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THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Governor's comments . . .

Focus on the 'Hands of Rotary'

By DG Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

In January 2009, I was sitting in the conference room in San Diego with all of the other district governors from around the world, anxiously awaiting RI President John Kenny's announcement of the Rotary theme, jacket color and tie for 2009-10. Many rumors were floating around as to what these items were, but no one was certain.

Cal Litwiller
District Governor

After President Kenny informed us that our theme for 2009-10 was "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands," I thought for a while asking myself how I will be able to use this theme during this Rotary year.

In the days and months since, I have found this theme to be particularly appropriate for this year in Rotary: "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands."

The future of this great organization is in the hands of each of us. That includes the more than 4,100 Rotarians in our district and the more than 1.2 million around the world. We are a very international organization, found in nearly every area of the world.

I would like to focus specifically on the "Hands of Rotary." When we think of the "Hands of Rotary," we find ourselves to be a very diverse group. Diverse in every sense of the word. Let's focus on the diversity of District 6000 and the various ways that we have used our hands during the past year.

How many different kinds of hands have we seen active in District 6000 during the past 12 months? We have seen:

- *Helping Hands*
- *Caring Hands*
- *Giving Hands*
- *Sharing Hands*
- *Protective Hands*
- *Hands of Compassion*

The list goes on and on. Think with me about the motif of these hands and the many things they have done during this year.

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RI President-Elect Ray Klinginsmith of nearby Kirksville, Mo., speaks to Iowa City Rotarians and guests.

RI President-Elect addresses Rotarians at meeting in Iowa City

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

If Rotarians see a job to be done in their community, they'll do it. If there is need in the world, they'll take action, too – if they see it.

To bridge the gap, Rotary International President-Elect Ray Klinginsmith is launching a "Rotary Safari" program for teams of 6-8 Rotarians to spend a week in a developing country.

The "Safari" program puts "Cowboy Logic" into action, Klinginsmith said May 26 at a special meeting of the Rotary Club of Iowa City at the University Athletic Club. "If Rotarians see the poverty, they'll do more," he said. "The spirit of Rotary is the spirit of service."

Klinginsmith, an attorney from nearby Kirksville, Mo., spoke

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‘We belong to an amazing organization!’

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Helping Hands: Think about the activities in our district where our hands have provided help to those less fortunate. Think of the many sets of playgrounds that have been constructed throughout our district, or the kitchen in Ames for the local youth program, or the skate parks provided by our clubs to give community kids a place to go so they are off the streets. Think of the helping hands that take meals to those who are shut in and cannot get out or prepare their own meals.

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Caring Hands: This is another area where District 6000 Rotarians shine. We really do care for those in our communities and want to make a difference in their lives. The Rotary Club of Johnston recognized a need in the neighboring North High School, and reached out and made a difference in the lives of the young people in that high school.

Our Youth Exchange, Rotaract, Interact and Rota Kids students packaged over 2,000 bags of food during our District Conference this year, for people in need because of financial difficulties, or disasters, like we have seen in Haiti, or drought. The reasons for the need are as varied as the people receiving the food. The main point is that these young people have reached out and made a difference in the lives of the people receiving the food. Those of you who contributed to the Haiti relief fund have assisted in this effort. While we are talking about assistance to those caught in the ravages of a disaster, think what $50,000, with the match from World Vision, will be able to do in Haiti. Again you have made a difference.

When we talk about caring hands we cannot forget the hours and resources donated by those who went to Guatemala with Iowa MOST, and had a major impact on the lives of those with cleft palates. The people who benefited from the District 6000 volunteers do have a new lease on life, thanks to Iowa Rotarians. Think of the many volunteers from District 6000 who have gone to Xicotepec, Mexico, this year and in the past years. Think of the caring hands of this group and all that they have done in this town to make life better for the local residents and the students who are in the schools of Xicotepec. When we talk about the helping hands of Rotary, we cannot ignore the Ponseti project that has originated here in District 6000 and will spread around the world. When we talk about helping hands making a difference, this is a prime example of what we are talking about. Reaching out and making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

In November 2008, Rachel and I were able to visit a remote village in India where local Rotarians, with the assistance of District 6000 Rotarians, had built two dams that have literally changed the lives of the residence of that village. We also visited a remote community center where Rotarians, again with the assistance of District 6000 Rotarians, were holding a clinic to detect those who were suffering the results of having a cataract. We were able to watch the steady surgical hands of a volunteer doctor as she removed the cataract, giving the patient the gift of sight. These things would not have happened if you would not have contributed to our Rotary Foundation and your local club projects, making these and many other Matching Grants possible. Speaking of Matching Grants, during the 2009-10 Rotary year, District 6000 initiated 16 matching grants for a total of over $300,000. I think that is something that we really have to be proud of. District 6000 is making a difference in the world in which we live. We do have caring hands in District 6000.

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Giving Hands: How do we separate what I have just mentioned in terms of caring hands from giving hands? They go “Hand in Hand,” right? District 6000 Rotarians are very generous in many ways. Forty of you spent a night at the Iowa Public Television studios giving of your time to raise money for IPTV. Many of you gave pajamas to “Helen’s Pajamas Party” so women in shelters in Iowa would have a new pair of pajamas that they can call their very own. You have given over $50,000 this year for Polio-Plus so we can eradicate this terrible disease from the face of the earth. Think of the dictionaries given to the many elementary students, so they now have their very own dictionary. Again, think of the money District 6000 Rotarians have given to local projects, and The Rotary Foundation, well over a half million dollars for the different programs of The Foundation put together, the Haiti Relief effort, nearly $35,000, and many other efforts throughout Rotary. You do have giving hands and very generous hands.

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Sharing Hands: This is where Rotarians are at their best. We really do care for those around us and those who are in need. The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines has had a reading program with a local elementary school for many years, sharing their time with local young people. There are many other Rotary clubs in District 6000 who are doing the same thing. You are to be commended for the hours you are sharing with the local young people, making a difference in their lives. Think of the times where you have shared your time through Paint-a-Thons, Barbecues, Auctions and the many other fund raisers we have throughout District 6000.

Another major area where District 6000 is a leader in sharing our time, resources and culture is through our Youth Exchange Program. The opportunities we are providing these young people, whether they are outbound or inbound, are truly life-changing events. Our Youth Exchange Committee should be commended for their time and effort that goes into this program and the final results that we all are able to see and enjoy. These young people return home with a whole new outlook on the world in which they live. Our Youth Exchange program is a real life changer, and one that District 6000 should and can be proud of.

For the sake of space and time I need to stop, but as you can see there are many, many more things that can be said about the wonderful things that are going on in District 6000.

Fellow Rotarians, you have made a difference in Iowa and in the world during this Rotary year of 2009-10. I want to conclude with these final comments. Rachel and I want to thank District 6000 for giving us the distinct privilege of serving you as your district governor during the 2009-10 Rotary year. It has been an honor to represent you at the many events we have been privileged to attend. Thank you very much for this opportunity. May God bless you, and may God bless Rotary, as we continue together through the Rotary years ahead. We belong to an amazing organization.

Klinginsmith goal: Clubs that are 'Bigger, Better, Bolder'

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to the Iowa City club and guests from District 6000 on the invitation of past president Charlie Funk, whose father was president of the Schuyler County Rotary Club in Klinginsmith's hometown of Lancaster, Mo.

A presentation about the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T) by PDG Gary Pacha and his wife, Nancy, to the Rotary Club of Kirksville sealed the deal. Klinginsmith laughed, "We (Kirksville) got the better end of the deal."

Klinginsmith said Funk has been a friend a long time and he has high regard for the Iowa City club. "This club and this district are strong in international projects." The president-elect estimated Rotary's service at $1 billion a year, of which 90 percent is local. "We have the ability to do more internationally," he urged.

Klinginsmith will be installed as president of the 1.2-million-member Rotary International at the RI Convention June 19-23 in Montreal. His term officially begins July 1. He gave an optimistic report about polio eradication.

"There are only 20 new cases of polio this year in India, and most are Type 3, which is the less virulent strain," he said.

Worldwide, there have been 200 cases, and half were in Tajikistan, a central Asian country which was previously declared as free from the crippling disease. "It shows what can happen if you relax your standards," he said. Rotary sent $500,000 to mop it up.

On an even more positive note, there were just three cases of polio thus far in Nigeria, which was previously a hotbed for the disease. "We expect good news (about polio eradication) at (the RI Convention in) New Orleans in 2011," Klinginsmith said, and urged people to attend. "It will be the last RI Convention in the U.S. until 2017."

President-Elect Klinginsmith jokes with Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator PDG Don Goering of Ames.

Rotary needs strong clubs if it is to fulfill its commitment to service, Klinginsmith said, with concern. "For decades we grew 3 percent a year in the U.S., but we have stagnated." The new strategic plan puts its focus first on strengthening clubs. "Our job is to help clubs become better. If they're better, they'll become bolder and bigger."

Klinginsmith said the title of his article that is already written for the July issue of The Rotarian is "Winds of Change." "We need to look at everything we do to see if we can do it better."

PDGs Herb Wilson (second from left) and Diana Reed (r) with President-Elect Klinginsmith and Dr. Jose Morcuende.

President-Elect Klinginsmith (c) with (l-r): DG Cal Litwiller and Rachel, DGE Gary Welch, and DGN Don Patterson.

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FAMSCO'S BIRTHDAY BASH:

On 20th anniversary, shipments would make founders proud

By Linda Muston/Iowa City
FAMSCO Secretary

What a way to celebrate!

In its 20th anniversary year, FAMSCO (Fire And Medical Supply COmpany) of Rotary District 6000 has already accomplished two major shipments this year that would make its early founders smile.

With Rotary partners in Guatemala and El Salvador on the receiving and distribution end of the partnership, major impact has been made consistent with the mission and name of FAMSCO.

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Fire Truck: A fire truck from Stone Park, Ill., was shipped to Huehuetenango, Guatemala, and put into service on May 3. An hour after the truck was fully operational it was used to respond to a hazmat call. The impact of this equipment is just the latest in an ongoing relationship that dates back to Rotary associations made through a water project in 2004. That lead to the five MOST (Miles Of Smiles Team) surgical missions and, most recently, grew to include the firefighters and first responders. Vinicio Lopez and two firefighters visited District 6000 last June and received education, orientation and training to complement their training in Huehuetenango. The new truck is in service and there is additional fire and rescue equipment in the FAMSCO warehouse ready for shipment.

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Venicio Lopez is proud of the firetruck received from Iowa Rotarians that was put to use the day it arrived in Heuhuetenango, Guatemala. Note "District 6000" on the truck.

FAMSCO board member Don Hampton of the Rotary Club of Indianola arranged for shipments of medical equipment to El Salvador.

Medical Equipment: In mid-May a container with 13 tons of medical equipment arrived in El Salvador for distribution by Jorge Tolentino and the Rotarians of Sirama-San Miguel to a public hospital. Indianola Rotarian and FAMSCO board member Don Hampton was instrumental in making the contacts and is visiting his El Salvador friends to see the equipment put to work.

The Rotary Club of Indianola contributed $1,000 to help defray the more than $5,000 cost for the shipment of hospital beds and exam tables as well as miscellaneous equipment such as walkers, over bed tables, physical therapy tables, tanks and equipment.

The tedious task of loading the container (the back part of a semi trailer) with 13 tons of equipment was completed at the FAMSCO warehouse on April 28. With John Ockenfels operating the fork lift and skillfully balancing stacks of heavy hospital beds and unwieldy exam tables, the Rotary volunteers hand carried smaller items to be loaded around the big ones!

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FAMSCO Board Members and volunteers have really lived up to the mission in the early months of 2010, aided by the generous donations of other Rotarians. Ames

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Arleigh Clemens of the Rotary Club of Iowa City and Jack Cameron of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM prepare a shipment of medical supplies.

Young firefighters in Huehuetenango, Guatemala, put their new fire hoses to work.

Ames, Carroll clubs aid FAMSCO

FAMSCO/continued

Rotarians helped identify great hospital beds from Green Hills Retirement Center and Carroll Rotarians found and delivered an excellent ambulance cot that will go to Guatemala with the fire and rescue equipment. Muscle power is important, but the procurement of items from Rotarians throughout the district and the financial donations such as the ones recently made by the Indianola and Davenport clubs put the equipment to work in a speedy fashion.

Rotary clubs encouraged to schedule a work day at FAMSCO warehouse

By Linda Muston/Iowa City
FAMSCO Secretary

Clubs and/or individual Rotarians are invited to organize in groups to come and work in the FAMSCO warehouse in Coralville. It is not a pretty job, but someone has to do it! You simply work in teams – sorting donated items and listing them on special inventory sheets as they are put into large gaylords (super size cardboard boxes) to be held for shipment. FAMSCO workers have been working each Sunday all spring on the never ending project, but if you or your club members want to help out, arrangements can be made any day of the week or weekend! Come on over to Coralville – this is a great way to serve and enjoy fellowship! The warehouse is easy to find just south of Exit 242 on I80 in Coralville (First Avenue or Hayden Fry Way) and there are some great restaurants in the neighborhood or great pizza will be provided!

If you are interested, contact Karin Franklin (FAMSCO president) at (319) 321-8261 or karinf@q.com, or Linda Muston (FAMSCO secretary) at (319) 354-0241, or lindamuston@mchsi.com.

FAMSCO president Karin Franklin is great at balancing many responsibilities. Working in the crowded FAMSCO warehouse, Karin is attaching inventory sheets to large boxes prepared for shipment to Central American Rotarians. In addition to FAMSCO leadership, Karin is the current president of the Rotary Club of Iowa City. She traveled to Guatemala with the Iowa MOST team again this year, and she is district Group Study Exchange chair. Karin has a number of leadership positions in the Iowa City community, but on any given day she is rolling up her sleeves and doing the dirty, hands-on, elbow grease work as on this April workday.

FAMSCO directors elected

By Linda Muston/Iowa City
FAMSCO Secretary

On April 24 at the District Conference in Burlington, two new directors were elected to serve the District 6000 Humanitarian and Educational Foundation board and provide FAMSCO (Fire And Medical Supply COmpany) leadership.

Bill Burress

Bill Burress of the Rotary Club of Davenport will serve a two- year term and Bob Main of the Rotary Club of Newton was elected to a one-year unexpired term. Also re-elected to two-year terms were Dick Kennedy (Rotary Club of Iowa City), John Ockenfels (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM), PDG Gary Pacha (Rotary Club of Iowa City), and Brock Earnhardt (Rotary Club of Davenport).

The holdover members of the board are Karin Franklin (Rotary Club of Iowa City), Don Hampton (Rotary Club of Indianola), Linda Muston (Rotary Club of Iowa City), and Sandy Pickup (Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown).

Consistent with its by-laws, the board elected the following officers at it meeting on May 17, 2010: Karin Franklin, president; John Ockenfels, vice president; Linda Muston, secretary; and Sandy Pickup, treasurer.

The board election marked the end of the Peterson era for FAMSCO as Jim Peterson completed ten years on the board. Jim's father, C.E. "Pete" Peterson, was one of the FAMSCO founders.

A list of clubs who provided financial support for FAMSCO in 2009-10 is on page 20

Check your club's progress and please help us keep our promise to eradicate polio!

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone
D-6000 Polio Challenge chair

We are giving each club an opportunity to see what their actual reported giving was as of May, 2010, for the PolioPlus Challenge. We are also including your total contribution to the Challenge since it began in December of 2007. Many of our clubs have stepped up to meet our promise to the children of the world that we will eradicate polio from our planet.

If you as a club look at these numbers and find that they are incorrectly reported by Rotary International, please let us know so that we can help you explore why your numbers are incorrect. We have found that several clubs have failed to check the PolioPlus box when sending the EN123 form to RI along with their donation check. And some have been able to show Rotary International that there are errors.

If your club is planning to send your Challenge contribution in at the end of this Rotary year, please be advised that to guarantee that your club gets credit during THIS Rotary year, you need to send your contribution in by June 15. With thousands of Rotary clubs submitting contributions late in the Rotary year, the likelihood of mistakes in reporting multiply the closer we are to the end of the year.

The Wild Poliovirus Weekly Update of May 19, 2010, shows that we continue to defeat this crippling killer – we are SO CLOSE to the end of this courageous journey.

As of the date of this report, our year-to-date numbers for 2010 are 202 cases of polio worldwide, while there were 436 cases year-to-date in 2009. In the four endemic countries – Nigeria (3), India (20), Pakistan (19) and Afghanistan (9) – we are dramatically under the numbers of last year, while importation countries show an increase of cases with Tajikistan leading with 108 new cases this year.

In Tajikistan, outbreak response activities are continuing as more polio cases are confirmed in the laboratory from acute flaccid paralysis case samples. India's polio eradication continues to make strong strides, as neither Bihar nor Uttar Pradesh (the only two remaining endemic states in the country) have recorded a case of WPV1 since November, 2009. It is the longest period ever where both states have not reported WPV1 cases concurrently.

Polio eradication is still the No. 1 goal of Rotary International. Just like Dr. Seuss' Horton, "We said what we meant and meant what we said" when we told the world that we would eradicate only the second disease to ever be removed from the earth. Please help us keep our promise!

Biking to End Polio

The Rotary Club of Washington and club past president Myron Graber are "Biking to End Polio Now" on June 12. Bikers paid $25 and got the official "End Polio Now" t-shirt, two rest stops with snacks and drinks, and van support for emergencies. Proceeds benefited PolioPlus. The 55-mile and 30-mile tour were offered. Information: www.bikeiowa.com.

PolioPlus Giving

July 1, 2009 thru May 10, 2010, and since December 2007

Club (Membership)	Thru 5-10-10	Since 12-07
Adel (26)	$ 1,500	380
Albia (31)	1,000	6,000
Ames Morning (70)	2,336	2,336
Ames (255)	191	6,357
Ankeny (71)	20	49
Atlantic (69)	1,000	2,225
Bettendorf (96)	1,500	3,541
Bloomfield (14)	25	634
Boone (62)	290	2,885
Burlington (101)	358	698
Carroll (60)	2,500	3,520
Centerville (40)	200	200
Chariton (55)	1,638	5,163
Clinton (122)	4,864	12,587
Coon Rapids (24)	0	0
Coralville-North Corridor (31)	0	641
Corning (58)	0	1,000
Corydon (16)	320	320
Creston (19)	0	27
Dallas Center (25)	765	765
Davenport (165)	150	1,415
Decatur County (20)	814	1,589
Des Moines AM (144)	0	2,390
Des Moines (353)	15,197	29,412
East Polk County (39)	473	1,240
Fairfield (66)	1,550	3,854
Fort Madison (55)	20	446
Greater Des Moines (28)	1,246	1,636
Grinnell (30)	150	640
Indianola (52)	987	3,716
Iowa City AM (63)	40	40
Iowa City Downtown (21)	0	0
Iowa City (306)	20	7,548
Iowa Quad-Cities (49)	1,500	4,756
Jefferson (57)	77	3,337
Johnston (47)	1,005	1,005
Kalona (46)	1,150	2,350
Keokuk (85)	2,071	3,341
Keosauqua (26)	345	705
Knoxville (65)	2,000	2,010
Lenox (27)	40	490
Manning (18)	0	1,500
Marengo (17)	50	50
Marshalltown (178)	0	1,020
Mount Pleasant Noon (38)	500	1,790
Mt. Pleasant (25)	650	2,695
Muscatine (130)	2,389	5,684
Nevada (64)	1,570	2,580
Newton (87)	1,316	4,995
North Scott (102)	3,037	8,719
Northwest Des Moines (57)	20	10,205
Osceola (32)	0	275
Oskaloosa (55)	342	1,342
Ottumwa (114)	2,607	2,607
Pella (41)	199	715
Perry (27)	120	120
Tipton (29)	670	670
Washington (65)	1,300	1,745
Waukee (50)	223	3,857
Wellman (34)	0	795
West Des Moines (79)	0	1,225
West Liberty (32)	732	1,602
Winterset (31)	200	410
Total (4,294)	**$ 61,628**	**$172,825**

Incoming presidents from 61 of 63 clubs in District 6000 attended President-Elect Training Seminar March 26-27 at Ankeny.

The last District 6000-only P.E.T.S.

A record 61 of 63 clubs attended the last President-Elect Training Seminar that District 6000 will sponsor by itself, March 26-27 at the Marriott Hotel in Ankeny. Next year's P.E.T.S. will be March 4-5, 2011, at Dubuque, and combined with Districts 5970 (northern Iowa) and 5950 and 5960 (Minnesota).

District Governor 2010-11 Gary Welch of Ankeny urged incoming club leaders to "serve with a purpose," and trainers Maggie Mowery and Michael Schmitz of Iowa City presented a high-energy program led by experienced Rotarians from District 6000.

Craig Hertl, a past assistant governor from Jefferson, challenged presidents-elect to name the absolute changes they must make to ensure the future of their clubs – and to compare their answers with what others would say: the newest five members, the last five who left the club, the five who didn't join, the last three district governors, and people who think like the presidents-elect. PDG Diana Reed, who is Zone Membership chair, urged presidents-elect to do four things for new members: Induct, Inform, Involve and Educate.

Incoming club presidents range in age from 24-year-old Kyle Merry of Centerville to 81-year-old Tom Brooke of West Liberty. Tom joined Rotary at age 21 and is in his 60th year of membership!

DGE Gary Welch invited PDG Gail Scott from Michigan to explain how Multi-District P.E.T.S. works.

Segeants Terry and Peggy Geiger (Decatur County) and Norm Van Klompenburg (Newton) raised $581 for PolioPlus.

DG Cal Litwiller exchanged banners with Rotary Youth Exchange student Numploy Boonrcharthong of Thailand.

DGE Gary Welch's schedule of Official Club Visits

OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS, 2009-10

July 13 ..... Dallas Center (12:05 PM)
July 14 ..... Ames Morning (7:00 AM)
July 14 ..... Nevada (noon)
July 16 ..... Chariton (noon)
July 20 ..... Fort Madison (noon)
July 21 ..... Bloomfield (6:45 AM)
July 21 ..... Mt. Pleasant Noon (noon)
July 26 ..... Burlington (noon)
July 26 ..... Mt. Pleasant (6:45 PM)
July 27 ..... Keosauqua (noon)
July 28 ..... Wellman (noon)
July 29 ..... Iowa Quad Cities (7:00 AM)
July 29 ..... Washington (noon)
July 30 ..... Des Moines AM (7:00 AM)
Aug. 3 ..... Marshalltown (noon)
Aug. 5 ..... Waukee (6:45 AM)
Aug. 5 ..... Marengo (12:05 PM)
Aug. 6 .. Northwest Des Moines (11:45 AM)
Aug. 9 ..... Carroll (11:45 AM)
Aug. 10 ..... Pella (noon)
Aug. 11 ..... East Polk (7:00 AM)
Aug. 11 ..... Boone (noon)
Aug. 12 ..... Winterset (noon)
Aug. 13 ..... North Scott (noon)
Aug. 23 ..... Ottumwa (12:10 PM)
Aug. 24 ..... Corydon (noon)
Aug. 25 ..... Centerville (noon)
Aug. 30 ..... Clinton (noon)
Aug. 31 ..... Iowa City AM (7:00 AM)
Aug. 31 ..... Kalona (noon)
Sept. 1 ..... Coralville-North Corridor (noon)
Sept. 2 ..... Iowa City (noon)
Sept. 3 ..... Fairfield (12:10 PM)
Sept. 7 ..... Lenox (noon)
Sept. 8 ..... Adel (12:05 PM)
Sept. 9 ..... Coon Rapids (12:05 PM)
Sept. 10 ..... Indianola (noon)
Sept. 13 ..... Davenport (noon)
Sept. 14 ..... West Liberty (6:00 PM)
Sept. 15 ..... Bettendorf (noon)
Sept. 16 ..... Keokuk (noon)
Sept. 21 ..... Oskaloosa (noon)
Sept. 22 ..... Knoxville (noon)
Sept. 23 ..... Des Moines (11:45 AM)
Sept. 27 ..... Muscatine (12:10 PM)
Sept. 28 ..... Atlantic (noon)
Sept. 29 ..... Perry (12:10 PM)
Sept. 30 ..... Decatur County (noon)
Oct. 5 ..... Albia (noon)
Oct. 12 ..... Iowa City Downtown (noon)
Oct. 18 ..... Ames (noon)
Oct.19 ..... West Des Moines (11:45 AM)
Nov. 2 ..... Newton (noon)
Nov. 3 ..... Greater Des Moines (5:30 PM)
Nov. 8 ..... Corning (noon)
Nov. 9 ..... Ankeny (11:45 AM)
Nov. 15 ..... Creston (noon)
Nov. 16 ..... Osceola (noon)
Nov. 22 ..... Jefferson (noon)
Nov. 23 ..... Manning (12:05 PM
Nov. 30 ..... Johnston (7:00 AM)
Nov. 30 ..... Grinnell (6:00 PM)

Janelle Stephens, Dave's widow, speaks at the groundbreaking of the Habitat house.

Tipton students celebrate the groundbreaking of the Habitat for Humanity house that will be built in memory of Rotarian Dave Stephens.

Habitat house honors Tipton Rotarian

By Brenda Emick-Herring
Courtesy of Tipton Conservative

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity Dave Stephens Memorial Build was held Sunday, March 28, at the location where the new home will be built at 410 East South Street in Tipton.

The build will be done using community volunteers and financial contributions. More than $60,000 in grant money has been secured to underwrite the building costs and the committee, chaired by Brenda Emick-Herring and Janel Stephens, Dave's widow, will be raising an additional $20,000 to complete this build in Dave's honor.

Dave Stephens

At the groundbreaking ceremony, which kicked off the build, tribute was paid to Stephens, a longtime Tipton Rotarian, banker and community booster, while blessing the volunteers and supporters who will be building a safe and decent home in his honor.

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When Dave Stephens died on Sept. 23, 2009, at age 69, the community lost a friend, businessman, leader and volunteer who believed that Tipton was a great place to raise a family and make a home, whether you were a young family starting out or a retiree. Among his many activities, Dave was involved in the first Habitat for Humanity home built in Tipton several years ago.

The "Dave Stephens Memorial Habitat for Humanity Build" carries out the late Tipton leader's beliefs and selfless legacy and will help a local family or individual purchase a home of their own, which is tough to do in today's economy.

A steering committee has been meeting monthly since January to plan the build and to help get the message out and encourage a local family or individual to apply for this opportunity. Interested people can sign up online at www.iowavalleyhabitat.org.

The group has worked to increase the public's awareness of the build and has begun requesting donations of money and services to meet the $20,000 that Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity has asked the community to raise.

Executive Director of Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity, Mark Patton, encouraged the steering committee to include youth in the process so they can learn and see what can be done when people work together to complete a common goal. The Tipton Chamber of Commerce, local service organizations, youth groups, churches, schools and businessmen will be involved either financially or as volunteer workers, builders, food organizers, photographers, and others.

One idea from the committee that has been put out to youth groups is to raise money to buy studs for, and actually build, an interior wall (about $45) offsite and write warm messages and greetings to the new homeowners on the wall studs.

Groundbreaking day for the Dave Stephens Memorial Build for Habitat for Humanity. Photos by Tipton Conservative

Coach is big draw for Johnston Membership Day

By Therese Herold/Johnston
Club Public Relations chair

The Rotary Club of Johnston was pleased to have Iowa State University head football coach, Paul Rhoads, as a speaker on May 11. Coach Rhodes is a native Iowan and graduate of Ankeny High School where he finished his senior year as valedictorian. When he accepted the Cyclone head coaching job in late 2008, he was returning to his roots.

As a membership draw, Coach Rhoads was extremely beneficial. The Membership Committee was thrilled with the response from the club in inviting guests to hear Coach Rhoads. There were 36 members in attendance, and 40 guests, presenting an outstanding effort by the club to bring in people. The guests were treated to a great breakfast from the kitchen at Hyperion, a time for fellowship with the people at their table, and then a short business meeting to get a feeling for the regular Tuesday morning schedule.

Paul Rhoads

Membership chair, Andy Lashier, had this to say about the event, "It truly was a great meeting, and we look forward to seeing many of the guests visit again and possibly join our club. As of June 1, we have welcomed three new members since the Rhoads event." Lashier adds, "Thanks to all the Johnston Rotarians who contributed to making this a successful Membership Drive."

Coach Rhoads exudes a passion and pride that has spilled over into the ISU football program. He, along with his staff, work to instill three attributes in their players: unity, commitment and trust. In every aspect of the program, the young men were taught to believe in themselves and each other on and off the field.

This strategy allowed the Cyclones to reach some lofty goals in Coach Rhoads' first season in Ames. The 2009 team was the first team since 1907 to win at least seven games in the inaugural season of a new coaching staff. During the season, ISU never had less than a .500 winning percentage finishing the year 6-6 overall and qualifying for the Insight Bowl in Tempe, AZ where they defeated the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers, 14-13.

Looking ahead to 2010, ISU anticipates 28 new recruits and an even more challenging schedule with Texas, Oklahoma, and Texas Tech in line to face the Cyclones. The team and coaches look to continue to build and improve this year and every year in order to compete for conference and national honors.

Plantings well kept at Indianola

The Rotary Club of Indianola will be maintaining 3-4 planting areas at the Indianola Aquatic Center this growing season. This work began with one area at the opening of the Center nearly two decades ago. The willow tree planted at the time grew so large as to interfere with the sight line of life guards and had to be removed. Its replacement will have a longer lower profile lifetime – we hope.

– submitted by PDG Ev Laning

Chuck Mooney and Bill Harvey, charter members of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf, were honored at a Club Assembly on May 26.

Bettendorf honors charter members

By Fred Anderson/Bettendorf

The members of Bettendorf Rotary knew something was different about the Club Assembly on May 26 when President Dave Deuth asked everyone to stand. Then, in five-year increments, he asked members to sit: first year of membership… up to 5 years… 10 years… 15 years…. By the time the count reached 45 years only four remained standing: Tom Howard, Jim Slavens and our active charter members, Chuck Mooney and Bill Harvey.

When Dave asked those with more than 50 years to remain standing – and come to the front of the room – there was no surprise left. (Actually, there had been very little surprise left by that time, since everyone had passed by the decorated cake in the buffet line.)

We soon learned exactly how long Bill and Chuck have been members – since May 3, 1957. And Chuck has been secretary since Sept. 11, 1957. "Between them, that's 106 years of uninterrupted service to Rotary," Dave commented. That – and the emotion of the moment – earned them a round of standing applause.

Bill and Chuck hauled in some pretty impressive loot after the assembled throng finally stopped clapping and sat down. They each received: a gold-filled charter member pin, a charter member plaque, a copy of the book, "A Century of Service; The Story of Rotary International," and a proclamation from Mayor Mike Freemire declaring May 26 Chuck Mooney Day and Bill Harvey Day in Bettendorf. Chuck also received the honor of a Service Above Self Award for his years as club secretary-treasurer.

Past presidents of Bettendorf Rotary who paid tribute to charter members Chuck Mooney and Bill Harvey for their 53 years of service (l-r): Tom Ahlstrand, Bill Harvey, Tom Howard, Decker Ploehn, Chuck Mooney, Phil Kinsley, Diane Ricketts-McCool, Frank Mitvalsky, S.K. Nanda and Dave Falk.

XICOTEPEC: *Projects succeed and lives are changed, but there are challenges on the horizon*

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM
Xicotepec Project Team leader

March 2010 marked the eighth consecutive spring break when project teams comprising D-6000 Rotarians, Interactors, Rotaractors, university students and others have traveled to Xicotepec, Puebla (Mexico) to work on Rotary projects alongside local Rotarians and community members.

Two teams with a total of 59 members visited Xicotepec in consecutive weeks during the period March 6 – March 21.

2010's projects included de-worming over 3,400 school children, interviewing and gathering data for a comprehensive economic development plan, installation of drinking water purification systems in schools, fluoride treatments for school children and physical exams and new shoes for children in an orphanage, and various other projects, donations, ceremonies and celebrations.

2010 Projects:

- De-worming 3,400 school children.
- Gathering data for a comprehensive economic development plan.
- Installing water purification systems in schools.
- Providing fluoride treatments for school children, and physical exams and news shoes for children in an orphanage.
- Various projects, donations, ceremonies and celebrations.

University of Iowa service-learning students from the College of Pharmacy, College of Nursing, College of Engineering, College of Business, and the Graduate College (Urban and Regional Planning) participated as part of the "International Perspectives: Xicotepec" class offered during the spring semester. This interdisciplinary, international service-learning class has been offered each spring since 2007.

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West Des Moines Rotarian Tom Narak with friends at the Casa Hogar Victoria orphanage.

Ted Carpenter (lower left) and Gaby Carballo (upper right) with youth from Xicotepec and the U. S.

Mural at the Casa de Cultura, designed by Jacobo Domínguez.

Getting started at Casa de Cultura: Kay Carpenter, Jim Peterson, Ted Carpenter (on ladder) and Xicotepec residents.

Newton Rotarian Bob Main helps with installation of water system in the special education school of La Ceiba.

Xicotepec Projects

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One of the special projects for 2010 was the renovation of the municipal Casa de Cultura in Xicotepec. This cultural center offers classes in dance, music, plastic arts, adult education, etc., to the citizens of Xicotepec and is heavily used by people of all ages. Prior to the March trip it was badly in need of new paint and roof repairs. Project team members from the U. S. were joined by members of the Xicotepec community to paint the center inside and out, clean the roof and apply a new coat of waterproofing material.

As part of the new paint job, Jacobo Domínguez designed a large mural which was painted by project team members with help from local residents. Domínguez is an artist who came to Xicotepec recently to open a school where artisans can learn unique techniques that will allow them to have additional income from the sale of their work. He can also be found in the Guinness Book of World Records for creating the largest batch of

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Three U Penn students cleaning the roof of the Casa de Cultura while another “supervises.”

2010 Project Team members

Week No. 1 (March 6-14)

David Ney (University of Pennsylvania student, philosophy, economics, politics), Kay Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Ted Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Matt Cha (University of Pennsylvania student, bioengineering), Dennis Drager (Rotary Club of Marshalltown), Tom George (Rotary Club of West Des Moines), Joshua Lipman (University of Pennsylvania student), Bob Main (Rotary Club of Newton), Tom Narak (Rotary Club of West Des Moines), Jim Peterson (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM), Anna Zhu (University of Pennsylvania student, pre-med).

Week No. 2 (March 13-21)

Eric Alden (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Jerry Anthony (University of Iowa faculty, urban & regional planning), Allison Bunge (Iowa State University Rotaract), Mick Callahan (University of Iowa Service Learning, finance), Kay Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Ted Carpenter (Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor), Christine M. Catney (University of Iowa faculty, pharmacy), Meembo Changula (University of Iowa Service Learning, urban & regional planning), Hillary Charmichael (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Lauren Clark (Iowa State University Rotaract, landscape architecture), Matt Craig (Rotary Club of East Chapel Hill, North Carolina), Lorin Ditzler (University of Iowa Service Learning, urban & regional planning), Emily Douglass (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Rachel Elsey (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Abigail Eoriatti (Ankeny Interact), Jean Florman (University of Iowa faculty, Center for Teaching), Christina Gaard (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Oscar Garza (University of Iowa PhD candidate, pharmacy), Morgan Gibbins (Ankeny Interact), Kristin Gilchrist (University of Iowa Service Learning, urban & regional planning), Lauren Groeper (University of Iowa Service Learning, management), Amit Gupta (University of North Carolina student, medical school), Colin Hoff (Medical College of Wisconsin, medical school), Katy Klinefelter (University of Iowa student, pre-pharmacy), Sheila Knoploh-Odole (University of Iowa Service Learning, urban & regional planning), Jane Lamfers (Ankeny Interact, facult advisor), Katie Langenfeld (Iowa City High Interact), Barcy Levy (Iowa City West Interact, parent), Lauren Levy (Iowa City West Interact, sister), Michael Levy (Iowa City West Interact), Steve Levy (Iowa City West Interact, parent), Elizabeth (Libby) Logsden (Iowa City West Interact), Kara Logsden (Iowa City West Interact, parent), Katherin McCoy (Ankeny Interact), Jim Peterson (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM), Makenzie Pick (Ankeny Interact), Priyanka Rao (University of Iowa student, medicine), Erik Rowley (University of Iowa Service Learning, civil engineering/business management), Hazel Hilton (University of Iowa faculty, College of Pharmacy), Randy Shaw (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Isabel Shinnick-Gordon (Iowa City High Interact), Heather Sinclair (Iowa State University Rotaract, apparel design, communications), Stephen Smith (University of Iowa student, pre-medicine), Farah Towfic (University of Iowa Service Learning, pharmacy), Connie Trowbridge (University of Iowa faculty, College of Nursing), Peter Wallace (Rotary Club of Iowa City), MaryGrace Weber (University of Iowa Service Learning, urban & regional planning), Heather Windsor (University of Iowa Service Learning, global health studies).

Students speak from the heart about service

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guacamole (2,200 pounds) ever made – AND he's a musician who entertained visitors on several different occasions during their stay in Xicotepec.

'This was an experience of a lifetime. I don't think I could think of a better, more rewarding way to spend my Spring Break.'
– Student

Especially involved in the work at the Casa de Cultura were Rotarians Kay and Ted Carpenter of the Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor and Dennis Drager of the Rotary Club of Marshalltown, as well as Interactors from Ankeny, Iowa City West and Iowa City City High high schools and Rotaractors from Iowa State University. The Carpenters oversaw the work during their two-week stay in Xicotepec; they were rewarded each day by the opportunity to work with D6000 youth, and at the end by the sight of a transformed and rejuvenated Casa de Cultura.

As in past years, youth participants wrote about their experience in Xicotepec:

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"Everyone always says the giver gets more from giving than the receiver does in getting said gift. I never knew the impact of this saying to be so true until this project. Not only do you help to improve a community's day to day life, you also receive their utter gratitude. They are so appreciative of everything you do for them; it's strange how little things, like a pair of shoes, can make someone's life that much better. Therefore, I would like to thank everyone who organized this trip and aided me on my journey. What you're doing is so incredible and I just hope one day I can do something of the same caliber as the Xicotepec Project. Thank you for allowing me to be a member of this experience, thereby helping me develop as a more mature young adult."

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"The week I spent in Xicotepec was a time where vanity and urgency were removed to reveal refreshing gestures of kindness, hospitality and peace. I was reminded of the value of these basic principles, and inspired to live and serve in the same way."

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"...traveling to Xicotepec was hands-down the most worthwhile journey of my life. I learned so much about Mexican culture, as well as my own, and was immersed in an unforgettable experience. I definitely plan to participate in this meaningful service project in the future."

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District 6000's Youth Services Fund provides financial support for first-time participants (Interactors, Rotaractors or club-sponsored youth) in the project. Of

West Des Moines Rotarian Tom Narak with friends at the Cuauhtémoc Indigenous School in Xicotepec.

Manuel Escamilla, Jr., son of Xicotepec Rotarian Manuel Escamilla; West Des Moines Rotarian Tom George; former Iowa City West High Interactor and U Penn student Josh Lipman; and Newton Rotarian Bob Main - taking a break and sharing a laugh.

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– Student

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West Des Moines Rotarians Tom George and Tom Narak, Xicotepec Rotarians Cayo Cabrera, Eusebio Solís and Emigdio Fosado, Damas Rotarias Angelina Santos de Wurts, Susana Rojas-Vertiz de Rodríguez and Gabriela Carballo de Oropeza pose with students who are receiving new school uniforms purchased with money donated by West Des Moines Rotarians.

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nearly 500 trips made to Xicotepec by project team participants, over half have been by high school and college youth.

As successful as our experience has been, there are some new challenges on the horizon for the Xicotepec Project. While 2010 was an outstanding year in terms of results, we had ONLY ONE new Rotarian from our entire district as a project team member this year. Also, the district's youth fund is very low on funds; it would be a shame to be forced to withdraw the offer of financial support for our Interactors and Rotaractors, who clearly are moved by the experience – and who we hope will be the Rotarians of the future.

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> *– Student*

Casa de Cultura - new paint job!

Kids enjoy Museum experience

The Rotary Clubs of Rock Island, Davenport, Bettendorf, North Scott and Illinois Quad Cities sponsored "Rotary Adventure at the Putnam Museum" on May 26. The clubs from two states and two Rotary districts partnered with the Bettendorf and Davenport school districts, Martin Luther King Center, Project Renewal, Friendly House, Family Resources, United Neighbors, Kids Club Palmer Center, Sunshine Ministries, Afterschool North YMCA and Afterschool West YMCA to give 300 children ages 5-13 a three-hour museum experience that included cockroach races (above), Egyptian mummies, the museum's "River, Prairie and People" exhibit, and more. Transportation was provided, a meal was served, and each child received a commemorative t-shirt with the Rotary wheel. More than 40 volunteers from the five clubs participated. (Information: Jeremy Kaiser, North Scott)

'Bring Out the Kid in You'

On May 22, the Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown held its annual fundraiser "Bring Out the Kid in You." It was a fun night filled with music provided by the local band "Extra Credit Project," delicious food and great company. During the evening, four local organizations received $1,000 awards to support their community efforts. The four organizations were: United Action for Youth, SAFE Kids of Johnson County, Johnson County Neighborhood Centers, and the Iowa Children's Museum. It was a great night for the Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown to share what Rotary is all about with attendees as well as offer support to community organizations that support children and education in Iowa City.

(submitted by Chris Wallace)

One Grant At A Time:

How District 6000 Rotarians are changing the world

By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport
D-6000 World Community Service/Matching Grants chair

The international humanitarian matching grants program has long been one of the great strengths of our district. This year you took the program to a whole new level. District 6000 Rotarians initiated an unprecedented number of international humanitarian grant applications this year. Together, we have submitted 16 grant applications to The Rotary Foundation. Twenty-two District 6000 clubs are participating in the humanitarian service projects that these grants will fund. The projects entail partnerships with 16 different host clubs in 12 different countries on three continents. All the applications involve projects that will help poor people in impoverished communities in developing countries live better lives.

The 16 projects have a combined budget that totals more than $311,000. Their actual value is much greater than that because so much Rotary volunteer effort is involved in their implementation. Their humanitarian value and contributions to international understanding and goodwill are immeasurably large.

The host clubs, those on the other side where the projects will be carried out, are contributing 8 percent of the total funding, $24,335, and their districts are contributing District Designated Funds amounting to 3 percent of the total, $8,000. District 6000 clubs are contributing cash amounting to 21 percent of the total funding, or $65,459. District 6000 is providing 65 percent of the total, $201,002, by contributions of our District Designated Funds, some of our own contributions to The Rotary Foundation from three years ago returned for our use. District 5970, our fellow Iowa Rotarians to the north, contributed 4 percent of the total, $12,450 DDF, for a project in which we collaborated.

None of the project costs were funded by the usual Rotary Foundation match since TRF's reduced budget for matching grants for the year was fully committed by mid-July 2009. Our financing method of replacing the Foundation's match with DDF consumed our DDF at a much higher rate than in years past. Early on, the WCS committee and district leadership decided that the lives that will be saved and improved and the international relationships that will be advanced justified the investment to continue and expand District 6000's strong international humanitarian service program.

Why did we achieve a record number of international humanitarian grant applications this year? It has to be exciting and gratifying to many of you. A number of our leaders over a number of years have promoted matching grants as an opportunity to improve human conditions in the poorest of places while, in the process, making new Rotary friends and building international goodwill. This year we are really seeing the benefits of all those club visits, Rotary Foundation seminars, district assemblies and District Conference programs. The success is due in large measure to an active and enthusiastic World Community Service Committee and especially to the work of our three regional coordinators promoting and assisting with applications for projects:

- **Rachel Litwiller,** Asia;
- **PDG Denny Skinner,** Africa and Europe; and
- **Jim Peterson,** Latin America and the Caribbean.

All this is allowing many of our district Rotarians to experience firsthand the unique approach that has set Rotary apart as the greatest service club and a powerful force for world peace.

So, what are these 16 international humanitarian service projects? Which are the 22 clubs? Who is involved? How did the applications come about? (Please see the list on the opposite page.)

District 6000 World Community Service Rotary Foundation Matching Grants in 2009-10:
- 22 District 6000 Clubs
- 16 Applications
- 12 Countries
- 3 Continents
- Combined Budgets of $311,000 not including volunteer effort

(list: see page 15)

I'm sure you will agree these matching grants will help meet important basic human needs and have enormous humanitarian value. But the matching grants are devices to achieve an end, not ends in themselves. The intended ends of matching grants are improved goodwill and understanding between people, and progress toward world peace as Rotarians of different countries and cultures work together to improve human conditions.

Are they serving that end? I'll read from a few of the messages we have received from our partners and beneficiaries.

"My friends from Iowa, you are marvelous partners … and we shall never have a way to thank you on behalf of our people for all the efforts and work that you do."

And another email,

"On behalf of my club, I would like to express our gratitude to you and your committee for your contribution towards our project. You have certainly made dreams real and we feel humbled by your generosity."

And another,

"We have to thank you for all you have done. Yours was the first club to respond positively to join us in getting funds together… You have made this project a success and I thank you sincerely for your tireless efforts. You are a real friend."

Another,

"Thank you for your attention to this. This project will make a huge difference in the lives of the schools and communities that will have the light, the students who will write exams this year and the generations of students to come in the future. What a huge difference."

And finally, from a project report,

"I'm pregnant and I am happy to think that I will be able to bathe my baby in clean water. He'll be healthy. I'll also use the good water to clean myself and look bright."

A record year for Matching Grants in District 6000

District 6000 World Community Service Matching Grants, 2009-10, compiled by Brock Earnhardt, committee chair

First is a partnership between the Rotary Club of Cartagena de Indias, **Columbia,** with the Rotary Club of **Fairfield** as the primary sponsor and the Rotary Clubs of **Wellman, Washington** and **Bloomfield** as co-sponsors. The project will provide a food bank in the poorest part of Cartagena with kitchen and cafeteria equipment and food for one year for 225 poor children. Rotarians there will also provide education on nutrition and hygiene to the children. The relationship between Cartagena and Fairfield began with a visit here by a Columbian GSE team several years ago and has grown through visits to Cartagena by Fairfield Rotarian Doug Flournoy and others.

The next project also involves **Fairfield** Rotary with co-sponsorship by the **Kalona** club and a club in Weston, Florida, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Sandton, **South Africa.** It has already provided equipment to furnish a medical clinic in an impoverished squatter settlement. The clinic is housed in an innovatively converted sea container, the ultimate "doc in a box." The project developed from personal contact between members of the Sandton and **Fairfield** clubs and a prior successful project to develop a water well in the same vicinity as the clinic.

A project in the state of Kano, **Nigeria,** to drill a drinking water well and equip it with an electric pump and solar power generator came about as a result of visits to Nigeria by district leaders in 2007 and 2008. I know most of you recall PDG Diana Reed's impassioned description of the poverty there. This well will serve a community of more than 20,000 people that has no safe water supply. The Rotary Club of **Muscatine** is the primary sponsor and the **Ankeny** and **Nevada** clubs are co-sponsors.

Ten years ago, Bill Ashton, Bill Burress, Dudley Hanson and I, all Davenport Rotarians, visited Huehuetenango, **Guatemala** to scout for international service projects and meet Rotarians. Over the years since that first trip, District 6000 Rotarians have made numerous visits to Huehuetenango and Huehue Rotarians have visited Iowa, have developed strong friendships and have produced several successful matching grant projects. This year the Rotary Club of **Iowa City** as primary sponsor and the **Davenport** and **Iowa City AM** clubs as co-sponsors are helping Huehue Rotarians purchase an emergency vehicle with off-road capability, moved in part by a bus wreck in a remote ravine near the city of 100,000 people where 47 died, many because they could not be evacuated in time. The Iowa-Huehue relationship that began with a scouting trip ten years ago has also resulted in three Iowa MOST missions to the city that have accomplished facial reconstructive surgeries and other treatments for more than 200 individuals and two FAMSCO projects, a shipment of medical supplies and equipment and purchase and shipment of a fire truck.

The Rotary Clubs of **Iowa City AM** and Ciudadela, **Argentina,** are partners in a project to construct a biodigester for urban waste at an agricultural technology school for poor children of the community. The biodigester will produce methane that will be captured for heating and cooking fuel for the school and compost to fertilize the crops that students grow for their food supply and it will reduce environmental pollution. Bernardo Guillermo Tarcic, the president of the Ciudadela club and primary contact for the project is a former Rotary Youth Exchange student who lived with Herb and Janice Wilson about 30 years ago. They remain in contact and are another example of the great relationships we develop through Rotary.

When Lynn Hicks of **Des Moines** Rotary and our Group Study Exchange team was in **Brazil** in 2008, they visited a private school in Recife operated by a NGO for children from a shantytown in the community. Lyn and the GSE team observed the need for improved kitchen facilities in the school that serves two daily meals to one hundred children besides teaching classes in literacy, arts and English. After returning home, Lynn corresponded with contacts in the Rotary Club of Recife Boa Viagem and developed a project that is providing equipment and furniture for the kitchen and dining room of the school. This builds upon a long-term relationship between the Recife club and the school, much like relationships that District 6000 clubs have with schools in our own communities.

The Rotary Clubs of **Ames** and Same, **Tanzania,** are partners in a project to improve and extend a clean water system to serve four schools, a medical dispensary, and a marketplace and to provide additional distribution points for homes in a rural village near Kilimanjaro. Sarah Buck visited the community in early September 2009, submitted the matching grant application on Sept. 25 and received approval from TRF on Oct. 19. That may well be a record fast turnaround time on a matching grant application! It is testimony to the effort that Sarah and her Ames committee, their Same partners and the community put into the front end of the project.

Del Christensen of **Adel** Rotary traveled to **Nigeria** to assess needs of a medical clinic in an isolated rural village. He found the clinic woefully under-equipped to serve its primary mission of providing maternity care and childbirth services to the village. Partnering with the Rotary Club of Malali Kaduna, the clinic is receiving a variety of equipment and supplies: a gas-powered electric generator, refrigerators, freezers, delivery beds, exam tables, microscopes, stethoscopes and numerous lesser but necessary items.

A unique project of the Rotary Club of **Iowa City,** partnering with a Guatemala City club, is assuring that 100 Guatemalan children born with club foot defects receive corrective treatment to allow them to develop normally and lead fully productive lives. The treatment is the non-surgical Ponseti Method developed by a University of Iowa orthopedist. Last January, Dr. Jose Morcuende, three orthopedist colleagues and a team of Rotarians traveled to **Guatemala** to begin the treatments. The Iowa physicians taught the Ponseti Method to Guatemalan physicians and health practitioners who will complete the treatment and continue to heal other afflicted children. The University of Iowa provided the financial support to send the Iowa physicians to Guatemala. Rotary's contribution funded hospital fees and supplies, transportation to the hospital and food and shelter for the parents and children, plaster cast materials and braces that will be recycled for use by future patients. District 5970 also contributed financial support. This project, which bears the strong imprint of PDG Herb Wilson's imagination and leadership, is likely to be carried in other countries.

The Rotary Clubs of **Marshalltown** and Bo, **Sierra Leone,** are partners in a project to equip an orphanage housing more than 100 children with a solar oven. The solar oven will be used to bake bread for the orphanage and for commercial purposes and for other food preparation at the orphanage. The orphanage in Sierra Leone was founded by a Marshalltown native. John Fink of Marshalltown Rotary has made some new best friends at The Rotary Foundation and in Sierra Leone trying to help the Rotary Club of Bo through the foundations procedures.

Muscatine Rotary is partnering with a club in Belize City, **Belize,** to provide a drinking water supply and toilet block for a primary school in a poor rural community. Facilities at the school were substantially damaged by a hurricane in 2008. John Schwandke of **Muscatine** developed friendships at the 2009 Central America Project Fair that led to this project. John, who winters in Mexico, plans to work in the implementation of the project.

The Rotary Club of **Indianola** co-sponsored a project to furnish a library in San Ignacio, **Belize,** with several other clubs and districts around the country. This project, too, grew out of the 2009 Central America Project Fair.

The Rotary Clubs of **Bettendorf** and La Moline Vieja in Lima, **Peru,** have a project that will place biosand water filters in more than 100 homes in a poor inner-city community that has no access to safe drinking water. Bettendorf Rotarian Lee Semenow, who grew up and worked in Latin America and is multi-lingual, read of this project in The Rotarian and communicated with Peruvian Rotarian Carlos Rioja, whose working career was in Wisconsin and retired to Lima.

The Rotary Clubs of **West Liberty** and Manzanillo, **Mexico,** have accomplished several successful projects together. This year they are funding the purchase of furniture and equipment for an orphanage. Beds, chairs, fire extinguishers, clothes washing machine and dryer, and other such basic needs will be provided. Tom Brooke and Conrad Gregg of West Liberty travel regularly to Manzanillo and built a relationship with the orphanage administrator, a Rotarian and former Iowan.

The Rotary Clubs of **Northwest Des Moines** and **North Scott** have applied for a grant for another **Nigeria** project that district leaders brought back in 2008. Partnering with the Rotary Club of Kakuri-Kaduna, they hope to construct toilet facilities for a school of about 900 pupils. The school has no toilets so students and teachers have to go in the bushes on the compound and girls drop out of school at age 10-12.

Mt Pleasant Rotary and the Rotary Club of Bwaila, **Malawi,** and an NGO, Save Orphans Ministries, are partners in a project to provide solar electric energy for ten schools that have no access to electricity. The project will enable about 4,000 students to continue their studies after dark without resorting to use of candles and kerosene lanterns.

Our final application this year pairs the Rotary Clubs of **East Polk** and Pietersburg, **South Africa,** in a project that will give eye exams to school children and fit 3,500 kids with eyeglasses. What an amazing amount of humanitarian good a relatively small expenditure can accomplish in the developing world!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

April 23-25 • PZAZZ! Conference Center • Burlington

By DG Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

Friday Golf: District 6000 golfers had the opportunity to play on one of Iowa's premier courses. For the brave golfers who went out on the course, the weather proved not to be a problem. The course is quite a challenge but a great time was had by all. Our two GSE men joined us for the fun. A big Thank You to Ginny Hughes and the Rotary Club of Fairfield, for organizing this event.

Extreme Sports/Iowa Adventurer: Charlie Wittmack. For those who did not get to hear Charlie talk about his interest in summiting Mt. Everest, you missed a great presentation. Charlie talked about "The Summit of Success," and described his adventure conquering Mt. Everest and his plan for his next great adventure "World Triathlon." Everyone who attended was motivated by the determination, dedication and the resilience that Charlie has.

Ambassadorial Scholars: Jill Moeller and Alex Buchanan. Jill Moeller, a current scholar in Grahamstown, South Africa, sent her greeting and synopsis of her experience as a scholar, via video. Alex Buchanan, an Ambassadorial Scholar at Iowa State University, 1959-60, spoke about his time as an Ambassadorial Scholar and how this experience has impacted his life and vocation. Alex was selected as the Rotary International Alumni of the Year at the RI Convention in Birmingham England, in June 2009. It was great to hear what it is like to be a current scholar and what scholars accomplish after their studies.

Ambassadorial Scholar Alex Buchanan and his wife, June, from Australia.

Celebrating Women in Rotary: Saturday evening, District 6000 honored nearly 40 women who have served as president of their clubs as well as the first women to join their respective Rotary clubs. I was told that the ideas floating in the hall before the recognition were enough to keep several clubs busy. I also learned that two women were able to reconnect before the Saturday night introductions, who had lost track of each other over the past 20 years. What a great medium Rotary is when it comes to bringing people together.

Australian GSE team member Marcus Pitzen (with Ginny Hughes of Fairfield) showed how auctioneers from "Down Under" perform their craft.

Women who were the first to join their clubs and/or the first woman to serve as president were recognized.

District 6000 Auction: The silent auction brought in $2700, while the live auction raised $2600. This money will go toward the expense of having our youth with us at District Conference, with the balance going toward the Haiti relief effort. A special thank you to the clubs and individuals who contributed items to both the silent and live auctions.

Packaging Food with "Meals from the Heartland" and "Kids Against Hunger": Rotary Youth Exchange, Interact and RotaKids packaged food for two hours Saturday afternoon during the conference. The packaged food will go for relief in needy parts of the world. When they were done, they had packaged over 12,000 meals, or over 2,000 bags of food. Each of the two groups were presented with checks for $3,000 for food for Haiti, raised by District 6000 Rotarians. The Danville RotaKids also presented "Kids Against Hunger" with a check for $200.

Rotary Youth Exchange: The 2009-10 inbound and 2010-11 outbound students opened the Conference with their traditional

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Peggy Geiger (white smock) of Decatur County, wife of DGN Terry Geiger, joined the youth in packaging 12,000 meals for Haitian relief.

Rotarians were inspired, as always, with the presentation of flags by Rotary Youth Exchange students.

Youth Exchange, World Vision and much more

"Presentation of Flags" of the countries represented by the youth and special guests to our conference. Clement Donnio (inbound, France) and Tanner Liechty (outbound, Brazil) each spoke about their experience as Youth Exchange students. Linda Stallone, Rotary Club of Fairfield, talked about life after being an exchange student herself, as a mother of exchange students, and as a host mother.

World Vision-District 6000 Partnership: Roger Flessing, World Vision Communications Vice President, came to our conference from World Vision World Headquarters in Seattle, Washington, to address our people on the impact our partnership has had in Sri Lanka. He used an example of a family who had lost their cattle during the tsunami, and who had received two microcredit loans to rebuild their herd and restore the life style they had before the tsunami. This is just one example of the impact we are having through our partnership with World Vision and the impact of the micro-credits that are being implemented. Roger was presented with a check for over $20,000 from District 6000, which will be used in Haiti, after World Vision matches our contributions. If there are clubs that have additional money to send to the Haiti relief, you can still send it to Dick Kennedy, Treasurer of FAMSCO, 1811 N. Dubuque St., Iowa City, IA 52245.

District Governor Cal Litwiller (r) presented a check for $20,000-plus to Roger Flessing, which World Vision will double for Haiti relief.

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Enjoying an afternoon of golf at District Conference despite overcast weather were (l-r): DG Cal Litwiller and his son, Tony, and members of the inbound Group Study Exchange team, Matthew Walta and Marcus Pitzen.

Golfing at Spirit Hollow

By Ginny Hughes/Fairfield
Office/Position

The District Conference Golf Outing was held at the Spirit Hollow Golf Course in Burlington. It is a beautiful and challenging course. The weather was not as nice as we had hoped and a few of the golfers who registered chose not to play. As you can see from the photo, Cal and his son, Tony, braved the windy drizzle and had a great time playing with Matthew and Marcus from Australia.

Prizes were awarded at the Friday evening banquet to some of the low-scoring teams. Actually, all of the teams were recognized for their efforts. The lowest scoring team with a round of 66 was from Burlington (possibly due to the "home court advantage.") That team consisted of David Miller, Mike Shinn and Dennis Hinkle.

The next team with the lowest score was a team of Rotarians who met each other for the first time on the course. The second place team with a score of 68 was Dan Bontrager from Kalona, Terry Pauling from Indianola, Lee Holmes from Waukee, Doug Peterson from the Iowa Quad Cities and Michael Fitzpatrick from Mt. Pleasant.

The Ft. Madison team made a good showing with a score of 71. That team consisted of Bob Anderson, Dave Poland, Wayne MacLearn and Gary Milks. Gag gifts were given to my favorite team members from a prior year, non-golfers on that day, PDGs Dale Belnap and Don Goering for going to Big Muddy's instead of weathering the storm on the course.

All in all it was a great day. I wish the weather had been better and we could have played all of the fun games I had planned for the course, but that's golf. It rains, you lose a few balls, but you keep coming back hoping for that great shot that makes your day.

See you next year at the District Conference in Ankeny.

Group Study Exchange teams from Districts 6000 and 9790 shared their experiences, front (l-r): Rachel Litwiller and D-6000 team, Cara George, Kyla Kiester, team leader Rita Perea, Julie Pollock and Natasha Wilson Boland. Back: DG Cal Litwiller, Marcus Walta, Kerrie Lante, Cindy Uren, Matthew Pitzen and team leader Glenys Hall.

Burlington Rotary executive secretary Ed Whitham takes tickets with a smile.

An inspiring, motivational District Conference

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RI President Kenny's Representative, Larry Dimmitt: We all enjoyed meeting and hearing from President Kenny's representative, PDG Larry Dimmitt, from District 5710, Topeka, Kansas. Larry and his wife Lois were wonderful representatives of President Kenny, and enjoyable people to meet and talk to. Everyone who had the opportunity to visit with Larry and Lois found them to be an enjoyable addition to our conference. Larry was very complimentary of District 6000 and all we are doing in Iowa and in the world. We were privileged to have Larry and Lois at our conference.

GSE Teams: Clubs who hosted the GSE team from District 9790, near Melbourne, Australia, had a great time interacting with a very energetic group of young professionals. While they were in our District, the GSE members were able to visit numerous locations that related to their professions and others that were of general interest. One of the highlights was visiting the Ponseti Center at the University of Iowa Hospitals, and observing Dr Jose Morcuende recast a two week old baby who was born with club foot. It was very impressive seeing how simple the process seemed to be, yet how effective.

The District 6000 outbound GSE team who visited District 9790, in Melbourne, Australia, were also at District Conference, reporting on their time in Australia. From what they said and what they posted on their blog, they were able to enjoy a once in a lifetime experience. Their service project of setting up an irrigation site where the fires of 2009 had been so destructive was very impressive. In traditional Australian style the team was treated to numerous barbecues.

District Grants: Doug Flournoy, District Simplified Grants chair, and Brock Earnhardt, World Community Service/International Matching Grants chair, reported on all of the successes that District 6000 clubs are having this year with grants. Several clubs gave first-hand reports on their DSGs, and Brock reported on the 16 Matching Grants initiated this year by 22 clubs for over $300,000 of work in the world.

(District Awards & Recognition are on pages 33-34)

Burlington Rotary past president Win Boyd and his wife, Gail (r) were aides to RI Presidential Representative Larry Dimmitt and his wife, Lois, from Topeka, Kansas.

Brock Earnhardt of Davenport (l) and Doug Flournoy of Fairfield chaired the D-6000 World Community Service Matching Grants and District Simplified Grants committees.

RotaKids from Burlington and Danville gave $200 to District 6000's relief effort for Haiti for World Vision.

Greeting Rotarians at the registration table were Carol Nemitz of Mt. Pleasant, Connie Boyer of Fairfield and district adminisrator Carolyn Scharff.

This beautiful quilt with the 2009-10 Rotary theme was bid up to $400 at auction by PDG Susan Herrick and given to DG Cal and Rachel Litwiller.

Rachel Litwiller celebrates success with District Conference co-chair Joyce Vance of Burlington. Gwen Baker of Burlington was also a co-chair.

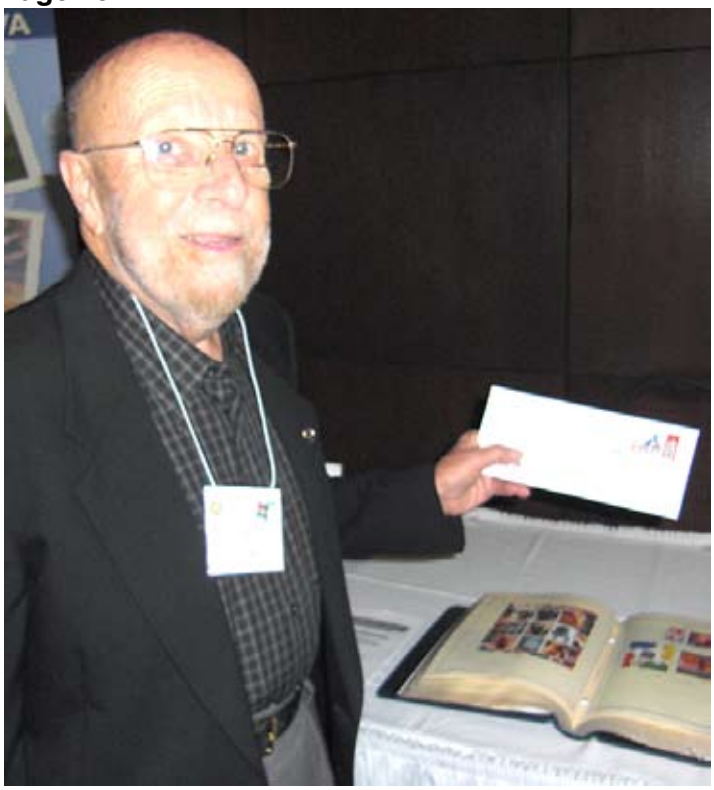
Pianist Ruth Stein is a member of the Rotary Club of Burlington.

The Mt. Pleasant High School Show Choir "In Motion" gave a high energy concert with a rousing rendition of "Hair."

Jason Edwards, associate professor of music at Iowa Wesleyan College, played the flute.

Clavinova player Tatyana Hetzer of Keokuk immigrated from Russia in '94.

Soloist Lori Wilson of the Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant (l), and song leader Tim Ahern of the Rotary Club of Keokuk (r).



Irv Stein of Burlington has a scrapbook of Rotary stamps and says it's strange that only one Rotary stamp was ever issued by the U.S. Postal Service.

Lack of Rotary stamps miffs Burlington collector

The Rotary stamp collection of Irv Stein of Burlington was one of the many interesting displays at District Conference, and begs the question of why the U.S. Postal Service has been so apparently stingy in issuing stamps for Rotary.

The story, according to Stein:

Until 1954, four countries had issued a total of 12 stamps to commemorate Rotary International: Austria in 1931; Cuba in 1940; Brazil in 1948; and Belgium n 1954.

In 1954, for Rotary's 50th birthday, 27 countries issued about 80 stamps to commemorate Rotary, all with the Rotary wheel, and many depicted the portrait of founder Paul Harris.

To date, more than 900 stamps and souvenir sheets have been issued to commemorate Rotary, from 150 countries:

- For the 50th anniversary: 81 stamps from 27 countries.
- For the 100th anniversary: 153 stamps from 78 countries.
- Paul Harris portrait: 104 stamps.
- Helping children: 40 stamps.
- Anti-Polio stamps: 8 stamps.
- Rotary and Lions combined: 14 stamps.

"I find it most interesting," Stein says, that with the headquarters of Rotary in Evanston, Ill., the United States has issued only one stamp, in 1955, to honor Rotary, and nothing for the 100th!"

Thank you to clubs for district support

FAMSCO

A voluntary assessment of $5 per member with a suggested maximum per club of $500 is requested in support of FAMSCO. Thirty-six clubs gave $9,420 in 2009-10:

Ames	500
Bettendorf	460
Boone	200
Carroll	295
Centerville	100
Chariton	270
Clinton	500
Coralville-North Corridor	150
Davenport	500
Decatur County	105
Des Moines	500
East Polk	200
Fairfield	315
Grinnell	150
Indianola	255
Iowa City AM	560
Iowa City Downtown	180
Johnston	245
Kalona	200
Keosauqua	24
Manning	85
Marengo	70
Marshalltown	500
Mt. Pleasant	150
Mt. Pleasant Noon	100
Muscatine	250
Nevada	320
North Scott	500
Northwest Des Moines	270
Pella	205
Iowa Quad Cities	240
Tipton	130
Washington	315
Waukee	235
West Liberty	160
Winterset	155

Iowa M.O.S.T.

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-seven clubs gave $9,884 in 2008-09:

Ames	500
Bettendorf	460
Boone	200
Carroll	295
Chariton	270
Clinton	500
Coralville-North Corridor	150
Corning	500
Davenport	500
Decatur County	105
East Polk	200
Fairfield	315
Fort Madison	270
Grinnell	150
Indianola	255
Iowa City AM	560
Iowa City Downtown	180
Johnston	245
Kalona	200
Keosauqua	120
Lenox	150
Manning	85
Marengo	70
Marshalltown	500
Mount Pleasant	150
Mount Pleasant Noon	100
Muscatine	250
Nevada	320
North Scott	500
Northwest Des Moines	270
Pella	205
Iowa Quad Cities	240
Tipton	130
Washington	315
Waukee	235
West Liberty	160
Winterset	155

Welcome club presidents for 2010-11!

Adel	Adam Doll
Albia	Brian Lindberg
Ames	Stephen Howell
Ames Morning	Joel Rogers
Ankeny	Tim Hawkins
Atlantic	John McCurdy
Bettendorf	Jeff Hassel
Bloomfield	Brad Martin
Boone	Tim Trudeau
Burlington	Richard Swanson
Carroll	Aaron Juergens
Centerville	Lora Ashby
Chariton	Betty Hansen
Clinton	Kathy Klahn
Coon Rapids	Mark Thomas
Coralville-NC	Jill Ferguson
Corning	Nancy Turner
Corydon	Denice Gradeless
Creston	Wayne Pantini
Dallas Center	Cheryl Wolfe
Davenport	Glen Hummel
Decatur County	William Morain
Des Moines	Robert Wootten
Des Moines AM	William Burma
East Polk County	Eric Borseth
Fairfield	Aaron Kness
Fort Madison	Bob Anderson
Greater DM	Drew Engelbrecht
Grinnell	James Ahrens
Indianola	Amy Duncan
Iowa City	Bernie Cremers
Iowa City AM	Doug Huette
Iowa City	James Phelps
Iowa Quad Cities	Leigh Svacina
Jefferson	Dean Dozier
Johnston	Steven Wieneke
Kalona	Dan Bontrager
Keokuk	Joe Steil
Keosauqua	Susan Wasko
Knoxville	James Butler
Lenox	Richard Wilson
Manning	Roger Schmiedeskamp
Marengo	Genny Maroc
Marshalltown	Leon Lamer
Mt. Pleasant Noon	Bob Welander
Mt. Pleasant	Betty Mullen
Muscatine	Tom Ward
Nevada	Loyd Brown
Newton	Terry Rickers
North Scott	Charlie Jones
NW Des Moines	Eric Dickinson
Osceola	Steve Weers
Oskaloosa	Rob Taylor
Ottumwa	David Wetrich
Pella	Don Ringgenberg
Perry	Bill Clark
Tipton	Diana Waltz
Washington	Nancy Rash
Waukee	John Irving
Wellman	Patricia Freeman
West Des Moines	Todd Wishman
West Liberty	Tom Brooke
Winterset	Cathy Simon

Nevada delegation ...

The Rotary Club of Nevada was represented at District Conference by (l-r): Mary Mosiman, president; Ros Dunblazier, assistant governor; Bryanne Presley, Outbound short-term exchange student; Kathy Strum, District 6000 treasurer; and Loyd Brown, president-elect. (Provided by Ros Dunblazier)

Kids Against Hunger at Newton

The Rotary Club of Newton Rotary recently supported and participated in the Kids Against Hunger project. Another Kids Against Hunger event is planned in Newton for June 13. (submitted by president Corinne Coyle)

Wear your Rotary pin with pride!

Jefferson welcomes ISU president Geoffroy

By Jacque Andrew/Jefferson
Club Public Relations chair

Iowa State University president Gregory Geoffroy was in Jefferson on Monday, March 8 as the featured speaker at the Jefferson Rotary Club meeting.

ISU president Gregory Geoffroy addresses the Rotary Club of Jefferson.

Geoffroy pointed out key success measures at the University, which include enrollment, student placements, sponsored funding, alumni loyalty and support, and state support.

He told the audience that enrollment is at an all-time high (28,000), student placements are high (96 percent of graduates have jobs or are in graduate school within six months of graduating), sponsored funding (funds from companies, foundations, etc.) is at an all-time high, and alumni loyalty and support is also at unprecedented levels. Only the area of state funding has dropped in recent years. Geoffroy said despite those lost funds, tuition and fees for in-state students remain lower than in nearly every other state.

Geoffroy also spoke to about 40 Jefferson-Scranton High School students that morning. Carole Custer of Jefferson, a member of the Rotary Club of Ames, is director of the Office of University Marketing at ISU. She helped arrange Geoffroy's visit.

Keep Decatur County beautiful

"Keep America Beautiful" begins right here in Decatur County, Iowa. The Rotary Club of Decatur County organized a group for their first roadside pickup on May 15. They took to the ditches of a two mile stretch to collect debris and trash. The club has recently adopted this stretch of road which is located at the intersection of Highway 2 and Interstate I-35, running two miles east on Highway 2. Volunteers included Mary Ellen Stanley, Linda Chastain, Bill Morain, Jack De Pond, Loring Miller, Chris Coffelt, Phil Metcalf, Terry Geiger and Peggy Geiger. (Provided by Peggy Geiger)

The inaugural West Liberty Rotary Gala raised $30,000 for the 37-member club's service work.

West Liberty Rotary's inaugural Gala a success

By Dana Nelson/West Liberty

The West Liberty community was all a buzz on the evening of May 8th. Who would win the grand prize luxurious trip to Puerta Nueva, Mexico?

The Rotary Club of West Liberty has always been known to contribute great things to the local community and around the world and this evening was no exception. The event was held in conjunction with the West Liberty Elementary School to help raise funds for a new playground. Raffle tickets for a chance to win the grand prize six-day, seven-night all-inclusive trip to the Grand Luxxe Resort in Puerta Nueva, Mexico, a 46" flat screen television, a set of Ping golf irons, and six other much sought after items, were sold prior to the event.

With over 1,200 raffle tickets sold and 125 silent auction items up for bid, the club came out on top for this first-time fundraiser. Over $30,000 was raised at the Gala, $15,000 going towards the playground project, $1,000 towards Haitian earthquake relief, and the remaining $14,000 towards other Rotary community projects.

Ah yes, and I know you cannot take the suspense any longer… Mrs. Dorothy Carey won the grand prize! She was quite a fitting winner since her father-in-law, J.C. Carey, was a charter member in 1924 of the Rotary Club of West Liberty.

Friendship Exchanges in 2011 with England, New Zealand

By Al Orsborn/Ottumwa
D-6000, Friendship Exchange chair

The District 6000 RFE Committee is currently finalizing plans for exchanges with districts in British Columbia and South Africa for later this year. The RFE teams for both of these trips have been filled.

Plans are underway for two exciting exchanges in 2011. A group of District 6000 Rotarians will be traveling to England in September 2011 and another group will be travelling to New Zealand in March 2011.

If you are interested in either of these trips contact District 6000 RFE Chairman Al Orsborn at acokmo@yahoo.com.

Scholars at Mount Pleasant

The Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant Noon awarded its 2010 high school scholarship winners. The club has, for the past 15 years, awarded two seniors from the Mt Pleasant school system $750 each for their college education. John Freeland, the club chair of this program, is pictured with this year's two winners, Emily Van Dorin and Collin Depriest. Both will be attending colleges in Iowa, the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa, respectively. The committee had a difficult time making the decision this year, with many fine candidates to choose from. We are proud that they may be future Rotarians. (submitted by Richard Mueller)

Keosauqua Scholastic Banquet

The Rotary Club of Keosauqua's 54th annual Scholastic Banquet was held April 28. The club honors the top 10 students in the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes each year. The first banquet was held on May 16, 1957, just two years after the formation of the Keosauqua Rotary Club. The club also invites the parents of the senior class top 10 scholars to enjoy the meal and program. This year, out of the 40 possible students, 38 were in attendance. All but one of the senior class has been to all four years of the banquet. We think this is a tremendous project for our little community and it is definitely one that the students appreciate. In the photo, the bottom right is the freshman class, next the sophomores, then the juniors and finally the seniors. The table in the background is one of the tables reserved for the seniors' parents. Some Rotary members are standing in the background. (submitted by club president Bill Shewmaker)

Des Moines AM Rotarians Bob Rennebohm (second from left) and Judge Russell Hill (third from right) with Bolivian Rotarians.

The recyling center which was the result of a partnership between the Rotary Clubs of Des Moines AM and La Paz Sur, Bolivia.

Rotary Club of Des Moines AM spearheads recycling center in Bolivia

By Tamara Kenworthy

Rotary Club of Des Moines AM members Judge Russell Hill and Bob Rennebohm have spearheaded an international project in Bolivia, partnering with the Rotary Club of La Paz Sur.

Judge Hill and Bob have traveled to Bolivia on two separate trips to meet with and work on this project, which began in June, 2008 and was recently completed. The project was conceived by a Rotarian who had traveled to Bolivia and saw what could be done.

The goal was to provide a recycling center at the Universidad Academica Compensina in Carmen Pampa, La Paz, Bolivia. The project created a regional center in which students at the University collect and separate waste products for secondary uses, such as mulch, or sale to larger recycling centers in La Paz.

The University was created to educate the impoverished rural youth of the Yungas region of Bolivia, a cloud forest on the eastern slope of the Andes. The recycling center enables the college to not only recycle its refuse, but also refuse from the region. It also serves as a learning facility as the students who volunteer there will receive tuition credits in exchange for work performed. Additionally, the center will enhance and preserve the ecology of the region.

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

The Rotary Club of Des Moines AM has over 145 members and meets every Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. at The Wakonda Club. The club has worked on numerous international projects around the globe over the years, in addition to its membership being highly involved in many service projects in the metro Des Moines area, including a partnership with multiple projects at Capitol View School.

(provided by Bev McLinden)

Going global

Kelly Sargent, a member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines, put District 6000 on the map with a full-page feature in the June issue of The Rotarian, for organizing Helen's Pajama Parties which raise funds to give new pajamas to women in domestic abuse shelters. Kelly is pictured taking her message to Rotarians at District Assembly, March 27 at Ankeny.

Polio survivor: 'Why I joined Rotary'

John Hulst is a doctor of theology and president emeritis of Dordt College. He is a new member of the Rotary Club of Pella who donated $1,000 and became a Paul Harris Fellow. His inspiring story was submitted by Marlyn Rietveld-Ebbers.

By John Hulst/Pella

A year ago this month, Louise and I were working – along with others – in the Archival Collection of the Center for Public Justice at Dordt College. Louise said to one of our co-workers, "I wish John would really retire so that we would have more time to do the things we want to do rather than the things we have to do." The response, "John will not really retire until you move out of and away from Sioux Center." Early this year we moved away from Sioux Center to Pella, to a beautiful place overlooking the Sunken Gardens – just a few blocks from the home of our daughter, Mary, who works in admissions at the Pella Hospital.

John Hulst

Shortly after our move we were visited by Bob Wallinga, president of the local Rotary club, whom we have known for several years. Bob asked me to be his guest at the upcoming Rotary luncheon, and eventually invited me to apply for membership. At first I hesitated because I had just begun my real retirement. But eventually I decided to accept the invitation, for three reasons:

First, because of Rotary's emphasis on service – service is what the Christian life is and should be about.

Second, because of Rotary's international character – much of our life, with the church and the college, has been spent in international activity.

Third, because of Rotary's work in the eradication of polio. Six months after Louise and I were married both of us came down with polio – and since then, in fact, to this very day, our lives have been extensively influenced by the disease.

When we were youngsters, August was "polio month." It was a time when we were kept out of large crowds, we were not allowed to go to the public swimming pool, and we were put to bed shortly after dinner. There was a wide-spread fear of polio – known then as "infantile paralysis."

At the end of my first year of study at Calvin Seminary, Louise and I were assigned to a 10-week student pastorate in the Christian Reformed Church of Ireton, Iowa. With just one week left on the assignment, Louise became ill with what appeared to be the flu. A spinal tap indicated it was polio, and she became a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital in Sioux City.

The following Sunday I came off the pulpit with a headache and fever. The next morning I drove to see the doctor in Hawarden. He gave me a shot for the flu and sent me home. On the way I passed out and ended in the ditch. When I finally arrived at the parsonage I passed out again and waking up found myself in the home of the Bruxvoorts. Gilbert Bruxvoort had carried me across the street and put me in their bed, where he and his wife cared for me until our parents arrived. It was obvious that I, too, had polio.

Eventually, Louise's father arranged for a plane to fly us back home, to Grand Rapids, Mich. On the way Louise, still in a weakened condition, became air sick. Our plane landed in Iowa City; and Louise and her mother were put on the train for Grand Rapids. Taking off from Iowa City, the plane developed a problem with its propeller. Gliding back to the airport, we barely missed crashing into some high-tension wires. After waiting four hours for repairs, we resumed our flight, arriving very late at night in the Kent County Airport.

The following morning Louise and I were reunited and promised one another, "We're never going west of the Mississippi again." Interesting! Two years later, following graduation, I received a number of calls – one of them to Ireton. In spite of our experience there – or perhaps because of it – we accepted the Ireton call and, with the exception of three years in Jenison, Mich. (a bedroom community of Grand Rapids) we've spent our entire professional life serving in churches and Dordt College – all of them west of the Mississippi.

After our return to Grand Rapids, Louise gradually regained her strength, but I was hospitalized. My left side was paralyzed, and I couldn't walk or even hold a book.

Since polio was regarded as highly contagious, all my clothes were taken and burned when I arrived at the hospital. The staff in the polio ward was constantly chasing flies lest they carry the disease to other parts of the hospital. And our meals were served on cardboard plates and eaten with wooden utensils – all of them disposable. My first meal included lima beans on a cardboard plate, eaten with a wooden spoon. I was reminded of the hymn title, "How Tedious and Tasteless the Hours."

Without asking for my approval – can you imagine that? – Louise enrolled me for my middler year in Calvin Seminary. She came to my hospital room with a stack of books and, in spite of my protests, began to read to me – I think it was Berkhofs Systematic Theology. Throughout the semester she continued reading assigned works and, on the basis of my dictation, typed several of my papers – while my friends were taking notes for me in class.

Then the time for mid-semester tests arrived, one of the most important and most difficult being the test in church history. We prepared long and hard. On the day of the test, my first day back in school, Louise drove me to the front of the seminary and waited for me to get out of the car. By that time I was walking slowly on crutches, but I was frozen with fear because of the test and refused to leave the car. "This car isn't moving until you get out," she said. "I can't do this," I cried, but to no avail. Eventually, I got out, took and passed the test, and was on my way to complete the semester.

Things continued that way until graduation. The curriculum at Calvin has always had a reputation for being academically demanding. But, with Louise by my side and with the Lord's blessing, I was able to graduate with my class. Louise has always been an important part of my life and work, a fact recently recognized when the library at Dordt College was named the John and Louise Hulst Library – in part, because for 25 years she worked in the library as reference librarian.

The Christian Reformed Synod of 1954 declared me eligible for call by the churches and, at the appropriate time, a number of calls came our way. While I was still paralyzed and confined to my bed, I had expressed the hope that we could serve a little white church, perhaps the church in Hull, North Dakota. Well, one of our calls

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Reasons to join Rotary

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was from a quite large white church in Ireton, Iowa. At first we resisted, because that's where we came down with polio. But eventually we accepted the call and, to this day, we're glad that we did.

Actually we were amazed that the church even considered us. During that last week of our summer in Ireton, Louise's mother was caring for both of us in the parsonage. On three different occasions older men of the congregation brought us whiskey in brown paper bags to the back door of the parsonage with instructions to take a drink two or three times a day. "It'll ease the pain," they said. Mother thanked the gentlemen, but just put the bottles in the cupboard without even telling us about them. Sometime after we had returned to Grand Rapids she told us about the whiskey left in the cupboard, which led us to observe, "When the cleaning ladies find those bottles they'll spread the word and the church consistory will decide "We don't want a drinker as our pastor." But the church did call us. And, in spite of the fact that Ireton was west of the Mississippi, we accepted the call and our ministry began.

When we consider how our ministry began we are so thankful. During the early years of our marriage, not only did both of us have polio but we lost two baby boys, and Louise almost died from infectious hepatitis. Still, we've been blessed with three daughters and seven grandchildren. For the most part, we've enjoyed good health. I had to give up golf, but learned to water ski (on one ski, since my left leg continues to be quite weak) and have done so until my mid-70s. Even more importantly we've been given the strength and opportunity to complete graduate programs; to serve large congregations; to participate in the work of denominational commissions dealing with race, interchurch relations, doctrinal issues, and Christian higher education; to occupy leadership positions at Dordt College; and to serve the International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education in the regions of Africa, Asia, Oceania, Europe, Latin America and North America.

And all this in spite of an ongoing struggle with post-polio issues. In addition to weakness in my legs, I've had problems swallowing because of tightness and spasms in my esophagus. This has caused frequent episodes of choking. Usually I've been able to work my way through these episodes, but the second Sunday after our move to Pella I choked on my dinner and had to be taken to the hospital; subsequently I had to submit to surgery to have my esophagus stretched.

I mention this unpleasant experience to help you understand that, even though I was retired when Bob Wallinga invited me to join Rotary, and when I learned that Rotary was committed to the eradication of polio, I was eager to join and support the program. We've been in two of the four countries – Nigeria and India – where polio is still an issue. We've seen polio victims in these countries with wooden blocks in their hands, pulling themselves along dry, dusty paths.

So, in light of all of this, we want to use this occasion not simply to tell you about our experience with polio, but to thank you for giving us an opportunity to assist in the eradication of a disease which continues to have such a devastating impact on so many lives. We are truly grateful to you and Rotary International for giving to us the privilege of helping those whose need we share and have experienced first hand.

We look forward to more opportunities to serve in the future.

Rotary Volunteer success story

District Rotary Volunteers chair Merle Anderson of North Scott, who has made seven trips to the east European country of Moldova as a Rotary Volunteer with the agricultural development organization CNFA, submitted an update from one of the villages he served: "A CNFA volunteer who was recently in Ignatei village, Moldova sent these pictures. Vita-Lact Cooperative has purchased a simple micro processing system for the purpose of pasteurization and packaging of milk and sour cream. They purchased the equipment in Romania. It is a very small step, but I am proud of their progress. It is their first step in providing 'value-added' products from their village. A marketing volunteer will be helping them soon. Just eight years ago, villagers did not have a good place to sell their milk. Now, they have a dependable market for milk. Their cooperative also offers several other important services such as veterinary needs, A.I., custom silage chopping, custom hay baling, etc."

During P.E.T.S., a check for $1,000 for District 6000's Haiti relief fund was presented to DG Cal Litwiller and Rachel by Rotary Club of West Liberty president-elect Tom Brooke (l).

Twenty-four words for ethical decision making

It was a beautiful morning and Andy sat beneath his neighbor's apple tree.

"What should I do today?" he thought.

Suddenly, an apple fell and plunked him on the head.

"Ouch!" he shouted.

Then he picked up the apple and inspected it.

"I know. I'll make apple dumplings."

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

(Reprinted from The North Scott Press)

Thus begins the story of "Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure," a hard-bound children's book that was given to 71 classes of second-graders in the North Scott and Davenport school districts and area parochial schools over the last several weeks by members of the Rotary Club of North Scott.

In the story, Andy sets about making apple dumplings with the idea that he'll get rich – but a voice from nowhere speaks: "Is it the TRUTH?"

"Well," Andy thought. "I suppose it's not entirely the truth. I mean, I made them, but they're not my apples."

You see, they came from his neighbor, Elmer. It was his apple tree.

Then the voice speaks again. "Is it FAIR to all concerned?" Andy decides it's not fair to Elmer, so they enter a partnership. "Your apples, my baking and we'll split the profits," he says.

When the voice speaks back, *"Is it building GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?" Andy says, "Why, yes it is. It is, indeed."*

With hard work, the partnership becomes a big success, but there is a problem. Andy and Elmer can't get the apple dumplings to the market, but then they see Becky in an old beat-up pickup truck and cut her in on the deal. When the voice asks, "Is it BENEFICIAL to all concerned?" Andy and Elmer nod in agreement, "Yes! Yes!"

In the end, their venture became so prosperous that Elmer runs an orchard, Becky oversees a fleet of trucks and Andy has 32 bakers working for him.

"And to this day," the story concludes, "Andy isn't sure where that mysterious voice came from. Although he now feels that it was simply the voice from within him, guiding him along his way.

"And if you ever visit Andy's kitchen, you'll find posted on the refrigerator, those four little questions (the Rotary Four-Way Test) to help guide everyone along their way."

The book, complete with a recipe for apple dumplings and supplemented with activity pages that reinforce its values, was welcomed enthusiastically by school officials.

The central message is about the Four-Way Test, which is a 24-word guide to ethical behavior that is embraced by Rotary club members worldwide. The non-sectarian code was developed in 1932 by Chicago businessman Herb Taylor when his business was not going well. He determined that these principles would apply to all decisions that were made and his business experienced a remarkable turnaround. The Four-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and Taylor became president of the international organization in 1954-55.

"It's a great way to bring values into the classroom," said North Scott superintendent Jeff Schwiebert, a member of the Rotary club who participated in the project.

Tracey Kuehl, director of the Bettendorf Family Museum and a member of the Rotary Club of North Scott, reads to students at Trinity Lutheran School in Davenport.

"We value a strong partnership between our schools and community and are pleased to welcome Rotarians into our classrooms to share books and interact with students," said Cindy Lewis, curriculum specialist for the Davenport School District.

All told, 425 copies were delivered to classrooms, school libraries and professional offices by club members.

"The book teaches things elementary kids need in this world," said club literacy chair John Maxwell. "It's neat to see kids' faces and how they get it," he said of their stories about things that happen in their lives in school, on the playground or at home.

North Scott Rotary club president Chuck Briegel beams when he thinks of the project, which was one of three in the 63-club Rotary District 6000 that were invited to tell their stories at the April 23-25 District Conference at Burlington. "It's an outstanding project," he said.

The author of the book is Andrew W. Shoup, a Rotarian from Fairborn, Ohio, who met Rotary club past president Bill Tubbs at the International Convention in Salt Lake City in 2007. Tubbs encouraged the local club to become involved and a $2,430 grant from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International matched the club's contribution.

Club members who delivered books included Schweibert, Angela Reese, Leo McGarry, Dennis Rucker, Tracey Kuehl, Jeremy Kaiser, Jan Trimble, Chuck Briegel, Bob Fox, Maureen Baldwin, Jack Schinckel, John Maxwell, Nancy Glawe, Steve Suiter, Glen Keppy, Bill Tubbs, David Schnorrenberg, Dennis Peterson, Julia Blazevic, Brad Burt, Fred Mulch and Ken Tank.

Now that the books are in the classsrooms and libraries, Charlie Jones, who will become club president on July 1, sees the project continuing. Club members will return to the schools and read and discuss the Four-Way Test with a new group of second-graders annually.

Information: www.andyandelmer.com.

Rotarians' songs promote reading ...

District Simplified Grants are the seeds for sprouting many projects. The Rotary Club of Iowa City planted the seed of literacy with a District Simplified Grant that gifted "I Can Read" songs DVDs to 10 Iowa City schools. Now the kindergarten children in 22 elementary schools are singing and dancing as they learn literacy skills.

In the photo at left, PDG Ray Muston (Iowa City) and Peggy Doerge (Iowa City AM) view the "I Can Read" songs literacy project display at District Conference at Burlington. At right, "I Can Read" creator LaDonna Wicklund promoted the project at President-Elect Training Seminar at Ankeny.

The Rotary Clubs of Iowa City AM and Iowa City Downtown recently joined the project. The "I Can Read" songs literacy project roster of supporting clubs is growing: Washington, Mount Pleasant and West Liberty.

Will your club invest just $3 per kindergarten child to support literacy learning in your community? Contact LaDonna Wicklund, Literacy Project Chair for Iowa City Noon Rotary at LDWicklund@aol.com.

35,000 'Books and Beasties' teach literacy

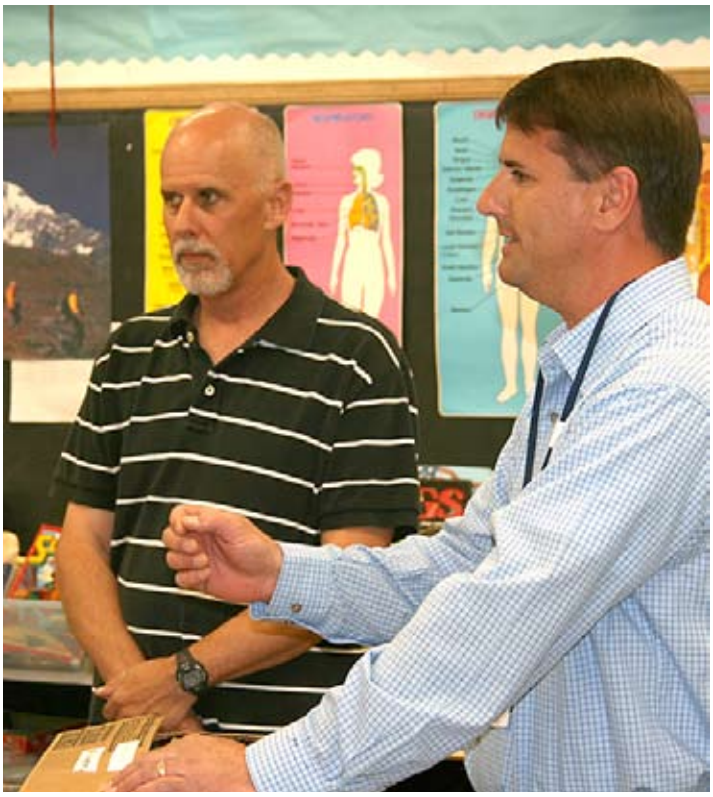
By John Fink/Marshalltown
Club President

The Rotary Club of Marshalltown teamed with a literacy group in Marshalltown called "Book and Beasties" who match slightly used stuffed animals and books for children in Marshalltown and the surrounding area. To date, the group has provided over 35,000 Books and Beasties to area children.

Our project with them was to provide new chapter books for the fourth grade public, Catholic and Christian school students in Marshalltown. There are 430 students in eight attendance centers who were provided books. Extra books were also given to the centers to use as they would like.

The books were delivered by five Rotarians and a son of one of the Rotarians. The Rotarians reviewed the history of Rotary; its mission, and the Four-Way Test with the teachers and students. A teacher e-mailed back stating, "Thank you for the awesome selection of books given to our fourth graders. They were thrilled with their new book. We appreciate our community showing support for literacy. Please pass this on to all your members."

To some of the students this may have been the first book they can call their own. We look forward to teaming up with the "Books and Beasties" literacy group for future projects.



Rotarian Paul Beals (r) and fourth-grade teacher Jim Lankelma at Woodbury Elementary School in Marshalltown promote literacy with the "Book and Beasties" program.

President Chuck Briegel (l) with new Multiple Paul Harris Fellows (l-r): Steve Fahrenkrog and his mother, Jan, in honor of the late Walt Fahrenkrog; Jamie Revord, Keith Mattke, Don Brandt and Gene Hoth.

President Briegel and Jamie Revord (l) with new Paul Harris Fellows (l-r): Nancy Glawe, Eric Langan, Dr. Brad Burt and Glen Keppy. Not pictured: Rick Dywiak. Jim Koehler and Steve Powell are new Multiple Paul Harris Fellows.

Major Gifts Officer Jamie Revord honors donors

The decision by the New Member Committee of the Rotary Club of North Scott to sponsor the club's first Paul Harris Fellow Awards Luncheon brought Rotary Foundation Major Gifts Officer Jamie Revord to District 6000. Learning that Jamie would be in the district on May 7, DG Cal Litwiller arranged for her to attend a Major Donor Reception at the home of H.D. Hoover and his wife, Myrene, in Iowa City the evening of May 6.

Jamie, whose life was changed when she spent a year as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in Scotland, inspired Rotarians with stories of The Foundation's humanitarian and educational work in the world.

At the North Scott event, a special meal was served and all Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members were recognized in a specially printed program. Members wore their medalions, and new Sustaining Members were signed up as the club inches ever closer to becoming a 100 percent Sustaining Member club.

Rachel Litwiller (l) and Jamie Revord (r) with hosts Myrene and H.D. Hoover at a Major Donor reception May 6 at the Hoovers' Iowa City home.

Among the Rotarians and spouses in attendance at the Major Donor reception in Iowa City were (l-r): DG Cal Litwiller, DGN Don Patterson, Pat and PDG Roger Borup, Stan and Corrine Barber, Jamie Revord and Ed Barker.

Bob Anderson of Ames (r), past chair of the Rotary District 6000 Subcommittee on the Permanent Fund, and his wife, Janice, traveled to the Rotary Club of Washington on March 25 to present DGN Don and Becky Patterson with the crystal and pins that are symbolic of Don and Becky becoming Level 2 members of The Rotary Foundation's Bequest Society. Pictured (l-r): Janice Anderson, Don Patterson (District Governor Nominee), Becky Patterson and Bob Anderson.

Foundation briefs

• To show the importance of goal setting, clubs that do not set a goal have a per capita contribution to The Rotary Foundation of $45. Clubs that do set a goal have a per capita contribution of $100. Sixty-six percent of clubs that do not set a goal end up being non-contributing clubs.

• Rotarians headed to Montreal for the RI Convention are invited to the Zone 28-29 Cruise, Sunday, June 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., boarding at the King Edward Pier in the Old Port of Montreal. Cost is $55. Information: Mike Ericksen: Gov64400708@aol.com.

• A training event for district leaders in Districts 5650 (Iowa-Nebraska), 5970 (northern Iowa) and 6000 (southern Iowa) will be Saturday, July 17 in Des Moines, starting at 9:00 a.m. at Immanuel United Methodist Church, 2900 49th St., Des Moines.

• The Rotary Foundation earns money from members using Rotary credit cards. Information: Robert.Mintz@rotary.org.

Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2009 - June 5, 2010*

(Members: Jul 09/Jul 08)	(1) 09-10 Goal	(2) Thru 6-5-10	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (29/29)	$ 2,600	$ 2,978	115	$ 102.69
Albia (32/33)	1,860	800	43	25.00
Ames Morning (63/69)	10,000	9,700	97	153.97
Ames (247/264)	38,250	20,768	54	84.08
Ankeny (60/60)	10,650	4,057	38	67.62
Atlantic (67/66)	5,175	3,725	72	55.60
Bettendorf (92/88)	10,560	16,425	156	178.53
Bloomfield (15/14)	1,400	175	13	11.67
Boone (58/62)	5,400	6,680	124	115.17
Burlington (97/96)	10,100	7,314	72	75.40
Carroll (59/59)	6,000	5,841	97	99.00
Centerville (39/40)	4,000	2,355	59	60.38
Chariton (53/54)	5,500	6,525	119	123.11
Clinton (119/124)	9,400	6,844	73	57.52
Coon Rapids (26/27)	2,400	1,000	42	38.46
Coralville-North Corridor (30/33)	5,704	200	4	6.67
Corning (47/53)	2,450	2,500	102	53.19
Corydon (15/15)	320	650	203	43.33
Creston (21/18)	475	0	0	0.00
Dallas Center (25/22)	2,500	2,550	102	102.00
Davenport (168/174)	16,500	11,085	67	65.98
Decatur County (19/17)	4,000	4,885	122	257.11
Des Moines AM (143/134)	15,000	8,100	54	56.64
Des Moines (331/345)	24,000	5,725	24	17.30
East Polk County (40/37)	3,900	2,040	52	51.00
Fairfield (68/68)	7,770	4,940	64	72.65
Fort Madison (54/55)	5,500	4,210	77	77.96
Greater Des Moines (40/0)	2,800	5,100	182	127.50
Grinnell (31/32)	3,000	1,288	43	41.55
Indianola (52/51)	5,720	2,936	51	56.46
Iowa City AM (56/57)	8,250	9,103	110	162.55
Iowa City Downtown (19/26)	2,500	0	0	0.00
Iowa City (298/308)	28,458	27,550	97	92.45
Iowa Quad-Cities (48/53)	2,450	1,145	47	23.85
Jefferson (56/57)	5,700	6,150	108	109.82
Johnston (49/47)	5,000	3,755	75	76.63
Kalona (46/45)	2,500	2,600	104	56.52
Keokuk (83/82)	8,500	3,755	44	45.48
Keosauqua (24/28)	1,950	1,977	101	82.38
Knoxville (64/68)	2,450	4,325	177	67.58
Lenox (26/26)	2,700	1,334	49	51.32
Manning (17/17)	1,800	600	33	35.29
Marengo (14/15)	1,350	179	13	12.79
Marshalltown (174/175)	10,000	350	4	2.01
Mount Pleasant Noon (39/34)	2,010	929	46	23.82
Mt. Pleasant (30/25)	2,500	1,150	46	38.33
Muscatine (123/131)	18,900	29,564	156	240.36
Nevada (64/61)	6,500	8,450	130	132.03
Newton (79/80)	9,205	5,241	57	66.34
North Scott (104/99)	11,330	13,675	121	131.49
Northwest Des Moines (54/58)	11,700	4,812	41	89.12
Osceola (31/34)	2,560	0	0	0.00
Oskaloosa (55/58)	4,125	1,002	24	18.22
Ottumwa (110/112)	12,540	10,925	87	99.32
Pella (41/39)	4,400	3,050	69	74.39
Perry (26/31)	1,600	300	19	11.54
Tipton (26/32)	2,900	1,075	37	41.35
Washington (62/62)	7,150	6,240	87	100.65
Waukee (47/57)	5,500	3,250	59	69.15
Wellman (36/33)	3,910	3,580	92	99.44
West Des Moines (80/81)	9,085	200	2	2.50
West Liberty (32/33)	7,425	12,250	165	382.81
Winterset (31/31)	1,860	2,400	129	77.42
Total (4,184)	**$ 431,672**	**322,434**	**74.69**	**$ 77.06**

(*) Data from unofficial "interim" Monthly Contribution Report of The Rotary Foundation

Will your club meet or exceed its Foundation goal?

By PDG Corliss Klaassen/Chariton
District Rotary Foundation chair

We are fast approaching the end of the 2009-2010 Rotary year. Our total giving to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation has only reached 74 percent of our goal.

When the President-Elects filled out their club goal for 2009-2010 at PETS, the total goal for all the clubs was $431,672. Our giving at the end of April was $301,889, which means we are $129,783.00 short for the year. We can still reach our goal, however, if we do as well as we did in May and June of last year when over $134.000.00 was sent into The Rotary Foundation.

So far this year 16 clubs have already achieved 100 percent of their Annual Program Fund pledge. Twelve clubs are between 70 percent and 99 percent, ten clubs are between 50 percent and 69 percent, 15 are between 20 percent and 49 percent and ten clubs are between zero and 19 percent.

We congratulate ten clubs who have reached 100 percent of their goal, plus their average contribution to the Annual Program Fund was over $100 per member. Those clubs are: 1. Bettendorf; 2. Boone; 3. Chariton; 4. Decatur County; 5. Iowa City AM; 6. Jefferson; 7. Muscatine; 8. Nevada; 9. North Scott; and 10. West Liberty.

Please refer to the attached Monthly Contribution Report to see where your club stands. Remember, what we give this Rotary year will affect how much money we will have available for Matching Grants and District Simplified Grants in 2012-2013.

If your club hasn't sent in all of its contributions to The Rotary Foundation for this year, please make sure they get sent in by June 15th or as soon as possible so it gets credited to this 2009-2010 Rotary year.

News Briefs

Montreal: Rotarians from District 6000 and Xicotepec, Mexico, will tell about District 6000's eight-year partnership with Xicotepec in the second afternoon breakout session at the RI Convention in Montreal, Monday, June 21. Presenters include founder PDG Ray Muston, project coordinator Jim Peterson of Iowa City AM, Helen Seaba from the UI College of Pharmacy, and pharmacy graduate Kierstan Hansen, now at Ferris State University in Michigan, representing Iowa, and Jaime Wurts, a Rotarian from Xicotepec.

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RYLA: 145 high school students participated in a successful Rotary Youth Leadership Awards day April 22 at a new venue, Hope Lutheran Church in West Des Moines. Watch for pictures and a more complete report in an upcoming issue of District 6000 News. The Rotary Club of West Des Moines coordinated the event and most clubs in District 6000 sponsored students.

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Breakfast: The District 6000 Breakfast has become a tradition at Rotary International Conventions. With 15,000-plus attending the convention, this is one time and place you can connect with people from your district. The breakfast will be Monday, June 21 from 7:30 to 9:30 at Maisonneuve A at the Marriott Chateau Champlain.

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GSE: Interviews for the GSE Rotarian team leader to District 9910 in New Zealand will be July 12. Applications are due by June 18. Non-Rotarian team members will be selected later in the summer and clubs are asked to encourage non-Rotarians ages 25-40 to apply. Dates for the trip are March 18-April 14, 2011. Information: Lynn Hicks: lynhyx@gmail.com.

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Major League PR: Rotary's message of Service Above Self and eradication of polio was on display at the Chicago Cubs' home game May 25 and the Kansas City Royals' home game on June 6. The theme was "Strike Out Polio!" What have you done lately to tell Rotary's story to non-Rotarians?

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Baseball: Eleven Rotary clubs in the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities will hold their third annual "Rotary Night at the Ballpark" with the Quad City River Bandits at Modern Woodmen Park in Davenport on Wednesday, Aug. 4, to create awareness and raise funds for polio eradication.

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RAGBRAI: In a talk at PETS, PDG Susan Herrick said Rotarians involved in RAGBRAI, *The Des Moines Register's* Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, should watch for a rider who is pedaling from San Diego to Fort Lauderdale, including RAGBRAI, raising a penny per mile for polio.

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Retention: In a talk at PETS, PDG Diana Reed, who is Zone 28 Membership Development chair, observed that 85 percent of persons who leave an organization think they are not important. The key to retention: Make members feel important!

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Peace Scholar: Rotarians are supporting the continuing education efforts of Wendi Boxx, the Rotary Peace Scholar who was sponsored by District 6000. She is working as an assistant professor at the Ludwig Maximilians Universität in Munich, Germany, where she has researched human trafficking and is supporting an NGO in northern India (Pardada Pardadi Educational Society PPES - www.education4change.org) that deals with the education of girl-children.

Rotarians raised $1,100 for Wendi to participate in a three-week intensive course (IPSIE) to prepare her for studies at Harvard in research methods, writing, presentation skills, economics, statistics, policy studies and contemporary problems facing leaders around the world.

Past Assistant Governor Lloyd Hill secured $500 from the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. PDG Corliss Klaassen secured $500 from Wendi's sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Ottumwa, including $145 from Darrell Limkeman, and Klaassen contributed the final $100. At Harvard Graduate School, Wendi will pursue a degree in International Education Policy (Ed. M.) with a focus on girl-child education as it concerns stability and security issues.

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Attendance: The club attendance report that would normally occupy these pages will be published in the next issue of District 6000 News. The report can be seen at the district Web site, www.rotary6000.org.

Outstanding student volunteers honored

The Rotary Club of Dallas Center has started a Student Volunteer Recognition Program. The first recipient was Katie Huyck, daughter of Richard and Jennifer Huyck from Grimes (pictured at right with her parents).

Katie was instrumental in the Coaches v. Cancer fundraising event Dallas Center-Grimes High School. She worked closely with Mike Levenhagen in organizing "Quarter for Cuts," which raised money to cut the hair of two staff members. She also played a key role in organizing the silent auction and other activities for the Coaches v. Cancer night. The event raised more than $7,000 for the fight against cancer. Katie was recognized on Feb. 23 for her outstanding activities. The award is based upon the Object of Rotary, and honors a youth of the Dallas Center-Grimes School District who demonstrates community service, "Service Above Self," or volunteering efforts.

The club asked the principals and administrators of the school district to nominate one student monthly while school is in session as the Rotary Student Volunteer Honoree. The student, their family, and principal will be invited to the Rotary club meeting to be honored and to accept a certificate and Rotary club banner in recognition of the student's "Service Above Self," a guiding Rotary principle.

(submitted by Jim Fox, Club Membership chair)

Outstanding Student Volunteer Katie Huyck with her parents, Richard and Jennifer Huyck of Dallas Center.

PDG Philippe Lamose, who grew up in France and lives in Solana Beach, Calif., developed an incredible Web site to help Rotarians identify and track World Community Service matching grants. The site is free and can be found at www.matchinggrants.org. Philippe (l) is pictured at the 2010 Past Officers Reunion in San Diego with PDG Rick Mendoza, who was the RI President's Rep to District 6000 in 2006.

Calendar

PRELIMINARY CALENDAR OF DISTRICT 6000 ACTIVITIES, 2010-11

July 10 ..... RYE Outbound Picnic, Washington
July 18 ..... PDG Picnic, Muscatine
Aug. 11 ..... WCS Committee, North Liberty
Sept. 2-5 ..... Meals from the Heartland, Hy-Vee Hall, Des Moines
Sept. 18 ..... RYE Fall Picnic, Iowa City
Sept. 28 .. Foundation/Membership/PR Seminar, Atlantic (6-9 PM)
Sept. 29 .. Foundation/Membership/PR Seminar, Des Moines (6-9 PM)
Sept. 30 .. Foundation/Membership/PR Seminar, Pella (6-9 PM)
Oct. 5 ..... Foundation/Membership/PR Seminar, Mt. Pleasant (6-9 PM)
Oct. 7-10 ..... Governor-Elect Training and Zone Institute, Rochester, N.Y.
Oct. 13 .... Foundation/Membership/PR Seminar, West Liberty (6-9 PM)
Oct. 23 ..... Committee Chairs Meeting, Pella
Oct. 28 ..... Exec, Budget Committees, Pella
Oct. 30 ..... RYE Inbound Fall Fun Day, Newton
Nov. 13 ..... PDG Holiday Party
Nov. 16 ..... WCS Committee, North Liberty
Nov. 28 ..... RYE Outbound Interviews
Dec. 7 ..... Exec, Budget Committees, Pella
Jan. 15-16 ..... RYE Winter Retreat, Indianola
Jan. 17-23 ..... International Assembly, San Diego
Feb. 15 ..... WCS Committee, TBD
Feb. 18-19 ..... AG Training, TBD
Feb. 22 ..... Exec, Budget Committees, Pella
Feb. 23 ..... Rotary's 106th Birthday
March 4-5 ..... Multi-District PETS, Dubuque
March 5-6 ..... RYE Spring Event, Davenport
March 18-April 15 ..... GSE Outbound Team to District 9910, New Zealand
March 5-13 ..... Xicotepec Week No. 1
March 12-20 ..... Xicotepec Week No. 2
TBA ..... RYE Outbound Orientation, Pella
TBA ..... RYLA, Des Moines
April 28-30 ..... District Conference, Ankeny
April 29 ..... District Assembly, Ankeny
May 22-25 ..... RI Convention, New Orleans

Ambassadorial Scholar Jill Moeller –

Postcard from South Africa

Dear D-6000 Rotarians,

"KeNako" (meaning "It's time") is the official slogan of the upcoming 2010 FIFA World Cup, and it certainly is the "time" to be in South Africa! It is the first World Cup to be hosted on African soil, and I am ready to join in the festivities!

It is a privilege and an honor to be a part of the Rotary family in South Africa as the country gets ready for the limelight. All of my senses are engaged in the upcoming activities, and here's a sneak peak at some of the things I'm observing here:

TASTING Kudu Burgers! My host Rotary Club in Grahamstown runs a "boerie store" for the National Arts Festival every June. Rotarians cook for the food stall during the festival and are known for their kudu burgers – a common type of antelope. It is one of the club's biggest fundraisers of the year. I look forward to donning an apron and grilling up kudu patties with the Rotarians soon!

SMELLING Autumn Air! The chilly season has hit the southern hemisphere! Trees are turning colors and the temperatures get down to the 40s most evenings. Grahamstown's winter season feels like a mild Iowan autumn. It's the perfect weather for strolling around in a sweatshirt and jeans!

SEEING Yellow & Green! The South African national soccer team's colors, yellow and green, have covered the country. From street light banners to soccer jerseys, everyone is supporting the Bafana Bafana (translates to "our boys") team! I've got my "official" yellow and green t-shirt and have been wearing it on Fridays leading up to the World Cup!

HEARING Vuvuzelas! If you watch any soccer games on TV, you're bound to hear the honking of these stadium horns. Invented in South Africa, vuvuzelas are approximately one meter in length and the noise is compared to a foghorn or an elephant. To produce a good hoot, you have to purse your lips and blow into it like you would with a brass instrument.

FEELING the Diski Dance Beat! The Diski is a national dance intended to generate excitement for the World Cup. It is a choreographed line dance – each move has a name originating from different parts of the country and also demonstrates a type of soccer move. I am learning the dance and will happily teach any Rotarians upon request!

Jill Moeller

In the next newsletter, I look forward to sharing more about South Africa and my experience as a scholar. If you can't wait 'til then, read my postcards online to get the details on my diski dancing and kudu cooking at http://postcardsfromjill.com!

All my best.

– Jill Moeller, Ambassadorial Scholar
Sponsor Club: Mt. Pleasant Evening
Host Club: Grahamstown Sunset, D9320

Letters

Editor:

Thank You for the newsletter!!! What awesome challenges Rotarians have put forth across the world! I am thrilled to be a new member. Sincerely yours in Service,

-s- Maggie Klaes, Clinton

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WOW! What a newsletter! Great job.

-s- Charlie Nixon, Coon Rapids

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The night Rotary members were at IPTV they took 420 pledges for a total of $55,657. The average pledge was $133. The program that did the best that night was the Best Of Daniel O'Donnell. I'm so glad Rotary was a part of FESTIVAL this year!

-s- Shellee R. Bailey
Iowa Public Television Foundation
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Club leaders' checklist

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

From DG Cal Litwiller . . .

• Support members who attend the 105th **Rotary International Convention** June 20-23 in Montreal.

• 2010-11 club leaders: Complete your **Club Planning Guide** and send copies to Governor 2010-11 Gary Welch and your Assistant Governor.

• Check the calendar and prepare for District Governor 2010-11 Gary Welch's **Official Visit** to your club (p. 7).

• Watch for your 2010-11 **district dues** billing after July 1, including voluntary contributions for Iowa M.O.S.T., FAMSCO and the Youth Services Fund (p. 20).

• 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. 6).

• 2009-10 club leaders: Make final payments to **The Rotary Foundation** as soon as possible to meet or exceed your club's goal for Annual Giving (p. 28-29).

• Ask your club to support the Iowa **National Guard Teddy Bear** program – there is a need for 5,000 bears and 1,500 medallions due to the largest deployment of Guard members from Iowa since World War II.

• Support District 6000's **Haiti Relief Fund** for Meals for the Heartland and World Vision (2, 16-17).

• Identify projects and plan activities to achieve 2010-11 RI President Ray Klinginsmith's **Presidential Citation** and DGE Gary Welch's **District Governor's Challenge** (www.rotary6000.org).

• Ask your members to consider a work day at the **FAMSCO** warehouse in Iowa City (p.5).

• Use the **Iowa Rotary Video** that was sent to your club this year to promote membership, education and re-education of members, and community partnerships.

• Obtain the **'I Can Read'** DVD and ask your members to promote this literacy project in your community (p. 27).

• Watch for the **District Directory** that will be mailed to you soon and mark the date for the **Regional Rotary Foundation meeting** in your area and plan to attend.

• Plan **public relations** activities at your community's summer fairs and festivals.

• Encourage non-Rotarian business and professional people ages 25-40 to apply for the 2011 **GSE team to New Zealand** (p. 30).

• Update your **membership lists** for accurate semi-annual reports that are due to RI in July.

• Implement a **membership development plan** to grow your club's membership and set the example by personally inviting new members to your club.

• **Submit news** of your club's successes or upcoming events by Aug. 20, 2010 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacque Andrew (Jefferson).

District 6000 Awards & Recognition, 2009-10

District Governor Cal Litwiller announced the following awards recipients on Sunday morning at District Conference:

1. **Presidential Citation**

The clubs that we will be introducing have met the requirements of Rotary International and have qualified for RI President John Kenny's Presidential Citation award.

To receive the Presidential Citation award, each club had to first have a membership growth, so the clubs that we will be honoring are clubs that have had a membership growth during the 2009-10 Rotary year. These clubs also had to have three activities in either Polio Eradication, Public Image, Service, Membership, Vocational Service or Leadership.

We have 15 clubs who have successfully qualified for the Presidential Citation award for 2009-10:

• Rotary Club of **Carroll**
• Rotary Club of **Chariton**
• Rotary Club of **Clinton**
• Rotary Club of **Corning**
• Rotary Club of **Decatur County**
• Rotary Club of **Iowa City AM**
• Rotary Club of **Iowa Quad Cities**
• Rotary Club of **Jefferson**
• Rotary Club of **Kalona**
• Rotary Club of **Keokuk**
• Rotary Club of **Marshalltown**
• Rotary Club of **North Scott**
• Rotary Club of **Pella**
• Rotary Club of **Waukee**
• Rotary Club of **West Liberty**

We have two special Presidential Citations this year. Presidential Citations can also be awarded to Rotaract and Interact clubs, as well as Rotary clubs. This year, Presidential Citations have been awarded to:

• Rotaract Club of **Iowa State University**
• Interact Club of **Mt Pleasant**

2. Every year a club from each district in Rotary International can be nominated for the **Significant Achievement Award.** To receive this award the club must address a significant problem in their community, involve most of the club members in personal activities relating to this problem, enhance the image of Rotary in the community, be able to emulate the program to other Rotary clubs, and be active in reaching a conclusion of the project during the current Rotary year.

This year the Rotary Club of **East Polk** has been nominated for the Significant Achievement Award for their Tech Exposition that they have hosted for the last number of years.

3. It is my honor to present my personal recognition to several people in District 6000 who have been especially valuable to me throughout the year, making this year the success it has been. I am pleased to present the **Governor's Award** to these five individuals who have spent many hours tirelessly working on programs that have been a major success during this year.

The recipients of the 2009-10 Governor's Award are:

• **PDG Bill Tubbs,** North Scott:
Newsletters, the Iowa Rotary Video and PR
• **Doug Flournoy,** Fairfield:
District Simplified Grants
• **Brock Earnhardt,** Davenport:
World Community Service/Matching Grants
• **John Kleinschmidt,** Ames:
Rotary Foundation Annual Giving
• **PDG Corliss Klaassen,** Chariton:
District Rotary Foundation Chair

4. For the year of 2009-10, I initiated what I called the **"Golden Club Award."** The purpose of this award is to encourage the Rotary clubs of District 6000 to be involved in many different activities, attend all of the training meetings and experience a growth of membership. I am very pleased that two clubs took me up on the challenge, and successfully met the stipulations for being a Golden Club for 2009-10.

Please help me honor our two Golden Clubs for 2009-10:

• Rotary Club of **West Liberty**
• Rotary Club of **North Scott**

5. PDG Corliss Klaassen will present The Rotary Foundation awards:

New Rotary Foundation Major Donors:

• PDG **Dennis R.** and **Kathy M. Skinner,** Nevada
• **Robert** (deceased) and **Virginia Stafford,** Ames
• **W. Floyd Scott** (deceased), Muscatine

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New Bequest Society Members:

• DGN **Donald E.** and **Rebecca Scott-Patterson,** Washington

• **Ernest Perea,** Greater Des Moines

• **Rita Perea,** Greater Des Moines

• **DG Calvin J.** and **Rachel B. Litwiller,** Mt. Pleasant

6. **Every Rotarian Every Year Club**

One out of every 940 Rotary clubs worldwide becomes an Every Rotarian, Every Year club. To receive this banner a club must have achieved a $100 contribution per capita with every active (dues paying) member making a personal contribution of some amount to the Annual Programs Fund.

During the 2008-09 Rotary year, District 6000 had two clubs that achieved this level of contribution. The two Every Rotarian, Every Year Clubs are:

• Rotary Club of **Centerville**

• Rotary Club of **Pella**

7. Our next recipients of Rotary awards are the three clubs in District 6000 who had the highest per capita contribution to the Annual Programs Fund during the 2008-09 Rotary year.

The top three contributors to the Annual Programs Fund during 2008-09 are :

1. Rotary Club of **West Liberty**: $381.82
2. Rotary Club of **Decatur County**: $268.24
3. Rotary Club of **Northwest Des Moines**: $202.33

8. The next group of people we want to honor are a group that has spent many hours working with the Rotary Clubs of District 6000. These people are our **Assistant Governors.** The Assistant Governors are asked to serve in this capacity for a three-year term. Each year we replace one third of the AG's who have completed their three year term.

I first want to recognize the Assistant Governors who have served this year, and will continue next year as AG.

• Gary Anderson: Rotary Club of Knoxville

• Ted Carpenter: Rotary Club of Coralville North Corridor

• Ros Dunblazier: Rotary Club of Nevada

• Becky Eiting: Rotary Club of Davenport

• Otto Hall: Rotary Club of Grinell

• Sam Harding: Rotary Club of Johnston

• Ginny Hughes: Rotary Club of Fairfield

• Jim Riordan: Rotary Club of Waukee

• Cathy Spenceri: Rotary Club of Ankeny

• John Tone: Rotary Club of Des Moines

Now I would ask that those who have completed their term as AG this year please come to the stage.

• **Terry Geiger:** Rotary Club of Decatur Co. (2007-10)

• **Linda Hartkopf:** Rotary Club of Atlantic (2007-10)

• **Carol Machael:** Rotary Club of Clinton (2008-10)

• **Dave Reiff:** Rotary Club of Fairfield (2007-10)

• **Kay Weiss:** Rotary Club of Burlington (2009-10)

• **PDG Dale Belknap:** Rotary Club of Des Moines, Assistant Governor Coordinator (2007-10)

9. **District Conference Attendance:** Number of members times miles traveled to the 2009 District Conference at Ankeny:

Rotary Club of **North Scott**

10. For the last group of people I want to recognize, I want Rachel to join me here on the stage. This last recognition is of three ladies who have really put themselves out during this Rotary year helping Rachel and me plan some of the events that have happened. They do not know about this, so please give a round of applause as **Joyce Vance, Gwen Baker** and **Rita Perea** join us the stage.

Rita agreed to by my trainer, not really knowing what she was getting herself into. It became very clear from the onset, that she and I had the same goals for the training events for 2009-10. The big difference was that Rita had a much broader knowledge base as to how to make the training happen than I did. Planning for a room of 25 high schoolers is much different than planning for a room of 100 President-Elects. She took our hands and helped us through this important facet of planning for the Rotary year, and from my perspective, made the planning process very successful.

Rita, as a thank you for your time and effort, Rachel and I want to present you with your next Paul Harris Fellow. Your had one, and added another this year, and with this one you now are a three-time Paul Harris Fellow.

Gwen and Joyce have been the master planners for this District 6000 Conference, and I must say have been very successful. Rachel and I, along with everyone here want to thank you for all of the time and effort you have put into planning all of the details necessary for a successful Conference.

Our way of thanking each of you is to present you with an additional Paul Harris recognition level with Rotary International. With these new Paul Harris pins you are now one step further along the Paul Harris Fellow chain.

Please join me in thanking these three exemplary Rotarians for their dedication to District 6000 during this Rotary year.