



# District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Diana Reed, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –  
March/April/May 2007-08

## *Governor's comments . . .*

## Thanks for a sensational year in District 6000

**By DG Diana Reed/Northwest Des Moines**

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

June is upon us and the 2007-2008 Rotary year is winding down. Rick and I want to express our appreciation to everyone in District 6000 for making this a sensational year. It has truly been our privilege and our pleasure to have been your District Governor.



Diana Reed  
District Governor

Our District 6000 Conference was a tremendous success and demonstrated how Rotary Shares is done throughout this district. The district conference theme of "Reach for the Stars – Rise to the Challenge" encompassed what the District Conference Planning Committee, under the able leadership of Richard Keith, Joyce Chapman, Rita Perea and Dave Edgars, superbly accomplished:

- affirmation of the importance of Rotary in our lives – personally, locally and internationally;
- motivating us to continue the wonderful work of Rotary for the future;
- celebrating all that has been accomplished this year by having fun together.

Rotary International President's Representative Karen Babin from Saratoga Springs, New York, summarized it best in her "thank you" letter by stating:

"I so appreciated the generous hospitality extended to me by your large cadre of enthusiastic Rotarians in District 6000! It was certainly a joy to be able to represent President Wilf! Congratulations on a fantastic District Conference and year of leadership. You



It's easy to see that DG Diana Reed and Rick Rarick were completely "Rotarized" at District Conference!

have an outstanding district – on so many levels. BRAVO!!!!"

I think everyone who attended the conference would agree with her statements. We are a fantastic district. So many people give of themselves to ensure that we continue to enjoy the very highest level of participation in Rotary. There are so many "heroes" in our district who go about their daily lives doing what Rotary is all about – Service Above Self. No words adequately say "thank you" to each and every one of you for your efforts. You have all accomplished so much this year and have positioned this district to be able to go into the future expecting to continue to be the very best.

Rick and I wish new District Governor Susan Herrick and Bob the very best for 2008-2009, as well as all of the next future district governors (Cal and Rachel; and Gary and Colleen). They are now starting their journey through the district.

Meeting all the Rotarians in the district was truly the very best part of being governor for Rick and me and I know it will be the same for those district leaders just beginning.

Rick and I greatly appreciate all the encouragement and support we have received from everyone through out this very special year. District 6000 will continue the successful journey of doing the great work of Rotary International.

Yours in Rotary,

Diana Reed and Rick Rarick, District 6000 Governor 2007-2008



Former Iowa Governors Robert D. Ray (l) and Terry Branstad (r) with Joe Dittmar, a 911 survivor, who was the keynote speaker at District Conference, April 25. More: p. 16-19.



The Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor inducted 20 Paul Harris Fellows on April 23 and became an all-Paul Harris Fellow Club.

## Celebrating all-Paul Harris Fellows at Coralville . . .

**By Ted Carpenter/Coralville-North Corridor**

Assistant District Governor

On April 23 the Coralville-North Corridor Rotary Club awarded 20 Paul Harris Fellows to 20 of its members, and one Paul Harris Fellow to an honorary member.

The club was then a 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow club and it was presented with a banner commemorating the event. There was also one member who received his second Paul Harris Fellow and another member received his third.

This achievement was due to the recognition points that were assigned to the club from PDG King Herr. King Herr is deceased and it is a policy of Rotary International that the president of a club can assign the recognition points of a deceased member to that member's club.

President Vicki Struzinski-Olsen and club Rotary Foundation Chair Royce Philips worked together to award King's points to the members of the club. All of the members are already giving to The Rotary Foundation, but this was a way for the Coralville-North Corridor Club to become All Paul Harris.

Now the goal of the club is to maintain All Paul Harris status through yearly reviews of new members and awarding recognition points to new members for completing different tasks during their tenure in the club. Of course EREY is part of the culture of the club and has been since its inception.

The Coralville-North Corridor Club has seen returns on its investment in The Rotary Foundation through international grants such as a \$14,000 grant during 2007 to help the Red Cross station in Xicotepec, Mexico.



The Rotary Club of Decatur County inducted 14 Paul Harris Fellows on April 4. Front (l-r): Donna Duerr, John Henderson, Mary Ellen Stanley, Jeanne Beardsley and Lynn Milnes. Back: PDG Don Goering, Darrell Vondrak, Chris Coffelt, Jack DePond, Gary Rees, Bill Morain, DG Diana Reed, and DGE Susan Herrick. New Paul Harris Fellows not available for the picture are Gail Duerr, Lee Elson, and Vaughn Clark. Terry Geiger achieved his second Paul Harris Fellow. In addition to Loring and Phyllis Miller, Phil Metcalf is a Paul Harris Fellow.

## . . . and 14 new Paul Harris Fellows at Decatur County

The Decatur County Rotary Club held a special dinner and program at The Arbor Inn in Leon Friday evening, April 4, to honor 14 new Paul Harris Fellows. This makes the club just one short of having 100 percent of its members attaining the prestigious Paul Harris recognition.

Decatur County Rotarians Loring and Phyllis Miller challenged their fellow club members to make the "Every Rotarian Every Year" commitment to contribute \$100 annually to The Rotary Foundation and donated extra Paul Harris recognition points they had earned.





The Rotary Club of Iowa City was recognized at District Conference for its support of \$5,375 for polio eradication, (l-r): PDG

Don Goering, Anita Rieder (Annual Giving Officer of The Rotary Foundation), Apoorva Mallya (Strategic Analyst for Financial Planning for Global Health with the Gates Foundation), Charlie Funk (Iowa City Rotary Club president), and PDG Gary Pacha (Iowa City).



# POLIO: Meeting the Gates Challenge

**By PDG Don Goering/Ames**

D-6000 PolioPlus Chair/Rotary Foundation  
PolioPlus Partners Task Force Member

As the march to eradicate Polio in the world continues, the support from the Rotarians and Rotary clubs of District 6000 also continues with tremendous results.

With only four countries where the spread of the poliovirus has never been stopped, the call for funds was heard around the world and here in District 6000.

The largest gift to date from District 6000 thus far is from the 34 members of the Rotary Club of Albia, a gift of \$6,000.

Last November the Gates Foundation provided the largest gift ever to The Rotary Foundation of \$100 million to help meet the funding shortage with the challenge that we Rotarians match that gift over the next three years.

To encourage giving by Rotarians and Rotary clubs, The Rotary Foundation Trustees offered to match each dollar contributed with 50 cents during this Rotary year. In addition, District 6000 Governor Diana Reed authorized the matching of contributions dollar for dollar of District Designated Funds up to \$10,000.

As of May 28, 16 District 6000 Rotary clubs and many, many District 6000 Rotarians have contributed a total of \$35,479.61 to the polio eradication efforts. When the DDF match and The Rotary Foundation match is all added together, \$69,191.38 has been directed to the polio eradication efforts from our District 6000 Rotarians.

On behalf of the Trustees of The

Rotary Foundation, a heartfelt thank you is extended.

A District 6000 committee will be developing plans and ideas to be used throughout the district as we strive to meet the goal established by The Rotary Foundation Trustees of at least \$1,000 per year per club for three years. That means District 6000 had a goal of raising \$186,000 over the next three years. We have a good start, but still a long ways to go.

It is exciting to note that since 1986, the start of the first polio eradication fund drive, the Rotarians and the Rotary Clubs of District 6000 have contributed over \$1,763,242 towards this massive humanitarian program.

If your club has not had a recent program presented to your club on the polio eradication efforts please contact one of the following Rotarians who have participated in a recent National Immunization Day in Nigeria and have a very interesting story to tell.

Those Rotarians are: Loring Miller, PDG Bill Tubbs, PDG Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen, and DG Diana Reed.

I would be happy to present a more general program on the history to the polio eradication campaign and the current status of the eradication efforts. All of our contact information is in the District 6000 Directory.



## Albia: Small but mighty

The Albia Rotary Club may be a small club, but we always keep giving. Albia Rotary Club Polio Plus Chairman Dean Stocker (r) and club President Kathy Wauson, present a check for \$6,000 to Don Goering, the Rotary District 6000 Chairman for Polio Plus. For the past 20 years, Rotary International has worked to eradicate polio worldwide, and we wanted to do our part to help. Our club members individually contributed and then our Albia Rotary Club matched those funds, which will then in turn be matched by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation – which has created an opportunity to raise the funds necessary to accomplish Rotary's goal.

*Submitted by Denice Gradeless,  
club secretary.*



The new location for the District 6000 office in Pella, effective July 1.

## ***Donations of furnishings requested:*** **District office to relocate to Pella, effective July 1**

District 6000 hired a part-time administrator in 2003-04 with a small office at the bank in Knoxville at the nominal rent of \$500 a month, including utilities. DG Diana Reed learned in March that effective July 1, 2008, this location would no longer be available.

The district executive committee met on March 29 and April 26 and decided to look for a new location near the center of the district, in Knoxville, Pella or Newton. Aided by administrator Carolyn Scharff and former district administrator Jerri Uitermarkt, a subcommittee of DGE Susan Herrick and PDG Del Bluhm looked at 17 sites and prioritized them for discussion at a meeting on May 29 at the Knoxville office.

The unanimous No. 1 choice was the location pictured above, at 1915 Washington St., Pella, IA 50219. The 1,598-square-foot office is located 1 mile west of the town square on a main road 0.4 miles from the Highway 163 exit. The rent is \$425 (snow removal included) plus utilities that ranged from a low of \$82 to a high of \$202 with full-time usage. District 6000's usage will be part-time.

Administrator Carolyn Scharff lives in Pella. The district's e-mail address, dis6000admin@lisco.com, and phone number, (877) 976-8279, will not change. The new mailing address will be P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219, and mail will be forwarded from Knoxville for one year.

To save money, the executive committee encourages Rotarians to use the new, larger office for their activities, especially if there is a facilities cost (e.g. Youth Exchange).

To make the space functional, the district is asking for donations of furnishings (see below). Contributions will be gratefully acknowledged and items should be in good condition. Contact PDG Del Bluhm, (515) 450-1110; DGE Susan Herrick, (515) 432-7995; or administrator Carolyn Scharff, (877) 976-8279.

### **DONATIONS WANTED FOR DISTRICT OFFICE:**

- Carpet for the entry: 75" x 102"
- Executive Desk: L-shaped with room for computer and keyboard tray
- Desk Chair: Adjustable (at least up & down)
- Board Table: Minimum size 42" x 10'
- Board Chairs: 10 or more
- Stacking Chairs: For big meetings – 50 would be nice

# New clubs are needed to stop decline in membership in D6000

## **PADG Bill Koellner/West Liberty**

D-6000, Club Extension chair

In the last twenty-five years, eight new clubs have been chartered in District 6000. Those clubs, year of charter and 2007 membership are below:

In January 1996, total membership in District 6000 was 4,389. In July 2007, total district membership was 4,307, and as of April 30 the membership in 4,309.

As a whole, membership in the district has dropped since 1996, except for growth by adding new clubs. The nine clubs listed below have 522 members who have joined Rotary since the chartering of those clubs.

RI President-elect Dong Kurn Lee is asking every Rotary club to bring in at least one new member in 2008-09. During his term, he will challenge each district to achieve a 10 percent net increase in membership and to start two new clubs.

District Governor Diana Reed, Governor-Elect Susan Herrick, and Governor Nominees Cal Litwiller and Gary Welch have keyed on adding new clubs to the roster of District 6000. Club Extension has identified more than 15 locations throughout the district where new clubs are a strong possibility.

Governor Reed has initiated discussions in the Des Moines and Davenport areas and is working with Rotarians in those locations

Club	Year Chartered	Membership Feb. 07
Iowa Quad Cities	1985	54
Mt. Pleasant Noon	1985	36
Iowa City AM	1989	54
Ames Morning	1989	70
Des Moines AM	1991	133
Coralville North Corridor	1996	37
Johnston	1999	42
Waukee	1999	68
Iowa City Downtown	2004	28
Members from "new" clubs		<b>522</b>

to increase membership in their clubs, and to consider chartering new clubs. In addition, two other locations in central Iowa and one in eastern Iowa have been identified for 2008-09 for new club potential.

District Leadership is identifying key leadership in potential new club areas to assist in creating new clubs. It is important to add new Rotarians to every club, but it is also important to add new clubs to locations where Rotary can expand in other areas.



Club Extension chair Bill Koellner spoke about membership at District Assembly.



# How Rotarians can respond to tornado in Parkersburg

The District 6000 Executive Committee met on Thursday, May 29, and one of the topics that was discussed was Rotary's response to the disasters in Parkersburg, Iowa, and the surrounding area.

DG Diana Reed learned from Rotarians in District 5970 (northern Iowa, which includes Parkersburg) that the most immediate, critical need is money. Residents don't have access to cash for food and incidentals.

District 5970 established an account at a Waterloo bank to receive money that will be administered in the community by District 5970, working with the Parkersburg Rotary Club.

District 6000's support will be kicked off with a transfer of \$5,000 from our Humanitarian Services Fund – an account that was established after the 1993 floods when we RECEIVED contributions from Rotarians around the world.

Individual Rotarians and clubs are invited and encouraged to lend their support. Tax deductible contributions are payable to:

District 6000 Humanitarian and Educational Fund/Parkersburg Tornado Relief Fund.

In order to ensure that your club gets credit for your donations, send them through your club secretary, or include your club's name when sending them to the FAMSCO Treasurer, Dick Kennedy, 1811 North Dubuque Rd., Iowa City, IA 52245.

District Governor Nominee Gary Welch said that the Ankeny Rotary Club and Ankeny club president Douglas Ripley are challenging every to club in District 6000 to raise at least \$500.

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Keith Mattke, who represents Rotary on the Iowa Human Resources Disaster Council, said statewide relief efforts are being coordinated by the Council. Rotary is not a "first responder," but there will be hands-on activities later. Information: Keith Mattke, 21945 180th Ave., Davenport, IA 52804; ph. (563) 285-7194; e-mail: jmmattke@aol.com.



Sergeants-at-arms Linda Hartkopf, an assistant district governor from Atlantic, and Norm Van Klompenburg, a past assistant governor from Newton, raised \$1,551 for polio eradication. When matched by DDF and The Rotary Foundation, this will provide vaccines for 9,000 children.



Manning Rotarians Greg Sextro, Bob Mueller and Brad Vollstedt sang a memorable rendition of "Happy Birthday" at the President-Elect Training Seminar. Mueller and Lorinda Roth won official Rotary ties and scarves by guessing how many people in North America have heard of an organization called Rotary: 71 percent



District 6000 trainer Jack O'Leary of Nevada (I) reunited with Beth and Rick McReynolds to provide easy listening entertainment for Saturday's District Assembly luncheon.

## P.E.T.S., District Assembly

March 28-29, 2008

DMAC Conference Center, Newton

Attendance: 175



District 6220 Governor Ted Gurzynski, West Allis, WI, inspired Rotarians to remember that "some kids don't dream." He is pictured with his wife, Kathy (r), Maggie Mowery (Iowa City) and DGE Susan Herrick (Boone).

# Rotary's role in drug abuse prevention:

***'We all have a role to play!'***

**By Becky Swift/Des Moines AM**

Chair, District 6000 Substance Abuse Prevention Committee

*Did you know?*

- That the average age at which a child begins drinking alcohol is 12?
- That while, alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana use among Iowa youth has been declining, the incidence of binge drinking among Iowa youth is 30 percent higher than the national average?
- That abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs to get high is the fastest growing drug abuse trend among youth?



Becky Swift

As the Assistant Director of Drug Demand Reduction Programs for the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy, and member of the Des Moines AM Rotary Club, I am excited to be chairing the District 6000 Substance Abuse Prevention Committee. I am a Certified Prevention Specialist with over 20 years of experience in substance abuse prevention at both the community and state level and have experience with community mobilization, drug-free workplace, methamphetamine

education, drug endangered children, and other substance abuse prevention initiatives.

While many things have changed over the years I've been in this profession one thing has remained constant; everyone has a role to play in preventing substance abuse and making their communities healthier, safer places to live.

During the 2008-2009 Rotary year, each club is asked to participate in at least one substance abuse prevention project. While this may sound daunting, there are many very simple things that you can do and many people to help.

Substance abuse prevention is defined as an active process that creates conditions and personal attributes that promote the well-being of people. To be most effective programs and projects require a multi-strategic comprehensive community approach. We can't sit around and wait for things to change or get better; we must take action! Something Rotarians love to do!

Youth who use drugs before the age of 15 are significantly more like to develop an addiction than youth who delay their onset of use or who abstain. Each Rotary club in District 6000 can play a role in increasing the number of youth who make healthy choices and abstain from alcohol and other drug use through their individual and collective efforts.

Each county in District 6000 is served by a comprehensive substance abuse prevention agency. The agencies provide direct service programming in the communities in their area, and can consult with you about your project. The agencies have already been notified that you'll be engaged in a prevention project so won't be surprised to hear from you.

To locate the agency in your area, visit the Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center at [www.drugfreeinfo.org](http://www.drugfreeinfo.org) and click on the "facility locator" link. Once on that page, enter your city or county name and click that you'd like information about substance abuse prevention and then submit the information. You'll get information about your local provider.

In addition to the local substance abuse prevention agency, your area may also be served by a local substance abuse prevention coalition. Information about coalitions can also be found on the Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center web site under "community

based groups."

Begin by inviting a representative from your local substance abuse prevention program or law enforcement agency to speak about the current issues in your community. Get the facts and find out where needs exist. Based on this information there are many things that you can do: some are more complex and time consuming; others are very simple. Ask what you can do to help and get involved. Be creative – the needs are great.

Look at the project examples next to this article. Please let me know how I can assist you. Feel free to call (515) 218-5593, or e-mail [becky.swift@iowa.gov](mailto:becky.swift@iowa.gov) with your questions, concerns, and ideas. My goal is to help you make this project worthwhile, rewarding and fun. Also available to provide project input is Lon Walker, Marshalltown Police Chief and Rotary club member, (515) 754-5725. I'm looking forward to working with you on this important project.

## Sample substance abuse projects

*Project examples for clubs to consider:*

- Adopt a school. The Des Moines AM club partners with Capitol View Elementary School. Members mentors and tutor the children throughout the school year. They also provide books for the library and help support scholarships for students to attend camp.
  - Create a pool of mentors who are willing to work one-on-one with a child for a year. Provide these names to your local mentoring agency.
  - Provide scholarships for youth to attend leadership programs and camps.
  - Financially support projects of the local coalition or prevention agency.
  - Purchase needed prevention related materials or training for your local coalition or prevention agency.
  - Provide volunteers for drug-free community events.
  - Host, in conjunction with local providers, a drug-free event for children and families.
  - Learn about, and become involved with a national or local campaign such as Red Ribbon Week or Alcohol Awareness Month.
  - Develop a speaker's bureau on topics such as leadership, careers, and citizenship. Offer to be available to speak to local youth groups and at schools. Emphasize the importance of healthy choices and being drug-free to obtaining goals.
  - Bring the Partnership for a Drug Free America's "Meth360" to your community by recruiting partners, completing an online training and delivering and promoting presentations. All Meth360 materials can be accessed at [www.drugfree.org/meth360](http://www.drugfree.org/meth360).
  - Have club representation on your local coalition – be involved in program planning and implementation.
  - Keep your club up-to-date on trends and issues.
  - Sponsor a forum where candidates for local, state or federal office can discuss how they will address alcohol and other drug issues.
  - Learn more about prevention strategies – visit the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention web site at <http://prevention.samhsa.gov/>.
  - Plan an activity in collaboration with your local Interact, Rotaract, or RotaKids club.
- Keep these ideas in mind as you plan your prevention project. Also seek input from club members, as well as your local prevention agency, coalition, and law enforcement.





Iowa youth and Youth Exchange students – our future – celebrated spring the Rotary way at RYLA, at Camp Dodge.

# 160 strong, RYLA turnout was GREAT!

**By Ed Minnick and Ken Angersola/West Des Moines**  
D-6000, RYLA Chairs

The annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference was held at Camp Dodge in Johnston on Tuesday, April 15.

RYLA is a daylong leadership program for sophomore students, which demonstrates Rotary's respect and concern for youth. Participants learn methods of responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership through a training experience that encourages continued



and stronger leadership of youth by youth. The conference also publicly recognizes the high qualities of many young people who are rendering service in their communities as leaders, and provides positive motivation.

We had 160 sophomore attendees from all over District 6000!

RYLA is a great day where they learn about leadership while having fun. To encourage the students to put into practice the ideas they learn at RYLA, participants are sent home with a voluntary assignment to write an essay about what they learned at RYLA and they can use this new found knowledge to become a better leader.

The essays are judged and the top writer has the opportunity to read their essay at the District Conference where the first place winner is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, the second place winner, \$750, and third, \$500!

Our goal this year was to have a minimum of two sponsored participants (ideally one male and one female per sophomore class) from every Rotary Club in District 6000. So, once again turn out was great! On behalf of District 6000, thank you for your participation in, and support of RYLA.



The Leader Reaction Course is challenging but fun as it tests students' problem solving skills.

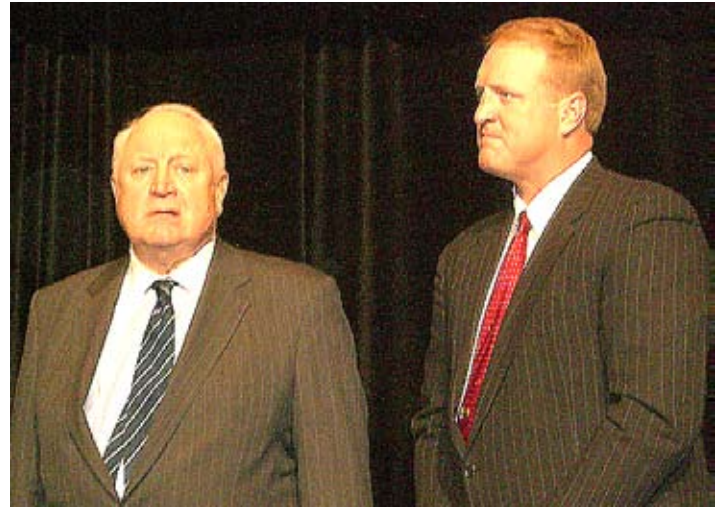


RYLA day started early, with buses picking up students from all corner of the district at 5:00 a.m., but students were eager to learn – and to meet new friends!





Nancy Quellinghorst (l) of the host Rotary Club of Iowa City and Tom Hayden, president of the Cedar Rapids Rotary Club, presented a check for \$54,000 to World Food Prize president Ambassador Ken Quinn, for internships.



In a proud moment for father-son, Iowa Gov. Chet Culver (r) congratulated former U.S. Sen. John Culver, who was inducted as a Borlaug-Ruan Laureate with Dr. Ignacio Ponseti and former U.S. Rep. Jim Leach, for humanitarian service.

## World Food Prize internships awarded

The World Food Prize Foundation has announced that nine Iowa high school students and one student from Illinois have been selected for 2008 Borlaug-Ruan International Internships.

Each student will complete an 8-week, expenses-paid internship at an internationally renowned research center abroad.

This summer marks the eleventh year of the Borlaug-Ruan International Internship program. In a partnership with the Rotary clubs of Iowa, over 110 students have now been sent on research assignments around the world. Students often return from the program calling it a "life-changing experience."

"Each year the World Food Prize is pleased to send young Iowans on what we feel is one of the most unique programs in America inspiring the study of science," said Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn, president of the World Food Prize Foundation. "The Borlaug-Ruan International Internship program gives students hands-on experience at some of the most respected agricultural research centers in the world. There they receive a first-hand view of real and pressing food security issues and nutritional problems in poverty-stricken areas."

The Borlaug-Ruan interns participated in the October 2007 World Food Prize Youth Institute where they interacted with World Food Prize Laureates and Nobel Prize Laureate Dr. Norman Borlaug to discuss issues relating to food security throughout the world.



District Governors Richard Moeller of D5970, Waverly (l), and Diana Reed of D6000, Clive (second from right) at the Hoover-Wallace Dinner with Rick Rarick and Linda Moeller.

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<b>Sarah Anderson, Cedar Falls</b>	Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, China
<b>Vivian Bernau, Altoona</b>	The World Vegetable Center, Shanhua, Tainan, Taiwan
<b>Lisa Cathelyn, Geneseo, Ill.</b>	M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, India
<b>Sagar Chawla, Urbandale</b>	International Rice Research Institute, Los Banos, Philippines
<b>Hannah Hix, Dysart</b>	International Livestock Research Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
<b>Nate Looker, Des Moines</b>	International Potato Center, Lima, Peru
<b>Mythili Prabhu, Ames</b>	International Maize & Wheat Improvement Center, El Batan, Mexico
<b>Patrice Metcalf-Putnam, Fort Dodge</b>	China Agricultural University, Beijing, China
<b>Tim Sprick, Cedar Rapids</b>	The World Fish Center, Abbassa, Egypt
<b>Abhishek Vemuri, West Des Moines</b>	Brazilian Corporation of Agricultural Research, Londrina, Brazil

DG Diana Reed and Rick Rarick, PDGs Herb Wilson and Bill Tubbs, DGN Cal Litwiller and Rotarians from the Iowa City area represented District 6000 at the Hoover-Wallace Dinner April 19 at the Marriott, Coralville. Information: <http://www.worldfoodprize>.



Iowa City Rotarians in attendance at the April 19 Hoover-Wallace Dinner included (l-r): Verne Folkman, Terrance Neuzil, Maggie Mowery, Don Heineking and Karin Franklin.



# D.K. Lee challenges North American clubs

**By PDG Bill Tubbs/NorthScott**

Area Coordinator/North America

RI Public Image Resource Group

**T**he week of May 12-15 really was an amazing "Rotary" week. I checked in at the Orrington Hotel in Evanston on Monday evening and had dinner with members of the RI Public Image Resource Group for 2008-09: Bob Aitken (Australia), Hisao Taoka (Japan), Chris Skinner (South Africa), Rob Crabtree (New Zealand), Bob Tomlinson (Scotland), Pauline Leung (Taiwan) and Fernando Ribiero (Brazil). Rob and Chris were new to the committee, as these are year-to-year appointments, at the pleasure of the RI president. The "holdovers," who have been in regular communication since our meeting last year, enjoyed renewing friendships.

Tuesday began with breakfast at Cafe International at RI Headquarters. This is where people from all over the world meet and form the global "network" when they visit RI. After breakfast, we convened in a board room on the 12th floor to begin two days of meetings with RI staff and leadership, including President-Elect D.K. Lee (Korea), the PR staff and the heads of the RI divisions of strategic planning, training, and public relations.

A highlight was seeing a preview of "Humanity in Motion V" from Denny Hebsen of Romani Bros. Advertising Agency. Their "Ask a Rotarian" and "One Hour a Week to Change the World" themes are brilliant and represent the culmination of what Rotary has been working toward ever since it started to take public relations seriously as part of its strategic plan in 2000.

My enthusiasm was tempered, however, with the reality that everything in Rotary is global – and the representatives from South Africa, Brazil and Japan didn't think the materials would work in their cultures. Thus much give-and-take lies ahead before these messages are produced.

The sense that America's way is sometimes seen as patriarchal was reinforced when Barry Rassin of Nassau, Bahamas, who is the North America coordinator for President-Elect Lee's task force on child mortality, highlighted these words in Lee's theme brochure: "Even in the wealthiest countries, there are children without access to medical care. Every day, children die for want of simple technology such as smoke detectors, bicycle helmets and car safety seats." Ouch! Is that ever a stark reminder that all the needs are not "over there!"

Our international committee meetings ended Wednesday afternoon and I shifted gears to greet North America zone PR coordina-

tors for their training which I would lead with the help of RI staff on Thursday. They are a group of experienced Rotary leaders, from Vancouver and Toronto, Canada; and California, Kansas, Texas, Michigan, Louisiana, Tennessee, New York, Washington, D.C., Virginia, Florida and Iowa USA.

It is educational and motivating to meet with such positive people, to hear their success stories and compare and contrast views on current events, Rotary and otherwise. President-elect Lee took time from his busy schedule to address this group, as well, with these challenging words: "Rotary-wise, North America is our main

face. But nowadays, you are losing members in this area. That makes me very sad."

As a result of North America's proportional decrease in membership, we will lose one zone (administrative area) in 2010, and the redistricting of zones is controversial because it reduces the number and frequency of RI directors from a given area. In the new plan, for example, Texas will be redistricted with Mexico.

President-elect Lee's goal is to grow Rotary membership world-wide by 10 percent in 2008-09. History shows that the only way Rotary really grows is by extending new clubs. Toward that end, the District 6000 Club Extension Committee, of which I am a member, has become active. Many regions of the district have been identified as underachieving their potential for membership. And membership is the cornerstone, or foundation, of all we do as Rotarians.

This is illustrated by a "feel good" story from the week: A Rotarian, Patrick Olson of

Plymouth, Mich., was among the first persons granted a visa to provide relief to Myanmar (Burma), with Shelterbox, a British program that is supported by RI. (Rotary clubs in District 6000 have sponsored Shelterboxes, which provide a temporary home with all the essentials to a displaced family.) The PR staff at Rotary was scrambling to gain publicity, and did succeed in getting Olson on CNN, with his Rotary connection identified! The chair of the PR Committee, Bob Aitken, somewhat in jest, challenged our Latin America rep, Fernando, to equip each of the 1,000 Shelterboxes with a soccer ball signed by Pele. A day later, Fernando proudly announced Mission Accomplished! As a result, the children in Myanmar will have more than a roof over their heads – they'll have a "Pele" soccer ball to kick – thanks to Rotary!

This is just one of many stories that should inspire each of us to pursue President Wilf Wilkinson's theme: Share Rotary!



President-Elect D.K. Lee of Korea addressed a meeting of North America Zone Public Relations Coordinators that was convened by PDG Bill Tubbs (c) on May 15 at RI in Evanston. Zone 27 coordinator Dave Buck of Waterloo is at right.

**"Rotary-wise, North America is our main face. But nowadays, you are losing members in this area. That makes me very sad."**

*– RI President-Elect D.K. Lee, Korea*

# District 6000 Club, Individual Awards

**RI SERVICE ABOVE  
SELF AWARD**  
Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM

**RI SIGNIFICANT  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**  
Des Moines

**RI COOPERATIVE  
PROJECTS AWARD**  
Davenport  
North Scott

**RI RECOGNITION OF  
MEMBERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT  
INITIATIVES**  
Nevada

**RI PRESIDENTIAL  
CITATIONS**  
Ames Morning  
Boone  
Clinton  
Davenport  
Decatur County  
Ft. Madison  
Indianola  
Iowa Quad Cities  
Jefferson  
Keokuk  
Marshalltown  
Nevada  
Ottumwa  
West Liberty

**DISTRICT 6000  
MERITORIOUS SERVICE  
AWARD**  
Kelly Sargent, Des Moines  
Helen's Pajama Parties

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
CLUB RECOGNITION**  
Ames Morning  
Chariton  
Clinton  
Decatur County  
Nevada  
North Scott  
Ottumwa

**ASSISTANT GOVERNORS  
COMPLETING SERVICE**  
Ken Donnelly, West Liberty  
Jim Ebbers, Pella  
Keith Hobson, Nevada  
Don Patterson, Washington  
Deb Pullen-VanAuken  
Iowa City AM

**ROTARY FOUNDATION  
DISTRICT SERVICE  
AWARDS**  
Jacque Andrew, Jefferson  
John Erickson, Newton  
Robert Fasbender, Carroll  
Andy Knebel, Iowa City  
Loring Miller, Decatur Co.  
Phyllis Miller, Decatur Co.  
Charles Mooney, Bettendorf

**MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**  
1. Coon Rapids, 26.0%  
2. Adel, 20.8%  
3. Marengo, 14.2%

**BEST ATTENDANCE AT  
DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
2007 (NO. MEMBERS x  
MILES TRAVELED):**  
North Scott

**ROTARY FOUNDATION,  
TOP THREE CLUBS,  
ANNUAL GIVING IN  
2006-07**

1. Iowa City Downtown,  
\$421.48 per capita
2. NW Des Moines,  
\$378.55
3. Chariton, \$332.65

**100 PERCENT  
SUSTAINING MEMBERS  
IN 2006-07**  
West Liberty

**100 PERCENT PAUL  
HARRIS FELLOW CLUB  
IN 2007-08**  
Coralville-North Corridor

**100 PERCENT EVERY  
ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR  
BANNER FOR 2006-07**  
Pella  
West Liberty

**ROTARY FOUNDATION  
CENTURION CLUBS  
IN 2006-07**

Ames  
Ames Morning  
Ankeny  
Bettendorf  
Chariton  
Coralville-North Corridor  
Dallas Center  
Decatur County  
Des Moines AM  
Fairfield  
Indianola  
Iowa City  
Iowa City AM  
Iowa City Downtown  
Jefferson  
Johnston  
Knoxville  
Mt. Pleasant  
Muscatine  
Nevada  
Newton  
North Scott  
Northwest Des Moines  
Ottumwa  
Pella  
Wauke  
Wellman  
West Liberty

**NEW MAJOR DONORS  
IN 2007-08**  
(none)

**NEW BEQUEST SOCIETY  
MEMBERS IN 2007-08  
LEVEL I**

Jacque Andrew, Jefferson  
Robert & Mary Bauman,  
Ames  
David Deuth, Bettendorf  
Adam Keller, Northwest  
Des Moines  
Doyle Sanders, Northwest  
Des Moines

**NEW LEVEL THREE  
MEMBERS IN 2007-08**  
John and Darlene  
Schwandke, Muscatine

**NEW DISTRICT 6000  
PAUL HARRIS  
SOCIETY MEMBERS  
(\$1,000 per year to TRF  
Annual Programs Fund)**

Stan Barber, Iowa City  
William & Dixie Burress,  
Davenport  
Bill Bywater, Iowa City  
Geraldene Fenton,  
Iowa City  
Verne Folkmann, Iowa City  
Charlie Funk, Iowa City  
Alan Hermanson,  
Ames Morning  
Lee Holmes, Wauke  
Dean Moore, Iowa City  
Chelon Stanzel,  
Ames Morning  
Jim Swaner, Iowa City  
Steve West, Iowa City

**DISTRICT 6000 PAUL  
HARRIS SOCIETY**  
Robert Anderson, Ames  
Kent Angerer, Iowa City  
Bill & Ann Ashton,  
Davenport  
Ed Barker, Iowa City  
Roger & Pat Borup,  
Wellman  
Del & Georgia Bluhm, Ames  
Tom Brooke, West Liberty  
George Christensen, Ames  
John & Linda Dasher, Ames  
David Dickson, Ames  
Trent Frohock, Northwest  
Des Moines  
Jeff & Mary Gibbons, Ames  
Deepak Giri, West Liberty  
Don & Doris Goering, Ames  
Conrad Gregg, West Liberty  
Marvin Hartwig, Coralville-  
North Corridor  
Paul Hellwege, Boone  
Doug & Melody Huette,  
Iowa City AM  
Harvey Kadlec, Des Moines  
Corliss & Jeanne Klaasen,  
Chariton  
Bill Koellner, West Liberty  
Ev & Ruth Laning, Indianola  
Steve & Karen Laughlin,  
Iowa City AM  
Darrell & Sharon Limkeman,  
Ottumwa  
Loring Miller, Decatur Co.  
Phyllis Miller, Decatur Co.  
Michael Mumma, Jefferson  
John Ockenfels, Iowa City  
AM  
Bill Oglesby, Coralville-  
North Corridor  
Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM  
Bob Rudman, Ames  
David Suntken, Ames  
Nancy & Jeff Stroborg,  
Jefferson  
Bill & Linda Tubbs,  
North Scott  
Don Wandling, Ames  
Herb Wilson, Iowa City  
Downtown  
Janice Wilson, Iowa City  
Downtown  
Richard Young, Iowa City

**MAJOR DONORS  
LEVEL ONE  
(\$10,000 or more)**  
Kent & Loretta Angerer,  
Iowa City  
William Ashton, Davenport  
Del & Georgia Bluhm, Ames  
Cecil Bolsinger, Des Moines  
Roger & Pat Borup,  
Wellman  
Kent Dallmeyer, Washington  
David Dickson, Ames  
Randy & Lois Gambill,  
Northwest Des Moines  
Jeff & Mary Gibbons, Ames  
Don & Doris Goering, Ames  
Corliss & Jeanne Klaassen,  
Chariton  
Bill & Janet Koeller,  
West Liberty  
Loring & Phyllis Miller,  
Decatur County  
Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM  
Krishna & Saheb Sahu,  
West Des Moines  
William Sitler, Washington  
William Tubbs, North Scott  
Margaret Wilson

**LEVEL TWO**  
Stan & Corinne Barber,  
Wellman  
Tom & Mary Brooke,  
West Liberty

**LEVEL THREE**  
John & Linda Dasher,  
Ames  
Stanley Howe, Muscatine

**LEVEL FOUR**  
Charles Gabus,  
Northwest Des Moines  
Paul Hellwege, Boone

**LEVEL SIX**  
Herb & Janice Wilson  
Iowa City Downtown

**BEQUEST SOCIETY  
MEMBERS (6-30-06)  
LEVEL ONE**  
Dale & Mary Belknap,  
Northwest Des Moines  
Del & Georgia Bluhm,  
Ames  
Roger & Pat Borup,  
Wellman  
Jeffrey Brehmer, Northwest  
Des Moines  
Don & Phyllis Canfield,  
Iowa City AM  
Trent Frohock, East Polk  
Don & Doris Goering, Ames  
Bradford Helgemo,  
Northwest Des Moines  
Susan Herrick, Boone  
Lloyd Hill, Northwest  
Des Moines  
Philip Houle, Northwest  
Des Moines  
Marvin & Verona Johnson,  
Northwest Des Moines  
Ev Laning, Indianola  
Steve & Karen Laughlin,  
Coralville-North Corridor  
Michael & Michelle Messier,  
Iowa City AM

S.K. Nanda, Bettendorf  
John & Deb Ockenfels,  
Iowa City AM  
William & Sharon Oglesby,  
Coralville-North Corridor  
David Parsons, Iowa City  
AM  
Anthony & Kimberly Schau  
Coralville-North Corridor  
Denny & Kathy Skinner,  
Nevada  
David J. Smith, Northwest  
Des Moines  
William Tubbs, North Scott  
Margaret Wilson  
(formerly Ames)

**BEQUEST SOCIETY  
LEVEL TWO**  
Stanley & Corrine Barber,  
Wellman  
Robert & Cynthia Dabrieo,  
Northwest Des Moines  
Corliss & Jeanne Klaasen,  
Chariton

**BEQUEST SOCIETY  
LEVEL THREE**  
Linda & John Dasher,  
Ames  
Harvey & Mary Kadlec,  
Des Moines  
Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM

**BEQUEST SOCIETY  
LEVEL FOUR**  
Robert & Janice Anderson,  
Ames  
Charles Gabus, Northwest  
Des Moines  
Jeff & Mary Gibbons, Ames  
Michael & Jo Ann Ruby,  
Muscatine  
David & Dianne Suntken,  
Ames  
Herb & Janice Wilson,  
Iowa City Downtown

(There are currently 173  
District 6000 Rotarians who  
are Benefactors to the Per-  
manent Fund of The Rotary  
Foundation. These Rotar-  
ians are members of 34 of  
the 62 clubs in D6000.)

**INTERACT CLUBS**  
Ankeny  
Des Moines  
Fairfield  
Iowa City High  
Iowa City West  
Jefferson  
Muscatine  
Mt. Pleasant  
Perry  
Pleasant Valley  
(Bettendorf)  
Southeast Polk  
(East Polk)

**NEW INTERACT CLUB  
IN 2007-08**  
Winterset



# 'TO SMILE WITHOUT SHAME'

## *District 6000 Rotarians deliver for Mayan children*

**By Melody Rockwell**

Iowa M.O.S.T. Photojournalist

On April 5, 2008, the Rotary 6000 Iowa MOST (Miles of Smiles Team) began its journey to perform cleft lip/palate and dental surgeries in the highlands of Guatemala.

The 29-member team included many mission-experienced medical personnel from the University of Iowa, who worked with hospital personnel at the Hospital Regional de Occidente San Juan de Dios, Quetzaltenango (Xela).

The Iowa Miles of Smiles Team was also joined by Guatemalan doctors Juan Carlos Garcia Moran and Antonio Rosal Alvarez, and nurse Viki Lopez Gutierrez from Huehuetenango.

Two generous benefactors, Sal and Maru Danial, worked as volunteers for the project, and Dr. Bill Olin, who originally inspired the Iowa MOST mission, joined the team for screening and the first morning of surgeries in Xela.

While the team was in Guatemala and months before its arrival, the Quetzaltenango Rotary Club worked tirelessly to provide logistical, governmental, medical and organizational support, as well as abundant, welcoming hospitality. It was truly an international team effort!

During its week at Xela, the team of surgeons, nurses, pediatricians, anesthesiologists, dentists and non-medical support volunteers screened 69 patients, primarily Mayan children, and completed 55 medical procedures, including 16 cleft lip surgeries, five cleft palate surgeries, three fistula surgeries, and dental placement of six obturators as well as multiple teeth extractions.

A great deal was accomplished under sometimes trying conditions, and through it all, Dr. John Canady, lead surgeon, continually cautioned the team: "We need to proceed slowly and safely, just as if we were at home making medical decisions for



The Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.) completed another successful mission trip to Guatemala, April 5-15.

our own children."

Canady added, "These children in Guatemala are our children."

The team met his goal of leaving with more than 30 children and even a few adults restored – to smile without shame, and to be able to speak and eat more normally. No one was less well off due to the team's efforts.

The Iowa Miles of Smiles Team, who

volunteered their time and skills, were amply paid with tears, smiles and hugs of gratitude from thankful families, and the knowledge that many lives had been improved due to their cooperative efforts as a team and to the magnanimous support of the Rotary 6000 members in Iowa and the Quetzaltenango Rotary in Guatemala.

*In future issues of District 6000, we will tell some of the heartwarming stories.*

### **THANKS TO CLUBS THAT PROVIDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR IOWA M.O.S.T. IN 2007-08**

Ames	East Polk	Mt. Pleasant
Ames Morning	Fairfield	Muscatine
Bettendorf	Indianola	Nevada
Bloomfield	Iowa City AM	North Scott
Burlington	Iowa Quad Cities	Ottumwa
Chariton	Johnston	Pella
Clinton	Kalona	Washington
Coralville-North Corridor	Keosauqua	Wauke
Dallas Center	Manning	West Liberty
Davenport	Marengo	Winterset
Decatur County	Marshalltown	

## **Tell Your Rotary Stories**

**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). Deadline: Aug. 18, 2008.**

# Burlington builds playground for Hospice House

By Sherry Kaestner

West Burlington News

On a beautiful spring day, the Burlington Rotary Club dedicated the recently completed playground they provided at the GRMC Hospice House.

According to club president, Joyce Vance, this effort, which is the fourth to be funded by Rotary, was suggested by club member Rob Ritson, who serves on the Hospice Board. The playground was listed by the Hospice House staff, as a need "outside the GRMC's budget scope" to be used by "young people visiting their parents, grandparents or other relatives staying at Hospice."

According to Amy Eggar, Community Liaison for the Hospice House, the play-



Burlington Rotary Club members pose with playground equipment the group donated to Great River Hospice in West Burlington.

ground will give children who visit loved ones at the facility "a place to get away" because families who use the Hospice House "need a diversion." Eggar went on to say that holding the dedication during Earth Week is especially appropriate because nature can offer "peace and serenity" to everyone.

This playground project was fully funded by Rotary, at a cost of \$25,375, bringing

their total playground expenditures to nearly \$150,000. Funds for those projects are raised at the group's Annual Chicken BBQ Dinner, which is scheduled for September 18 this year at the Port of Burlington.

The playground, complete with a rubberized surface, is an excellent representation of the Rotary slogan "Service Above Self" and its motto "He Profits Most Who Serves the Best."

## Now even clubs with small budgets must file tax returns

As you may know, Rotary Clubs in the USA, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands with gross receipts in excess of \$25,000 are subject to IRS regulations, and must file an informational report based on their gross receipts.

Starting this year, clubs with less than \$25,000 in gross receipts are also required to submit an informational return to the IRS. Failure to do so will jeopardize their tax exempt status, and may result in a fine.

Attached is a one-page summary of the requirements as outlined by the IRS. Please include this important announcement in your July or August newsletter, your district Web site and other district communications so that it reaches all of the clubs in your district.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter. Best Rotary Regards, Jim Damato, Supervisor, Club and District Support, Central Pan America.



## Russians return to Quad Cities. . .

Medical doctors from Russia were guests of Rotary clubs in the Quad Cities April 30-May 10. The connection was made in 2006 when Dr. Inna Shcherbina (second from right) came to the Quad Cities with the Productivity Enhancement Program hosted by the Rotary Clubs of North Scott, Bettendorf, Davenport and Iowa Quad Cities. She arranged the follow-up visit with Rotarians Merle Anderson (third from left), Carolyn Leutwyler (third from right) and Bud Hagen (not pictured).

Sergey Pasheyev (fourth from right), a Russian immigrant who owns AgWorks in Eldridge and is a member of North Scott Rotary, assisted. Pasheyev is holding his son, Tim, while his wife, Olga, embraces their daughters, Anna and Anastasiya. Russian doctors Sergey Migachev (second from left) and Vladimir Golubeff (r) stayed with Merle and Mary Lou Anderson in Eldridge. At the far left in this picture, taken at the Iowa Machine Shed Restaurant, is interpreter Natasha Yakimenko, who lives in Kalamazoo, Mich.



# Club visits, district activities in 2008-09

## OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS, 2008-09

July 2 ..... Ames Morning (7:00 AM)  
 July 2 ..... Nevada (noon)  
 July 8 ..... Fort Madison (noon)  
 July 9 ..... Bloomfield (6:45 AM)  
 July 9 ..... Mt. Pleasant Noon (noon)  
 July 10 ..... Keokuk (noon)  
 July 11 ..... Fairfield (12:10 PM)  
 July 14 ..... Burlington (noon)  
 July 14 ..... Mt. Pleasant (6:15 PM)  
 July 15 ..... Keosauqua (noon)  
 July 16 ..... Wellman (noon)  
 July 17 ..... Iowa Quad Cities (7:00 AM)  
 July 17 ..... Washington (noon)  
 July 18 ..... North Scott (noon)  
 July 21 ..... Carroll (11:45 AM)  
 July 22 ..... Marshalltown (noon)  
 July 23 ..... Adel (12:05 PM)  
 July 24 ..... Waukeee (6:45 AM)  
 July 25 ..... Northwest Des Moines (11:45 AM)  
 July 29 ..... Pella (noon)  
 July 30 ..... East Polk (7:00 AM)  
 July 30 ..... Boone (noon)  
 Aug. 1 ..... Des Moines AM (7:00 AM)  
 Aug. 4 ..... Ottumwa (12:10 PM)  
 Aug. 5 ..... Corydon (noon)  
 Aug. 6 ..... Centerville (noon)  
 Aug. 8 ..... Chariton (noon)  
 Aug. 11 ..... Clinton (noon)  
 Aug. 12 ..... Iowa City AM (7:00 AM)  
 Aug. 12 ..... Kalona (noon)  
 Aug. 13 ..... Coralville North Corridor (noon)  
 Aug. 14 ..... Iowa City (noon)  
 Aug. 18 ..... Davenport (noon)  
 Aug. 19 ..... West Liberty (6:00 PM)  
 Aug. 20 ..... Bettendorf (noon)  
 Aug. 21 ..... Marengo (12:05 PM)  
 Aug. 25 ..... Muscatine (12:10 PM)  
 Aug. 26 ..... Oskaloosa (noon)  
 Aug. 28 ..... Winterset (noon)  
 Sept. 11 ..... Coon Rapids (12:05 PM)  
 Sept. 15 ..... Decatur County (12:10 PM)  
 Sept. 16 ..... Albia (noon)  
 Sept. 17 ..... Knoxville (noon)  
 Sept. 19 ..... Indianola (noon)  
 Sept. 22 ..... Iowa City Downtown (noon)  
 Sept. 24 ..... Tipton (noon)  
 Sept. 30 ..... Lenox (noon)  
 Oct. 1 ..... Perry (12:10 PM)  
 Oct. 6 ..... Ames (noon)  
 Oct. 7 ..... Johnston (7:00 AM)  
 Oct. 7 ..... Ankeny (11:45 AM)  
 Oct. 9 ..... Des Moines (11:45 AM)  
 Oct. 13 ..... Jefferson (noon)  
 Oct. 14 ..... West Des Moines (11:45 AM)  
 Oct. 20 ..... Corning (noon)  
 Oct. 21 ..... Atlantic (noon)  
 Oct. 27 ..... Creston (noon)  
 Oct. 28 ..... Newton (noon)  
 Oct. 28 ..... Grinnell (6:00 PM)  
 Nov. 4 ..... Dallas Center (12:05 PM)  
 Nov. 11 ..... Manning (12:05 PM)  
 Nov. 18 ..... Osceola (noon)



In Rotary's 97 years with clubs in Iowa, two members of the Rotary Club of Boone have been selected to serve as district governor: PDG Paul Hellwege (1954-55) and DGE Susan Herrick (2008-09), pictured here at District Assembly, March 29 at DMAC in Newton.

## OTHER DISTRICT ACTIVITIES/SELECTED DEADLINES, 2008-09

July 19 ..... PDG Picnic, Gabe's Restaurant, Clive  
 July 20 ..... Youth Exchange Summer Picnic, Newton (10:30 AM)  
 Aug. 2 ..... Regional Rotary Foundation/Membership Seminar, district leaders, Drake  
 Aug. 13 ..... World Community Service Committee, North Liberty  
 Aug. 29 ..... District dues payment due  
 Sept. 1-3 ..... Governor-Elect Training Seminar (GETS), Sandusky, OH  
 Sept. 4-7 ..... Zones 27-28 Rotary Institute, Sandusky, OH  
 Sept. 21 ..... Youth Exchange Fall Picnic, Knoxville (11:00 AM-3:00 PM)  
 Sept. 23 ..... Rotary Foundation/Membership Seminar, Mt. Pleasant (6:00-9:00 PM)  
 Sept. 25 ..... Rotary Foundation/Membership Seminar, West Liberty (6:00-9:00 PM)  
 Sept. 29 ..... Rotary Foundation/Membership Seminar, Chariton/Pella (6:00-9:00 PM)  
 Sept. 30 ..... Rotary Foundation/Membership Seminar, Atlantic (6:00-9:00 PM)  
 Oct. 1 ..... District Simplified Grant applications due  
 Oct. 1 ..... Rotary Foundation/Membership Seminar, West Des Moines (6:00-9:00 PM)  
 Nov. 1 ..... Outbound Youth Exchange applications due  
 Nov. 9 ..... Assistant Governors' Fall Social, Boone (11:00 AM-3:00 PM)  
 Nov. 16 ..... PDG Holiday Party, Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad (noon-4:00 PM)  
 Dec. 10 ..... World Community Service Committee, North Liberty  
 Jan. 17-18 ..... Youth Exchange Winter Retreat, Camp Wesley Woods, Indianola  
 Jan. 18-25 ..... International Assembly (DGE), San Diego  
 Feb. 18 ..... World Community Service, Committee, North Liberty  
 Feb. 20 ..... AG 2009-10 Dinner, Newton  
 Feb. 21 ..... Leadership Training for 2009-10 AGs and Committee chairs, Newton  
 Feb. 22 ..... Rotary's Anniversary/World Understanding & Peace Day  
 March 1 ..... GSE Team departs to District 3470, Taiwan  
 March 7-15 ..... Xicotepec Project Team, Xicotepec, Mexico  
 March 18 ..... World Community Service Committee, North Liberty  
 March 14-22 ..... Xicotepec Project Team, Xicotepec, Mexico  
 March 27-28 ..... President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS), DMAC, Newton  
 March 28 ..... District Assembly, DMAC, Newton  
 April 1 ..... Presidential Citation deadline  
 April 1 ..... Governor's Citation deadline  
 April 5 ..... GSE Team arrives, District 3470, Taiwan  
 April 23-25 ..... District Conference/Marriott Courtyard, Ankeny  
 June 21-24 ..... 100th Rotary International Convention, Birmingham, England



Jack and Jeannie Brockway of Pella were among the volunteers who inventoried and packed medical supplies at the FAMSCO warehouse in Coralville on May 17.



Carson Baldes, son of Brad Baldes of the Iowa City Rotary Club, helps FAMSCO president John Ockenfels load items deep in a large carton for shipment to Central America.



Organizing materials for FAMSCO at a work day on May 3 were (l-r): Kay Carpenter (Coralville-North Corridor), Tom Novak (Iowa City AM), PDG Ray Muston (Iowa City), Dick Kennedy (Iowa City) and Sue Basten (Washington).

# FAMSCO:

*There are many ways individuals, clubs can help a great program!*

**By Linda Muston/Iowa City**

FAMSCO Board of Directors

If your club would like a successful international service project, FAMSCO has a number of ways you can help as individuals or as clubs, or even as groups of neighboring clubs. It is all about saving lives and making a difference in the world!

Since 1990, FAMSCO (Fire And Medical Supply Company) has sent more than 100 fire trucks and 300 tons of good medical supplies to be used in Central America through partnership with Rotarians there. Thanks to the successful May workdays in the warehouse supported by approximately 40 Rotarians (and their friends and family) from 10 clubs, there are many cartons now ready for shipment.

*Here's how you can help:*

1) Fund as your club project a shipment of a fire truck or medical goods. It takes around \$2,000 to fund such a project. The goods are ready but the funding is still needed.

2) Organize with another club to co-sponsor a FAMSCO shipment.

3) As you plan your next club year, budget a donation to FAMSCO to continue this successful international effort that has 18 years of success!!

Send Contributions for FAMSCO to: Dick Kennedy, FAMSCO Treasurer, 1811 N. Dubuque Road, Iowa City, Iowa 52245.

The FAMSCO Board is also trying to locate a warehouse in the Des Moines or central Iowa area as a holding location for donated medical goods. An alternative would be a place where a semi-trailer could be parked to receive those items and be held for transfer to the warehouse in Coralville.

This longstanding District 6000 project continues to need district-wide support to recycle fire trucks and medical supplies through partner Rotarians in central America. Rotarians from many clubs rolled up their sleeves in May and did the dirty work. Now, your financial backing is needed to get these items on to their lifesaving missions.

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Directors were elected at the FAMSCO annual meeting held at District Conference, April 26. Re-elected were: John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM); Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM); Dick Kennedy (Iowa City); PDG Gary Pacha (Iowa City) and Brock Earnhardt (Davenport). Continuing to serve are: Karin Franklin (Iowa City), secretary; and PDG Corliss Klaassen (Chariton), Don Hampton (Indianola), Linda Muston (Iowa City) and Gary Murphy (Washington), directors. Officers will be elected by the new board.

President John Ockenfels said FAMSCO received a rescue van from Manning and a firetruck from Keokuk. The new policy on rolling stock is that FAMSCO will not buy firetrucks until it gets rid of eight that are in inventory. "One – a 1958 model – would make a great parade truck," he said.

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The word is out! A page about FAMSCO's successes appeared in the Iowa Rotary Tabloid, which reached 575,000 Iowa readers.

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More pictures, and a list of clubs who support FAMSCO financially, are on the next page.





Washington Rotarians Sue Basten, Gary Murphy, Dick Colby, Ed Lins and Myron Graber helped inventory and pack shipping cartons during the May 3 work day.

### THANK YOU TO 33 CLUBS THAT PROVIDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMSCO IN 2007-08

Ames	Des Moines	Marshalltown
Ames Morning	East Polk	Mt. Pleasant
Bettendorf	Fairfield	Muscatine
Bloomfield	Indianola	Nevada
Burlington	Iowa City	North Scott
Chariton	Iowa City AM	Pella
Clinton	Iowa Quad Cities	Tipton
Coralville-North Corridor	Johnston	Washington
Dallas Center	Kalona	Waukee
Davenport	Keosauqua	West Liberty
Decatur County	Manning	Winterset
	Marengo	



Bill Burress of the Rotary Club of Davenport sorts and packages materials at FAMSCO's Coralville warehouse.



During FAMSCO work day on May 3, Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM, and Narmin Koenig, wife of Coralville-North Corridor member Jeff, organize inventory sheet and record the contents of those sheets in a computerized master inventory.



Bob Hardy of Iowa City Downtown Rotary and Arleigh Clemens of Iowa City Rotary were among the 40 Rotarians from 10 clubs who participated in a FAMSCO work day at Coralville during May.





"Silly Sally" got everyone in the mood for Friday evening's "Big Band Under the Big Top."



Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM Rotary Club) received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self award, presented by RI President's Rep Karin Babin, Cambridge, Mass., DG Reed, and PDG Don Goering.

# DISTRICT 6000



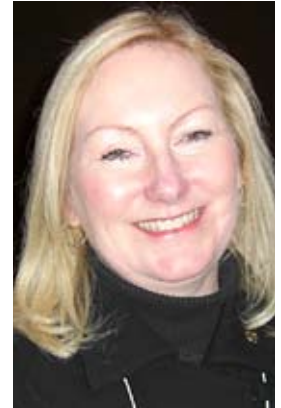
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Conference chairs Richard Keith (Northwest Des Moines) and Joyce Chapman (Des Moines) celebrate, while Denny Skinner (below) is silly.



This year's Conference forwent a formal evening, so DG Diana Reed received the PDG pin at Friday's luncheon from PDG Del Bluhm.



Rotarian Rita Perea of Des Moines helped lead the Conference.



Mary Belknap (second from right) led a spouse's program on Friday which included Meredith Publishing, with Mary's son and daughter-in-law in the test kitchen.





Anita Rieder (second from left, front), The Rotary Foundation's Annual Giving Officer for Zones 27-28, kicks the Conference off visiting with Rotarians at the Golf Outing at the Tournament Club of Iowa, Polk City.

# CONFERENCE

## Sheraton, West Des Moines



Emcee Gavin Jerome kept the Conference fast paced, provocative and fun!



Jo Kline Cebuhar spoke on philanthropy, and ethical will.



Rotarian AGs Ginny Hughes of Fairfield and Jacque Andrew of Jefferson celebrated Rotary friendship at the Friday Evening Extravaganza.



The Rotary Club of Waukee hosted Friday's Extravaganza with the fabulous Waukee Big Band (below) and emcee Jim Riordon (r).



The Rota-Kids from Decatur County in Leon received a standing ovation for their rousing rendition of The Four-Way Test song at the All-District Rotary meeting Friday noon.







The Brazilian-bound District 6000 GSE team with Brazil's flag (l-r): Michael Ott, David Patterson, Magali Marquez, Kelli Andresen, team leader Lynn Hicks, with DG Diana Reed.



The inbound GSE team from District 4500, Brazil, with the U.S. flag (l-r): Patricia Borges, Kely Falcao, team leader Dr. Pablo Brito and Augusto Dos Santos.



PDG Del Bluhm (c) and Georgia thank Ambassador Ken Quinn for telling about the World Food Prize Foundation.



## Images from District Conference



Floyd and Kathy Hammer of Union, Iowa, told about their work building wells in Tanzania.



PDG Gary Pacha (r) with Ambassador to Barbados, Mary Kramer of Johnston, and her husband, Kay.



PDG John Dasher (r) with L.D. McMullen, who talked about building safe water systems in Ukraine.

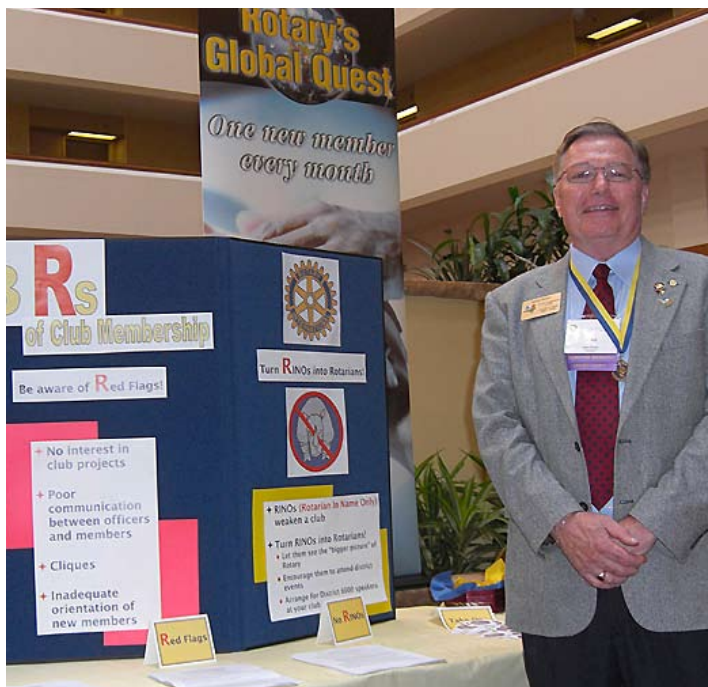


Bernie Stephenson and Rich Mohrfield told about Fort Madison Rotary's \$85,000 bandshell restoration project.



Inbound and Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students were honored to have their picture taken with 911 survivor Joe Dittmar (front, center) after his inspiring speech of his escape from the 105th floor of World Trade Center Tower No. 2.





District 6000 Membership Development Committee chair Mike Ruby (Muscatine) had resources, including the "Nuts and Bolts Membership Guide," in the House of Friendship.



David Carlson of West Des Moines is the only licensed vendor of Rotary merchandise in Iowa.



District Rotarians on Nigeria Project Teams reported on their experiences (l-r): Loring Miller (Decatur County), Jeanne Klaassen (Chariton), DG Diana Reed (NW Des Moines), PDG Bill Tubbs (North Scott), Jenn Pfeifer (Indianola), PDG Corliss Klaassen (Chariton) and Jim Nelson (Newton).



Xicotepec, Mexico, Rotarian Ruben Garcia Ramirez (second from right) and his wife, Marita (second from left) were at District Conference to honor Jim Petersen, and to connect with Xicotepec team members like Nancy Stroburg (Jeffer-son) and PDG Gary and Nancy Pacha (Iowa City).



DG Diana Reed and Rick were delighted to pass on the traditional Rotary car magnets, among other paraphernalia, to DGE Susan Herrick and Bob (above). Kelly Sargent (r) celebrated a successful start to Helen's Pajama Parties in which a year's supply of 3,400 nice, new pajamas were provided to battered women's shelters in Iowa. Sizes M and L are needed. Contact Kelly: (800) 760-7706.





# BETTER EVERY YEAR!

## ■ *Xicotepec projects, relationships advance on many fronts*

**By Jim Petersen/Iowa City AM**

D-6000, Xicotepec Project Team Leader

The 48 U.S. members of the Xicotepec Project Team 2008 completed a super-successful work session in Xicotepec from March 8 to March 15. As usual, there were a variety of ongoing projects and efforts, including:

- de-worming of school children;
- dental hygiene promotion and fluoride applications;
- classroom and patio construction at the Cuauhtémoc bilingual indigenous school;
- work on a new secondary school library and media center;
- installation of drinking water purification units at four elementary schools;

One of the most exciting developments of this year's work session was the inclusion of students and faculty from the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla ("BUAP") and the Centro Escolar Francisco Velasco Marañón.

### **University of Iowa relationships**

For the second year in a row, University of Iowa College of Pharmacy faculty members Hazel Seaba and Chris Catney led a team of service-learning students, who developed and executed a plan to de-worm over 3,000 school children during the week they were in Xicotepec. With the help of the Xicotepec Rotary Club, five pharmacy students and two pharmacy faculty members from the BUAP also became part of the de-worming team; all of the de-worming team, Mexicans and North Americans alike, not only worked together but had their meals together in the Centro Cruz Azul, where they also were lodged. Early each morning and late each night they could be found in the Cruz Azul, reviewing plans and preparing for the next phase of their de-worm-



Tom Narak of West Des Moines gets a hug from his new amigas at the Cuauhtémoc Indigenous School in Xicotepec, Mexico. Tom was part of the 48-member Project Team sponsored by District 6000 that traveled to the eastern Mexican village for the sixth consecutive year.

ing campaign.

Also helping in the de-worming effort were eight nursing students from the Centro Escolar Francisco Velasco Marañón, located in Xicotepec, who showed up bright and early each day to help in the de-worming procedure, and who stayed each evening until the



Amelia Conrad of Mt. Pleasant and Brandi Simpson of Corning teach children basic oral hygiene.



Newton Rotarian Bob Main tries out the new drinking fountain at the Rotary school.





Brandi Simpson of Corning and Daria Kieffer of Iowa City had fun, but painted more than they had planned.



DG Diana Reed and the deworming team kept busy administering a simple, but life changing treatment.

## Xicotepec: Safe water, deworming, better hygiene

job was done.

Faculty and students from the BUAP and from the University of Iowa were all extremely pleased with the week's outcome and with the opportunity to work together in a "real world" setting to provide safe, effective and much-needed medication to children in Xicotepec. BUAP faculty and students plan to return to Xicotepec in the fall to again administer de-worming drugs; the District 6000's Xicotepec Project will provide funds for the purchase of Albendazole so that de-worming can be done every six months at a cost of about US\$0.07 per dose.

### Clean water for schools

Bob Main, Newton Rotarian and three-year Xicotepec veteran, took charge of installing drinking water filter-fountains in four primary schools during his week in Xicotepec. These drinking foun-

tains, which are manufactured in Cuernavaca, Mexico, by long-time Rotarian Alberto Jolyt, were discovered and proposed for use by the Xicotepec Rotary Club. Bob reviewed the design along with U of I Professor of Engineering and Iowa City AM Rotarian Craig Just, and both agreed that the units would be safe and effective and were attractive from the cost and maintenance standpoints as well.

The filter-fountain units use a colloidal silver filter to disinfect water that has first passed through conventional paper sediment filters. The source water for the units is the Xicotepec municipal water supply and the units do not require electricity, making their installation and placement easier compared to earlier systems installed in the Red Cross and at the Rotary Club Primary School in Xicotepec.

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The Bywater-Fedderson Library at the Rotary school was dedicated with a special ceremony.



Children take turns testing their new, safe water supply at the Rotary school.





The existing Cuauhtémoc Indigenous School, high in the mountains.



A typical class at the existing Cuauhtémoc Indigenous School.



The new Cuauhtémoc Indigenous School, thanks to Rotary!

## Xicotepec: Focus on Cuauhtémoc Indigenous School

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Finally, the cost of each unit is roughly half of that of the systems installed in the previous year, which consisted of a pump and pressure tank, back-washable sand filter, cartridge filters and UV light unit and required electricity to operate.

The “wait-and-see” factor for the new units is maintenance – since the units are installed in schools, it is up to the school staff and/or the parents’ group to provide the maintenance, which consists of changing the filter elements when they become plugged. Maintenance has also emerged as an issue for the previously-installed systems and Craig Just, along with several of his U of I Engineering students that accompanied him to Xicotepec in March, worked during the week to develop a single-page Operator’s Sheet that would help those responsible provide the proper upkeep for the systems.



Interactors, Rotaractors and Rotarians work with Xicotepec Rotarians at Cuauhtémoc Indigenous School.

### Indigenous school

A highlight during the week was the ongoing work at the Cuauhtémoc Indigenous School, a bilingual school in the very poor colonia of Ojo de Agua in Xicotepec. This school, which was on the verge of closing three years ago, now has two new classrooms and will soon have two more, thanks to the generosity of D6000 Rotarians and the oversight of the Xicotepec Rotary Club.

Many of the high school students in the Iowa group formed close friendships with the children of this school during the week. A lot of concrete was mixed and poured and classrooms were painted inside and out; on Friday project team members were treated to a feast of tamales and soda pop made by the mothers of the school children.

All of the funds to build classrooms three and four have been provided by clubs and individuals from our district, and the parents at the school have begun building the retaining walls and foundations at the site. Once the four classrooms are complete, the existing school will be demolished and the area where it now sits will become the “multi-use” area. Donors for the last two classrooms include the West Des Moines Rotary Club, the Muscatine Rotary Club and the Muscatine Interact Club.

### North Carolina influence

Due to the fact that spring break at Iowa universities coincided with Holy Week, this year’s trip to Xicotepec was not during



Siesta? DG Diana Reed and husband Rick Rarick welcome visitors to Cruz Azul – the gathering place for Rotarians.





University of Iowa pharmacy students Becky Lamis and Jessica Eveleth gain service learning in Xicotepec.



Team member Imani Fuller of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill applies fluoride.

spring break week. Priyanka Rao and Anita Rao, of Iowa City and frequent visitors to Xicotepec, both attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; their spring break did coincide with the Xicotepec trip, and they recruited several classmates as members of this year's project team.

The UNC-Chapel Hill group, which also included Xicotepec veteran Matt Craig of Cedar Rapids, worked the entire week visiting pre-schools, kindergartens and primary schools to promote good dental hygiene practices and to administer fluoride treatments to schoolchildren. This is the continuation of an ongoing effort initiated by the Rao sisters in 2004, when they came to Xicotepec as members of the Iowa City West High School Interact Club.

Imani Fuller of Maryland, one of the UNC-Chapel Hill students, wrote, "Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to travel with the Iowa Rotarians to Xicotepec. It was truly an amazing and life-changing experience."

### Bywater-Federsen Library

Phase I construction of the new library at the Vicente Guerrero Tele-secondary school was well along in March and Iowa City AM Rotarian Nancy Pacha and her husband Gary of the Iowa City Rotary Club worked with Xicotepec Rotarians and Inner Wheelers to choose, order and purchase furniture, equipment, books and materials that will be provided by a Rotary Foundation matching grant project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Iowa City and the Club Rotario de Xicotepec.

The total funding for the project is about US\$32,000, and seed money was provided by the Bywater and Feddersen families of Iowa City in the 2005-06 Rotary year, when Ann Bywater Parker was president of the Iowa City club, representing the fifth generation of her family to serve in that position.



The sign and peace symbols at the Rotary primary school say it all: Welcome friends from Iowa USA.

At a dedication ceremony for the new library, school Director Aquilino Pérez Arena announced that the library would serve the entire school community, including parents and other family members, to promote adult literacy and computer literacy and to meet other community needs.

### Orphanage update

Jefferson Rotarian Nancy Stroburg and her husband, Jeff, generously provided funds so that each child at the Casa Hogar Victoria Orphanage could have a new pair of shoes. The Xicotepec project team and several Xicotepec Rotarians were on hand on Sunday, March 9, as the shoes were passed out – to the obvious delight of the children, who rarely receive any type of clothing or possession that is not a hand-me-down.

Jeff and Nancy Stroburg recently completed the adoption of their daughter, Araceli ("Chelly"), who formerly lived at the orphanage.

During the Sunday visit to the orphanage, children and staff were given Albendazole by the de-worming team.

The orphanage's new directors are Steve and Elizabeth Beatty and conditions have markedly improved in the six months that they have been there.

### Xicotepec Rotary comes through

As usual, the Xicotepec Rotary Club worked extremely hard prior to the arrival of the U.S. project team to make sure that their gringo guests would be safe and comfortable (not to mention well-fed) and that the week's work would be well-organized.

The week's work was celebrated in grand style on Friday evening with games and a dance, and on Saturday morning the Project Team departed for Mexico City. As in past years, good-byes were often emotional, but many left Xicotepec having decided that – *si dios quiere* – they would return to renew friendships and to help those in need.



The Rotary Club of West Liberty was recognized at District Conference as a 100 percent Sustaining Member Club in giving to The Rotary Foundation (l-r): Ken Donnelly, Conrad Gregg and Bill Koellner.



The Rotary Club of Nevada was recognized for its membership development initiatives (l-r): DG Diana Reed, club president Kathy Skinner and Liz Hertz, president 2008-09.

## Looking for projects and volunteer opportunities? Check out ProjectLINK

Have you visited our new RI projects database? ProjectLINK is an on-line, searchable database which lists Rotary club and district community service projects in need of funding, volunteers, donated goods, and/or partners for a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, and completed projects that can be used as examples of best practices.

ProjectLINK is available via the RI Web site at: <http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/ProjectResources/ProjectLINK/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Please share this information with members of your respective Rotary clubs

— Merle Anderson, North Scott  
chair, District 6000 Rotary Volunteers

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

## Deadline for changes to RI rules is Dec. 31, 2008

Every three years Rotary International's Council on Legislation meets to debate and vote on legislation submitted by clubs, districts, and the RI Board. The Council has the authority to amend RI's constitutional documents, as well as adopt resolutions. Every district sends a representative to the Council, and every club and district may propose legislation. If your club or district is considering proposing legislation for the Council, follow the guidelines below.

*What's new for the 2010 Council?*

The 2007 Council made a number of changes to the legislative process for the 2010 Council, including changing the deadline to receive legislation, the deadline for amendments, the definition of defective legislation, and the number of recommended legislative items per district. Further information on these changes can be found below and in the

*What's New for the 2010 Council document? Who May Submit Legislation?*

Clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the general council or conference of RI in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) may submit legislation. However, club proposals must first be endorsed by the district in order to be presented to the Council.

*Is there a deadline?*

Yes. Legislation from clubs and districts for the 2010 Council must be received at RI Headquarters on or before Dec. 31, 2008. If the legislation is from a club, the form certifying district endorsement must also be received by the deadline. There are no exceptions to this deadline. At each Council there are several districts whose legislation is not submitted to the Council because it arrives at RI Headquarters shortly after the deadline. Please do not allow your district's legislation to suffer this fate.

## Keosauqua Rotary honors scholars, Paul Harris Fellow

The Keosauqua Rotary Club held its 52nd annual Scholastic Banquet on April 30 at the Riverview Club in Keosauqua to honor the top ten students of each high school class at Van Buren Community High School.

A total of 94 students, Rotarians, parents of senior students recognized, and guests were present. The Keosauqua Rotary Club is proud to recognize these students for their academic achievements and as representatives of their respective classes.

Keosauqua Rotarian Sandra McLain was also honored during the evening as the 15th local Rotarian recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow designation. This designation is one of Rotary International's highest honors. A certificate, pin, and medal were presented to her by Keosauqua Rotary Club President David Paulek.







The Albia Rotary Club presented a check for \$1,000 to the Welcome Home Soldier Monument. Presenting the check to Jim Keller was Jim Jenkins, an Army veteran, and Rotary President, Kathy Wauson. Keller updated the club on the progress of the multi-million dollar project that is getting a lot of attention. The ground will be broken on the project sometime later this summer or in early fall.



Judge Happy Joe Whitty gives the first prize for best chili to Dan DeVries at the Davenport Rotary Chili Cookoff.

## Chili Cookoff means fun, fellowship at Davenport

**By Chris Lunardi/Davenport**

Club Executive Secretary

On March 13, 62 Rotarians and guests enjoyed an evening of music, chili, and fellowship at the first Davenport Rotary Chili Cookoff held in the Redstone Room at the River Music Experience.

We featured 12 homemade chilis, prepared by Rotarians, with names such as Rainbow Chili, Tangy Texas Chili, and Luddy's Chili. Sportscaster Thom Cornelis and Happy Joe Whitty served as celebrity judges, tasting each chili - some twice - before choosing the top three.

The 3rd place winner was Mary Schricker for her "Hawkeye Chili." Second was awarded to John Wellman for his "BAMtastic" and first went to Dan DeVries for his "DD's Hearty Red Chili." John and Mary received medals and Dan a trophy!

The entertainment for the evening was provided by Ken Beck, Ray Wierson and their Celebration Band. Some took advantage of the band and large dance floor, while others mingled throughout the room discussing which chili they liked best.

Raffle tickets were sold and at the time of the drawing the pot had reached \$4,100 of which half went to the winner - Patrick Taylor. The drawings didn't end there, though. Others took home part of President Monica Forret's collection of "rescued" animals and bottles of Bailey's Irish Cream.



Rotarians Brian DeLaney, Bill Ashton, Dan DeVries and Chris Townsend enjoy the ambiance of the Chili Cookoff.



On March 24, the Community Service Committee of the Rotary Club of Muscatine donated \$900 to the Friends of the Pine Creek Grist Mill. The funding will help the Friends of the Mill in their education efforts. The money will be used to help distribute a DVD produced earlier this year and to help defray costs of purchasing a butter churn and animal furs to using in their education classes for area students and visitors. Pictured (l-r): Pine Creek Grist Mill Volunteers Joe Clarke, Julie Whitehall, Ken Hyman, and Rotary Club President Gary Wieskamp.

## Osceola changes meeting place, day

Effective April 1, 2008, the Osceola Rotary club changed its meetings to Tuesdays instead of Mondays, and now meets at their new location - Redman's Steak and Pizza House downtown on the east side of the Osceola square at noon.

If you have questions, please contact President, Teresa Woods at [Teresa.Woods@greatwesternbank.com](mailto:Teresa.Woods@greatwesternbank.com)





The Muscatine Rotary Club presented a check for \$6,646 for projects in Xicotepec, Mexico, to Xicotepec Rotarian Ruben Garcia Ramirez and his wife, Marita. The money will be used to complete a construction project currently underway at the Cuauhtémoc Indigenous School which is located on the outskirts of Xicotepec. Club WCS chair John Schwandke is at left, and club president Gary Wieskamp is at right.

## Xicotepec Rotarian receives \$6,646 check for indigenous school

With a recent contribution of \$6,646, the Rotary Club of Muscatine's total contribution for the Cuauhtémoc Indigenous School in Xicotepec, Mexico is \$12,000.

The latest gift will be used to complete a construction project and should provide the funding needed to complete the work.

Iowa City and Jefferson Rotarians have also been significant contributors to this project.

In recent months, several District 6000 Rotarians, including Muscatine's John and Darlene Schwandke, have participated in construction work at the school.

Now nearing completion, the project will provide four brand new classrooms, a basketball court/meeting area, new bathrooms, a small library, desks, chairs and other furniture.

As a result of these major improvements the Xicotepec school administration has already provided two additional teachers to join the one, lone teacher who had been there before. They've also pledged additional teachers as classroom size warrants it.

Xicotepec Rotarian and architect, Carlos Gomez-Tello Fosado, volunteered his expertise in drawing the design plans and much of the physical work is being done by parents of the students. This project has been a wonderful model of how Rotary International recommends that cooperative projects be undertaken.

We were very fortunate to be able to present this check to Ruben in person. Ruben is a Past President of the Xicotepec Rotary Club and is currently its "Local Projects Chairman."

Ruben and Marita came to Iowa to take part in a special Rotary International Award Ceremony for his friend Jim Peterson, at the District Convention in West Des Moines. He was able to extend his stay for a few days so as to be present at our Muscatine Rotary Club Meeting on May 5, 2008. *Submitted by John Schwandke*



Rotarians Terry Geiger, John Henderson and Donna Duerr work with RotaKids to place a bench at the school.

## Rotarians, RotaKids work side by side in Decatur County

In a joint project, the Decatur County Rotary Club and the Central Decatur RotaKids Club enhanced the playground equipment to benefit the Central Decatur elementary students.

The RotaKids implemented the project in the Spring of 2007 to purchase a tree and resting bench for the north elementary school. The Decatur County Rotary Club submitted and received a District Simplified Grant to expand that project to include playground equipment, trash containers and benches for both elementary facilities.

The Central Decatur School Board applied and received a state grant for additional assistance. On May 10, Rotarians and RotaKids labored side by side to finalize placement of the project. Each element identifies the contribution of both organizations.

Youth and adults, Rotarians and RotaKids take pleasure in working together for the betterment of their community.

*— submitted by Terry Geiger*



Rotarians Terry Geiger, Donna Duerr and RotaKids donate a trash container to the school.



# Iowa Rotary Tabloid recognized internationally

The Iowa Rotary Tabloid will be recognized as one of 32 outstanding public relations projects in the Rotary world during 2007-08. Two hundred-thirty thousand copies of the 16-page, full-color tabloid were inserted in 49 newspapers this spring, with a reach of 575,000 readers.

The tabloid was a cooperative project of Districts 6000 and 5970 (northern Iowa), with support from two \$6,000 Rotary International Public Relations Grants. The \$12,000 PR grants were leveraged to achieve publicity with a retail value in excess of \$33,000, including in-kind contributions and distribution costs paid by Rotary clubs to insert the tabloid in their local newspapers.

More than 50 full-color photos of community and world projects by the Rotary clubs of Iowa create intense local reader interest, while Rotary's history and major projects such as polio eradication are detailed through stories about Rotary founder Paul Harris (a University of Iowa Law School graduate) and Doug Oberman (a polio survivor who has slept for 50 years in an iron lung).

The section includes the full text of Rotary Basics along with the location and contact information of the 134 clubs that are in parts of four Rotary

districts in Iowa. Clubs were also asked to submit of a list of their service projects for publication.

Significantly, the phone numbers and Web sites of the sponsoring districts are included, and a coupon inviting readers to indicate their interest in Rotary membership, new clubs or Rotary programs is on the back page.

Coupons that were sent to district administrator Carolyn Scharff were sent to local clubs for action. "We urge clubs to followup immediately," said PDG Bill Tubbs, project manager.

Two hundred copies of the tabloid were shipped to Los Angeles for use at the upcoming RI Convention. Tubbs and PDG Dave Buck of Waterloo, who coordinated the project for District 5970, will tell about the project at a breakout session on Tuesday afternoon, June 17.

Business publications in the major cities were among the newspapers who inserted the tabloid. The target audience of these publications is the perfect demographic for Rotary membership, as well as partnerships in service projects.

Copies were provided to the clubs in Districts 5970 and 6000 for their members to use in recruitment of new members.



## Where clubs distributed the Iowa Rotary Tabloid

Ames Daily Tribune .....	10,000	Clinton Herald .....	13,000	Knoxville Journal-Express .....	1,500
Boone News-Republican .....	3,000	Coon Rapids Enterprise .....	1,725	Pella Chronicle .....	2,500
Nevada Evening Journal .....	3,000	Creston News-Advertiser .....	5,000	Marengo Pioneer-Republican .....	2,425
Waukeet Today .....	5,000	Corning Adams County Free Press .....	1,000	Marshalltown Times-Republican .....	11,000
Ankeny Press-Citizen .....	22,000	Lenox Time Table .....	680	Perry Daily Chief .....	2,200
Altoona-Mitchellville Herald-Index .....	6,000	Osceola Sentinel-Tribune .....	3,700	Monticello Express .....	3,500
Indianola Record-Herald Tribune .....	5,000	Iowa City Press-Citizen .....	16,200	Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune .....	6,000
Des Moines Business Record .....	7,000	Leon Journal-Reporter .....	2,200	Algona Upper Des Moines .....	1,000
Atlantic News Telegraph .....	3,500	Lamoni Chronicle .....	900	Garner Leader & Signal .....	2,000
Bettendorf News .....	5,000	Fairfield Daily Ledger .....	5,000	Cedar Rapids Business Journal .....	4,200
Eldridge North Scott Press .....	5,200	Washington Evening Journal .....	4,000	Estherville Daily News .....	6,000
Quad Cities Business Record .....	3,700	Mt. Pleasant Evening News .....	4,000	Waterloo Business Record .....	5,000
West Liberty Index .....	1,200	Fort Madison Daily Democrat .....	5,000	Mason City Globe Gazette .....	9,300
Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Sun .....	1,725	Jefferson Bee & Herald .....	2,900	New Hampton Chronicle .....	3,000
Tipton Conservative .....	3,275	Kalona News .....	3,000	Clubs of District 6000 .....	4,300
Muscatine Journal .....	7,500	Keosauqua Van Buren County Register .....	2,200	Clubs of District 5970 .....	3,100
Chariton Leader .....	3,500	Oskaloosa Herald .....	3,300	Rotary International/Miscellaneous .....	750

## District PR grants increased to \$10,000 for 2008-09

The Rotary International Board of Directors has approved the continuation of Public Relations (PR) Grants in 2008-2009. PR Grants are designed to help districts reach the general public by promoting Rotary and improving Rotary's public image.

Grants of up to \$10,000 per district will be awarded to districts on a competitive basis. Only one grant will be considered per district, and the district must contribute a minimum of one-third of the total grant amount requested. District governors and their district public relations chairpersons are encouraged to form a committee to develop a plan to tell the Rotary story.

In the 2007-2008 Rotary year, 234 PR Grants totaling \$1.1 million were awarded, with districts contributing about \$1 million and

in-kind contributions totaling some \$2.3 million, for a total value of more than \$4.5 million in media placements and projects.

Districts can organize their PR grant in several ways, including:

- A district-level project in which every club participates;
- A project developed by the District PR Committee in which several clubs participate;
- One or more projects developed by individual clubs which are combined to become the district's application.

The deadline to submit grants will be Oct. 1. Grants will be approved on or before Dec. 31 and projects must be implemented by June 1, 2009.



Ann Tubbs (l) and Teresa Caligaris (c) with Argentine Rotarians and children in Clorinda, Argentina. Caligaris was a member of the GSE team to D6000 from Argentina in 2000-01 and is now a resident of the Quad Cities.

### *Matching grant for children –*

## Baking up a dose of love in Argentina

**By Ann E. Tubbs/Iowa Quad Cities**

Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Club continues to support a project in Clorinda, Argentina, which was initiated in 2001 and supported by District 6000 and Rotary Foundation funds. As a result of the continuing relationships established with the Rotary club there, the Felices los Niños Day Care Center has purchased the industrial bakery equipment needed to open the Don Bosco Bakery shop.

On Tuesday, April 8, the Rotary Club of Clorinda and Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Club member Ann E. Tubbs celebrated the grand opening of the Don Bosco Bakery.

The Bakery shop will offer to the more than 60 children ages 12 to 18, from the Toba indigenous community and the neighboring Paraguayan town of Nanagua, the opportunity to learn the baker and pastry maker's trade through theory and practice classes.

The proceeds from the sale of bakery items to area schools, hospitals and food pantries will provide operating revenue to stabilize and sustain the programs and operations of the Day Care Center.

The Felices los Niños center in Clorinda opened on June 28th 2000; it exists to support the ever growing population of homeless and street children. The center provides shelter, food, health care, and education, to every girl and boy in need.

The grant award was \$14,000US.



Local Rotarians at the dedication of the Don Bosco Bakery Shop in Clorinda Formosa, Argentina.

## Former exchange student helps club build cancer treatment center in Brazil

**By Gerald Wickham/West Liberty Club President**

For over 75 years, Rotary International Youth Exchange has allowed thousands of emerging leaders to spend a school year in another country – from Australia to Zaire and everywhere in between! Dozens of West Liberty families and our local Rotary club have hosted over 40 youth exchange scholars over the years, building cross-cultural understanding, developing friendships that surpass borders and contributing to global amity.

Also, the local Rotary club has made many friends since being established in 1924. One of those fine friends passed away in late 2007. Mr. John Wright of Iowa City was named a Paul Harris Fellow and honorary member by the West Liberty club. Shortly after his passing, John's widow Eloise donated \$1,000 to the club to go toward "one of the wonderful international projects that I read about in the Rotary magazine."

Almost simultaneous to Mrs. Wright's gift came word from one of West Liberty's former exchange students in Brazil, requesting assistance for an important project. Weber Katsumi Kitayama from Jales near San Paulo, Brazil was a Rotary Youth Exchange Student 26 years ago and stayed at Ken and Marilyn Rueggsegger's home. Weber is now a Rotarian himself and passionate about service to his community. Ken and Marilyn remember him well and were delighted to receive his letter during the holidays.

The letter detailed a project that Weber's club is undertaking in the small Brazilian community of Jales – creating an oncological ambulatory cancer treatment center. When established, the cancer center will treat more than 150 patients per month.

Presently, many people travel 260 kilometers to be treated in another community for chemotherapy, radiotherapy and other palliative care of patients with terminal malignancies. The oncologist often coordinates the multidisciplinary care of cancer patients, which may involve physiotherapy, counseling, clinical genetics, to name but a few. Traveling 260 kilometers is a major hardship on the patients prior to and after treatment. The establishment of the cancer center in Jales will facilitate improved access to health-care.

Matching Mrs. Wright's gift with another \$1,000 was approved by unanimous vote from the West Liberty club membership. Now these funds will support a grant application that will culminate in over \$18,000 for the establishment of the oncology center.

The Rotary Club of West Liberty is very thankful for its friends, community partnerships and international alliances! Kindness yesterday, progress today – Rotary Shares!



West Liberty club president Gerald Wickham, with D.K. Lee's "Make Dreams Real" banner in the background, spoke about leadership at P.E.T.S. With the help of a former Youth Exchange student, his club is making dreams real with an oncology center in Brazil.



# Rotary Foundation Annual Program Fund giving

## District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2007 - April 30, 2008

CLUB (Members/Jul 07)	(1) 07-08 Goal	(2) Thru 4-30-08	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (26)	\$ 2,700	220	8	\$ 8.46
Albia (34)	2,280	50	2	1.47
Ames Morning (70)	6,900	8,650	125	123.57
Ames (268)	35,750	28,968	81	108.09
Ankeny (69)	7,400	10,141	137	146.97
Atlantic (63)	3,300	3,050	92	48.41
Bettendorf (90)	9,100	13,623	150	151.37
Bloomfield (15)	1,400	305	22	20.33
Boone (61)	5,525	2,575	47	42.21
Burlington (103)	11,300	11,300	100	109.71
Carroll (56)	5,500	3,050	55	54.46
Centerville (49)	1,000	1,770	177	36.12
Chariton (55)	5,200	860	17	15.64
Clinton (110)	7,600	7,530	99	68.45
Coon Rapids (26)	2,600	160	6	6.15
Coralville-North Corridor (37)	6,300	0	0	0
Corning (53)	2,160	3,500	162	66.04
Corydon (18)	460	100	22	5.56
Creston (19)	475	50	11	2.63
Dallas Center (21)	2,400	2,100	88	100.00
Davenport (180)	13,650	10,837	79	60.21
Decatur County (15)	2,500	1,350	54	90
Des Moines AM (127)	14,850	3,970	27	31.26
Des Moines (353)	18,250	30,980	170	87.76
East Polk County (48)	2,250	400	18	8.33
Fairfield (75)	7,400	5,225	71	69.67
Fort Madison (49)	2,500	3,441	138	70.24
Grinnell (30)	2,500	291	12	9.70
Indianola (51)	5,400	2,640	49	51.76
Iowa City A.M. (54)	7,250	1,175	16	21.76
Iowa City Downtown (28)	3,000	0	0	0
Iowa City (300)	23,100	28,614	124	95.38
Iowa Quad-Cities (54)	1,500	1,735	116	32.13
Jefferson (53)	5,300	6,023	114	113.66
Johnston (42)	4,100	100	2	2.38
Kalona (45)	2,500	1,000	40	22.22
Keokuk (78)	3,950	3,650	92	46.79
Keosauqua (31)	2,300	1,774	77	57.23
Knoxville (66)	6,700	4,225	63	64.02
Lenox (28)	1,800	2,250	125	80.36
Manning (17)	1,200	500	42	29.41
Marengo (14)	1,000	251.50	25	17.96
Marshalltown (182)	10,000	550	6	3.02
Mount Pleasant Noon (36)	3,330	1,225	37	34.03
Mt. Pleasant (28)	2,520	4,256	169	152.00
Muscatine (132)	16,200	18,919	117	143.33
Nevada (61)	6,800	7,175	106	117.62
Newton (91)	9,500	8,875	93	97.54
North Scott (101)	10,800	7,950	74	78.71
Northwest Des Moines (70)	12,780	8,795	69	125.64
Osceola (34)2	2,160	0	0	0
Oskaloosa (56)	6,000	0	0	0
Ottumwa (111)	11,500	1,400	12	12.61
Pella (40)	4,000	2,960	74	74
Perry (33)	3,400	0	0	0
Tipton (32)	2,201	1,550	70	48.44
Washington (63)	6,200	6,115	99	97.06
Wauke (68)	6,800	2,600	38	38.24
Wellman (36)	3,400	2,570	76	71.39
West Des Moines (79)	7,200	4,125	57	52.22
West Liberty (36)	3,600	10,825	301	300.69
Winterset (37)	1,850	1,600	86	43.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 382,591</b>	<b>\$ 299,927</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>\$ 69.64</b>

## Rotary Foundation: 2006-07 was a record year

**By John Kleinschmid/Ames  
Doyle Sanders/NW Des Moines**

D-6000, Annual Giving co-chairs

Our 2007-08 Rotary is swiftly coming to a close. Unrestricted contributions to The Rotary Foundation for the Annual Programs Fund in our district are just about even with last year through April.

We need a strong final push to be sure we reach our EREY minimum goal of \$100 per member. Last year we hit a new high of \$110 per capita. Equaling that won't be easy, but we all know the need is great and as dedicated Rotarians, we can do it again.

The structure of Rotary is such that we can partner with clubs around the world, combining the skills and the resources necessary to supply the help needed to ease the suffering of so many less fortunate. This is the vital ingredient that makes Rotary so unique.

One final request: To be sure the contributions made by your members are credited to this current year, please don't delay sending in the gifts until the last minute. If that happens, it's entirely possible they won't be received in time to be included in this year's figures. It can also result in errors in the final numbers and is a disservice to those who contribute.

Thanks again for your consistent support of The Rotary Foundation and the many programs it provides.





The traditional parade of flags of Youth Exchange is always a highlight at District Conference.

## D6000 Rotary Youth Exchange

### INBOUND 2007-08:

Lucas Artmann (Indianola)..... Germany  
 Vishi Bankimbhai (Mt. Pleasant)..... India  
 Yu-Han Chen "Vicky" (Newton) ..... Taiwan  
 Charlene Ecard (Pella) ..... France  
 Renato Ferraz (Ottumwa)..... Brazil  
 Isuf Hajdari (Muscatine)..... Kosovo  
 Leonardo Garcia Iturralde (Iowa City)..... Ecuador  
 Givla Ibba (Decatur County) ..... Italy  
 Ki Tisak (Fairfield)..... Thailand  
 Maria Maeder (Muscatine)..... Argentina  
 Marcos Maestri (Tipton)..... Brazil  
 David Mpundu (Corydon) ..... France  
 Carolina Noyola Echaide (Keokuk)... Mexico  
 Vincent Pinte (Winterset)..... France  
 Anamaria Puruce (Wellman) ..... Romania  
 Arthur Souza (North Scott) ..... Argentina  
 Sara Toellner (Nevada)..... Germany

### OUTBOUND 2008-09:

Elizabeth Baldus (Indianola)..... Brazil  
 Juliana Bunnell (Centerville)..... Thailand  
 Elinor Gaston (North Scott) ..... Argentina  
 Rayma Hipp (Fairfield)..... TBA  
 Kelsey Jensen (NW Des Moines)..... Brazil  
 Katie Lenger (Knoxville) ..... Argentina  
 Aaron Masover (Fairfield) ..... TBA  
 Rebecca Moreland (Pella)..... France  
 Andrew Schilling (Burlington) ..... TBA  
 Adrian Trent (North Scott)..... France



## News Briefs

**Happy Birthday!** PDG Charlie Gabus (1984-85) of Northwest Des Moines Rotary celebrated his 90th birthday on June 2 and was showered with cards and notes in honor of his big birthday.

Following a visit with Charlie's son Gene, PDG Dale Belknap visited Charlie on May 19. Charlie was still recovering in his apartment following his hospital stay with a case of pneumonia. He shared the news about his upcoming birthday, and wanted everyone to know they could have a \$90 "free gift" with the purchase of a car.



PDG Charlie Gabus

Also, he follows closely the construction of his new dealership at the Highway 141 and I-35/80 interchange near Grimes.

He will never stop selling those cars!!!

Cards may be sent to: Charles Gabus, c/o The Reserve, 2727 82nd Street, Urbandale, Iowa 50322.

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**Scholarships:** The Rotary Club of Des Moines newsletter notes that the club's oldest member, Cecil Bolsinger, 103, is in good spirits at Scottish Rite. His generosity continues for the 12th year to the members of Grace United Methodist Church. This year Cec has given 21 awards totaling \$16,000 to further the education of the deserving recipients. This program is in its 12th year totaling 139 awards and \$139,000.

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**Success Stories:** A 39-page RI Public Relations Success Stories newsletter that was compiled by PDG Bill Tubbs includes projects from every region of the world, including four from District 6000: the Iowa Rotary Tabloid; the Rotary ads at the theatre in West Liberty; donated radio time for Humanity in Motion ads by the Quad Cities Radio Group; and an essay in the North Scott High School student newspaper, *The Lance*, by Exchange Student Arthur Souza that praised the greatness of Rotary. Copies of the newsletter will be given

away in the PR breakouts at Los Angeles. An electronic flip-book version of the newsletter may be viewed at: [www.rotary-australia.org.au/ebook/rotary.html](http://www.rotary-australia.org.au/ebook/rotary.html).

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**Regional Meeting:** A regional Rotary Foundation/Membership Seminar for district leadership in Districts 5650, 5970 and 6000 will be held at Drake University in Des Moines on Aug. 2. Zone 27 membership coordinator Terry Mueller (Crystal Lake, IL), and Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Mary Beth Grownsey-Selene, (Madison, WI) are the conveners. Watch for details.

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**District 6000 Breakfast:** For those attending the RI Convention in Los Angeles, remember the District 6000 Breakfast, 7:00-8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 16 at the Garden West Room at the Wilshire Grand Hotel. Information: DGE Susan Herrick, (515) 432-7995; (515) 298-1536 (C).

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**Council on Legislation:** District 6000 Nominations Committee chair PDG Dale Belknap (Des Moines) reported at District Conference that PDG Don Goering (Ames) was chosen to represent District 6000 at the RI Council on Legislation that will convene in 2010. PDG Ev Laning (Indianola) is alternate. An article elsewhere in this newsletter tells about the deadline to submit proposed changes in the Rotary International by-laws.

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**Friendship Exchange:** District 6000 Friendship Exchange chair Keith Whigham (Ames Morning) reported at District Conference that District 6000 will host a team from Australia starting June 21, and will send a team to Sweden on Aug. 15. A team from Sweden will visit District 6000 in September 2009. District 6000 will send a team to England in September 2008 and to Uganda and Tanzania in January 2009. Information: Keith Whigham, (515) 233-3494, or John Lewis, (515) 249-8518.

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### Moldovans:

The Moldovans who were planning to come to District 6000 in May will come July 9-19 instead, reports their host, Merle Anderson of North Scott. Merle is Rotary Volunteers chair for District 6000 and has made seven trips to Moldova.



District Governor Nominee Cal Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant) and PDG Herb Wilson (Iowa City Downtown) at the Hoover-Wallace Dinner.



# Letters

**Iowa Rotary Tabloid:** First of all please allow me to say that I am just recently in receipt of a copy of your joint effort to publicize Rotary in Iowa and in my 30 years as a Rotarian I must say that it is the most effective effort to tell the Rotary story that I have ever encountered . . .

-s- Robert M. Collins  
DG District 6090, 1998-99  
Council Bluffs Centennial Rotary  
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**Rebaz:** I think of all the wonderful Rotarians frequently and send them my best wishes. I continue to hear from the Shamsadeen family about every month or two. It is the same conversation each time. "How are you?" "We love you," and "Rebaz is good." John Abadi, the translator who lives in Iowa City, called me a couple of months ago and told me that Subhi and his wife lost a baby girl at birth – they named her "Cindy."

-s- Cindy Yerington

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(Cindy Yerington and her husband, Scott, kept Rebaz Shamsadeen of Iraq in their West Liberty home while he came to Iowa for a life-saving heart surgery in 2005. They now reside in Minnesota.)

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**Thank You:** I would like to extend my appreciation to DG Diana Reed for her leadership, to Karin Franklin and Jacque Andrew, the assistant governors, and all who contributed articles and photos for *District 6000 News* in 2007-08. Your content makes *District 6000 News* interesting and informative. I said "yes" when DGE Susan



We know this hasn't happened before – Bob Herrick and Rick Rarick, back-to-back male spouses of district governors, did a comedy routine at District Assembly to urge Rotarians to attend District Conference, which was April 25-27 in West Des Moines.

Herrick asked if I'd continue as editor, so I'll stick around another year. Special appreciation to my wife, Linda, who lets me take the time to tell Rotary's stories even if dinner does frequently get cold. Thanks!

– Bill Tubbs, editor, *District 6000 News*

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**Stravers Concert:** Just received the latest newsletter. Excellent layout and expanded content on the Stravers Concert article. Thanks,

-s- AG Jim Ebberts, Pella

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**Public Image:** I read your printed copy of *District 6000 News* completely last night. WOW! If every Rotarian in every Rotary district could receive one like yours, who knows what we could accomplish together.

Well done, and please continue to demonstrate a solid public image as you have and will do in the future. It is contagious and needed.

-s- Lou Piconi, Pittsburgh

RI Past Vice President (2000-01)

## CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

February - April, 2008

CLUB	FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	52.00 %	49	62.00 %	42	69.00 %	24
Albia	46.00 %	51	47.00 %	57		
Ames	45.00 %	53	53.00 %	53		
Ames Morning			43.49 %	59	50.68 %	49
Ankeny	69.00 %	20	76.00 %	13	72.00 %	21
Atlantic	55.93 %	46	60.78 %	46	62.62 %	37
Bettendorf	79.63 %	7	80.00 %	10	82.79 %	7
Bloomfield			73.00 %	17	75.00 %	17
Boone	67.00 %	24	61.00 %	45	56.00 %	44
Burlington	83.30 %	4	81.60 %	6	76.40 %	13
Carroll	67.48 %	23	67.55 %	26	78.77 %	12
Centerville	47.00 %	50	42.00 %	60	50.00 %	51
Chariton	74.00 %	14	74.00 %	15		
Clinton	58.57 %	40	62.31 %	39	57.72 %	41
Coon Rapids	65.00 %	28	67.00 %	28	65.00 %	32
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00 %	1	85.00 %	5	87.00 %	4
Corning	62.69 %	35	76.54 %	12	71.15 %	22
Corydon			53.00 %	52		
Creston	75.00 %	12	71.00 %	23	70.00 %	23
Dallas Center	73.00 %	15	72.00 %	20	75.00 %	16
Davenport	45.76 %	52	44.15 %	58	44.77 %	52
Decatur County	63.00 %	34	64.00 %	37	76.00 %	14
Des Moines	66.92 %	26	65.73 %	32	64.46 %	34
Des Moines A.M.	58.00 %	42	57.00 %	48	65.00 %	31
East Polk County			48.00 %	55	53.00 %	48
Fairfield			54.03 %	51	55.67 %	45
Fort Madison	60.60 %	37	64.80 %	34	64.00 %	36
Grinnell			73.00 %	16		
Indianola	63.05 %	33	62.50 %	38	65.40 %	29
Iowa City	68.00 %	22	49.00 %	54	55.00 %	46
Iowa City A.M.	65.00 %	29	66.00 %	31	65.00 %	30
Iowa City Downtown						
Iowa Quad-Cities	65.91 %	27	62.05 %	40	67.86 %	26
Jefferson	65.00 %	30	67.00 %	27	67.00 %	27
Johnston	68.75 %	21	66.46 %	29	72.73 %	18
Kalona	88.44 %	3	75.88 %	14	93.72 %	1
Keokuk	54.69 %	47	47.19 %	56	50.00 %	50
Keosauqua	58.30 %	41	64.10 %	36	61.60 %	39
Knoxville	58.92 %	39	70.31 %	24	66.67 %	28
Lenox	65.00 %	31	71.00 %	22	72.00 %	20
Manning	78.00 %	9	72.00 %	19	72.00 %	19
Marengo			81.00 %	9	81.00 %	10
Marshalltown	60.70 %	36	54.22 %	50	57.33 %	42
Mount Pleasant Noon	57.00 %	45	61.00 %	44		
Mt. Pleasant	82.00 %	5	81.00 %	8	82.00 %	9
Muscatine	54.57 %	48				
Nevada	74.19 %	13	71.28 %	21	75.52 %	15
Newton	60.00 %	38	59.00 %	47	64.00 %	35
North Scott	77.45 %	11	92.92 %	3	82.45 %	8
Northwest Des Moines	78.62 %	8	72.98 %	18	85.29 %	5
Osceola	66.96 %	25	64.37 %	35	58.84 %	40
Oskaloosa	63.50 %	32	66.30 %	30	64.80 %	33
Ottumwa	58.00 %	43	61.00 %	43	62.00 %	38
Pella	70.00 %	17	78.00 %	11	80.00 %	11
Perry			62.00 %	41		
Tipton	69.43 %	19	65.18 %	33		
Washington	57.81 %	44	55.56 %	49	54.03 %	47
Waukeke	77.59 %	10	68.75 %	25	68.60 %	25
Wellman	95.70 %	2	96.40 %	1	93.60 %	2
West Des Moines	70.49 %	16	86.55 %	4	56.81 %	43
West Liberty	70.00 %	18	81.00 %	7	83.00 %	6
Winterset	81.92 %	6	93.94 %	2	91.41 %	3

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# Club leaders' checklist



*From DG Diana Reed and DGE Susan Herrick . . .*

- 2008-09 club leaders: Complete your Club Planning Guide and send copies to Governor 2008-09 Susan Herrick and your Assistant Governor.
- Watch for your 2008-09 district dues billing after July 1, including voluntary contributions for Iowa M.O.S.T. (p. 11), FAMSCO (p. 14-15) and the Youth Services Fund.
- 2007-08 club leaders: Make final payments to The Rotary Foundation before June 15 if possible to meet or exceed your club's 2007-08 goal for Annual Giving and to ensure your club's Centurion Club status (p. 29).
- Plan activities involving your community to meet or exceed the goal of \$1,000 a year for three years for PolioPlus Partners (p. 3).
- Ask your members to support relief for tornado victims in the Parkersburg, Iowa, area (p. 5).
- Choose one or more projects to address substance abuse in your community (p. 6).
- Identify local projects that focus on child mortality (smoke detectors, bicycle helmets, car safety seats, SIDS awareness), which are part of President-Elect D.K. Lee's Presidential Citation (p. 9).
- Ask your members if they have furnishings to donate for the new district office in Pella (p. 4).
- Assist the Club Extension Committee to help Rotary grow with new clubs in District 6000 (p. 4).
- Update your membership list, for accurate semi-annual reports that are due in July.
- Plan membership development activities for '08-'09.
- Contact FAMSCO if your club is looking for a successful international service project (p. 14-15).
- Support members who attend the Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles, June 15-18.
- Plan summer public relations activities at your community's fairs and festivals.
- 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. 8, 10, 29).
- Submit news of your club's successes or upcoming events by Aug. 18, 2008 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacque Andrews (Jefferson).