

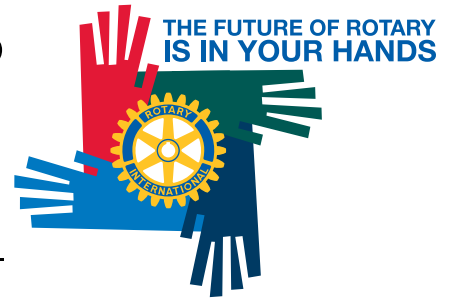
# District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Calvin Litwiller, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

June/July/August 2009



## *Governor's comments . . .*

# The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands

**By DG Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant**

"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands" – Rotary's Future is Yours!!

As Rotarians, we are all responsible for this great organization. Each of us is starting a new year in Rotary, some in leadership positions, but all are involved in Rotary at some level. Rotarians we all remain.

We are all responsible for this great organization. Sir Isaac Newton said, "If I have seen further than others, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." Each one of us is standing on the shoulders of generations of Rotarians past, and it is our responsibility to determine Rotary's future.

This is why the theme for 2009-10 is "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands."

It is important to bear in mind that Rotary is a voluntary organization, composed of people who are themselves leaders. When addressing such an audience it is never fitting to exhort or demand.



**Cal Litwiller**  
District Governor

At the end of the day, everything that we accomplish is done through the strength of our clubs. And so each club must have autonomy to serve where and how it can serve best.

We are Rotarians because we believe in the words of the poet Longfellow, who wrote, "We often judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing. Others judge us by what we have done."

When this year of Rotary is finished, we will be judged by what we have done, and I am confident that District 6000 has the club and district leadership to make this a very successful year.

We strive for continuity in our service, so that we may continue to go from strength to strength. This is why Rotary International has emphases, to encourage clubs to direct their work in the broad areas where Rotary has seen the greatest need and the greatest benefit from Rotary service.

Water and sanitation, health and hunger, literacy and youth will be our emphases in the year ahead.

In this Rotary year, I ask Rotarians to continue to learn from our experiences and to build upon our successes. I ask you all to con-

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## Rotary honors ex-ISU Ambassadorial Scholar

**By DG Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant**

In 1959-60 Alex Buchannan of Australia was lucky to be one of two Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars at Iowa State University. The other one was an economist from Indonesia.

The two look back on their experience at ISU and feel that they had a great year. They studied hard but also had visits together to Rotary clubs, District Assemblies and District Conferences. They were entertained, educated and hosted by Rotarians and others from all over the district and had a wonderful experience in a new land.

Living at a fraternity house for a year was another new experience that created for Alex a ready made group of friends who went out of their way to make him welcome. Alex became well known amongst the Iowa State co-eds because he always wore

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Ambassadorial Scholar Alex Buchannan (l), who studied at Iowa State University, receives The Rotary Foundation's highest alumni honor from RI President D.K. Lee and Past President Jonathan Majiyagbe in June at the RI Convention at Birmingham, England.

# Governor: Water, health, hunger are priorities

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tinue to work for the health and well-being of not only children, but their families, and of people everywhere.

Water is our first emphasis because it is the first necessity for every man, woman and child. We could, I suppose, all live without oil, but none of us can live without water. And so we must work to bring clean water to those who lack it, as well as ensure the safety of existing supplies. This is an area in which I have believed strongly, and after having the opportunity of visiting villages in developing countries and seeing the impact that water has on these communities, I cannot over emphasize the impact of water projects. However, it is important that these projects also deal with sanitation issues, because without adequate sanitation, our good work is easily undone.

Health and hunger are the tent within which so much of our

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– District Governor Cal Litwiller

Rotary service dwells. We must all remember that when we work in this area, we are also working toward the greater goal of peace – for how can there be peace in the world when so many will go to sleep tonight without having eaten today?

In addition to these areas of emphasis it is also important that we continue to stress Membership, Public Relations (Image), and the Foundation. For this reason we are planning seminars throughout District 6000 emphasizing these three areas.

Membership, Public Relations and The Foundation are

like a three-legged stool. A three legged stool is not comfortable and does not perform when one leg is missing.

Membership will always struggle without a good public relations program.

Public Relations are futile without members doing good deeds

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## Alex Buchanan’s food products nourish millions

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a kangaroo pin on his lapel. Women often asked about it and his response would be to take the pin from my lapel and attach it to their lapel or dress or wherever. It didn’t take long to realize that pinning had a special significance in the U.S. for college girls in particular. By the way, Alex always had another 6-8 kangaroo pins behind his lapel so he could do the same thing to the next woman he met. After a year at Iowa State Alex had given away 600 kangaroo pins!

Alex started at ISU believing that he could not do a degree because it took 15-plus months and he was there for only nine months, so he started with a very light academic schedule. At the end of the first week his professor suggested that he try for a master of science degree. Alex took his advisor’s suggestion, knuckled down and worked harder than ever before and ended up graduating in nine months. Alex says it was the best thing he could have done.

Back in Australia, the degree from Iowa State opened the door for Alex to make a career change into food research with Australia’s premier research body, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization. That enabled him to develop a high protein “Milk” biscuit, widely used by the Australian government and others for needy infants and for disaster relief around the world. The high protein content, the convenience, durability and nutritional quality made it a good “appropriate technology.” The biscuits, containing all the essential nutrients of milk, are in a very practical ready-to-eat form that can be stored and distributed without refrigeration. They are ideal for developing countries.

While he was with the Australian Department of Foreign Af-

fairs (now the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade), Buchanan also developed an affordable infant food made from rice and soy flour that is commercially produced in Thailand. Earlier this year, he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for his service to food science and technology, and to the community.

Alex Buchanan says that knowing he has helped nourish millions of children in developing countries gives him “a pretty good feeling.”

A food technologist, Buchanan is a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. He has helped obtain Foundation Matching Grants on behalf of the Melbourne club for service projects in Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and India. A Paul Harris Fellow, he has also worked closely with Past RI President Royce Abbey in establishing the Royce and Jean Abbey Endowment Fund through The Rotary Foundation, which has provided scholarships to 10 students from developing countries for agricultural training in Australia since 2001.

For these and many other accomplishments, The Rotary Foundation presented Buchanan with the 2008-09 Global

Alumni Service to Humanity Award. He accepted the award at the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, saying that he was “surprised and delighted” when first notified of the honor.

The Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award was created to honor outstanding former Foundation program participants whose extraordinary service to humanity and professional achievements exemplify the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self.

“I was drawn to Rotary because it changed my life with the opportunity to work, travel, and study,” Buchanan says.



Alex Buchanan and his wife, Jo, visit with PDG Don Goering (l) and DG Cal Litwiller at the Birmingham convention.

# Challenges for Rotarians, clubs

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in communities or the world and telling the stories of these good deeds.

Many of our projects will not happen without The Foundation providing money to make them possible. Our Foundation will not exist without dedicated Rotarians who believe in it and contribute to it.

Through the combined efforts of these three areas of emphasis Rotary will flourish in District 6000.

*I encourage each Rotarian in District 6000 to:*

- Commit yourself to contributing a minimum of \$100 to the Annual Programs Fund during this 2009-10 Rotary year. These contributions are essential for Rotary to be able to continue to do the good work in the world.
- Contribute to PolioPlus, or head up a program in your community that will bring awareness of Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio, and give your community an opportunity to join in our polio eradication efforts.
- Help your club develop an international partnership which will become a matching grant that can be completed during the 2009-10 Rotary year.
- Help your club identify a new project in your community and apply for a District Simplified Grant.
- Assist your club in hosting a Youth Exchange student during the coming school year.
- Assist your club in hosting a Group Study Exchange team

from District 9790, near Melbourne/Australia, sometime during the month of April 2010.

- Tell the story of Rotary through the various media outlets in your community.
- Attend one of the Foundation, Membership and Public Relation Seminars held near you.
- Work with the Interact, Rotaract and RotaKids group sponsored by your club.

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*– RI President John Kenny*

I quote our Rotary International President John Kenny, when he says, “Whether Rotary will thrive or falter, whether our service will mean much to many or little to few, whether Rotary is known with respect or seen as a relic of days gone by – all this is up to each one of us. We must look beyond our own needs, and we must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communi-

ties and countries in this world. In every one of those communities, there is work to be done. As Rotarians, we will not stand idly by. As Rotarians, we will accept our responsibility. We can and we must.”

Rachel and I have enjoyed the clubs we have visited so far in District 6000. Each club has a number of wonderful projects you are doing in your communities and need to be commended for your work in these areas. We look forward to meeting the remainder of the clubs in District 6000 within the next few months.

The future of our organization is with you. The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.



## **Boone Rotarians throw surprise 97th birthday party for PDG Hellwege**

On July 1 the Rotary Club of Boone gave PDG Paul Hellwege a surprise birthday party. Paul (right picture, front) turned 97 on July 3. The proof that this was a surprise was in the fact that PDG Paul was rendered speechless for several minutes! Those of us who know Paul know that this is indeed a rare occasion. As Boone has 13 new members this year who may not have been as familiar with “The Judge’s” Rotary service (he was district governor in 1954-55), the club distributed pictures of Paul’s life and a picture of the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award from Rotary International being presented to PDG Paul by then Rotary International President Bill Boyd. PDG Don Goering and his wife, Doris, joined the club for the celebration. The pictures are courtesy of Doris.

(submitted by PDG Susan Herrick)



# Ambassadorial Scholars for 2010-11 selected

By Jeff Bremer/Northwest Des Moines

D-6000, Ambassadorial Scholars chair

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce our award recipients for the 2010-2011 academic year. The interviews were held June 6 at Simpson College in Indianola.

Professor Joe Walt, who is a member of the committee, arranges for the members to use a classroom in Mary Berry Hall to interview the scholars.

This year we interviewed eight students and recommended three to The Rotary Foundation to be awarded the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. We had a very evenly balanced pool of candidates and we would like to thank everyone who recommended students for the application process.

Ambassadorial Scholarships, founded in 1947, are The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program. Since then, nearly 38,000 men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. Nearly 800 scholarships were awarded for study in 2005-06. Through grants totaling approximately US\$500 million, recipients from about 70 countries studied in more than 70 nations.

The award recipients for the 2010-2011 academic year are:

1. **Margaret Fountain** is a cadet at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. She is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jefferson. The scholarship will assist Margaret to broaden her range of experiences and open her eyes to impact of dissimilar cultures on intellectual and societal norms. The scholarship will also help her become a more effective Army officer and better

American citizen.

2. **Andrew Boyles** graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in social sciences. He is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Johnston. Andrew wants to develop an in-depth understanding and knowledge of the sustainable development of natural resources. This will impact the great potential for world peace and understanding.

3. **Kashmira Chawla** is a graduate of Drake University with a degree in biochemistry, cell and molecular biology. She is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. As Kashmira pursues her M.D., she wants to focus on serving underserved populations in the United States and in developing countries. Her program of study will allow her the freedom to interact and gain an understanding of another people's way of life.

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

The deadline for applications for the 2011-2012 academic year is April 5, 2010. Questions can be addressed to Jeff Bremer at (515) 249-5366, or e-mail: [jeffbremers@mchsi.com](mailto:jeffbremers@mchsi.com).

Committee members include Joe Walt, Indianola; Richard Johns, Iowa City; Susan Christensen, Ames; Jason Summers, Albia; and Cindy Mays, West Liberty.



## *Passing of the pin at Mt. Pleasant . . .*

The Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant celebrated Cal Litwiller's coming year as district governor at its June 29 meeting. District Governor 2008-09 Susan Herrick pinned the governor's pin on Cal's lapel (right photo). Ingrid Teboe, the Mt. Pleasant club's president for 2009-10, joins soon-to-be Governor Litwiller with the travelling banner that is displayed at the home club of the district governor. Cal is the first governor from the Mt. Pleasant club since W. Ralph Taylor in 1959.

# 'Ey Mate!' Group Study Exchange team to travel to District 9790, Australia

**By Karin Franklin/Iowa City  
and Lynn Hicks/Des Moines**

D-6000, GSE Committee chair and Outbound chair

The team is selected and will shortly begin its preparation for the 2010 exchange with District 9790 in southeast Australia.



**Rita Perea**  
GSE Team  
Leader

Our team leader, Rita Perea of the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines, was selected in June after interviewing 12 excellent candidates for team leader. Rita has taken the bull by the horns and has been actively recruiting team members, along with the District 6000 Outbound Committee led by Lynn Hicks of the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

The committee conducted 15 interviews on Aug. 29 and selected the team:

- Cara George, 26, Norwalk, personal lines service supervisor, Allied Insurance (nominated by the Rotary Club of Des Moines);
- Kyla Kiester, 30, Des Moines, project manager, Iowa Healthcare Collaborative (nominated by the Rotary Club of Des Moines);
- Julie Stevens, 30, Delmar, Northeast Iowa Community College, instructor/landscape architect (nominated by the Rotary Club of North Scott);
- Natasha Wilson Boland, 25, Iowa City, international studies program assistant, University of Iowa (nominated by the Rotary Club of Iowa City).

Alternate is:

- Julie Pollock, 34, Iowa City, international students adviser, University of Iowa (nominated by the Rotary Club of Iowa City);

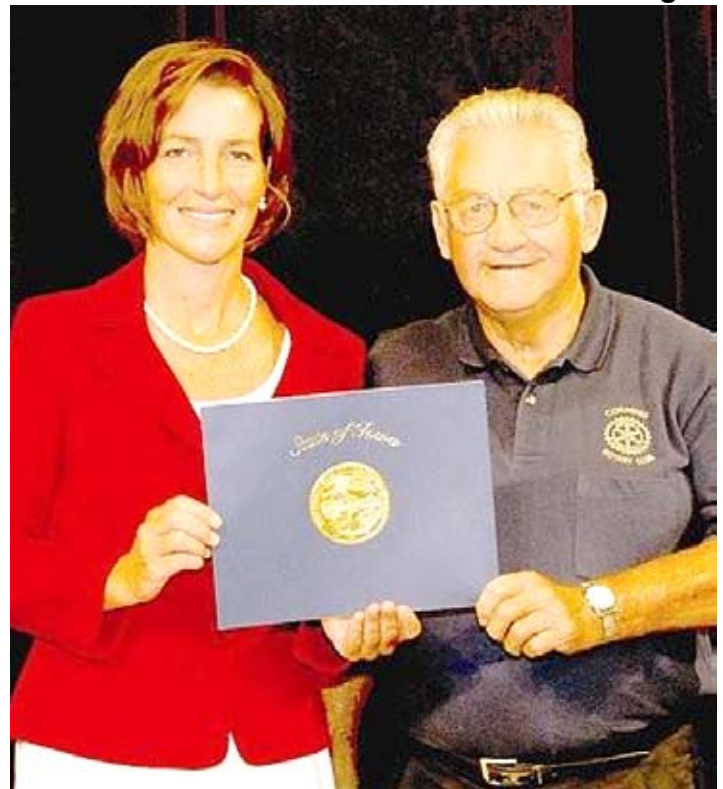
We are in the process of notifying the other candidates. We had a strong group of candidates, although we wished for more gender, geographic and professional diversity. We certainly identified some future Rotarians in the bunch.

Thanks to Karin Franklin, Rachel Litwiller, Gary Welch and Rita Perea for interviewing and selecting the team.

The team will leave for Australia on or around Feb. 26, 2010, heading for the Melbourne area. They will then spend four weeks with Australian Rotarians, visiting various sites and many Rotary clubs, while interacting with their professional counterparts "down under."

Group Study Exchange is a Rotary Foundation program, designed for the professional development of non-Rotarians, with the goal of furthering international understanding and exposing young professionals to the world of Rotary.

The team from Australia will be visiting Iowa in April. Any clubs wishing to act as hosts for the team should contact Mark Snell at [mark.snell@scouting.org](mailto:mark.snell@scouting.org). Detailed plans for their visit will need to be completed by the end of February.



First Lady Mari Culver presents the Governor's Volunteer Award to the Rotary Club of Corning, represented by Rotarian Ron Hunter.

## Governor's office honors Rotary Club of Corning for volunteer service

Ron Hunter accepted a Governor's Volunteer Award, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Corning, from First Lady Mari Culver during a special ceremony held July 27 in Des Moines.

The Governor's Volunteer Award program was established in 1982 to honor and recognize volunteers for the commitment, service and time they contribute. Corning Rotary was recognized for its many years of roadside cleanup.

Corning Rotarians were on the move in July. With the start of a new Rotary year, officers were installed at the first meeting in July. Outgoing President Adam Grundman passed the gavel to 2009-10 president Jodi Lyddon. Other officers include President-elect Nancy Turner, secretary Richard Shellenberg and treasurer Becky Rike.

Rotarians were busy in the community as well. Rotary has traditionally sponsored a trip for elementary boys baseball and girls softball teams to see the Iowa Cubs play in Des Moines. A fun outing was had by all who attended. During RAGBRAI, Rotarians assisted with traffic as the bicyclists wove their way through Corning. The Adams County Fair saw the Rotarians hold their luncheon meeting in the 4-H building at the Fairgrounds. Several 4-Her's presented to the club what their projects had been for the year. The month ended with Rotarians serving a pancake breakfast during the Arts and Cars Celebration. The free will offering will support Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio throughout the world.

*(submitted by Nancy Turner)*



# Plan to attend one of five regional seminars

By DG Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

Our District 6000 Fall Training Seminars are just around the corner. This year our District Training Committee has added some new elements to support the important work that your club is doing. In addition to our popular Membership and Foundation Seminars, we will also offer a Public Image training session. These interactive seminars are sure to help your club get a good start in the new Rotary year.

Join us for food, fellowship and fun. Best of all, we are offering this training free of charge to your club.

Won't you please take a moment and register your club's entire team today? It's easy, just go [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org) for registration.

Who should attend? Any interested Rotarian from District 6000, but especially club presidents, membership, foundation and public relations/image chairs from each club should attend one of these important training events.

Where and when will the fall seminars be held? There are five locations:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 15: Atlantic**, at the Western Community College, Cass County Center.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 16: Des Moines area**, at the DMACC Ankeny campus.
- **Thursday, Sept. 17: Pella**, at the Third Reformed Church.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 22: Mt. Pleasant**, at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- **Thursday, Sept. 24: West Liberty**, at the Community Cen-

ter.

For driving directions go to [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org), click on the seminar you are registering for, and a map giving directions to that location is provided.

Seminars in all locations will begin at 6:00 and end at 9:00 p.m.

Participants can register by going to [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org). A separate registration link is provided for each seminar location. Your team can also register by phone at (877) 976-8279.

A light sandwich meal will be provided.

*The tentative agenda:*

6:00 Registration, sandwiches, table talk.

6:15 DG Cal's Welcome

6:35 Transition Time

6:45 Break-out Sessions Begin on Rotary Foundation, Membership and Public Relations (Appoint a reporter for large group session, use chart paper and markers to capture important dialogue points).

7:50 Break-out Session Wrap-up (chart paper to reporter).

8:00 Break-out Session ends.

8:10 DG Cal to Reconvene in Large Group (Reporters to report out: share ideas generated with the large group). District Announcements and Door Prizes.

8:45 Adjourn

Questions? Contact Carolyn at the district office, (877) 976-8279. We hope to see your club well represented at the Fall Training Seminars. The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.



Rotary district leaders from Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin received training in Rotary Foundation, Membership and Public Relations July 25 at Drake University in Des Moines.



Attending the July 25 Zone training seminar at Drake University were (l-r): Don Goering (Ames), Rita Perea (Greater Des Moines), Bill Koellner (West Liberty), Diana Reed (Northwest Des Moines), Gary Welch (Ankeny), Cal Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), Bill Tubbs (North Scott) and John Tone (Des Moines).



Three PDGs from District 6000 are in leadership with Rotary International (l-r): Bill Tubbs is Area Coordinator for 165 districts in North America for Public Image; Diana Reed is Membership Coordinator; and Don Goering is Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, both for 12 districts in Zone 28.



District 6000 Club Extension chair Bill Koellner and trainer Rita Perea gave a talk at the Zone meeting on the importance of organizing new Rotary clubs.

# Leadership training points to Multi-District PETS

*District 6000 is one of 13 out of 150 districts in U.S. not currently involved*

**By DGE Gary Welch/Ankeny**

Rotary International and District 6000 recognize the importance of quality club leadership. We are preparing for your year of leadership of your clubs, committees and district leadership. There is no question the importance of the quality of leadership, especially of your Rotary club, is critical.

Past RI President Bill Boyd said that a primary cause of membership losses is poor club leadership. If a club is struggling or has poor leadership, it is the direct responsibility of the district leadership to provide the highest quality training and tools for your success and growth.

As you know, RI requires assistant governors and club presidents to attend training for their respective positions. We owe it to each and every club to provide the best training possible so that the skills and tools will provide enthusiasm and leadership skills that translate into everyday business skills for our members. Any good business person will re-evaluate his or her business plan if sales are decreasing. You don't wait until the doors close.

The current trend of Rotary International and District 6000 is that there is a gradual loss of membership over the years. This affects our ability to create leaders and continue the good work for which Rotary is known.

District 6000 has many good volunteers who make every effort to provide the best training possible, but it is time to investigate alternatives. In our efforts to improve training, we are taking a serious look at Multi-District training.

Ray Klingensmith, Rotary International President-Elect, and Tom Thorfinnson, RI Director, have been encouraging District 6000 to consider joining a Multi-District PETS. Along with Past District Governors Diana Reed, Bill Tubbs and Don Goering, who have had experience with Multi-District training, they have encouraged us to consider it.



DGE Gary Welch (fourth from left) and DGN Don Patterson (not pictured) met with Rotary leaders at the Multi-District PETS Alliance training at RI in Evanston, July 17-18, (l-r): DGE Roger Kueter (D-5970), DGE Larry Wilcox (D-5950), RI President-Elect Ray Klingensmith, DGE Welch, DGE Craig Leiser (D-5960) and PDG Ken Crabb (D-5960), committee chair.

Currently, the USA has 30 Multi-District AG and PETS training events that involve 150 districts and 7,785 clubs. There are only 13 districts in the U.S. that are not involved in Multi-District training, and District 6000 is one of 13.

In addition, the DMACC facility in Newton is no longer available as a site for the AG and PETS training, so we need to find another facility. Due to a variety of circumstances, it seems like a good time to evaluate the benefits of joining a Multi-District training program.

With that in mind, the executive committee agreed to allow DGN Don Peterson and me to evaluate the benefits and concerns.

At the same time, we received an invitation to join Districts 5970 (northern Iowa), 5950 (Minnesota) and 5960 (Minnesota and western Wisconsin) to put together a Multi-District AG and PETS training seminar.

Though we did not commit to anything, we did attend the committee meeting forming the "North Central Multi-District AG & PETS" on June 3 in Bloomington, Minn. That is where their first multi-district training will be held on Feb. 26-27, 2010.

We also attended the Multi-District PETS Alliance training at RI headquarters in Evanston, Ill., July 17-18. I attended the organizational meeting on Aug. 15 in Dubuque, which is where Multi-District PETS will be held in 2011. (The plans are to move the multi-district training between districts so everyone shares in the distance traveled.)

*Advantages of Multi-District PETS are at left.*

Issues of concern include the added cost to the AGs and PEs due to distance to travel and lodging. As we discussed these concerns with numerous other members of Multi-District PETS that have been in existence for a number of years, the benefits outweighed the concerns. They quite often have a 95-100 percent attendance rate with improved results with stronger clubs and districts. Many members of the Multi-District Alliance stated that, "Once you have participated in Multi-District training, it becomes a desired activity to repeat and you would not go back to a single district".

No official recommendation has been made, however, if we decide to join the Multi-District training it will be in Dubuque in 2011 and in District 6000 during 2012.

If you have any questions or suggestions, I would encourage you to contact either: Don Patterson, (319) 863-8020, or e-mail: pattd101@iowatelecom.net; or Gary Welch, (515) 964-7432, or e-mail: gwelch3002@msn.com.

## Advantages of Multi-District PETS

*Advantages of Multi-District AG & PETS training are:*

- Access to the RI President, Directors and other RI leaders.
- Increased resources.
- Consistent professional training; it becomes an event that reflects the true nature of Rotary. What we see in the local clubs are often the tip of the iceberg and this would broaden that perspective.
- It is more cost effective.
- Learn from other clubs and districts with similar problems.
- Focus on issues with clubs of similar size.
- Allows networking across not only districts but zones, and increases our ability to create joint projects and multiply their impact.
- Raises the level of understanding and interaction between clubs, districts and RI.
- Creates an understanding of the Spirit of Rotary.
- Increases leadership skills that may be translated into improved job performance and skills.



# Polio campaign continues



**By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone**

D-6000, PolioPlus Challenge chair

The fight to eradicate polio from the planet still wages on. The Aug. 26, 2009, Wild Poliovirus Weekly Update showed that the case count year-to-date is 884 cases globally – a smaller number than year-to-date 2008 (1088) but with new outbreaks in countries that were previously polio-free. These cases are still primarily in the endemic countries (Nigeria, 368; India, 236; Pakistan, 42; and Afghanistan, 17) but with five new countries where the disease has emerged.

So, this is a fight that still remains to be won.

District 6000's portion of the PolioPlus \$200 Million Challenge is \$378,000 by the end of 2012, refined down to \$25/Rotarian/year for the next three years. Since the Challenge began Dec. 1, 2007, with combined contributions from Rotarians in District 6000 and District Designated Funds authorized by district governors, District 6000 has donated \$182,944.07, or 48 percent of our goal for 2012.

*This is great news!* But it is not a signal to relax our efforts.

Your District 6000 PolioPlus Challenge Committee has been working to develop strategies to raise funds to bring our commitment to the PolioPlus Challenge in by the 2012 deadline.

The first portion of our efforts is to discover why some of our Rotary clubs have contributed no funds to the PolioPlus Chal-

lenge since its inception on Dec. 1, 2007. There is a real possibility that those clubs that show no contributions may have incorrectly submitted donations to The Rotary Foundation. There are specific forms for donating funds to the PolioPlus Challenge and it is possible that some of our club treasurers are not familiar with those forms. Those forms are the TRF Global Contribution Form (123-EN) that has a specific box to be checked for PolioPlus or the Multiple Donor Form (094-EN) that also has a specific box to be checked for Polio Plus.

Presentations are planned to be given on PolioPlus at the five District Foundation/Membership/Public Relations Seminars to be held in September.

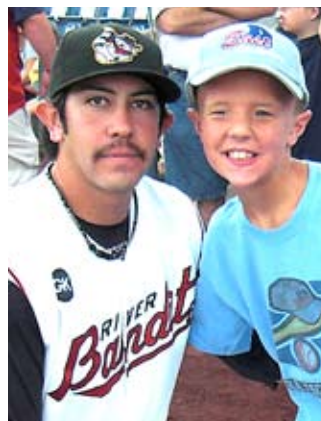
There is even discussion about developing a vanity plate for our Rotarians' vehicles that features the Rotary wheel and our End Polio Now logo, or polo shirts designed with those same marks. Watch for details of this project in the near future.

We are aware that many of our district Rotary clubs are holding public events that not only educate about polio eradication but also raise public funds to help us in our PolioPlus \$200 Million Challenge.

We congratulate and thank all those District 6000 Rotarians who continue with us to walk that final path to reach the eradication of polio worldwide.



Twelve Rotary clubs in the Quad Cities raised \$12,000-plus for polio eradication in their second annual "Rotary Night at the Ballpark" Aug. 17 at Modern Woodmen Park in Davenport. A pre-game polio message was given by DG Cal Litwiller (top, left), accompanied by northern Illinois District Governor Elise Cadigan. Club presidents (above) Dave Deuth (Bettendorf), Chuck Briegel (North Scott), Brian Delaney (Davenport) and Dave Borcharding (Iowa Quad Cities) were among those throwing out the first pitch (below, left). Pre-game festivities featured Rotary projects like Challenger Little League, and the National Anthem by Rotarian Emily Shenk (right, below). More than 5,000 attended the game.





## Kansas City Royals, Minnesota Twins partner with Rotary to 'Strike Out Polio'

Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Chariton and Decatur County, along with family friends, spent a beautiful Sunday afternoon on Aug. 23 at the ballpark in Kansas City. They saw the Minnesota Twins baseball team defeat the Kansas City Royals.

The Royals and the Rotarians from the Kansas City area partnered to raise money to "Strike Out Polio." The tickets were sold to the Rotarians at the regular price of \$26. Fourteen dollars was then contributed to The Rotary Foundation, earmarked for the PolioPlus program.

Over 300 Rotarians, family and friends took advantage of this promotion. Rotarian Robert Thompson, District 5710 Polio Eradication chair, said between \$8,000 and \$10,000 was raised to support this "Strike Out Polio" promotion.



Members and friends of the Rotary Clubs of Chariton and Decatur County attended the Royals' vs. Twins' game in Kansas City to "strike out polio." Boys on sidewalk: Matthew and Quentin Coffelt. Front (l-r): Henry Klaassen, Hannah Klaassen, Jodi Klaassen-Define, Alexandria Define, Angie Klaassen, Jeanne Klaassen, Phyllis Miller, Brock Oxenreider, Crystal Oxenreider, Ruthie Graham, Rotarian Linda Chastain and Tanya Coffelt. Back: PDG Corliss Klaassen, Spencer Klaassen, Chris Coffelt, Peggy Geiger, AG Terry Geiger and Joe Oxenreider.

## Washington Rotary sponsors 'Biking To End Polio'

The Rotary Club of Washington hosted its first "Biking To End Polio" event on Saturday, June 6, at Central Park in Washington, starting at 7:00 a.m.

The riders were greeted with a rainy day, and the registration table was quickly moved under the awning in front of the Bodywrx Fitness Center. Twenty-six riders participated. The short route, about 20 miles, drew 12 riders, the middle route, about 33 miles, drew six riders, and eight hardy souls braved the rain to ride the 56 mile route through Winfield.

Approximately \$1,400 was raised from



Contact the Rotary Club of Washington to buy an attractive "End Polio Now" t-shirt.

rider registrations and t-shirt sales. Local Rotary club members sponsored the t-shirts and got their business names printed on the back and the "End Polio Now" logo on the front. Each club member was encouraged to buy a shirt to support the effort, even if they didn't bike on that day.

If you would like to buy a (Rotary blue) t-shirt, talk to Don Patterson or email Myron Graber at [mg1948@hotmail.com](mailto:mg1948@hotmail.com).

We plan to make this an annual event and we hope to have wide support from other area clubs and better weather in the future!

## Create awareness with a Rotary 'Humanity in Motion' billboard

**By Tom Brooke/West Liberty**  
Chair, D-6000 Billboards Committee

The Rotary Billboard program is a great way to get the message of Rotary across to the driving public.

Most outdoor advertising companies sell their unsold spaces at a discounted price to non-profit organizations. But there have been some changes over the last couple of years. Lamar Advertising in Dubuque and the Quad Cities handles many eastern Iowa

communities and Clear Channel and Wait Advertising are in the central and southern part of the state. Their non-profit policies are the same, but with different posting charges.

Most outdoor advertising companies are now using a wrap-around material called poster fles instead of paper on their billboards. It lasts longer and retains its color better than paper. The cost for producing this is around \$125.

Another product is vinyl. This product can be removed and used later. The approximate cost is around \$575. Poster charges vary, but Lamar is \$150. Most space is for one month but if the space remains unsold, the poster will remain at no additional cost.

Billboard PSAs can be customized, and copy can be supplied by Rotary International. For information, contact Tom Brooke, West Liberty, (319) 627-7124, or e-mail: [tmbrooke@Lcom.net](mailto:tmbrooke@Lcom.net).

# District Simplified Grants deadline is Oct. 1

By Doug Flournoy/Fairfield

District Simplified Grants chair 09-12

A District Simplified Grant is a grant to District 6000 from The Rotary Foundation. Our district uses this grant as a tool to support short-term humanitarian or civic projects carried out by local clubs of the district. We accomplish this by in turn distributing these grant monies to individual clubs through the District Simplified Grants Committee.

To apply for a portion of these monies you first must choose a project that your club can likely complete in 12 months. The project must abide by Rotary Foundation guidelines. Then, complete a DSG application which may be found online at the district's Web site, and submit it to the DSGC chair by Oct. 1, 2009.

After the grant applications are received, the chair distributes copies to all committee members who then evaluate them based on four criteria. These criteria are:

- 1) Club contribution ratio;
- 2) Members' hands-on involvement;
- 3) Benefit to disadvantaged people; and
- 4) Club's support for The Rotary Foundation (EREY).

These criteria are given equal weighting. Decisions on funding will be made on Oct. 18, 2009, during our annual meeting conducted at the district office in Pella.

When writing your grant, please follow these guidelines. The maximum grant award is \$5,000 per club; the club must provide at least \$1 cash (or sweat equity) for each \$1 DSG money requested, and the sweat equity portion cannot exceed the club's cash contribution.

The Rotary Foundation is held in high regard. One reason for this is the emphasis Rotary places on accountability. This is accomplished through a reporting process we follow with each grant.



Decatur County Rotarians put in sweat equity hours while applying the first coat of paint on a new restroom facility May 30 at the Slipp Bluff Park. The Club received a District Simplified Grant that will be providing fixtures for the park. Pictured (l-r): John Henderson, Loring Miller, AG Terry Geiger, Linda Chastain, Jack DePond and Phil Metcalf.

It is a straightforward process and the form is only one page in length.

If awarded a grant you must make an interim report to District 6000 after the first six months and a final report when the project is complete. Frequently only a final report need be made. We ask that clubs submit public relations material with final report and keep documentation for five years.

In 2008-09 the committee received 27 applications requesting \$75,273. Unfortunately, we had only \$40,567 to distribute, so some tough decisions had to be made. We ended up funding 17 grants, with humanitarian grants being given preference over civic projects. Our criteria emphasize this aspect of the evaluation process and are consistent with Rotary Foundation guidelines.

*Here are the top rated projects for 2008-09:*

- Computer Literacy and Life Skills for Sudanese refugees (Ames);
  - Assistance for Crisis Center Families (Chariton);
  - Mock crash demonstration for school (Nevada);
  - Restoring entrance to Neveln Community Center (Ankeny);
  - Books for fourth graders (Marshalltown);
- Civic projects were also funded, and here are four examples:*
- Rest area and water fountain along the river front (Muscatine);
  - Bathroom update for Slip Bluff County Park (Decatur County);
  - Trash receptacles/message board (West Liberty);
  - Alter Lake Restoration (Fort Madison).

We have approximately \$48,000 to distribute in 2009-10 and we encourage each club to apply for a grant. When applying, please keep in mind the guidelines and make sure your grant reaches me by Oct. 1. All materials can be found on the district's Web site but feel free to call or e-mail me with questions or concerns.



Kay Carpenter, president of the Rotary Club of Coralville North Corridor, and Shane Hendricks (r), past president, received food items from Phil Shive, chair of the club's food drive, for the Crisis Center. The club collected 232 pounds of food and \$322.40 cash for the semi-annual drive.



## MECCA playground:

# DSG project builds partnerships in Iowa City

By Karin Franklin/Iowa City

Club President

Sometimes the best way to get something done is to join forces with others and get to work! This is exactly what happened with a project inspired by PDG Susan Herick's charge to clubs to engage in a project, in her year, that would address the issue of substance abuse and child welfare.

In the spring of 2009, the Rotary clubs of the greater Iowa City area joined together to complete a playground at the MECCA (Mid-Eastern Council on Chemical Abuse) transitional housing site in Iowa City.



This toddler is one of the many beneficiaries of the new playground.

who are working through the difficult task of breaking chemical dependency and rebuilding families. The playground gives them a

The collaborative efforts of the four clubs – Iowa City, Iowa City Downtown, Iowa City AM and Coralville-North Corridor – partnered with District 6000 through the District Simplified Grant program to undertake an \$8,000 playground enhancement project.

The beneficiaries of this project are the kids and families in MECCA housing



Ambassadors of the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce and Rotarians cut the ribbon to celebrate the completion of a playground at Mid-Eastern Council on Chemical Abuse. Four Rotary clubs cooperated in the project, which was funded in part with a Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant.

place to play, bond, shoot some hoops, have a cookout, and do ordinary family stuff in a pleasant environment.

As the project involved removal and replacement of the surface of the playground and some landscaping, the partnership expanded to include the local businesses of Quality Care, who provided equipment and employees to work side by side with us; City Carton Recycling, who provided a skid-loader to off-load the rubber mulch; Pleasant Valley Nursery, who provided design services for the landscaping; and Emerald Green Lawn Care, who helped with the sod replacement. Despite plentiful rain on our work days, we were able to get the

job done with these partners.

And finally, the playground was dedicated with a ribbon-cutting with the Ambassadors of the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce. A plaque with the Rotary wheel is displayed on a wall abutting the playground.

All this was accomplished with the use of a Rotary District Simplified Grant – funds which come back to our Rotary district from our contributions to The Rotary Foundation three years prior. These grants are a great way to do local projects and involve club members in service to our communities – the reason why we are Rotarians.



The MECCA housing playground project in Iowa City.



Rotarians at work on the MECCA playground in Iowa City – a four-club District Simplified Grant project.



# Northwest Des Moines Rotary Club sponsors inaugural 'Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride'

By Jim Arthur/Northwest Des Moines

This past year, Charles Gabus, longtime sparkplug of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines and Past District Governor, passed away. In his honor, Northwest Des Moines Rotary sponsored the first annual Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride on July 5, 2009.

The ride started at the Walker Johnson Park in Urbandale on that city's trail system and followed trails through Urbandale, Clive and Waukee. The police departments of Urbandale and Clive gave support, registering bicycles and patrolling the trails.

Distance choices of 5 miles, 20 miles and even 60 miles were offered to the 100 riders. Participants were served hamburgers and hot dogs before and after the ride. Over 32 members of the club (over half) gave support on the day of the event. Committees included Registration/Package Pick up, Family Fun Activities, Food and Beverage, Bike Trails/Course, and the Clean-Up team.



Charlie Gabus  
Past District Governor

The project was strongly supported by sponsorship from 37 cash donors, with over half from the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. The total from sponsors was \$23,300. In addition there were 10 in-kind donors.

A raffle offering a bike and other prizes grossed \$5,375.

Beneficiaries include Reach Out and Read, Urbandale School fourth-grade dictionary purchase, Urbandale Police, Urbandale Parks and Recreation (for trail improvement) and the Des Moines



Club members Nancy Johnson, Wanda Armstrong and Larry Sample register a participant for the ride.

Bicycle Collective. The Collective reconditions donated old bikes. They are made available to kids, the homeless and near homeless, and to refugees that need inexpensive transportation.

Assistance with information and encouragement was provided by the Janesville Wisconsin Morning Rotary Club, which has had a bike ride for eight years.

Co-chairs of the event were Gene Gabus and Chuck Corwin. A committee of 15 club members met on a bi-weekly basis for breakfast for nine months to plan the event.



Club members applied decals to ride participants and provided freshly cooked hot dogs and hamburgers before and after the ride.



The police departments of Urbandale and Clive gave support on the trails and in registering bicycles.



# Lobster caper cleans up with cash for Bettendorf

By Shirley Davis

Columnist/Eldridge North Scott Press

**W**e were up to our elbows in butter, but being among the 300 who attended the Bettendorf Rotary Club's Lobster Fest June 13 at Rivermont Collegiate in Bettendorf was worth the mess we created at tables set up beneath a circus-sized tent on the school's spacious grounds. We were raising money for Rotary charities and having a lot of fun doing it!

Even with the aid of various tools to break the lobster shell, a bib to protect our clothing and reams of paper to mop up the spilled butter, I still felt like I needed a bath by the end of the meal. But, it was certainly worth the trouble when we finally got down to the delicious lobster meat and when we realized that we were contributing to funds for the Rotary's worthy charities.

This was the third year in a row for this Bettendorf Rotary lobster event, so everything went almost like clockwork. First of all, the live lobsters had to be flown in from New England to arrive at the Quad-City International Airport at a specific time so they could be transported to Bettendorf in time for dinner.

The cooking of 300 lobsters must have been a monumental task, but they were served to all 300 in a record-breaking 18 minutes. The New England-style dinner and donated desserts were the ploy to get us to pay \$60 a ticket and to bid on dozens of auction items – all for a number of very worthy causes.

I'm pretty sure that everyone who attended the event bought at least one \$20 box of chocolates (4 pieces to a box) for a chance to win airline tickets for two to anywhere in the continental United States. The owner of the lucky box was Ruhl and Ruhl realtor Dan Konrardy, Davenport, who will choose his trip destination later in the year. "My wife is pregnant," he said, "and due in October, so we'll take our trip after that."

"Actually, he admitted, 'I'm not a Rotarian. I'm a member of the Davenport Optimist Club and came to the party just to see what the Rotarians were up to.' He's obviously delighted he decided to attend."

Rumors around the grounds were that a new Rotary club is about to be formed in DeWitt. We also got to chat with the amazing Father Etukuri Raphael, a Catholic priest serving in south-central India. It seems our Jim Slavens met Fr. Raphael during a Rotary Group Study Exchange in the mid-1990s.

This was Fr. Raphael's fifth visit to the Quad-Cities, thanks to Slavens, who described the priest in a recent Rotary publication as "a wonderful human being who has devoted his life to living among the poorest of the poor and helping them im-



Scott Nauman, as Loudmouth Louie, welcomes Rotarians and guests.

prove their quality of life."

Fr. Raphael said he has done \$25,000 worth of projects over the past 10 years through the Bettendorf Rotary.

Amazing stories all. Nicole McWilliams, the Bettendorf Rotary president, is proud that she's been involved in all three Lobster Fests, the first two raising some \$60,000 for their charities.

Dressed as a bright red lobster, Bettendorf city administrator Decker Ploehn was auctioneer for one of the bigger prizes – a barge trip on the Mississippi. The winner was Mark Kleine of Galesburg, whose \$1,000 bid won the trip.

Working the crowd throughout the evening were Rotarians Scott Nauman, dressed as Loudmouth Louie, and Rich

James as a lobster fisherman.

Silent bidding went on through the evening for motel stays, dinners, gift certificates, goodie baskets, sports items (including a bus trip to Wrigley Field and a Green Bay Packers' football), arts objects, children's video games, hair care, spa treatments – even a decorative bathroom sink and a gift certificate for automobile detailing.

North Scott Press publisher Bill Tubbs, Eldridge, a Rotary Past District Governor, for instance, had the winning bid for an original watercolor portrait to be painted by Bettendorf artist Ward Olson. And Dr. Ken Wilcke, Walcott veterinarian and a Davenport Rotarian, held the top bid for a John Deere wagon that he plans to display in his yard.

Committee member Carter LeBeau, Davenport, a Bettendorf Rotary member, and his wife, Kaye, were among those who helped find auction items, did some of the decorating, then worked the registration desk and helped set up and tear down the tables in the giant tent on the grounds of Rivermont. "We were so busy we didn't have time to bid on anything," he said.

It was Atty. Frank Mitvalsky of Moline, wearing a big cowboy hat with his welcoming costume, who was actually the founder of the Lobster Fests, along with past president Carolyn Leutwyler, according to LeBeau. The committee was still counting the money at this writing, but it's obvious that this unique money-raiser is destined for another big year – and possibly still another.

*In a 51-year career at the Davenport Quad-City Times, Shirley Davis was Women's Editor and Plus 60 Club director. She is now a columnist for the Eldridge North Scott Press and lives in DeWitt.*



Fr. Raphael – aid for India's poor children



Bettendorf city administrator Decker Ploehn, in lobster gear, with Shirley Davis and her husband, Bill Homrighausen, raises funds for Bettendorf Rotary.



District 6000 Rotarians Rachel and Cal Litwiller of Mount Pleasant and Bill Ashton of Davenport (shaking hands) met RI President-Nominee Kalyan Banerjee while performing international service in India in 2006.

## District 6000 Rotarians met President-Nominee in '06

Kalyan Banerjee, a member of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India, since 1972, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2011-12. Banerjee will become the president-nominee on Oct. 1 if there are no challenging candidates.

Banerjee said he would like to see Rotary "blossom from being the world's most recognized service organization to being the most important NGO [nongovernmental organization] in the world.

"Rotary, it is said, has the strength of a government and the tenderness of a parent," he added.

Banerjee is a director of United Phosphorus Limited, the largest agrochemical manufacturer in India, and the chair of United Phosphorus (Bangladesh) Limited. He is a member of the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Chemical Society, a past president of Vapi Industries Association, and former chair of the Gujarat chapter of the Confederation of Indian Industry. He earned a degree in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, in 1964.

Banerjee has served Rotary as a director, Rotary Foundation trustee, committee and task force chair, International Assembly group discussion leader, president's representative, and district governor.

The chair of the Southeast Asia Regional PolioPlus Committee, Banerjee has served as a member of the International PolioPlus Committee for many years and has attended international meetings with the World Health Organization and UNICEF in that capacity.

Banerjee is a Major Donor, Benefactor, and Bequest Society member, and has been awarded the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award.

Banerjee also serves as a trustee of Rotary club-sponsored trusts that support many educational and community development programs in India, including a 250-bed hospital.

Banerjee's wife, Binota, is a social worker and Inner Wheel club member. The couple has two children and four grandchildren.

## Iowa M.O.S.T. in Guatemala: A relationship that keeps evolving and expanding

**By PDG Gary Pacha/Iowa City**

Chair, Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team

As Iowa MOST (Miles Of Smiles Team) missions continue in Guatemala, our relationships with our Guatemalan Rotary partners expand.

Getting to know our partners through working closely together cements our friendship and it also creates awareness of further needs, providing us with new opportunities to help improve conditions for those in great need.

We have now learned about the lack of a basic essential in Huehuetenango that we have the chance to help make available. One of the beauties of building Rotary relationships is that they evolve and expand.

Last February while participating in the Iowa MOST cleft lip and palate surgical mission in Huehuetenango, FAMSCO President Karin Franklin paid a visit to the local fire station and spoke with Rotarian and volunteer firefighter Vinicio Lopez concerning equipment that FAMSCO might be able to provide to the department.

In June, Rotarian Lopez and two Huehuetenango firefighters visited our Rotary district. They examined the contents of the FAMSCO warehouse and were delighted with the turnout gear and medical equipment that they thought would find useful. The two firefighters each carried home a "new" helmet, and Rotarian Lopez took a defibrillator, the first their department will have ever had. As soon as it can be arranged, a shipment of fire and medical equipment and supplies will be dispatched.

As they visited the fire departments of Clinton, Davenport, Iowa City and West Liberty, as well as the Johnson County Ambulance Service and University of Iowa Air Care, our Guatemalan friends began to reveal their most basic lack, that of a trustworthy, well-equipped ambulance. Although they have two vehicles jerry-rigged for ambulance use, they are in desperate need of another ambulance fitted to their requirements. There are four fire stations in the city, which serve not only the city of Huehuetenango, but the entire department (state) of Huehuetenango. Ninety percent of their responses are of a medical emergency nature. Therefore, discussion began concerning a Matching Grant to help them purchase a diesel-fuel microbus vehicle and equip it with lights, siren, litter and flooring necessary for their purposes.

So, we find our relationship is with our Guatemalan Rotary partners is evolving and our opportunities have expanded. We can help provide what we take for granted in our cities and counties, something vital to our well being, but not readily available to our friends in Huehuetenango.

By pooling our resources and using the Matching Grant procedure, our district clubs can leverage \$7,000 into \$34,000 in order to purchase and equip a fully functioning ambulance for an area with a population of one million people.

Can your club afford \$250 or more to help make Huehuetenango and the surrounding area a safer place for its citizens? If enough of us share just a little, together we can accomplish a lot.

Contact Gary Pacha with your club's pledge at [gpacha@aol.com](mailto:gpacha@aol.com) or call (319) 351-6251.



# Johnston Rotarians serve food, fellowship for North Polar Bears

By Therese Herold/Johnston

Club Public Relations Chair

As the new school year starts, people's thoughts often turn to the upcoming high school football season.

Members of the Rotary Club of Johnston are no exception. But it's not just Johnston Dragon football that is on members' minds; Johnston Rotarians are also gearing up to support the Polar Bears of North High School in Des Moines. This support comes by way of food and fellowship as Johnston Rotary members prepare to provide a pasta dinner for the Polar Bears before each home game of their football season.

Johnston Rotary member Chase Young is an assistant coach for North High and spoke to the club about the lack of a pasta dinner before home football games. Chase's point was well taken that, in Johnston, regardless of your socio-economic status, if you are in sports, there will be a pasta dinner for you to attend. Players at North don't have this support. Nancy Betz took the lead and organized the club which will be starting its third season serving up pasta to the Polar Bears.

The pasta dinners seem to be a big hit with the North High players. Jerome, a North High senior says, "It is good! I like it a lot, I mean, it's straight."

**"What the Rotary club does is freaking awesome! I love it. I look forward to it whenever we have a home game."**

– Westin, Des Moines North football player

Jordan, a junior, told Coach Young, "I like when there is left over pasta, so I can take some home and eat it later. Plus I like the Gatorade."

Westin, also a junior, agrees with his teammates, "What the Rotary club does is freaking awesome! I love it. I look forward to it whenever we have a home game."

Players' sentiments are echoed by North High head football coach, Greg Holland.

"I am amazed every week with

how the Johnston Rotary comes to a different community and prepares all the food that they do for the football team. The players love it. Just having so many people who care to be involved in these players' lives, means so much to them. We appreciate it so much."

In seeing the positive effects of the pasta project, Johnston members wanted to help provide greater support to North High. The building administration told Rotarians that the school was in need of a new high jump mat. Using funds from of a District 6000 Simplified Grant, Johnston was able to purchase a high jump mat and have it in place to use during the 2009 track season.

Johnston Rotary members are often overheard saying they get as much out of their time at North High as the Polar Bears do. This is the attitude that will likely keep the project going for years to come.



Jim Pedrick, past president of the Rotary Club of Fairfield, presents a Fairfield Rotary Club Scholarship to Fairfield High School graduate Keegan Richmond. Keegan will be attending Iowa State University in September majoring in Natural Resources Management. The Fairfield club presents three \$1,500 scholarships each year. The scholarships are funded by a portion of the proceeds from the club's highly successful benefit auction. This year's auction, which netted \$17,000, also benefited the Fairfield Fire Department.

(submitted by Connie Boyer)

## Rotary Club of Des Moines honors

*The Rotary Club of Des Moines paid tribute to two of its members recently.*

- Owen J. Newlin was awarded the Roger T. Stetson Rotary Club of Des Moines Lifetime Service Award on July 23. He is a past president and has been a member for 45 years with 22 years of perfect attendance. Owen was instrumental in starting the Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation, which is just one of his many accomplishments as a member of the Rotary club.

- Joyce Chapman was presented the 2009 Roger T. Stetson Rotarian of the Year award on July 2. The award was given to Joyce for upholding and furthering the principles and ideals of the Rotary way of life and in appreciation for her tireless efforts with the Foundation Committee and Foundation Board.

Joyce's remarks, excerpted from the club newsletter: "What an honor to receive

The Roger T. Stetson Rotarian of the Year 2008-2009 Award. It is particularly meaningful to me since the award was established during my year as club president in memory of Roger who would have preceded me as president. Our Foundation Committee and the Foundation Board worked diligently together to complete the goals which we jointly established with President Dave Kenworthy and President-Elect Therese Wielage. I believe together we accomplished all of them. I'm proud of our Rotary Club of Des Moines and its Foundation and the important community service accomplished through membership participation in both."



Joyce Chapman



Owen Newlin

# 100th Rotary International Convention: **REPORT FROM BIRMINGHAM**



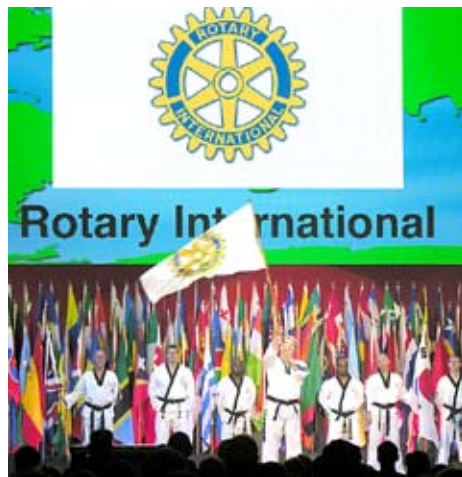
By DG Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

**O**n Sunday, June 21, nearly 17,000 Rotarians from 154 countries were welcomed to the National Event Center (NEC) in Birmingham, England, for the 100th annual Rotary International Convention. Whether a person is attending their first or 50th RI Convention, they will find Rotary's unique brand of service and fellowship which will make every convention a life-enriching experience.

RI President D.K. Lee welcomed Rotarians to Birmingham to celebrate the Rotary year of 2008-09, and to showcase hundreds of successful projects undertaken by Rotary members worldwide as they "Make Dreams Real." The many projects address issues such as polio eradication, malaria, HIV/AIDS, poverty, hunger, illiteracy, pollution and the global water shortage.

For those who arrived early there were some notable Pre-Convention activities. On Thursday, the Rotary World Peace Symposium began. Most noted of the speakers was Archbishop Desmond Tutu from South Africa. In his speech to the attendees he challenged them to continue Rotary's effort to develop its international peace initiative.

Another group of early arrivers were those who attended the Youth Exchange Officers Pre-Convention meeting. The



As always, an impressive display of flags at the Opening Ceremonies.

time spent together was valuable to all since it covered the initiatives that Youth Exchange must include to be a viable outreach in Rotary.

The convention entertainment began Saturday evening at the National Indoor Arena, with the Concert of Concerts. Rotarians were privileged to hear the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra perform several familiar pieces, as well as experience the performance of Katherine Jenkins, the "Songbird of England." Miss

Jenkins' performance was very powerful and effortless, and her interaction with the audience was delightful. The evening entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

For those who attended the Great Northland Breakfast, it was an early rise on Sunday. The breakfast is for zones 27-28-31-32. Rotarians from these zones are given the opportunity to meet their zone leaders, hear from the RI President, and have a great time of fellowship.

The first Plenary Session/Opening Session began Sunday morning at 9:30. One of the most impressive parts of the opening ceremony is always the parade of flags, where the flag of every country that has a Rotary club is presented, culminating with the RI President's flag, South Korea, the host country's flag, Great Britain, and ending with the flag of Rotary. The national anthems of the two countries and the anthem of Rotary are each performed at that time.

The big surprise at the opening ceremony plenary was the presence of the Secretary General of The United Nations Ban Ki-moon. Mr. Ban reminded Rotarians that Rotary has contributed £485m (\$800m) since launching the campaign in

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The District 6000 Breakfast at Birmingham, seated (l-r): Rachel Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), Sherri Briegel (North Scott), Rex Montgomery (Iowa City), Karin Franklin (Iowa City), Jeanne Klaassen (Chariton), Betty Helgersen (Ottumwa), Colleen and DGE Gary Welch (Ankeny). Back: DG Cal Litwiller, Paul and Chris Holmer (Clinton), Chuck Briegel (North Scott), Dave and Linda Deuth (Bettendorf), Ian Montgomery (Iowa City), Doris and PDG Don Goering (Ames), Kitte Noble (Des Moines), Marty Helgersen (Ottumwa), Linda Hulleman (West Des Moines), PDG Corliss Klaassen (Chariton), PDG Karen Swaim Babin (Sarasotqa Springs, NY), Harold Hulleman (West Des Moines), Julia and Todd Jenkins (Osceola), Peggy and Terry Geiger (Decatur County).





Musical gazebo in the House of Friendship.

1985 to eliminate polio. He said polio was now only endemic in four countries, falling from 125 when the campaign began. Mr. Ban said he had written to political and religious leaders of the four remaining countries – Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nigeria and India – asking them to “protect their children and stop the virus wherever it survives.” The disease can spread easily when there is poor sanitation. It attacks the body’s nervous system, in some cases causing paralysis within a matter of hours. Children under 5 are most at risk although it can affect any age. The advent of vaccines in the late 1950s effectively ended the threat in developed countries. “Now is the time to finish the job, I call on all governments around the world to help us,” Mr. Ban told Rotary members. “Together we can fulfill the Rotarian vision and give future generations a polio-free world.”

Sunday evening approximately 7,000



A backyard barbecue on Home Hospitality Night.

Rotarians were bused to Warwick Castle for a Medieval Spectacular. We were all fed supper at the castle and given numerous exhibitions of everything from jousting, to medieval life displays. Rotarians were invited to tour the castle, now owned by Madame Tussaud, with the many wax figures depicting what happened in the numerous castle rooms. The real adventure turned out to be getting on busses that transported everyone back to Birmingham.

Monday, June 22 began bright and early for District 6000 Rotarians. The annual breakfast was held at the Hilton Metrapol Hotel. About 30 Rotarians from District 6000 met at 7:00 a.m. for a full English breakfast. There was much time for Rotarians to interact and enjoy each others’ company over a good breakfast.

After breakfast it was on to the second plenary session. The pre-Plenary entertainment was the Kenny Academy of Irish



Rotarians spend an evening visiting the castles of England.

Dance which did their rendition of Irish Riverdance dancing. One of the speakers was Tom Henderson, founder and CEO of ShelterBox. Mr. Henderson is from Cornwall, which is where the materials for the Shelter Boxes are collected and the boxes are assembled. Tom is an ordinary Rotarian who began what has become an international program. The next speaker was The Right Honorable Douglas Alexander, MP, Secretary of State for International Development for the United Kingdom. Mr. Alexander did an incredible job summarizing where Rotary is in polio eradication and where we have come from. He was instrumental in the 100 million pound contribution the United Kingdom gave to Rotary in January for polio eradication.

Monday evening was the ever popular

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## First-time RI Convention attendee's perspective

### District Governor Litwiler,

It is with sincere pleasure that I write to share my perspective as a first-time attendee to the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary International Convention held this past June in Birmingham, England. The only city, outside of the United States, to have hosted the International Convention twice.

Accompanying me on my inaugural visit and to most all convention sessions was my wife, Sherri. Our participation in this year's convention gave us both a far deeper understanding and appreciation for all that Rotary does and stands for. It made both of us proud to be associated with this fine organization.

From the minute we arrived at Heathrow Airport, we were warmly greeted by fellow Rotarians. There was a sense of comfort in knowing that you were surrounded by friends. One of the highlights for Sherri and I was the opportunity to establish friendships with fellow Rotar-



Chuck Briegel, North Scott Rotary president, and his wife, Sherri, with RI Director Tom Thorfinnson of Minnesota, and his wife, Jami.

ians from all over the world. This afforded us the opportunity to discuss with members from other clubs, their activities, especially learning about programs that were unique to their clubs. Since our return, we have maintained contact

with a club president from Santa Barbara, Calif., where we have recently shared success stories and ideas on new programs/events between our two clubs.

The opening and closing ceremonies were spectacular, the plenary sessions inspiring and the breakout sessions informative. All were well done and well organized. The leisure activities including the House of Friendship, Concert of Concerts, Medieval Spectacular at Warwick Castle and Night on the Town hosted by the City of Birmingham, just to name a few, were outstanding. The events and venues afforded us all the chance to relax, engage and enjoy fellowship with others.

Truly, the world becomes a little smaller, after attending a Rotary International Convention.

With best personal regards,

-s- Charles I. Briegel  
President, Rotary Club of North Scott

# Next two RI Conventions are in North America

## RI CONVENTION/continued

Host Hospitality Night, where Rotarians are invited to the homes of local Rotarians. The Litwillers were invited to the town of Kettering, about one hour by bus, where they met by Rotarians from three local clubs, at a local Rotarians home, for an outdoor barbecue. Fortunately there was a tent for us to eat in as we were favored by a passing shower during the evening. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance.

Tuesday's Plenary session had two speakers who proved to be of great interest. The RI Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award was given to Dr. Alex Buchanan from Australia. Dr. Buchanan was an Ambassadorial Scholar at Iowa State University during the 1959-60 school year. It was a pleasure to see someone with Iowa ties receive this award. Please see pages 1-2 where more information is given about Dr. Buchanan and his work in nutrition. The second speaker of interest was Mia Farrow. Miss Farrow, little known to most of the attendees, is a polio survivor. She was diagnosed with polio when she was 9 years old and relegated to an iron lung for several weeks. When observed, as she came on stage and when she left, there are no noticeable sign of any after effects of polio. The major thrust of Miss Farrow's message was of the plight of the people of Darfur. She is a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, and in this capacity has been to Darfur more than 10 times and plans to continue her efforts to bring attention to the devastation and loss of human lives that is occurring in the region.

The entertainment Tuesday evening was a choice of the Birmingham Royal Ballet, the Treorchy Male Choir or East Meets West Variety Show. The Litwillers went to the East Meets West Variety Show where we were entertained by the Kenny Academy Irish Dance group, the Little Angels from South Korea, who were joined by The Children's Choir of Birmingham, and a folk dance troop from South Korea.

Wednesday began with the final plenary session which featured Jane Goodall, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education and Conservation. Miss Goodall is also a

United Nations Messenger of Peace. It proved to be very interesting to hear Miss Goodall describe what it was like to go to Africa as a 20-year-old lady in 1950. She talked about her early efforts to befriend the chimpanzees and the subsequent studies and plight of the chimps of Africa. Ray Klinginsmith, of Kirksville, Mo., was installed as President-Elect of Rotary International and given an opportunity to address the Delegates and other Rotarians in attendance. He referred to his time as an Ambassadorial Scholar in South Africa, and its effect on his life numerous times during his speech.

The Closing ceremony was at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon. The Montreal "International Experience" Convention Promotion was given, followed by RI President 2009-10 John Kenny's address. The closing entertainment was a collection of songs from British Musicals. The songs included My Fair Lady, The Phantom of The Opera, and Mama Mia, to name a few.

In addition to the Plenary sessions, another popular venue at all International Conventions is the House of Friendship. When you entered the House of Friendship hall this year you were met by a large floral Rotary wheel, which proved to be a popular location for Rotarians to have their photo taken. In the House of Friendship you could spend your time enjoying some great food with old and new friends, checking up on your email, enjoying a variety of entertainment, or visiting one of various booths. The booths are grouped into four regions: vendors of various goods that can be purchased as souvenirs; groups that are displaying programs they are supporting; booths of Matching Grant projects that can be supported by Rotary clubs; and the various Fellowships that are part of Rotary.

The International Convention will be in the North American continent each of the next two years: June 20-23, 2010, the convention will be held in Montreal, Canada. In May 2011 the convention will be in New Orleans, Louisiana. It is my hope that every Rotarian from District 6000 will take advantage of the close proximity of these International Convention and attend one or both of them. This experience will truly make Rotary become an international organization to each one who attends.

## 'We have the opportunity to do a lifetime of good'

**By Dave Deuth/Bettendorf**

Club President

This past summer I met complete strangers I believe I have known for a long time.

I renewed friendships with people I have never known.

I understood languages I have never heard.

And I learned things for the very first time that I believe I had always known.

This past summer I attended the 100th annual Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England.

Here I found that fellowship – rooted in truth, nourished with fairness and cultivated with goodwill and better friendship – conquers barriers of race, gender, language, religion and creed.

Here I learned – once again – that good works. Around the block, and around the world. Rotary IS Humanity in Motion.

Humanity in Motion is the sum total of the unending efforts of every Rotarian. Each new member gains 1.2 million friends the day they become a Rotarian. And together, we can surely do infinitely more than we ever could alone.

I first became a Rotarian in 1990 when I lived in the Twin Cities; the worldwide Polio initiative had begun only a few years earlier. The fellowship and goodwill was immediately evident to me as a new Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Mound Westonka.

Like every Rotary club, we raised funds through fines and special events and enjoyed meaningful fellowship at weekly meetings and other special events.

But it wasn't been until I became an active member of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf – and got involved at the board level – that I began to truly appreciate the local momentum required to deliver Humanity in Motion.

At the convention, I caught just a glimpse of Rotarians from all walks of life, from every corner of the globe; just a glimpse of the worldwide need for clean water, adequate sanitation and basic education. I caught just a glimpse of outgoing RI President D. K. Lee's dream – that we have the capacity in our comparative excess to begin to Make Dreams Real for those who have nothing at all.

Rotarians, we have the opportunity of a lifetime to do a lifetime of good. So let us continue to embrace the bedrock principles of the Four-Way Test, Service Above Self and Humanity In Motion. Let's continue to cultivate and encourage new members. Let's continue to find ways to make a difference. Around the block, and around the world.

Let's continue to do good – and have a good time doing it. The future of Rotary is in our hands.

And we can't go wrong when we do the right thing.





The Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities honored Rev. Richard Pokora (c) as "Rotarian of the Year." Presenting the award were 2009-10 president Dave Borchering (l) and 2008-09 president Erik Rolfstad.



Don Gingerich (l) was named Rotarian of the Year by the Rotary Club of Wellman. Congratulating him are DG Cal-Litwiller (r) and Wellman Rotarian Barry Johnson, who is in charge of the club's membership and awards. (Submitted by club president, Tom Buckwalter)

## Nominations accepted until Oct. 2 for District Governor 2012-13

*A letter was sent to club presidents recently from DG Cal Litwiller on behalf of PDG Dale Belknap, who chairs the District 6000 Nominating Committee:*

District 6000 invites you to nominate a past president from your club for district governor for the year 2012-13.

The Rotarian you nominate must be in good standing as a member of your club, have at least seven years of Rotary membership by the time they take office as Governor in 2012, 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.

Term of office for district governor is a single year, but there will be additional training and experience in the years leading up to the year in office.

Nominating "official forms" are enclosed. What you need to do now is:

1. Identify a candidate and review with that person the qualifications and duties of the district governor (enclosed).
2. Meet with your board to nominate a candidate.
3. Have your club adopt a resolution proposing your candidate. Candidate shall complete the Governor-Nominee Data form (enclosed).

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

5. Mail to: Carolyn Scharff, Rotary District 6000, P.O. Box 122, Pella, Iowa 50219.

Must be received no later than October 2, 2009

6. Candidate interviews will be scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009. Candidates must be available on the scheduled date.

Thank you for participating in this important process.



James Patten, pictured with his 3-year-old daughter, Magda, was the recipient of the Rotary Club of North Scott's "William F. Tubbs Honor Rotarian" award which is given annually to an outstanding new member. Patten chaired two, multi-club service projects that gave 1,000 children in the Quad Cities an opportunity to experience life on the farm at Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch, and to attend the Niabi Zoo.

# Rotary's Helen's Pajama Parties make dreams real for domestic violence victims

*Kelly Sargeant, a member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines, received a heartwarming Thank You from the leaders of the New Beginnings Domestic Violence Program in Dubuque, on behalf of Rotary's support of Helen's Pajama Parties. The project, begun by Sargeant in 2007 and supported by Rotarians, provides a yearly supply of 3,400 nice, new pajamas to battered women's shelters statewide. Information: Kelly Sargeant, (800) 760-7706.*

## Dear Kelly,

We just finished up Case Management. I asked my staff to give me a few quiet minutes so that I could compose a "Pajama Story." You should have seen the looks I got! I do believe they think I finally went all the way around the bend!

I have been here at New Beginnings for almost four years. Things were on shaky footing when I arrived. It's taken lots of work together with this great bunch I call "Staff." I believe we have just one more room to "organize" and then every single place will be functional and use to its capacity. We are a combined

side-by-side duplex – a 168-year-old building – the second

oldest in Dubuque. We have, thus, two attics. Considering that every other inch of space must be used for people needs, two attics is a blessing!

One attic holds all the things we save and collect that come in handy when a woman is ready to leave our Shelter and start living in her own space: dishes, linens, pots and pans, rugs, curtains, house-keeping supplies, etc. Our clients call it a "Treasure Trove," and have a ball finding what they need to start over in life (New Beginnings!).

Our second attic has been dubbed "The Open Closet." We have shelves and racks of brand new clothing as well as a "Pajama Dreamland." The night a woman comes to stay with us, we invite her upstairs for her first trip to the Open Closet. Walking up the steps we'll tell her she's about to see a *few* pair of pajamas! We tell her we want her to pick out her favorite pair. This is the point



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we talk for the first time about "New Beginnings." We give her a program card – I sent one to you in your thank you note – and share the symbolism in our logo design, relating this to her journey here and forward. Then she is invited to browse and find the pair of pajamas that "fit" her best – we explain we aren't just talking about size fit, but mean also "fit" her dreams and hopes.

When a woman selects her pajamas we invite her to share, if she wants to, why that particular pair was chosen, what it means to her. Today, while working with a newly arrived victim, I had the joy of doing all of the above. With eyes sparking for the first time since walking through our door, this woman chuckled and said, "It would have been easier to just pick a pair of pajamas. But you suggested I find a pair that fit me. For the first task I would have grabbed anything in my size. But because of what you suggested, I suddenly had so many possibilities: pajamas with flowers – I realized I could plant my own now and no one would stomp them dead; pajamas with soft colors – I could dream and know my dreams had a chance; pajamas with puppies – I've always wanted my own dog and now, why not?; pajamas that had lace and bows – I am a woman and

maybe I can learn to be proud of that; pajamas with clouds – I can go to sleep and not feel afraid."

With all those choices I teasingly asked this woman if one pair would be enough. She laughed at me and said, "To have one sweet dream was more than anything I have ever known. One is enough."

Kelly, we DVP Staff feel very blessed to be the ones to open up the doors to hopes and dreams. I cannot find the words to tell you what it means to those we serve to encounter hope in this way. Needless to say, we build on this day after day. Recently a former client came to our door and brought three new pair of pajamas: small, medium and large. She told us the most precious thing for her was the pair she got the first night at New Beginnings. She said she has put this pair in her drawer and wears them for only one week a year – she doesn't want them to wear out too quickly. She wears them on the anniversary "of my first dream."

I hope this helps you in the work you do. We would never have stumbled on such a good thing for those we serve if it hadn't been for Helen's Pajama Party. Please party on!

Gratefully,

-s- Sister Charla Bulko and Staff  
New Beginnings Domestic Violence Program  
Dubuque, Iowa



Kelly  
Sargeant



# Ames Rotary launches drive to provide 150 pairs of pajamas

By Carole Custer/Ames

Club Public Relations chair

Each year about 3,000 women in Iowa seek shelter from domestic violence, most arriving with just the clothes on their backs.

Wednesday, Aug. 19, the drive to collect 150 pairs of new pajamas for the Ames ACCESS (Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support) kicked off, sponsored by Greater Iowa Credit Union and the Ames Noon Rotary Club.

*There are six drop off locations:*

- Any Ames Greater Iowa Credit Union Branch: 801 Lincoln Way, 2623 Northridge Parkway and 110 Airport Road.
- Either Hy-Vee location: 3800 Lincoln Way and 640 Lincoln Way.
- It's All About Me: 209 Main Street.

Helen's Pajama Party is the brainchild of Des Moines resident Kelly Sargent. Driving home late after work on an unseasonably cold October night, she had an irresistible urge to buy new pajamas. Since she already owned several pairs, getting more seemed impractical at best. Nevertheless, she craved the comfort of a cozy, new set. As she stood in the pajama department pondering which pair to buy, it occurred to her that if she felt that way about getting new pajamas, and she has a safe home and a loving husband, women seeking protection in domestic violence shelters – who nearly always arrive with nothing but the clothes they are wearing – might also be comforted by a pair of new pajamas.

Kelly decided to invite 50 friends to donate a pair of pajamas for the domestic violence shelter in Des Moines and was amazed to receive 150 pairs in response. A year later Kelly had incorporated Helen's Pajama Party – named after her mom who died at 36 when Kelly was six years old – and had collected enough pajamas to supply every domestic violence shelter in Iowa with a year's supply, nearly 3,000 pairs. [www.helenspajamaparty.org](http://www.helenspajamaparty.org)

Kelly made her appeal to the Ames Rotary Club last month, saying that she knew the Ames shelter needed about 150 sets of pajamas. Rotarian Don Borchering, also an employee of the Greater Iowa Credit Union, responded with a commitment from his employer as well as the Rotary club.

Ames Rotarians have volunteered to pick up donated new pajamas at the six drop-off locations and Rotarians are also donating pajamas at each Rotary meeting. The project runs through the end of September.

## Helen's Pajama Parties aid domestic violence shelters

Kelly Sargeant reports that 450 pairs of pajamas were delivered in August to the Children and Families of Iowa domestic violence shelter.

She said 300 pairs of pajamas were delivered to the domestic violence shelter in Sioux City about a month ago.

The Rotary Clubs of Bettendorf, Davenport and North Scott, among others, have made Helen's Pajama Party an annual event.



Don Borchering of the Rotary Club of Ames is chair of the Helen's Pajama Party project to collect pajamas for women at the Ames ACCESS shelter. The goal is 150 pair. This is one of many projects in District 6000.

## Membership: Just ask!

An excerpt from personal correspondence in August 1976 from Steve Hinkhouse, president of the Rotary Club West Liberty:

*"For all of its positive orientation, though, when I think of Rotary at the club level, whether it be in this town or any other, I cannot but regret the large degree to which inertia and indifference act as a drag on it. Our friend Tolkien puts it well in 'The Return of the King': 'It is ever so with the things that men begin: there is a frost in spring, or a blight in summer, and they fail of their promise.' And so it goes, behavioralists and human engineers notwithstanding, from the first day to the last. Withal, Rotary is well worth the effort, and as you know, many of the club members here really make serving the club a rewarding experience."*

This was from a letter to Ken Donnelly, Chicago, from Steve Hinkhouse, responding to a congratulatory letter of being elected president of the Rotary Club of West Liberty.

Steve is right, in that Rotary service is a rewarding experience, but energy in asking others to join us in Rotary Service, in part, fail of their promise. As August is Membership month, remember Rotary International President John Kenny's and Governor Cal Litwiller's request for increasing members in each District 6000 club. Just Ask!

– submitted by Bill Koellner, West Liberty

# Rotary Volunteers: Is there an opportunity for YOU?

Rotary Volunteers is one of Rotary International's structured programs designed to help clubs and districts achieve their service goals in their own communities and in communities abroad, fostering fellowship and goodwill in the process.



Rotary Volunteers is a program that encourages and facilitates Rotarian participation in all types of volunteer activities. As volunteers, contributing their time and skills, Rotarians put Rotary's ideal of Service Above Self into action.

Rotary Volunteers serve wherever needed: At home, assisting with their club's community service projects, and abroad, assisting humanitarian missions.

The Rotary Volunteers program is an integral part of a club's balanced service program, which encompasses all Avenues of Service – club, vocational, community, and international. Club and district Rotary Volunteers committees administer the program. RI supports the program by providing information and resources and by maintaining a registry of international volunteers and projects.

Volunteers who want to serve abroad register with RI to advertise their offer of service and skills in the Rotary Volunteers Database, and serve as ambassadors of Rotary

The Goals of Rotary Volunteers are :

- Encourage and facilitate participation in all types of volunteer activities.
- Increase awareness of volunteer opportunities.
- Help clubs and districts realize the benefits of using volunteers in their service projects, and assist in the identification of volunteers.
- Improve quality of life worldwide through humanitarian service.
- Cultivate international understanding and goodwill.

## *How to Register:*

Rotarians, Rotaractors, Rotary Foundation Alumni, spouses of Rotarians, and non-Rotarians can register as international Rotary Volunteers by completing the International Volunteer Registration Form. Having it signed by your club president and a district officer (Rotary Volunteers or Vocational Service chair, or district governor) and sending it to RI. Note: Registration is for a 2-year period (volunteers must re-register).

## *Funding of Rotary Volunteers:*

Rotary Volunteers find funding assistance via:

- Their Rotary club or district
- Corporate sponsorship
- Fundraisers
- Other volunteer organizations

## *Resources*

The following resources are available on the RI Web site:

- Rotary Volunteers section
- Rotary Volunteers publications
- Volunteer Service Grants from The Rotary Foundation
- Rotary Volunteers staff

Do you have some time and a desire to help others as a Rotary Volunteer?

Learn how: By looking up Rotary Volunteers at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org); or by contacting District Governor Cal Litwiller or Merle L. Anderson, chair, District 6000 Rotary Volunteers, at [mla24@aol.com](mailto:mla24@aol.com).

(Information for this article was provided by Gary Anderson of Knoxville Rotary, Merle Anderson and DG Cal Litwiller.)



Howard and Phyllis Aleff of Knoxville spent 17 months of their lives providing dental services in remote areas of the Philippines.

## Knoxville couple gave years of volunteer service

Phyllis and Howard Aleff, longtime members of the Rotary Club of Knoxville, demonstrated Rotary's Motto of "Service Above Self" by generously giving their time and skills to provide dental care to many people in need. Their work was appreciated and found to be very rewarding.

An important accomplishment was their world-wide volunteer service. Over a number of years, Phyllis and her husband, Howard, a retired dentist, spent some 17 months in remote areas of the Philippines, Malaysia, and Brazil working as a team to provide dental care through the Rotary International Volunteer Program.

Among the awards they received are:

1. A plaque of recognition from the Philippine Government for services rendered to the Vietnamese Refugee Camps
2. A Rotary Foundation District Service Award
3. An Esperanca Clinic Luke's Legacy Award in Brazil
4. A Rotary 3-H (Health, Hunger & Humanity) Volunteers Service Award
5. One of the Rotary Foundation's 75 "Points of Light" awards for international charitable service awarded on the Foundation's 75th Anniversary
6. A Rotary Foundation Rotary Volunteers Certificate of Recognition
7. A Knoxville Rotary Club Extra Mile Award
8. Paul Harris Fellowships

On July 3, 2009, Phyllis Aleff passed away. Phyllis will be remembered as a very active member in her local club, and in the community where she owned a business and was active in the local hospital's auxiliary.

## World Food Prize Symposium Oct. 14-16

The Rotary Club of Des Moines will not be meeting at the Hotel Fort Des Moines on Thursday, Oct. 15. Instead, members are encouraged to attend the World Food Prize luncheon held at the Downtown Marriott. Indra Nooyi, CEO of Pepsico, will be the guest speaker. The events are part of the World Food Prize Foundation's symposium, "Food, Agriculture, and National Security in a Globalized World," Oct. 14-16. All Rotarians are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Information: [www.worldfoodprize.org](http://www.worldfoodprize.org).



# One Rotarian's dream becomes a reality, advanced by Youth Exchange:

## Worldwide holiday for friends

*Thanks to Norm and Marilyn Smith of Muscatine for sharing this compelling story of friendship that was made possible through Rotary Youth Exchange program.*

**By Maria Eugenia Maeder**

Resistencia, Chaco, Argentina

2007-08 Youth Exchange Student at Muscatine

**G**reetings from Argentina! Hello to everyone!  
In this special day (July 20) I want to reach you all with these words.

You might wonder why this day is special? Well, first of all, it is the day that the man walked on the moon 40 years ago. However, it is not the main reason I am writing you all.

I want to tell you a story about a man called Enrique Ernesto Febbraro, who was born in Argentina. He received many honorable recognitions of all kinds in his life, including two nominees for the Peace Nobel Prize. But many people believe that the biggest thing he did was creating the Friend's Day. He wanted so much to create a day to greet his friends and thank them for being always by his side. He knew that friendship is the most amazing thing that can happen to people, so he couldn't believe that there wasn't a day to celebrate such a wonderful thing as friendship. We have Christmas and New Year, Mother's Day and Father's Day. We have Independence Day, animal's day, water's day – and the lists goes on. Every day in the calendar is a day to celebrate something.

So, Dr. Febbraro was looking for a day in which he could celebrate with his friends, but he didn't know which one to choose. The 20th of July of 1969, Neil Armstrong walked on the moon for the first time. Febbraro felt like this act was a big gesture of friendship from our planet to the universe. That day, in every country in the world, people were happy for

such a big achievement of humanity, and it is said that that day the violence rate in the world was lower than ever, meaning that fewer accidents and destructive acts were reported that day.

Febbraro knew that he had founded the perfect day to celebrate Friend's Day. He started a movement to make it official, and he accomplished it. Today, the 20th of July is celebrated as Friend's Day in more of 100 countries in the world, especially in Argentina.

Some more facts:

- Ernesto Febbraro is a recognized Rotarian (he had to be a Rotarian, right!?)

- Before Apollo 11 came back to earth, he sent 1,000 letters to 100 countries, and 700 answered back. Friend's day was official then.

- He also wrote to NASA but he never got an answer. He was sad about it.

- He said: "My friend is my teacher and I am his. He teaches me and I teach him. We both learn and we go together along the path of life, growing up side by side. Only the one who loves you, helps you to grow."

*(Maria included a section here about Friend's Day from Wikipedia. – Ed.)*

Thank you to all of you who are my friends. Thank you all to give me friendship when I was alone, away from home and friends. Thank you all for being part of my life and letting me being part of yours. Thank you for being nice and loving to me, making me feel like your family, not a foreigner. Thank you for making my exchange year in the U.S. unforgettable.

Happy Friend's Day!! I hope you are all doing great as I am. You are wonderful

people, and I only wish the best for you, which is friendship, which always comes with love and happiness. It is important to never forget how wonderful it is, thank God for that gift you received, but most important: never forget to tell your friends how much they mean to you!

*Love to all of you! Maria*



Maria Eugenia Maeder

## Facebook reconnects club with Youth Exchange student

I started the Facebook on the West Liberty Rotary Club, and asked some past Rotary Youth Exchange students to join. To my amazement, I had this e-mail attached from the Brazilian exchange student who lead the effort for a matching grant in Jales, Brazil.

He is also a Rotarian in the Jales "Grandes Lagos" club, and notes in the e-mail below that he gave one of his kidneys to a brother-in-law. He stated that giving his kidney is what every Rotarian should do, that it is "Service Above Self."

What a Rotarian!

– Bill Koellner, West Liberty

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My Dear Fellow Rotarians!

I am very pleased to be added by the West Liberty Rotary Club here on Facebook. I hope that this will find you all very well.

I would like to thank you so much for the opportunity you guys gave me to be an exchange student at your club as well for the Matching Grant project we had last year. Without your cooperation this project would not have been done.

I would like to inform you that my club has honoured me with the Paul Harris fellow award, because of the Matching Grant project we had with the West Liberty Rotary Club, as well as, because I have recently donated one of my kidneys to one of my brothers-in-law. He is married with my sister and they live in the state capital Sao Paulo.

My fellow Rotarians here said that I did what every Rotarian should do, that is, "Service Above Self." They made me a big surprise during one of our Rotary meetings, and I must tell you that I am very, very proud to be a Rotarian.

Best Regards,

Weber Kitayama

Former Exchange Student in West Liberty in 1978/1979

Rotarian from Rotary Club of Jales "Grandes Lagos"

Director of the Rotary Foundation Commission - 2009/2010

Exchange Program Officer - 2009/2010

# District awarded 'Platinum Paddle' for disaster aid

PDG Roger Borup (Wellman) led a committee that directed the expenditure of funds raised for disaster relief after the June 2009 floods in eastern Iowa. As a result of that committee's work (see report in District 6000 News, June 2009), the Rotary Clubs of District 6000 were recognized as "Platinum Paddle Sponsors" for their support of Project AWARE, which was originally scheduled as an 86-mile Cedar River cleanup.

The Iowa DNR's 7th Annual Project AWARE was forced to implement alternative plans as high water on the Cedar River heightened concerns about volunteer safety. Fortunately, flexible plans, adaptable volunteers, and supportive sponsors provided volunteers ample opportunities to experience the diverse resources eastern Iowa has to offer.

Determined to make a difference, 269 participants joined the effort and removed over 42 tons of trash from area waterways, including the Wapsipinicon River, Pleasant Creek Lake, and Cedar River tributaries of Big and Indian creeks. Volunteers also had an opportunity to clean up flood-impacted neighborhoods in Cedar Rapids and restore native prairie at Rochester Cemetery.

River cleanup legend Chad Pregracke and his Living Lands & Waters crew also volunteered for Project AWARE, providing participants with an opportunity to clean the Cedar River's banks in and around Cedar Rapids and orchestrating a massive cleanup effort along the river near the community of Cedar Bluff. This cleanup netted nearly two-thirds of all the trash collected during the week and illustrated perfectly the role of community involvement and teamwork in the protection and improvement of our state's natural resources.

In addition to those who volunteered for Project AWARE, there are also those who made the event possible through financial and in-kind support.

Project AWARE would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" to all those who volunteered to clean up the river and to all those who made it possible.

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## 42 tons of trash removed from Cedar River watershed

*Letter received Aug. 20 by Sharon Gibson-Ellis of Muscatine for the Rotary Clubs of District 6000:*

Sharon,

On behalf of all Project AWARE participants, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Rotary Clubs of District 6000 for their sponsorship of this year's Project AWARE. While high river levels prevented us from safely putting volunteers in canoes on the Cedar River as initially planned, we were still able to have an impact in removing 42 tons of trash from areas in the Cedar River watershed, as well as some stretches of the Wapsipinicon River.

Please find enclosed an initial summary report of the 7th Annual Project AWARE. I also included copies of the post-event press release that was sent to media outlets across Iowa, the Platinum Paddle and Golden Yoke sponsor thank you that appeared in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, and the thank you ad that appeared in the September/October issue of the Iowa Outdoors magazine. Also included is this year's T-shirt which lists sponsors on the back side. We were able to delay printing of the T-shirts to include the Rotary clubs of District 6000 on the T-shirt. Unfortunately, due to timing, we were not able to include the Rotary Clubs of District 6000 on

the mesh bag that is provided to all Project AWARE participants to fill with trash. I did, however, include a mesh bag for you.

We plan to complete a more detailed event summary in the next few months which will be sent to you. Currently at the Iowa State Fair, we are working with David Williamson to take some of the trash from this year's event and use it in the construction of new security gates for the Department of Natural Resources' fair building. Once David completes his work, we'll receive the last bills associated with the event and be able to complete the summary report and final budget report.

In addition to a more detailed event summary, we are in the process of putting together a formal fact sheet that highlights this year's accomplishments and will send it to Project AWARE sponsors and volunteers when it's completed.

All of the available photographs from this year's Project AWARE are available at [www.iowaprojectaware.com](http://www.iowaprojectaware.com) (see Photo-bucket Photo Gallery).

I would like to extend the offer to your organization to do a formal presentation on Project AWARE 2009 and its outcomes if there is interest. Thank you again for your support.

-s- Lynette Seigley, Project AWARE  
Lynette.Seigley@dnr.iowa.gov



## D-6000 Friendship Exchange looks at many possibilities

**By Allan C. Orsborn/Ottumwa**

Chair, D-6000 Friendship Exchange

The District 6000 Rotary Friendship Exchange Committee met on Aug. 30 at the home of John and Wanda Lewis in West Des Moines. New committee member Gary Murphy of Washington was welcomed to the committee. Past District Governor Bill Cameron was also welcomed as an ex-officio member of the committee.

The committee decided to proceed with a Friendship Exchange with Rotary District 5080. District 5080 includes parts of the states of Washington and Idaho and part of the Canadian province of British Columbia. There will both an outgoing delegation from District 6000 and an incoming delegation to District 6000. The exchanges are tentatively scheduled for the Fall of 2010.

The committee is also exploring future exchange possibilities with the Philippines, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom and India.

District 6000 will host a Friendship Exchange team from Sweden from Sept. 23-Oct. 7. Information: Dennis Nygaard, (319) 646-2288.



## Rotary supports AAU Games

District Governor Cal Litwiller and Rachel lent their support to the July 27-Aug. 8 AAU Junior Olympics in Des Moines, where Rotarians served as volunteers. Joining them were a pair of former University of Iowa basketball stars, Nolden Gentry, a Des Moines attorney (above), and Johnston Rotarian Al Lorenzen, who is Vice President of Sports and Development for the Des Moines Area Sports Commission (below, left). Also joining them was Joseph Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines. The Games brought 35,000 visitors to central Iowa with 14,000 athletes from all over the U.S.



## Golf outing honors PDG Bunny Harper

Past District Governor Bunny Harper of Ottumwa (1964-65) was an avid golfer. Thirty years ago, a tournament was named in his honor, the Bunny Harper District Golf Tournament. In the past several years, an ad hoc committee comprised of members of clubs who regularly participate, have continued the tradition.

The event in 2009 was held June 15 in Bunny Harper's home town of Ottumwa. The Rotary Club of Ottumwa hosted the event. For additional information about the 2010 event, please contact Greg Kenyon or Greg Gardner of the Rotary Club of Ottumwa, phone: (515) 246-5829; fax: (515) 246-5808, or e-mail: kenyon.gregory@bradshawlaw.com.



## Club awards at West Liberty ...



DG 2008-09 Susan Herick (r) presented the Presidential Citation and Cooperative Projects awards to West Liberty Rotary Club 2008-09 president Cindy Mays at the club's installation event in June. Mays recognizes Jim Conrey as Rotarian of the Year (l), while Mays and Tom Brooke thank Betty and Vic Schweer (below) for 25 years as club secretary/treasurer.





# Despite Dr. Stephen DeVore's untimely death 'Medicine For Mali' lives

*Editor's note: While visiting the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines in October 2008, I was privileged to hear speaker Dr. Stephen DeVore, a member of the Rotary Club of East Polk, tell about his extraordinary humanitarian service among the poorest of the poor people in the west African nation of Mali. Dr. DeVore spent more than six months annually living with these wonderful people while, against all odds, providing medical care where there wasn't any, saving lives, and rendering Service Above Self in the best of Rotary traditions. I visited with Dr. DeVore, took his picture, and asked him to submit a report for District 6000 News. When his article did not arrive for the next newsletter, I asked Rotarians if he was OK, only to learn that he died unexpectedly in November. Our thanks to past president Marti Kline of the Rotary Club of East Polk, who agreed to share Dr. DeVore's story.*

— Bill Tubbs



Dr. Stephen DeVore and his daughter, Dr. Elise DeVore (back, second and third from left) developed long-term relationships with the people of Mali.

**By Marti Kline/East Polk**

**M**edicine For Mali is a Des Moines-based, non-profit organization that has provided life-saving medical services, microfinance loans, clean

water and educational opportunities for a community of 8,000 Malians living in one of the world's poorest countries.

Dr. Elise DeVore, early in the year 2000, was working in the remote village of Nana

Kenieba, Mali, West Africa. Medicine was in short supply for babies suffering from high fevers, infections and malaria. Many

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Rotarian Dr. Stephen DeVore, at Northwest Des Moines Rotary in October 2008.



The water source for the village of Nana Kenieba, before Rotary provided clean water.

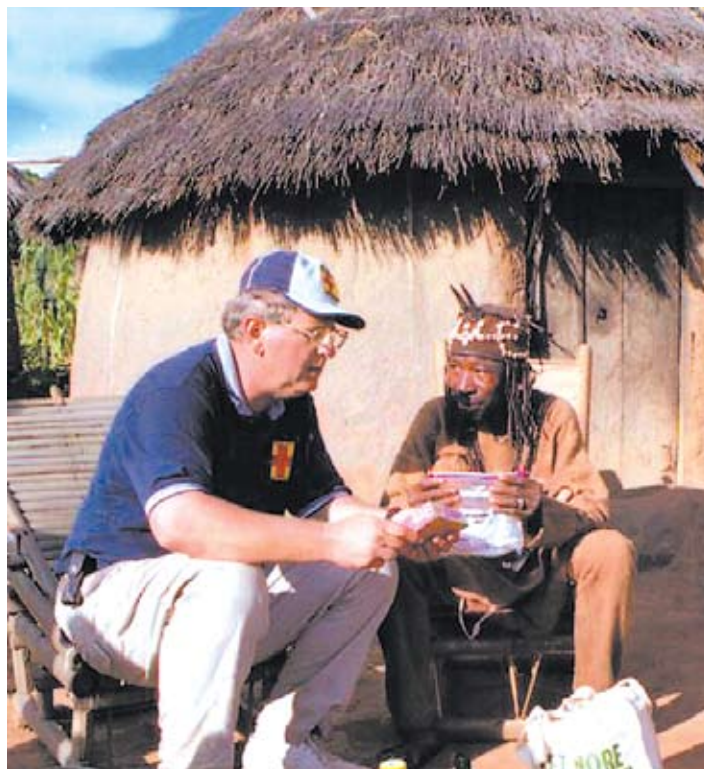


Dr. Elise DeVore provides care for a sick child.





It's hot in West Africa and Dr. Stephen DeVore (top photo) literally gave his sweat to provide Service Above Self. There were moments for relaxation with Mali residents (right), as well.



## East Polk Rotary provides clean water for Mali

### MALI/continued

were likely to die. Dr. Elise rode six hours on the back of a vegetable truck to Bamako, the capital, to send an e-mail to her dad.

"Can you bring some medicine? I can't be a doctor without medicine."

In March of 2000 Dr. Stephen DeVore and family departed to West Africa to deliver 420 pounds of precious emergency medical supplies. During this trip, Mali doctors inquired about the possibility of the group returning with life support equipment to establish an intensive care unit for babies.

"Medicine for Mali" was then started as a nonprofit tax-exempt organization.

Over Christmas of 2000, Dr. DeVore and his wife Jill returned with 700 pounds of life support equipment. This equipment was carefully packed, transported, and delivered to the hospital and today it continues to save babies' lives.

Clean water is the greatest key to improving health on the African continent. In October of 2001 Dr. Steve, Jill and a crew of three new volunteers replaced 14 solar panels and reestablished the village of Nana Kenieba's clean water supply. Over 900 pounds of additional medical and school supplies were also delivered. Many sick children were also treated during this trip.

Clean water was not available to the school of 640 children, so a half-mile of water line was planned for 2002. In order to extend the supply of clean water to three additional locations in the village and to the school, a trench more than a half-mile long and 18 inches deep was dug by hand. Dr. Steve and Dr. Elise, along with the help of many, saw over 600 very ill patients, mostly children.

In 2003 East Polk Rotary was looking for an international project. Medicine for Mali was well under way in Nana Kenieba,

but the lack of clean water in the village was clearly the root cause of much of the illness treated by the Medicine For Mali team. An anonymous donation to the Rotary club plus money raised by the club and Rotary Foundation grants allowed the club to fund a deep well in the village to provide clean water for its residents. East Polk sent a member with the Medicine For Mali team four years running to work with a Malian club to help oversee the well project.

Wells in other villages were in the planning stages when Dr. DeVore died suddenly and tragically of a heart attack in November of 2008. Medicine for Mali is continuing under the supervision of his team as a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing medical services, clean water, improved educational opportunities and economic development to the people of Mali.

*(Information provided from the Medicine for Mali Web site and Rotary Club of East Polk)*

## Obituaries

Clubs have reported or *District 6000 News* has become aware of the deaths of the following members.

*May light perpetual shine upon them:*

- Jim Graham, 63, the retired general manager of KWQC-TV and 2005-06 president of the Rotary Club of Davenport, died June 30 of a heart attack.

- Terry Lunardi, 56, a restaurateur and member of the Rotary Club of Davenport who was active in community service and was a member of the District Conference

Committee in 2004-05, died unexpectedly on Aug. 5.

- Jon Ryan, 61, the former director of the Iowa Small Business Development Center and a member of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf, who helped raise awareness of and giving to The Rotary Foundation, died unexpectedly on Aug. 16.



# Playground among projects at Burlington

**By Kali Andrews**

Rotary Club of Burlington

The Rotary Club of Burlington installed a new playground at the Des Moines County Conservation Campground located at the 4th Pumping Plant in northern Des Moines County.

The previous playground equipment was lost in the 2008 flood. The new playground will not only provide a fun and safe place for children to be active when they visit the campgrounds with their parents, but it will lift the spirits of those impacted by the floodwaters last year.

In November 2008, District Governor Susan Herrick announced flood relief funding was available for projects that would have a community impact. This funding came to Rotary District 6000 through donations from local Rotary clubs, individual Rotarians and others across the U.S.

"In partnership with Kim Perlstein, director of Des Moines County Conservation, we applied for District 6000 flood relief funds and were awarded \$11,733," said Joyce Vance, 2008-09 club president. The balance of the new equipment was paid for through proceeds from Burlington Rotary's annual Chicken Barbecue Dinner. This year's event will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17 at the Port of Burlington.

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Burlington Rotary Club raises awareness about eradicating polio during Burlington Bee's baseball game Tuesday, Aug. 18

On Tuesday, Aug. 18, the Burlington Rotary Club joined Rotary International's Fight Against Polio during the Burlington Bees baseball game at Community Field.

The night included informational activities and handouts as well as the collection of donations and prize give-a-ways, including Chicken Barbecue Dinner tickets and a baseball bat and baseballs autographed by the Burlington Bees players. The club raised more than \$200 to support the Fight Against Polio.

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During 2009, the Burlington Rotary Club has sponsored a number of camperships. Thanks to the generosity of the Rotary club, area children have been able to attend a number of camps including Girl Scout camps, 4-H camps, Summer Enrichment programs held at Southeastern Community College, and King's Daughters and YMCA/YWCA camps as well.

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Members of the National Little League came to the Burlington Rotary Club in hopes of being able to have two playgrounds installed at the Little League's baseball diamonds at Dankwardt Park. The group was requesting one playground for ages 2-5 and another playground for ages 5-12. The total of the two playgrounds came in at \$22,000, and with money raised during the Chicken Barbecue Dinner, the club will be able to make this project happen.

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The Danville RotaKids sold snow cones during Gentle Day at the Park/Teddy Bear Picnic. With the money they raised, they purchased school supplies for their elementary school. Supplies included everything from hand sanitizer to notebooks and markers to Kleenex.

***Wear your Rotary pin with pride!***



With help from funds raised by District 6000, the Rotary Club of Burlington placed this playground for the Des Moines County Conservation Board at a site that was destroyed by the 2008 floods.



More than 1,000 children found 15,000 eggs with candy, coins and prize certificates in an Easter egg hunt that was featured in the *Burlington Hawk Eye* newspaper last spring. The hunt, which was held in conjunction with the Burlington Bees Minor League baseball team at Community Field, was a major undertaking of the Rotary Club of Burlington.



# Foundation briefs

**Goal Achieved:** Contributions from 61 of 62 clubs in District 6000 to The Rotary Foundation in 2008-09 totaled \$437,218, which surpasses the goal (see table, right). Congratulations to the 28 Centurion Clubs whose contributions were more than \$100 per member, and thank you to all whose gifts supported the humanitarian and educational work of The Rotary Foundation! District 6000's giving was second highest among the 11 districts in Zone 27. First was District 5950, Minnesota, whose giving averaged \$229 per member district-wide, or a total of \$695,474.

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- Foundation Contact Center, (866) 976-8279. E-mail: [contact.center@rotary.org](mailto:contact.center@rotary.org).

- Jamie Revord, CFRE, Senior Major Gifts Officer, (847) 866-3150. E-mail: [Jamie.Revord@rotary.org](mailto:Jamie.Revord@rotary.org).

- Anita Rieder, Annual Giving Officer, (847) 866-4490. E-mail: [Anita.Rieder@rotary.org](mailto:Anita.Rieder@rotary.org).

- Karena Bierman, J.D., Senior Planned Giving Officer, (847) 866-4458. E-mail: [Karena.Bierman@rotary.org](mailto:Karena.Bierman@rotary.org).

- RRFC: (Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator), PDG Don Goering, (515) 232-1736. E-mail: [donaldgski@aol.com](mailto:donaldgski@aol.com). Fax: (515) 232-1939. Primary contact for Districts 5650, 5960 and 6000.

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**PHF Certificates:** New for 2009-10, the Paul Harris Fellow certificates will carry the "End Polio Now" logo for all new Paul Harris Fellows who become or are named a PHF beginning July 1, 2009. The special certificate will be available for the duration of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. This unique recognition is sure to be a treasured keepsake once polio is eradicated.

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**Concert:** Rotary International leaders will be in Waterloo, Iowa, for a concert on Nov. 8 at the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center at UNI with the world's No. 1 violinist, Itzhak Perlman, with \$10 from every ticket going to End Polio Now. Perlman is a polio victim himself. The 1,400-seat center is expected to be sold out. Information: PDG Dave Buck, (319) 234-4813.

## Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2008 - April 30, 2009

CLUB (Members/Jul 08)	(1) 08-09 Goal	(2) Thru 6-30-09	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (29)	\$ 2,900	1,260	43	\$ 43.45
Albia (33)	2,280	1,300	57	39.39
Ames Morning (69)	8,250	8,745	106	126.74
Ames (264)	39,875	33,492	84	126.86
Ankeny (60)	11,360	8,555	75	142.58
Atlantic (66)	3,840	6,341	165	96.08
Bettendorf (88)	9,450	14,605	155	165.97
Bloomfield (14)	650	650	100	46.43
Boone (62)	4,875	5,500	113	88.71
Burlington (96)	10,500	9,400	90	97.92
Carroll (59)	5,800	7,777	134	131.81
Centerville (40)	4,200	4,245	101	106.13
Chariton (54)	6,000	6,008	100	111.26
Clinton (124)	8,200	10,451	127	84.29
Coon Rapids (27)	1,450	1,350	93	50.00
Coralville-North Corridor (33)	7,364	4,225	57	128.03
Corning (53)	2,450	2,500	102	47.17
Corydon (15)	320	300	94	20.00
Creston (18)	500	1,016	203	56.49
Dallas Center (22)	2,420	2,570	106	116.82
Davenport (174)	18,000	19,995	111	114.92
Decatur County (17)	2,500	4,560	182	268.24
Des Moines AM (134)	14,700	15,050	102	112.31
Des Moines (345)	23,625	18,125	77	52.54
East Polk County (37)	4,000	6,862	172	185.47
Fairfield (68)	7,770	7,635	98	112.28
Fort Madison (55)	4,590	5,500	120	100.00
Grinnell (32)	2,875	2,958	103	92.45
Indianola (51)	6,550	4,362	67	85.53
Iowa City AM (57)	7,375	3,170	43	55.61
Iowa City Downtown (26)	2,800	1,250	45	48.08
Iowa City (308)	25,840	40,470	157	131.40
Iowa Quad-Cities (53)	2,600	3,274	126	61.78
Jefferson (57)	5,500	5,350	97	93.86
Johnston (47)	4,400	7,582	172	161.33
Kalona (45)	2,100	1,650	79	36.67
Keokuk (82)	8,000	4,619	58	56.33
Keosauqua (28)	2,300	2,100	91	75.00
Knoxville (68)	7,140	6,625	93	97.43
Lenox (26)	2,800	3,000	107	115.38
Manning (17)	1,700	1,075	63	63.24
Marengo (15)	1,292	0	0	0
Marshalltown (175)	9,999	9,800	98	56.00
Mount Pleasant Noon (34)	3,300	1,260	38	37.06
Mt. Pleasant (25)	2,900	1,275	44	51.00
Muscatine (131)	17,160	19,087	111	145.71
Nevada (61)	7,040	8,665	123	142.06
Newton (80)	8,500	7,921	93	99.01
North Scott (99)	10,605	13,287	125	134.21
Northwest Des Moines (58)	12,285	11,735	96	202.33
Osceola (34)	2,550	908	36	26.72
Oskaloosa (58)	5,600	4,623	83	79.71
Ottumwa (112)	12,540	12,950	103	115.63
Pella (39)	4,000	4,985	125	127.82
Perry (31)	1,600	725	45	23.39
Tipton (32)	2,700	2,500	93	78.13
Washington (62)	6,300	9,445	150	152.34
Waukee (57)	6,300	5,100	81	89.47
Wellman (33)	3,850	4,540	118	137.58
West Des Moines (81)	9,315	8,230	88	101.60
West Liberty (33)	7,632	12,600	165	381.82
Winterset (31)	1,760	1,850	105	59.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 427,077</b>	<b>\$437,218</b>	<b>102.37</b>	<b>\$ 103.26</b>

# News Briefs

**RYLA:** The District 6000 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Conference was held April 16, 2009 at the Iowa Army National Guard base at Camp Dodge at Johnston. There were 143 participants including 14 Rotary Youth Exchange students from District 6000. The event was coordinated by the Rotary Club of West Des Moines. Watch for a report with pictures, and an announcement of the spring 2010 RYLA, in the next issue of *District 6000 News*.

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**Xicotepec:** Mark your calendars – dates for the 2010 District 6000 Project Teams in Xicotepec, Mexico, are March 6-14 (Week No. 1) and March 13-21 (Week No. 2). Information: Jim Peterson, (319) 631-2992.

A video on YouTube was made by service-learning students from the U of I School of Pharmacy as part of the public presentation that they made after returning from Xicotepec last March. View the video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tjj9RXOcQzw>

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**FAMSCO:** District 6000's fabulous Fire and Medical Supply Company receives donations of firetrucks, ambulances, and medical supplies and equipment that are shipped to communities where there is need in Central America. Information: Karin Franklin, (319) 321-8261; e-mail: [karinf@q.com](mailto:karinf@q.com).

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The sign outside a meeting room at the new Handicapped Development Center in Davenport states that the room was sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Scott. The club gave \$15,000 to the project and had a vocational meeting at the center. Gary Lynch (pictured), was 2008-09 club president.

**GETS/Institute:** Governor-Elect Training for DGE Gary Welch will be Oct. 6-8 at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center, Minneapolis, Minn. Upon completion of GETS training, Gary will be joined by leaders from District 6000 at "Urban Zone Institute," Oct. 8-10. The configuration of participating districts changed this year. As a result of world-wide Rotary rezoning, which reflects shifts in membership, North

America lost one zone. The newly renumbered Zones 28 and 29 (formerly Zones 27 and 28) include new districts in upstate New York in the east and North Dakota in the northwest. District 6000 is one of 12 districts in the new Zone 28 (formerly 27).

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**Fundraiser!** Clubs have unique ways of raising funds with raffles, drawings and 50/50 tickets where club members can win, but seldom as much as Kurt Johnson won when he drew the Ace of Spades at the Rotary Club of Des Moines on July 23. The "pot" built to a whopping \$11,510. Kurt's winnings were \$5,755, and the club's Earn to Learn literacy program received \$5,755.

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**Success Stories:** Looking for ways to spread the good news about Rotary's service and fellowship? In June, PDG Bill Tubbs compiled and published a report, "Success Stories," for the RI Public Image Resource Group. The 24-page report has reports and pictures of projects from around the world – from the lighting of iconic buildings like the Roman Coliseum and Sydney Operahouse with "End Polio Now," to a multi-media campaign that saturated France, to a 1.3-million circulation tabloid in India, to Rotary yard signs in Oklahoma. The publication can be viewed online at: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6000/1663/html/63328/NEWSLETTERSUCCESSSTORIES070409.pdf>

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**Moving:** The Rotary Club of Des Moines will move to the Wakonda Club Dec. 3. The Hotel Fort Des Moines, where the club now meets, will be open through November.

## Districts work together on statewide public relations grant

Districts 6000 and 5970 (northern Iowa) worked together to submit a request for a 2009-10 Rotary International Public Relations Grant. The districts will be notified by Oct. 1 whether, and at what level, the grant is approved.

If fully funded, \$26,666 (including a one-third match from each district) will be available for a multi-media campaign that will include a 30-minute "Iowa Rotary Video" to be aired multiple times on Mediacom Connections Channel 22 and Video On Demand in February and March. Newspaper ads will announce the program schedule, and clubs will be encouraged to develop promotions with local newspapers and broadcasters.

Rotary International and the Rotary clubs of Iowa would also become corporate underwriters of selected programs on Iowa Public TV, and will participate in Festival 2010.

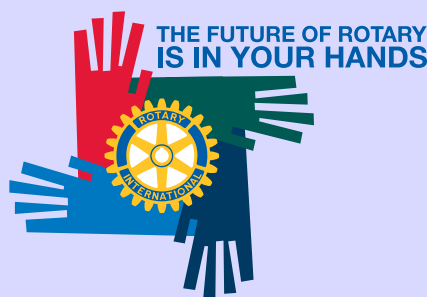
The messages, as always, will be built around Rotary's "Humanity In Motion" videos, radio scripts, billboards and print ads. Gerald Retzlaff of Monticello is district governor in District 5970 and Dave Updegraff of Maquoketa is public relations chair. PDG Bill Tubbs is public relations chair for District 6000.



District 6000 and 5970 governors and public relations chairs, meeting at Maquoketa, work on a Public Relations Grant for a statewide campaign (l-r): Bill Tubbs, Cal Litwiler, Gerald Retzlaff and Dave Updegraff.



# Mark Your Calendars!



## District 6000 Conference

April 23-25, 2010

**PZAZZ! Convention & Event Center**

• **Burlington, Iowa** •

• Service Projects, Programs & Fun!

• RotaKids, Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange & all youth!

• Celebrating 20 years of women in Rotary!

\* Update on International Projects!

• Charlie Wittmack, the youngest American to climb Mt. Everest.

• Golfing at Spirit Hollow.

• Fun City: Go-karts, arcade games, bowling, Huck's Harbor indoor water park, Catfish Bend Casino and Qi-The Spa.

• Bring your family for a fun-filled weekend!

## News Briefs

**Tsunami:** District 6000 Rotarians can take pride in knowing that a portion of the money that they contributed for Tsunami relief in 2005 helped build the schools that were featured in the most recent issue of *The Rotarian*. Additionally, the district last year gave \$78,233 to World Vision as seed money for micro-credit financing projects in the areas most severely impacted by the Tsunami. World Vision matched the District 6000 contribution to create a lending pool of \$156,466 for loans of \$200 to \$300, mostly to women, for enterprises such as

sewing, pottery, agriculture and small shops that give them economic control of their lives. The repayment rate on micro-credit projects is nearly 100 percent, making this the gift that keeps on giving – and a proven way of ending the cycle of poverty!

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**Report Your News!** Clubs in District 6000 are invited and encouraged to submit news of past and upcoming activities for

District 6000 News. Send Word documents and free-standing high resolution .jpg photos to: [btubbs@northscottpress.com](mailto:btubbs@northscottpress.com). The deadline for the next issue is Nov. 15. If you have questions, please call: DG Susan Herrick, (515) 432-5240; editor Bill Tubbs, (563) 285-8111; Jacque Andrew, (515) 386-2114; Karin Franklin, (319), 321-8261; or District Governor Cal Litwiller or your assistant governor.

### CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

May - July 2009

CLUB	MAY		JUNE		JULY	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	61.00 %	36	66.00 %	23	62.00 %	30
Albia	51.60 %	46	48.40 %	48	58.00 %	35
Ames	57.00 %	44	60.00 %	34	56.00 %	39
Ames Morning	58.60 %	41	54.80 %	43	57.50 %	36
Ankeny	81.00 %	11	68.00 %	21	79.00 %	8
Atlantic	49.23 %	48	56.54 %	39	44.78 %	46
Bettendorf	76.42 %	16	80.59 %	13	73.92 %	15
Bloomfield	72.00 %	23				
Boone	58.00 %	43	55.00 %	41	57.00 %	38
Burlington	81.50 %	9	76.30 %	14	76.30 %	11
Carroll	62.75 %	35	61.92 %	31	60.89 %	32
Centerville	60.00 %	40	58.00 %	37	55.00 %	41
Chariton	69.00 %	27	64.00 %	26	64.00 %	27
Clinton	64.40 %	32	59.31 %	35	54.50 %	42
Coon Rapids			57.00 %	38		
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00 %	1	92.00 %	4	84.00 %	5
Corning	84.03 %	7			60.10 %	33
Corydon	47.00 %	52				
Creston	72.00 %	22			65.00 %	23
Dallas Center	67.00 %	30	72.00 %	16	72.00 %	16
Davenport	40.44 %	54	48.42 %	47	45.73 %	45
Decatur County	75.00 %	20	83.00 %	10	74.00 %	14
Des Moines	48.00 %	50	45.00 %	49	44.00 %	47
Des Moines A.M.						
East Polk County					90.00 %	2
Fairfield					43.97 %	48
Fort Madison	58.00 %	42	64.00 %	25		
Greater Des Moines			100.00 %	1	100.00 %	1
Grinnell	83.00 %	8				
Indianola						
Iowa City	66.00 %	31	62.00 %	30	62.00 %	29
Iowa City A.M.			61.50 %	32	69.00 %	17
Iowa City Downtown	71.00 %	26	71.00 %	18	65.30 %	22
Iowa Quad-Cities	71.43 %	24			64.08 %	25
Jefferson	60.00 %	39	64.00 %	24		
Johnston	71.32 %	25	75.00 %	15	67.39 %	19
Kalona	77.11 %	15	69.10 %	20	68.42 %	18
Keokuk	51.51 %	47	44.58 %	50	42.38 %	49
Keosauqua	47.70 %	51	59.10 %	36	63.10 %	28
Knoxville	67.80 %	29	62.88 %	27	65.77 %	21
Lenox	80.00 %	13	82.00 %	12	80.00 %	7
Manning	76.00 %	17	87.00 %	6	78.00 %	9
Marengo	75.00 %	19	83.00 %	9		
Marshalltown	60.94 %	37	54.85 %	42		
Mount Pleasant Noon	68.50 %	28	62.50 %	29		
Mt. Pleasant	87.00 %	5	86.00 %	8	82.00 %	6
Muscatine	55.08 %	45	50.54 %	45	48.14 %	43
Nevada	75.13 %	18	69.39 %	19	66.40 %	20
Newton	63.00 %	34				
North Scott	86.90 %	6	82.47 %	11		
Northwest Des Moines	77.82 %	14	98.62 %	2	74.14 %	13
Osceola	60.19 %	38	52.59 %	44	46.13 %	44
Oskaloosa			61.10 %	33	61.00 %	31
Ottumwa	73.00 %	21	56.00 %	40	57.29 %	37
Pella	87.00 %	4	86.40 %	7	86.70 %	3
Perry	64.00 %	33			64.00 %	26
Tipton			62.62 %	28	64.28 %	24
Washington	49.22 %	49	48.83 %	46	55.56 %	40
Wauke	92.47 %	3	94.65 %	3	76.67 %	10
Wellman	93.00 %	2	90.00 %	5	86.00 %	4
West Des Moines	80.46 %	12	67.79 %	22	58.15 %	34
West Liberty	81.00 %	10	71.00 %	17	75.00 %	12
Winterset	42.13 %	53	38.00 %	51	28.43 %	50

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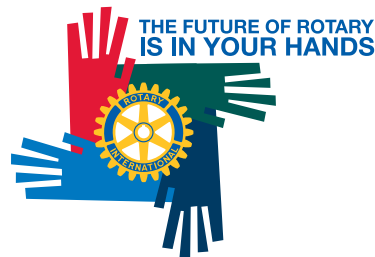
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# Club leaders' checklist



*From DG Cal Litwiller . . .*

- Register club members to attend one or more Regional Rotary Foundation/Membership seminars (p. 6).
- Ensure that your RI and district dues are paid, including voluntary contributions to FAMSCO and M.O.S.T. and the Youth Services Fund.
- Plan community activities to create awareness of polio eradication and meet or exceed your club's three-year goal for PolioPlus Partners (pp. 8-9).
- Determine significant community projects that might be aided with a District Simplified Grant and apply by the Oct. 1 deadline (p. 10).
- Encourage members to attend the 2010 RI Convention in Montreal, Canada (p. 16-18).
- Consider nominations for district governor (p. 19).
- Report your attendance monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 31).
- 2009-10 club leaders: Complete your Club Planning Guide and send copies to Governor 2009-10 Cal Litwiller and your Assistant Governor.
- Plan programs and activities to observe November as Rotary Foundation Month.
- Create awareness with a Rotary "Humanity in Motion" billboard (p. 9).
- Plan membership development activities, and personally invite a member to Rotary and plan membership development strategies for 2008-09 (p. 21).
- Help Iowa M.O.S.T. make Huehuetenango, Guatemala a safer place for its citizens (p. 14).
- Encourage members to support the Helen's Pajama Party in your area (pp. 20-21).
- Notify the GSE Committee of your interest in hosting a team from Australia in April 2010 (p. 5).
- Identify and encourage members to serve as Rotary Volunteers (p. 22).
- Explore your club's involvement with Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract and RotaKids (p. 3, 23).
- Lead by example, and ask members to increase giving to The Rotary Foundation, including Sustaining Members (\$100/year); Paul Harris Society Members (\$1,000/year); Major Donors (combined personal outright or cumulative giving to the Annual Programs Fund of \$10,000); Benefactors (minimum \$1,000 to the Permanent Fund as an outright gift or in an estate plan); and Bequest Society Members (\$10,000 or more for The Rotary Foundation in an estate plan) (p. 29).
- Submit news of your club's successes or upcoming events by Nov. 15, 2009 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacque Andrews (Jefferson).