepec: Applications for the March 15-23, 2014, District 6000 Project Team to Xicotepec, Mexico, will be available online Oct. 1. Information: Jim Peterson, (319) 214-0102, email: jim-peterson@mchsi.com, or Tom Narak, (515) 229-9846 email: tcnarak@gmail.com.

South Africa: Rotarians are invited to participate in outreach efforts with Blessman Ministries in South Africa Jan.16-28, 2014. Meet with South African Rotarians and see our shoe program, optical, construction, farming and sewing projects. Information: Eric Borseth, (515) 265-8414, email: eric-borseth@questoffice.net.

New Arrival: Rotary Club of Bettendorf president Chelsea Powers gave birth on Aug. 1 to a 7 lb., 7-oz. girl, Peyton Eloise. Mother, father Ryan Powers, and daughter and doing well. *Congratulations!*

New AG: Phyllis Miller is the new Assistant District Governor for the Rotary Clubs of Atlantic, Corning, Creston and Lenox.

Africa Night: The Rotary Club of East Polk is hosting a Night for Africa on Oct. 10 at the Za Ga Zig Shrine in Altoona from 6-9 p.m. This will include a performance by Simon Estes, hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer tasting along with a silent and live auction. Tickets are \$25 and the proceeds will support African service projects in cooperation with Blessman Ministries and other African



Wedding bells rang on July 27 for PDG Ev Laning (1991-92) and Mary True. Congratulations to the happy couple, pictured here at the PDG event June 30 in Jefferson. They are at home at: 805 Robin Glen, Indianola.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

service organizations. Information and reservations: Casey Hansen, (515) 321-4806 or chansen@grahamconstruction.com.

RI Conventions: The 2014 RI Convention will be June 1-4 in Sydney, Australia. Future conventions:

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

Polio: In the push to raise funds to eradicate polio, RI announced that districts who dedicate 20 percent of their District Designated Funds (DDF) to PolioPlus for five years will be named on a plaque at Rotary headquarters in Evanston, Ill. District 6000

has been a leader in fundraising for polio and is working toward this goal.

President Nominee: K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka, has been selected by the Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2015-16. Ravindran will become the president-nominee on Oct. 1 if there are no challenging candidates.

In the photo below, District 6000 leaders met with Ravindran and leaders of District 3125 in Sri Lanka at the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles to discuss tsunami relief, including the Schools Reawakening project, supported by District 6000, that rebuilt 25 tsunami-devastated schools, benefiting 15,000 children.

Ravindran holds a degree in commerce and is a global leader in the tea packaging industry. A Rotarian since 1974, he has held numerous leadership positions in Rotary, including his country's PolioPlus chair.

Gary Huang of Taiwan will serve as RI President in 2014-15.



Ravi Ravindran



RI President-Elect Ravi Ravindran (standing, at right) with D-6000 Rotarians at the Los Angeles Convention.



Rotary at Iowa State Fair ...

RI Past President Ray Klinginsmith (l) joined Rotarians for an unofficial "Rotary Day" at the Iowa State Fair on Aug. 16. He was joined by (l-r): Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, D-6000 Gov. Jacquie Andrew, and D-5970 PDG Jill Olsen.

Provided by Jacquie Andrew



Rotarians met at the famous Butter Cow at the Iowa State Fair (l-r): Colleen Welch, Chris Knapp (front), Past RI President Ray Klinginsmith, DG Jacquie Andrew, DGN Loring Miller, Vernette Knapp, Phyllis Miller, Bob and PDG Susan Herrick, and PDG Terry and Peggy Geiger.

Provided by Peggy Geiger

Obituaries



Carolyn Leutwyler (l) received club banners from Rotarian Carter Lebeau when she was president of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf in 2006-07. Lebeau, 87, joined Rotary in 1970. He had 29 years of perfect attendance and visited 843 Rotary clubs in his lifetime. While at the RI Convention in Copenhagen, Leutwyler cajoled then-RI President Bill Boyd into visiting the Quad Cities for her club's 50th anniversary. He accepted and came to Davenport in February 2007. Leutwyler since moved to Florida, and she and Lebeau, miles apart, died on the same day, Aug. 14, 2013. May light perpetual shine upon them.

— Bill Tubbs (photo provided by Harry Coin)

Letters

RAGBRAI: To Jason Alons, Jodi Kerr, Mike Lane and Linda Leave, Rotary Club of Fairfield: Thank you very much for hosting myself and my family on RAGBRAI. The food, camping or indoor accommodations, along with the fellowship was very much appreciated. As a small token of this appreciation, today I have sent off paperwork to The Rotary Foundation to transfer 200 PH points to each of you. Also, I have cc'd club presidents Jason Maasdam, Chris Nelson, and Beth Danowsky of the Knoxville, West Des Moines and Oskaloosa clubs (Jodi, you hosted and are the club president). I greatly appreciate your help as club presidents in getting the word out to your clubs and finding volunteers.

Dan Divine, president
Rotary Club of Ames
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Good News: I have just finished reading nearly every single word of the newsletter. What an outstanding job in covering the district conference. The pictures are excellent.

JoAnne and I were in charge of developing a quarterly newsletter for an international organization for over 20 years and we know how much work it is. We have shown your newsletter to Friendship Exchange people as well as to ISFR (International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians) members and they are in awe at what an outstanding, professional publication it is. Way to go!

Mike Ruby, Muscatine

The Four-Way Test

(of the things we Think, Say or Do)

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

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

April 2013 - June 2013

CLUB	APRIL		MAY		JUNE	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	54.00%	43	58.00%	35	51.00%	39
Albia	63.20%	30	62.00%	29	51.00%	39
Ames	65.78%	26	63.41%	27	33.70%	47
Ames Morning	63.40%	29	59.40%	33	60.00%	29
Ankeny	89.10%	7	68.37%	20	63.96%	25
Atlantic						
Bettendorf	59.50%	35	61.20%	31	54.00%	36
Bloomfield	70.00%	20	70.00%	18	70.00%	18
Boone	44.00%	49	62.00%	29	63.00%	27
Burlington	78.80%	13	86.40%	8	81.50%	9
Carroll	64.02%	28	60.36%	32	58.11%	31
Centerville	40.00%	51	44.00%	46	41.00%	46
Chariton	62.31%	32	62.44%	28	57.75%	32
Clinton	57.14%	40	42.72%	48	52.53%	38
Coon Rapids						
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	100.00%	1
Corning	68.00%	22	68.00%	22	63.00%	27
Corydon						
Creston	61.00%	34	58.00%	35	54.00%	36
Dallas Center	68.00%	22	78.00%	14	76.00%	13
Davenport	48.48%	46	55.59%	38	55.19%	33
Decatur County	90.00%	5	88.00%	6	86.00%	5
Des Moines	57.64%	38	53.44%	42	59.07%	30
Des Moines A.M.			67.00%	23	67.00%	21
East Polk County	65.91%	25	73.84%	15	62.50%	28
Fairfield	49.09%	45	48.52%	45		
Fort Madison	53.00%	44	53.00%	43	55.00%	34
Greater Des Moines					71.00%	16
Grinnell	86.20%	8	34.00%	50	89.00%	3
Indianola	62.82%	31	57.69%	36	50.72%	40
Iowa City	38.82%	52	34.65%	49	29.22%	48
Iowa City A.M.	72.54%	17	85.47%	9	76.72%	12
Iowa City Downtown	78.95%	12	66.67%	24	81.58%	8
Iowa Quad-Cities	70.56%	19	70.67%	17	67.07%	20
Jefferson	69.00%	21	68.00%	22	70.00%	18
Johnston	69.00%	21	65.50%	26	65.31%	23
Kalona	82.54%	10	88.44%	5	72.22%	14
Keokuk	43.67%	50			42.07%	45
Keosauqua	67.40%	23	61.80%	30	54.20%	35
Knoxville	57.46%	39	55.86%	37	52.59%	37
Lenox	75.00%	15	84.00%	11	72.00%	15
Manning	76.00%	14	79.00%	13	79.00%	11
Marengo	90.00%	5	72.00%	16		
Marshalltown	64.68%	27	53.51%	40	21.47%	50
Mount Pleasant Noon	45.96%	48	53.87%	39	46.77%	44
Mt. Pleasant	92.00%	4	93.00%	2	94.00%	2
Muscatine	47.04%	47	53.47%	41	24.77%	49
Nevada	74.19%	16	69.77%	19	70.54%	17
Newton						
North Scott	92.14%	3	87.38%	7	83.16%	7
Northwest Des Moines	92.59%	2	81.46%	12	68.97%	19
Osceola	85.00%	9	85.00%	10		
Oskaloosa						
Ottumwa	58.42%	37	51.81%	44	49.82%	42
Pella	70.00%	20	72.00%	16	65.00%	24
Perry	57.00%	41	53.00%	43		
Tipton	54.30%	42	42.90%	47	47.00%	43
Washington	59.38%	36	58.75%	34	50.52%	41
Wauke	80.30%	11	90.83%	4	83.67%	6
Wellman	89.47%	6	91.05%	3	88.15%	4
West Des Moines	62.16%	33	68.35%	21	63.87%	26
West Liberty	66.00%	24	66.00%	25	66.00%	22
West Polk County	69.00%	21	72.00%	16		
Winterset	72.00%	18	78.00%	14	80.00%	10

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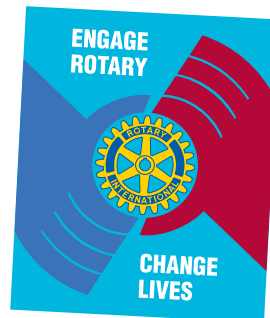
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Club leaders' checklist



From DG Jacque Andrew . . .

- 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 **Rotary Fall Training Seminars** (p. 3).
- Register club members to attend the **District 6000 Rotary Foundation Dinner**, Saturday, Nov. 9 at West Des Moines (p. 3).
- Become familiar with the new RI website, and use **Rotary Club Central** to record your goals and plans (p. 31).
- Nominate a worthy member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** (p. 28).
- Encourage members to apply online to join a **Xicotepec Project Team** to Mexico in March 2014 (p. 34).
- Consider nominations for **District Governor** (p. 6).
- Plan **Membership Development** strategies and take care of your new members! (p. 29).
- Create awareness and raise funds for the **Global Campaign to Eradicate Polio** (p. 13-14).
- Watch for information about the **IOWA ROTARY MAGAZINE** (p. 4).
- Promote **attendance** and report your **attendance** monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 35).
- Schedule a speaker(s) to learn about opportunities for **Global Grants** (p. 4, 7, 11, 22-23).
- Submit your club's goal for giving to The Rotary Foundation and make plans to meet or exceed it. (p. 12)!
- Promote the **Paul Harris Society** (p. 13).
- **Submit news** of your club's successes or upcoming events by Nov. 25, 2013 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Mary Ellen Stanley (Decatur County).
- **"Engage Rotary" and "Change Lives" in your club, community and world.**



DGEs John Ockenfels of Iowa City AM in District 6000 and Brian Moon of Council Bluffs in District 5650 will attend Governor-Elect Training Seminar and the Zones 28-29 Institute Oct. 1-6 in Pittsburgh.

Photo by Bill Tubbs