



District 6000 News

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All in the 'Family of Rotary' at Ames

Dick and Sandy Horton 'Lead the Way' for Ames, Ames Morning clubs

By Danielle Duggan/Ames Daily Tribune

It wasn't even possible 20 years ago that one family could dominate the Rotary clubs in Ames the way the Hortons do now.



At the noon club's conception in the 1920s, women weren't allowed to join. Women didn't start becoming members until 1989.

Today, as a husband and wife team over-seeing presidential duties for two Ames Rotary clubs, a morning and afternoon club, Dick and Sandy Horton are breaking down doors they never knew existed.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of community leaders that "provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace in the world."

Meeting weekly, clubs are nonpolitical and nonreligious and are open to all cultures, races and creeds. With approximately 1.2 million members in more than 32,000 clubs spanning 168 countries, the membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women.

The main objective of the club is service. And, the Hortons are taking that service in the community to another level.

When the reality hit that Dick would be president of the Ames Rotary Club, and Sandy would be president of the Ames Morning

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Governor's comments . . .

It was a good year for Rotary in D-6000

By DG Del Bluhm/Ames

Georgia and I are both proud and thrilled. As promised, the 2007 District Conference, the "Rendezvous in Ames," was an unusual District Conference. It was affordable, as donations by some Rotarians and clubs allowed us to reduce registration fees, and many Rotarians only stayed over one night at the hotel. We were very fortunate to have an outstanding District Conference Committee this year led by the co-chairs Bob and Jan Anderson and Dean and Sharon Axland. There are just too many Rotarians and Partners to thank each individually who donated significant time in planning and carrying out their portions of this conference. But you know



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Dick and Sandy Horton were presidents of the Rotary Clubs of Ames and Ames Morning during 2006-07.

What a Conference!

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know who you are and both Georgia and I want to sincerely thank you for your expertise and guidance which made this conference so outstanding. (See separate article by Bob Anderson in District 6000 News about the unique conference.)

We want to mention here just some of the highlights that seemed to really stand out. District 6000 youth programs were very evident at the conference, such as Rota-Kids and their excellent presentation at the All-Club Luncheon, Interact Clubs, Rotaract Clubs, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and finally our Ambassadorial Scholars for 2006-07 and 2007-08. We were extremely pleased to have several of our international exchange groups present, including the GSE D-3110 Inbound Team from India, the Willis Shaw GSE D-6000 Outbound Team to D-3110 in India, the Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students, the Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students and additionally for the first time at our conference a Rotary Friendship Exchange Team from D-3060 in India.

This district conference had several outstanding featured speakers including PDG Dave Groner from D-6360, PDG Doris Heine-man from D-5650, PDG Meena Patel from D-6650 and PDG Tom Thorfinnson from D-5950. Many District 6000 and club Community/World Service Projects were presented in a crisp and focused overview to all Rotarians, partners and guests. During the conference, awards and recognition were given to many clubs and individuals for various but significant achievements. The highest award of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is the Distinguished Service Award, which was given to PDG Paul Hellwege. A very special "Thank You" in the form of a "recognition" was given to District 6000 Rotarians for their contributions to TRF, which changes the lives of those less fortunate than themselves. Rotary clubs that contributed in 2006-07 to support FAMSCO and Iowa M.O.S.T. were also noted in the conference program (and this newsletter).

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Awards and Recognition: Congratulations to all the clubs and individuals that received awards or special recognition at the 2007 District Conference (see page 19). We cannot mention all of these achievements but some, like the Distinguished Service Award, are very significant. Congratulations go to Don Goering for his receipt of the Service Award for a Polio-Free World; Don has worked on Rotary's polio eradication activities for many years. Hats off to the 24 clubs that received the RI Presidential Citation and to the five clubs that received the District Governor Club Recognition



The Rotary Club of Nevada was recognized as the second All-Paul Harris Fellow Club in District 6000 (l-r): Kathy Skinner and Roz Dunblazer of Nevada Rotary, and PDG Dale Belknap. West Liberty was first, in 2006.

Award.

Other awards included the RI Significant Achievement Award to the Rotary Club of Bettendorf, the RI Best Cooperative Projects Award to five clubs, the RI Public Relations to the Rotary Club of Ames Morning, the RI Recognition of Membership Development award to the Rotary Club of Davenport, and the Rotary District 6000 Foundation Award to Nancy Harms, Betty Miller, Brock Earnhardt, Gary Pacha, Dennis Skinner and Rachel Litwiller.

Awards were also given for club bulletins, club Web sites, club membership growth, RYLA scholarship essay winners, and special awards to DHL for service to Iowa M.O.S.T., Bill Tubbs for public relations and district newsletters, and finally, certificates of recognition were given to clubs and an individual for the Global Network for Blood Donation.

Very special plaques were given to assistant governors who were completing their three-year service period which included John Beran, Nancy Harms, Lloyd Hill, Loring Miller, Phyllis Miller and Nancy Pacha. These AGs and all the other AGs plus their AG coordinator who are still serving provided the necessary day-to-day administrative service to their assigned clubs which would not be possible for the district governor to provide.

A very special tribute of appreciation was given to our first district administrator, Jerri Uitermarkt, as well as a gift from the

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Rota-Kids, elementary-aged students sponsored by the Rotary Club of Decatur County, sang at the All-District meeting on May 11 at District Conference.



PDG Don Goering (c) received the Rotary Foundation's Service Award for a Polio Free World from DG Del Bluhm and RI President's Rep John Vandel.



DG Del Bluhm and Georgia were joined by Inbound GSE Coordinator Mark Snell (fourth from right) and GSE Coordinator Karin Franklin (r) in welcoming the Inbound and Outbound GSE teams from and to District 3110, India.

District welcomes GSE team from India

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district presented by all the district governors who worked directly with her, namely PDGs Denny Skinner, Bill Tubbs, Corliss Klaassen and Del Bluhm. Jerri's last day will be June 30, 2007! But she will be available if we ever need her for emergency service in the future.

Additionally, all conference attendees welcomed our new district administrator, Carolyn Scharff, with loud applause. She assumes this position officially on July 1, 2007. Welcome aboard, Carolyn!

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Group Study Exchange: The GSE Inbound Team from District 3110 in India arrived on April 21 and was here until May 13, the day after the district conference. The GSE Committees chaired by Karin Franklin and Mark Snell were prepared with host home assignments and the itinerary for this team visit which included our 2007 district conference. Georgia and I attended the GSE orientation meeting that was provided for the GSE team the day after they arrived, at the Fort Des Moines Hotel. This was an excellent meeting for the team to learn about D-6000 and the plans for visitations during their stay in Iowa.

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Friendship Exchange: The Rotary Friendship Exchange Team from District 3060 in India arrived April 27 at the Des Moines International Airport. Georgia and I were present to welcome them to District 6000 along with Friendship Exchange Committee chair John Lewis and Wanda and other committee members. We then joined the RFE team and many of the committee and partners for a potluck dinner at Dick and Marj Johnson's home in Sheldahl on April 29 as an added welcome to the USA, Iowa and District 6000. The RFE gave the D-6000 Rotarians and partners a vocal presentation in their national dress, which was great. We also attended the

final farewell gathering of this RFE Team at the home of Rotarian Will and Dixie Hoekman in Des Moines. The Team said they had a wonderful time in D-6000.

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Hoover-Wallace: The Fourth Annual Hoover-Wallace Dinner was held in West Des Moines April 16, at the Hy-Vee Conference Center on Westown Parkway. Districts 5970 and 6000 have shared in alternate years in co-hosting this event in central and eastern Iowa with Iowa's Regent Universities, the Chamber of Commerce in the host city and the World Food Prize. Rotary has strong ties to this event over the past four years. (See photos in this newsletter.) The Dinner was well attended this year and both D-5970 Governor Ken Kolek and I announced the surplus funds raised that will go to Iowa students via World Food Prize internships to send Iowa

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District Conference co-chairs Sharon and Dean Axland and Jan and Bob Anderson.

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high school students on eight-week, life-changing experiences at renowned international research centers in Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, and Taiwan.

Membership: Always remember the past tried and true membership development ideas, which include: using the New RI Prospective Member Service; passing names of resigned members to Rotary clubs where they are moving; appointing a Club Membership Chair if one does not exist now; providing improved new member orientation and mentors; and finally, having a documented club membership plan to be shared with the club board and all club members. Club Leadership Team members, including the Club Membership Chair, should feel free to contact our D-6000 Membership co-chairs Mike Ruby and Bill Koellner at any time for suggestions, help and programs on membership.

Rotary Foundation: Our District 6000 has recently announced a new and special program for support of the Annual Program Fund (APF) of The Rotary Foundation, which continues this Rotary year until June 30, 2007. The District Leadership Team developed materials that were sent to each Club Foundation Chair (or club secretary) for distribution to their Rotarians as a special district promotional effort for new Paul Harris Sustaining Members and for new Paul Harris Society members during this Rotary Year of 2006-07. If you have questions regarding this special program, please request clarifications from your Club Foundation Chair or club secretary.

New Paul Harris Sustaining Members: We are formally asking all Rotarians who are not already Paul Harris Sustaining Members according to TRF, to become a documented Paul Harris Sustaining Member in District 6000 in Rotary Year 2006-07! If Rotarians agree to contribute at least US\$100 per year to TRF-An-

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District 6000 and 5970 Governors Del Bluhm and Ken Kolick of Cedar Rapid (r), presented a check for \$46,233, proceeds from the Hoover-Wallace Dinner, to World Food Prize Ambassador Ken Quinn for Borlaug-Ruan internships. They are pictured with 2006 intern Kara Mohs of Winterset.



The Rotary Club of West Liberty was recognized for having 100 percent Paul Harris Sustaining Members in 2005-06. Bill Koellner and club president Gerald Wickam are pictured with PDG Dale Belknap.



The Rotary Club of Dallas Center gave more than \$25 per member to Reach Out and Read. Accepting congratulations from DG Bluhm was Bill Stammerman (l). Waukee and Ames AM also gave more than \$25 per member. Decatur County, Johnston and Marengo were recognized for giving \$10-14 per member, and Chariton, Jefferson and Nevada, \$7-9.



PDG Bill Tubbs (c) received a special Service Award from DG Bluhm and DGN and District Public Relations chair Susan Herrick for his work with public relations and district newsletters.

Literacy, public relations

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nual Program Fund, they will become a New Paul Harris Sustaining Member. Plus, this program will result in their being awarded 200 recognition points from the district or from PDG Herb Wilson that can be used by the Rotarian or their designee towards becoming a Paul Harris Fellow or a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

New Paul Harris Society Members: We are also formally asking many Rotarians to become New Paul Harris Society Members. Beginning this Rotary year, every donor who annually contributes \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation will be awarded membership in the Paul Harris Society (PHS). Society members will receive a special certificate of recognition and a distinctive gold and blue lapel banner, which can be worn with their Rotary pin. The district will also award 500 recognition points from the district or from PDG Herb Wilson for each new donor agreeing to this special promotion, during the period Feb. 5 to June 30, 2007. These recognition points can be used by the Rotarian or their designee towards becoming a Paul Harris Fellow or a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

The District Leadership Team sincerely hopes that all Rotary club presidents, secretaries and Foundation chairs did take the opportunity to review this promotional effort for District 6000 and now plan to implement some actions for New Paul Harris Sustaining Members and New Paul Harris Society Members. Thank you for your support of TRF!

Strategic Planning: New this year are the activities of the District Strategic Planning Committee with the objective to develop a long range district plan, to be updated annually, which will guide the district organization and management over approximately a five-year period. This committee has now had additional working meetings to finalize the draft plan after receiving requested comments from D-6000 Rotarians. The final steps in making this strategic plan totally functional will not be taken until early in the next Rotary year (2007-08). A updated draft of the plan is in this newsletter for your review.

Literacy Promotion: The Dictionary Project has been very popular in our district, and we know that approximately 90 percent of our clubs are currently involved with it in one way or another; this is certainly a district-wide basis. It has been promoted by District 6000 starting in 2004-05 with DG Tubbs, in 2005-06 with DG Klaassen and now in 2006-07 with DG Bluhm. During our official visits with all 63 clubs, we discussed the Dictionary Project and most clubs did not need help, as they were already doing it.

We always asked if they just included their own schools in their community and most did, but some clubs included the whole county or cooperated with any other Rotary Clubs in their county so all schools were covered. We also asked if they could extend their coverage to include all the schools in their county. Most said "yes," they would extend the coverage. Also several clubs are so pleased with their efforts for the Dictionary Project that they have enlarged the gift to include a World Atlas!

You will recall in the last several issues of this newsletter we announced and endorsed a new District 6000 Literacy Campaign titled "Rotarians for - Reach Out and Read." This campaign was proposed and is now being guided by our District Literacy Promotion Committee which is chaired by Carolyn Jons. This Committee and other interested Rotarians are giving presentations explaining



RI President's Rep John Vandel and Joyce of Wyoming with Polio NID volunteer Dave Groner of Michigan.

"Rotarians for - Reach Out and Read" to most D-6000 clubs.

Public Relations: As I stated in the last District 6000 News, public relations is now an official District-6000 activity with assigned committees. Many Rotary clubs in D-6000 applied for PR Grants which were funded this year. We are hoping that this program is continued next year and that more PR Grants can be applied for again. If you have any questions about this program, please contact the District Public Relations Committee chair Susan Herrick.

Good-Bye: This issue concludes our District Newsletters for Georgia and me as we all did LEAD THE WAY in 2006-07. We want to take this opportunity to thank each and every Rotary Club for their outstanding hospitality that they showed us during our official club visits. Additionally, we want to thank all District 6000 Rotarians for the support of our efforts to raise the bar, so to speak, as we sought to achieve a higher level of Service Above Self in Rotary during our year as your district governor. There are excellent district leaders already in the loop for next year and beyond. The future for RI-District 6000 is bright!



DG Del Bluhm presents the district governor's pin to Diana Reed of Northwest Des Moines.

Project Fairs: Matching Rotarians, world's needs

By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport

D-6000, World Community Service chair

Rotary has long supported international humanitarian service and encouraged clubs and individual Rotarians to carry out projects that benefit communities in need. RI urges every club to undertake a World Community Service project every year. It's often a criterion for the Presidential Citation.

Rotary projects are important, even life sustaining, to the beneficiaries. But the projects are not an end in themselves for Rotary's World Community Service program.

International humanitarian service projects develop partnerships in service between Rotarians in developing countries and Rotarians in more affluent lands. Successful partnerships serve to fulfill the Object of Rotary to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace.

One of the best ways to find a Rotary partner for an international humanitarian service project is to attend a project fair. Project fairs are held in a number of countries in the developing world. In the 2007-08 Rotary year there will be at least five project fairs:

- Ecuador in October;
- West Africa and Nigeria in November;
- Central America and Mexico in January.

In addition there is the annual Russia Rotary Conference that will be held in Evanston in June 2007.

Project fairs are not unlike our U.S. trade shows. Clubs from the developing countries come to the fairs with detailed project proposals. Rotarians from the U.S. and other developed countries browse the available projects and talk with the host club principals. There are field trips to Rotary projects and round-table activities in which small groups can discuss such topics as how to best accomplish types of projects or overcome logistical issues. The fairs provide ample opportunities to socialize informally and in organized events and to really get to know potential project partners.

Over the years, many District 6000 Rotarians have attended international project fairs. All have regarded the fairs as one of the greatest experiences in Rotary.

If you are interested in attending a project fair and need more information, contact: Brock Earnhardt, (563) 468-9217; Jim Peterson, (319) 644-3018; or Denny Skinner, (515) 382-3581. They all members of the World Community Service Matching Grants Subcommittee.



Jim Peterson of Iowa City and District 6000 Rotarians at a Project Fair in Central America.



The Rotary Club of Adel raised \$800 for a health clinic in Danhono Village, Nigeria, in a District Conference raffle for this Nigerian blanket, displayed by Adel Rotarian Del Christensen. Duane Meyer of Grinnell was the lucky winner.



PDG Meena Patel (r), a medical doctor from District 6650 in Ohio, attended Zone Institute in Sri Lanka last year and was at District Conference in Ames. She identified matching grants projects for tsunami relief that were shared with Rachel Litwiller of Mt. Pleasant (l), who is the D-6000 World Community Service grants coordinator for Asia.

Campaign to eradicate polio

Notes from District Conference:

Support? By the end of March 2007, only 342 Rotary clubs (out of 32,000) and 143 districts (out of 530) worldwide made a contribution to polio eradication this year. That is unacceptable. The battle is not over. – PDG Dave Groner, Dowagiac, Mich.

Whistles: Rotary is the largest purchaser of whistles in the world. The kids hear the whistles and come running. Two drops of polio vaccine in their mouth and they get a whistle. – Groner

Cost Effective: According to a study at Harvard, the cost of polio eradication is \$5 billion and the economic impact will be \$180 billion. – PDG John Vandel, Laramie, Wyo.



A world of friends is a world at peace

By John Lewis/Des Moines

D-6000, Friendship Exchange chair

This year continues to be very active for the District 6000 Rotary Friendship Committee. Last October saw a team depart for Australia where they spent 31 days, returning in mid-November. That team was led by Jerry and Jackie Powell of Wellman and included Kris and Jo Philips of Boone, Chuck and Roberta Kerr, as well as Blair and Marilyn Lawson of Indianola, and Jack and Jill Schreiber, along with RFE Committee chair John and Wanda Lewis of Des Moines.

Late January and most of February found another team on the go, this time to India. It was led by Will and Dixie Hoekman of Des Moines and included John McNeer of Newton and Jack and Jill Schreiber of Des Moines. April 27 marked the arrival of an RFE team from District 3060 in India, led by DGN Major S. K. Sharma, and included ten other persons from that area. The India team was hosted by District 6000 Rotarians in ten clubs, and included participation in the District Conference in Ames. The exchange ended on May 18.

Looking ahead, a team from England District 1080 is expected to visit District 6000 for several days in September as a part of an exchange they are participating in with a district in Missouri. Another visit, from a team in District 2340 in Sweden, was expected in September, but had to be postponed until 2008. A visit to that District in Sweden is now planned for 2008, as well. Additionally, it is hoped that a team to England's District 1080 can also be implemented in return for their visit here in September.

John Lewis, who has chaired the committee for the past two years, will be succeeded in 2007-08 by Keith Whigham of Ames.



Rotary Friendship Exchange team members from District 6000 presented this attractive blanket to Jeanette Lynch (front, center), RFE chair for Australia District 9800 after a luncheon in the Melbourne area.



It was a windy afternoon when Friendship Exchange guests from India posed with DG Del and Georgia Bluhm, D-6000 Friendship Exchange chair John Lewis (second from right) and DGN Cal Litwiller (r) at a potluck dinner at the home of Dick and Marj Johnson in Sheldahl, Iowa.



Four members of the District 6000 Friendship Exchange Committee exchanged banners with Rotarians from District 3060 in India.

M E E T B A R T O L O



Bartolo – after surgery



Bartolo – before surgery

Note: This is the second installment in a four part series chronicling the experiences of the Iowa MOST (Miles Of Smiles Team) and their 2007 trip to Guatemala.

By Sue Huff/Ottumwa

This year the Iowa Rotary “Miles of Smiles Team” traveled to Huehuetenango, Guatemala on a medical mission trip to repair the faces of children with cleft lips and palates. While there the team performed 72 different procedures resulting in an increased quality of life for the children and their families who are often shunned because of their deformity. In my job as photo journalist for the Iowa Rotary MOST trip, I was able to see and record many of the stories of children we helped.

It was my job to take photos of the children when they were first brought in for examination. My work station for the job was two metal chairs with a Polaroid camera on one side of the initial examination room where I could look over my shoulder and see everyone in the waiting room which was filled with over 100 people who had come a long way in the hope of their children being able to have an operation which would give them a chance at a normal life.

The first day we came into the clinic to work I had noticed a Mayan woman sitting in the crowded waiting room with a royal purple head wrap tied attractively in her hair (see photo). It was so artfully done that I at first mistook it for an ostrich plume, but on closer examination saw that it was the fringe on the end of the scarf. She had a shy little boy with her that appeared to be between 2 and 3 years old; this was Bartolo. He had a handsome face with a cleft lip and bright sparkling eyes full of mischief as he played by his mother while waiting for their turn.

We team members had all been briefed on culturally appropriate behavior and been told that many Guatemalans often don't like having their photos taken because they believe the camera steals a part of their soul. Bartolo and his mother were sitting not far from me and I kept watching them while looking for a good excuse to take their photo. I was surprised at how regal and elegant she looked in spite of their obvious poverty, but I was a little hesitant about trying to communicate with them due to the language barrier. I was glad when she brought her son to my photo station and held him on her lap as I took the photo for his medical file so I could get a picture of them both. Luckily for us, she had a gentleman with her who helped translate, because it turned out that she spoke a Mayan dialect and neither spoke or understood more than a tiny bit of Spanish.

Later that same day I had gone out to the playground to take some photos of the children and she and Bartolo were outside at the time. When I came back inside I looked at the operating schedule and noticed Bartolo's name and birthdates on one of the sticky notes. I was shocked and commented to one of the nurses that someone must have made a mistake on the birthdates, and that Bartolo couldn't possibly be seven because he was so small that he appeared to be no bigger than a 3-year-old. The nurses explained to me that he was indeed seven and that due to malnutrition and difficult living conditions, many Guatemalan and Mayan children appear to be about half their age by American standards. I was in shock because I have worked with children all of my life and I would have sworn from his size and behavior that this little boy was between two-and-a-half and three years old.

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Miles of Smiles, thanks to Rotary!

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After the initial screening days were finished, I saw Bartolo and his mother again when I went to take photos and interview some of the families in the pre-operation room as their children were waiting for surgery. The room was full of other parents and children all waiting for their turn to go to the operating room. Bartolo's mother sat stoically with him on the little metal bed and I could see the fear and uncertainty in her eyes. As I sat on the bed across from Bartolo and his mother, her neighbor told me the story of

her family background and their long journey to the clinic. He told me they had heard about the American medical team coming to do free operations from a government social worker who visited their village a few weeks before. He said they were afraid that the stories weren't even true, because rumors abound in the villages and the people are often disappointed when nothing materializes.

He told me that they had come over five hours by bus from a small village high in the mountains and that he was not her husband but a neighbor who was married with six children of his own. He stated that she had been desperately afraid to make the trip alone but had wanted the operation for her little boy so badly that he chose to take time away from his own family and lose three days of work to accompany her on the five hour bus trip to the clinic. He said that the family history was a sad one. During the political upheaval in the 1980s this woman and her parents had been forced to leave their home and relocate to another part of South America with many other indigenous Mayans. At that time both of her parents died and she became a homeless orphan. Years later, when she and the other Mayans were finally allowed to return to their homeland they were settled in remote village areas that became much like our Indian reservations. She had no family to help her and later became the mother of little

Bartolo. If there had been a man in the picture, he disappeared soon after seeing the baby born with a cleft. From that time on Bartolo and his mother were left to fend for themselves as best they could and depend on the kindness of people like her neighbor.

As her neighbor told the story, my eyes met hers and we looked at each other the way two mothers look when they need no words. I knew she couldn't understand much but because I am also the mother of an only son, I felt very close to her at that moment and a deep compassion for what they had been through in their lives.

I asked the neighbor to tell her that I thought she was a very good mother because she had come so far in spite of her fears so that her son could have a chance to have the operation that would give him a better life. I took out my digital camera and showed her the photos I had taken of her and Bartolo. Then I showed her a photo of my 18-year-old son and said "Mi hijo" so that she would know I had a son who I loved as much as she loved Bartolo.

As we sat there and waited for Bartolo's turn for the operation; his mother's face was anxious and the neighbor stayed close by.

He said to me that he wasn't sure how much she was able to understand even though he was translating for her. The look on her face when they came to get Bartolo was heart breaking. She stood outside the door at the end of the hallway watching them take her only son away for the operation. She could not go with him and did not know how it would come out, only stand there watching as they took him away.

A couple of hours later, when the nurses brought Bartolo back down the long hallway after his operation, she held out her arms for him and her face was wreathed in a smile of absolute joy and relief. As she sat on the bed and cradled him in her arms, all of the team members exclaimed about what a handsome boy he was and how much he looked like his mother, which was even more apparent now that his lip was fixed. The radiant look of peace and happiness on her face as she held Bartolo made her look like a Madonna. The other parents and team members in the room stood by and looked on that scene there with tears in our eyes because all of us had been touched by the story of the one little boy whose mother had come so far and faced her fears so that her son could have a better life.

This is just one story from the 2007 Iowa Rotary MOST trip which was a series of miracles that we all felt privileged to be a part of thanks to the generosity of Iowa Rotarians. The

next installment will provide another story of just how much this operation meant to another child, an 11-year-old boy named Enrique. For those who would like to contribute to making these life changing operations possible for children, contact Gary and Nancy Pacha for more information about how your financial donations or volunteer support can be used to make a miracle happen in a child's life. Call 319-351-6251 or email at gpacha@aol.com.

A list of clubs who provided financial support to Iowa M.O.S.T. during 2006-07 is on page 10.



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PDG Gary Pacha (l) and Oscar Marroquin (Huehuetenango MOST project coordinator) thank DHL official Jon Olin for DHL's Service Above Self.

Shipping company DHL boosts Iowa M.O.S.T.

The District 6000 Iowa M.O.S.T. mission to Guatemala requires shipping supplies and equipment ahead of the mission team from the Iowa City-based FAMSCO warehouse to the Hospital Nacional of Huehuetenango in the Guatemalan western highlands. The shipping is expensive and requires diligent attention on the part of the shipper to shepherd the delivery through customs and the Guatemalan humanitarian offices to avoid heavy import taxes.

International shipping company DHL generously contributed the cost of shipping for the 2007 Iowa MOST mission. DHL also tackled the difficult process of bureaucratic procedures in Guatemala to bring the shipment with as much haste as possible to Huehuetenango with the all-important supplies and equipment for the mission.

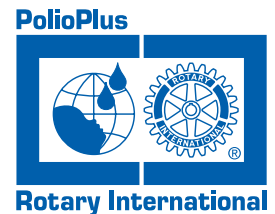
"Without the generosity and conscientious care of DHL, our mission would have been far more costly and far more difficult. We owe DHL a debt of immense gratitude for countless hours of effort to help us realize our mission," said Gary Pacha, Iowa MOST Team Leader.

Clubs provide financial support to M.O.S.T.

Thanks to these 36 clubs in District 6000 who provided financial support for Iowa M.O.S.T. in 2006-07:

Adel	Fairfield	Muscatine
Ames	Grinnell	Nevada
Ames Morning	Indianola	Northwest
Bettendorf	Iowa City Morning	Des Moines
Boone	Iowa Quad Cities	North Scott
Burlington	Jefferson	Ottumwa
Carroll	Johnston	Pella
Clinton	Kalona	Tipton
Coralville-	Knoxville	Washington
North Corridor	Manning	Wauke
Davenport	Marengo	West Liberty
Decatur County	Marshalltown	Winterset
	Mt. Pleasant	

Polio: Hopeful signs but work yet to be done



By PDG Don Goering/Ames

PolioPlus Partners Task Force Member

During this year's District Conference, the attendees heard from Dave Groner of Dowagiac, Mich., regarding the current status of Rotary's No. 1 priority, the eradication of polio. Groner, a past district governor of District 6360, has led 18 teams of Rotary National Immunization Day volunteers to the countries of India, Nigeria, Niger, Benin, Mali, and Egypt.

Groner emphasized that while the world has made tremendous progress in the eradication of polio, the poliovirus remains active in four countries, identified as polio endemic countries. These countries are Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, and Nigeria.

The best news, according to Groner, is that the number of cases diagnosed through May 3, 2007 was only 130 worldwide, which is exactly half the number of cases as of that date in 2006. In addition, Afghanistan had no confirmed cases since November 2006.

At the urging of Groner, and D-6000 PolioPlus Partners Chair Don Goering, the District Conference attendees were urged to contribute 10 cents for each year that they have been polio free. Jennifer Pfeifer of the Rotary Club of Indianola made a very significant contribution, telling Goering that part of her contribution was for her grandfather's 90 years of living with the effects of polio and the remainder of her contribution was for her years of living polio free. Thank you, Jennifer!

In addition to the cash contributions given by the Conference attendees, two polio eradication related special shirts and five books were auctioned off during the conference resulting in \$1,138.35 contributed to support the PolioPlus Partners program. PolioPlus Partners supports the social mobilization programs of National Immunization Days. Groner pointed out that the small villages of the four remaining endemic countries don't have the communication systems in place like we do in District 6000 to alert the parents of the immunization process.

District 6000 Rotary Clubs are strongly encouraged to ask their Rotarians for another one-time cash donation to the Polio Eradication program. A suggested 10 cents for each year the Rotarian has been polio free would be great. All cash donations are being matched with 50 cents for each dollar contributed. Contributions should be submitted on the new Global Contribution form, designating PolioPlus Partners to receive the contribution.

Won't it be a proud moment when the world is declared POLIO FREE?



Telling the story of Rotary's humanitarian service.

Rotary Foundation Annual Program Fund giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2006 - April 30, 2007*

CLUB (Members/6-06)	(1) '06-'07 Goal	(2) Thru 4-30-07	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (29)	\$ 2,900	216	7	\$ 7.45
Albia (37)	2,500	900	36	24.32
Ames Morning (66)	6,800	7,725	114	117.05
Ames (263)	36,270	33,263	92	126.48
Ankeny (77)	7,600	11,749	155	152.58
Atlantic (61)	3,000	2,900	97	47.54
Bettendorf (92)	9,000	12,705	141	138.10
Bloomfield (14)	1,300	0	0	0
Boone (65)	6,600	3,825	58	58.85
Burlington (108)	8,000	10,495	131	97.18
Carroll (60)	6,000	4,375	73	72.92
Centerville (48)	2,236	455	20	9.48
Chariton (49)	5,300	325	6	6.63
Clinton (120)	10,890	8,131	75	67.76
Coon Rapids (25)	2,500	0	0	0
Coralville-North Corridor (43)	8,761	0	0	0
Corning (56)	2,160	1,700	79	30.36
Corydon (17)	400	0	0	0
Creston (19)	550	0	0	0
Dallas Center (25)	2,000	2,502	125	100.09
Davenport (173)	12,000	8,099	67	46.82
Decatur County (14)	2,500	2,690	108	192.14
Des Moines AM (139)	15,000	4,825	32	34.71
Des Moines (366)	24,675	100	0	0.27
East Polk County (46)	4,800	1,875	39	40.76
Fairfield (69)	7,000	1,525	22	22.10
Fort Madison (49)	2,650	3,055	115	62.36
Grinnell (31)	3,200	1,975	62	63.71
Indianola (49)	5,300	1,000	19	20.41
Iowa City A.M. (58)	9,240	10,861	118	187.26
Iowa City Downtown (27)	2,400	1,400	58	51.85
Iowa City (309)	3,100	21,475	69	69.50
Iowa Quad-Cities (51)	1,590	1,425	90	27.94
Jefferson (54)	5,400	3,410	63	63.15
Johnston (37)	3,700	3,194	86	86.32
Kalona (42)	2,150	2,690	125	64.05
Keokuk (87)	4,000	4,225	106	48.56
Keosauqua (29)	2,100	2,200	105	75.88
Knoxville (65)	6,500	3,125	48	48.08
Lenox (32)	2,475	1,475	60	46.09
Manning (16)	1,500	1,125	75	70.31
Marengo (12)	1,000	700	70	58.33
Marshalltown (186)	10,000	7,687	77	41.33
Mount Pleasant Noon (36)	2,625	970	37	26.94
Mt. Pleasant (30)	2,250	625	28	20.83
Muscatine (139)	16,800	15,443	92	111.11
Nevada (61)	6,400	6,975	109	114.34
Newton (91)	10,440	10,020	96	110.11
North Scott (102)	10,600	10,810	102	105.98
Northwest Des Moines (69)	12,070	22,370	185	324.20
Odyssey of Ottumwa (19)	400	500	125	26.32
Osceola (38)	3,600	0	0	0
Oskaloosa (58)	3,600	3,023	84	52.13
Ottumwa (110)	11,445	15,760	138	143.27
Pella (41)	4,200	0	0	0
Perry (33)	2,475	0	0	0
Tipton (34)	2,550	1,450	57	42.65
Washington (68)	7,000	2,265	32	33.31
Waukeee (65)	5,670	2,250	40	34.62
Wellman (31)	3,200	2,670	83	86.13
West Des Moines (80)	10,800	4,062	38	50.78
West Liberty (36)	3,600	8,700	242	241.67
Winterset (28)	1,000	0	0	0
Total	\$ 405,672	\$ 299,711	73.88	\$ 68.36

By John Kleinschmidt/Ames

D-6000, Annual Giving chair

This month marks the 90th anniversary of the creation of a fund that would help Rotary in "doing good in the world." Every Rotarian is familiar with the achievements of the Foundation. But in order to meet the challenges of the future, it has to grow in funding and in scope. Everything we need to do this is within our grasp!

The emphasis on Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) stems from the fact that though contributions to the Foundation have increased in recent years, there were and are still individual members and individual clubs who have ignored this responsibility.

Support of the Foundation is not and should not be an option! The primary vehicle in our Fourth Avenue of Service, International Service, is the Foundation and the Humanitarian programs it addresses each year. The effort to eradicate Polio worldwide proved we have the capacity and the willingness to give.

That same spirit has to apply to the humanitarian needs we see all around us, whether its malnutrition in developing countries; AIDS/HIV infected children in Honduras; forced prostitution in Thailand; contaminated water supplies in Haiti; or land-mine casualties in Vietnam, through EREY we can impact the lives of these victims. It may be in the form of hearing aids for deaf children; cataract operations in India; new wells in Zimbabwe; building schools in the poorest areas of Mexico (Xicoteppec), or the gift of books to help break down the devastation of continued illiteracy in Kenya and other third world countries.

With a worldwide membership of over 1.2 million members, EREY could produce \$125 million right now, instead of the \$75 to \$80 million currently raised in an average year. If your club has not yet stepped up to the plate, why not make July 1, 2007 the date your commitment begins. Twenty-seven cents a day is within the means of Every Rotarian! We just have to do this Every Year!

(*) Source: Rotary Foundation MCR. (A delay between the receipt of payments and their posting is possible.)

X-I-C-O-T-E-P-E-C

Another year of advances and 'firsts'

Rotarians, youth team up for service, friendship in fifth year with Mexican village

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

D-6000, Xicotepec Project Team Leader

It was another year of advances and "firsts" for those participating in the Xicotepec Project Team visit in March.

Two Iowa groups with a total of 72 persons visited Xicotepec to work on a variety of projects; the first group left Iowa on March 10 and the second group returned to Iowa on March 25. Each group spent one week in Xicotepec.

Included in this year's teams were 17 University of Iowa students who were enrolled in the for-credit, interdisciplinary, service-learning course "International Perspectives: Xicotepec," which involved choosing, designing, executing and reporting on a service project related to their areas of study.

The "Water Team," comprised of engineering, public health and urban/regional planning students, installed water filtration systems at the Xicotepec Red Cross and at



Team leader Jim Peterson (r) and Rotarians Liz Loeb (Iowa City AM) and Dev Kiedasch (Keokuk) dance the hokey-pokey with the children of Xicotepec.

the Rotary Club Primary School, providing clean, safe water for drinking and for clinical uses. They had help and guidance from Rotarian Bob Main of Newton and U of I Engineering Professor and Iowa City AM Rotarian Craig Just.

The "Pharmacy Team" – six pharmacy students and two faculty members from the U of I School of Pharmacy – researched

treatments for intestinal worms, purchased 6,000 doses of medicine, and administered over 2,000 doses to pre- and primary-school students (the remaining doses will be administered by Xicotepec Rotarians in the coming months). The Pharmacy Team also administered fluoride treatments to

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The sack that delivered his toothbrush and school supplies brought a smile to this boy's face at a bilingual school in a poor neighborhood of Xicotepec.



Rotarian Gary Welch of Ankeny (c) experiences the love that is shared between the people of Xicotepec and Iowa Rotarians.



A new ambulance brings joy to Rotarian Dean Lange of Ankeny, and Xicotepec residents.



Rotarians Gary Welch and Dean Lange of Ankeny and Rotaractor Matt Craig of Cedar Rapids prepare for the foundation of steps and ramps for the tele-secondary school.

Students receive 'service learning' credit

the children who were treated for intestinal worms. This team also raised some \$1,500 from other pharmacy students for the Xicotepec Project before their trip.

Journalism students and students of women's studies, international studies and psychology produced written and video pieces helping to publicize, explain and promote various aspects of the project. Former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Tomomi Naka (now a U of I Teaching Assistant) accompanied the "Write Team" and provided guidance and support.

All of these students also participated in the "hands-on" projects that occupied the rest of the Project Team: constructing steps, concrete ramps and drainage lines at the Vicente Guerrero Tele-secondary School, erecting a wall and paving an area

where students can eat lunch and gather at the Rotary Club Primary School, painting and other improvements at the Red Cross, assisting with the "Just in Time" cervical cancer screening project of the Xicotepec Rotary Club.

As in past years, the Project Team included Rotarians and their partners, Rotaractors, Interactors and Junior Rotarians, and a mix of "first-timers" and "veterans."

In concert with the fluoridation project of the Pharmacy Team, Interactors led programs on dental hygiene to students to help them understand the importance of tooth care. Each class learned the hit anthem "Cepíllate los Dientes" ("Brush Your Teeth"), written by Iowa City West High Interactor Anita Rao, and received toothbrushes, toothpaste and school supplies –

all obtained by Iowa students and taken to Mexico in their luggage. This is the fourth year for this program and Iowa City AM Rotarian Dr. Liz Loeb, who led the medical team that gave physical exams to over 300 children at the Rotary Club School, noted a significant improvement in the condition of the children's teeth as compared to previous years.

Iowa City Rotaractors, together with Lore Baur, an Iowa City junior high science teacher, worked with Xicotepec Rotarian Jaime Wurtz to carry the message about the benefits of recycling and conservation of resources to several thousand primary and secondary school students in Xicotepec, an activity that they found rewarding and that

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Students know that the water from this fountain at their school is safe, thanks to Rotary.



Walt Bredbeck of North Scott and Interactors Heather Sinclair of Mt. Pleasant and Stephanie Nagy of Muscatine show that age doesn't matter when it comes to Service Above Self.



A job for a PDG: Don Goering at work at the Red Cross building.



Children play in this bright, new playground that was made possible by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant sponsored by the Iowa City AM Rotary Club.

Xicotepec Rotarians extend hospitality

led to new friendships and lots of productive and fun interaction between Mexican and Iowa youth: several Mexican high-school students joined members of the Project Team each afternoon to help pour concrete or do other heavy work.

Coralville-North Corridor Rotarian Ted Carpenter, along with Iowa City teacher John Reynolds, Rotaractor Daniel Baur-McGuire and others, re-wired part of the Xicotepec special education school so that they could use the electric tools they needed to erect shelves and build ramps and steps to be used for physical therapy activities at the school.

This year a number of primary and pre-primary schools were visited by the project teams for the first time. Many of these schools have pressing needs and will receive help and attention as the Xicotepec Rotary Club moves ahead with support from their partners in District 6000. Tom and Carol Narak, of West Des Moines, helped at one school by purchasing shoes and uniforms for students – the Xicotepec Rotary Club did the actual purchasing of these items for Tom and Carol. Needless to say, the students, their teachers and the school director were extremely pleased and thankful.

This year's sojourn in Xicotepec differed from those of previous years in that there was more emphasis on work and productivity, less free time, and fewer cultural activities. All the same, time was found to dedicate two ambulances at the Red Cross, a refurbished one donated by the Ankeny Rotary Club, which was represented by Dean Lange and Gary Welch, and a new ambulance that was purchased with a matching grant co-sponsored by the Decatur County, Chariton, Corydon, Osceola and, of course, Xicotepec Rotary Clubs.

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Anita Wubben of North Scott assisted with physicals for 300 children.



Xicotepec Rotarian Andres Ramos and Gabriella (c) provided hospitality for Tom and Carol Narak of West Des Moines.



Rotarians left their mark (literally) in the concrete on the steps and ramps to the tele-secondary school.

Another dedication that took place was of playground equipment installed at a special education school in Xicotepec. The equipment was purchased using a matching grant sponsored by the Xicotepec Inner Wheel Club and the Iowa City AM Rotary Club.

Visiting Iowans also participated in the Red Cross's annual "Colecta" fund-raising effort and were present at the ceremonial launch held in front of the city hall.

As always, the Xicotepec Rotarians worked diligently to make sure that their Iowa visitors were comfortable, happy and well-fed. On the Friday at the end of each Project Team's week in Xicotepec, visitors were treated to a genuine Mexican "pachanga" that kept them smiling all the way home.

Planning has already begun for next year's trips to Xicotepec – stay tuned!



Newton Rotarian Bob Main (l) and Craig Just of Iowa City AM (r) work with University of Iowa service learning students on the water team.

ROTARY REFLECTIONS

By John McNeer, Rotary Club of Newton

With bags all packed and much information,
We headed for Xicotepec in this great Mexican Nation.
Fifty travelers from Iowa with just one thought in mind,
To help with many special tasks we would find.

It was nine days in all from beginning to end,
The time flew right by, yes it flew like the wind.

Our Mexican friends organized local projects galore,
And when they were all finished, we tackled some more.
Construction at the schools, digging trenches, hauling dirt,
The next morning all those new-found muscles really hurt!

Medication for students, de-worming pills and fluoride
Were graciously accepted as they helped turn the tide.

Two great water purifiers were installed during the week, They
worked to perfection once they got the final "tweak."

Special health exams for the women, two days at "Cruz Rojo,"
It's an annual event for these local Rotarians, always on-the-go!
The Red Cross Headquarters was trimmed and painted – Complete,
Local natives were impressed and said, "It looks so very neat!"

Recycling Education was held day after day,
Those involved earned satisfaction as their special pay.

Our Orphanage visit took us to a forest of all places,
So very soul-satisfying to see the many smiling faces.

Three great meals daily, morning 2 p.m. and night,
We found those native specialties a super delight.

A great "Fiesta" was enjoyed by everyone the final night,
Music, dancing, games, good food – everything was just right!
Local Rotary "Amigos" made us feel welcome day after day,

And as we bid "Adios" we all just have to say...

God Bless these great Rotarians who we hope to see again,
As Super Humanitarians they score a resounding "Win!"

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP

Dear Governor Bluhm:

On behalf of all the members of Rotary Friendship Team of RI District 3060 (Gujarat, India), I would like to request you to accept our thanks and gratitude and convey the same to all your club presidents, host families, Rotarians, and other friends for the great and interesting itineraries, wonderful welcomes, warm and friendly hospitalities, sight seeings, visits of vocational and Rotary projects, Rotary meetings, joint club meetings and lastly Farewell Party at Des Moines, which unfortunately I could not attend due to my early return to India, were planned and executed superbly during our 21-day visit to your lovely District 6000, Iowa, USA. The sweet memories of this visit will remain fresh for life long in our memory lanes. We have understood very well the administration and culture of USA and learnt the positive points to be spread in our Indian communities for their betterment. We have also moved and impressed with the humane, hospitable and friendly attitude of people of the communities we visited and have made many good friends and we pray to the Almighty to bless our friendships a very long life. I think that the Motto and the Aim of Rotary Friendship Exchange has been achieved in TOTO. The major share of this success goes to the meticulous planning and dedication of RFE Chairman John Lewis and the contacts Rotarians of all the 9 communities of your district we visited. Our special gratitude to them.

With best regards, yours in Rotary,
Major S K Sharma, DGN (2009-10),
RFE Chairman, RID 3060, (Gujarat), India



Nirali Shah, a Rotary Youth Exchange student from India who is hosted by Winterset, presented a native dance.



Chuck and Carolyn Jons were one of several hosts for the popular Friday evening home host hospitality.



Conference ended with Boone Rotarians Kathy and Rees Hakanson, Jeannine and Bob Schaub and others singing the traditional Auld Lang Syne.



Ventriloquist Elaine Elms brought down the house with her obvious talent and roasts of Rotarians.

Conference:

By Bob Anderson/Ames
District Conference co-chair

The conference planning committee met for the first time on Oct. 8 and decided that we would like to try do some things differently, including: 1) arrange the schedule so that all Rotarians could attend virtually the entire conference with, at most, a one night stay in Ames; 2) increase the number of presentations by clubs; 3) shorten the time for each presentation; 4) encourage every presentation to be supported with Power Point slides; 5) allow ample time for informal fellowship; 6) reduce the registration fees by soliciting sponsorships from clubs and individual Rotarians; and 7) encourage "first time attendance."

In the opinion of the conference committee, we met each of the above goals. (An on-line evaluation of the conference from the perspective of attendees is underway as this is being written. Results of this evaluation will be available at the conference debrief and wrap-up meeting scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 12.)

The opening session began on Friday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m. and the closing banquet on Saturday evening, May 12, was over by 8:30 p.m. Thus District 6000 Rotarians could drive in on Friday morning and drive home Saturday evening.

The program featured presentations by 12 clubs. Each presentation shared the club's experience with a local project done with a District Simplified Grant, an international project done with an RI Matching Grant, or a fund-raising project. These presentations were allotted only eight minutes. Virtually all speakers adhered to the allotted time and gave concise, informative, stimulating presentations. Twenty-two presentations were supported with Power Point slides and/or DVDs.

Most sessions finished before their time so that the "break times" were even longer than scheduled. Thus participants had



Christian Michaelis (Germany), hosted by North Scott, and Youth Exchange students inspired with the parade of flags.

goals met

time for informal fellowship between sessions.

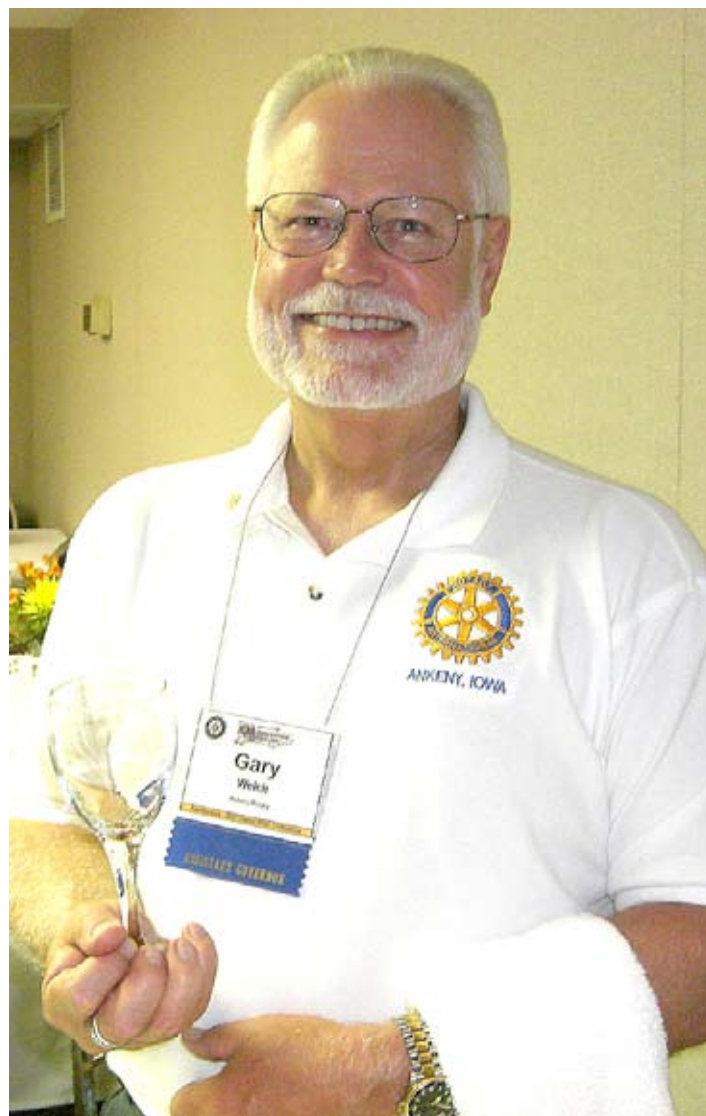
The registration fees were reduced by 20 percent from 2006. This was possible because Rotarians and their clubs provided \$8,525 of sponsorships. This is the “good news;” the “bad news” is that the great majority of this support came from Ames Rotarians and clubs rather than from broadly across the district. Hence it seems unlikely that conference sponsorships is a sustainable approach to keeping conference registration fees low.

Forty-five attendees identified themselves as attending their first district conference. Overall, we had 360 people attend all or part of the conference. Among them: 17 inbound Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) students, nine outbound RYE students, five inbound Group Study Exchange (GSE) team members from India District 3110 and five outbound GSE team members to India District 3110, seven inbound Rotary Friendship Exchange team members from India District 3060, and 11 Rota-Kids from Leon. Also of note is that the RYE students, for the first time, did a community service project as a part of their attendance at our district conference. (They helped to get Ames’ Carr Pool cleaned and ready for its 2007 opening.)

Finally, we would be remiss if we did not express our thanks to Hy-Vee for providing the wine for the Thursday night reception, to ISU Conference Services for providing conference registration services, to the Bluhms and the Axlands for providing ISU/Iowa football tickets for auction in support of the conference, to Heuss Printing for providing the design of the Conference program booklet, to Rod Biensen for providing music at the Friday evening afterglow, and to the Gateway Hotel staff for their outstanding, professional coordination and support.

And especially to all who attended the conference, “Thanks for your participation and support!”

More pictures are on the next page.



AG Gary Welch of Ankeny greeted guests at the wine tasting party.



Four of the five members of the GSE team from D-3110 in India got a taste of golf at a reception that kicked off District Conference. They are pictured with GSE Inbound Coordinator Mark Snell (second front right).



Inbound and Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students celebrated the opportunity to spend time together and had their pictures taken after the parade of flags.

Images of District Conference

May 11-12, 2007 • Gateway Center, Ames



Twenty-seven clubs achieved the Centurion Club status in 2005-06 for per capita giving of \$100 or more to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation.



Twenty-four clubs achieved the 2006-07 Presidential Citation of RI President Bill Boyd.



Rod Biensen of the Rotary Club of Nevada entertained at Friday's afterglow.



Nancy Harms of Ottumwa shared her experiences with Iowa M.O.S.T.

District 6000 Club, Individual Awards

RI DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

PDG Paul Hellwege, Boone

RI SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD

PDG Don Goering, Ames

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS:

Jerri Uitermarkt, Knoxville,
District Administrator
PDG Bill Tubbs, North Scott
Public Relations,
District Newsletters
DHL Shipping, for service
to Iowa M.O.S.T.

RI SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Bettendorf

RI COOPERATIVE PROJECTS AWARD

Ames
Ames Morning
Davenport
Newton
West Liberty

RI PUBLIC RELATIONS

Ames Morning

RI RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Davenport

RI PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

Ames
Ames Morning
Atlantic
Burlington
Chariton
Coralville-North Corridor
Davenport
Decatur County
Des Moines
East Polk
Fairfield
Indianola
Iowa City
Iowa City AM
Iowa City Downtown
Jefferson
Marengo
Marshalltown
Nevada
North Scott
Northwest Des Moines
Ottumwa
Waukee
Wellman

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB RECOGNITION

Ames
Ames Morning
Burlington
Iowa City Downtown
Wellman

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS COMPLETING SERVICE

John Beran, Lenox
Nancy Harms, Ottumwa
Lloyd Hill, NW Des Moines
Loring Miller, Decatur Co.
Phyllis Miller, Decatur Co.
Nancy Pacha, Iowa City AM

ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT SERVICE AWARDS

Nancy Harms, Ottumwa
Betty Miller, alumni work
Brock Earnhardt, Davenport
PDG Gary Pacha,
Iowa City
PDG Denny Skinner,
Nevada
Rachel Litwiller,
Mt. Pleasant

CLUB NEWSLETTERS Under 50 Members:

1. Iowa City Downtown
2. Keosauqua

50-99 Members:

1. Iowa City AM
2. Indianola

100-plus Members:

1. North Scott
2. Ames

WEB SITES

1. Bettendorf
2. Ames Morning
3. Ames

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

1. Decatur County, 28.6%
2. Creston, 26.7%
3. Iowa City Downtown, 20.0%

Noteworthy Increases

Winterset, 15.6%
Iowa City AM, 11.3%
Johnston, 10.8%
Wellman, 9.7%
Coon Rapids, 8.0%
Marengo, 7.7%
Fairfield, 7.2%
Kalona, 7.1%
Fort Madison, 6.4%
West Liberty, 5.9%
Iowa Quad Cities, 5.6%
Davenport, 5.2%

RYLA SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY WINNERS

1. Kendra Bland, Waukee
2. Alex Carl, Muscatine
3. Ajeet Singh, West Des Moines

GLOBAL NETWORK FOR BLOOD DONATION

Gary Welch, Ankeny
Grinnell Rotary
Iowa City Downtown Rotary
Washington Rotary

ROTARY FOUNDATION, TOP THREE CLUBS, ANNUAL GIVING IN 2005-06

1. Coralville-North Corridor, \$348.79 per capita
2. West Liberty, \$322.50
3. NW Des Moines, \$272.63

100 PERCENT SUSTAINING MEMBERS IN 2005-06

West Liberty

100 PERCENT PAUL HARRIS FELLOW CLUB IN 2006-07

Nevada

100 PERCENT EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR BANNER FOR 2005-06

Ames
Bettendorf
Coralville-North Corridor
Iowa City AM
Muscatine
Nevada
Ottumwa
Wellman
West Liberty

ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTURION CLUBS IN 2005-06

Ames
Ames Morning
Ankeny
Bettendorf
Burlington
Clinton
Coralville-North Corridor
Dallas Center
Decatur County
Des Moines AM
Fort Madison
Indianola
Iowa City AM
Iowa City Downtown
Johnston
Lenox
Mt. Pleasant Noon
Muscatine
Nevada
Newton
North Scott
Northwest Des Moines
Ottumwa
Pella
Washington
Wellman
West Liberty

NEW MAJOR DONORS IN 2006-07

Bill Ashton, Davenport
Del & Georgia Bluhm, Ames
Bill Tubbs, North Scott

NEW BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERS IN 2006-07

S.K. Nanda, Bettendorf
Harvey & Mary Kadlec,
Des Moines

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

John Ockenfels,
Iowa City AM
Michael Mumma, Jefferson
Kent Angerer, Iowa City
Harvey Kadlec, Des Moines
Deepak Giri, West Liberty

DISTRICT 6000 PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

Robert Anderson, Ames
Bill & Ann Ashton,
Davenport
Ed Barker, Iowa City
Roger & Pat Borup,
Wellman

Del & Georgia Bluhm, Ames
Tom Brooke, West Liberty
George Christensen, Ames
John & Linda Dasher, Ames
David Dickson, Ames
Trent Frohock, East Polk
Jeff & Mary Gibbons, Ames
Don & Doris Goering, Ames
Conrad Gregg, West Liberty
Marvin Hartwig, Coralville-
North Corridor
Paul Hellwege, Boone
Doug & Melody Huetter,
Iowa City AM
Corliss & Jeanne Klaassen,
Chariton
Bill Koellner, West Liberty
Ev & Ruth Laning, Indianola
Steve & Karen Laughlin,
Iowa City AM
Darrell & Sharon Limkeman,
Ottumwa
Loring Miller, Decatur Co.
Phyllis Miller, Decatur Co.
Bill Oglesby, Coralville-
North Corridor
Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM
Bob Rudman, Ames
David Sunken, Ames
Nancy & Jeff Stroburg,
Jefferson
Bill & Linda Tubbs,
North Scott
Don Wandling, Ames
Herb Wilson, Iowa City
Downtown
Janice Wilson, Iowa City
Downtown
Richard Young, Iowa City

MAJOR DONORS (\$10,000 or more)

Kent & Loretta Angerer,
Iowa City
Cecil Bolsinger, Des Moines
Roger & Pat Borup,
Wellman
Kent Dallmeyer, Washington
David Dickson, Ames
Randy & Lois Gambill,
Northwest Des Moines
Jeff & Mary Gibbons, Ames
Don & Doris Goering, Ames
Corliss & Jeanne Klaassen,
Chariton
Bill & Janet Koeller,
West Liberty
Loring & Phyllis Miller,
Decatur County
Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM
Krishna & Saheb Sahu,
West Des Moines
William Sittler, Washington
Margaret Wilson

LEVEL TWO

Stan & Corinne Barber,
Wellman
Tom & Mary Brooke,
West Liberty

LEVEL THREE

John & Linda Dasher,
Ames
Stanley Howe, Muscatine

LEVEL FOUR

Charles Gabus,
Northwest Des Moines
Paul Hellwege, Boone

LEVEL SIX

Herb & Janice Wilson
Iowa City Downtown

BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERS (6-30-06)

Dale & Mary Belknap,
Northwest Des Moines
Del & Georgia Bluhm,
Ames
Roger & Pat Borup,
Wellman
Jeffrey Brehmer, Northwest
Des Moines
Don & Phyllis Canfield,
Iowa City AM
Trent Frohock, East Polk
Don & Doris Goering, Ames
Bradford Helgemo,
Northwest Des Moines
Susan Herrick, Boone
Lloyd Hill, Northwest
Des Moines
Philip Houle, Northwest
Des Moines
Marvin & Verona Johnson,
Northwest Des Moines
Ev Laning, Indianola
Steve & Karen Laughlin,
Coralville-North Corridor
Michael & Michelle Messier,
Iowa City AM
John & Deb Ockenfels,
Iowa City AM
William & Sharon Oglesby,
Coralville-North Corridor
David Parsons, Iowa City
AM
Anthony & Kimberly Schau
Coralville-North Corridor
Denny & Kathy Skinner,
Nevada
David J. Smith, Northwest
Des Moines
Bill Tubbs, North Scott
Margaret Wilson

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Stanley & Corrine Barber,
Wellman
Robert & Cynthia Dabrio,
Northwest Des Moines
Corliss & Jeanne Klaassen,
Chariton

BEQUEST SOCIETY LEVEL THREE

Linda & John Dasher,
Ames
Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM

BEQUEST SOCIETY LEVEL FOUR

Robert & Janice Anderson,
Ames
Charles Gabus, Northwest
Des Moines
Jeff & Mary Gibbons, Ames
Michael & Jo Ann Ruby,
Muscatine
David & Dianne Sunken,
Ames
Herb & Janice Wilson,
Iowa City Downtown

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LESSONS from HONG KONG: 'Diversity, tolerance are keys to success'

Andy Stoll is one of three Outbound Ambassadorial Scholars in 2006-07 sponsored by District 6000. He was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Iowa City and is hosted by the Rotary Club of Tai Po in Hong Kong, District 3450, SAR, China.

By Andy Stoll

D-6000 Ambassadorial Scholar

The time has been extremely busy and full, and the experience of a lifetime. I have dined on new foods from eel to chicken feet, visited temples, shopped in open air markets, debated the intricacies of democracy and freedom, visited community-building projects, observed youth leadership training camps, exchange stories of families and home with Rotarians from Hong Kong, China, Japan, and Mongolia, shared Iowa culture, dined with the RI President, learned much about Chinese history, language, and way-of-thinking, defended America's obsession with large portions – among other things, taught my Hong Kong friends how to make s'mores, and been humbled by the size of the world. (Though "flat," it really is quite a big place full of all sorts of people.)

I landed here with little knowledge of Hong Kong, and have found it is distinct from Mainland China while drawing its inspiration from both the East and the West. The dynamics of the mixing of these sometimes opposing cultures results in "the world's freest economy" mixed with what many see here as an extremely bureaucratic government. It's a place where you'll see awe-inspiring skyscrapers and an extremely high average standard-of-living mixed with quaint temples and pockets of extreme poverty. It is a place of contradiction, contrast, and curiosities, and a place where people are often obsessed with money, status, and consumerism though placing a high value on family – in ways not all too different from America.

There is much that Iowa and the U.S. can learn from this place, and much I have learned about America by being in a culture so different, yet so similar. Many of you in Iowa are supporting and pushing the importance of diversity and tolerance, I think the glob-



Ambassadorial Scholar Andy Stoll (r) is representing District 6000 in Hong Kong during 2006-07.

al nature of Hong Kong demonstrates the absolute necessity to pursue diversity and tolerance in Iowa. I believe that is one of the biggest factors in Hong Kong's success. Hong Kong shows that it does not matter where the talent comes from but it is where the talent ends up that matters most. Great entrepreneurs, innovative capitalists, successful community leaders, and smart people that thrive here come from places we in Iowa don't always consider, and it is in these areas that we can begin to look to create connections and incubate relationships.

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From his Hong Kong perspective, Stoll (c) writes about the value of diversity.

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And Hong Kong can learn a lot from Iowa, too. Iowa is at the forefront of education, and I think Hong Kong’s education system is one area that Hong Kong can improve on. It seems to have chosen to embrace a Western-style education system, but it is still full of students who seem to be grounded in a more Eastern way of learning. In this way, Hong Kong hasn’t quite perfected its pedagogical methods (and this reminds me that Iowa needs to capitalize on its competency and not let a good thing go to waste).

In the end if those in Iowa and those in Hong Kong met, you would find that you are not all too different. And it is through Rotary that I have had this realization.

Rotary has a very strong presence in Hong Kong and I have a very supportive and helpful group of Rotarians and Rotaractors here to support me. One particular challenge that is facing Rotary District 3450, as it does Iowa’s Rotary Districts as well as Rotary as a whole, is that it does not do enough to promote its own work. Though many will claim that this is the case because Rotarians are humble, it is my opinion that increased visibility of the organization will lend it more credibility, thus allowing it to be even more effective at what it does. Rotary does amazing work, that is not contested, and by spreading the good word of its work it will be able to do more.

While trying to avoid sounding arrogant, I feel I have a unique perspective as a young benefactor of Rotary who has also had the opportunity to do some work at the higher levels of community leadership, and I think this perspective coupled with my background in marketing and media production (writing, film/video, design, web development) may be a set of skills that I can use to give back to Rotary to be used in a way they see fit. I would love to find a way to help Rotary as a whole promote itself a bit better (and actually I have few ideas). I’m just not quite sure who I should talk to. So, any advice you can give me of a direction to take my offer, please let me know.

Still interested? Read more....

Many of you I know have been following my experiences on my travelogue (www.noboundaries.org) but because Rotary is so central to so much of what I am doing here and I know many people are not able to spend hours reading my blog, I’ve just posted a brand new website that is specifically just about my Rotary experiences: www.andystoll.net/rotary.

Thank you for this opportunity. I am looking forward to my remaining time here. Another report and updates later, after further reflection.

Don’t hesitate to contact me with questions or comments.



Stoll (l) is proud to be a Hawkeye in Hong Kong.

Wanted: Applicants for Peace Scholars

By PDG Ev Laning/Indianola

D-6000 Ambassadorial Scholars committee

Still being sought – candidates for the Rotary Peace Scholarship and District 6000 Rotarians willing to serve on the Selection Committee. Scholarship applicants need to have a history of commitment to peace and conflict resolution issues and hands on experience. If selected they qualify for international competition to become one of the 60 persons selected annually by the trustees of The Rotary Foundation for master’s degree study in one of the seven Rotary Peace Centers at universities around the world.

Applicants must be fluent in at least two languages. Professionals already working in peace advocacy may apply for a three-month course in conflict resolution conducted in English in Thailand. Participation requires financial support from their employer and holding the position open for their return. Applicants may not be Rotarians or direct relatives of Rotarians.

Interested parties should contact Selection Committee Chair, Everett Laning, PDG 91-92 at (515) 962-5200 or by email at ruv@wesleythevillage.net.

Council on Legislation: Rotary in transition

By DG 2003-04 Denny Skinner/Nevada

D-6000 Representative, RI Council on Legislation

As you know, the Council on Legislation is an important but little known gathering of 530 delegates from around the world representing the 530 districts in Rotary. The delegates convened on April 23 to discuss and vote on 336 proposed enactments and resolutions. The distinction between “enactments” and “resolutions” are: Enactments, if approved, have a direct impact on clubs, districts, and Rotarians; Resolutions, if approved, are only requests to the RI Board to take some action.

The preliminary results of the week long council concluded with 74 proposals being withdrawn, 152 proposals rejected, 14 proposals referred to the board, and 96 proposals adopted. The enactments that were adopted will take effect July 1, 2007. The resolutions could take up to a year for board action, if any is taken at all.

Proposals came from all over the Rotary world: 66 from Western Europe, 39 from India, 31 from Asia, 59 from South America, 15 from Australia/New Zealand, 63 from North America, and 28 from the RI Board.

This is a partial list of enactments that will become effective July 1, 2007.

- Qualification for membership. A person who has demonstrated personal involvement in community affairs and a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary qualifies as a member. This person doesn't have to be involved in a business or profession.

- Districts shall select nominees for governor not more than 36 months and not less than 24 months before taking office.

- RI dues increase from \$47 to \$48 for 2008-2009, \$49 for 2009-2010, and \$50 for 2010-2011 with a minimum of \$240, \$245, \$250 in 2007-2008, 2009, and 2010, respectively.

- Per capita dues are 1/12 of RI capita dues for members admitted after the Semi-Annual Report.

- The RI Board may now suspend a Rotary club that fails to pay its financial obligation to RI or District.

- The RI Board is required to publish board actions within 60

days on the RI website and make the appendices to the minutes available to any Rotarian upon request.

- The RI Board may suspend or terminate a club that fails to investigate an allegation in connection with Rotary-related youth programs that a member violated youth protection laws.

- Adds the Four Avenues of Service in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution.

- Member attendance percentage that is required is reduced to 50 percent of club regular meetings in each half of the year.

Additional enactments and resolutions that produced much discussion but were rejected were:

- “Add a new category of membership: corporate representative membership”;

- “Provide for a standing committee of RI for population concern” (this proposal was defeated by 72 votes and was endorsed by a club or district on every continent);

- “To request the RI Board to consider implementing Rotakid Clubs for children ages 8-14 as a structured program of RI.”

- “To preclude clubs from limiting membership based on sexual orientation.”

Resolutions that were adopted for RI Board consideration were:

- Requested the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider authorizing the construction of buildings using Matching Grants.

These are a few of the results of the council's actions. The final results will be posted on the RI Web site and the new Manual of Procedure will probably be printed in November 2007.

The next Council on Legislation will be in 2010. I would strongly urge any club that wishes to make changes to the official documents of Rotary International to do so. This is your opportunity to affect changes that will benefit all of Rotary and the people we try to help.

I express my sincere appreciation to the Rotarians of District 6000 for this opportunity to represent you during this legislative process.

Rotary, RYLA Scholarships . . .



On April 23, the Davenport Rotary Club awarded \$37,500 in scholarships to four high school seniors, one from each Davenport high school. The winners were Ashley Peterson, Central, \$15,000; Anthony Pham, Assumption, \$7,500; Natalie Gilkison, West, \$7,500; and Steven Brus, North, \$7,500. The Arzberger Scholarship of \$2,000 was given to Bethany Jones, West.



RYLA scholarship and essay winner, Kendra Bland from Waukee, is pictured with Des Moines AM Rotary President John Humeston. She was presented with a certificate and read her essay at the club's meeting on May 11. Kendra was nominated by Chris McLinden.



World Food Prize interns were honored at the Hoover-Wallace Dinner, April 16 at the Hy-Vee Center, West Des Moines. The event, which is named for two great Iowa humanitarians, Herbert Hoover and Henry Wallace, celebrated the life work and achievements of George Washington Carver. Iowa's past and present Governors and Congressional leaders attended. In a speech to 600 state leaders in attendance, U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin praised Rotary's work in polio eradication.

World Food Prize internships awarded

The World Food Prize Foundation has announced that twelve Iowa high school students and one student from Ohio have been selected for 2007 Borlaug-Ruan International Internships.

Each student will complete an 8-week, expenses-paid internship at an internationally renowned research center abroad. This year, interns will be working with experts at locations including: the International Rice Research Institute in Manila, Philippines; Peking University in Beijing, China; the International Potato Center in Lima, Peru; the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology in Nairobi, Kenya; the International Livestock Research Institute in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and the World Vegetable Center in Shanhua, Tainan, Taiwan, among others.

This summer marks the tenth year of the Borlaug-Ruan International Internship program. In a partnership with the Rotary clubs of Iowa, over 100 students have now been sent on research assignments around the world. Students often return from the program calling it a "life-changing experience."

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

The 13 Borlaug-Ruan interns were selected from nearly 100 participants of the October 2006 World Food Prize Youth Institute. The Youth Institute, a prerequisite for International Internship eligibility, exposes young Iowans to opportunities associated with

2007 BORLAUG-RUAN INTERNS

Hemali Batra, Clive.....	World Vegetable Center, Taiwan
Jasmine Chen, Ames.....	International Potato Center, Peru
Hannah Cox, Chillicothe, OH.....	China Hybrid Rice Research & Development Center, Hunan, China
Jack Hou, Ankeny.....	Brazilian Corporation of Agricultural Research
Anna Johnson, Iowa City.....	International Rice Institute, Philippines
Santiago Sanchez Warner, Davenport.....	World Fish Center, Egypt
Bridget Solawetz, West Des Moines.....	International Maize & Wheat Improvement Center, Mexico City
Zachary Stewart, Harlan.....	International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, Nairobi, Kenya
Katherine Taylor, Des Moines.....	M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, India
Gwen Varley, Stuart.....	Peking University, Beijing, China
JoAnn Kirsch, Wesley.....	China Agricultural University, Beijing, China
Kris Michalson, Charles City.....	International Livestock Research Institute, Ethiopia
Courtney Wilcox, Palo.....	Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, China

careers in food, agriculture and natural resource disciplines. Youth Institute participants interact with World Food Prize Laureates and Nobel Prize Laureate Dr. Norman Borlaug to discuss issues relating to food security throughout the world.

Representing Rotary District 6000 at the Hoover-Wallace Dinner were DG Del Bluhm and Georgia, PDG Corliss Klaassen and Jeanne, PDG Bill Tubbs and Linda, DGE Diana Reed and Rick Rarick, DGN Susan Herrick and Bob, and Chris McLinden of the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM.

Information about the thirteen 2007 Borlaug-Ruan interns can be found at: http://www.worldfoodprize.org/youth_institute/brin-ternship/2007.html.

Membership development: Food for thought. . .

Membership notes from PDG Tom Thorfinnson (D-5950):

Slipping? There were 435,000 in clubs in the U.S. and Canada had in 2002. That was 37 percent of Rotary membership worldwide. Four year later, in 2006, this had slipped to 420,000, which was 35 percent.

Power of the President: One in 5 guests will join Rotary, but 1 in 2 will join if invited by a board member. "If the president per-

sonally greets a guest, the likelihood of that person joining Rotary doubles."

Brainstorm: One tried and true method of identifying member prospects is to pass out 3"x5" cards and ask each member to write the names of two people they'd like to see join. Then take action.

Follow-Up: DGN Susan Herrick's best method: A personal thank you from the club president to speakers. It worked!

STRATEGIC PLAN DRAFT UPDATE

Rotary International District 6000, 2006-09

The initial draft of the District 6000 Strategic Plan 2006-09 was published in the Sept/Oct/Nov 2006 issue of District 6000 News. Rotarians were asked to review and comment. Below is a revised plan. Comments are still welcome and should be directed to committee chair Sheila Tipton, 666 Walnut St., Suite 2000, Des Moines, IA 50309, or by e-mail to: sktipton@bellinlaw.com (please reference District 6000 Strategic Plan in the subject line of your e-mail).

PARTICIPANTS

Jim Black, facilitator; Del Bluhm (Ames), Brock Earnhardt (Davenport), Karin Franklin (Iowa City), Susan Herrick (Boone), Craig Hertel (Jefferson), Corliss Klaassen (Chariton), Cal Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), Diana Reed (Northwest Des Moines), Denny Skinner (Nevada), Sheila Tipton (Des Moines).
February 11, 2007

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Rotary District 6000 is to provide its clubs with the organization, motivation, support and tools necessary to excel in club, vocational, community and international services.

VISION STATEMENT

Rotary District 6000 will develop and empower its clubs to perform service for the benefit of humanity across local, national and international boundaries with energy, cohesiveness, diversity and vision.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6000 INITIAL OBJECTIVES

1. OUTREACH – We will provide support, education, and training to the clubs to help them be strong and active in community, district, and international service.

2. ORGANIZATION – We will create an efficient district committee structure with a trained leadership team to provide the support necessary for strong service programs.

3. MEMBERSHIP/CLUB EXTENSION – We will increase and develop membership and new clubs.

4. SERVICE – We will ensure that District 6000 is a leader in service at the club, district, and international level.

5. FUNDING – Increase participation in and revenue contributed to the Rotary Foundation.

6. PUBLIC RELATIONS – We will accelerate the Public Relations effort by being active, focused, and diligent in communicating what Rotary stands for and accomplishes.

OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES, AND GOALS ACTION PLAN

1. OUTREACH – We will provide support, education, and training to the clubs to help them be strong and active in community, district, and international service. *Each of the goals will be assigned a responsibility and given a target date.*

A. Upgrade website to provide tutorials, forms, and interactive capabilities on the website to assist clubs in performing their functions.

B. Provide training for Club Committee Chairs and provide links to RI materials on our Web sites.

C. Focus Assistant Governor efforts on assisting clubs with club needs.

D. Seek representation from every club on district committees.

E. Increase participation in regional seminars on membership and foundation.

2. ORGANIZATION – We will create an efficient district committee structure with a trained leadership team to provide the support necessary for strong service programs. *Each of the goals*

will be assigned a responsibility and given a target date.

A. Review and revise district committee structure in light of RI leadership plan.

B. Provide training to new district committee chairs.

C. Encourage district committees to meet with their club counterparts.

D. Utilize the district office more fully to assist clubs.

3. MEMBERSHIP/CLUB EXTENSION – Increase membership, member diversity and develop an energetic and informed membership. *Each of the goals will be assigned a responsibility and given a target date.*

A. Inform club leadership of the goal to recruit a diverse membership.

B. Identify tools for clubs to use for recruitment and retention.

C. Develop new tools for recruitment of a diverse membership.

D. Coordinate the use public relations efforts to focus on District 6000 Web site.

E. Increase use of Web site to “sell” Rotary.

F. Increase Club Extension.

4. SERVICE – We will ensure that District 6000 is a leader in service at the club, district, and international level. *Each of the goals will be assigned a responsibility and given a target date.*

A. Promote district simplified grants and world community service matching grants.

B. Encourage use of zone and Rotary international speakers.

C. Increase participation in club, district, and international service projects.

D. Develop a best practices publication for community service projects.

E. Provide specific matching grant projects to clubs.

F. Identify and implement two new district service projects in the next five years.

5. FUNDING – Increase participation in and revenue contributed to The Rotary Foundation. *Each of the goals will be assigned a responsibility and given a target date.*

A. Rework fundraising methodologies.

B. Incorporate Permanent Fund Strategic Plan into this Strategic Plan.

C. Provide training.

D. Recognize efforts and communicate outcomes.

6. PUBLIC RELATIONS – We will accelerate the Public Relations effort by being active, focused, and diligent in communicating what Rotary stands for and accomplishes. *Each of the goals will be assigned a responsibility and given a target date.*

A. Create visibility for Rotary.

1. Identify major events and events around the District that Rotary needs to participate in.

2. Sponsorships

B. Provide specific public relations training for clubs.

1. Best practices

2. Identify high impact projects that happen in the club.

C. Provide high quality tools for public service announcements.

1. Public service announcement templates for clubs to use and adapt.

2. Identify list of local newspapers and media outlets.

3. Communicate opportunities to clubs via the District newsletter (paper and electronic).

D. Develop action plan that specifically addresses districts and statewide media.



Past Assistant District Governor Norm VanKlombenburg, a Newton Rotarian, organized sergeants-at-arms who wore District 6000 caps and welcomed guests to P.E.T.S. and District Assembly at Newton.

Jack O'Leary (r), a Nevada Rotarian and retired educator, pictured with DGN Susan Herrick, will serve as District Trainer in 2007-08.



Members of the training team at President-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.) and District Assembly, April 13-14 at Newton, included PDG Mary Beth Growney-Selene (D-6250, Wisconsin), DGE Diana Reed and DGN Susan Herrick.



Ankeny Rotary is one of several clubs in District 6000 who have discovered the joy of presenting Student Dictionaries. Information is available at: The Dictionary Project, P.O. Box 1845, Charleston, SC 29402. Ph. (843) 388-8375. www.dictionaryproject.org.

Rotarians can provide disaster relief for Muscatine

District 6000 Disaster Relief chair Keith Matke forwards this information about an F3 tornado that struck Muscatine and its neighbor, Fruitland, on June 1:

Dale Lucht, president of the Rotary Club of Muscatine, said he received numerous calls from Rotarians asking how they could help the victims. "Our Rotarian ethic of Service Above Self has been very evident in these phone calls," said Dale. Although no lives were lost, many homes were damaged or flattened, businesses were destroyed and parks and cemeteries were severely damaged. "It has been incredible to see friends and neighbors pulling together to help secure their property, clean up and get their lives back in order."

Lucht said Rotary didn't want to get in the way of the tremendous efforts of FEMA, the Red Cross and Salvation Army who are helping with everything from shelter to meals. However, District 6000 has set up a special tax-deductible fund through which dona-

tions may be made. All contributions to this fund will go to the Rotary Club of Muscatine for their "Muscatine Rotary Disaster Relief Fund." The club has identified these projects:

1. Replacing trees (not covered by insurance) at Kent Stein Park, which is a major city park (60-80 percent of the trees were destroyed).

2. Support for the Red Cross and Salvation Army through Muscatine Rotary. The money will be used locally.

Individual Rotarians or clubs can contribute. By directing your support through District 6000's 501C3 corporation (FAMSCO) they will be full tax deductible. Makes checks payable to: "District 6000 Humanitarian & Educational Foundation, Inc./Muscatine." Send them to: Dick Kennedy (FAMSCO Treasurer), 1811 N. Dubuque Rd., Iowa City, IA 52245.

Questions should be directed to: Dale Lucht, (563) 272-7442 (B) or (563) 262-8231 (H), e-mail: luchtd@honcompany.com.

Planning help for clubs . . .

During the April 14 District Assembly, PDG Cathy Smith of Minneapolis (District 5960) trained a cadre of District 6000 Rotarians in strategic planning for Rotary clubs. The team is available to work with clubs in District 6000 (l-r): Rick Rarick, husband of DGE Diana Reed (515) 224-4696; trainer Cathy Smith; PDG Bill Reese, West Des Moines (515) 225-6741; Chris Knapp, Iowa City AM (319) 356-9080; and John Lewis, Des Moines (515) 225-3487.



Husband, wife lead Rotary clubs

FAMILY OF ROTARY/continued

Rotary Club at the same time, Sandy said she had only one question for Dick.

"Do you think one house can handle two presidencies?" she said.

"It happened quite by accident," Dick said. "But I mean, in the end, it was certainly her choice. With a lot of the Rotary events, especially the international ones we travel to, she was going to go along with me, anyway. So, I'm not too sure that it mattered."

While Dick said that he has been a member of the noon club for more than 15 years but less than 20 years, Sandy has been a member of the morning club for six years, so there have been a lot of events they have gone to together.

When they are not spending their time with their two grandchildren or planning their travels to international Rotary events, Sandy said they were able to bring the two clubs together by holding a joint meeting last fall. They even hosted a social event for all of the members.

"That was a nice event," Sandy said. "And, I think both clubs really enjoyed that."

Both clubs are a mixture of men and women, Dick said, which really shows a dynamic mixture of not only the Ames community but the university as well.

The longest running of the two clubs is the noon club, which dates to 1921. It also is the largest with nearly 270 members who meet weekly at noon on Mondays at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center.

As the club grew, the need for flexibility of meeting times grew and the morning club started 18 years ago. With 68 members, the morning clubs meets weekly at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Campanile Room at the Memorial Union on the Iowa State University campus.

Both clubs have been active in taking part in the Iowa Games and National Special Olympics, as well as honing their efforts to the needs of their memberships.

According to Dick, the noon club, with the long history and the larger membership base, is able to tackle more international efforts than the morning club.

And according to Sandy, their main efforts lay with literacy within the community.

On April 9 the morning club celebrated its hard work with literacy with an open house at Mary Greeley Medical Center to celebrate that McFarland Clinic as a "Reach Out and Read" site. It was held in the south auditorium of the medical center with a ribbon

cutting for the McFarland program.

"Every club has their own niche or things they feel is important, but everyone has their own way of doing things," Sandy said. "The objectives of Rotary are the same, and the basics are always the same."

Even though the clubs meet and operate separately, the Hortons said both clubs believe in supporting the community.

"It's not just a morning or lunch meeting," Sandy said. "The work the clubs do comes outside of the meetings. What you are trying to do is attract leaders throughout the community who will give a bit of themselves to do the work and enjoy the social aspects of the local, state and international levels."

"But, when you boil it down, you are Rotarian first and a member of the club second," Dick said. "I think we both were born and raised with the more you put into something, the more you are going to get out of it. The more you give of yourself, the more you will get back."

And for the Hortons, it all starts with being concerned about the quality of life a community provides.

"The quality of life doesn't come for free," Dick said. "The community relies on taxes, contributions, community support and even volunteer support. You either buy into that or you don't."

"We certainly buy into that because it does go into every aspect of the community from the school systems to the businesses and the people who support them. If you are not concerned about the community, than it is going to have an affect on your quality of life."

Learning from the example of their parents, the Hortons hope they can pass to their children their message of actively improving the quality of life in a community.

Their son, Jay Horton, is the Iowa State University men's golf coach, and their daughter, Lisa Snyder, recently returned to Ames with her husband, Chad, and their two children, Britta, 5, and Brock, 2.

"Our whole approach is we believe in Ames," Dick said. "We believe in the community and even before we came to Iowa State University in 1958, we both grew up as part of a community."

"You support the schools, the merchants and the people because that is what helps a community thrive. I think that is our whole belief, and it's certainly what we have passed down to our children."

Dick grew up in Marshalltown and Sandy in Bondurant. Both graduated from high school in 1958. He is retired as an electrical engineering professor at Iowa State and she was an ISU Extension home economist.

Climbing the wall at Jefferson

By AG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Russell Park on South Wilson in Jefferson is now outfitted with an eight-foot climbing wall, a joint project of the Rotary Club of Jefferson, District 6000 and the city of Jefferson. The local club submitted an application for a Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant for \$2,000 with a match of \$2,000. The city of Jefferson contributed about \$2,000 to the project in cash and in-kind match. The wall, built in five sections, was recently completed with assistance from club



members and city employees. Pictured with youth who are already giving the wall a try are Rotarians (l-r): Elizabeth Hailey, Tim Heisterkamp, club president Gary Von Ahsen, Nancy Stroburg

and Elmer Eggimann. Funds for the Jefferson Club's portion of the project came from the annual charity auction held by the club on the second Friday in November.

Administrator to retire July 1

Dear District 6000 Rotarians,

I am looking forward to full-time retirement, but at the same time I will miss working with each and every one of the wonderful Rotarians of District 6000.

I have mixed feelings as I reflect on the aspects of full-time retirement starting the end of this Rotary year. While we all look forward to that day when we can retire and enjoy whatever avenues we want to pursue, it is sad to realize that the contact we've had with so many will come to an end.

I would like to thank every one of you for your patience and help in my learning experience with Rotary and all that it

stands for.

A special thanks to PDG Denny Skinner, PDG Bill Tubbs, PDG Corliss Klaassen and DG Del Bluhm for the enjoyable experience of working directly with you. I have a great appreciation for the dedication, long hours and hard work that it takes a District Governor to fulfill the many obligations of this position.

Thank you for the many well wishes expressed to me as I enter this next phase of my life. I take so many good memories with me and I will cherish them forever.

-s- Jerri Uitermarkt

District 6000 Administrator (2004-2007)



Jerri Uitermarkt received special recognition at District Conference for her work during the terms of four District Governors (l-r): Bill Tubbs (2004-05), Corliss Klaassen (2005-06), Del Bluhm (2006-07) and Denny Skinner (2003-04).



Carolyn Scharff

Welcome, Carolyn!

Carolyn Scharff has been mentoring with Jerri Uitermarkt and will become the part-time administrator for District 6000, working out of the Knoxville office starting July 1.

Carolyn is an ISU graduate and has worked in retail, sales and other office positions. She's a member of the Pella Rotary Club, also the Union Street Players and the Knoxville Area Community Theatre groups.

Carolyn's husband John is an engineer with Pella Corporation and they live in Pella. Their son Matt is a senior at Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas, and their daughter Joy will be a freshman at The University of Missouri in Columbia this fall.

Welcome, Carolyn!

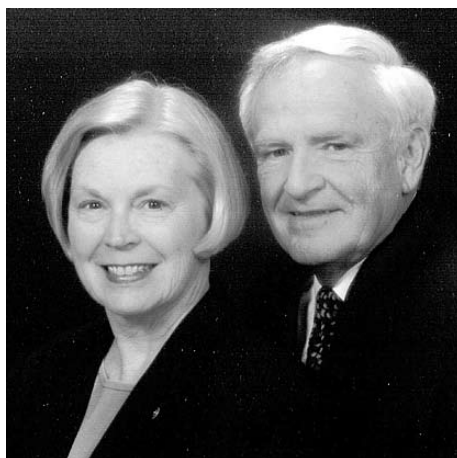


Assistant governors for 2007-08 launched their year with DGE Diana Reed at Assistant Governor's Training, March 23-24 at Newton, front (l-r): Rachel Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), Terry Geiger (Decatur County), Jacquie Andrew (Jefferson), Linda Hartkopf (Atlantic) and Keith Hobson (Nevada). Back: PDG Dale Belknap (Northwest Des Moines, AG coordinator), Jim Ebberts (Pella), Harvey Kadlec (Des Moines), John McNeer (Newton), DGE Diana Reed, John Tone (Des Moines), Don Patterson (Washington), Dave Reiff (Fairfield), Ken Donnelly (West Liberty), Deb Pullin-Van Auken (Iowa City AM) and Gary Welch (Ankeny). Not pictured: Jim Stein (Muscatine).

Club visits, district activities in 2007-08

OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS, 2007-08

July 10	Ankeny
July 12	Winterset
July 16	Ames
July 17	Newton
July 23	Jefferson
July 25	Perry
July 30	Osceola
July 31	Dallas Center
Aug. 1	Adel
Aug. 7	Johnston
Aug. 7	West Des Moines
Aug. 10	Northwest Des Moines
Aug. 13	Corning
Aug. 14	Lenox
Aug. 16	Waukee
Aug. 17	Indianola
Aug. 20	Creston
Aug. 22	East Polk
Aug. 27	Decatur County
Aug. 28	Corydon
Aug. 29	Bloomfield
Aug. 29	Centerville
Aug. 30	Des Moines
Aug. 31	Chariton
Sept. 10	Clinton
Sept. 11	Albia
Sept. 12	Knoxville
Sept. 17	Burlington
Sept. 17	Mt. Pleasant
Sept. 18	Ft. Madison
Sept. 19	Mt. Pleasant Noon
Sept. 20	Keokuk
Sept. 21	Fairfield
Sept. 24	Ottumwa
Sept. 25	Keosauqua
Sept. 25	Odyssey of Ottumwa



District Governor 2007-08
Diana Reed (Northwest Des Moines)
and Rick Rarick

Oct. 1	Muscatine
Oct. 2	West Liberty
Oct. 3	Coralville-North Corridor
Oct. 4	Iowa City
Oct. 8	Grinnell
Oct. 9	Kalona
Oct. 10	Wellman
Oct. 11	Washington
Oct. 15	Davenport
Oct. 17	Bettendorf
Oct. 18	Iowa Quad Cities
Oct. 19	North Scott
Oct. 23	Pella
Oct. 24	Boone
Oct. 25	Coon Rapids
Oct. 29	Iowa City Downtown
Oct. 30	Iowa City AM
Oct. 31	Tipton

Nov. 1	Marengo
Nov. 5	Carroll
Nov. 6	Manning
Nov. 7	Ames AM
Nov. 7	Nevada
Nov. 9	Des Moines AM
Nov. 13	Oskaloosa
Nov. 20	Marshalltown
Nov. 27	Atlantic

OTHER DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

July 8	PDG Picnic, Newton
July 22	RYE Summer Picnic, Newton
Aug. 9-19	Iowa State Fair Booth
Sept. 3-9	Zone Institute, Davenport
Sept. 11	Rotary Foundation/ Membership Seminar, Fairfield
Sept. 13	Rotary Foundation/ Membership Seminar, West Liberty
Sept. 23	RYE Fall Picnic, Knoxville
Oct. 9	RYLA, Camp Dodge
Oct. 22	Rotary Foundation/ Membership Seminar, Pella
Oct. 23	Rotary Foundation/ Membership Seminar, West Des Moines
Nov. 11	AG Fall Social, TBA
Nov. 17	PDG Party, Urbandale
Jan. 12-13	RYE Retreat, Indianola
Feb. 15-16	AG Training, Newton
March 1-9	Xicotepec Project Team
March 8-16	Xicotepec Project Team
March 28	PETS Seminar, Newton
March 29	District Assembly, Newton
April 1-30	GSE from D-4500 Brazil
April 24-26	District Conference, West Des Moines
June 15-18	RI Convention, Los Angeles

FAMSCO news . . .

In an election at District Conference, Karin Franklin (Iowa City), Gary Murphy (Washington), Linda Muston (Iowa City) and Don Hampton (Indianola) were re-elected to the board of directors of FAMSCO, the District 6000 Fire and Medical Supply Company and 501C3. PDG Corliss Klaassen (Chariton) was elected to his first term and will replace Bart Shank of Dallas Center, who is doing Katrina reconstruction in New Orleans. Also serving on the FAMSCO board are Jim Peterson and John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM), Gary Pacha and Dick Kennedy (Iowa City) and Brock Earnhardt (Davenport).

Since 1991, FAMSCO has delivered more than 80 vehicles and 300 tons of supplies to villages in Mexico and Central America. President John Ockenfels said the goal is to ship four containers of supplies annually from FAMSCO warehouses in Iowa City.

Thanks to the following clubs who provided financial support in 2006-07:

Adel	Johnston
Ames	Kalona
Ames Morning	Keokuk
Bettendorf	Keosauqua
Boone	Knoxville
Burlington	Manning
Carroll	Marengo
Clinton	Marshalltown
Coralville	Mt. Pleasant
Dallas Center	Muscatine
Davenport	Nevada
Decatur County	North Scott
Des Moines	NW Des Moines
Fairfield	Pella
Grinnell	Tipton
Indianola	Washington
Iowa City AM	Waukee
Iowa Quad Cities	West Liberty
Jefferson	Winterset

All for the cause. . .

Thanks to AG Lloyd Hill of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines who bought two Iowa-Iowa State football tickets in an auction at District Conference for \$650 and donated them back for the good of the cause. The second time around, Dennis Goering bought them for \$575 with the proceeds designated for Iowa M.O.S.T. A second set of tickets was purchased by auctioneer Richard Keith for \$575. Also sold at auction were Mother Theresa shirts and polio NID shirts. *Thanks, all!*



District Governor Del Bluhm and Georgia met District 6000 Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students at their spring orientation at Pella. Front (l-r): Kayla Schantz (Washington, to Ecuador), Deepti Sharma (Fairfield, to Germany), Kristen Moreland (Pella, to Italy or Germany), Zoe Shank (Dallas Center, to Argentina), and Elizabeth Stuhr (Ankeny, to France). Back: Mason Frank (Adel, to France), Steve Kalkhoff (Newton, to Brazil), Governor Bluhm and Georgia, David Huebner (Fairfield, to China).

Membership: 'Power of the President'

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty

D-6000, Membership Development chair

August is membership month, and fortunately is at the beginning of the Rotary year. Clubs are enthusiastic and energized, and now is the time to ask the members to bring new members to a club for which they can be justly proud. One person has the power to do that. It is the president.

The members are invested in the president. They have provided him or her with capital to spend on their behalf. In having selected someone to be president, the members have installed the responsibility, and the power, to ask the membership to do what it takes to have a successful year. They want the president to spend their capital. Whether the president was elected, or serves because "it's their turn," doesn't matter. What matters is that action takes place, that the club meetings are a forum for friendship and inspiration, and that they be professionally run and interesting. The member has to be proud to show a guest the organization where they spend their time and money.

The president must ask for performance. The committees and individual members expect to provide value and they know when they're not. Allowing non-performance leaves the non-performer with the feeling that they don't matter. When the president asks a member to take on a task, the member feels special, recognized by the leader of their club. Some will need checking on from time to time, but if they can be encouraged

into completion of a task, they will have become part of the group, and celebrating their success, energizes the whole group.

Most of us have seen presidents who do not delegate for various reasons. Nearly always, the effect on the club, as the year wears on, is one of frustration, as good ideas go by the wayside, things drop through the cracks and motion slows. This is because even a weak president has the presidential power. The membership defers to that power, and hopes that it will be exercised to excite the club.

In a country where \$1,000 is the same as \$10,000 to those of us in the U.S., and where Foundation giving has been almost non-existent, the president asked the members to become Paul Harris Fellows. He asked that they meet Rotary's attendance requirements. He asked them to do projects, and to raise the funds for a major humanitarian project. They did it. They became the largest per capita contributors in their multi-country district. And the membership grew by 50 percent.

When asked how that happened, the president responded, "They come to us." They come to a club where the members are excited and exceedingly proud of belonging to the group. As president, call on your members often. Ask them personally to sponsor a new member. They want to know they are important and the president is the one who can make them feel that way. Call on them to do their parts in making meetings meaningful and operation of the club professional. Ask! It works!

News Briefs

Nigeria: Among the goals of DG 2007-08 Diana Reed is District 6000 support of a Zone 27-28 initiative to build relationships with clubs and districts in Nigeria, a nation of 140 million people and 230 languages. An exploratory team will go there this fall to identify partners for projects and to participate in a National Immunization Day. District 6000 will be matched with District 9120 in the Islamic Kano region of northern Nigeria. Watch for Diana's explanation of this exciting new initiative!

Zone Institute: Another activity that will take place early in Diana's year is the Zone 27-28 Institute and Governor-Elect Training Seminar, Sept. 3-9 in Davenport. The institute involves Rotarians from 25 districts from New York and Ontario to Nebraska. The planning committee, which includes Rotarians from District 6000, will meet in Davenport on June 29-30. District 6000 last hosted a Zone Institute in 1987.

Public Relations Grants: PDG Bill Tubbs, who serves as the Area Coordinator for North America on the RI Public Image Resource Group, says PR grants in 2007-08 will be awarded only to districts, and the maximum per district will be \$6,000. Last year, 13 of 20 proposals from D-6000 clubs were funded at a cost of \$19,000. The new program will require districts to submit an integrated PR plan using up to \$6,000 as seed money to receive the competitive grant. Mark Osmundson of Marshalltown and Ginny Hughes of Fairfield will co-chair the District 6000 PR Committee that will submit its grant proposal in the fall.

GSE: District 6000 will have a Group Study Exchange in the spring of 2008 with District 4500 in Brazil. Like Iowa, District 4500 is an ethanol producing region. Applications for outbound team members will be in late summer. Watch for information.

Bunny Harper: Rotarians and clubs are invited to play in the D-6000 annual Bunny Harper Memorial Golf Tournament honoring the memory of 1964 District Governor Bunny Harper of Ottumwa. It will be June 18 at the Indianola Country Club. Cost is \$85 and includes continental breakfast, golf, cart, lunch and prizes. Information: Jake Espenmiller, (515) 961-2558.

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In Memoriam:

Fred E. Morain 1913-2007



PDG Fred E. Morain



Governor, Rotary International
District 600, 1970-71



Fred E. Morain, 94, retired longtime editor-publisher of the Jefferson Bee and Herald Newspapers, died Saturday, March 31, 2007, at Greene County Medical Center in Jefferson after a short illness. Services were held April 4 at First United Methodist Church, with burial in Jefferson Cemetery.

Fred was born Jan. 3, 1913, in Jefferson, the son of Percival Orlando and Nina Myrtle (Dillavou) Morain. He graduated as valedictorian in 1931 from Jefferson High School, where he was a football and track standout. He received a B.A. magna cum laude in English from the University of Iowa in 1935, where he was in Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and edited the U of I Hawkeye yearbook his senior year. He earned a J.D. degree from the U of I College of Law in 1937. Fred returned to Jefferson in 1937 and joined the staff of the Bee and Herald as a minority owner, acquiring full ownership in 1953. He retired in 1976, but wrote his popular "Cogitations of an Old Codger" weekly column for another 20 years. He was named an Iowa Master Editor-Publisher by the Iowa Newspaper Association.

Fred met Lois Irene Garver, a new Jefferson music school teacher, shortly after his return from the university. They were married in 1939 and were parents of five children.

Fred was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church in Jefferson, where he taught adult Sunday school for many years and served in many church positions. He was a past president of the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, served on the local school board and library board, and was a longtime leader in Greene County economic development activities.

He was a 70-year member of the Jefferson Rotary Club and a Past District Governor of Rotary District 600 (now 6000), and was currently the longest tenured member of Rotary in District 6000. A longtime Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 34 in Jefferson, he received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor awarded by a Scout council.

Fred was a longtime Greene County Republican finance chairman, and was active in GOP party affairs at the state level for many years. He was a charter member of the Governor's Human Rights Committee (which later became the Iowa Civil Rights Commission) in the 1950s.

Among his local awards were the Tower of Fame Award and the Jefferson High School Hall of Fame. Fred and Lois were named Parents of the Year by Graceland College in Lamoni in 1961, and Fred was Father of the Year at the University of Iowa in 1970.

Fred and Lois built a home at Lake Panorama near Panora in the early 1970s, where Fred served on the Lake Panorama board. They returned to Jefferson in 1987. Survivors include sons Rick (Kathy) of Jefferson, Bill (Sherry) of Lamoni, Steve (Erna) of Waukee, and Tom (Vikki) of Lamoni; daughter Debbie Burnight (Randy) of Sioux City; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends. Memorials are suggested to the Greene County Community Foundation or the Lois Morain Music Camp Scholarship Fund.

NEWS BRIEFS/continued

Membership: Regional Rotary Membership Coordinator Terry Mueller reports that RI President-Elect Wilf Wilkinson will convene a Presidential Membership Conference July 27-28 in South Bend, Ind. Districts and clubs in Iowa are encouraged to participate. The agenda and registration can be found at: www.zones27-28.org.

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State Fair: District 6000 will sponsor a Rotary booth in the Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fair, Aug. 9-19 in Des Moines. Clubs or individual Rotarians wishing to lend a hand should contact Mark McAndrews of the Rotary Club Northwest Des Moines, (525) 279-8575, e-mail: markmcandrews@msn.com.

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Elected: Congratulations to PDG Ev Laning of Indianola, who was elected at District Conference to represent D-6000 on the Zone 27 Nominating Committee that will select a director for the Rotary International Board. PDG Doyle McCully of Bettendorf is the alternate. Zone 27 consists of 12 districts in Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and upper Michigan.

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Convalescing: Sharon Limkeman, the wife of former AG Darrell Limkeman of Ottumwa, is recovering at home after a fall on Dec. 9 that left her hospitalized for 83 days. Darrell says Sharon, a teacher, is regaining her ability to walk but cannot use her hands. Darrell provides care from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. and Sharon receives home health care during the day. Darrell is grateful for support received from his fellow farm managers and Rotarians, who wish Sharon a speedy recovery!

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Lobsters? The Rotary Club of Bettendorf invites Rotarians and guests to its first Lobster Fest, June 16 from 6:30-10 p.m. at Rivermont College. Tickets, at \$50, are available at www.qcmag.com. Information: Carolyn Leutwyler, (563) 359-5914.

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Newsletters: Thank you to Nancy Pacha (Iowa City AM) and Kathy Skinner (Nevada) who helped solicit news in the past year for District 6000 News. Karin Franklin (Iowa City) and Jacque Andrew (Jefferson) have agreed to take over in 2007-08. Thanks to all who provided news and ideas for this publication. We hope you find it useful, and encourage clubs to glean information for your own newsletters. Deadline for the June-July-August 2007 issue will be Aug. 15. To submit your news, e-mail Word files and high-resolution free-standing .jpg images to: btubbs@northscottpress.com.

Public Relations: Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Kalona on the publication of a colorful 8-page supplement in the *Kalona News* celebrating the club's community and world service.

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Attendance: Congratulations to the Rotary Club of West Liberty which won the award for highest percentage of members attending District Conference in 2006.

2006-07 CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

February, 2007 - April, 2007

CLUB	FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	74.00 %	15	71.00 %	16	67.00 %	32
Albia	47.00 %	47	49.00 %	52	51.00 %	49
Ames	51.95 %	45	56.41 %	46		
Ames Morning	50.77 %	46				
Ankeny	70.00 %	18	70.00 %	19	66.00 %	35
Atlantic			56.25 %	47	69.40 %	29
Bettendorf	79.66 %	9	81.04 %	7	75.62 %	18
Bloomfield			67.00 %	23	78.00 %	14
Boone	57.80 %	40	58.30 %	40	64.60 %	38
Burlington	82.50 %	7	80.40 %	8	83.20 %	5
Carroll	60.09 %	36	67.86 %	22	81.63 %	8
Centerville			52.00 %	50	57.00 %	45
Chariton	84.00 %	5	77.00 %	11	72.00 %	23
Clinton	52.42 %	44	57.58 %	44	55.40 %	48
Coon Rapids	66.00 %	26	65.00 %	26	61.00 %	42
Coralville-North Corrido	90.00 %	2	79.00 %	9	83.00 %	6
Corning	69.09 %	21	70.00 %	20	70.54 %	26
Corydon						
Creston	65.00 %	27	54.00 %	48	56.00 %	47
Dallas Center	63.00 %	30	60.00 %	36	70.00 %	28
Davenport	38.03 %	49	48.64 %	53	49.25 %	50
Decatur County	65.00 %	28	65.00 %	27	61.40 %	41
Des Moines	68.29 %	22	66.67 %	25	70.70 %	25
Des Moines A.M.			67.00 %	24		
East Polk County	62.00 %	31			66.00 %	34
Fairfield			57.98 %	42	77.51 %	15
Fort Madison	45.10 %	48	52.40 %	49	56.60 %	46
Grinnell						
Indianola	69.54 %	19	72.63 %	15	70.21 %	27
Iowa City						
Iowa City A.M.	61.00 %	34	60.00 %	37	65.00 %	37
Iowa City Downtowr					80.00 %	12
Iowa Quad-Cities	64.99 %	29	73.72 %	14	74.55 %	19
Jefferson	67.00 %	25	61.00 %	33		
Johnston	76.70 %	11	70.87 %	18	76.82 %	16
Kalona	76.40 %	12	76.69 %	12	93.21 %	2
Keokuk	56.46 %	42	56.76 %	45	57.62 %	44
Keosauque	68.20 %	23	57.60 %	43	62.50 %	39
Knoxville	78.00 %	10	71.00 %	17	69.00 %	30
Lenox	62.00 %	32	64.00 %	28	62.00 %	40
Manning	84.00 %	6	82.00 %	6	80.00 %	11
Marengo	69.25 %	20	61.50 %	31		
Marshalltown	59.82 %	38	60.53 %	35	60.50 %	43
Mount Pleasant Noor	59.10 %	39	61.50 %	32		
Mt. Pleasant					80.00 %	10
Muscatine			43.71 %	54	44.22 %	51
Nevada	76.39 %	13	82.55 %	5	74.52 %	20
Newton	61.00 %	35			66.00 %	33
North Scott	86.40 %	4	84.30 %	4	82.00 %	7
Northwest Des Moines	80.60 %	8	87.20 %	3	83.50 %	4
Odyssey Rotary Ottumwa	34.00 %	50	50.00 %	51	43.00 %	52
Osceola	75.00 %	14	60.58 %	34	80.77 %	9
Oskaloosa	57.50 %	41	62.50 %	30		
Ottumwa	62.00 %	33	60.00 %	38	71.00 %	24
Pella	72.00 %	16	78.00 %	10	78.00 %	13
Perry			58.00 %	41		
Tipton	71.62 %	17	74.14 %	13	67.87 %	31
Washington	60.00 %	37	60.00 %	39	65.74 %	36
Waukee					73.46 %	21
Wellman	98.00 %	1	98.53 %	1	98.53 %	1
West Des Moines	67.40 %	24	64.00 %	29	72.58 %	22
West Liberty	53.00 %	43	70.00 %	21	85.00 %	3
Winterset	87.09 %	3	89.09 %	2	75.80 %	17

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Join us in Salt Lake City!

By DGN Susan Herrick/Boone

If you are traveling to Salt Lake City for the Rotary International Convention, you won't want to miss this opportunity to meet fellow District 6000 Rotarians for breakfast! If you've been to other RI Conventions, you know that sometimes you can go the whole Convention without seeing other District friends. Also, take this occasion to connect with friends of District 6000 like invited guests David Groner, Mary Beth Selene, Tom Thorfinnson, and Rick Mendoza.

The 6000 Breakfast will be Monday, June 18, at the Downtown Marriott from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. in the Alta/Snowbird Room. The cost is \$25.

Club leaders' checklist



From DG Del Bluhm . . .

- Seek new Paul Harris Sustaining Members and Paul Harris Society Members by June 30 utilizing materials that were sent to each Club Foundation Chair (p. 5).
- Schedule a literacy speaker if you have not already done so when contacted by the District Literacy Promotion Committee representative.
- Check your club's progress toward your 2006-07 Rotary Foundation EREY goal and implement plans to meet and/or exceed your goal. (Submit payments quarterly if possible to the new TRF address. Please make the last quarterly contribution payment by June 15 or before if possible so that you will receive the credit this Rotary Year of 2006-07.) (p. 11)
- 2007-08 club leaders: Complete your Club Planning Guide and send copies to Governor 2007-08 Diana Reed and your Assistant Governor.
- Plan summer public relations activities at your community's fairs and festivals, and plan to visit and/or volunteer at Rotary's booth at the Iowa State Fair (p. 31).
- Review the District 6000 Strategic Plan draft and submit comments to the committee (p. 24).
- Support the global campaign to eradicate polio with a gift to PolioPlus Partners (p. 10).
- Plan membership development activities for 2007-08 (p. 29).
- Place Rotary billboards in your community and plan public image projects.
- Update your membership list, for accurate semianual reports for July, were due on May 30th.
- Support members who attend the Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City, June 17-20.
- Submit news of your club's successes or upcoming events by Aug. 15, 2007 for the next issue of District 6000 News to PDG Bill Tubbs (p. 32).