

# Denny Skinner, District Governor, 2003-2004



Lend a Hand

## Governor's Newsletter JUNE 2004



June marks the final month as your District Governor. It is hard to find the words to thank all of you for the support and encouragement that you have given Kathy and I this past year. What gave us the greatest satisfaction was meeting the men and women of District 6000 and knowing that they truly live our motto to "Lend A Hand" each and every day.

Our District made great strides in reaching my goals and those established by Rotary International. We were a little short of making some, but others we far surpassed. I have highlighted some of these accomplishments to your president in a personal letter, and would like to list them for you as well.

1. One new Rotaract Club at Drake, bringing the total to 4.
2. 4 new Interact Clubs, Perry, Bettendorf, Iowa City, Muscatine, bringing the total to 6.
3. More participation by clubs at Foundation and Membership Seminars, the best turn out ever: 53 clubs, 152 Rotarians, 10 clubs that have never participated before.
4. Records were made in students and clubs participating in the RYLA program.
5. The most students ever taking part in our Youth Exchange program coming from other countries and going to other countries.
6. \$37,000.00 awarded in District Simplified Grants to 11 clubs.
7. Community projects on hunger, poverty, literacy: too many to list.
8. First time clubs involved in World Community Service projects in other countries.
9. Membership has grown to 4,535 as of May 31st, and there is more to come.
10. One new club was chartered on June 15...Downtown Iowa City. Congratulations to those who made this possible.
11. Awarded over \$53,000.00 in Matching Grants, some to clubs for the first time.
12. 31 Clubs achieving the Presidential Citation Award.
13. Peace Scholar chosen from Ottumwa, one of 64 in the world awarded to our District.
14. Established a District Office in Knoxville in January 2004.
15. Hired a District Administrator, Jerri Uitermarkt, in January 2004.

I owe special thanks to the District Leadership Team. Through their leadership across this district, clubs boldly went forward and tried new ideas. The Assistant Governors who worked directly with their clubs were a vital resource to me and I will always be grateful for their friendship and leadership. My appreciation to the Executive Committee, your counsel was very valuable. And where would I be without the great "numbers" people, Kathy Strum and Roger Borup are the best.

Let's continue our journey into the centennial year and Lend a Hand as we Celebrate Rotary. The next communication will be from your new District Governor, Bill Tubbs. We wish Bill and Linda and all Rotary clubs great success.

**Denny & Kathy Skinner,  
District Governor, 2003-2004**



District 6000 News...

# AWARDS

## CENTURION CLUB AWARD

*"IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND & ACHIEVING A PER CAPITA GIVING OF \$100.00 OR MORE"*

PRESENTED TO THE ROTARY CLUBS OF:

AMES MORNING  
CHARITON  
CORALVILLE NORTH CORRIDOR  
IOWA CITY AM  
MUSCATINE  
NEWTON  
NORTHWEST DES MOINES  
OTTUMWA  
WEST DES MOINES  
WEST LIBERTY

## NEWSLETTER / BULLETIN AWARD

*"FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN COMMUNICATING ROTARY, CLUB AND COMMUNITY NEWS THROUGH ITS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER"*

PRESENTED TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF:

4TH PLACE: PELLA  
3RD PLACE: DAVENPORT  
2ND PLACE: DES MOINES AM  
1ST PLACE: NORTHWEST DES MOINES

## MEMBERSHIP AWARD

*"IN RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND DISTRICT 6000 GOAL OF A 3% OR MORE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP"*

PRESENTED TO THE ROTARY CLUBS OF:

ADEL  
CENTERVILLE  
CHARITON  
CORALVILLE NORTH CORRIDOR  
CORYDON  
CRESTON

## District 6000 News....

EAST POLK COUNTY  
JOHNSTON  
LENOX  
NEVADA  
WASHINGTON  
WAUKEE

### MEMBERSHIP AWARD 1ST PLACE

*"IN RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND  
DISTRICT 6000 MEMBERSHIP GOAL AND BEING THE NUMBER 1 CLUB....."*

(IN CLUB SIZE 0-50)  
WITH A MEMBERSHIP GAIN OF 20.83%

### **ODYSSEY OF OTTUMWA**

(IN CLUB SIZE 51 – 100)  
WITH A MEMBERSHIP GAIN OF 7.04%

### **AMES MORNING**

(IN CLUB SIZE > 100)  
WITH A MEMBERSHIP GAIN OF 5.08%

### **IOWA CITY**

### DISTRICT AWARD FOR FOUNDATION GIVING AS OF MARCH 31, 2004

*"IN RECOGNATION FOR ITS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION  
TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND....."*

PRESENTED TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF:

3RD PLACE FOR PER CAPITA GIVING OF \$123.26

### **WEST LIBERTY**

2ND PLACE FOR PER CAPITA GIVING OF \$142.53

### **WEST DES MOINES**

1ST PLACE FOR PER CAPITA GIVING OF \$178.57

### **CHARITON**

District 6000 News...

**DISTRICT AWARD FOR FOUNDATION GIVING**  
**AS OF MARCH 31, 2004**

*"IN RECOGNITION FOR ITS OUTSTANDING  
CONTRIBUTION TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION....."*

**PRESENTED TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF:**

**3RD PLACE IN TOTAL GIVING TO THE ANNUAL FUND**  
**MUSCATINE**

**2ND PLACE IN TOTAL GIVING TO THE ANNUAL FUND**  
**AMES NOON**

**1ST PLACE IN TOTAL GIVING TO THE ANNUAL FUND**  
**DES MOINES**

**Presidential Citation Awards**

*"In recognition of its commitment to alleviate poverty and promote  
peace and its support of the Family of Rotary through Rotary service."*

Ames Morning  
Ankeny  
Atlantic  
Boone  
Burlington  
Centerville  
Coralville North Corridor  
Corning  
Corydon  
Davenport  
Des Moines  
Des Moines AM  
Fairfield  
Iowa City AM  
Jefferson

Johnston  
Knoxville  
Lenox  
Manning  
Marshalltown  
Muscatine  
Nevada  
North Scott  
Northwest DM  
Ottumwa  
Pella  
Tipton  
Washington  
Waukee  
West Liberty

**Signed by**

*Denny Skinner*

*Jonathan Majiyagbe*

District 6000 News....

**DISTRICT 6000 ATTENDANCE AWARD**

*"IN RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVING A YEAR-TO-DATE  
ATTENDANCE PERCENTANGE OF..."*

**90.66%, 3RD IN THE DISTRICT**

**WINTERSET**

**96.74%, 2ND IN THE DISTRICT**

**WELLMAN**

**96.78%, 1ST IN THE DISTRICT**

**NORTHWEST DES MOINES**

**GOVERNOR'S DISTRINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION**

*"IN RECOGNITION OF REHABILITATING A RESIDENCE FOR HOMELESS  
VETERANS IN ACTIVE AND COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATION WITH EACH OTHER"*

**PRESENTED TO THE ROTARY CLUBS**

**BETTENDORF  
NORTH SCOTT  
IOWA QUAD CITIES  
DAVENPORT**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

*FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, ZONE 27 RECOGNIZES*

**GARY PACHA, DG 2002-2003**

**DISTRICT 6000  
FOR OUTSTANDING ANNUAL GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS  
2002-2003**

District 6000 News...

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CITATION**

*"IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE FOR ORGANIZING DISTRICT 6000 DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM AND MAKING OUR DISTRICT A MEMBER OF THE IOWA DISASTER HUMAN RESOURCE COUNCIL"*

**AWARDED TO**

**KEITH MATTKE**

**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD**

*"FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN PROMOTING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION AND ITS GOAL OF WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE AND IN RECOGNITION OF EXEMPLARY AND CONTINUED SERVICE TO ROTARY DISTRICT 6000 THROUGH LEADERSHIP OF THE XICOTEPEC MISSION, FAMSCO & WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE"*

**PRESENTED TO**

**JIM PETERSON**

**FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF IOWA CITY AM**

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CITATION**

*"IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE ROTARY CLUBS OF BETTENDORF, DAVENPORT, IOWA QUAD CITIES, AND NORTH SCOTT IN MAKING THEIR DREAM OF A RESIDENCE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS A REALITY."*

**AWARDED TO**

**BROCK EARNHARDT**  
**ASSISTANT GOVERNOR**



## District 6000 News....

# ROTARY FOUNDATION/MEMBERSHIP SEMINARS

For the viability of our organization, the programs of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and Membership depends on knowledgeable members. Please plan on attending one of the July and August scheduled Regional Foundation/Membership Seminars near you.

### Regional Seminars all 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Wednesday July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lakeview Country Club	Chariton IA
Tuesday July 20 <sup>th</sup>	SW Community College	Creston, IA
Thursday July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Scott County Library	Eldridge, IA
Wednesday Aug. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Drake University	Des Moines, IA
Monday Aug. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Hotel Pattee	Perry, IA
Thursday Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ramada Limited	Mt. Pleasant, IA

The District is providing these Seminars at no cost. Remember, the **Magic of Rotary** is personal involvement and that you can turn your dreams into reality in all four Avenues of Service; **Club, Community, Vocational and International**.

Register online on the District 6000 Home Page or call the District Office at 877-976-8279.

**Bill Tubbs, DG 04-05**

**Del Bluhm, District Foundation Chair 04-05**

**Bill Koellner, District Membership Chair 04-05**

# GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE INBOUND

One of the most popular and rewarding programs of The Rotary Foundation is Group Study Exchange. Since the first exchange between districts in California and Japan in 1965, the program has provided educational experiences for about 35,000 business and professional men and women who have served on about 6,500 teams. The GSE program pairs Rotary districts to send and receive study teams. Since 1965, almost US\$59 million has been allocated by The Rotary Foundation for Group Study Exchange grants.

Group Study Exchange, an educational activity of the Rotary Foundation, offers a unique person-to-person opportunity for the promotion of better understanding and friendly relations among the people of the world. The program provides travel grants for the exchange of teams of business and professional people between paired districts in different countries, enabling them to study the institutions and ways of life of their hosts and to develop personal acquaintance and exchange ideas. Traveling with a sense of mission derived from their desire to learn and to promote understanding, these people bring personal knowledge of their own country to the people – their observances of its customs, their explorations into its

business and professional life, their meetings and discussions with its people – create many opportunities for the development of understanding and lasting friendships.

District 6000 welcomed District 4180 from South Central Mexico. Merle Anderson, North Scott Rotary said “They were very polite, very professional, and love to have fun. They have worked hard and have learned a lot. We have also learned much from them.” As with every Group Study Exchange District 6000 Rotarians are given the opportunity to gain a shared understanding of another country’s people. Truly, the Group Study Exchange program has provided Rotarians with one of its most enjoyable practical and meaningful ways to promote world understanding.

Next rotary year will present Rotarians with twice the opportunity. District 6000 will be hosting two separate groups from Australia and Germany.

**BOB VANDER LINDEN  
GSE INBOUND, CHAIR**



## District 6000 News...

# OSAKA

### JAPAN WAS GREAT: SUBMITTED BY BILL TUBBS, DG 2004-2005

Approximately 30 District 6000 Rotarians were among 47,000 who attended the 95<sup>th</sup> Rotary International Convention May 23-26 in Osaka.

As always, attendance at a Rotary International Convention is a mountaintop experience that every Rotarian should do at least once. The Osaka Convention was no exception, from the glorious opening ceremonies that filled the Osaka Dome, where the Osaka Buffaloes baseball team plays, to extraordinary plenary sessions with powerful up-to-date information, to meeting Rotarians from the 166 countries of the Rotary world, and experiencing the hospitable Japanese culture.

We found the Japanese people to be well dressed, well educated, hard working and eager to please. There is more smoking than in the U.S., but the people are slim and we saw no tattoos or body piercing. Eighty percent of Japan, which is smaller than California, is mountainous, and contains some breathtaking landscapes. This also means that 127 million people live in 20 percent of the area, thus the cities are heavily populated. A typical home contains three rooms, thus this convention did not have the usual home host events. The cities we visited – Osaka, Kyoto and Tokyo – are modern and well maintained with no signs of deferred maintenance and the bullet trains run quietly and smoothly at more than 150 mph.

The majority of District 6000 Rotarians were together for the District 6000 breakfast at the Ana Osaka Hotel, continuing a tradition that began at the Indianapolis RI Convention in 1998. Joining Linda and me were Rotarians and their partners: Corliss Klaassen of Chariton, Teresa Thinnies of Davenport, Kim Claussen of Clinton, Russell Johnson of Des Moines, Steve Hedlund of Iowa City, Ken Noble of West Liberty, Kurt Kastendick of Iowa City Downtown, Don Patterson of Washington, and District 6420 Governor-Elect Bob Newlon from Sterling, Ill. Other Rotarians from District 6000 whom we saw were Barb Asefi of Bettendorf, Gary and Nancy Pacha of Iowa City, Mike Ruby of Muscatine, Jeff Koepfel of Iowa City, and Tom Carey of West Des Moines.

Past President Carlos Reveiz announced that \$61.2 million had been pledged to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. We were pleased that while only 47 percent of Rotary clubs world-wide pledged toward this 2004-05 "Every Rotarian, Every Year" campaign, 83 percent of District 6000 clubs made pledges. Thank you to all who did! We hope that our 83 percent will soon become 100 percent!

Linda and I were pleased to be able to give the book, "Sweet Corn and Sushi" to Hiroaki "Phil" Miyata, Governor 2004-05 in District 2660 in Japan. "Sweet Corn and Sushie" is Christie Vilsack's "Iowa Stories 2000" book, which tells of the friendship between Iowa and Yamanashi, Japan. This friendship began when Iowa pigs were air lifted to Japan in 1959 and continued when Yamanashi aided Iowa during the floods of 1993. District 6000 Rotary is a sponsor and our logo is printed on the credits page. The book is written by Iowa author Lori Erickson and illustrated beautifully by Will Thomson. It is printed in both Japanese and English. Mrs. Vilsack is giving a copy to kindergarten children in Iowa. Rotarians are doing their part to ensure its (Next year's "Iowa Stories 2000" book will be about friendship with Mexico, and printed in English and Spanish – a perfect connection for our friends in Xicotepec!)

Five hundred promotional fliers that we gave to the Chicago Host Committee were snatched up immediately. The fliers invite Rotarians from around the world to come to Iowa next year and experience Midwest hospitality before or after the Centennial Rotary International Convention. Sixty thousand people are expected for that event! To register as a home host for these Pre- and Post-Convention Rotary Homestays for Rotarians around the world who are coming to the Chicago Convention, contact Ken Noble at (319) 627-4712.

We encourage everyone to make plans now for next year's Centennial Rotary International Convention, June 18-22 in Chicago. It will be the biggest and grandest RI Convention ever. The RI Convention will never be closer to Iowa, and unless you plan to stick around for the Bicentennial Convention in 2105, you'd better make plans now to attend! To secure rooms in the District 6000 block at the Sheraton Hotel, contact Lloyd Hill immediately at (515) 457-1746. Or, for the experience of a lifetime, volunteer with the Chicago Host Committee by contacting Terry Mueller, (815) 459-2176.





## District 6000 News....

# NWDM ROTARY

The Rotary Club of NW Des Moines has had a year filled with successful projects and exciting adventures. Highlights include:

- 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party--  
In October over 160 members, spouses and honored guests, including District Governor Skinner, former District Governors, and charter members attended NW Rotary's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. A printed program containing memories from each year's president was produced.
- Rotarians read weekly with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Longfellow Elementary  
In honor of Dr. Seuss, a number of books were donated to the students and everyone enjoyed pizza.
- Longfellow students participated in a Vocational Day at DMACC.
- Dianne Downing-Nelson and Jack Gray went on fact finding mission to Xicotepec, Mexico in September. They helped determine a future project - a secondary school.
- Spearheaded by Lloyd Hill, several metro Des Moines Rotary clubs have made a three year financial commitment to help rebuild the Xicotepec secondary school.
- Lloyd Hill and Brad Helgemo traveled to Xicotepec in March where they helped to complete the library and other projects
- Members helped serve dinner monthly at Trinity United Methodist Church
- Sold raffle tickets for gift certificates at Hy-Vee; proceeds going to a scholarship fund
- Raffled a big screen TV; member Bob Dabrieo won with proceeds going to scholarship fund
- A monthly social was establish
- Held a highly successful auction raising over \$6,000
- Were challenged (and badly beaten) in bowling by the Ankeny Rotary Club
- Awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to high school students from Metro West, Urbandale and Dowling
- Gave thousands of dollars to local charities
- Heroes in education were recognized, \$500 were given each to three teachers from Metro West, Urbandale, Dowling
- Hosted GSE team members from Mexico

**LLOYD HILL, PRESIDENT**  
**DIANNE DOWNING-NELSON, SECRETARY**

District 6000 News...

# DISASTER RELIEF

We were wrapping up the annual District Governors visit in 199 and a discussion developed regarding the visualization of Rotary in the community. Ideas ranged from an active association with local newspapers to wearing logo shirts and hats, to one on one discussion with friends, neighbors and associates. The one idea that seemed to surface and the Governor Ray Muston wanted to develop was a disaster volunteer team that could mobilize and be available in times of an emergency.

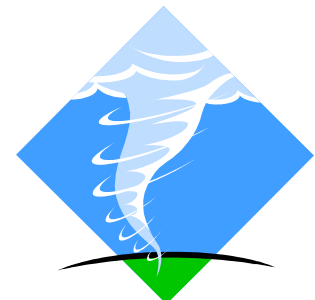
A local committee consisting of members from the North Scott and Davenport club were appointed to develop the idea of an Emergency Disaster Team. Several ideas came out of those meetings, however, it was soon learned after including the county Emergency Management Coordinator, that in times of a serious disaster, the Red Cross, Salvation Army and FEMA are the only groups allowed in the disaster area. At that particular time in history, (January 2000), the State of Iowa was organizing a State Management Division. I was invited along with Don Goering to attend the organizational meetings. Monthly meetings continued in organizing the Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council, as it is known today. The Council is made up of representatives from various faith based, volunteer and government organizations. Each group has specialty areas to offer in meeting the needs in an efficient manner in time of a disaster. Presently the Council is made up of 26 organizations.

As the Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council (IDHRC) worked on developing by-laws and learned of what each organization had to offer, it became apparent that Rotary District 6000 was looked upon as a leading resource to obtain needed equipment, supplies and services in time of a disaster. Rotary District 6000 has become as household word on the Council. Very little was known about the make-up, objectives, goals and sponsorships of Rotary before our involvement. With our active involvement, other states have requested information on how to involve Rotary in organizing their state volunteer Councils.

This is one avenue of service that all Rotary members can volunteer for and "Lend A Hand" in time of a disaster. A current list of Rotary Club Presidents representing the entire State of Iowa is available to the Iowa Emergency Management Division. Should an emergency exist, your club should be able to respond with requested services and/or equipment. If you haven't done a survey of your club to identify of inventory your resources, be sure to do so. A form to help you in the process is available from your District 6000 Disaster representative.

As Rotarians, let's be active and available to serve those in time of need and show the community that we are more than a group that meets from lunch on a weekly basis, or can write checks to solve a problem. "Be Active" and "Lend A Hand".

**Keith Mattke, Chair  
Disaster Relief Committee**



# District 6000 News....

# MAY Attendance

<u>Name of Club</u>	<u>No. of Meetings</u>	<u>No. of Members</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>	<u>Rank for May</u>
Adel				
Albia				
Ames	4	272	0.7082	21
Ames Morning				
Ankeny	4	60	0.82	9
Atlantic	4	62	0.72	18
Bettendorf	4	87	0.7664	12
Bloomfield				
Boone	4	71	0.6008	34
Burlington	4	110	0.8146	10
Carroll	4	62	0.6545	27
Centerville				
Chariton				
Clinton	4	122	0.6277	31
Coon Rapids				
Coralville No Corridor	4	44	0.99	1
Corning	4	59	0.7638	13
Corydon				
Creston	4	38	0.56	37
Dallas Center				
Davenport				
Decatur County	4	18	0.71	20
Des Moines	4	384	0.7108	19
Des Moines AM				
East Polk County	4	43	0.62	33
Fairfield				
Fort Madison				
Grinnell				
Indianola	4	51	0.6942	23
Iowa City				
Iowa City AM	4	58	0.67	24
Iowa Quad Cities	4	45	0.7413	14
Jefferson	4	57	0.7763	11
Johnston	4	32	0.7241	17
Kalona	4	37	0.8321	7
Keokuk				
Keosauqua	4	31	0.63	30
Knoxville				
Lenox	4	37	0.66	25
Manning	4	25	0.74	15
Marengo				
Marshalltown	4	192	0.6461	28
Mount Pleasant				
Mount Pleasant PM				
Muscatine				
Nevada	4	71	0.8528	5
Newton				
North Scott	4	105	0.8525	6
Northwest Des Moines	4	84	0.8645	3
Odyssey	1	23	0.57	36
Osceola	4	40	0.6207	32
Oskaloosa	4	55	0.7	22
Ottumwa	4	114	0.6381	29
Pella	4	41	0.864	4
Perry	4	38	0.74	16
Tipton				
Washington	4	62	0.48	38
Waukee	4	47	0.9644	2
Wellman				
West Des Moines	4	80	0.66	26
West Liberty	4	38	0.6	35
Winterset				