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# The Peace Pipe Letters project connects the world!

**Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,**

The year was 1931 when William Fulton, the International Service Chair of the Rotary Club of Keokuk, attended Rotary's first international convention outside North America, in Vienna, Austria. He didn't like what he heard. The global economic crisis was having an impact everywhere, and nationalism and ideologies that violate human dignity were on the rise. Transcripts of Rotarians stating their concern have been preserved and are archived at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

Returning home, Rotarian Fulton's vision was to invite Rotarians worldwide to smoke the symbolic pipe of peace as they learned from the great Native American leader who was the namesake of their city, Chief Keokuk. This was achieved with "peace letters" mailed to 496 Rotary clubs in 65 countries. That was long before multicopying and word processing, so each letter was individually written – an incredible effort – but with an incredible response! The replies from community leaders worldwide affirmed humanity's universal desire for peace.

Remarkably, those letters have been preserved in good condition and have been compiled in a 332-page book, "Die Peace-Pipe Briefe," an early draft of which Keokuk Rotarian Tony Conn showed me at NCPETS. I mentioned the project in my weekly "Impressions" in *The North Scott Press*, and soon was contacted by Rotarian Dr. Joachim (Yogi) Reppmann, a native of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, who is a professor of history at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. He has written extensively about the emigration from Schleswig-Holstein to the upper Midwest USA in 1848-55 and worked with the descendants of German settlers to establish the German-American Heritage Center in Davenport. He invited me to write a commentary for the book, which I gladly did.

Yogi is a true global Rotarian who spends part of each year at a residence he maintains in Flensburg, near Denmark, in Schleswig-Holstein.

His study of history compels him to create awareness of the danger of nationalism which led to World War II. It is in that spirit that he is promoting "Die Peace-Pipe Briefe."

On June 2 during the Hamburg RI Convention, Yogi and his wife, Gitta, hosted Rotarians from 50 clubs from 20 countries at his Flensburg home to formally introduce the book. Tony Conn and his wife, Lori, were among the District 6000 Rotarians in attendance. "There was much excitement. Particularly those clubs who have letters included," Tony said.

This may be just the beginning of another significant interantional project which we can celebrate, that has roots deep in District 6000. We look forward to learning more about these, and other, stories from the Hamburg Convention in future issues of *District 6000 News*.

*Be the Inspiration!* Rotary truly does connect the world.



**Bill Tubbs**



**Bill Tubbs, District Governor 2004-05**  
*Editor, District 6000 News*



# Fun, fun, fun!

By DG Tom Narak/West Des Moines

**C**arol and I have had a wonderful time serving our Rotary District 6000 this year. One of the most memorable highlights has been the opportunity to visit each of our clubs. It is truly inspirational to meet and visit with so many wonderful people in our clubs and communities. The work and service that you are providing to people in your communities and throughout the world are remarkable.



**Tom Narak**

When I see the news from around the world, I know that no matter where problems are occurring for people in the world, there are Rotarians there trying to help make a difference for people.

We greatly enjoyed our time at the District 6000 Conference May 2-4. I was told a few years ago that the District Conference is an opportunity for the District Governor to utilize the conference schedule in order to provide members with some experiences that are part of the governor's and Rotary's passions.

For us, it was quite simple, as we did our planning with our fantastic conference committee. Helping children and adults with literacy; helping to prevent child abuse; and continuing the great work of Rotarians to eliminate polio from the face of the earth have been our areas of focus all year. These three initiatives fit in so well with the mission of Rotarians in our district and in the world. We strived to have some outstanding panelists and speakers to offer ideas and suggestions for these and several other important Rotary issues.

## Service projects at District Conference

The service project and the involvement of Rotarians and youth together was great fun. Working in groups to assemble



**The Naraks' grandson, Charlie, ran on the stage and stole the show at the close of District Conference!** Photo by Jill Narak

Literacy Kits for children at the Willkie House and The Homes of Oakridge was outstanding. These kits will help make the difference for many wonderful kids.

Later in the day we hosted children from both of those organizations to have fun and to spend time with Rotarians, which was very special. Seeing kids laughing and having fun, and then reading together with Rotarians was a wonderful sight!

Most of our family came to the conference. Having our three kids and their spouses and two of our grandchildren in attendance was very special to us. Thank you for making them all feel welcome and part of the District 6000 Rotary family!

## A fun ending, too

The conference ended with my getting up on stage to thank everyone and to say a few closing words. As I was getting ready to go up on the stage our 2-year-old grandson, Charlie, was watching me very carefully. He was itching to get up on the stage all night. I kept telling him, "Not yet." Before I went up on stage I finally told him he could come up with me, and his reaction was priceless! He climbed up on the stage and ran around smiling, ear to ear. He was the hit of the evening for most people! In fact, some suggested that I should have let Charlie close the conference by himself without my help.

Thank you very much for giving us the privilege and honor to represent our district this Rotary year. You all have a very special place in our hearts.

*Thanks for your great service,*

**Tom and Carol Narak**

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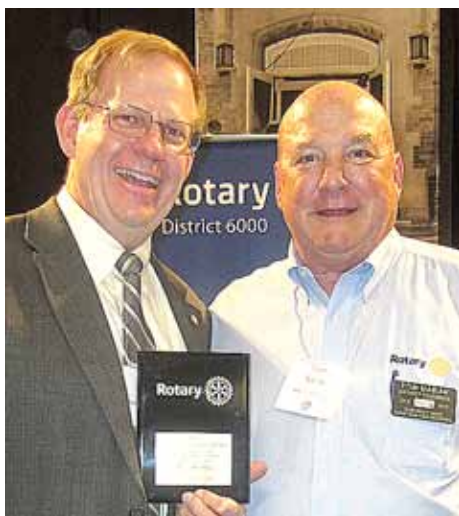
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**Jim and Jacquie Andrew celebrate Jacquie's being named the first woman recipient of Rotary's Service Above Self Award in District 6000** Photo by Bill Tubbs



**District Governor Tom Narak (r) presented a plaque of appreciation to Shive Hattery, represented by Chris Nelson of West Des Moines, for its support of Rotary throughout the district.** Photo by Bill Tubbs



**District Conference Co-Chairs Kristin Pike and Krisanne Colby Calhoun.**



**PDG Jacquie Andrew is on stage with past recipients of Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, Herb Wilson (k), Gary Pacha (c), Jim Peterson and Don Goering, RI President's Rep Peter Doragh (second from left), DG Tom Narak, and members of the Andrews family, Jim, and daughters Julia Griffin, Jenny Andrew and Jane Anderson.** Photo by Bill Tubbs

## Jacquie Andrew receives Service Above Self Award, Rotary's highest

One of many highlights of the May 2-4 District Conference at the West Des Moines Sheraton, was the naming of PDG Jacquie Andrew of Jefferson as the first woman in District 6000 to receive Rotary International's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award.

The announcement was made by Rotarian Bill Koellner, who said Rotary receives an average of 300 to 350 nominations per year – no more than one per district – and this year honored just 75 Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

"Recipients reflect Rotary's 'Four-

Way Test,'" he said, "and they must be an inspiration to others, and have exemplary ethical and moral character."

Koellner enumerated PDG Andrew's extensive leadership in her community and state, Rotary club, district and Rotary International, and invited RI President's Rep, Peter Doragh, from District 6960 in Florida, to present the award.

Past recipients from District 6000: Bud Louis (Iowa City), John Cortesio (Des Moines), Don Goering (Ames), Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM), Gary Pacha (Iowa City), Brock Earnhardt (Davenport), Bill Koellner (West Liberty), Bill Tubbs (North Scott), Herb Wilson (Iowa City AM) and Ray Muston (Iowa City).

And now Jacquie Andrew (Jefferson).



## Citation for Meritorious Service

Another highlight of District Conference was the presentation of The Rotary Foundation's second highest award, the Citation for Meritorious Service, posthumously to Past District Governor Diana Reed of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. Recipients must be living at the time of selection, and PDG Reed's nomination for the award was approved by the trustees of The Rotary Foundation the day before she died on Jan. 8, 2019. Accepting the award in Diana's memory was her husband, Rick Rarick, and Diana's daughters, Larisa Mendenhall and Michelle Campos. They are pictured above, at right, with RI President's Rep Peter Doragh and District Governor Tom Narak at left. Photo by Bill Tubbs





**Governor Tom Narak welcomed Dr. Steve Stephenson, president and COO of Blank Children's Hospital, as Saturday's luncheon speaker. Dr. Stephenson told the extraordinary story of the hospital's involvement with the polio epidemic in Iowa.**

Photo by Bill Tubbs

## 'We don't ever want to become a polio hospital again!'

**By PDG Bill Tubbs**

Editor, District 6000 News

The common thread between Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines and Rotary's global polio eradication campaign is vision, leadership and perseverance, the hospital's president and COO, Dr. Steve Stephenson, told Rotarians in an inspirational speech on Saturday of District Conference.

In 1943, when resources to build hospitals were scarce because of the war, Mr. A.H. Blank, the hospital's founder, had a private meeting in Washington, D.C., with President Franklin Roosevelt, a polio survivor, and was given permission to proceed with his vision of a children's hospital. It was the only hospital built in 1943. There were 75-100 kids in its polio ward when it opened on Dec. 3, 1944.

"It was a true epidemic," said Dr. Stephenson. "One in 10 children died from polio."

Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio is, "One of the most incredible stories in medical history." He warned that if eradication is not complete, polio could re-infect children everywhere. "It could spread like wildfire." He warned that should the wild polio virus spread, "unvaccinated children are like dry wood, combustible material. We don't ever want to become a polio hospital again."



**Sergeants at Arms who provided for smooth running of District Conference, (l-r): Galen Howsare (West Des Moines), Tom Downs (East Polk), Eric Borseth (East Polk), Steve Wieneke (Ankeny) and Trent Frohock (East Polk)** Photo by Bill Tubbs



**PDG Loring Miller (r) was the auctioneer, and DG Tom and Carol Narak were the successful bidders, at \$3,150, for the beautiful quilt stitched by Deb Ockenfels (second from right). Half of the proceeds go to PolioPlus and half to Prevent Child Abuse Iowa.** Photo by Bill Tubbs



**DGE Erna Morain (second from left) and her husband, Steve, were aides to RI President's Rep Peter Doragh and his wife, Cyndi. The Doraghs are from Fort Myers, Fla., and both are Rotarians and Past District Governors.**

The text of Suku Radia's keynote speech in on pages 10-12





As always, Youth Exchange had a big presence at District Conference, including the Parade of Flags (above), educational displays by students like Riley Loux of Nevada, who is outbound to Belgium (at left), and recognition of Doug Peterson (left, in photo at right) for eight years of RYE leadership. He is pictured with DG Tom Narak and PDG Chris Knapp of the Youth Exchange Committee.



Fundraising panel (l-r): Chris Bertelson (Winterset), Lisa Mount (Boone) and Jeff Ashcraft (North Scott).



Literacy panel (l-r): Liz Cox (Des Moines AM), Jerri Heid (Ames Morning), Jonathan Douglas and Dr. Amy Shriver.



Membership panel (l-r): DGN Steve Dakin (Boone), Mike Hammond, Mario Rodriguez and Sean Lee (Greater Des Moines). Photos by Bill Tubbs



The Peace and Conflict Resolution team was sporting new polo shirts, (l-r): PDG Bill Tubbs (North Scott), Dev and Ed Kiedaisch (Keokuk), DGND Alka and Kiran Khonalkar (Keokuk), Anna Hanson (West Liberty) and Ron Heideman (Indianola).





**PDG Mike and Jo Anne Ruby of Muscatine (l) and Lesley and DGN Steve Dakin of Boone (r) were hosts and hostesses for Friday night's Rock 'N Roll reception.** Photos by Bill Tubbs



**Carole Chambers of the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce welcomed Rotarians to District Conference.**



**Xiangheng Li, representing West Des Moines Interact, shared an inspirational Rotary Moment.**



**Rotary**



**Diana Weishaar (l) of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines engaged Rotarians in Saturday night's auction! PolioPlus received \$1,950 from Dennis Drager (Marshalltown) and \$1,000 from PDG John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM) for Jack Daniels, and Iowa Miles of Smiles Team received \$1,050 from Phyllis Miller (Decatur County) for a fishing trip to Alaska.**



**Emily Sherk-DeMay of the Rotary Club of Iowa Quad Cities (r) opened the Conference with a powerful rendition of the National Anthem, and is seated with Shawn Mullen, president of the Rotary Club of Des Moines.**



**The Iowa Children's Museum van, at the District Conference, is a traveling billboard for Rotary, (l-r): Deb Dunkhase (Iowa City AM), Gretchen Nollman (West Liberty) and her daughter, Anna, and Nancy Pacha (Iowa City AM).**



**District Governor Tom Narak and his "family of Rotary."**





**Ankeny Rotarian Steve Wieneke won the book basket. The 2019-20 Literacy Team is very grateful to receive the \$840 raised from Rock Glasses! We will put it to good use promoting literacy this coming year. Thank you!**



**District Governor Tom Narak (front, center) and literacy volunteers Saturday afternoon at District Conference with children from Willkie House and The Homes of Oakridge. The kids had a blast building with boxes, listening to stories in a reading corner, making balloon animals and doing table activities. As a result of generosity of Rotarians, including \$1,000 raised Saturday night, the kids will go to an Iowa Cubs game with hot dogs and concessions paid! Provided by Carolyn Jons**

## Family-friendly Saturday engages kids in activities

**By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning**

District 6000 Literacy Co-Chair

The District 6000 Literacy Promotion and Child Abuse Prevention Team accomplished a number of things this year with strong support from District Governor Tom and Carol Narak.

First, we collected information about programs that clubs were already implementing in these areas. Thirty-one clubs reported on programs they are currently implementing to promote literacy. Two clubs had programs specifically aimed at child abuse prevention. The spreadsheet is available on the D6000 website in the left column Literacy Team section. It can be sorted by club name, program name, and ages and grades of children served. Other resources in this section are a Community Literacy Toolkit, a handout about child abuse prevention, a handout on literacy promotion, and a paper on fighting human trafficking.

Our team also participated in the District Conference. Jerri Heid, Liz Cox and Dr. Amy Shriver gave presentations in the Friday morning panel and then shared more in small group breakout sessions. A slide show featuring photos of club programs was shown during lunch and at our House of Friendship display table. The Rotary Club of Ames Morning also had a table displaying a number of their early literacy programs and Community Literacy Toolkit.

Family-friendly Saturday included kids building with boxes, a reading corner, balloon animals and table activities. In the afternoon, Rotarians paired up with visiting children to read books together.



**Dan Wardell, the popular Kids Club leader for Iowa Public TV, pictured with Deb Dunkhase and PDG Jacque Andrew, engaged youngsters at District Conference. Photo by Bill Tubbs**



**Reagan Murphy of Ames enjoyed the Book Walk in the hotel lobby. Photo by Bill Tubbs**



**Greater Des Moines Rotarian Mia Nelson (l) does activities with kids.**



# SUMMER EVENTS

**Gavel Passing:** All Rotarians in District 6000 are invited to the annual Gavel Passing, which will be Saturday, June 29 at the Stine Barn, 4000 Turnberry Drive, West Des Moines. District Governor Tom Narak will wrap up his year, and DGE Erna Morain will be installed for the 2019-20 Rotary year which starts July 1. RSVP requested by June 20 to: morain4rotary@gmail.com.

**Polio Statue Dedication:** All Rotarians are also invited to the long-anticipated dedication of our specially commissioned statue to commemorate Rotary's global campaign to eradicate polio, on Saturday, July 27, at 2:00 p.m. on the north side of Unity Point Blank Children's Hospital, 1200 Pleasant Street, Des Moines, IA 50309. "Come be a part of Rotary history when the polio statue is brought home to Iowa," urges Peggy Geiger of the Rotary Club of Decatur County. She is the Rotarian who championed this project and found, and communicated with, the sculptor, David Biehl, DVM, who was commissioned to create a bronze statue depicting the efforts of District 6000 Rotarians to eradicate polio. There is no cost to attend. "Save the date, show up on time and wear your polio shirt!" says Peggy.



## Attacking human trafficking

"What Your Rotary Club Can Do to Join the Fight to End Human Trafficking" was the title of a presentation by Dr. George Belitsos, Rotary Club of Ames, at the Rotary District 6000 conference held in Des Moines May 2-4. George is pictured with, (l-r): Sue Rasmussen (Waukee), Deb Ockenfels (Iowa City AM), and Hazel Seaba, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM. The Iowa City club is launching a human trafficking prevention and awareness project similar to what the Rotary Club of Ames did three years ago. Provided by Karin Sevdle



## Tanzania water project

The Rotary Club of Ames, represented by PDG Jim Patton (l) and Gerald Klonglan (c) was recognized at District Conference for the excellence of its Tanzania Water Project Team. District Rotary Foundation Chair, PDG Chris Knapp (r) made the presentation. Photo by Bill Tubbs

A listing of Rotary Foundation Major Donors, Bequest Society Members and Paul Harris Society Members is on pages 10-11. District awards and a photo of award recipients is on pages 16-17.

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# Water quality and literacy:

## Rotarian Suku Radia challenges Rotarians to tackle the big issues

*Editor's note: Retired businessman Suku Radia's keynote speech from District Conference was considered significant enough that it should be shared with all Rotarians. Mr. Radia retired in 2017 as the Chief Executive Officer of Bankers Trust Company. Prior to joining Bankers Trust in 2008, he served as Chief Financial Officer of Meredith Corporation from 2000 until 2008 and practiced as a mergers and acquisitions partner with KPMG LLP for over 25 years. He also serves as a director of Nationwide Insurance Company, Ruan Transportation Management Systems, Inc. and BTC Financial Corp.*

### By Suku Radia

Rotary Club of Des Moines

Thank you for that very generous introduction, Tom. You've demonstrated once again your enviable skill of making others feel welcome. Tom and his wonderful wife, Carol, have been good friends ever since they moved to West Des Moines in 2004 when Tom was named superintendent of schools. He was a committed Rotarian when he arrived and has been an integral part of our Rotary organization ever since.

After he was named District Governor, he and Carol wasted no time hitting the road on the Rotary's behalf. They visited all 65 clubs in our district within the first five months of his tenure. For that amazing feat and his many other contributions, please join me in giving Tom a round of applause to express our sincere appreciation. Recognize incoming District Governor Erna Morain and her husband Steve.

### Rotary roots in Uganda

Indulge me as I provide you a bit of my own Rotary background. I was born and raised in Uganda, East Africa. I am of Indian descent and was the fourth generation of an Indian family that had settled in Uganda in 1900. My father was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Kampala, the capital of Uganda. This club was founded in 1956 and my father was the very first member. His club's first venture was to join Rotary clubs from two other countries, Kenya and Tanzania, in funding the flying doctor service, launched by three British surgeons in 1957. For more than 60 years, this service has survived untold political and economic turmoil to bring emergency medical services to isolated areas which otherwise would have been without. The service is still flying today and now employs over 600 medical professionals.

In 1970, my father became the first District Governor ever from Uganda. His district encompassed 3.5 million square miles and consisted of only 32 clubs in nine countries. The clubs were separated by five languages, and sometimes he had to travel by ship from one location to the other. Interestingly, at some of his destinations, he was received with tremendous pomp and circumstance as if he were a foreign head of state. Clubs held a week-long celebration of dinners to properly welcome him. That is why he was gone for the better part of a year in service to those 32 clubs. In his absence, I managed all of his Rotary correspondence, which came primarily from Rotary headquarters. That probably sparked my interest in coming to the U.S. for my college education.

My father's district was the largest Rotary district geographically, but the smallest in the world by number of clubs. Part of the reason was that it did not include the Republic of South Africa, which at that time was under white rule. The order of the day was apartheid. That meant that my father



**Suku Radia (r) was greeted at District Conference by District Governor Tom Narak and PDG Jacquie Andrew.** Photo by Bill Tubbs

could not attend Rotary in South Africa because it was for whites only, and in South Africa, people of Indian descent were considered "colored."

My father's district conference at the end of his year as District Governor had a very interesting venue. The president of Uganda at the time was the head of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), which included every head of state in Africa except those countries that were discriminatory, like South Africa and Rhodesia. As head of the OAU, the president was expected to host a five-day summit of all of the heads of state from the continent of Africa. He really wanted to make a show of it, and a world-class conference center was built. But in January of 1971, he was overthrown in a coup by the army's top-ranking officer, whose name was Idi Amin.

As a result, the first conference ever held at that world-class center was the Rotary District Conference. It truly was an impressive facility, and all of the deliberations were simultaneously presented in five languages. I remember volunteering and was clearly sold on Rotary.

### Transition to the USA

I was hoping to attend college in the United States at the University of California at Berkeley. I was accepted, but my parents were not too excited about the prospect. They decided to visit the campus themselves and upon returning shattered my dreams of attending college in this country. My mother told me she would ban me from her house if I ever again mentioned going to school in the U.S. Apparently, she and my father had made several disturbing observations during their visit: the boys wore their hair too long, students smoked marijuana, they protested the Vietnam War and didn't attend class, and finally, my mother thought the girls were too aggressive. I almost said "Sounds great."

But, I knew better. Then I remembered that when my father was traveling for Rotary, all the correspondence I handled for him came from Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. I did a little research and found to my delight that it had a college – Northwestern University. Knowing that my father had spoken favorably of Evanston, I applied



to Northwestern. I was accepted but was told foreign-student admission rules meant I would have to wait a year to enroll. Not what I had in mind.

Fortunately, an American friend who worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development convinced my parents to send me to a good conservative school not terribly far from Evanston where the weather was awful and there was no trouble to be found. Presumably, the people were the salt of the earth. This place was Ames. I was allowed to apply and came to Iowa in 1971 at the ripe old age of 19.

I expected to return home upon graduation to take over the various family businesses. Little did I know that Idi Amin,

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**What I can say without hesitation is that Rotary is powerful. It is unstoppable. We have the potential to be the inspiration in every part of society.**

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the general who seized power in the aforementioned coup, was going to evict the entire Indian community. My family lost everything, but they escaped unharmed.

I had to accelerate my college education as I was a man without a country or a nickel to my name. I completed my business degree at Iowa State in eight quarters and luckily graduated top of my class. In the summer of 1973, I found a summer job at a startup in Waukeez. A friend in the dorms suggested I spend the summer with his family in West Des Moines, only seven minutes from Waukeez. He was going to be in Cedar Rapids that summer doing an engineering internship at Rockwell-Collins. Thus, his room in the basement was available. I declined because I was shy, had started learning English when I was 11, and was just a bit daunted by the thought of spending a whole summer with his parents and their 16-year-old daughter. Three days later, at 6 a.m., the phone rang. The woman at the other end said, "Young man. You are spending the summer with us." This was my friend's mother, but she sounded just like mine. I had no choice but to accept her kind invitation.

So, I came to their house at the end of May 1973 and started my job in Waukeez. On the third day, after I returned home from work, the mother who sounded just like mine sat me down at the kitchen table and said, "Of the 50 boys in the dorm with our son, you're the only one he trusted to be in the same house with his 16-year-old sister."

I replied with a polite "thank you" and went down to the basement wondering if I had just been insulted or complimented. Thinking ultimately it was a compliment, I married that young lady 18 months later. Mary is a physician and we have embarked upon our 45th year of matrimony.

**Rotary Clubs of West Des Moines and Des Moines**

In 1975, I joined the Rotary Club of West Des Moines because I knew Rotary was in my blood. I wanted to give back to my community, and I wanted to make my father proud by carrying on the family legacy of engagement with Rotary. A few years later, I became the president of the West Des Moines Rotary Club, and a few years after that, I joined the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

At the West Des Moines Club, two incidents will reveal my personality. The first was when I was in the front of the room at a regular luncheon meeting. Past District Governor, Conley Biddle, a Baptist minister, rendered the invocation. He went on for so long that one had to wonder if we had a speaker that day!

When Rev. Biddle was done, he jokingly apologized for the length of the invocation by pointing out that his watch

was broken. I blurted out, "But didn't you see the calendar on the wall!"

Since my friend Greg Kenyon is here today, I have to share with you that he joined the West Des Moines club a year or so after I did. That club liked to sing and Greg offered to play the piano. Two weeks later, I was the sergeant at arms and we had a sizable collection. So, I promptly announced that instead of going to charity, I was giving the whole collection to Greg Kenyon to take piano lessons. He needed them.

Five years later, I was elected President of the Rotary Club of Des Moines. This club proudly represents charter number 27. It has a rich history. The year I became the president of this club was the year of the great flood in Des Moines. A number of schools on the north side had major damage and a number of homes were flooded. Our club had over \$120,000 in reserves. We decided to deplete our reserves and contributed everything towards replacing books. The following year, we launched a program for reading to young children in the inner city schools. Today, this program continues very successfully.

I have to take a moment to recognize my friend John Cortesio who happens to be in the audience. He followed me as president of the Rotary Club of Des Moines. The club returned to a state of normalcy when John took over.

**The call for community service**

With all of that background, let's talk about why I believe we need to take community service to a new level. As a retiree, I look back to the more than 30 community organizations with which I was actively involved during my career. What I can say without hesitation is that Rotary is powerful. It is unstoppable. We have the potential to be the inspiration in every part of society.

While one can easily conclude that Rotary is like a United Nations of individuals, its impact is very much at the local community level. Think about the ideals of Rotary. Vocational service is how we put our ideals to work. When Paul Harris

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founded Rotary, it was all about a shared effort. Rotary places a great deal of emphasis on the dignity of every vocation. Our founding fathers included an attorney, a mining engineer, a coal dealer, and a printer. It was the diversity of those vocations that gave Rotary its own identity and served as a source of strength for the organization.

We may attend weekly Rotary meetings, but the lasting value—and reward—of membership comes in joining together in service to our communities. The overarching objective of Rotary says it all: Service above Self.

During the course of the visits to the clubs in our district, Governor Tom Narak implored the clubs to become more involved with Literacy, Preventing Child Abuse, and Polio Eradication. So, if I want to do real justice to my title, let me get more specific about two additional matters important to our Rotary District where we can make a real difference—water quality and education.

**First issue: Water quality**

Runoff from farmland, caused by storms and tiling, is sending nitrates and other chemicals into Iowa's waterways, and that runoff causes a host of problems downstream. A number of health studies say that elevated nitrates in drinking water



## RADIA: Focus on reading

is a persistent problem in Iowa, and it has been linked to a several health concerns including birth defects, cancers, and thyroid issues.

Thus far, the state has focused on financial incentives and voluntary compliance from farmers to cut nitrate and phosphorous levels. Critics argue that compulsory requirements are necessary if Iowa wants to get serious about improving its water quality. The problem is compounded by the fact that we can't even agree on how to measure whether initiatives are working. That begs the question: Can Iowa improve its water quality if we cannot even agree on how to measure success? By some accounts, Iowa has spent over \$5 billion in conservation efforts over the past 20 years. During those same 20 years, nitrogen pollution flowing out of Iowa to the Gulf of Mexico has increased by almost 50 percent, and a University of Iowa study shows the state's contribution to the Gulf dead zone spiked 47

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percent to 618 million pounds in 2016.

Water quality is not just a funding issue; it's a strategy, leadership, and administrative problem. And, it's a climate change problem. Rather than pecking at each other over the Nutrient Reduction Strategy, it's time to broaden the conversation and dream bigger. Is it time for Rotary clubs in our district to bring together a group of experts to address the water issues? I submit that if Rotary can eradicate polio worldwide, surely it can improve water quality in Iowa.

### Second issue: Education

Now, let's talk about education. Last September, Iowans were asked to identify one or two top issues in the state. In response, 47 percent of Iowans cited education, including quality and funding for K-12 programs and the state's public universities. Clearly, Rotary cannot begin to take on funding issues or the mental health issues our school systems face. But, every study points out that reading proficiency by the end of third grade is the main predictor of a child's likelihood to graduate from high school. According to United Way, 25 percent of central Iowa third-graders do not hit that mark.

This is a serious issue. Learning to read is a foundational skill that sets the stage for all other knowledge in a child's life. I am convinced that Rotary can team up with United Way in ensuring children in our communities are better equipped for academic success.

There are 24 United Ways in Iowa. There is a real need for books and mentors. United Way of Central Iowa has a model which has been successful, but to get to that level in other communities, I urge Rotary clubs in our district to reach out to volunteer with book drives, mentoring, and reading. Education will indeed shape the future of the next generation.

I could go on and on about the call for community service and why we must not stall. But, before I take questions, let me close with these words from Mahatma Gandhi, who, by the way, would have been a great Rotarian: *"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*

Thank you.



## Grant Management Seminars

113 Rotarians from 54 clubs registered for Grant Management Seminars Feb. 16 at West Liberty, March 9 online due to weather cancellation, and March 29 at Newton. Presenters at the West Liberty seminar were, front (l-r): Norlan Hinke, Clinton (Community Grants), DGE Erna Morain (Waukee), Kris Ockenfels, Iowa City AM (Community Grants), DGND Alka Khonalkar (Keokuk), and Brock Earnhardt, Davenport (Global Grants). District Rotary Foundation Chair Chris Knapp (Iowa City AM) and PDG Tom Narak (West Des Moines) are in back. Attendance at the training is a requirement to participate in Rotary Foundation grant programs. Photo by Bill Tubbs

## NEW WAY TO GIVE

# Foundation establishes Disaster Response Fund

By PDG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

District Rotary Foundation Chair

In response to emergency relief, The Rotary Foundation recently established a new support fund to receive contributions for disasters that strike around the world. Entitled the Rotary Disaster Response Fund, staff in Programs and Grants will reach out to the affected areas and their districts to assess the need and desire for funding. Upon a qualified response—much like a district grant—the affected district will be awarded funding in increments of up to \$25,000, consulting the TRF chair as needed. Only districts in the affected country may request a grant. These districts can apply for more than one grant, and should some of the allocation not be used, the funds will be returned to the Disaster Fund. Should requests exceed available funds, the General Secretary of RI will triage requests until additional funds are available.

(The fund will accept DDF contributions and those in cash will be credited towards a club's Annual Giving Goal and per capita giving calculations. However, the donations will NOT apply to SHARE or the DDF calculation.)

Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation and their new fund exemplifies RI's mission to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. Giving to the Foundation is easy—just go to [rotary.org/donate](http://rotary.org/donate). Thank you.



# Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

## District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2018 - June 10, 2019 (Interim Report)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(Members: Jul 15-16-17-18)	18-19 Goal	% of Goal	Per capita	Thru 1-27-19	PolioPlus	Other (*)	TOTAL
Adel (37-37-34-32)	\$ 3,300	97	\$ 99.69	\$ 3,190	\$ 150	\$ 0	\$ 3,340
Albia (22-28-28-24)	1,000	70	29.17	700	52	0	700
Ames (224-226-217-206)	25,000	113	137.46	28,317	10,172	3,360	41,849
Ames Morning (55-55-59-59)	9,000	40	61.02	3,600	2,948	1,575	8,123
Ankeny (61-77-85-86)	13,400	95	147.97	12,725	4,620	5,250	22,595
Atlantic (58-58-58-56)	3,000	95	50.96	2,854	0	0	2,854
Bettendorf (103-101-102-105)	12,000	80	91.67	9,625	5,000	0	14,625
Bloomfield (10-10-10-11)	1,000	45	40.91	450	0	0	450
Boone (42-34-41-51)	3,500	75	51.76	2,640	4,308	0	6,948
Burlington (80-79-80-80)	4,000	37	18.31	1,465	5,839	0	7,304
Carroll (46-44-43-44)	3,500	33	26.14	1,150	100	0	1,250
Centerville (50-46-45-46)	5,000	120	129.89	5,975	0	0	5,975
Chariton (41-41-34-30)	3,000	77	76.67	2,300	600	125	4,841
Clinton (98-97-94-90)	10,000	35	38.35	3,452	1,264	0	4,712
Coon Rapids (27-31-34-30)	1,500	100	50.00	1,500	0	1,050	2,550
Coralville-N. Corridor (20-21-22-24)	1,000	50	20.83	500	25	0	525
Corning (34-33-32-32)	1,000	119	37.13	1,188	1,000	0	2,188
Corydon (18-15-15-17)	300	133	23.53	400	166	0	566
Creston (23-19-17-18)	250	242	33.56	604	250	0	854
Dallas Center (27-29-26-25)	2,500	112	112.00	2,800	601	0	3,401
Davenport (112-113-110-107)	13,000	84	101.82	10,895	4,485	7,175	22,555
Decatur County (30-32-31-30)	6,000	129	258.60	7,758	2,453	0	10,211
Des Moines (276-270-269-255)	21,000	96	79.11	20,173	2,226	3,150	25,549
Des Moines AM (170-170-179-189)	13,000	59	40.26	7,610	1,060	2,100	10,770
East Polk County (34-31-29-29)	2,500	58	50.17	1,455	831	0	2,286
Fairfield (74-60-57-56)	4,000	49	35.11	1,966	1,225	0	3,691
Fort Madison (49-53-55-51)	6,000	37	43.63	2,225	655	1,496	4,376
Greater Des Moines (12-12-11-13)	1,000	160	123.08	1,600	0	0	1,600
Grinnell (38-40-35-38)	4,750	118	148.03	5,625	1,010	1,050	7,685
Indianola (54-53-54-47)	7,000	57	85.11	4,000	1,205	2,100	7,305
Iowa City (312-329-333-317)	45,000	85	121.20	38,420	625	10,000	49,045
Iowa City AM (66-69-74-71)	10,000	124	174.58	12,395	11,062	4,902	28,359
Iowa City Downtown (23-21-23-25)	4,000	77	123.40	3,085	1,800	0	4,885
Iowa Quad-Cities (41-42-38-42)	3,000	37	26.67	1,120	0	0	1,120
Jefferson (59-59-56-60)	5,000	63	52.87	3,172	325	0	3,497
Johnston (60-49-52-43)	7,000	94	152.79	6,570	1,280	0	7,850
Kalona (42-41-43-40)	1,800	136	61.25	2,450	1,856	0	4,306
Keokuk (66-71-57-53)	3,250	80	48.96	2,595	2,165	0	4,760
Keosauqua (24-22-23-24)	1,200	38	18.75	450	0	0	450
Knoxville (61-58-48-53)	4,500	48	40.57	2,150	1,960	0	4,110
Lenox (29-28-27-25)	2,000	41	33.00	825	850	0	1,675
Manning (19-25-21-23)	2,500	98	106.52	2,450	250	1,050	3,750
Marengo (11-10-10-11)	200	63	11.36	125	0	0	125
Marshalltown (150-147-145-133)	7,500	50	28.01	3,725	1,030	0	4,755
Mount Pleasant Noon (52-55-47-51)	5,000	61	59.94	3,057	2,000	1,500	6,556
Mount Pleasant (20-20-18-18)	500	35	9.72	175	675	45,517	46,317
Muscatine (79-77-69-66)	12,000	67	121.78	8,038	1,550	0	9,588
Nevada (71-69-61-53)	10,000	109	206.13	10,925	1,000	0	11,925
Newton (60-55-49-40)	3,000	8	6.25	250	1,320	1,050	2,620
North Scott (85-86-89-88)	12,000	125	170.39	14,994	3,105	26,000	44,099
N'West Des Moines (34-40-36-37)	8,000	101	218.81	8,096	7,380	2,625	18,101
Norwalk (0-0-20-24)	500	0	0	0	60	0	60
Osceola (28-29-25-22)	800	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oskaloosa (56-55-57-54)	4,000	112	82.96	4,480	0	0	4,480
Ottumwa (97-98-92-89)	10,010	105	118.26	10,525	806	0	11,331
Pella (29-30-29-29)	3,200	60	66.72	1,935	733	0	2,668
Perry (26-26-26-23)	1,000	40	17.39	400	218	525	1,143
Tipton (30-26-27-22)	1,500	82	55.68	1,225	850	1,050	3,125
Washington (49-48-43-42)	2,000	105	50.00	2,100	0	0	2,100
Waukee (58-64-69-64)	8,500	90	119.89	7,673	3,785	27,400	38,858
Wellman (36-34-30-29)	2,850	72	70.41	2,042	1,019	0	3,061
West Des Moines (62-63-52-51)	5,000	57	55.49	2,830	2,625	1,050	6,505
West Liberty (43-44-46-41)	12,000	174	509.35	20,883	1,775	0	22,658
West Polk County (31-18-19-20)	500	0	0	0	1,810	0	1,810
Winterset (25-30-33-29)	2,500	147	126.86	3,679	3,235	3,150	10,064
District Contributions	0	0	0	200	1,500	55,679	1,615
<b>Total (3,854-3,853-3,793-3,693)</b>	<b>\$ 383,310</b>	<b>86.56</b>	<b>\$ 89.84</b>	<b>\$ 331,781</b>	<b>\$ 105,752</b>		<b>\$ 653,001</b>

(\*) Other includes endowment fund and restricted giving for grants





John Lott  
Ames Morning



Sally Schroeder  
Ankeny



Mary Youngblood  
Boone



Gene Meeker  
Davenport



Craig Hertel  
Jefferson



Mike Schoville  
Johnston

## Eleven honored as 'Guardians of Integrity'

By PDG Bill Tubbs

District 6000 Vocational Chair

Thirteen Rotarians who were nominated by their clubs were recognized as "Guardians of Integrity" at District Conference. It was the ninth year for the awards that were begun in 2011 to recognize individuals who have made contributions that foster the development of integrity.

The award honors individuals who have made contributions in business, media, academia or government and who have by their actions, writing, policies and public pronouncements strengthened and fostered development of integrity and ethical practices, and who have made sacrifices and/or undertaken risks to uphold Rotary's Core Value of Integrity.

The awards are named after the late Past District Governor Paul E. Hellwege of Boone (1954-55) who, at the time of his death in 2010 had been a past district governor for more than half of the 105-year existence of Rotary, whose life exemplified integrity. *Nancy Pacha prepared scripts which were read by PDG Bill Tubbs, Nancy Pacha, and PDGs Susan Herrick and Jacque Andrew at the Conference:*

**Ames Morning Rotarian John Lott** is described as "a personal hero" by one recommender and as one whose "measure of integrity is doing what is right when no one is watching." In his vocation as an architect, John offers his services gratis to Habitat for Humanity to design houses, has collaborated with the local library to create a special place for children to learn to read, and has aided the school system with the design of a specialized classroom for language and literacy development. In his personal life, John is a valued church member, a musician who shares his talents, a friend who knows no strangers and a loving family man.

**Ankeny Rotarian Sally Schroeder** retired in 2015 as Dean of Health and Public Services at DMACC. In her tenure, Sally began six new programs and led a fundraising drive to build a new Health Sciences Building. As a member of Ankeny Community Education Board, Ankeny Arts Council, Ankeny Substance Abuse Project, the American Society for Training Development Board, the philanthropic organization "100 Women Who Care", it is hard to imagine she has time for Rotary, but she was named 2014 Ankeny Rotarian of the Year and as membership chair of Ankeny Rotary, she grew the club membership by a whopping 33 percent.

**Boone Rotarian Mary Youngblood** is a lifelong resident of Boone and a caring citizen of her community. Through her 45 years as a construction company employee and now owner, Mary is known as the problem solver. She has led her business to membership in Master Builders of Iowa. Devotion to Rotary is a hallmark of Mary's service. Generous with her time, Mary is her club secretary and one who makes the impressive Boone Rotary Club Pulled Pork dinner so successful every year. Also

well known to third grade students, "helpful and genuine" Mary makes certain each child has that important dictionary.

**Davenport Rotarian Gene Meeker's** reputation as a successful chamber executive resulted in his appointment to the Board of Directors and an officer in four State Chambers of Commerce. As a community developer whose fair-minded guidance helped to restore blighted areas of his city to former appeal, as a city councilman modeling responsibility and dignity, as an active Rotarian demonstrating Service Above Self, as a dedicated family man, as a fast friend, Gene has steadfastly served those in his sphere. A friend and colleague describes Gene as "an outstanding Rotarian whose contributions will long outlast him in the community improvement, institutions and lives he has positively influenced."

**Jefferson Rotarian Craig Hertel** has worked for many years for Iowa State University Extension, helping his constituents to be successful. Through Rotary, Craig has focused on building international relationships to foster understanding and positive interaction. His championing of youth led to a seat for youth on the Greene County Community Foundation as well as an effective program for youth to shadow community members engaged with civic organizations. For a host of activity in his work, his community and his church, Craig has been presented with awards. His leadership has always been "centered with honor."

**Johnston Rotarian Mike Schoville**, after a career in manufacturing sales and service, says of his current business, Business Brokers, Inc., "We do it right or we don't do it." That's according to many who appreciate the way he conducts himself. A generous contributor of time and treasure, Mike is an avid golfer, a dependable church volunteer and a mentor and encourager of students. He has been host father to Youth Exchange students and provides valuable service and direction to his Rotary club. Mike consults to help entrepreneurs navigate complicated business transactions and is one who cares that he employs people of high integrity.

**Keokuk Rotarian Dick Lofton** owned and operated an independent insurance brokerage, and is a tireless supporter of his community. He has worked on many boards and committees: the Chamber of Commerce, Community Concerts and the Keokuk Economic Development Committee, which drew several industries to the city. In 2004, Dick founded, and then led, the Keokuk Area Community Foundation, which now can claim a \$5 million endowment. He is an active member of his church and his Rotary Club, both of which have benefited from his willingness to take on responsibility. A theme throughout his nomination is his effectiveness "without taking any credit for his actions."

**Knoxville Rotarian Will Prather** is a former teacher and prin-





**Richard Lofton**  
Keokuk



**Will Prather**  
Knoxville



**Paul Holzworth**  
North Scott



**Ed Arnold**  
NW Des Moines



**Wyndell Campbell**  
Oskaloosa

## Thank you, Rotarians, for your service!

cial, unofficial historian of his community and county, environmentalist, conservationist, and consummate altruist. In 2016 in Knoxville, the mayor declared “Will Prather Day” to recognize Will for all he has done to better the community through his leadership and vision. Will has been a member of 21 community organizations where he has worked for the betterment of lives in Knoxville and Marion County. He cares greatly about the past and fervently about the future. He asks his children, “How are you going to make your community a better place?”

**North Scott Rotarian Paul Holzworth** is a retired teacher who obtained a contractor’s license after his retirement. His building skills supported the youth he served as a Drama, Speech and English teacher when he built sets for 80 productions, and he has carried those skills on in a different way after retiring from teaching. Paul has volunteered time and energy on four mission trips to help rebuild houses in areas where natural disasters had destroyed homes. When his club’s longtime pianist died, the music continued with a new cadre of pianists, thanks to Paul’s connections and gentle persuasion. The new auditorium at Davenport North High School is appropriately named “Paul J. Holzworth Performing Arts Center” after this “caring and sensitive Rotarian.”

**Northwest Des Moines Rotarian Ed Arnold** is a CPA who is not just a cog in a Rotary wheel. He is a wheel. If you recognize Ed’s name and face, it is because you have seen him at local and district Rotary functions, not just as an attendee to hear what is happening, but as an active doer who has been the face of energetic polio fundraising with the Iowa Wolves professional basketball team. This dedication is emblematic of Ed’s vigor for all he does in so many facets of his life to improve his neighborhood, his community, the world. He is characterized as an example “of someone who serves others without the expectation of something in return.”

**Oskaloosa Rotarian Wyndell Campbell’s** insurance agency was rated five stars by his customers. He offers his services in many capacities at his church, from leading music worship to serving on the board of directors of Southeast Iowa Youth for Christ. Oskaloosa High School has benefited by his assistance as treasurer of the Booster Club, as a referee at athletic events and as broadcaster for the football team. Wyndell’s volunteerism also extends to his service on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment. This busy gentleman is described as “forward thinking, practical and routinely places service above self.”

## Come, experience a taste of RYLA on July 16

**By Mark McAndrews/Northwest Des Moines**  
District 6000 RYLA Chair

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) 2019 presents an opportunity to promote the Rotary Brand to your communities, schools and youth. Conferees will return enthused about RYLA, Rotary and serving their communities. They make great ambassadors for Rotary as well as leading and serving in your community.

A big thank you to the clubs of District 6000 for sponsoring students to RYLA 2019. Your consistent support for RYLA over the years demonstrates your commitment to the development and betterment of the youth of our district.

Start advertising the Rotary brand by inviting all of your club’s conferees to attend a meeting accompanied by their parents. Let them see the importance your club places on RYLA and the honor it is to be sponsored to RYLA. This also gives them a chance to become familiar with your club so it will be less intimidating to return and make a presentation post-RYLA. This is also a chance for parents to learn more about Rotary and get to know your club.

Have your program committee schedule a date for the students to present about their RYLA experience after the conference. For clubs that meet for lunch, it is often easier

to schedule dates prior to the start of the school year. This is a great opportunity to connect them to your local Interact club (which they will hear about at RYLA) and invite them to participate in your local service projects.

For RYLA to continue its success, we need Rotarians to volunteer to be a part of the conference. This is the best job at RYLA and the main qualifications are having life experience and a desire to see young people succeed.

If you would like to get a glimpse of the RYLA experience plan to come to Rotarian Visit Day at RYLA on Tuesday, July 16th. RYLA welcomes any interested Rotarian to come and see a day in the life of RYLA. Contact Mark McAndrews at (515) 371-0863 or [markmcandrews@msn.com](mailto:markmcandrews@msn.com), for more information on visiting RYLA.

### You are invited

RYLA Conference, Grinnell College, July 14-19. Come meet 240 students sponsored by clubs in Districts 5970 and 6000. Special day for Rotarians on Tuesday, July 16. Information: (515) 371-0863



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 Gretchen Nollman,  
 West Liberty  
 Wayne Steen,  
 West Liberty\*  
*Chris Bertelson, Winterset\**  
*Lynette Judd, Winterset\**  
*Dan Nielsen, Winterset\**

**100% PAUL HARRIS  
 FELLOW CLUBS**  
 Ames Morning, 2016-17  
 Dallas Center, 2016-17  
 North Scott, 2016-17  
 Boone, 2015-16  
 Chariton, 2013-14  
 Iowa City, 2013-14  
 Jefferson, 2013-14  
 Wellman, 2013-14  
 Pella, 2012-13  
 Marshalltown, 2011-12  
 NW Des Moines, 2008-09  
 Coralville NC, 2007-08  
 Decatur County, 2007-08  
 Iowa City AM, 2007-08  
 Iowa City Downtown,  
 2006-07  
 Nevada, 2006-07  
 West Liberty, 2005-06

### TOP 3 CLUBS PER

### CAPITA GIVING TO ANNUAL FUND, ROTARY FOUNDATION, 2017-18 (Banners To Top Three)

1. Boone, \$523.71
2. West Liberty, \$369.20
3. Northwest Des Moines,  
\$268.06

### 100% SUSTAINING MEMBER CLUBS (All Members Give \$100-Plus)

Centerville  
 Chariton  
 Iowa City AM  
 Nevada  
 North Scott  
 Northwest Des Moines  
 Pella

### EREY CLUBS (Every Rotarian, Every Year Giving To Annual Fund)

Ankeny  
 Centerville  
 Chariton  
 Fort Madison  
 Iowa City AM  
 Jefferson  
 Nevada  
 North Scott  
 Pella  
 Northwest Des Moines

## District 6000 Club and Individual Awards, 2019

### RI SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

PDG Jacques Andrew,  
 Jefferson

### ROTARY FOUNDATION CITATION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

PDG Diana Reed,  
 Northwest Des Moines

### DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION SERVICE AWARDS

Peggy Geiger, Decatur  
 County (polio statue)  
 Kris Ockenfels, Iowa City  
 AM (Community Service  
 Grants management)  
 Norlan Hinke, Clinton  
 (Community Service  
 Grants management)  
 Brock Earnhardt, Davenport  
 (Global Grants  
 management)  
 Bradford Helgemo, NW Des

Moines (Global Grants  
 management)  
 Rotary Club of Ames  
 (Tanzania Water Project  
 Team)

Thomas Cook, Iowa City  
 (Rotary Foundation,  
 Ponseti Project)  
 Dr. Jose Morcuende, Iowa  
 City (Rotary Foundation  
 Ponseti Project)

### DISTRICT 6000 PUBLIC IMAGE AWARDS

Rotary Clubs of Iowa City  
 Downtown and West  
 Liberty (RAGBRAI  
 pancake project in  
 support of Child Abuse  
 Prevention)

### MEMBERSHIP GROWTH (July 1-April 19)

Creston (Clubs Under 40,  
 28% Net Growth)  
 Greater Des Moines (Clubs

Under 40, 92% Net  
 Growth)  
 Johnston (Clubs 41-79,  
 16% Net Growth)  
 Oskaloosa (Clubs 41-79,  
 11% Net Growth)  
 Clinton (Clubs over 80, 6%  
 Net Growth)  
 Des Moines AM (Clubs over  
 80, 5% Net Growth)

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AWARD 2018 (NO. MEMBERS x MILES TRAVELED) Rotary Club of Muscatine

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SIGNIFICANT SERVICE AWARDS

Liz Cox, Des Moines AM  
 (Public Image and  
 Prevent Child Abuse)  
 Ron Heideman, Indianola  
 (District Trainer)  
 PDG Chris Knapp, Iowa

City AM (Rotary  
 Foundation)  
 Vernetta Knapp, Iowa City  
 AM (Rotary Foundation)  
 Chris Nelson, West Des  
 Moines (Membership)  
 Jack Johnson (One Rotary  
 Summit Video)  
 Krisanne Colby-Calhoun,  
 West Des Moines  
 (District Conference Co-  
 Chair)  
 Kristin Pike, West Des  
 Moines (District  
 Conference Co-Chair)  
 Carolyn Scharff, Pella  
 (District Administrator)  
 Carolyn Jons, Ames  
 Morning (District Literacy  
 Co-Chair)  
 Jerri Heid, Ames Morning  
 (District Literacy Co-  
 Chair)  
 Rotary Club of Ames  
 Morning (Literacy  
 Support)

Rotary Club of Iowa City  
 AM (more female than  
 male club members)  
 PDG Denny Skinner,  
 Nevada (District  
 Accountant)  
 Emmi Miller, Nevada  
 (District Treasurer)  
 Merrydy Leichty, Wellman  
 (strong leadership)  
 Sean and Beth Saxton,  
 Decatur County (District  
 Technology)  
 PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott  
 (Outstanding District  
 Newsletter)  
 Pat Anderson, Kalona (fun  
 jokes)  
 Rotary Club of Keokuk (fun  
 literacy project with kids  
 and dogs)  
 Mike Hamilton, East Polk  
 (District Conference)  
 Rotary Club of North Scott  
 (raising the fundraising  
 bar)



These people received and/or accepted the awards listed above at District Conference, front (l-r): Geno Nelson, Johnston; PDG Chris Knapp; Jerri Heid; Krisanne Colby-Calhoun; Mia Nelson and Megan Cox, Greater Des Moines; Beth Saxton; PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott. Row 2: DGN Alka Khonalkar; Jeanne Vogel (for Peggy Geiger); Vernetta Knapp; Carolyn Scharff; Tomeka Petersen, West Liberty; Hazel Seaba, Iowa City AM; Kristin Pike. Back: Chris Nelson; Ed Arnold (for Brad Helgemo); Liz Cox, Des Moines AM; Ron Heideman; Mark Ruggeberg, Iowa City Downtown; Eric Christiansen, Oskaloosa; and Sean Saxton.



# Inspiration in Xicotepec!

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

Xicotepec Project Team Leader

The 40-person 2019 Xicotepec Project Team had a fun and productive week of work and fellowship in spite of unfavorable weather and a short work week due to holidays.

The team arrived at the Mexico City Benito Juárez International Airport on the afternoon of March 16, having begun the trip at 2 a.m. that morning. After a brief interval at the airport to change money and buy some food, team members boarded a charter bus for the final leg of the trip to Xicotepec.

Arriving at the **Centro Cruz Azul** in Xicotepec around 7 p.m., the team received the customary warm welcome from Xicotepec Rotarians, their family members, Rotaractors, and many others – exchange students, cooks, nursing students, drivers, municipal officials and volunteers – who provide indispensable support during the gringos' stay in Xicotepec.

After receiving nametags, personalized mugs, and embroidered caps team members enjoyed a light meal and retired for some much-needed rest.

The following day, Sunday, is market day in Xicotepec, and team members were given free time to visit the market, attend mass and explore Xicotepec. Xicotepec Rotaractors accompanied many team members on a hike to the **Monumental Virgen de Guadalupe and the Cruz Celestial (Celestial Cross)** that overlook Xicotepec from a nearby hill. The wet foggy weather didn't seem to dampen the spirits of these hikers, as they climbed more than 700 steps to the Cross.

After the midday meal on Sunday the entire team visited the **Casa Hogar Victoria Orphanage**, where residents received deworming medication, fluoride treatment and dental checkups. Team members helped to distribute a new pair of shoes to each of the 45 children who live at the orphanage. As usual, there were lots of smiles during the visit, and a few tears when it came time to say goodbye.

Monday, March 18 was a triple holiday in Mexico, celebrating the birth of Benito Juárez, the nationalization of the oil industry, and the beginning of spring. Schools were closed, but dental and pharmacy teams were able to visit the La Aldea orphanage. Here the pharmacy team de-wormed children, and the dental team applied fluoride and promoted good dental hygiene by teaching children about healthy diet and proper brushing. To do this they used songs, skits and "Señor Dientes" – a stuffed animal with a large set of human-like teeth.



**Inspiration during the March 16-24 District 6000 project team service in Xicotepec, Mexico, from left (in khaki smock): Nadia Cabrera, president of the Xicotepec Inner Wheel; Candy Ortega, wife of Oscar Ramírez, president of the Xicotepec Rotary Club; team leader Jim Peterson, Rotary Club of Iowa City AM; Lupita Vargas, municipal president of Xicotepec; Ariadna López, president of the Xicotepec Rotaract Club; District 6000 DG Tom Narak and Carol, Rotary Club of West Des Moines.**

After returning from the orphanage to Xicotepec, project team members were able to help parents with painting at the Rotary Club Primary School.

On Monday afternoon, the entire project team enjoyed a visit to **El Ángel de tu Salud (The Angel of Your Health)**, where over 1,500 species of medicinal plants are cultivated, and students of

herbal medicine are taught about their properties and uses. The architecture and sculpture, which celebrate Mexican indigenous art and culture, are other interesting features of this unique site.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were full work days for the project team. During this time the pharmacy and dental teams visited many pre-schools and primary schools, where they de-wormed about 3,000 children and completed dental screenings and fluoride treatments for over 1,200. In many of the schools visited by these teams, parents bring food for team members and school staff organize activities or performances as thank-you gestures.

A team of Public Health students met with small groups, segregated by sex, at a local secondary school and talked with them about themes such as self-image, bullying, pressure to conform and best practices for good physical, mental and emotional health. Students also completed written surveys. At the end of the week the Public Health team met with the students in a large group, and also with school staff, to share findings and ideas.

Other teams helped with construction projects at schools, painting Rotary-sponsored bus stops, painting a mural in the municipal **Casa de Cultura**, and helping with plantings in the new Rotary Friendship Park.

Throughout the week, the Xicotepec Project Water Team performed checks



**Rotaract president Ariadna López and Iowa City AM RYE student Cristina Cinotto say good-bye.**





University of Iowa professor of Dentistry Steve Levy receives a certificate of recognition from past president Millo Fosado of the Xicotepec Rotary Club.



West Des Moines Valley High School Interactor Omar Mustafa helps distribute shoes at the Casa Hogar Victoria orphanage



The water team, (l-r): Tom Mott and Bob Main, Rotary Club of Newton; and Keith Hobson, Rotary Club of Nevada.

## Xicotepec: 40-person team in Mexico

of previously installed purification systems to verify that they were working properly and that the water they provide is safe to drink. They also installed new systems and made repairs to existing systems.

Team members took advantage of some free time on Wednesday afternoon to visit **Finca el Paraíso (Paradise Ranch)** and learn about growing and processing coffee, both of which are important to the local economy. Some members tried their hand at catación, the process used by highly-trained experts to evaluate the quality of coffee by sampling its aroma and taste.

On Thursday the new **Rotary Friendship Park** at the main entrance to Xicotepec was inaugurated and volunteers helped with the first plantings, placed in the shape of the Rotary wheel. The event was attended by the municipal president, Lupita Vargas, as well as Rotarians, Inner Wheel members, Rotaractors, team members and local citizens.

In addition to the Rotary Club of Xicotepec, two other Rotary-affiliated clubs, Inner Wheel and Rotaract, were deeply involved in carrying out the week's activities, as were both of the Brazilian RYE students hosted by the

Xicotepec Rotary Club – Vini Marques and Amanda Jangrossi.

Many others participated with the project team during the course of the week, including nursing students from a local nursing college, Lupita Vargas (the municipal president), Rubén González (the director of SOSAPAX, the municipal water and sewer utility), the kitchen staff (made up of students and faculty of the Gastronomy program at the local **Universidad Tecnológica de Xicotepec de Juárez**), drivers (who, along with their vehicles, were provided by local businesses and the Universidad Tecnológica), community volunteers like Gregorio Sánchez and Eduardo Cruz, who for many years have donated their time to work all week with the project team, and the leaders of various institutions such as the universities and the **Hospital Integral**, who open their doors to the visitors from Iowa.

The Thursday evening meeting of the Xicotepec Rotary Club is an opportunity for team members to express their thoughts on their experience and their appreciation for the attention and hospitality they receive from the Xicotepec community. This year the Xicotepec Rotary Club inducted two new members – Ignacio Ramírez and Eric Wurts – at

the Thursday night session. Xicotepec Rotarians also acknowledged the contribution of team members from District 6000 at the Thursday night meeting with certificates of recognition. Club banners are also exchanged.

On Friday, the various work teams conclude their projects, and any pending unfinished tasks are completed. This year one of those tasks was the delivery of chairs and whiteboards to the **Simón de Bolívar preschool**. This clean, well-managed school serves a marginalized population from the Tabacal neighborhood of Xicotepec. Funds for the purchase of the chairs were provided by D6000 Rotarians, and the Xicotepec Rotary Club arranged the purchase and delivery.

Another Friday event was World Water Day, which was attended by several team members, the director of the municipal water utility Rubén González, and the municipal president Lupita Vargas.

On Friday night the Xicotepec Rotary Club hosts a Mexican fiesta for visitors from Iowa, Rotarians and family members, and all the local residents who contributed to the week's efforts. As in past years, in 2019 it was a great way to end a week of work and fellowship.

On Saturday the project team returned to Mexico City in preparation for its departure for Iowa on Sunday. It often takes a half hour to say good-bye as abrazos are exchanged before boarding the charter bus.

Primero Dios, we'll be together again in 2020! If you would like to know more about the Xicotepec Project:

- Visit <https://xicoproject.org/>
- Visit <https://www.facebook.com/xicoproj/>
- Send an email to [info@xicoproject.org](mailto:info@xicoproject.org) and ask to be put on the Email distribution list.



The 2019 project team of District 6000 at the foot of the Celestial Cross, which overlooks Xicotepec from the top of a hill.





Because of Iowa MOST, beautiful children like Fernando and Bresley are now looking forward to going to school, being able to eat and speak clearly, and integrating themselves into the social life of their community.



Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team members will fix Sarah's cleft lip/cleft palate so she will face her new life with a smile!

# Iowa MOST: 15 years of smiles

By Deb Dunkhase/Iowa City AM

Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team leader

District 6000 will celebrate its 15th Iowa MOST (Miles Of Smiles Team) mission to Guatemala in January 2020!

Fifteen years of bringing hope into the lives of hundreds of children born with cleft birth defects who without this Rotary project would face a life of isolation, poor health, no education, and little chance of happiness truly embodies the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self.

The Iowa MOST project travels to Huehuetenango each year, operating out of a private hospital whose owners donate the surgical space and their nursing team to our mission. The project relies heavily on our partnership with the Rotary Club of Huehuetenango to help recruit the children born with cleft from the remote Western Highlands of Guatemala who are hidden from society. The majority of the families we serve are indigenous, living in extreme poverty with absolutely no chance of their children receiving the cleft surgeries that will change their lives.

The impact this District 6000 international project makes is powerful. Because of your support, beautiful children like Fernando and Bresley are now looking forward to going to school, being able to eat and speak clearly, and integrating themselves into the social life of their community.

In January 2020, 30 to 35 individuals will travel to Guatemala to volunteer with the Iowa MOST (Miles of Smiles) medical mission! The team is primarily made up of surgeons, doctors, dentists, nurses and anesthesiologists – and has five non-medical volunteer positions. The work is strenuous. It requires volunteers in good health, able to speak Spanish, and willing to spend their days building trust with the families our project serves.

Applications to become a volunteer for our 15th mission are open on the Iowa MOST website until July 1, 2019 at [www.iowamost.org](http://www.iowamost.org).

After 15 years of working with the people of Guatemala, the Iowa MOST team has learned that aspiring to Do Good in Guatemala requires more than the desire to help those in need. Our team has found that to turn our good intentions into empowerment of those we are trying to help, requires discipline in following these key principles.

1. Respecting and Valuing the People and Their Cultural Traditions
2. Building Trust Through Authentic Relationships
3. Doing With Rather Than For
4. Ensuring Feedback and Accountability
5. Evaluating Every Step of the Way

On behalf of the hundreds of Guatemalan children who now have hope for a better future because of District 6000 support and the Iowa MOST team ... Muchisimos Gracias Amigos!!

## Thank you for your support!

Thank you to these clubs whose combined contributions of \$5,988 helped support the Iowa MOST mission:

Ames	Fort Madison	Marshalltown
Ankeny	Grinnell	North Scott
Boone	Iowa Quad Cities	Northwest Des Moines
Chariton	Jeffersn	Osceola
Davenport	Johnston	Pella
Decatur County	Keokuk	Tipton
Des Moines AM	Keosauqua	Wellman
East Polk	Manning	Winterset



# Iowa Wolves for polio: Eleven years; \$150,000

By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines

District 6000 PolioPlus Committee

In November of 2008, 16 Des Moines Rotary clubs met with officials of the Iowa Energy D-League basketball team and formulated a plan to raise funds to assist in the worldwide eradication of polio.

The plan was relatively simple: Iowa Energy (now the Iowa Wolves) provided the mechanism (a D-League basketball game) to enable the Des Moines area Rotary clubs to receive a 50-percent per ticket rebate to be sent to Rotary International for Polio Eradication. This provided the clubs an opportunity to collectively raise funds in a social, fun atmosphere, while providing positive public exposure of the Rotary brand, while at the same time giving non-Rotarians a chance to financially support eradication efforts in a fun and inexpensive family event.

In 2017, the Minnesota Timberwolves acquired the Iowa Energy franchise and enthusiastically embraced the Polio Eradication effort.

Coincidentally, the year 2008 was a year marked by increased polio cases in 15 African countries, as well as Pakistan and India, as the virus was imported into areas previously with little or no new activity. There was an increase of new cases to 1,652 from the previous year; where the previous 10 years has seen a steady decline.

So, the partnership of the area Rotary clubs and the Iowa Energy was consistent with the renewed collaborative efforts of the World Health Organization (WHO), the United States Center for Disease Control (USCDC), UNICEF, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, many governments, and Rotary International. Only four countries remained where polio was endemic; Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, and Nigeria.

## Global Polio Eradication Initiative continues

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative continues to be supported by 145 laboratories, using new methods to test for existence of the virus, allowing improved responses to outbreaks.

In 2014, we were able to announce to the basketball audience that India had gone three years without a new case of polio, leaving only three polio endemic countries. In 2016, Nigeria had gone two years without a new case, when four new cases were imported from Pakistan/Afghanistan, reinforcing the need to completely eradicate the virus from all parts of the world. Concomitantly, new cases were reported in Syria, Sudan, and Somalia, all previously polio free.

Since the 2016 outbreak was met with a quick and thorough response, the number of new cases has dropped dramatically. There were only 37 in 2016 and 23 in 2017; however, 2018 experienced a slight regression to 33 new cases.

Des Moines area Rotary clubs have actively supported the effort. On Feb. 2, 2019, one of the largest crowds of the year witnessed the Iowa Wolves beat the Memphis Hustle in an exciting overtime game, 131-128. Rotary gathered much exposure of its efforts with highly visible Rotarians collecting donations in yellow buckets and many PSA's shown on the Daktronic large screen video/scoreboard ... and on-the-floor announcements before the game and at halftime.

More than \$15,000 was collected from donations and ticket sales. With the Bill and Melinda Gates matching 2 for 1 grant, that total became \$45,000; making the 11-year total collected over \$150,000, enough to immunize approximately 250,000 children.

For the fifth year in a row, the Rotary Club of West Polk won the Arnold cup, for selling the most tickets per member. Rotarians sold 1,413 tickets in 2019 and 13,413 for the 11 years,



The Daktronic video screen showed the Rotary logo with a message to text to make a donation.



District Governor Tom Narak, Carol Narak, and Dr. Jeff Stickel greeted fans and collected donations. Also pictured are fans Rick Rarick and Marilyn Corwin.



The symbolic check presentation (l-r): Frank Hayer (Waukee), Dr. Jeff Stickel (Des Moines), Kyle Davy (Iowa Wolves), Christopher Dean (West Des Moines), Bill Corwin (Northwest Des Moines), Kevin McLaughlin (Des Moines AM), Luke Vogel (West Polk), Ed Arnold (Northwest Des Moines). Committee members not pictured included; Vernet Riley (Perry), Marie Pipes (East Polk), and Char Vukovich (Norwalk).

including more than 350 tickets provided to local youth groups and other 501(c)3 groups who would not otherwise be able to attend a game.

You can check the progress of the polio eradication initiative at [www.polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org). We are in this to the end!



# Meet new friends through Rotary Fellowships

By PDG John Ockenfels

International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (\*)

Whether you are new to Rotary or have been around for many years, you can always find more ways to enjoy the opportunities that Rotary has to offer.

Most of us think about Rotary as being all about service to our clubs and to our communities. While community service is one of our driving principles, Rotary is also founded on the concept of sharing our interests with our fellow Rotarians.

That is partially why we originally had the "Classification System." This was set up to keep clubs from getting too many people with the same backgrounds, and therefore being limited on having different life experiences to share with each other. Yes, this really was one of the founding principles of Rotary, "Share your passions and have fun in the process."

Having an organization made up of many people with differing interests in life, as well as work, fostered the opportunity to discuss and experience many different activities at the meetings and beyond.

Over the years Rotary created specific like-minded groups known as Rotary Fellowships to help facilitate the sharing of Rotarians' common interests in recreational, professional or sports activities. This was seen not only as a way to enjoy the company of other Rotarians, but also as a way to help connect to other Rotarians around the world.

## Fellowships open to family members

One of the advantages of Rotary Fellowships is that they are open to all members of the family of a Rotarian. They are also open to people who have been involved in Rotary

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DG John Ockenfels

International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

ily choose to help everyone at all levels of skill. This absolutely is a great way to learn a new skill or hone a current one. Rotary Fellowships are a great way to make new friends throughout the world, or just in your own backyard.

Today, Rotary has more than 80 individual specific areas of interest that make up the fellowships. Some of them include:

Antique Automobiles, Beer, Bird Watching, Caravanning, Cruising, E-Clubs, Educators, Environment, Flying, Lawyers, LGBT, Metalhead, Military Veterans, Motorcycling, Music, Photographers, Police and Law Enforcement, Quilters and Fiber Artists, Recreational Vehicles, Scouting, Skiing, Singles, Social Networks, Whisk(e)y, Wine, Yoga.

To find the full list of Fellowships go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships> or just Google "Rotary Fellowships"

Spend a little time looking at the lists and checking the information about them. I truly believe that you will find several groups that grab your interest. You can join as many

programs in the past, including Alumni of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation programs.

You will find people who may be an expert on a specific subject and people who may only have an interest and are wanting to learn more. Rotary Fellowships offer one of the safest ways to interact with many people of varying skill levels who readily



**Allyson Walter (past president for the Rotary Club of Ames) is the new president for the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians. She was installed in February 2019. Allyson is pictured with PDG Don Goering, who is past president for the ISFR. Provided by Karin Sevde**



**Rotarians and Rotary RV Fellowship members gathered in the Arizona desert for dinner on Feb. 27, from left: Merle and Mary Lou Anderson (North Scott), PDG Corliss and Jeannie Klaassen (Chariton), PDG Terry and Peggy Geiger (Decatur County), Debbie and Geary Conover (Debbie is RVF president), Ed and Lois Goering, (Oregon), Dave and Barbara Anderson (Wisconsin), and one more lady from Tucson. Provided by Merle Anderson**

as you like.

If you do not find a fellowship that interests you, or if you have a specific interest that is not currently listed, you can also find out how to start your own Fellowship on this site. Feel free to share your passion with another like-minded person somewhere in the world of Rotary.

(\*) In 2020, PDG John is planning to fly around the world with Rotary to raise funds for Polio.



# 100 years: Boone's big birthday bash

**By Lisa Mount/Boone**  
Club President

The Rotary Club of Boone celebrated its Centennial on May 1 at the Boulders Inn and Suites Conference Center in Boone. We were joined by members from 17 other clubs in District 6000, along with many past district governors, current district leadership, Rotary Club of Boone members, and attendees from the Boone community.

President Lisa Mount welcomed everyone to the celebration and explained it was exactly 100 years to the date from the club's first meeting. Past Rotary International Vice President Jennifer Jones then took her turn to welcome everyone via video message, as she was unfortunately called away from attending at the last minute.

After a rousing rendition of the Star Spangled Banner and the Boone Rotary Song, we sat down for nice a dinner, accompanied by some wonderful music from David Howell and Kate Quandt on the piano and harp, respectively.

After we finished the meal, topped off with some 100th anniversary cake for dessert, the guests were treated to a couple of Rotary traditions. The first was awarding the club's 2019 Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity award to Mary Youngblood. Not only is she our club's longstanding secretary, as well as an annual Pulled Pork Dinner co-chair (among many other things), she is an outstanding person and we were very happy to surprise her with this award at the celebration. Thanks to District Governor Tom Narak, PDG Bill Tubbs and Bill Koellner for helping us to present Mary with this award!

We then moved into awarding five members of the club with Paul Harris Fellowships and inducting 12 new members into the club! Most of those members were from the new evening club that started in 2017, and if you're taking notes, the women in that meeting outnumber the men, so you know productive things will be happening from them (I kid!)

After all of the awards were handed out, Boone Rotarian Dave Cook stepped up to the podium to give a presentation on the Centennial Welcome Train project the club has been working very hard on. Our club has currently raised over \$152,000 to make this project a reality, so hopefully in the near future (fall 2019) you will see a refurbished and Rotary branded 2-8-0 steam engine, coal tender, and passenger car welcoming you to the community on the northeast corner of South Story Street and Highway 30. Please visit [www.boonerotary.com](http://www.boonerotary.com) for more information and ways to donate to the project!

Last but not least came one of the highlights of the evening when Rotary Foundation Trustee Julia Phelps delivered her keynote address. She congratulated the club on reaching this milestone and took us back into history highlighting a couple of key years over the last 100, noting what Rotary and the world were like during those times.

Sometimes it's important to reflect on how far you have come to realize that differences are being made little by little. She finished with a reading from the children's book *The Little Engine that Could*, sharing that our club has had a tremendous impact on our community and our world because we "think we can"!

Thank you to Julia for your inspiring words! And with that, the Rotary Club of Boone launches into our next 100 years of service to our community and world. Thank you to everyone whom attended the celebration. We hope you had as much fun as we did!



**Keynote speaker, Rotary Foundation Trustee Julia Phelps, was greeted by PDG Susan Herrick and club president Lisa Mount.**

Photo by Bill Tubbs



**Relocating the Welcome Train to a highly visible location at the junction of Highway 30 and Story Street is the Rotary Club of Boone's big centennial project.**

Provided by Lisa Mount



**Boone Rotary's new Paul Harris Fellows (l-r) Tish Germer, Cody Bowers, Matt Elthon and Troy Thompson were congratulated by club president Lisa Mount (at left) and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Chris Knapp (second from right).**



**The Rotary Club of Boone's new members inducted the night of the club's centennial party, (l-r): Tish Germer, Lesley Dakin, Lisa Cook, Graye Dierickx, Hans Pollard, Shellie Grabau, Mandy Gustafson, Ruth Thompson and Sam Germer.**



**Educator of the Year, recognized by the Rotary Club of Des Moines (l-r): Alison Hoeman, Mike Marcketti, Maria Howard, Patrick Lewis, and Erin Budrea.**



**Recipients of Rotary Club of Des Moines \$8,000 scholarships are pictured with club president Shawn Mullen (r). From left: Tam Cao, Jasmine Johnson, Raymond Abwe, Oanh Bui, Blessing Hutchinson. Nou Vue is not pictured.**

## Educators, scholars honored by RC of Des Moines

**By Kitte Noble/Des Moines**  
Club Executive Director

The Educator of the Year awards have been given out for over 20 years by the Rotary Club of Des Moines. Since 2000, and including this year's winners, we have recognized 77 Des Moines public school educators.

The process of choosing these educators begins with a letter to the superintendent and all building principals asking them to nominate a faculty member. Nomination applications are then given to a peer panel of previous recipients of the award, which gives recommendations to the award committee to determine the final winners.

Each Rotary Educator of the Year receives a \$1,000 classroom stipend, a collective travelling plaque with their name engraved on it, and a personalized commemorative clock.

The awards are made possible because of the Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation.

The following 5 educators were recognized at our April 25th meeting:

**Alison Hoeman:** Phillips Elementary School (English K-5);

**Erin Budreau:** Findley Elementary (5th Grade);

**Maria Howard:** Brody Middle School (Language Acquisition, Spanish);

**Mike Marcketti:** Central Academy (Mathematics);  
**Patrick Lewis:** Roosevelt High School (Behavior Disorder Teacher and Mentor).

The Rotary Club of Des Moines awarded six area high school students \$8,000 each at their weekly noon meeting on Thursday, April 18, at the Wakonda Club.

"I'm proud of our 39-year tradition of honoring students who exemplify what we Rotarians find so important – selfless leadership and commitment to service," said Rotary Club of Des Moines president, Shawn Mullen.

This year's Rotary Scholarship recipients:

**East High School:** Jasmine Johnson;

**Hoover High School:** Tam Cao;

**North High School:** Raymond Abwe;

**Lincoln High School:** Blessing Hutchinson;

**Roosevelt High School:** Oanh Bui;

**Scavo High School:** Nou Vue.

The scholarship awards are supported by the organization's weekly tumbler program (member donations) and other Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation funds.

The selection process includes input from representatives at each of the six Des Moines public high schools as well as multiple interviews by the Rotary scholarship committee.

## Davenport Rotary awards \$58,500 scholarships

**By Patt Englander/Davenport**  
Club Secretary

On May 6th, the Rotary Club of Davenport distributed \$58,500 in scholarships to six Davenport high school students:

**Ayianna Litt** from Mid City High School received \$2,500. She will attend SCC to become a paralegal.

**Garrett Daniel** from Assumption High School received \$10,000. His plans are not decided, but he has several options.

**Esmee Belzer** from North High School received \$10,000. She will attend University of Iowa.

**Jessica Elliott** from Central High School received \$10,000. (will study Marine Science and has several options)

**Emma Bernick** from West High School received \$10,000. She will attend the University of Iowa.

**Jalissa Peiffer** from West High School received \$16,000. Her plans are not decided, but she has several options.

These scholarships are an opportunity for students to pursue higher education and achieve a place of leadership in their chosen field. Students applying for scholarships submit an application, write an essay, produce a video about how they apply the Rotary Four-Way Test in their everyday life,

and participate in an interview with the Rotary Scholarship Committee. The Rotary Club of Davenport is proud of its ongoing commitment to students in our community and of the many students who have benefited from these scholarships over the years.



**Davenport Rotary scholarship recipients with Scholarship Committee chair Ben Loeb (l) and president Annette Horvath (r), from left: Ayianna Litt, Jalissa Peiffer, Garrett Daniel, Esmee Belzer and Jessical Elliott. Not pictured: Emma Bernick.**



# Rotarians boost 'Marshalltown Strong' rebuild

By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown

The EF-3 tornado that cut through the heart of Marshalltown last July left chaos and destruction in its wake.

Immediate support flooded in for the occupants of the 227 residential homes that were either destroyed or sustained major damage. While an additional 900 homes did not have the structural integrity of the residence impaired, there was much to be done after a long winter and soggy spring. Many of these homes struggled to protect against the elements during this time.

Enter Habitat for Humanity and its "Blitz Build" to the rescue. During a five-day period in April, 600 volunteers from around the state converged upon Marshalltown to renovate and repair 30-40 of the above referenced properties.

Marshalltown Rotary members volunteered for the event and the club and its members contributed financially to the roughly \$1 million in materials that went into this first phase of attention.

It is hoped the number of residences assisted will reach 100 by the end of the year, as at least 145 homes are still in need of attention. Bob Untiedt, Marshalltown Rotarian and director of the iconic Orpheum Theater, spearheaded volunteer efforts for the club. He reported that there were 10 Rotarians that joined in the effort. While appreciative of the dozens that came from around the state, Untiedt said the majority of volunteers – painting, doing drywall, helping with windows, landscaping – were from Marshalltown.

Rotary Club of Marshalltown president Matt Garber has set a goal for the club to raise \$30,000 to be used throughout the year as it leverages contributions with the resources of Habitat For Humanity. Nearly a year later, it continues to seem like a daunting task, but Marshalltown is proving it is *Marshalltown Strong* and focused on the long haul.



**Marshalltown Rotarians Roger Groteluschen and Bob Moore proudly wear their Rotary hats as they work on the Blitz Build campaign to repair residences damaged in the July 2018 tornado. District 6000, and the clubs within, made a very generous donation of over \$10,000 toward such efforts.**

## Adel Rotarians provide books, check bicycles for kids

By Shirley McAdon/Adel

On May 2, members of the Rotary Club of Adel partnered with the ADM Intermediate School to provide one of the 10 books that students will take home this summer.

It is well known that students lose ground in reading over the summer unless opportunities to continue reading through the summer months are provided. The ADM Summer Reading Program for grades 3-5 begins with students taking a field trip to a book store to select books to add to their reading lists. Some students have never been to a bookstore, nor have they received a book of their own. Some had never ridden an escalator. Wide eyes greeted the sheer number of books available!

Most exciting for students was being able to choose an age-appropriate book to take home and keep. The Rotary Club of Adel made that happen that very day! The remainder of the books on their lists will be purchased by the school district and gathered together to be sent home with students at the end of the school year. Promoting literacy is a very important goal of our club and of all Rotarians.

On May 4, the club partnered with the Adel Police Department to hold its 2nd Annual Safety Bike Rodeo. Other partners included the City of Adel, the Adel Fire Department, the Adel American

Legion and Auxiliary, and Adel Boy Scout Troop 152.

Children ages 5-12 were invited to bring their bicycles and helmets to the Adel City Hall parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to noon to have them inspected and fitted before receiving safety instruction and then riding through the course. Children completing the course received a certificate of completion, bike safety information, a Rotary flier, and a bottle of water. There were giveaways of homemade cookies, frozen treats, and junior police badges before a prize drawing concluded the event. Every child won a prize, thanks to our generous community sponsors. The health and safety of our children is another goal of our Club and of all Rotarians. More children riding their bikes safely are now on their way to enjoy the summer in our community!



**Rotarian President-Elect Paul Zietlow helps one of the young students at the bookstore.**



**Rotarians Rebecca Hillmer (l) and Jane Clausen (r) man the Certificate Completion table. Jane's son Ronan is pictured with his bike in front.**

## ATLANTIC

# Scholars, teachers, donors, employees recognized

By AG Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Public Image Chair

The Rotary Club of Atlantic held its annual Atlantic High School Senior Recognition on April 23. The Rotary members were introduced to the seniors who participated in band, vocal music, drama, the art program, the FFA program and the top 10 academics of the Class of 2019.

Along with the presentations from the students, the Rotary scholarship winners were introduced: Nathan Behrends, Jalen Petersen and Sarah Schorle. Nathan is the recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship given to a student attending a four-year college or university. Jalen is the recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship for a student attending a community college, vocational or technical school. Sarah is the recipient of the \$2,000 Rex Moorman Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is presented in memory of Rex Moorman to a student attending a four-year college or university.

## Paul Harris Fellows

At the May 7th meeting, several Rotarians were recognized as becoming Paul Harris Fellows for their contributions of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Dolly Bergmann, club Foundation chair, made the presentations. This honor was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions that support the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund and Polio Plus.

Also recognized were Rotarians who became Multiple Paul Harris Fellows for their additional gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation Fund over a period of time or as a one-time gift. Rotarians reaching the Paul Harris level of giving \$1,000 to the Rotary foundation are Brett Altman, Brett Holtz, Kent Gade, Jeff Lundquist and Julie Smith. All received a Paul Harris pin and certificate to display in their office or at home.

Paul Harris plus 1 are those who have given \$2,000 to the Foundation: Garry DeGeest, Steve Tjepkes, Kellie Jimerson, Dave Jones, Jim Kickland and Keith Harlan. They received a pin with one sapphire in it.

Two individuals reached Paul Harris plus 2 for gifts of \$3,000 to the Foundation: Kathie Hockenberry and Mark Smith. The pin they received has two sapphires.

Reaching the level of Paul Harris plus 3 for gifts of \$4,000 are Dale Gross and Brad Hartkopf. Their pin has three sapphires.

One person reached Paul Harris plus 4 and plus 5: Christina Bateman. The Paul Harris plus 4 pin is for gifts of \$5,000. With an additional \$1,000 she reached the Paul Harris plus 5 level and received two pins, one with 4 sapphires and one with 5.

## Outstanding teachers

On May 15th, the club presented its sixth annual Rotary Outstanding Teacher of the



**Scholarship recipients Nathan Behrends, Jalen Petersen, Sarah Schorle with Dolly Bergmann, a member of the Scholarship Committee.**



**Paul Harris Fellows: Kathie Hockenberry, Jim Kickland, Kellie Jimerson, Mark Smith and Julie Smith with Dolly Bergmann, presenter.**



**Outstanding teachers Justin Williams and Karen Vogl.**

Year awards. This year there was twice the surprise. Two teachers who received the award: Justin Williams and Karen Vogl. Both teach in the Cass County Educational Opportunity Center (CCEOC).

Both accepted the award, but said they would not be receiving it if not for all the other staff members on their "team," and each other. Mr. Williams and Ms. Vogl have been at the center for 10 years, and say they get a lot of support from the other school staff and even the students.

The award is presented after receiving nominations from students, parents and other teachers. The intention of the award is "to recognize and reward outstanding educators in our public school system who exemplify the Rotary motto of 'Service above Self' through continuous dedications to students, parents, peers, and the larger community, as well as the art and practice of education."

## Employee recognition

On May 21st the club held its annual Employee Recognition luncheon. This is a great time to bring someone from your business/organization who deserves a special meal and to say thank you. This year was a little different presentation. In the past we have had speakers, but this year it was decided to brag about/recognize our guests. Each Rotarian presented the individual(s) they had brought to the luncheon and told the others what was special about this individual.



## IOWA CITY

## Cooler dedicated in honor of John and Deb Ockenfels

By Mark Ruggeberg/Iowa City Downtown  
Club President

The Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown, through a grant from The Rotary Foundation, and with assistance from the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM, helped CommUnity Food Bank in Iowa City wrap up a year-long warehouse expansion project through the purchase of a walk-in cooler.

CommUnity Food Bank, formerly The Crisis Center, serves nearly 13,000 Johnson County residents each year. When the food bank warehouse was first built in 2003, it was serving approximately 350 families each week and distributing 500,000 pounds of food annually.

Now, the food bank serves more than 1,000 families each week and is on track to distribute its 2 millionth pound of food for this fiscal year any day now. With the increase in services provided, CommUnity has made an effort to provide its clients with more fresh produce. In order to ensure that produce is able to be distributed, a cooler for storage was necessary.

In addition to purchasing fresh, local produce, CommUnity also accepts donations. PDG John Ockenfels and Deb have donated thousands of pounds of fresh produce over the past three summers. Their trips to the Kalona produce auction have made an incredible impact on the availability of healthy foods at the food bank. At least weekly, if not bi-weekly, the Ockenfels work with CommUnity staff and vol-



Dedication of the "Crabby O.'s Cooler," from left: Nancy Stenvsvaag (Iowa City AM), Mark Ruggeberg (Iowa City Downtown), Nancy Pacha (Iowa City AM), James Phelps (Iowa City Downtown), and Deb and PDG John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM).



unteers to unload and organize truckloads of fresh cantaloupe, cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, and more, providing clients with fresh foods they may not have otherwise had access to.

It is because of this that the Downtown club and CommUnity felt it appropriate to dedicate the new cooler in honor of the Ockenfelses, dubbing the cooler "Crabby O.'s Cooler" in recognition and using Deb's nickname, Crabby O.

## Nevada Rotarians rally for summer enrichment program

By Sara Clausen/Nevada  
Club President

Each year the Rotary Club of Nevada hosts multiple fundraisers designed specifically to support programs and projects in the Nevada community. Many members took part in the Annual Soup Supper in the cafeteria, which will

provide funding for scholarships which will be awarded to two graduating high school seniors.

The club is pleased to present a contribution of more than \$6,000 to the Nevada Food for Thought summer enrichment program.

In November, Nevada Rotary hosted

a fantastic evening of fundraising at Indian Creek Country Club and all proceeds were designated to support the children who attend this valuable summer enrichment opportunity.

The Nevada Food for Thought program is a food and enrichment program with the goal to reduce or eliminate the summer learning loss children experience. The overall goal of the program is for the students enrolled to experience no summer learning loss, but rather hopefully experience a learning gain, and to go back to school more confident and better prepared to learn.

Hosted at Central Elementary, the Nevada program averages 125 students each summer with the opportunity to grow this year! A large percentage of funding from this gift will be used to purchase books – supporting the high emphasis Rotary has placed on literacy in our community.

United Way of Story County serves as the lead coordinator of the Nevada Food for Thought program and is here tonight to accept the gift.



The Rotary Club of Nevada presented a check for \$6,000 to the Food for Thought summer enrichment program!





## Club refurbishes bikes for kids

April 19th was a great example of Service Above Self for the Rotary Club of West Des Moines. The club held a bike giveaway at Indian Hills Junior High and provided 30 bicycles to teens in need. One of the club's service projects is to repair and refurbish donated bicycles, then provide those bicycles to students in need. At left, John Rodgers checks a bike for safety. At right, Bill Fry helps a youngster get started. Provided by Bill Fry



The Rotary Club of Burlington recently held a fundraiser in our community to help our local food pantries restock their shelves for those in need. Our event, Pack the Pantry, collected and purchased \$1,548.48 worth of groceries, all of which has been donated to our community food pantries thanks to the nine teams who participated and helped make the event a success. Pack the Pantry was a fun contest between the Burlington Rotary Club and other service organizations to see which team could get closest to \$175 worth of food items with only minutes to grab items. Everyone had a blast participating, and we look forward to holding this event again next year. Provided by Mallory Riffel



## Rotarians clean roads, read to kids

The Rotary Club of Burlington's focus is on children's literacy and beyond, with Rotarians signing up for weekly reading to students in our area schools. Each quarter we replace one regular meeting with a reading to students. Every Rotarian is assigned a grade and school and spends an hour reading one-on-one with students. It is a favorite activity for our Rotarians!

Spring brings a lot of things – including our annual roadside cleanup! Burlington Rotarians contributed to another successful roadside cleanup in our community as part of our effort to build and sustain a stronger sense of community and pride in our great town. Rotarians collected several bags worth of garbage as they beautified a portion of the land on U.S. Highway 61 north. – Mallory Riffel





# Coon Rapids Rotary supports 'Book of the Year' project

**By Charlie Nixon/Coon Rapids**

Club Executive Secretary

In a continuing effort to support the Coon Rapids-Bayard Community School District, the Rotary Club of Coon Rapids has donated \$500 to the district's all school reading adventure that recently wrapped up its third year.

"CRB's Book of the Year" involves every Pre-K through fourth-grade student. Each year a book is chosen that can be enjoyed at all age levels, and then each student's families are asked to make time to participate in reading the book or participating in a family reading event.

Reading aloud together at home is a valuable experience for young people because it prepares them to be effective readers and listeners, according to Connie Ankenbauer, CRB's Title Reading Specialist, who has organized the event all three years and works to get everyone involved. She said the school uses funds from the CRB Foundation and Reading Is Fun (RIF) to pay for the purchase of all the books so each child can purchase a copy for just \$5. The books cost more than \$5 each, but with the financial support the cost per book can be minimal, she explained.

With three of his five children involved in the project, Rotary club president Jon Heydon knows how effective the Book of the Year program has become. That's why he encouraged the club to make a significant donation this year to continue the program and the low cost of the books.



Rotarian Jon Heydon presented the check for books to reading specialist Connie Ankenbauer. Also pictured are Rachel Nees, kindergarten teacher, and Becky Halbur, elementary principal. In the first row are students Skylar Petty, Skye Byerly, Kylie James, and Merrick Marsh. All are first graders except for Skye, who is a kindergartner.

## DECATUR COUNTY

# Children's reading corners installed in waiting rooms

**By Bill Morain/Decatur County**

District 6000 Literacy Committee

The Rotary Club of Decatur County and the DEKKO Foundation have joined hands in installing children's reading corners in the waiting rooms of clinics of the Community Health Centers of Southern Iowa (CHCSI) in Leon and Lamoni.

Instead of browsing magazines, parents can now select books from a professionally guided "Little Free Library" and read to children on their laps in a gliding rocking chair. Waiting to see the doctor may become a less frightful experience.

The program was initiated as a result of Rotary District 6000's strong promotion of early literacy. When a district-wide Rotary committee urged local clubs to initiate projects that would encourage reading among children in their communities, the Decatur County club unanimously voted to initiate and fund the project.

Hearing of the proposal, Graceland's AmeriCorps officials applied for and obtained an accompanying Outreach Grant from the DEKKO Foundation on behalf of its own interest in child development.

CHCSI Chief Executive Officer Samantha Cannon selected the most suitable chair for the two waiting rooms, and Rotarians chose the popular Little Free Library bookcase with its age-appropriate books. In support of the project, Ms. Cannon stated, "We concur with Rotary International that early literacy is a critical part of children's healthy development. We see over 1,000 pediatric patients a year in our two clinics and are in a favorable position to encourage early reading."

In addition to modeling parental reading, the project also plans to place library cards with the clinic receptionists in order to further assist parents in helping their children to love books.



Names needed ,,, email sent to Peggy June 5 Jordan Olmsted John Henderson Bill Morain Chris Coffelt



# New Interact club leads the way in Decatur County

By Shannon Erb/Decatur County

Club President

There are more young faces than ever involved in service in Decatur County. This year, the Rotary Club of Decatur County sponsored a new Interact club at Central Decatur High School in Leon. This new group started out with a bang by planning a community-wide day of service on May 23. The community service day was led by our Interact students of Central Decatur, but included all students and staff at Central Decatur High School.

The projects students participated in were: cleanup and preparation of the Leon Cemetery for Memorial Day events, cleanup at Little River Lake, cleanup at the Leon Walking Trail & Masonic Park, weeding and landscaping at Parkview Apartments, organization and clean up at SCIT Theatre, window and yard cleaning at Leon Community Center, landscaping and upkeep at the South Elementary Butterfly Garden, weeding and playground upgrades at Harvey Park, painting the Welcome to Leon Sign, and various service projects at the West View Acres/Terrace Park retirement home.

Students enjoyed a cookout at the school before embarking on their afternoon service projects. Water was donated from Hardware Hank for students and staff to drink. Also, students enjoyed a tasty ice cream treat when they returned to school. Overall, the day was a great success and a wonderful way to announce the newest volunteer group in Decatur County.



Student volunteers of the new Decatur County Interact Club pose with their newly erected flags and veteran crosses at the Leon Cemetery – one of many projects undertaken by the enthusiastic student group.

## Fairfield Rotary wins prestigious award

By Joshua Laraby/Fairfield

Club President

The Rotary Club of Fairfield was nominated and selected for a very prestigious award, the 2019 Garst Memorial Award for leadership, from the United Nations Association – Iowa Division. The Garst Memorial Awards were established by the late Elizabeth Garst in memory of her husband, Roswell Garst, an active member of the Iowa UNA throughout his adult life. The Garst Leadership Award is presented to an outstanding individual serving in a leadership role whose position supports or exemplifies the goals of the United Nations and the UNA-USA.

Our nominator, Dr. Morad Malekghassemi, put forward our club's name as a deserving recipient. He cited our club's long history of work on peace and conflict prevention, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development as laudable goals in line with the UNA-USA and the criteria for this award.

A recognition Assembly of the Iowa UNA was held on Saturday, June 15 at Liberty High School in North Liberty, Iowa.

In addition to the presentation of the Garst Memorial Awards, the Annual Assembly featured remarks by Jean-Paul Mugemuzi on the life of a refugee. Mr. Mugemuzi's talk was an especially meaningful way to mark the upcoming World Refugee Day.



## Funds for Community Center

The Rotary Club of Fairfield is pretty proud of our Annual Christmas letter fundraiser. This year we raised \$1,140 for the Fairfield Community Center, formerly known as the Fairfield Senior Center. Club President Josh Laraby (r), is presenting the check to Community Center board members Tom Thompson and Max Giles. Provided by Sue Gall, Club Publicity Chair



✓ Join Leaders ✓ Exchange Ideas ✓ Take Action



## NORTH SCOTT

## Handicapped bikes, grants, scholarships, Foundation

Highlights of activities of the Rotary Club of North Scott:

**Custom-made bicycles for handicapped children**

Saturday, Feb. 9 was the day a dream came together – literally – for president Jeff Ashcraft and members of North Scott Rotary who assembled, and donated, 19 bicycles custom-built for disabled children.

The bicycles, large and small, came in many parts and were put together under the direction of Mississippi Bend Trykes during a work day that brought smiles and tears to volunteers and recipients alike.

"It's truly the spirit of Rotary, bringing people together to do something good for those in need," said Ashcraft. "When the children got their bikes, everyone smiled ear to ear and had tears well up in their eyes because of the special moment for that child and their families."

The Rotary club footed the \$19,000 cost of the bikes from fundraising and a \$5,000 grant from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Nine more bikes were assembled on May 4, including one by students in the North Scott Junior High Interact Club under the leadership of Rotarian Jan Touney and faculty member Eugene Kreiter.

**Community grants and impact grant total \$50,366**

On April 19, the club awarded \$50,366 in support to local groups, including a \$15,000 Impact Grant to Habitat for Humanity, and Community Needs Grants to 26 groups.

The awards were selected from 10 applications for the Impact Grant and more than 100 for Community Needs grants.

**Davenport North High School Project Lit**, \$600. Purchase books to encourage summer reading.

**Davenport Williams Intermediate School**, \$200. Seating for science classroom.

**Davenport North High School**, \$1,000. Student & Family Emergency Fund.

**North Scott Alan Shepard 3rd Grade**, \$500. Wobble Seats for class rooms.

**North Scott Junior High Archery Program**, \$1,250. Purchase equipment.

**North Scott Junior High Therapy Dog**, \$1,500. At Risk Programming.

**North Scott John Glenn Therapy Dog**, \$1,500. At Risk Programming; current dog retiring.

**North Scott Alan Shepard Autism Program**, \$2,000. Sensory Room Upgrade.

**North Scott Alan Shepard Therapy Dog**, \$1,500. At Risk Programming.

**North Scott High School & Junior High Special Education Department**, \$1,716. Materials for physical/intellectual impaired students.

**Scott County Library System**, \$1,000. Girls who code! Eight computer kits to teach tech careers.

**Safer Foundation**, \$2,500. Sensory room items for youth from Juvenile Court.

**WQPT PBS Western Illinois University**, \$500. WQPT First Book Club; free books for at risk youth.

**Handicapped Development Center**, \$3,000. Electronic Transfer Device.

**Project Renewal**, \$3,000. 2019 Summer Youth Program.

**GiGi's Playhouse, QC** \$1,000. New Parent Packets.

**Jordan's Joy**, \$1,500. Support for families with child who has a life threatening illness.

**Child Abuse Council**, \$1,000. Purchase second step child protection curriculum.

**Walcott Heart and Hands** 1,400. ADA Picnic tables for Walcott splash pad.

**Park View Park Board**, \$2,000. Support for Park View Youth Boys/Girls Sports.

**Princeton Park Board**, \$1,400. Park Benches.

**Feed Our Children**, \$3,000. Summer Lunch Program; 4,200 lunches served in North Scott area.

**Saint Paul's Wyldlife**, \$600. Purchase Outdoor Projector, Screen, Lighting.

**North High School National Honor Society**, \$200. Truman Elementary Life Skills Day hosted by NHS.

**Alzheimer Association**, \$500.

**Genesis Foundation**, \$1,000. Exoskeleton.



**A customized bicycle built by North Scott Rotarians (one of 28) was a gift that brought a smile not only to its new user, Lauren Behm, 16, of Eldridge, but her family, (l-r): parents Terry and David, sister Kendall, 9, and brother Cal, 13.**

**Youth Day and \$16,000 scholarships**

112 Rotarians, friends of Rotary, youth and parents, recognized graduates and celebrated the club's involvement with youth at the 24th annual Youth Day May 10. Scholarships totaling \$16,000 were announced, graduates and RYLA students were recognized, and members of the Interact club at North Scott Junior High were introduced by adviser Jan Touney, who reported about their service work.

Seven \$2,000 scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors: Carter Josund and Esmee Belzer from Davenport North, and Keaton Rheingans, Alannah Skinner, Colin Wiersma, Katharine Jackovich and Kraig Leahy, all North Scott. Leahy was the recipient of the Dorothy White Performing Arts Scholarship. In addition, the club presented the new \$1,000 William F. and Linda Z. Tubbs Rotary Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students to 34-year-old Liz Sager of Scott Community College, and the \$1,000 Keith Mattke vocational scholarship to Payton Dieckman of North Scott.

**Rotary Foundation Day**

Bill Koellner of West Liberty was the speaker at the club's annual Foundation Day May 31. New Paul Harris Fellows were recognized: Greg Lundgren, Leroy Pausian (+1), Richard Horst, Jeff Helms, Nancy Glawe, Steve Fahrenkrog, Pat DeLuca and Jeff Ashcraft (+2), Richard Cole (+3), Ken Tank and Jim Smith (+4) and Chris Connolly (+6). The club has three Major Donors: Merle Anderson (Level 1), Lorraine Lynch (Level 3) and William and Linda Tubbs (Level 4).

North Scott Rotary is an EREY and All Paul Harris Fellows club which contributed \$44,355 to The Rotary Foundation since May 2018. Since the club's charter in 1973, its members have given \$530,687 to the Foundation's Annual Fund, Endowment Fund, and PolioPlus. —Bill Tubbs

*Club members volunteered at Special Olympics, read to students, planted flower beds, made improvements to the Rotary Inspiration Play Zone in Eldridge, and provided leadership for their Global Grant, God's Mercy Orphanage in Uganda.*





Rotary branded signs in West Liberty. Provided by Gretchen Nollman

## WEST LIBERTY

### Public presence: Are we noticed?

By Cliff McFerren/West Liberty

Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Club of West Liberty focused on community visibility with a positive public presence in two parts:

1. Noting our club presence in town; and
2. Marking all of the projects our club has undertaken in recent years.

A couple of examples are included here showing hand-some signage made locally to help showcase a downtown "pocket" park where years ago an old building stood. Now it is a show case of community spirit, used for music, shows, festivals and just plain hanging out. Partnering with city officials, contractors and club members, we were able to make improvements to the back half of the park creating not only an environmentally friendly gathering place with dance area, but also featuring local horticulture with plantings that surround the back end which is adjacent to a typical alleyway. Not only is it beautiful, but is also environmentally functional.

The second example is on our local recreation trail that connects our historic 1897 railroad depot on the south side of town to our new high school on the north side of town. Once again, Rotary stands out in the community by contributing and installing solar lighting on this trail. Metal banners that proudly hang from these poles describe who contributed to this important asset. Working with our local sign shop, we chose metal for its durability and longevity. Rotary has lots of signage around the community, and these are just two of the most recent additions to our club's branding.



The Rotary Club of West Liberty donated and served food at a recent family night at the Early Learning Center in West Liberty, (l-r): Jodi Kelly, Steve Hanson, Marian Hart, Nancy Knight-Barr, Tom Brooke and Tom Barr. Provided by Steve Hanson



West Liberty Rotarians Marian Hart, Anna Hanson, Steve Hanson, Tommie Petersen, Megan (city playground committee), Nick (parks & rec), Ken Noble, Tom Strumpel and Jodi Kelly dedicate a piece of playground equipment bought through the community service grant and installed by our club and city employees. The club installed a Rotary-branded bench next to this piece of playground equipment. Provided by Steve Hanson

### Partnership, public health forum contribute to PR award

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty

RAGBRAI rolled into West Liberty the morning of Saturday, July 28, 2018, with more than 15,000 riders. The Rotary Club of West Liberty partnered with Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown and set up a stand to sell breakfast sandwiches, bananas and Gatorade. The stand sold out of food within two hours of the event, which was awesome! The clubs raised over \$2,300, which went toward Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, for services in Muscatine and Johnson counties. Prevent Child Abuse Iowa recognizes it takes working together to ensure children are raised in safe, nurturing environments.

In late March, the Rotary Club of West Liberty partnered with Muscatine County Public Health in hosting a public forum at West Liberty Community Center where 45 residents attended. The most significant health issues that face residents, mental health, substance abuse and diabetes were discussed. In addition, cancer, dental care and nutrition and other issues were discussed. Multiple displays with helpful information were provided by the presenters. Attendees asked questions regarding specific health problems.



Representatives of Muscatine County Public Health present at a public forum on April 2 organized by the Rotary Club of West Liberty. Provided by Steve Hanson



**CLINTON**

## Team up with Rotary!

In April, the Rotary Club of Clinton had its Auction: "Team Up with Rotary!" We had great success and everyone had a great time! That's Rotarian Kathy Klahn at right with club president Jennifer Graf in the referee shirts. Provided by Jill O'Neill

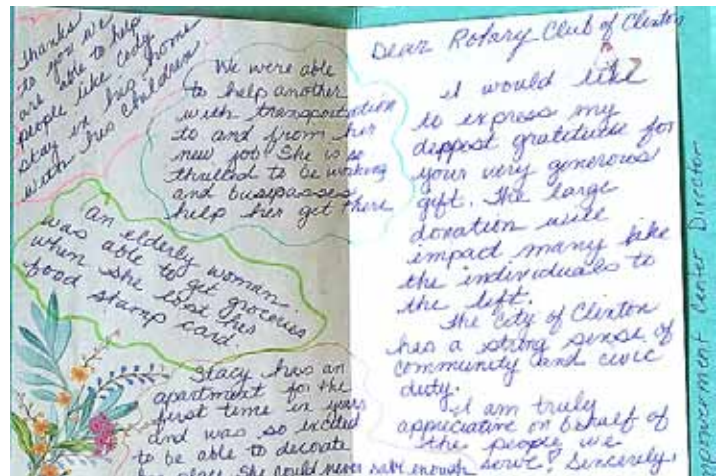
Clinton Rotarians have gone to the local elementary schools and given kindergartners a copy of the book, "Josh the Baby Otter," a story about an otter learning water safety. Josh accompanied our Rotarians and made a huge "splash" with the kids. Provided by Jill O'Neill



Rotarian and city administrator, Matt Brooke, throwing out the first pitch at the Lumberkings Opener 2019 Season. Provided by Jody Brooke



Rotarian Gary Foster was presented with the Paul Harris + 3 pin by Clinton Rotary president Jennifer Graf. Lynn McGraw and Greg Jasper received PH + 2 pins.



The Rotary Club of Clinton made a \$3,500 donation to the Clinton YWCA's Empowerment Center. YWCA Empowerment Center assists families with children and individuals in both Clinton and Jackson counties who are experiencing or are on the verge of experiencing homelessness through our Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention programs. Above is the thank you card we received from them. This truly was service above self!



## Student Council \$

The Rotary Club of Newton donated \$500 to the Berg Student Council for its upcoming trip, (l-r). Anita Holmes, Matt Holmes, and Rotary club president Don Hayes. Provided by Casey Greene

## Thank you for your support!

Thank you to these clubs whose combined contributions of \$1,706 supported the Youth Services Fund for students to Xicotepec:

Boone	Grinnell	Northwest Des Moines
Chariton	Iowa Quad Cities	Osceola
Davenport	Johnston	Pella
Decatur County	Keokuk	Wellman
Des Moines AM	Keosauqua	Winterset
East Polk	Manning	





**Ames Morning Rotarians sorted 3,000 popular books to give to children for summer reading.**

## Ames Morning's book giveaway helps stop the 'summer slide'

**By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning**

District 6000 Literacy Co-Chair

Many elementary students regress two reading levels over the summer. After researching the issue over the winter, this spring Ames Morning Rotary partnered with Kate Mitchell Elementary in a school-wide pilot project to address the "summer slide."

With help from a D6000 Community Grant, our club purchased, at steep discounts, about 3,000 popular books. We labeled and sorted them. The book giveaway event was all day May 24. Every one of the 330 students in kindergarten-5th grade got to self-select six or seven books to take home, read, and keep. We printed Rotary bucks for students to use to "buy" their books. We provided book bags that matched our "Champions for Children" t-shirts. We added handouts to each bag to promote the library's summer reading program and to inform parents how they can promote summer reading.

Students checked out each others' choices and got right to reading. As each grade level left with their new books, loud Thank You's of excited students echoed in the cafeteria. The principal and staff were delighted! A survey of Rotary volunteers indicated 100 percent rated the event "excellent, well-organized and would recommend it to others."

To measure results, the principal will report comparisons of 2019 spring and fall reading scores for his student population. To address sustainability, we will create a guide describing what we did and learned to share with other schools and D6000 clubs.



# Build connections to prevent child abuse

**By Alli Moerman**

District 6000 Governor Tom Narak selected Child Abuse Prevention as a focus for Rotarians during his 2018-2019 term. Upon visiting each club, Gov. Narak encouraged Rotarians to get involved in the cause by connecting with their local child abuse prevention chapter and partner on a project that contributes to preventing child abuse. Gov. Narak also coordinated with Rotary District 5970 Governor Neil Fell to promote child abuse prevention within his district as well.

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa (PCA Iowa) leads child abuse prevention throughout the state of Iowa by assisting local child abuse prevention councils, building legislative advocacy for child welfare issues, and promoting awareness of child abuse prevention to communities statewide. PCA Iowa supports many initiatives that equip parents and caregivers with the tools and resources they need to raise vibrant, healthy children.

One of the most effective ways to prevent abuse and build resiliency is the presence of one caring adult in the life of a child. Social Connections are one of 5 Protective Factors, a research-informed approach that has been shown to make positive outcomes more likely for young children and families, thus reducing the likelihood of child abuse. The ability and opportunity to develop positive relationships help to build a supportive network for parents, families, and children. Rotarians can utilize the 3rd question of the 4-Way Test (Does it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?) to build connections in their community and promote healthy relationships.

## Thanks for participating in survey

**By DG Tom Narak/West Des Moines**

Thank you to the 843 Rotarians who participated in the survey about the district newsletter, District 6000 News, in February. In that survey, 67 percent said they believe that mailing a printed copy of the newsletter to each member provides members and non-members more information about Rotary club service. Sixty-two percent said it helps advance Rotary's visibility and goals.

Members were asked to share comments and suggestions, which 556 did. Thank you to all for your constructive feedback! Those comments and suggestions are posted at the District website, [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org). It is the decision of the Budget and Executive Committees that the 95 cents per member per issue to produce and mail the newsletter to every member is a good investment for the future of Rotary. (This is possible, in large part, because of substantial in-kind services provided by our editor, PDG Bill Tubbs.)

We encourage Rotarians to spread the good news about Rotary by sharing copies of District 6000 with prospective members, and in public places in your community to help tell Rotary's stories.

A small number of copies of each issue (about 60) are sent to friends of District 6000, such as World Food Prize, Iowa Lions, and leaders of neighboring Rotary districts and Rotary International. The payback for this is improved relations with current and future project partners, and increased awareness of the impact of District 6000 clubs in their communities and world.

In addition to the printed copies, as has been the case since 2004, electronic PDF copies of the newsletter are posted at [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org), where they may be read anytime, anywhere.





## District Assembly

Rotarians from 26 clubs joined for a half day of training March 30 at the annual District Assembly at DMAC in Newton. The event was convened by DGE Erna Morain with a keynote message from Michelle Book, president and CEO of the Food Bank of Iowa (at left, with DGE Morain). She said 360,000 Iowans (1 in 10) do not know with confidence where their next meal will come from. This includes 31 percent of children. "They look like you. Rich to a 6-year-old is to go to the grocery store without a calculator so you can buy all the apples you want!" The day included sessions on Membership (Bonnie Lowry), Public Image (Mark Danes), Rotary Foundation (PDG Chris Knapp), The Rotary Game (Frank Hayer), Service to Youth (Greg Probst), Secretaries (Carolyn Scharff), Innovation and Flexibility (Ron Heideman) and Rotarians Fighting Hunger (Steve Morain and Tamara Kenworthy). Photo by Bill Tubbs



# Report on human trafficking in China

*Editor's note: The following is condensed from a 3,000-word report submitted by Ames Rotarian Dr. George Belitos in February. Rotarians and Rotary clubs are launching human trafficking prevention and awareness projects. For more information, contact George at gbelitos55@gmail.com.*

I recently completed a three-week cross country tour of China to learn if that country is fighting human trafficking, and what Rotary clubs and NGOs can do. To my surprise and disappointment, I found little was being done. Ex-patriot Rotary clubs in Beijing and Shanghai are not social justice oriented.

In Iowa there is concern about sex trafficking of Chinese women and girls under guise of massage parlors. Former Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, who is U.S. Ambassador to China, has been supportive of our efforts to improve laws in Iowa, including the Office to Combat Human Trafficking within the DOT, and a law that gave control to cities to regulate massage parlors. My husband (a physician) and I were invited to have dinner at the U.S. Embassy with the Branstads.

A letter from a highly regarded



**Ames Rotarian Dr. George Belitos with children at a school in China.**

Iowa attorney describes how a young lady in China was promised wealth and security as a massage therapist in the U.S., only to find herself ruthlessly trafficked and held hostage in Las Vegas, Atlanta, California, and then Iowa. "The problem is spreading," the attorney said, "This exploitation of Chinese women needs to end."

Branstad asked Chinese president Xi Jinping for help to stop manufacturing and shipping highly addictive fentanyl into the U.S. The Chinese government is taking action to close illicit labs.

I went to a massage parlor that was supposed to be respectable, at a five-star hotel. A beautiful Chinese woman asked, in perfect English, "handjob?" which I refused.

The contrast between rural and urban is stark, but people everywhere were friendly, and their economy is booming. The middle class tops 400 million; however, China's problems of trafficking, domestic abuse, rural poverty, human rights and frayed social fabric and social safety nets is largely ignored and disguised. Chinese culture considers these matters private. A doctor told me that rural families sell their female children to men in other countries. Most of the Chinese women that are arrested in the U.S. come from poor, uneducated places in China.

"I have concluded that it is not as if there is one big criminal syndicate behind trafficking of Chinese women. Most of the time, it is another Chinese person who has been here in the United States longer, knows that all of it is illegal, but is willing to pay for the girls' basic necessities, etc. in order to get the big cash profits that come from the sexual exploitation of their young victims. They are not concerned when the girls are arrested for prostitution. They just get more girls. If the business is shut down, they just move down the road. The traffickers are rarely brought to justice since their victims rarely identify them."



## LOOKING AHEAD



Club presidents for 2019-20 met DGE Erna Morain and district leaders at NCPETS March 15 at Ames. Photo by Bill Tubbs

## Sixty-five presidents to lead District 6000 clubs in 2019-20

### DISTRICT 6000 2019-20 Club Presidents

Adel..... Paul Zietlow  
Albia..... Tyler Boley  
Ames..... Jean Kresse  
Ames Morning..... Carolyn Jons  
Ankeny..... Richard Job  
Atlantic..... Wendy Richter  
Bettendorf..... Carol Foster  
Bloomfield..... John Schroeder  
Boone..... Vicki Greco  
Burlington..... Matthew Rinker  
Carroll..... Robert Fasbender  
Centerville..... Amber Hoffman  
Chariton..... Karen Wilker  
Clinton..... Brian Wright  
Coon Rapids..... Jon Heydon  
Coralville-North Corridor..... Bryan Stolz  
Corning..... Burton Heaton  
Corydon..... Matthew Clayton  
Creston..... Melissa James  
Dallas Center..... Matthew Ellerman  
Davenport..... Sean Eckhardt

Decatur County..... Jeanne Vogel  
Des Moines..... Don Flannery  
Des Moines AM..... Jennifer Chittenden  
East Polk County..... Gregg Lynes  
Fairfield..... John Loin  
Fort Madison..... Heather Huebner  
Greater Des Moines..... Keshi Meissner  
Grinnell..... Rod Rosburg  
Indianola..... McKinley Steig  
Iowa City..... Jim Conard  
Iowa City AM..... Hazel Seaba  
Iowa City Downtown..... Mark Ruggeberg  
Iowa Quad Cities..... Nick Wagner  
Jefferson..... Travis Dvorak  
Johnston..... Allen Meyer  
Kalona..... Jim Johnson  
Keokuk..... Kiran Khanolkar  
Keosauqua..... Polonsky Sam  
Knoxville..... Tyler Christian  
Lenox..... Darcy Rubenking  
Manning..... Todd Stadtlander  
Marengo..... Susan Davis

Marshalltown..... James Goodman  
Mount Pleasant Noon..... Jennifer Crull  
Mount Pleasant..... Donald LeBlanc  
Muscatine..... Jessica Wittman  
Nevada..... Robb Schmidt  
Newton..... Margot Voshell  
North Scott..... Jeremy Kaiser  
Northwest Des Moines..... Beth Goedken  
Norwalk..... Barbra Ranck  
Osceola..... Thomas Anderson  
Oskaloosa..... Eric Christensen  
Ottumwa..... Doug Anderson  
Pella..... Richard Wilson  
Perry..... Dirk Cavanaugh  
Tipton..... Connie Smith  
Washington..... Kurt Sorensen  
Waukee..... Brad Kobernusz  
Wellman..... Allen Leichty  
West Des Moines..... Jeffrey Kimball  
West Liberty..... Gretchen Nollman  
West Polk County..... Chris Morrill  
Winterset..... James Mease

## Assistant governor team receives training at NCPETS



Photo by Jacque Andrew

Assistant District Governors trained at NCPETS in Ames, front, (l-r): PDG Chris Knapp, AG team leader PDG Susan Herrick, DGE Erna Morain, and Dolly Bergmann (Atlantic). Row 2: Bob Freeman (Wellman), Tim Lane (Bettendorf), Michelle Cassabaum (Nevada), Bradley Vollstedt (Manning), Corrine Lambert (East Polk), Bill Koellner (West Liberty), Chris Bertelson (Winterset), and T. Waldmann-Williams (Knoxville). Back: Phil Peterson (Iowa City AM), district trainer Ron Heideman (Indianola), DG Tom Narak, DGND Alka Khanolkar, Greg Kenyon (West Des Moines), Tony Conn (Keokuk), and District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (Pella).



# DGE Erna Morain's Official Club Visits

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR ERNA MORAIN AND STEVE'S OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS AND OTHER DATES IN 2019-20:

July 9 (Tu)..... **Oskaloosa** (noon)  
 July 10 (W)..... **Adel** (12:05 PM)  
 July 11 (Th)..... **Winterset** (noon)  
 July 14-19..... Iowa RYLA (Grinnell)  
 July 16 (Tu)..... **Marshalltown** (noon)  
 July 16 (Tu)..... East Polk Board (evening)  
 July 17 (W)..... **East Polk** (7:00 AM)  
 July 17 (W)..... Waukee Board (evening)  
 July 18 (Th)..... **Waukee** (6:45 AM)  
 July 20 (Sa).... RYE Outbound Picnic, Newton  
 July 23 (Tu)..... **Pella** (noon)  
 July 29 (M)..... **Burlington** (noon)  
 July 29 (M)..... **Mount Pleasant** (6:15 PM)  
 July 30 (Tu)..... **Dallas Center** (12:05 PM)  
 July 30 (Tu)..... **Ankeny Evening**, satellite  
 ..... (6:00 PM)  
 July 31 (W)..... **Boone** (noon)  
 Aug. 1 (Th)..... District Budget & Exec  
 Meetings at Pella (11 AM)  
 Aug. 5 (M)..... **Ottumwa** (12:10 PM)  
 Aug. 6 (Tu)..... **Osceola** (noon)  
 Aug. 6 (Tu)..... Ames Morning Board (eve.)  
 Aug. 7 (W)..... **Ames Morning** (7:00 AM)  
 Aug. 8 (Th)..... **Carroll** (noon)  
 Aug. 9 (F)..... **Indianola** (noon)  
 Aug. 12 (M)..... **Creston** (noon)  
 Aug. 13 (Tu)..... **Lenox** (noon)  
 Aug. 14 (W)..... **Nevada** (noon)  
 Aug. 14 (W) .. **Greater Des Moines** (5:30 PM)  
 Aug. 15 (Th)..... **Des Moines** (11:45 AM)  
 Aug. 16 (F)..... **NW Des Moines** (11:45 AM)  
 Aug. 19 (M)..... **West Polk County** (noon)  
 Aug. 19 (M)..... Johnston Board (evening)  
 Aug. 20 (Tu)..... **Johnston** (7:00 AM)  
 Aug. 20 (Tu)..... **West Des Moines** (11:45 AM)  
 Aug. 21 (W)..... **Perry** (12:10 PM)  
 Aug. 22 (Th)..... **Decatur County** (noon)  
 Aug. 23 (F)..... **Chariton** (noon)  
 Aug. 26 (M)..... **Jefferson** (12:10 PM)  
 Aug. 27 (Tu)..... **Manning** (12:05 PM)  
 Aug. 28 (W)..... **Knoxville** (noon)  
 Aug. 29 (Th)..... **Coon Rapids** (12:05 PM)  
 Aug. 29 (Th)..... Des Moines AM Board (eve.)  
 Aug. 30 (F)..... **Des Moines AM** (7 AM)  
 Sept. 4 (W)..... **Mount Pleasant Noon** (noon)  
 Sept. 5 (Th)..... **Keokuk** (noon)  
 Sept. 6 (F)..... **North Scott** (noon)  
 Sept. 7-8 ..... RYE Inbound Kick-Off, Newton



**DG 2019-20 Erna Morain and Steve will convey RI President Mark Maloney's theme, "Rotary Connects the World," during their club visits.** Photo by Bill Tubbs

Sept. 9 (M) ..... **Iowa City Downtown** (noon)  
 Sept. 10 (Tu)..... **Newton** (noon)  
 Sept. 10 (Tu)..... **Grinnell** (6:00 PM)  
 Sept. 11 (W)..... **Tipton** (noon)  
 Sept. 16 (M)..... **Corning** (noon)  
 Sept. 17 (Tu)..... **Albia** (noon)  
 Sept. 17 (Tu)..... Bloomfield Board (evening)  
 Sept. 18 (W)..... **Bloomfield** (6:45 AM)  
 Sept. 18 (W)..... **Centerville** (noon)  
 Sept. 20 (F)..... **Fairfield** (noon)  
 Sept. 23 (M)..... **Clinton** (noon)  
 Sept. 24 (Tu)..... **Ankeny** (11:45 AM)  
 Sept. 24-29..... Zone Institute and  
 Governor-Elect Training, Kansas City  
 Oct. 1 (Tu)..... **Fort Madison** (noon)  
 Oct. 7 (M)..... Norwalk Board (evening)  
 Oct. 8 (W)..... **Norwalk** (6:30 AM)  
 Oct. 8 (W)..... **Atlantic** (noon)  
 Oct. 14 (M)..... Iowa City AM Board (eve.)  
 Oct. 15 (Tu)..... **Iowa City AM** (7 AM)  
 Oct. 15 (Tu)..... **Marengo** (12:05 AM)

Oct. 15 (Tu)..... **West Liberty** (6:00 PM)  
 Oct. 16 (W)..... **Coralville N. Corridor** (noon)  
 Oct. 16 (W) ... Iowa Quad Cities Board (eve.)  
 Oct. 17 (Th)..... **Iowa Quad Cities** (7:00 AM)  
 Oct. 17 (Th)..... **Iowa City** (noon)  
 Oct. 19..... Heartland RLI, Omaha  
 Oct. 21 (M)..... **Ames** (noon)  
 Oct. 22 (Tu)..... **Corydon** (noon)  
 Oct. 24..... World Polio Day  
 Oct. 24 (Th)..... District Budget & Exec  
 Meetings at Pella (11 AM)  
 Oct. 28 (M)..... **Davenport** (noon)  
 Oct. 29 (Tu)..... **Kalona** (noon)  
 Oct. 30 (W)..... **Wellman** (noon)  
 Oct. 31 (Th)..... **Washington** (noon)  
 Nov. 1..... Foundation Dinner, Quad Cities  
 Nov. 2..... Foundation Dinner, Des Moines  
 Nov. 4 (M)..... **Muscatine** (noon)  
 Nov. 5 (Tu)..... **Keosauqua** (noon)  
 Nov. 6 (W)..... **Bettendorf** (noon)  
 Nov. 9..... Heartland RLI, West Des Moines  
 Nov. 10..... DG Candidate Interviews, Pella  
 Nov. 23..... RYE Outbound Interviews,  
 ..... Newton  
 Dec. 5 (Th)..... District Budget & Exec  
 Meetings at Pella (11 AM)  
 Jan. 11-12..... RYE Winter Retreat, Newton  
 Jan. 19-25..... International Assembly,  
 San Diego (DGE)  
 Jan. 23-Feb. 2..... Iowa MOST, Guatemala  
 Feb. 6 (Th)..... District Budget & Exec  
 Meetings (Go To Meeting) (11 AM)  
 Feb. 22..... Grant Management Seminar  
 West Liberty (8:30-11:30 AM)  
 Feb. 23..... Happy 115th Birthday, Rotary!  
 March 7..... Grant Management Seminar  
 (time to be determine)  
 March 12..... AG Training, Rochester, MN  
 March 12-14..... President-Elect Training  
 Seminar (NCPETS), Rochester, MN  
 March 14-22..... Xicotepec Project Team  
 to Xicotepec, Mexico  
 March 27..... Grant Management Seminar  
 Newton, DMAC (5:00-8:00 PM)  
 March 28..... District Training Assembly  
 at Newton, DMAC (9:00 AM)  
 May 21 (Th)..... District Budget & Exec  
 Meetings at Pella (11 AM)  
 June 6-10..... Rotary International  
 Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii  
 June 25-27..... Rotary Festival 2020  
 Prairie Meadows Event Center, Altoona

## Presidents-nominee get preview of leadership



**Club presidents-nominee for 2020-21 met DGN Steve Dakin at NCPETS. Front: Laura Twing (Tipton). Row 2: Ryan Gau (Waukee), Wayne Johnson (Johnston), Kelly Litwiller (Wellman), Barbara Thomas (Iowa City), Amy Nicholson (Iowa City AM), John Grier (Iowa City Downtown), Jonathan Law (Jefferson), Sean Eckhardt (Davenport). Back: DGN Dakin Katie Miller (Kalona), Chris Van Dyke (Carroll), Matt Elthon (Boone), Chad Copley (Ames), Bill Koellner (West Liberty), and Rick Gosney (Muscatine).**

Provided by Steve Dakin



# NEWS NOTES

**NCPETS:** Incoming club presidents from Districts 5970 and 6000 in Iowa, District 5950 in Minnesota, and District 5960 (Minnesota/Wisconsin) attended the North Central President-Elect Training Seminar March 14-16 at Iowa State University, Ames. Rotary's goals and vision were shared by incoming RI President Mark Maloney, Past RI Vice President Jennifer Jones, RI Strategic Officer Tom Thorfinnson, RI Director-Elect Stephanie Urchick, and motivational speaker Michael Angelo Caruso.

In the District 6000 sessions, training was led by DGE Erna Morain. Others participating included: DG Tom Narak; entrepreneur Dan Murray; Bonnie Lowry and Emily Tucker of RI (membership); PDG Chris Knapp and RI Annual Giving Officer Edina Mehovic (Rotary Foundation); PDG Susan Herrick (PolioPlus); PDG Chris Knapp (Rotaract/Interact/RYLA); Mark Danes (promoting Rotary); Steve Morain (club continuity); AG Devin Boyer (My Rotary); and Nate Davis (D6000 project for 2019-20).

In the District 6000 annual business meeting, presidents-elect approved the \$129,600 budget for 2019-20 with dues unchanged at \$30, elected Alka Khonalkar of the Rotary Club of Keokuk as District Governor for 2021-22, and approved changes to the bylaws that were reported in the February issue of *District 6000 News*.

**Council On Legislation:** District 6000 was represented at the April 14-17 triennial Rotary Council On Legislation in Chicago by PDG Susan Herrick. This is the legislative body of Rotary, with a delegate from every district world-wide. The Council acted on 116 proposed enactments. Notable actions included:

1) Representatives authorized the Board to pursue changing RI's charitable status to a section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. It is presently a 501(c)(4). A task force has been studying the possible change for 18 months and says it will offer benefits that include tax reductions and vendor discounts that will reduce expenses.

2) The Council elevated the status of Rotaract clubs. The change broadens the definition of membership in Rotary International to include Rotaract clubs. The change is intended to increase the support that Rotaract clubs receive from RI and to enhance their ability to serve.

3) The Council approved a dues increase of \$1 a year for each of three years, beginning in 2020-21. The previous Council set dues for 2019-20 at \$34 per half year. With the increase, the



**RI President-Elect Mark Maloney (I) shared his goals for 2019-20 to incoming leaders at NCPETs, March 15 at Ames. On the stage at right is District 6000 DGE Erna Morain, and DGEs Paul Perez (District 5960, Minnesota), Russ Michaletz (District 5950, Minnesota), and Michelle Bell (District 5970, Iowa).** Photo by Bill Tubbs

dues that clubs pay to RI per member will increase to \$34.50 per half year in 2020-21, \$35 per half year in 2021-22, and \$35.50 per half year in 2022-23. The dues will not be raised again until a future Council votes to change it.

Questions may be directed to PDG Herrick at (515) 298-1536.

**Elected:** Holger Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, has been selected to serve as president of Rotary International in 2020-21. His nomination follows the resignation of President-nominee



**Holger Knaack**

Sushil Gupta of India due to health reasons. Knaack was co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg. He is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company. He

was previously a partner and general manager of Knaack Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business. He is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg and served as president of the Golf-Club Gut Grambek. Knaack is also the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation. Knaack and his wife, Susanne, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Bequest Society.

**Visioning:** District Governor Tom Narak reports, "In early April we had a group of District 6000 Rotarians from around the district work on Visioning for our District looking ahead 3-5 years. Some highlights include: adding more members and more clubs; having fun; vary meeting days and times; more involvement by members with District committees and leadership; significant financial investment in District-level technology; and, be sure everything we do is branded. Our board will look in more detail for ways of continuing the work with clubs and members so plans for the future can be developed."

**Foundation:** District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Chris Knapp says there will be TWO Rotary Foundation Dinners this fall, "coming to a location near you!" **Friday, Nov. 1** in the Quad Cities and **Saturday, Nov. 2** in Des Moines. Guest speaker at both locations will be Mary Beth Growney-Selene, Rotary Foundation Trustee, from Madison, Wisconsin. Registration for the gala events will open in September. Watch for details!

**Institute:** "Goin' to Kansas City" is the theme for the Sept. 26-29 Rotary Institute for Zones 29, which includes District 6000, and Zone 25B. The new Zone 29 includes 17 districts in Upper Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. Our paired Zone 25B includes seven districts in Texas, which is yoked with Zone 25A, which includes 14 districts in Mexico, Guatemala, Belize,



Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela and Dominican Republic. The RI director for Zones 29 and 25B is Larry Dimmitt, from Topeka, Kansas. The editor for his Zone newsletter will be PDG Bill Tubbs from District 6000.

**Community Grants:** Community Grants Committee co-chair Norlan Hinke of the Rotary Club of Clinton reports that 33 clubs submitted grants by the June 1 deadline requesting \$112,593 for projects in their communities. These are Rotary Foundation dollars coming back to District 6000.

**Videos:** District Governor Tom Narak, wants clubs to know that the district has two videos, "Seeing Red Cars" and "Celebrate" that clubs can check out. Rotarians that attended a One Rotary Summit in 2017-18 were inspired by the Seeing Red Cars video. The host, Laura Goodrich, "encourages us to focus on what we DO WANT instead of focusing on what we don't! By having a positive attitude and taking action, viewers will be motivated to move in the right direction for themselves and for their orga-



## Be a leader

**Waukee Rotarian and Police Chief John Quinn delivered an inspirational message about leadership for District 6000 incoming club presidents the evening of March 14 at NCPETS. Quinn is a former ISU Cyclones quarterback, FBI agent and Director of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation. He focused on honesty, integrity, pride, having fun and making a difference in people's lives. "Never abuse the power given to you. Write your leadership philosophy and share it: Who you are and what you believe in." Photo by Bill Tubbs**

nization." Governor Tom showed the Celebrate video to club presidents with a positive response. Clubs are encouraged to show these at your Rotary board meeting or your club meeting. Contact the district office [dis6000admin@Lisco.com](mailto:dis6000admin@Lisco.com)

**Cooperation:** District membership chair Chris Nelson of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines reports that every year 12 Rotary clubs in the Des Moines area work together to put on an event that is educational and social in nature. The group has been meeting since September of last year and we selected our theme of hunger. For reference, last year it was mental health and the year before that it was clean water. This year's event was May 29th in West Des Moines and all proceeds from these events went to help the cause. "The Rotary clubs in the area are working well together to champion a cause and make a difference in our community," he said.

**Veterans:** Steven Gilbert, Rotarian and past president of the Rotary Club of Osceola, and Randy Brown, a disabled veteran, would like to come to your club and present a program on ways to become involved with Veterans Casting Away Disabilities. This program brings veterans with disabilities together for a fishing experience on Lake Rathbun. To schedule them for a program, call Steven at (641) 414-2299. They are partnering with True Value stores. Steve said if you have one in your community, contact Steven and he will work with them also.

**Blessman:** PDG Loring Miller writes: "Recently I attended a program at the Rotary Club of West Des Moines. Nate Davis from Blessman International has a good presentation highlighting Rotary's contributions in support of their mission in South Africa. I believe that all Rotary clubs in the district would benefit from this program." Nate can be contacted at (515) 343-5920, or [www.BlessmanInternational.org](http://www.BlessmanInternational.org). Blessman Ministries' fundraising dinner, "Many Hands, Many Feet," was attended by 300 on April 25 and raised \$610,000 for its service work in Africa. Rotarians are invited to be a part of this. See Blessman's ad on page 9.

**Peace Conference:** The Rotary districts of southern California are having another Rotary World Peace Conference in Ontario, California (Los Angeles area), on Jan. 17-18, 2020. PDG Bill and Linda Tubbs said the 2016 conference at Ontario was one of the most inspirational events they have attended. All Rotarians are invited. Information and registration: <https://peaceconference2020.org/>.

*Be the Inspiration!*



**Vernetta Knapp placed a rose in memory of each deceased member at the District Conference Necrology service.**

## We remember

The lives of Rotarians who died in 2018-19, which were provided to the district, were remembered with their portraits and roses at District Conference. Below are the names of those who were remembered. We also remember the life of Betty Dahl, 89, the mother of District 6000 first lady, Carol Narak, who died May 26 in Watertown, SD. Services were June 1 at First United Methodist Church in Watertown, precluding DG Tom and Carol's planned attendance at the Hamburg RI Convention. May light perpetual shine upon them. – BT

<b>Ames</b> Robert (Bob) Hildebrand Howard Johnson Bob Swanson	<b>Fairfield</b> Gene Copeland
<b>Atlantic</b> Warren Hutchinson	<b>Grinnell</b> James Ahrens
<b>Burlington</b> Kay Kent Ruth Stein	<b>Iowa Quad Cities</b> John "Bob" Bateman
<b>Coon Rapids</b> Ron Brower	<b>Marshalltown</b> R. Patton Appar (72-year Rotarian) Steve Sincox Thomas Thompson Cliff Wilson
<b>Davenport</b> Bob Sharp	<b>Mount Pleasant</b> Clint Rila
<b>Des Moines</b> Leonard Boswell Robert D. Ray Bill Stowe John Strouf	<b>Nevada</b> Don Hale
<b>Des Moines AM</b> Phillip Murphy	<b>North Scott</b> Walter Bredbeck
	<b>Northwest Des Moines</b> PDG 2007-08 Diana Reed
<b>David McPherron</b>	<b>West Des Moines</b> Phyllis Staplin Kay Kramer
	<b>West Liberty</b> Conrad R. Gregg PDG 1979-80 David L. McPherron
	<b>Waukee</b> Pat Robins





Let's keep our eye focused on the goal of a polio-free world! There were 33 cases of polio in all of 2018, and already 29 in 2019 as of June 7 with 21 cases in Pakistan and 8 in Afghanistan.

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## Club leaders' checklist

*From DG Tom Narak . . .*

**2017-18 CLUB LEADERS:** Make final payments to The Rotary Foundation on or before June 30 to meet or exceed your club's goal for Annual Giving and Polio (p. 13).

**DISTRICT DUES:** Watch for your 2019-20 district dues billing after July 1, including voluntary contributions for Iowa M.O.S.T. and the Youth Services Fund (p. 20).

**CALENDAR:** Check the calendar and prepare for District Governor Erna Morain's Official Visit (p. 37).

**2019-20 CLUB LEADERS:** Enter your club goals now on Rotary Central at [www.rotary.org/MyRotary](http://www.rotary.org/MyRotary).

**RYLA:** Encourage members to attend RYLA for a day or part of a day (p. 15)

**MEMBERSHIP:** Set a specific membership goal and invite quality new members to become a part of Rotary.

**POLIO STATUE:** Encourage members to attend the July 27 polio statue dedication at Unity Point Blank Children's Hospital (p. 9).

**XICOTEPEC:** Encourage members to become a part of the 2020 Project Team to Xicotepec, Mexico (p. 18-19).

**SHARE** your copy of District 6000 News to show others what Rotary is about!

**SUBMIT NEWS** or your activities by Aug. 28 for the next issue of District 6000 News to PDG Bill Tubbs at [btubbs@northscottpress.com](mailto:btubbs@northscottpress.com). Send text as a Word file or in the body of the email; and free-standing high resolution .jpg images.



BE THE INSPIRATION

## The Object of Rotary

**The Object of Rotary** is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

**FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## The Four-Way Test (of the things we Think, Say or Do)

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?