

District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Susan Herrick, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

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Governor's comments . . .

Dreams were made real in District 6000

By DG Susan Herrick/Boone

At the beginning of this Rotary year, Rotary International President D.K. Lee asked all of us to help MAKE DREAMS REAL. Bob and I have traveled across Rotary District 6000 and have watched with pride as the Rotarians of this district have rallied to make dreams real for their communities and for the world. As I discovered early, you all work in different ways to achieve the same goals, and it has been a joy to work alongside you to arrive at the end of this successful Rotary year.

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District Conference: Our District Conference, "Dreams Made Real...Our 63 Clubs Sharing Success," was held in Ankeny at the Courtyard by Marriott. You made this District Conference a great event with your participation and enthusiasm.

We were delighted to be honored by RI President Lee's appointment of one of his fellow countrymen as our RI Representative. PDG Senuggi Paik and his lovely wife, Myung, of Korea's District 3640, did a wonderful job of representing Rotary International.



Susan Herrick
District Governor

Our Conference evaluations reflected your agreement that it was truly a treat to have Past Rotary International President Frank Devlyn present the District Rotary luncheon speech and, thanks to Prairie Meadows Race Track and Casino's generous donation, each of us received a copy of Frank's latest book, "Frank Talk on Leadership: Ten Traits of SuperStar Leaders."

We were excited to have the talents of the King'nTrio, Rotarians from Grand Junction, Colorado, add music and fun to the weekend.

Probably the most heralded part of the Conference was our Saturday Celebration of the Future of Rotary. The day started out with Jamie Revord, Senior Major Gifts Officer with Rotary International, sharing with us not only the message about Our Rotary Foundation but also about her experience as an Ambassadorial Scholar and with the Peace Corps. This was followed by the honor of presenting many of our Rotarians and Rotary Clubs



Past Rotary International President Frank Devlyn (2000-01), joined by District Governor Susan Herrick and District Club Extension chair Bill Koellner, signed the charter for the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines during District Conference, April 24 at Ankeny.



Highlights of District Conference included the incredible, multi-lingual Adrian Rusu (l) and Ambassadorial Scholar Brett Johnson (r), who was introduced by PDG Ken Noble.

with much-deserved awards for their work this year.

Then we heard from the Interact Clubs of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa City, Fairfield and Ankeny, the Decatur County RotaKids, and former Ambassadorial Scholar to Brazil, Brett Johnson of Iowa City.

Not only were we as Rotarians impressed and inspired by these

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Youth inspire Rotarians at District Conference

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students, but all of the Rotary Youth Exchange students and other young people in the audience were moved to dream greater things for their futures. Our Inbound and Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students did an excellent job of sharing with our Rotarians information about their countries with displays in the meeting hall and by sharing meals with us throughout the Conference.

Saturday noon held a special experience for me. The King'nTrio performed with the Decatur County RotaKids. The Trio was more thrilled than the RotaKids.

And then the speaker at lunch was Adrian Rusu, past Rotary Youth Exchange student from Romania for whom I was lucky enough to serve as counselor when he was in Iowa, and who has since achieved his BA in Engineering and his MA in International Business, after working a year in Beijing, China. Adrian is now in Singapore starting his career. He received the most comments in the post-conference evaluations, and all were in agreement that he is a most impressive representative as a product of our Rotary programs.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped make the Conference a success – from those on the Conference Committee, to those who served as aides to our many guests and to those who hosted our Rotarians in their homes for a delightful evening of Home Hospitality.

Group Study Exchange: Our district was proud to host a Group Study Exchange Team from Taiwan's Rotary District 3470 this spring. Led by Rotarian Shen-Ron Lo, this team of young professional women from Taiwan shared presentations across District 6000 and then finished their visit in the Des Moines area, including a presentation at the District Conference.

And we were equally proud to have District 6000 represented by our GSE Outbound Team, led by Rotarian Jeff Bremer of Knoxville and consisting of Molly Ibbotson, Amy Heinz, Jennifer Smith and John Schultz (see pp. 10-11).



GSE team leader Jeff Bremer presented an Oriental doll from Taiwan to DG Susan Herrick.



David Cook (l) and Alan Greiner of the Rotary Club of Boone were emcees for District Conference.



Rotary Youth Exchange students, with their flags from many nations, were one of the highlights of District Conference.



The Decatur County Rota-Kids joined the King'N Trio in rousing renditions of "The Four-Way Test Song" and "One Hundred Years of Rotary."

In a letter from the wife of District Governor Vox from D3470, Meiching told me, "Your GSE team did a great job, we like them very much, especially I had a collaboration with John. We had performed in our conference. He played and I sang.....that was an unforgettable experience."

Through the wisdom of Rotary, we build peace one person at a time.

Hoover-Wallace Dinner: Bob and I were honored to be a part of the Sixth Annual Hoover-Wallace Dinner, honoring U.S. Senators Grassley and Harkin on May 9 at the Embassy Suites on the River in Des Moines.

It was an enjoyable evening that recognized our state's two distinguished senators and celebrated the cooperative, bipartisan spirit which they have achieved so much for the benefit of Iowa's communities as well as communities throughout the world.

The event continues the partnership of Rotary with the World Food Prize Foundation for a sixth straight year. Ambassador Ken-

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Rotary's partnership continues with World Food Prize Foundation

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neth Quinn announced that the proceeds from this year's dinner went to the Borlaug-Ruan International Internship in the amount of \$56,425 (see photo, p. 24).

The other representatives of District 6000 were PDG Diana Reed and her husband, Rick Rarick, Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines president Rita Perea and her husband, Rotarian Ernie Perea, AG John Tone of Des Moines and AG Ginny Hughes of Fairfield.

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Rotary Foundation: As time winds to an end for this Rotary year, we have had the privilege of attending events honoring those who have been aggressive in their support of Our Rotary Foundation. On May 5 we were in Atlantic, with the Rotary Club of Atlantic when they presented Paul Harris Fellow pins to 21 NEW Paul Harris Fellows and six Multiple Paul Harris Fellow pins.

What a thrill it was to see a gathering of so many Rotarians who have recognized the benefits of The Rotary Foundation and who are proceeding on to be Sustaining Members of the Foundation.

We also were fortunate enough to be with the Rotary Club of Coralville North Corridor on May 20 when they presented Major Donor recognition to Rotarian Bill and Sharon Oglesby. In the presence of their fellow club members and several past, current and future district governors, once again we were delighted to witness the generosity of the Rotary spirit in District 6000 (p. 19).

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Greater Des Moines Charter: A wonderful piece of the District Conference was signing and presenting the Rotary Club Charter to members of the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines. Charter president Rita Perea and eight of the members were on hand to receive the charter signed not only by me but by Past Rotary International President Frank Devlyn.

The Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines is currently meeting at Jimmy's American Café in West Des Moines on Wednesday evenings. Their Charter Night is being planned for September. Watch your e-mail for time and place and plan to be there to help us celebrate the formation of this new club!

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Members of the newly chartered Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines at District Conference (l-r): Darron Kitterman, Sadie Trytten, Todd Razor, Sara Thoenner, Ernest Perea, Da-Lena Elliott, Rita Perea, Drew Engelbrecht, Cathy Borman.



Kay and Ted Carpenter of the Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor tended a booth at District Conference promoting support for District 6000's project teams in Xicotepec, Mexico.

D-6000's Xicotepec Project

Information about District 6000's work in Xicotepec, Mexico, was presented in short talks throughout District Conference. Team leader Jim Peterson gave this overview:

Since the Xicotepec Project began in 2002:

- 303 Rotarians, Interactors, Rotaractors and others have made 431 trips to Xicotepec as project participants.
- One was 3 years old; two were octogenarians; 52 percent of the trips were made by participants under the age of 30.
- Sixty-three percent were females.
- Ten are past or future district governors of our district.
- Two participants (so far) have become Ambassadorial Scholars.
- Three have been Rotary Youth Exchange students.
- Three participants were Rhodes Scholar finalists, and one was awarded the scholarship.
- Participants have come from the U.S., Canada, Spain, Czech Republic, Vietnam, Japan, India, Honduras, Congo, Chile and Colombia.
- \$650,000 has gone into the project, including: \$325,000 from participants; \$36,000 from our district's Youth Fund; \$123,000 in Matching Grant project funds; and \$166,000 in other donations.

Peterson concluded: "When I first became involved in the Xicotepec Project, I had no thought of someday reciting such facts and figures. But for me and others the most rewarding outcomes have been new friendships, greater awareness and deeper understanding, which no statistic can describe."



Xicotepec Project Team leader Jim Peterson of Iowa City AM and PDG Herb Wilson of Iowa City Downtown visit with Mackenzie Bolt, who was a member of the 2009 project as a service learning student in the University of Iowa College of Education.



Did they keep score?!

Golfers tee it up to kick off District Conference

By Nate Burnham, Ankeny

District Conference Golf chair

Again this year, a golf tournament was held on Thursday prior to the District 6000 Conference. The tournament was held at the Tournament Club of Iowa in Polk City. The Tournament Club was designed by Arnold Palmer and picked by Golf Digest as "America's Best New Course" in 2004 and the best course in Iowa in 2003-2007. The course winds through hills, dramatic bluffs and timberland surrounding beautiful Big Creek and two major lakes and was challenging for golfers of all skills. The weather the day of the tournament, for late April, was beautiful with temperatures in the high 70s with light winds.

The tournament was a 4-person best-ball event with a shotgun start at 11:00 a.m. Forty golfers, 10 teams, participated and some truly great scores were turned in. The championship flight was won by the team of Sherry Newsome, Dave Rebarcak, Bernie Stephenson and Mark Cahill from the Nevada Rotary Club with a score of 12 under par 59. This included being 8 under par on the first 9 holes. Also, with a score of 59, but losing the tiebreaker, was the team of David Schneider, Matt Dix and Jeff Courtner of the Des Moines AM Rotary Club and Marcus Dunn of the NW Des Moines Rotary Club. Third place went to the team from Atlantic of Brad Hartkopf, Mark Smith, Chris Larsen and Kirk Nelson with a score of 61.

The remaining teams were flighted and winning the first flight was the team from the Boone Rotary Club of Becky Dose, Cody Bowers, Amber Hora and Luke Nelson with a score of 69. Other Rotary clubs represented included Ames, Ankeny, Decatur County, Des Moines, Greater Des Moines, Johnston, West Des Moines and NW Des Moines.

Six flag prizes were also awarded. These winners included: Sherry Newsome of Nevada being closest to the pin in one shot on hole No. 3; Dave Rebarcak of Nevada with the longest made putt on hole No. 6; Seunggi Paik, our Rotary International Representative from Korea, being closest to the pin in one shot on hole No. 8; Paul Jacobson of Johnston being closest to the pin in two shots on hole No. 11; Sherry Newsome having the longest drive on hole No. 13; and DaLena Elliott from the Greater Des Moines Rotary Club with the longest putt made on hole No. 15.

Everyone who golfed was a winner since they received a gift of a pewter putting cup with a plate that read "Rotary District 6000, Service Above Self." But most importantly, everyone was a winner because they had the opportunity to socialize with other Rotarians from District 6000.



PDG Seunggi Paik of Korea and his wife, Myung Chang, exchange greetings and gifts with DG Susan Herrick and Bob at District 6000 Conference, April 24 at Ankeny.

Prepare for 2009-10: 'The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands'

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Thank You: As we prepare to park our vehicle in our garage in Boone for many more hours this coming year, we will be remembering each of you with the fond memories that arise from meeting you and making friends across the district. You have allowed us into your clubs and your homes in a way that we'll never forget. You have indeed made our dreams real this year.

It wouldn't be proper to sign off without recognizing that I could never have accomplished this governorship without the invaluable help of our district administrator, Carolyn Scharff, the team of incredibly generous past district governors, the talented and ambitious Rotarians of District 6000 – most notably the members of the Rotary Club of Boone, and my chauffeur, Rotary partner and best friend, my husband, Bob Herrick.

I'm not going far – I'll be chairing the Polio Plus Committee this year and working hard to see that District 6000 continues to be among the lead districts working to fund the Polio Challenge.

Future of Rotary: And most importantly, we will join you in following and supporting your new district governor team, Cal and Rachel Litwiller, Rotarians with the Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant. Cal and Rachel will lead each of us in realizing the THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS!



Inbound students from Mexico hosted one of many Rotary Youth Exchange displays at District Conference (l-r): Harumi Yomoguita, hosted by West Des Moines Rotary, and Susi Rodriguez of Xicotepec, hosted by Nevada Rotary.



Presidents-Elect, with their assistant governors and presidents' classmates, learn about 2009-10 Rotary International and district goals and projects at President-Elect Training Seminar, March 27 at DMAC in Newton.

President-Elect Training Seminar, District Assembly

March 27-28, 2009 • DMAC Conference Center, Newton
P.E.T.S. Attendance: 54 clubs, 132 people
District Assembly Attendance: 48 clubs, 170 people



Three Rotarians who will fill leadership roles for the 12 districts in Zone 28 in 2009-10 were involved with training (l-r): Don Goering (Ames, D6000), Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator; Mary Beth Growney-Selene (Madison, WI), Zone Public Relations Coordinator; and Diana Reed (Northwest Des Moines, D6000), Zone Membership Development chair.



Ethical decision making and practical applications of Rotary's Four-Way Test were the subject of a panel discussion with audience participation that stimulated many ideas at District Assembly. Facilitating were (l-r): DG Susan Herrick; Jean Bartley, an attorney and president of Iowa City AM Rotary; PDG Ev Laning, a sociologist from Indianola; and Rotary International Director-Elect Tom Thorfinnson, an attorney from Eden Prairie, MN.

Radio, TV messages advance 'Humanity In Motion'

Marshalltown Rotarian Mark Osmundson received a report from Sue Toma of the Iowa Broadcasters Association summarizing the placements of "Humanity in Motion" radio and television ads in the February-March 2009 campaign.

The report indicates that Iowa radio and television stations ran 4,274 spots during the 3-week campaign for a total dollar value of \$134,636.35.

The value of the placements was more than 5.6 times Rotary's investment, thanks to a partnership with IBA's Non-Commercial Sustaining Announcements (NCSA) program. Through the program, broadcasters multiply the number of ads for qualifying non-profit organizations.

Rotary's messages focused on peace, polio, literacy, scholarships, humanitarian service and membership.

To launch the campaign, Rotary Districts 6000 (most of southern Iowa) and 5970 (most of northern Iowa) applied for and received Rotary International Public Relations Grants of \$9,000 per

district (total of \$18,000). A one-third cash match was required.

Joe Lorenzo, assistant coordinator for Rotary International's PR Division, reports that in 2008-09, Rotary received 292 requests for PR Grants from 46 countries. Two hundred seventy-six were approved. Rotary's \$2 million world-wide investment was matched with \$1.8 million by districts plus \$7.1 million in-kind support for a total PR value of \$10.9 million.

Grants of up to \$10,000 per district will again be offered in 2009-10. The deadline for applications was advanced to July 15 and awards will be announced by Oct. 1 to give districts more time to implement their projects.

DGE Cal Litwiller and 2009-10 District PR chair PDG Bill Tubbs discussed possibilities for next year's grant with committee chairs at a May 9 strategic planning meeting at Pella. A partnership with District 5970 for a statewide campaign is again being explored. Tubbs will also represent North America on the Rotary International Public Image Resource Group in 2009-10.



Al Lorenzen and Katie Jessen will provide leadership for the 2009 AAU Junior Olympics, July 27-Aug. 8 in Des Moines. They attended District 6000 P.E.T.S. on March 27 to invite and encourage Rotary clubs to volunteer.

Rotary clubs invited to volunteer at AAU Junior Olympics

The Des Moines Area Sports Commission invites Rotary clubs of Iowa to volunteer for the 2009 AAU Junior Olympic Games in Des Moines, July 27 through Aug. 8. For information on the Junior Olympic Games and to volunteer today, please visit www.DesMoinesSports.com.

Al Lorenzen, Vice President of Sports and Development for the Des Moines Area Sports Commission, requested volunteer help at the District 6000 President-Elect Training Seminar, March 27 at Newton. The Des Moines Area Sports Commission's host committee budget is \$1.5 million. Corporate and community financial support is welcomed, although Rotary's greatest contribution will be volunteers.



District Governor Susan Herrick says the games will give Rotarians an opportunity to talk about the global quest to eradicate polio.

The Games will bring an estimated 35,000 visitors to Central Iowa over 14 days, with 14,000 athletes from all over the United States. There will be competition in 21 sports at the Games, including: track & field, jump rope, wrestling, gymnastics and baseball, among others. The majority of the competitors will be at Drake Stadium and the Iowa Events Center with various other competitions held throughout the Des Moines area. The event will have an economic impact that is expected to exceed \$25 million.

Would your club like to host a Swedish Friendship Exchange?

Rotarian Dennis Nygaard of Wellman reports that the District 6000 Friendship Exchange Committee will be hosting six couples of incoming Rotarians from Sweden.

They will be arriving in Des Moines Sept. 23 and departing Oct. 7, 2009.

"If any district club would be interested in hosting our Swedish guests for a few days, please contact Dennis Nygaard, Rotary District Friendship Exchange Committee member, at (319) 646-2288.

Dennis says, "This is a home phone number and a message may be left 24/7 and I will return your call."

Scholars honored at Keosauqua

The Keosauqua Rotary Club held its 53rd annual Scholastic Banquet April 29 to honor the top ten students of each high school class at Van Buren Community High School. The event is the club's longest standing service project. The event was attended by 88 students, Rotarians, parents of senior students and guests.

Keosauqua Rotarian Sam Polonsky was also honored during the evening as the club's 16th Paul Harris Fellow.



The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines observed 40 years of service with a gala celebration March 28 at the West Des Moines Marriott. Two of the club's longtime members who have made many contributions to Rotary are pictured with club president Cam Torstenson: Charter member Bob Dabrieo (l) and Randy Gambil, 91, a Level Eight donor of The Rotary Foundation. A printed history of the club, which was chartered Oct. 7, 1968, was distributed. Meetings are held Friday noons at the Urbandale Golf and Country Club.

Disaster Relief: One year later

When flood waters created unprecedented damage in eastern Iowa in June 2008, Rotarians responded with \$41,690 contributed to a disaster relief fund. \$2,100 was restricted for projects in Cedar Rapids, Rochester and Ottumwa.

An ad hoc Disaster Relief Committee, chaired by PDG Roger Borup (Wellman) invited clubs to apply for grants to help their communities rebuild. The Rotary Club of Washington received \$10,000 for the reconstruction of the Columbus Junction Community Center, and the Rotary Club of Burlington received \$11,733 to rebuild a playground at the Des Moines County Conservation Park.

The committee re-opened grant applications and approved requests for \$3,000 from the Rotary Club of Muscatine for supplies, rentals and disposal related to Cedar River cleanup, and \$4,910 from the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM for debris removal, seeding and landscaping of 40-plus homes in the Normandy/Manor Drive neighborhood of Iowa City. PDG Borup provided this information about the first two projects:

"I'm sending photos of the Columbus Junction Senior Center project before and after as well as Polly Prior's letter of thanks. I think her letter is worth two or three from me. Columbus Junction is in Louisa County with no Rotary clubs. This is a project that almost didn't happen. We were told originally there were no likely projects in Columbus Junction as most of the housing or public facilities were on the higher ground. We had sent a letter to all County Emergency Management Agencies. The Louisa County Coordinator had resigned and the letter sat on his desk. The county sheriff saw it and gave the information to Polly Prior, who contacted me. I contacted Myron Graber, president of the Rotary Club of Washington and they took it on immediately. They were ready long before we were."

Polly Price is the treasurer of the Columbus Community Senior Center. Here is her letter, sent to PDG Borup:

"To Whom It May Concern: On behalf of the Senior Center board, and the community of Columbus Junction, I wish to express my sincere thanks for your generous contribution of \$10,000 to the Columbus Community Senior Center. Your contribution made it possible for us to move one large step closer to our goal of being open for operation on the first anniversary of the day the waters destroyed our facility – June 14!"

"Your contribution was used for the purchase and installation of new state certified floor coverings for the entire facility. The



Myron Graber



Columbus Community Senior Center during the flood.



Columbus Community Senior Center rebuilt with state certified floor coverings.

total cost for the flooring was \$9,790.28, which was a very close match to your timely contribution.

"The past year has been a difficult one in our rebuild effort – however, we are nearing our goal of returning the Columbus Community Senior Center to again being a viable part of our community. The goal could not have been realized had it not been for caring organizations such as the Rotary International. We welcome all to come visit our new facility.

"Thanks again for your very generous contribution to our recovery."

New playground near Burlington



Burlington Rotary Club president Joyce Vance sent this sketch of equipment that will be installed at the Des Moines County Conservation Park in southeast Iowa.

The slide holds up to 24 children, ages 2-12. It features two slides, pipewall with telescope deck, 12-inch rise funnel adventure tube, tree climber, deep rung arch climber and a slide and learn panel. It is in bright colors of blue, yellow and red. The structure is ADA Compliant. A bench with a Rotary sign will be installed.

Keosauqua Rotarians attend celebration in Missouri with RI President-Elect Ray Klinginsmith

Six members of the Keosauqua Rotary Club attended the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Scotland County Rotary Club held on Tuesday, March 17 at the Scotland County R-1 High School in Memphis, Missouri.

Featured speaker for the evening was Ray Klinginsmith, a Rotarian from Kirksville, Missouri. He will assume the duties of Rotary International president in the 2010-2011 Rotary year.

Those attending were Rotarians Marie Settles, Jon Finney, Susan Wasko, Dean Folker, Bob Pedrick, David Paulek, and spouses June Pedrick and Debbie Finney.

It was truly a memorable evening!

(President-Elect Klinginsmith is the cousin of Bill Shewmaker, who will be president of the Rotary Club of Keosauqua in 2009-10.) – submitted by Jon Finney



Members of the Keosauqua Rotary Club celebrated the Scotland County, Missouri, Rotary Club's 30th anniversary where they had their picture taken with Rotary International President-Elect Ray Klinginsmith, (l-r): Marie Settles (Keosauqua club president), Jon Finney (secretary/treasurer), President-Elect Klinginsmith, Susan Wasko, Dean Folker, Bob Pedrick and David Paulek.

Fairfield Rotary, firefighters team up for fundraiser

The Fairfield Rotary Club partnered with the Fairfield Fire Department on May 26 for their annual benefit auction. The auction raised \$17,000, and Rotary president Jim Pedrick says they were happy to team with such a deserving beneficiary.

"People really responded to the firefighters' project and we had more for our scholarship fund by sharing with them," Pedrick says. "They were great partners."

A crowd of over 100 community members turned out to support the fire department and Rotary's annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors. High bids rolled in on a number of items, from NFL football tickets to vacation packages and gift certificates donated from the community.

The funds raised will aid the fire department's purchase of thermal imaging camera. The camera allows firefighters to identify areas of heat through smoke and



The Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors welcome the Fairfield Rotary Club as new members to the Chamber before the start of their 2009 benefit auction at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center.

darkness, spot smoldering fires inside a wall and detect overheating electrical wiring. Firefighters can also use the technology in the search for victims.

In its 15th year, the Fairfield Rotary Auction has contributed to a number of

community projects, most recently, the Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lighting Committee, and the Fairfield Park & Recreation indoor playground, and new concession/restroom facilities.

– submitted by Emily Humble

Des Moines AM bike raffle sends 50 students to Y Camp

The Des Moines AM Rotary Club is a partner with Capitol View Elementary School in Des Moines. The school is located in one of the most diverse and economically challenged neighborhoods in the city.

For the last two years, Des Moines AM has raised funds to help send Capitol View

fifth graders to the Des Moines Y Camp in Boone. For some students, Y Camp was their first experience outside of the city. For others, it was a chance to find new friendships and common interests.

In 2008, 20 Capitol View students attended thanks to Des Moines AM. In the

spring of 2009, the club sponsored a bike raffle that has raised more than \$3,800.

These funds will underwrite the cost of camp for 50 Capitol View young people – helping them kick off their school year with a life changing experience at Y Camp.

– submitted by Todd Fogdall

Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team:

‘Why we keep going back’

By Karin Franklin/Iowa City

Team Member, Iowa M.O.S.T.

This is the story of Yeremi Jeraldo Carillo Pascual. Yeremi was born in 2007 in Huehuetenango, Guatemala. At the moment of his birth, the Iowa M.O.S.T. (Miles Of Smiles Team) team was operating in an adjacent operating room, repairing the cleft lip of another Guatemalan child who had been born with this unfortunate deformity. As Yeremi came into the world it was evident he, too, had a problem with a cleft lip and cleft palate. The Guatemalan doctors brought Yeremi to the M.O.S.T. medical team, hoping for an immediate repair for Yeremi. Because he was a newborn, this was not possible.

BUT, his parents were told to bring him to Xela the following year and he might be able to have surgery then. So in 2008, Yeremi and his parents came to the State Hospital and his cleft lip was repaired. And then on the 2009 MOST trip back to Huehuetenango, we saw Yeremi again and were able to fix his cleft palate.

Although Yeremi does not look very happy in this picture (below), you can be sure his parents are and that when he recovers, his life will have improved remarkably, thanks to Iowa MOST. Yeremi will be able to eat without food passing into his nasal passage. He will be able to speak clearly, and he will not have to endure the social stigma that often accompanies a cleft lip.

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Iowa M.O.S.T. is the Miles of Smiles Team and is made up of Rotarians and medical personnel from Iowa and elsewhere. Our intent is to continue to travel to the Western Highlands of Guatemala each year to work with our Rotarian friends in Xela and Huehuetenango to help these kids smile.

This year in Huehue we were able to perform surgical procedures – lip repair, palate repair, dental extractions, and ear tubes



The Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team will return to Xela in February 2010 and hopes to see 4-year-old Ingrid and fix her bi-lateral cleft, so her smile will be even brighter and wider.

– on 45 patients in five days. In addition, the dentists provided exams and made obturators (mouth roof covers for cleft palates) for a number of additional patients. At this point, we have 125 patients on our database, enabling us to track them for repeat visits to achieve comprehensive care, like that which was provided to Yeremi.

The work of Iowa M.O.S.T. is financed through donations from individuals and from the Rotary clubs in District 6000. The only impediment to our team going every year is financing: we are in good shape for our 2010 trip, however, after that we will be in need of significant donations to continue our work. We urge incoming club presidents-elect to continue the wonderful support we have been receiving by budgeting a per member amount for Iowa M.O.S.T., as many clubs have done in recent years, including this donation with their dues when the statement comes from D6000.

In 2010, we will return to Xela in February. With any luck we will see little 4-year-old Ingrid Azucena Diaz Vasquez and fix her bi-lateral cleft, so her smile will be even brighter and even wider.



Yeremi does not look happy, but his parents know that he will be able to eat without food passing into his nasal passage. He will be able to speak clearly, and he will not have to endure the social stigma that often accompanies a cleft lip.

Financial support for Iowa M.O.S.T. in 2008-09

A voluntary assessment of \$5 per member with a suggested maximum per club of \$500 is requested in support of Iowa M.O.S.T. Thirty-four clubs gave \$9,304 in 2008-09:

Albia.....165
Ames.....500
Bettendorf.....440
Burlington.....96

Carroll.....295
Chariton.....275
Clinton.....620
Coralville-North Corridor.....165
Davenport.....500
Decatur County.....85
East Polk.....185
Fairfield.....335
Grinnell.....160
Iowa City AM.....570

Johnston.....235
Kalona.....150
Keokuk.....410
Keosauqua.....28
Manning.....85
Marengo.....75
Marshalltown.....500
Mount Pleasant.....150
Muscatine.....500
Nevada.....305

North Scott.....500
Northwest Des Moines.....290
Pella.....195
Iowa Quad Cities.....260
Tipton.....160
Washington.....315
Waukegan.....285
Wellman.....150
West Liberty.....165
Winterset.....155

PEACE THROUGH UNDERSTANDING:

Group Study Exchange with District 3470, Taiwan

By Jeff Bremer/Northwest Des Moines

GSE Team Leader

On March 1st, 2009, my team and I left for District 3470 in Taiwan. The team I had helped select proved to be a group of young professionals that represented Iowa, the USA, and Rotary District 6000 in a way that would make any of us very proud. They took advantage of the opportunity to learn from the various Rotary clubs, businesses and historical sites that we visited.

The team included Amy Heinz from Des Moines, Jenny Smith from Carlisle, Mollie Ibbotson from Des Moines, and John Schultz from Mt. Vernon. Each person on the team brought unique strengths, but all of them had a common denominator – to support the Rotary team mission and to learn in a way to bring something back. I believe that this GSE team impressed many Rotary clubs while we were there and made many life long friends.

As we arrived in Taipei, we were greeted by Simon Lang, GSE team coordinator, and Professor Lo, the Taiwan GSE group team leader. They helped us get to our first destination and get settled for the week. As we prepared for our first week, we were impressed with the Taiwanese people and the way of life that we were starting to learn about. We observed a proud culture of people that have endured many hardships throughout their long history but who have maintained their dignity and self worth in making Taiwan strong.

The Taiwan Rotarians had many questions for us. They asked how we all felt about our new president and the trials that America was going through. Every day we got similar questions and the team was very good in giving the best answers to the various Rotarians who asked the questions. The team was doing so well that it seemed to



Traditional Oriental symbols were extraordinary for their craftsmanship.

be a competition of the Taiwan clubs to see who could show us a better time or serve us a better meal. We made many new Rotarian friends at each club meeting and every club was a very gracious host in providing for our needs.

Some of the more memorable events included the Rotary District 3470 Conference. It involved a lot of pomp and circumstance

and many Rotary clubs in attendance to support the new Rotary year. We visited many beautiful temples, Tainan City government office, meeting the mayor and secretary general, a rice farm, a tea farm, hospitals, schools, and universities.



Team leader Jeff Bremer Rotary club meeting in Taiwan. American folk music overcame a language barrier.

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The Taiwan people take education very seriously with 95 percent of high school students going to college in universities that are very affordable. Most parents can afford to pay for their children's college tuition with many of them going on to get a master's degree. Universal health care is working in Taiwan and doctors who are part of the health care system don't have to carry malpractice insurance. People don't sue like they do here in the United States.

Amy got to compare western medicine and eastern medicine, Jenny got to visit organic farms that gave her some tips in growing organic tomatoes, Mollie got information on Asian rights as it relates in a world perspective, John got to visit schools and play a violin that was worth approximately \$5 million and I got to make a presentation at Nonshan Life Insurance Company to the corporate executives.

We all were impressed with the amount of planning it took to have us each experience a piece of our profession in a different culture.

The Rotary GSE team experience is unique and I have been truly honored to have been the team leader for 2009. I would like to thank all the Rotarians who give to The Rotary Foundation to make this kind of experience possible. This is the kind of opportunity that really makes you take a hard look at yourself as a Rotarian



Jennie found the best strawberries. "We bought a box and ate until we hurt."

GSE links Iowa with Taiwan

By Karin Franklin/Iowa City

D-6000, GSE Committee chair

The 2009 Group Study Exchange (GSE) with District 3470 in Taiwan came to a successful close at the District Conference in Ankeny. The teams shared their experiences, which ranged from professional to cultural to personal anecdotes.

Whether it was the insights Jennie Smith gained from her exposure to open air markets, violinist John Schultz's opportunity to see, touch and play thousands of dollars worth of Stradivarius violins, or Athena Yeh's participatory phonics lesson, all would agree that the teams were stellar and we truly did build good will and better world understanding through this exchange.

Many thanks to DG Susan Herrick for setting up this exchange, to Andy Knebel for coordinating the selection process for the Outbound Team, to Jeff Bremer for being an outstanding team leader, to Mark Snell for coordinating the visit of the Taiwanese team, and to all the clubs who hosted our friends from Taiwan.

Despite different appearances, different languages, food and accommodations, in the end we are the same, valuing friends, family, and a more peaceful world.

The GSE District Committee is now gearing up for our exchange with District 9790 near Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 26-March 26, 2010. Team leader selection occurred in early June and recruitment of the



Inbound and outbound Group Study Exchange team members shared the stage at District Conference. The Outbound team, front (l-r): Jennie Smith, Amy Heinz, Jeff Bremer (team leader), Mollie Ibbotson and John Schultz. The Inbound team, back: Tsai-Lun "Sharon" Wu, Yi-Ping "Angelina" Wang, Dr. Shen-Ron Lo (team leader), DG Susan Herrick, Ya-Ting "Mary" Yang and Shin-Shin "Athena" Yeh.

team will occur thereafter with team member interviews planned for Aug. 29.

The deadline for team member applications is Aug. 14; applications with the sponsoring club president's signature should be sent to Lynn Hicks at lynhyx@gmail.com.

Please look to your business and community for eligible non-Rotarians between 25 and 40 who would be good ambas-

sadors for Rotary, Iowa, and the U.S. For more information and team member applications, go to the District Web site, www.rotary6000.org.

Watch for information in future newsletters about host clubs for next spring's team. Host clubs in 2009 included Pella, Centerville, Decatur County, Keokuk, North Scott, Iowa City, Des Moines and Indianola.

Teachers receive resources to fight mental illnesses

Della McGrath from the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Johnson County accepted a \$3,000 grant from the Iowa City AM Rotary Club.

The funds will be used to purchase printed resource materials to be distributed to all teachers in the Iowa City Community Schools.

Teachers are often challenged with dealing with and referring students with mental illnesses. The resource books will make it easier for teachers to accomplish their tasks as they relate to supporting NAMI.

— submitted by Mike Deninger



Della McGrath and Peg Lovless of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (front, left) received \$3,000 from Iowa City AM Rotary for teacher resources to aid students with mental illnesses. Front (l-r): Karen Fox (Compeer), Bonnie French (NEST), Rotary club president Jean Bartley, and Amanda Nelson (Home Ties). Back: Jan Koch (Home Ties), Joyce Eland (VNA), and Rotarians Frank Juvan, Nan Mercier and John McKinstry.

FAMSCO: Please and Thank You

By Linda Muston/Iowa City

FAMSCO Secretary

Throughout its almost 20-year history, FAMSCO (Fire And Medical Supply Company) has been responsible for shipping fire trucks, ambulances, school buses and hundreds of tons of firefighting and medical supplies to Mexico and Central America.

The costs have been increasing steadily particularly in the post-9/11 environment. Following the examples of the Clinton and Davenport clubs during the past year, your club can help finance a shipment or combine funds with another club to help pay for the expenses of shipping goods or fire trucks. The total cost for a shipment is about \$5,000; providing even half of that financing would help move materials to those in need. Or, you can do as the Keokuk club and others have done in securing fire trucks and medical supplies from your community.

PLEASE – As you plan your next Rotary year, remember that FAMSCO has a long history of effective, impactful international service and depends on the help of clubs and individuals to continue recycling lifesaving equipment!!

And that's not all! While FAMSCO's historic emphasis is international, the board is committed to putting donated items to work. Following Katrina, a huge shipment of medical equipment went directly to Rotarians on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. In May of this year, more than 25 motorized wheel chairs were given to Hope Haven of Rock Rapids, IA, in support of their international work. These wheelchairs that are not useful for our international partners will be refurbished by Hope Haven and distributed as part of their mission.

Similarly, FAMSCO has worked with local representatives of Wheels for the World to provide wheelchairs for their refurbishing and distribution. And, as needs become known, warehoused items are made available to human service agencies in District 6000 in order to put them to work!

THANK YOU—to everyone who helped prepare more goods for shipment at the warehouse workday on Sunday, June 7. Many hands make light work and the day was a huge success!



Otto Hall



Sandy Pickup

FAMSCO directors elected

Two new directors were elected and three current directors were re-elected to serve two year terms on the FAMSCO board directors at FAMSCO's annual meeting at District Conference.

New board members are Otto Hall, president of the Rotary Club of Grinnell, and Sandy Pickup, who is co-director of the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic and president-elect of her Rotary club. They will replace outgoing directors Gary Murphy of Washington and PDG Corliss Klaassen of Chariton.

Directors re-elected were Linda Muston and Karin Franklin of the Rotary Club of Iowa City, and Don Hampton of the Rotary Club of Indianola.

Directors whose terms continue are Jim Peterson and John Ockenfels of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM, Dick Kennedy and PDG Gary Pacha of the Rotary Club of Iowa City, and Brock Earnhardt of the Rotary Club of Davenport.

A resolution was approved to change the name of the 501(C)3 corporation from FAMSCO Foundation, Inc., to District 6000 Humanitarian and Educational Foundation, Inc.

Financial support for FAMSCO

A voluntary assessment of \$5 per member with a suggested maximum per club of \$500 is requested in support of FAMSCO. Thirty-five clubs gave \$10,344 in 2008-09:

Ames	500
Bettendorf	440
Burlington	96
Carroll	500
Chariton	275
Clinton	620
Coralville-North Corridor	165
Davenport	500
Decatur County	85
Des Moines	500
East Polk	185
Fairfield	335
Grinnell	160
Iowa City AM	570
Johnston	235

Kalona	150
Keokuk	410
Keosauqua	28
Manning	85
Marengo	75
Marshalltown	500
Mt. Pleasant	150
Muscatine	500
Nevada	305
North Scott	500
Northwest Des Moines	290
Ottumwa	500
Pella	195
Iowa Quad Cities	260
Tipton	160
Washington	315
Waukeke	285
Wellman	150
West Liberty	165
Winterset	155



A shipment of humanitarian supplies from Iowa Rotarians arrives at Patzcuaro, Mexico in 2008.

VIVA ROTARY!

Past RI President Frank Devlyn meets, greets, inspires at District Conference

Dear Amigos,

I enjoyed having the opportunity to share my thoughts on how to better promote the internationality of Rotary close to home as well as far from home with you at your memorable District 6000 Conference in beautiful Iowa.

I'm glad that many of those attending were able to receive my latest book, "Frank Talk on Leadership," thanks to your pro-active District Governor Susan Herrick who was able to get a sponsor to purchase them.

Many of you mentioned that you would like to order more of my other "Frank Talk" books, which you can do by ordering online at www.FrankTalkBooks.com. I hope this is something that all attending the District Conference might take into consideration and recommend to others in their home clubs to help promote Rotary.

"Frank Talk" is the ideal book to give to prospects to show them the benefits of belonging to Rotary.

"Frank Talk II" is the ideal book to share with your board members showing how you can change with time.

"Frank Talk on The Rotary Foundation" is the ideal book to encourage Rotarians to show how to participate in why we should contribute to our foundation.

"Frank Talk on Leadership," my latest book, shows how Rotarians acquire leadership skills by their association with Rotarians in their club, district and in the world.

I hope I get a chance to meet you again in Mexico City (when we get over the Swine Flu Virus episode) or in Birmingham, England, at our upcoming Rotary International Convention or at other Rotary events.

Do remember that all of us can "Make Dreams Real" close to home and far from home via Rotary. The future of Rotary is in your hands.

VIVA ROTARY!

Your amigo in Mexico City
-s- Frank J. Devlyn
president, Rotary International 2000-01
chairman, Rotary Foundation 2005-06
www.FrankDevlyn.org



RI President 2000-01 Frank Devlyn celebrates Rotary with DG Susan Herrick and meets and greets . . .



PDG Gary Pacha (Iowa City) and Jo and PDG Ken Noble (West Liberty).



DGN Don Patterson and Becky (Washington).



PDG 1954-55 Paul Hellwege (Boone)



PDG Herb Wilson (Iowa City Downtown) with Frank.



PDG Dale Belknap and Mary (Des Moines).



Sheri Bender carries the colors of Germany in the Rotary Youth Exchange parade of flags.



Burlington Rotary Club president Joyce Vance leads a dance line that encircled the ballroom.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE



Club displays included the Rotary Club of North Scott, hosted by president Gary Lynch and Dennis Peterson.



Roman Pometto, 2, grandson of DG Susan Herrick, at the Fire and Ice Banquet.



The "ice" at Saturday night's Fire and Ice Banquet.



PDG Ev Laning (Indianola) and ADG John Tone (Des Moines) promote the Rotary Peace Centers.



President's Rep Seunggi Paik draws the winners of Paul Harris Fellows: Blair Larson of Indianola and PDG Del Bluhm of Ames.



Promoting 2010 District Conference in Burlington (l-r): Kathy Nellor (Mt. Pleasant Noon), AG Kay Weiss (Burlington), and co-chairs Gwen Baker and Joyce Vance (Burlington).



PDG John Dasher surprised district administrator Carolyn Scharff with a Paul Harris Fellow on behalf of the district.

Having fun with the Family of Rotary!

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AG Terry Geiger holds a cache of King'n Trio CDs purchased by the Rotary Club of Decatur County.



The King'n Trio leads a Little Red Riding Hood skit with DG Susan Herrick.



The East Polk Rotary delegation: Mike Hamilton and Marti Kline.



PDG Diana Reed and Rick (r) present a precious vase as a gift of thanks to DG Susan Herrick and Bob.



The Bill Martin Group of Boone provided easy listening music for the Fire and Ice Banquet.



PDG Diana Reed (c) and Rotary Foundation Major Gifts Officer Jamie Revord (r) recognized the Rotary Club of Decatur County and Mary Ellen Stanley for having **all Sustaining Members**.

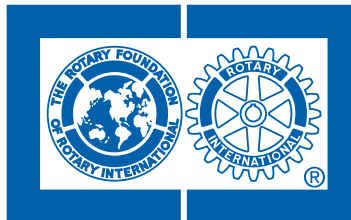


Clubs with the **highest per capita giving** in 2007-08 were (l-r): 3. Iowa City AM, \$183.80 (Jim Petersen); 1. West Liberty, \$370.14 (Conrad Gregg); and 2. Decatur County, \$282.00 (Mary Ellen Stanley). They are pictured with PDG Diana Reed and Rotary Foundation Major Gifts Officer Jamie Revord.



Jamie Revord recognized Bill Koellner of West Liberty as a **Rotary Foundation Level Two** (\$20,000) donor. Level One donors not pictured: Harvey Kadlec (DM), Bill Oglesby (Coralville).

District 6000 Rotary Foundation Awards



Jamie Revord presented The Rotary Foundation's highest award, for **Distinguished Service**, to PDG Don Goering.



Doug Flournoy of Fairfield (l), with Jamie Revord and DG Herrick, received the **Rotary Foundation District Service Award**.



Karin Franklin of Iowa City (l), with Jamie Revord and DG Herrick, received **Rotary Foundation Award for Meritorious Service**.



Loring Miller of Decatur County (l), with Jamie Revord and DG Susan Herrick, received the **International Service Award for a Polio-Free World**.



PDG Corliss Klaassen and Jeanne Klaassen of Chariton (l), with Jamie Revord and DG Susan Herrick, received the **Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World**.



Bequest Society Level One awards were presented by Jamie Revord (r) to Jack O'Leary of Nevada (l), and Loring and Phyllis Miller of Decatur County. Not pictured: John and Darlene Schwandke (Muscatine, Level Three).



PDGs Diana Reed and Del Bluhm presented the **Rotary International Award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Relations** to PDG Bill Tubbs (c) for the 2008 Iowa Rotary Tabloid.



Seven clubs received Susan Herrick's **District Governor's Award** for their balanced programs in membership, club service, vocational service, community service, and international service (l-r): Marshalltown (John Fink), North Scott (Chuck Briegel), West Liberty (Conrad Gregg), Nevada (Sally Hertz), Fairfield (Jim Pedrick), Decatur County (Mary Ellen Stanley) and Atlantic (Linda Hartkopf).



DG Susan Herrick presented the **Rotary International Best Cooperative Projects Award** to the Rotary Club of West Liberty (Conrad Gregg).

District 6000 Rotary Service Awards



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DG Susan Herrick presented the **Rotary International Significant Achievement Award** to the Rotary Club of Nevada (Sally Hertz).



President's Rep Seunggi Paik (r) and DG Herrick presented **Rotary International Presidential Citations** to clubs represented by (l-r): West Liberty (Conrad Gregg), Washington (Martin Graber), Marshalltown (John Fink), Nevada (Sally Hertz) and Decatur County (Mary Ellen Stanley).



Plaques of appreciation were presented to **Assistant Governors** who completed their service (l-r): Jim Stein (Muscatine), Gary Welch (Ankeny), Jacque Andrew (Jefferson), DG Susan Herrick, and Rachel Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant). Not pictured: John McNeer (Newton) and Harvey Kadlec (Des Moines).



DG Susan Herrick (r) presented **Rotary Volunteers** certificates of appreciation to (l-r): Frank Schults (Grinnell, Otto Hall pictured), Rotary Club of Burlington (Joyce Vance), Gary Mart (Carroll), Paul Horak (Washington), Merle Anderson (North Scott, Chuck Briegel pictured), Scott Raecker (Des Moines AM, Denny Linderbaum pictured), PDG Roger Borup (Wellman, Disaster Relief chair Jim Riordan PDG Gary Pacha pictured), and DG Susan Herrick.



PDG Dale Belknap of Des Moines (second from left) received a plaque in appreciation of his service as **Assistant Governor Coordinator**. He is pictured with PDGs Del Bluhm (l) and Diana Reed (r) and DG Susan Herrick.



DG Susan Herrick presented awards for **Outstanding Club Web Sites** to (l-r): 3. Iowa City AM (Jim Peterson), 2. Davenport (Bill Burrell), and 1. Johnston (Mike Schoville).



Outstanding Club Newsletters (l-r): Clubs 56-plus members, 1. Iowa Quad-Cities (Doug Peterson), 2. Chariton (Jeanne Klaassen); Clubs 55 and under, 1. Decatur County (Mary Ellen Stanley, Loring Miller), 2. West Liberty (Conrad Gregg, second from right).



Clubs who received District Governor Susan Herrick's **District Awards for Achievement in Public Relations** were represented by (l-r): West Liberty (Conrad Gregg), Iowa Quad Cities (Doug Peterson), Davenport (Bill Burrell), North Scott (Chuck Briegel), Decatur County (Mary Ellen Stanley). DG Susan Herrick is pictured at right.



PDG Diana Reed presented the **District Conference Attendance Award** for 2008 (percent of members attending times miles traveled) to the Rotary Club of North Scott, represented by President-Elect Chuck Briegel.

RotaKids collect recyclables to aid children in Nigeria

The RotaKids Club of Decatur County have been collecting recyclable cans all year as a fundraising event to help school age children in the country of Nigeria.

On May 17, Graceland University graduate Arume Ighoroge



The Rota Kids Club of Decatur County have been collecting recyclable cans as a fundraising event to help school-age children in Nigeria. On March 12, the club was visited by Arume Ighoroge from Nigeria who is a senior at Graceland University in Lamoni. She held a question/answer session for the students. It was an exciting opportunity for the students to meet someone from the country they are helping.

from Nigeria accompanied her parents, Richard and Ahbor Ighoroge, to the home of Rotarian AG Terry Geiger. He and Chris Coffelt, President-Elect of the Decatur County Rotary Club, presented Mrs. Ighoroge with a donation of \$500 for which she will take back to Nigeria. She will purchase and deliver school supplies needed for an elementary school in Lagos, Nigeria.

It is with great anticipation and pride from the RotaKids club that they are making this difference happen to students in another country. Mr. Coffelt, also a sponsor and representative of the RotaKids club, presented Mrs. Ighoroge with a RotaKids t-shirt as a token of appreciation from the kids. Way to go RotaKids!



Rotarians elementary principal Chris Coffelt (second from right) and AG Terry Geiger (r) give the proceeds of the Decatur County RotaKids' recycling campaign to Arume Ighoroge of Nigeria, accompanied by her parents, Richard and Ahbor.

— submitted by Peggy Geiger

Coralville club honors Bill, Sharon Oglesby

By Shane Hendricks/Coralville-North Corridor

Club President

Bill and Sharon Oglesby were honored on May 20 for their Major Gift to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International during the Coralville-North Corridor Rotary Club meeting.

Special guests included District Governor Susan Herrick and Bob, Past District Governors Gary Pacha and Herb Wilson and their wives, Nancy and Janice, and District Governor-Elect Cal Litwiller and Rachel.

Bill was a member of the Rotary Club of Iowa City from 1970 to 1989. He was a charter member of the Iowa City AM club and a member from 1989 to 1996. In February of 1996, Bill was appointed as the founding president of the Rotary Club of Coralville - North Corridor by Pete Knapp.

Bill and Sharon are Paul Harris Fellows and members of the Rotary Foundation's Bequest Society.

Bill was born and raised in Middletown, Ohio. After his graduation from Miami University (OH) in 1954, he served as a Photographic Interpretation officer in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict from 1954-58. He was accepted at Indiana University, from which he earned master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees. He returned to Miami University as Assistant Director of the Audiovisual Service from 1961-66, and was Director of the Instructional Resources Center at Kent State University from 1966-69. From 1969 until his retirement in 1995, Bill was Director of the Audiovisual Center at the University of Iowa.

Bill and his wife, Sharon, have a family of seven children and 15 grandchildren. Bill's interests include Rotary, the Presbyterian Church, adult education classes at Cornell College and the University of Iowa, gardening and landscaping, photography, and com-



Coralville-North Corridor Rotary Club president Shane Hendricks (r) presents the Rotary Foundation Major Donor crystal to Bill and Sharon Oglesby.

puters.

Bill has served his clubs in many leadership capacities, including having great connections with Santa Claus over the years! He has assisted at the District level, as well, when Iowa City hosted the District Conference. Bill was chair of the Promotion Committee for the 1998 District Conference. He served on the Conference Committee in 2002, and as the Audiovisual Coordinator in 2003.

Bill's Rotary honors include becoming a Paul Harris Fellow in 1994 and the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award in 1997 for his service as our club's founding president. Sharon became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1996 and Bill and Sharon became members of Rotary's Bequest Society (Level 1) in 2004.

Club reorganizes; cuts dues in half

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty

D-6000, Club Extension chair

The board of directors of the Rotary Club of West Liberty met for over two months to carve out a plan to keep members in their club, attract new and younger members, serve the family of Rotary, and address economic issues in society.

Historically, West Liberty has met at 6:00 p.m. at the Hawkeye Steak and Pizza for the weekly club meetings. However, the board proposed to the membership and it was adopted to change the venue, meeting profile, and annual club dues. The plan followed the format of the new Rotary Club Greater Des Moines where the membership does not eat a meal, but joins together in meetings for fellowship and service.

The West Liberty club will now meet the first three meetings (Tuesdays) of each month at the West Liberty Community Center, and the last Tuesday of each month at Local Grounds, a coffee shop with sandwiches, salads and soups. Local Grounds is owned by Rotarians in the West Liberty club.

The club will meet at the West Liberty Community Center for networking time from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., and from 6:15 to 7:00

p.m. to share Rotary news, discuss projects, and hear interesting speakers. The last Tuesday of each month will be a "Family of Rotary" meeting at Local Grounds, where the entire family will come to Local Grounds Coffee Shop to network and fellowship, and talk about Rotary issues and projects.

The dues to Rotary Club of West Liberty have been \$600 annually for the last five years, and now the dues will be \$300 annually. This is \$75 per quarter. This includes RI dues, District 6000 dues, FAMSCO donation and Iowa MOST donation. It also includes \$100 per member for The Rotary Foundation.

During the last two years, when members have recruited new members under 40, the common theme is that \$600 per year is too much for younger families, but they would join if the costs were less. A strong membership thrust will begin in July.

In addition, the Rotary Club of West Liberty is joining with the West Liberty School Foundation to raise funds for school projects as well as Rotary projects. This yoking with the school opens the door to introducing younger parents to Rotary and service. The results will be win-win for the local school system, and for Rotary project locally and internationally.

Iowa, Australian districts linked by GSE, disaster relief:

ROTARY'S HUMANITARIAN CONNECTION:

By DGE Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

Rotary District 9790 is situated in the southeast corner of Australia, and is also the destination of our District 6000 Group Study Exchange team for 2009-10. Rachel and I had the opportunity to meet our counterpart for district 9790, David and Judy Cooke, while they were at International Assembly in January at San Diego, CA.

In the early spring of 2009 there were some devastating fires in this portion of Australia, which killed over 200 people. Upon hearing about the damages caused by the fires, the District 6000 Humanitarian Fund Committee allocated \$5,000 from our Humanitarian Services Fund to help with the recovery effort.

The following is a March 1 letter received from District 9790 DGE David Cooke concerning the loss suffered at the hands of the fires:

"We run an insurance loss adjusting business. We cover the Riverina district of New South Wales and North East Victoria.

"When we returned there had been storms through our areas and there were two weeks' insurance claims booked in waiting for us to assess. On top of that the area was in the grip of an extreme heat wave. When we stepped off the plane in Albury the heat took our breath away.

"On the seventh of February during extreme heat and high winds, the bush fires started in three areas. About 80 percent of the fires were in our district. Some are still burning in remote bush land. We have a lot of remote bush land in Australia.

"You have no doubt heard that there have been thousands of homes destroyed and over 200 lives lost. Some communities have

narrow roads leading into them and they are on the side of the Great Dividing Range (although it is the bottom end of it) in semi rain-forest setting. Very pretty country and highly sought after for holiday makers. As a result the areas are almost untouched except for the houses and shops built into the landscape with the trees and vegetation untouched.

"These communities and those near them were the ones lost. Some tried to outrun the fire at the last moment and were trapped on the narrow roads. Some tried to fight the fires and were trapped in their homes or in community shelters. Very sad, with entire families lost.

"The policy for fighting fires in the state of Victoria is, 'Have a plan, stay and fight, or pack early and leave.' I believe the stay and fight is crazy. Leave that up to the experts. Pay your insurance and get out of the area. You only have one life, but you can rebuild or replace contents.

"We had the fires, in patches approximately 40 minutes drive from Albury. Spot fires as they call them in OZ. Small towns, once again in mountain or valley regions. The towns were not damaged but some farm properties were.

"The Rotary clubs in the areas where the fires were concentrated have been busy raising funds to assist where needed. The governments, both state and federal, have also been assisting. Trying to distribute aid will be a huge job. Our involvement will go well into our Rotary year and perhaps next.

"We have had donations from many districts overseas. Rotary is truly an amazing organization. It is indeed a family in the true sense of the word."



District 6000's Humanitarian Services Fund sent \$5,000 to help Rotarians in District 9790 rebuild from devastating fires. A personal connection between the districts was made in January when DGEs David Cooke and Cal Litwiller, with their wives, Judy and Rachel, arranged for a 2010 GSE.

Rotary Foundation chooses 'Future Vision' districts

By DGE Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

During the current Rotary year the clubs of District 6000 were asked to evaluate our participation in the new Rotary Foundation structure called "Future Vision." District 6000 voted on the application to the Future Vision Pilot at our recent PETS. Forty-eight clubs voted yes and two voted no, which was well more than the necessary two-thirds vote needed for application to the pilot.

District 6000 applied for acceptance into the Future Vision Pilot during April, as required by Rotary International. The final tally of applicants for the Future Vision Pilot, from around the world, was roughly half of the Rotary districts. That means that approximately 250 Rotary districts applied to be one of the 100 districts that would be asked to participate in the Future Vision Pilot.

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees selected the 100 districts that will participate in the pilot and notified the districts that applied of their selection, and District 6000 was not one of the

districts chosen. Of the 25 districts in Zones 27 and 28, only four were selected. This means that District 6000 will not participate in the Future Vision Pilot, and that the grant structure we are familiar with will continue as it has in the past, for the next four Rotary years, or during the Rotary years of 2010-2013. All districts will join the Future Vision structure during the 2013-14 Rotary year.

The District 6000 leadership team would like to thank each of the Rotary clubs in District 6000 for their careful consideration of our participation into the Future Vision Pilot. Each club is encouraged to continue their support and involvement in the grant programs available through our district and The Rotary Foundation.

Please consider sponsoring a District Simplified Grant and an International Matching Grant during the Rotary year of 2009-10. Most of all you are encouraged to continue your support of the Rotary Foundation through your contributions during the coming Rotary year, as well.

Des Moines Rotary sponsors Olympian as 'Athlete of the Century'

Olympic athlete Lolo Jones was an honored guest and program of the Rotary Club of Des Moines at the Thursday, April 23, 2009 meeting at the Hotel Fort Des Moines.

The club sponsored Jones as one of the "Athletes of the Century" at the 100th Drake Relays. A plaque featuring Lolo is on display at the Drake stadium with Rotary Club of Des Moines listed as the sponsor. President-Elect Therese Wielage is pictured at right with Lolo's athlete of the century plaque.

Interact members are pictured (below) with Jones (l-r): Thao Pham, Interact president; Emily Harmon, Interact vice president; Lolo Jones; and Josh Engelken, Interact Club member.



Drawing for deer hunt at Albia

Soap Creek Outfitters has made a 100 percent donation of a \$2,500 whitetail deer hunt in Iowa or Missouri.

For a donation of \$20 your name will be in the drawing for the semi-guided hunt.

During the hunt you will stay in Soap Creek Outfitters' new lodge. Tree stands are set up for you. We will get the deer out of the woods, cape it and take photos for you.

The winner may be a guest at our noon Rotary meeting to tell the story of the hunt. They may also have their photos posted on the Web site of Soap Creek Outfitters. The hunt may be given to a young hunter with a parent or guardian coming in as a non-hunter at no extra cost.

Soap Creek Outfitters was established in 1988 and has donated hunts to RMEF, FNAWS, NWTf

Please make checks payable to Albia Rotary and mail to:

Treasurer Jim Chapman, 3 Benton Ave E, Albia, IA 52531

The drawing will be held in August. For information, call Brian at (641) 895-3224.



District Governor Susan Herrick (l) and Grinnell Rotary Club president Otto Hall presented a Rotary Volunteer award to Rotarian Frank Shults (second from right). Shults and his wife, Sherry, have organized biennial variety shows since 1992 that raised over \$40,000 for service projects.

Appeal for help in Nigeria – **Hospital without power** **serves 1.5 million**

By PDG Diana Reed/Northwest Des Moines

Many of us in District 6000 have had the privilege of visiting and volunteering at St. Gerard's Catholic Hospital in Kaduna, Nigeria. (Among them are Julia Jenkins, DGE Cal and Rachel Litwiller, DGN Gary Welch, and PDGs Roger Borup, Diana Reed and Bill Tubbs).

St. Gerard's is the only hospital serving 1.5 million people. It is an extremely well run hospital given the circumstances under which it is operating. The needs of an entire community are being met in a compassionate, efficient and relatively effective manner. Their needs are great, especially in the area of equipment. Most of the equipment they are using is extremely antiquated.

Sister Teresa Dung, St. Gerard's Hospital administrator, and her staff, are doing an admirable job under very difficult circumstances. Water and electricity are important to the functioning of the hospital just as they would be in any help care institution.

Nigeria, like other developing countries, is having difficulties in providing both water and electricity. The Nigerian Electric Power Agency is totally unreliable. Electricity comes only for a few hours a day and during the time it is on it is sporadic and unpredictable.

Because of this, the hospital relies on a generator to provide electricity for its vital functions. The present generator is old and has broken down frequently. Amazingly, the maintenance staff has in the past been able to patch it up and get it going. Now, it is almost non-functioning and the hospital goes without power for many days.

Without electricity, there is no way to perform operations. The monitors do not work. Incubators and respirators are definitely out of the question. Even water cannot be pumped up into the reservoir. Some babies are being delivered in an emergency using flash lights. It is such a dire situation. They need help in replacing their generator.

The cost of the generator is \$96,696 and it is going to take a lot of effort from many Rotarians to raise that amount. District 6000, along with Districts 6420 and 5950, has made a commitment to help raise money for the generator. There are two more districts that may be coming in with us also. It is going to take all of us



Sister Teresa Dung and the broken down St. Gerard's Hospital generator in Kaduna, Nigeria.

working together to bring this about.

What a marvelous accomplishment that so many Rotarians working together can have such an impact in so needy situation. We need your help. Please consider helping!! If you are so inclined, please send your tax free donation to:

District 6000 Humanitarian and Education Fund
(indicate that it is for the Nigerian Generator)
c/o Dick Kennedy, Treasurer HEF
1811 North Dubuque Road
Iowa City, IA 52245

The sooner we can provide a generator the better it will be for the well being of not only the hospital but for the whole Kaduna community. What a great way to show how Rotarians do make a difference all over the world, but especially the Rotarians from District 6000!!



The Rotary Club of Atlantic celebrated 21 new Paul Harris Fellows on May 5, front (l-r): Dan Haynes, Pastor Gary DeGeest, Jack DeWulf, Ron Miller, Scott Deter, Don Deter and Dr. Jim Kickland. Row two: Dave Jones, John Masmar, Keith Robinson, Kathie Hockenberry, Wendy Prigge, Christina Hartkopf, Judy Camblin and Linda Hartkopf. Back row: Steve Tjepkes, Roger Carter, Dennis Meyer, Laura Stuetelberg, Ron Crisp, Keith Harlan, Mark Smith and Bob Camblin. Not pictured but receiving Paul Harris Fellowship certificates are Dale Breuer, Kipp Harris, Don Sonntag, and Wendy Richter. DG Susan Herrick and Bob, and DGE Cal Litwiller and Rachel presented the awards.



District Governor-Elect Cal Litwiler (I) convened a meeting of 2009-10 district committee chairs on May 9 to review plans and implement the District 6000 Strategic Plan. Attending were: Rita Perea (trainer, Greater Des Moines), DG Susan Herrick (polio chair, Boone), PDG Dale Belknap (AG coordinator, Des Moines), Doug Flournoy (Interact and District Simplified Grants, Fairfield), Jane Conway (Ambassadorial Scholars and Foundation Alumni, Knoxville), DGN Gary Welch (Ankeny), Jerri Heid (literacy, Ames Morning), Jenn Pfeifer (community service, Indianola), Chris and Vernetta Knapp (foreground, Youth Exchange, Iowa City AM), AG Linda Hartkopf (Family of Rotary, Atlantic), Doyle Sanders (Annual Fund, Northwest Des Moines), PDG Diana Reed (Humanitarian Services Fund, Northwest Des Moines), Bob Anderson (Permanent Fund and Benefactors, Ames), PDG Corliss Klaassen (Rotary Foundation chair, Chariton), Jeff Bremer (Ambassadorial Scholars, Northwest Des Moines), and Loring Miller (RotaKids, Decatur County). Connected by speaker phone were PDG Gary Pacha (Iowa MOST, Iowa City), Karin Frankin (GSE, Iowa City) and Maggie Mowery (training, Iowa City). Also attending were Rachel Litwiler and photographer PDG Bill Tubbs (community service, public relations, North Scott).

Governor Cal Litwiler's club visits for 2009-10

OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS, 2009-10

July 14Ankeny (11:45 AM)
 July 15Adel (12:05 PM)
 July 16Waukee (6:45 AM)
 July 17Chariton (noon)
 July 20Ames (noon)
 July 21Johnston (7:00 AM)
 July 21Dallas Center (12:05 PM)
 July 22Nevada (noon)
 July 23Winterset (noon)
 July 28Pella (noon)
 Aug. 4Oskaloosa (noon)
 Aug. 10Burlington (noon)
 Aug. 10Mt. Pleasant (6:15 PM)
 Aug. 11Fort Madison (noon)
 Aug. 12Wellman (noon)
 Aug. 13Keokuk (noon)
 Aug. 17Davenport (noon)
 Aug. 18Kalona (noon)
 Aug. 18West Liberty (6:00 PM)
 Aug. 19Bettendorf (noon)
 Aug. 20Iowa Quad Cities (7:00 AM)
 Aug. 24Carroll (11:45 AM)
 Aug. 25Manning (12:05 PM)
 Aug. 26Perry (12:10 PM)
 Aug. 27Coon Rapids (12:05 PM)
 Aug. 31Ottumwa (12:10 PM)
 Sept. 1Albia (noon)
 Sept. 2Centerville (noon)
 Sept. 8Iowa City Downtown (noon)
 Sept. 9Tipton (noon)
 Sept. 10Marengo (12:05 PM)



District Governor 2009-10
Cal Litwiler and Rachel



Sept. 11North Scott (noon)
 Sept. 14Corning (noon)
 Sept. 15Lenox (noon)
 Sept. 17Decatur County (12:10 PM)
 Sept. 21Muscatine (12:10 PM)
 Sept. 22Iowa City AM (7:00 AM)
 Sept. 23Coralville North-Corridor (noon)
 Sept. 24Iowa City (noon)
 Sept. 28Creston (noon)
 Sept. 29Atlantic (noon)
 Sept. 30Knoxville (noon)
 Oct. 1Des Moines (11:45 AM)
 Oct. 6Marshalltown (noon)
 Oct. 6Grinnell (6:00 PM)
 Oct. 13Keosauqua (noon)
 Oct. 14Bloomfield (6:45 AM)
 Oct. 14Mt. Pleasant Noon (noon)
 Oct. 15Washington (noon)
 Oct. 16Fairfield (12:10 PM)
 Oct. 19Jefferson (noon)
 Oct. 20West Des Moines (11:45 AM)
 Oct. 21Boone (noon)
 Oct. 23Indianola (noon)
 Oct. 27Osceola (noon)
 Oct. 30Des Moines AM (7:00 AM)
 Oct. 30Northwest Des Moines (11:45 AM)
 Nov. 2Clinton (noon)
 Nov. 3Newton (noon)
 Nov. 5Ames Morning (7:00 AM)
 Nov. 10Corydon (noon)
 Nov. 11East Polk County (7:00 AM)
 Nov. 11Greater Des Moines (5:30 PM)



The 2009 Borlaug-Ruan International Interns were introduced at the Hoover-Wallace Dinner. The dinner, of which Rotary Districts 6000 and 5970 are sponsors, raised \$56,425 to support the internship program in which students travel abroad for eight weeks to study sustainable food production. Pictured (l-r): Colin Weaver (Boone), Stephanie Venenga (Dike), Meera Sury (Roseville, MN), Christopher Sievers (Albert City), Lauren Schefter (Mount Vernon), Danika Schaaf (Des Moines), DeAndre Harper (Marietta, GA), Linda Geiger (New Hartford), Ellen Franzenburg (Van Horne), Sarah Dillard (Spencer), and Justine Cheng (West Des Moines).

World Food Prize Photo

Polio: Clubs raise funds, create awareness

Forty-eight of 63 clubs in District 6000 have contributed to the Gates Challenge thus far, reports District Rotary Foundation chair, PDG Don Goering.

The Rotary Foundation has received \$78.3 million thus far towards the \$200 million challenge. Contributions from District 6000 thus far are \$115,103.

The trustees of the The Rotary Foundation have asked every club to make a contribution annually until June 30, 2013.

The District 6000 Polio Challenge Committee is asking clubs to ask their communities to support this fundraising effort with events that will raise \$25 per member each



year.

Sergeants-at-arms Norm VanKlomben, Linda Hartkopf (and others) raised \$1,798 at our recently completed P.E.T.S./Assembly, and \$1,892 at District Conference. *Thank you to all who gave!*

Several fun, fundraising activities have already been held that create awareness of the ongoing campaign in the community, and others are planned:

- On April 9, Rotary clubs in the Des

Moines area sponsored "Rotary Night" at the Iowa Energy basketball game at Wells Fargo Arena.

- "Rotary Night at the Ballpark" at the Iowa Cubs game on May 26 was rained out and will be rescheduled.

- The Rotary Club of Washington invited the community to join in "Biking to End Polio Now" on June 6.

- The Rotary Club of Bettendorf held a "Murder Mystery Night to Benefit PolioPlus" with the theme, "Whacked at Da Wedding," on May 1.

- Rotary clubs in the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities raised over \$12,000 with "Rotary Night at the Ballpark" at a Quad-Cities River Bandits game last summer and are planning a repeat event on Aug. 17. Rotarians from throughout the district are invited!

- In District 5970, four clubs in the Waterloo area will sponsor a concert Nov. 8 at the Gallagher Bluedorn center on the UNI campus with the world's No. 1 violinist, Itzhak Perlman, with \$10 of every ticket going to End Polio Now. Perlman is himself a victim of polio. PDG Dave Buck said they expect to sell 1,400 tickets with Rotarians getting some preference in seating. Information: (319) 234-4813.

We know this only scratches the surface of the many, many activities to raise funds for polio eradication, and District 6000 News would like to receive reports and picture from all of your creative and fun ways to raise funds and create awareness of our global quest. E-mail them to: btubbs@northscottpress.com



DG Susan Herrick wished the 2009-10 Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound students well during their March 29 orientation at Pella, front (l-r): Rebekah Kennelly (Mt. Pleasant, Spain), Joanne Shepard (Fairfield, France), DG Herrick, Carley Wright (Oskaloosa, Germany), and Alaina Templeton (Corning, STEP). Back: Lucas Asbury (Washington, Spain), Audrey Dwyer (Muscatine, Sweden), Katharine Marshall (Iowa City, STEP), Shannon Sullivan (Iowa City AM, Brazil), Nathan Snell (Ames, Brazil), and Sam Vickery (Des Moines, STEP). Not pictured: Stephanie Strong (Muscatine, France). (STEP = Short Term Exchange Program)

— submitted by Marilyn Smith, RYE Committee member, Muscatine

Foundation briefs

Good job! Worldwide, giving to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation was down by 18 percent through April, reports District Rotary Foundation chair Don Goering. However, District 6000 is on pace with 2007-08, during which total giving was \$452,232 and per capita giving was \$105. Goering, who will serve as Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC) for 11 districts beginning July 1, has attended training sessions during which he said D-6000's ongoing support has been recognized.

Two ongoing programs have contributed to D-6000's sustained level of support:

1) The Paul Harris Society, begun in 2004-05, has raised our base giving, thanks to 57 members who are contributing \$1,000 per year. New members willing to make this commitment are welcomed! To sign up, contact DG Susan Herrick, (515) 298-1536, or PDG Goering, (515) 450-1090.

2) District 6000 is a leader in the Rotary world in percent of Sustaining Members giving \$100 a year. Give yourselves a pat on the back! To sign up, contact your club president, secretary or Foundation chair.

In order to maintain our leadership role, it's important that clubs check their progress (right) and send in contributions now to meet or exceed our 2008-09 goals!

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Use your points! Time is running out to transfer Rotary Foundation Recognition Points. Effective July 1, the minimum transfer will be 100 recognition points, with no minimum when the transfer accompanies a cash contribution. (The Foundation trustees, at their April meeting, modified this from their previous minimum of 500 points.) Any remaining recognition points associated with a deceased Rotarian will be lost as of July 1, 2009.

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Super Sustainers: On June 4, Annual Giving co-chair Doyle Sanders of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines sent an e-mail to clubs detailing an incentive program that is good until June 30. Two hundred recognition points are available for new Sustaining Members, or 300 points for "Super Sustaining Members" who agree to give \$200 a year. Information: (515) 771-1997, or dsanders@bevinglaw.com.

Rotary Foundation Annual giving District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2008 - April 30, 2009

CLUB (Members/Jul 08)	(1) 08-09 Goal	(2) Thru 4-30-09	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (29)	\$ 2,900	245	8	\$ 8.45
Albia (33)	2,280	800	35	24.24
Ames Morning (69)	8,250	8,745	106	126.74
Ames (264)	39,875	26,772	67	101.41
Ankeny (60)	11,360	3,825	34	63.75
Atlantic (66)	3,840	3,373	88	51.11
Bettendorf (88)	9,450	13,930	147	158.30
Bloomfield (14)	650	300	46	21.43
Boone (62)	4,875	1,000	21	16.13
Burlington (96)	10,500	9,200	88	95.83
Carroll (59)	5,800	7,727	133	130.97
Centerville (40)	4,200	2,375	57	59.38
Chariton (54)	6,000	6,008	100	111.26
Clinton (124)	8,200	7,829	95	63.14
Coon Rapids (27)	1,450	1,350	93	50.00
Coralville-North Corridor (33)	7,364	0	0	0
Corning (53)	2,450	2,500	102	47.17
Corydon (15)	320	300	94	20.00
Creston (18)	500	250	50	13.89
Dallas Center (22)	2,420	50	2	2.27
Davenport (174)	18,000	11,076	62	63.66
Decatur County (17)	2,500	1,305	52	76.76
Des Moines AM (134)	14,700	4,475	30	33.40
Des Moines (345)	23,625	13,100	55	37.97
East Polk County (37)	4,000	5,437	136	146.96
Fairfield (68)	7,770	4,485	58	65.96
Fort Madison (55)	4,590	2,975	65	54.09
Grinnell (32)	2,875	2,204	77	68.88
Indianola (51)	6,550	2,512	38	49.25
Iowa City AM (57)	7,375	3,150	43	55.26
Iowa City Downtown (26)	2,800	675	24	25.96
Iowa City (308)	25,840	30,400	118	98.70
Iowa Quad-Cities (53)	2,600	2,000	77	37.74
Jefferson (57)	5,500	5,350	97	93.86
Johnston (47)	4,400	7,582	172	161.33
Kalona (45)	2,100	1,450	69	32.22
Keokuk (82)	8,000	3,434	43	41.88
Keosauqua (28)	2,300	1,785	78	63.75
Knoxville (68)	7,140	3,350	47	49.26
Lenox (26)	2,800	2,100	75	80.77
Manning (17)	1,700	525	31	30.88
Marengo (15)	1,292	0	0	0
Marshalltown (175)	9,999	5,525	55	31.57
Mount Pleasant Noon (34)	3,300	1,260	38	37.06
Mt. Pleasant (25)	2,900	700	24	28.00
Muscatine (131)	17,160	19,087	111	145.71
Nevada (61)	7,040	750	11	12.30
Newton (80)	8,500	6,946	82	86.83
North Scott (99)	10,605	7,855	74	79.34
Northwest Des Moines (58)	12,285	7,160	58	123.45
Osceola (34)	2,550	175	7	5.15
Oskaloosa (58)	5,600	3,480	62	60.00
Ottumwa (112)	12,540	12,450	99	111.16
Pella (39)	4,000	1,960	49	50.26
Perry (31)	1,600	425	27	13.71
Tipton (32)	2,700	1,300	48	40.63
Washington (62)	6,300	6,670	106	107.58
Waukee (57)	6,300	1,875	30	32.89
Wellman (33)	3,850	2,960	77	89.70
West Des Moines (81)	9,315	4,630	50	57.16
West Liberty (33)	7,632	9,600	126	290.91
Winterset (31)	1,760	1,850	105	59.68
Total	\$ 427,077	\$302,808	70.90	\$ 71.52

News Briefs

Bequest: The Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation is the recipient of a bequest from Francis Huyser, formerly a member of the Rotary Club of Pella.

GSE Team: Chairman Lynn Hicks and the 2009-10 GSE Committee interviewed 12 well qualified candidates for 2010 GSE team leader to District 9790 in Australia. Rita Perea of the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines was selected as team leader and Jeff Anderson of the Rotary Club of Boone was named alternate.

RYLA: Ken Angersola of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines reports a very successful RYLA day with 153 students on April 16 at Camp Dodge, Johnston. Watch for a report in the next issue of *District 6000 News*.

Bunny Harper: As the previous issue of District 6000 News went to press we were seeking information about the annual Bun-

ny Harper Golf Tournament. The event, named for 1964-65 DG W. R. "Bunny" Harper of Ottumwa, was held June 15 at Ottumwa. Greg Gardner of the Rotary Club of Ottumwa was in charge.

New clubs: Research shows that the only way Rotary grows is with the extension of new clubs. Exploratory meetings are currently being held in DeWitt, but a number of communities in District 6000 have been identified as having the potential for a Rotary club. Members' ideas are welcomed. Contact Extension Committee chair Bill Koellner, (319) 627-4545.

Centurion Clubs: Congratulations to clubs who averaged more than \$100 for the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation in 2007-08: Ames Morning, Ames, Ankeny, Bettendorf, Burlington, Chariton, Coralville-North Corridor, Dallas Center, Decatur County, Des Moines, Fairfield, Fort Madison, Iowa City, Iowa City AM, Jefferson, Mount Pleasant, Muscatine, Nevada, Newton, North Scott, Northwest Des Moines, Ottumwa, Pella, Waukee, Wellman and West Liberty.



Rotary Fellowship? AG Ginny Hughes of Fairfield found her notebook at P.E.T.S. filled with candy wrappers.

Sponsors: Thank you to clubs who answered DG Susan Herrick's request for financial support for District Conference: Ames, Boones, Decatur County, Nevada, Des Moines, Iowa City Downtown, East Polk, Ankeny, Keokuk, Waukee, Fairfield, West Des Moines and North Scott. Sponsors who provided significant support also included Prairie Meadows, and Dasher Management d/b/a/ McDonald's.

Programs: Disaster Relief Committee chair Jim Riordan of Waukee says speakers are available on disaster relief topics. Contact Lucinda Robertson at Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, (515) 725-3231, or Jami Haberl, executive director of the Safeguard Iowa Partnership, (515) 276-1707.

Humanity in Motion: Among the public service announcements that are sent to the news media supporting hundreds of organizations and causes, Rotary's "Humanity in Motion" ads are among the top 5 percent published or broadcast in the U.S., according to Jane Lawicki, manager of the Public and External Relations Department at Rotary International.

Social Networking: Did you know that you can find Rotary on the social networking sites?

- Facebook had 24,000 "fans of Rotary" in October 2008.
- You can find 40 Rotary videos at YouTube.com/Rotary International. The site has 800 subscribers.
- Rotary has 2,000 followers on the microblogging site, Twitter.com.
- At LinkedIn.com, Rotary International is an official group.

In the west African country of Benin, 1.5 million people receive text messages announcing polio immunizations, according to Sandra Prufer at RI.



Fun at the zoo

The Rotary Clubs of North Scott, Davenport and Rock Island hosted their first ZooFari Party at Niabi Zoo in Coal Valley, Ill. (in the Quad Cities) for nearly 400 underserved youth on May 27.

More than 50 volunteers from the clubs provided transportation, a meal and fun activities at the zoo.

The three clubs from two states and two Rotary districts partnered with five local agencies: the Scott County Family YMCA, Family Resources, Inc, United Neighbors, the Friendly House, and the Boys and Girls Clubs. Each child received a Rotary t-shirt, courtesy of the Handicapped Development Center.

At the zoo, the children like the girl (right) saw giraffes, lions, tigers, elephants, and more, and had their picture taken with a fake ape (top).

ZOO-FARI/continued on p. 28



Calendar

PRELIMINARY CALENDAR OF DISTRICT 6000 ACTIVITIES, 2009-10

July 11 RYE Outbound Picnic, Leon
 July 12 PDG Picnic, Iowa Arboretum, Madrid
 July 26-31 Junior Olympics, Des Moines
 Aug. 1-8 Junior Olympics, Des Moines
 Aug. 12 WCS Committee, North Liberty
 Sept. 13 RYE Fall Picnic, Knoxville
 Sept. 15.. Foundation/Membership/PR Seminar, Atlantic (6-9 PM)
 Sept. 16.. Foundation/Membership/PR Seminar, Des Moines (6-9 PM)
 Sept. 17.. Foundation/Membership/PR Seminar, Pella (6-9 PM)
 Sept. 22.. Foundation/Membership/PR Seminar, Mt. Pleasant (6-9 PM)
 Sept. 24.. Foundation/Membership/PR Seminar, West Liberty (6-9 PM)
 Sept. 30 Exec, Budget Committees, Pella
 Oct. 7-9 GETS, Minneapolis
 Oct. 9-11 Zone Institute, Minneapolis
 Oct. 24 Committee Chairs Meeting, Pella
 Nov. 8 AG's Fall Social
 Nov. 17 WCS Committee, North Liberty
 Nov. 22 PDG Holiday Party
 Nov. 29 RYE Outbound Interviews
 Dec. 2 Exec, Budget Committees, Pella
 Jan. 16-17 RYE Winter Retreat, Indianola
 Jan. 17-24 International Assembly, San Diego
 Feb. 16 WCS Committee, North Liberty
 Feb. 19-20 AG Training, Newton
 Feb. 26-March 26 GSE to D-9790, Australia
 March 6-14 Xicotepec Week No. 1
 March 6-7 RYE Spring Event, North Scott
 March 13-21 Xicotepec Week No. 2
 March 21 RYE Outbound Orientation, Pella
 March 26-27 PETS/Assembly, Newton
 March 30-April 28 Host GSE, D9790, Australia
 April 15 RYLA, Camp Dodge, Johnston
 April 23-25 District Conference, Burlington
 April 25-30 Council on Legislation, Chicago
 June 20-23 RI Convention, Montreal

Obituaries

The lives of Rotarians who died in the past year were honored at District Conference. Since that time, clubs have reported or *District 6000 News* has become aware of the deaths of the following members.

May light perpetual shine upon them:

- Richard "Dick" Crandall, a charter member of the Rotary Club of Manning and a member since 1952.

- Dean Folker, a native of Van Buren County and retired architect from California who returned to his hometown and had accepted the position of president of the Rotary Club of Keosauqua for 2010-11.

- Darrell "Barney" Dickinson, Rotary Club of Des Moines, a member for 28 years.

- Mick Elliott, a member of the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities.

- Harvey Siglan, a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Perry.

Thank You! I would like to extend my appreciation to DG Susan Herrick for her leadership, to Karin Franklin and Jacque Andrew, the assistant governors, and all who contributed articles and photos for *District 6000 News* in 2008-09. Your content makes *District 6000 News* interesting and informative. I said "yes" when DGE Cal Litwiller asked if I'd continue as editor, so I look forward to another year.

Clubs are invited and encouraged to sub-

mit news of past and upcoming activities for District 6000 News. Send Word documents and free-standing high resolution .jpg photos to: btubbs@northscottpress.com.

The deadline for the next issue is Aug. 15. If you have questions, please call: DGE Cal Litwiller, (319) 385-8440; Bill Tubbs, (563) 285-8111; Jacque Andrew, (515) 386-2114; Karin Franklin, (319), 321-8261; or your assistant governor. The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands ... – PDG Bill Tubbs

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

February - April 2009

CLUB	FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	64.00 %	30	69.00 %	21	63.00 %	29
Albia	46.00 %	55	47.70 %	40	50.00 %	45
Ames	55.00 %	47	54.00 %	37	57.00 %	40
Ames Morning	57.40 %	44	54.60 %	36		
Ankeny	69.00 %	20	76.00 %	13	80.00 %	10
Atlantic	45.15 %	57			58.09 %	39
Bettendorf	75.16 %	15	76.88 %	11	80.26 %	9
Bloomfield	75.00 %	17	79.00 %	8	74.00 %	16
Boone	54.00 %	49				
Burlington	85.50 %	6	81.40 %	7	87.40 %	4
Carroll	65.08 %	25			61.76 %	33
Centerville	51.00 %	51	56.00 %	35	55.00 %	42
Chariton	77.00 %	14	75.00 %	15	73.00 %	18
Clinton	60.87 %	39	61.74 %	29	61.19 %	34
Coon Rapids			68.00 %	22	64.00 %	27
Coralville-North Corridor	95.00 %	2	97.00 %	1	82.00 %	8
Corning	64.00 %	29				
Corydon	49.00 %	54			47.00 %	47
Creston	64.00 %	28	73.00 %	18	83.00 %	7
Dallas Center	65.00 %	27	67.00 %	24	61.00 %	36
Davenport	60.08 %	40	43.98 %	43	60.81 %	37
Decatur County	75.00 %	16	76.00 %	12	79.00 %	13
Des Moines	50.00 %	53	45.00 %	42	50.00 %	44
Des Moines A.M.						
East Polk County	55.71 %	46			63.16 %	28
Fairfield	56.05 %	45	53.28 %	38		
Fort Madison	62.50 %	35	70.00 %	20		
Greater Des Moines						
Grinnell	66.00 %	24			79.00 %	12
Indianola					73.00 %	17
Iowa City	68.00 %	21	67.00 %	23	65.00 %	26
Iowa City A.M.						
Iowa City Downtown	65.00 %	26			70.00 %	20
Iowa Quad-Cities	59.49 %	41	61.73 %	30	61.18 %	35
Jefferson	61.00 %	38				
Johnston	66.85 %	22	63.04 %	28	67.49 %	23
Kalona	80.84 %	11	85.71 %	4	95.86 %	1
Keokuk	45.17 %	56	45.12 %	41	48.78 %	46
Keosauqua	72.60 %	18	60.00 %	31	67.00 %	24
Knoxville	63.52 %	32	64.09 %	27	68.88 %	21
Lenox	63.00 %	34	74.00 %	16	62.00 %	32
Manning	83.00 %	10	82.00 %	6	75.00 %	15
Marengo	83.00 %	9	73.00 %	17		
Marshalltown	54.57 %	48				
Mount Pleasant Noon	57.80 %	43	59.70 %	32		
Mt. Pleasant	92.00 %	4	90.00 %	3	84.00 %	6
Muscatine	50.13 %	52			59.77 %	38
Nevada	84.39 %	7	75.00 %	14	77.20 %	14
Newton	66.00 %	23			68.00 %	22
North Scott	84.04 %	8			85.75 %	5
Northwest Des Moines	78.97 %	13	78.24 %	9	79.55 %	11
Osceola	63.89 %	31	57.04 %	34	55.56 %	41
Oskaloosa	59.25 %	42	64.10 %	26	62.20 %	31
Ottumwa	62.00 %	37	58.00 %	33	65.00 %	25
Pella	88.00 %	5	77.30 %	10		
Perry	62.00 %	36				
Tipton	63.08 %	33				
Washington	51.98 %	50	48.67 %	39	50.15 %	43
Waukee	95.83 %	1	84.57 %	5	93.22 %	2
Wellman	94.90 %	3	94.10 %	2	89.70 %	3
West Des Moines	80.45 %	12	66.54 %	25	62.31 %	30
West Liberty	70.00 %	19	70.00 %	19	71.00 %	19
Winterset			29.35 %	44	45.45 %	48

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Club leaders' checklist



From DG Susan Herrick . . .

- 2009-10 club leaders: Complete your Club Planning Guide and send copies to Governor 2009-10 Cal Litwiller and your Assistant Governor.
- Check the district calendar and prepare for Governor 2009-10 Cal Litwiller's official visit to your club (p. 27).
- Watch for your 2009-10 district dues billing after July 1, including voluntary contributions for Iowa M.O.S.T. (p. 9), FAMSCO (p. 12) and the Youth Services Fund.
- Plan activities to create awareness in your community of Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio and to raise funds to meet or exceed your club's commitment (p. 24).
- 2008-09 club leaders: Make final payments to The Rotary Foundation as soon as possible to meet or exceed your club's 2008-09 goal for Annual Giving (p. 25).
- Identify projects and plan activities to achieve 2009-10 RI President John Kenny's Presidential Citation and 2009-10 DG Cal Litwiller's Governor's Gold Club Challenge (www.rotary6000.org).
- Mark the date and plan to attend a District Foundation/Membership/PR seminar in September (p. 27).
- Encourage non-Rotarian business and professional people ages 25-40 to apply for the 2010 GSE team to Australia by the Aug. 14 deadline (p. 11).
- Update your membership lists, for accurate semiannual reports that are due to RI in July.
- Plan membership development activities for 2009-10.
- Plan public relations activities at your community's summer fairs and festivals.
- Support members who attend the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England, June 21-24.
- Arrange for volunteers for the 2009 AAU Junior Olympics, July 26-Aug. 8 in Des Moines (p. 6).
- Contact Dennis Nygaard if your club is interested in hosting the Friendship Exchange team from Sweden (p. 6).
- Consider a donation to replace the generator at St. Gerard's Hospital in Kaduna, Nigeria (p. 22).
- Evaluate whether your club's venue, meeting time and dues are helping you achieve your club goals (p. 19).
- Submit news of your club's successes or upcoming events by Aug. 15, 2009 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacque Andrews (Jefferson).

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"This is an amazing event for Rotarians to truly provide Service Above Self for our community" said club presidents Gary Lynch (North Scott), Bill Burress (Davenport) and Diane Koster (Rock Island). "Collaborating with two other Rotary clubs shows how our community can come together. There couldn't be a better time for this project when all we hear is about the bad stuff happening with the economy."

In a similar project, last October the Davenport and North Scott clubs hosted more than 300 children for a day at the Pride of Wapsi Pumpkin Patch near Long Grove, Iowa.