

# District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Donald E. Patterson, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –  
Second Quarter (October-November-December 2011)



## Rotarians reach within to serve humanity



**Don Patterson**  
District Governor

By DG Don Patterson/Washington

**H**ello again!

It continues to be a pleasure serving as your district governor. All 63 of our club visits in District 6000 have now been completed.

Making these visits has been so exciting and gratifying! What an opportunity interacting with every club in District 6000, and to meet many of our district's 4,100 Rotarians.

While making these visits, there have also been many successes in District 6000. They

could not have happened without your help and leadership.

- Club Visioning (Strategic Planning) is progressing well.
- Another review of our district by-laws has been completed by Doyle Sanders and Jacque Andrew.
- We received a \$20,000 grant from the Washington County

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A District 6000 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant with the Rotary Clubs of West Liberty, Greater Des Moines and North Scott helped the Rotary Club of Cuernavaca, Mexico, start a symphony orchestra for "children of the street."



### 100 years of Rotary ...

RI President 2010-11 Ray Klingensmith (r) congratulates Mike Hamann, president of the Rotary Club of Davenport, on the club's century of service. See pictures from the club's gala Nov. 11 celebration on pages 16-17.

## Teamwork brings FAMSCO an early Christmas present

By Linda Muston/Iowa City

FAMSCO (the Fire And Medical Supply Company) of District 6000) was a big winner when the Washington County Riverboat Foundation presented FAMSCO representatives with a \$20,000 check on Nov. 16 at the Riverside Casino.

But it wasn't a roll of the dice.

When the 30-year-old truck FAMSCO was using had a transmission failure and was deemed unworthy of repair, the wheels started turning and the result is a success to celebrate.

Thanks to energetic team efforts, the \$20,000 award combined with \$5,000 from a donation of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM and a District Simplified Grant will enable FAMSCO to buy a good used truck for picking up surplus medical equipment and fire rescue turnout gear.

The timely pick-up of items has been an important part of the recycle effort of FAMSCO since its founding in 1990.

It wasn't Lady Luck who made this happen!

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Becky Patterson (first person, third row from left), the wife of DG Don Patterson, joins grant recipients for a group photo, while FAMSco vice president DGND John Ockenfels (right) displays the \$20,000 check

## New FAMSco truck will be at District Conference

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It was a true team effort:

- The three Washington County Rotary clubs – Kalona, Washington and Wellman – submitted the grant together.
- Assistant Governor Chris Marshall wrote the grant request that was one of the 80 submitted to the Riverboat Foundation. Only 34 were awarded!
- District Governor Don and Becky Patterson spearheaded the process from idea to money in the bank!
- John Ockenfels, FAMSco vice-president and D6000 DGND, wrote the District Simplified Grant and secured support from Iowa City AM Rotary.
- Tom Buckwalter of Wellman worked to identify a worthy workhorse vehicle for the hard use the truck gets!
- FAMSco leaders, president Brock Earnhardt and treasurer

## District Governor's comments

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Riverboat Foundation for a FAMSco truck.

- We received double the club requests for District Simplified Grants (\$83,567).
- We were awarded a \$30,000 Public Relations Grant from Rotary International in a partnership with District 5970 (northern Iowa).
- Club extension in the Des Moines area continues.
- Jacque Andrew of the Rotary Club of Jefferson has been nominated for District Governor Nominee, and John Ockenfels, assistant governor, has been nominated as our District Governor Nominee Designee for 2014-15.

*Wow, whew!*

• On a sad note, Assistant Governor Chuck Briegel passed away on Nov. 17, 2011. What an enormous loss to his family and Rotary. He will be missed.

• Also, Rita Perea resigned as District Governor Nominee. Jacque Andrew, District 6000 secretary, has been nominated to replace Rita. Brock Earnhardt will be our new Future Vision Coordinator. Jacque, Brock, and John Ockenfels

will be welcome and positive additions to our district leadership.

*Have a Merry Christmas. Happy Holidays and celebrate your contributions to Rotary.*

Sandy Pickup, were essential in providing information Chris Marshall needed to successfully complete the process.

Appropriately, DG Don and Becky Patterson and John and Deb Ockenfels were present for the presentation from the foundation.

FAMSco board members plan to show off their new wheels at the District Conference at Riverside in April 12-14, 2012. The presence of the “new” used truck at the District Conference will also serve as a challenge to everyone to think outside the box and combine ideas and resources to fund the new and ongoing educational and humanitarian efforts of the district.

## Many heartfelt thanks ...

We would like to thank the Washington County Riverboat Foundation and everyone who helped FAMSco receive the \$20,000 grant for a FAMSco truck. Especially: Sandy Pickup for finding the correct forms and financials we needed; Brock who helped writing and describing the request; John Ockenfels for arranging with Tom Buckwalter of Wellman for finding a truck; and Chris Marshall, assistant governor of the Rotary Clubs of Washington, Wellman and Kalona. We thank Chris for all the time, effort, supplies, and making sure the request was submitted in time. We were very fortunate to receive this grant. There were 80 requests for over \$2 million and only 34 requests for \$650,837 were awarded. Thanks again,

*– DG Don and Becky Patterson*



Chuck Briegel



DG Don Patterson congratulates President Joyce Brown of the Rotary Club of Corydon on the club's 75th year anniversary.





DGN Jacques Andrew (r) and Jim Andrew of Jefferson.



DGND John Ockenfels and Deborah of Iowa City AM.

# Future district governors nominated

**By PDG Gary Pacha/Iowa City**  
Chair/D-6000 Nominating Committee

The District 6000 Nominating Committee met on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, at the district office in Pella. This meeting was held to conduct interviews of candidates for District Governor Nominee 2013-2014 due to the resignation of Rita Perea, and for District Governor Nominee Designee 2014-2015.

After interviews with the nominated candidates, the committee selected Jacques Andrew of the Rotary Club of Jefferson as District Governor Nominee 2013-2014, and John Ockenfels of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM as District Governor Nominee Designee 2014-2015. Both candidates are recently retired and have extensive Rotary experience and involvement.

District Governor Nominee Jacques currently serves as the district secretary. She is also presently a member of several district committees which include Annual Giving, District Simplified Grants, the Governor's Newsletter, Interact and Membership Development, Recruitment and Retention. A past assistant governor, DGN Jacques is also the Jefferson club's Public Relations Chair. Jacques received a bachelor of science degree in journalism from Iowa State University

and a master of science degree from Drake in personnel services. She worked at the Iowa Department of Education, Greene County Extension and the *Jefferson Bee & Herald* prior to a 22-year career as director of community relations and human resources with the Greene County Medical Center. Her husband, Jim, is president of Andrew Farms, Inc., and active in farm commodity organizations.

District Governor Nominee Designee John is a current assistant governor, vice-president of FAMSCO, and a member of the district's Permanent Fund Committee. He has traveled to Xicotepec and participated in a National Immunization Day in India. DGND John helped to establish the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM and is on his club's Foundation Committee. He and his family are owners of City Carton Company, a recycling firm that has partnered with the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM in fundraising.

The committee is pleased that such highly qualified individuals have come forward to serve in this vital and demanding position of district leadership. Our district is in excellent hands.

We congratulate Jacques and his partner Jim, as well as John and his partner Deb on being selected, and thank them for stepping up to serve our district as future district governors.

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# Multi-District PETS moves to Rochester

**By Terry Geiger/Decatur County**  
D-6000 District Governor-Elect

The 2012 President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) event will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, Minn., on March 2 and 3. This is a wonderful venue with the hotels connected to the convention center via skywalk. The event should be exciting and most of all fun, as we have a great line-up of keynote speakers and presenters.

Past RI President Ray Klingensmith, RI Director Betsy Demaray, and Zone 28 Rotary Coordinator and recently elected RI Director (beginning July 1, 2013) Mary Beth Growney-Selene will highlight the conference as keynote speakers. What a lineup this will be!

Along with these great speakers, we will have breakout sessions focusing on the key areas of the RI Strategic Plan, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary Public Image, and much more.

As in the past, we will convene as a district, which will give all the PEs the opportunity to meet and exchange thoughts and ideas with other PEs in District 6000.

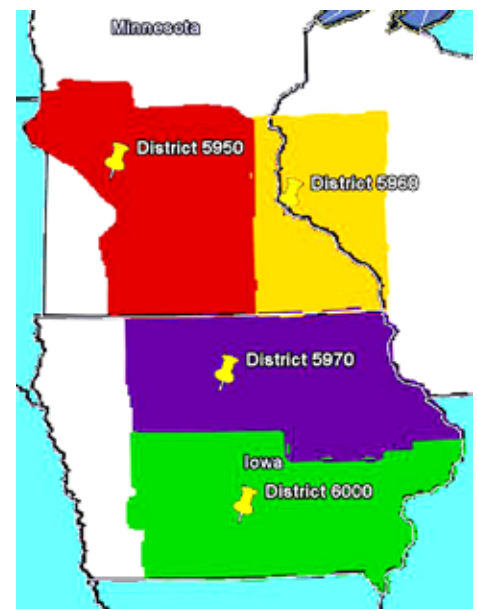
Though not a required event, on Thursday evening there will be a cash bar reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres to take care of your appetite for the evening. This will also give you an opportunity to meet PEs from all the districts included in our group.

This is a required training event by RI for those who will serve as presidents of your club, but more importantly, it will help prepare you for the year ahead so you can have a successful year in your club.

The registration information is now available on the NC PETS web site: <http://www.ncpets.org/index.html>, and you are encouraged to register early as the registration fee goes up on Jan. 15.



Rotary leadership in the year starting July 1, 2012, will include (l-r): DGE Terry Geiger (District 6000), DGE Robert Stowell (District 5950), RI President-Elect Sakuji Tanaka of Japan, DGE Jill Olsen (District 5970) and DGE Joe Kovarik (District 5960).



The poster (l) promotes the date and venue for the second Multi-District President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) that includes District 6000, and the map (r) shows the four districts who are participating.

## 'Integrity' award nominations due Jan. 31

**By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott**  
D-6000, Vocational Service chair

Clubs are reminded of the Jan. 31 deadline for nominations for the 2011-12 "Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award."

The award was established last year to encourage Rotarians and clubs to focus on Rotary's core value of integrity, and to honor the memory of the late PDG Paul Hellwege.

Clubs are invited to nominate one member who has made outstanding contributions that foster the development of Rotary's core value of integrity. The award singles out a person who has made contributions in business, media, academia or government and who

has by his or her actions, writing, policies and public pronouncements strengthened and fostered integrity and ethical practices.

The award is named for Boone Rotarian and Past District Governor (1954-55), Judge Paul E. Hellwege, and is established to promote the ideals of ethics and integrity which were Paul's fervent passions.

A nomination form is posted at the District website and has been e-mailed to clubs. The award will be presented annually to a Rotarian in District 6000 who has been a member for a minimum of three years.

The nominees will be introduced and the winner will be announced at District Conference, April 12-14, 2012, at Riverside.



# District Simplified Grants of \$45,692 approved

**By Doug Flournoy/Fairfield**

D-6000, District Simplified Grants chair

This has been another challenging year for the District Simplified Grants Committee. After a light year in 2010-2011, we were again faced with a set of difficult decisions. The committee received 23 grant applications requesting \$83,567 in support. Unfortunately the committee had just \$45,692 to award. Of this amount, \$1,978 was carried forward from the 2010-11 Rotary year.

This year the committee was forced to apply, for the first time, its relatively new rule of not funding recurring projects. A recurring, or on-going, project is one for which a club has received funding in a previous year. Another application was disallowed as it did not abide by The Rotary Foundation guidelines.

Please be aware that ineligibility for support for Foundation funding is never a local decision. The chair reviews all applications for eligibility prior to their evaluation by the committee. Any applications that appear to violate Foundation guidelines are then submitted to the District's Grant Coordinator at The Rotary Foundation for their opinion. The chair and committee then abide by whatever decision our Grant Coordinator makes.

As always, many good projects were submitted by clubs from around the district. This year nearly all eligible projects received some funding:

**Ames Morning:** "Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds," \$3,750.

**Boone:** "Building Awareness of Rotary and 'Service Above Self'" among visitors to one of Iowa's bigger community attractions: the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad and New Iowa Railroad Museum Scenic, \$2,500.

**Chariton:** "Backpack Buddies," \$3,750.

**Coralville-North Corridor:** "Libraries and Literacy," \$1,125.

**Davenport:** "Centennial Pavilion Project," \$3,750.

**Decatur County:** "Healthy School in Iowa; Central Decatur School District," \$3,750.

**Fairfield:** Support for the Family Crisis Center and Women's Shelter and the Lord's Cupboard, \$3,750.

**Iowa City AM:** FAMSCO truck, \$1,875.

**Iowa City:** "Junior Achievement Titan Challenge," \$1,125.

**Kalona:** "I Can Read" DVDs for Kalona kindergarten students, and books and charts for the teachers, \$110.

**Keokuk:** "Hope House Christmas Project," \$2,175.



Architect's rendering of the Rotary Club of Davenport's proposed \$85,000 riverfront gazebo that will be supported in part with a Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant.

**Keosauqua:** "Promoting Positive Visions: Kids at Play Project," \$1,920

**Manning:** Little League dugouts, \$1,500.

**Marshalltown:** Installing Permanent Bike and Running Trail Markers, \$2,250.

**North Scott:** "Assistance to Elderly," \$750.

**Northwest Des Moines:** Providing "Meat for Needy Families" in Northwest Des Moines, \$1,750.

**Ottumwa:** "Ottumwa Rotary Fitness Circuit," \$2,160.

**Washington:** Central Park benches, \$1,700.

**Waukee:** Raccoon River Valley Trail: North 10th Street and Highway 6 trailhead improvements, \$2,250.

**Wellman:** "Wellman Park Early Childhood Playground," \$3,750.

**Total:** \$45,690

If your club has not submitted a DSG application in the last two years, please consider doing so next year. Our district's strategic plan calls for full participation by clubs in the district over a three-year period. And as always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me by phone at (641) 472-0216 or by e-mail at dsflournoy@hotmail.com.

## Receipt of funds delayed due to incomplete reports

**By Doug Flournoy/Fairfield**

D-6000, District Simplified Grants chair

Although the DSG Committee has completed its work in evaluating this year's applications, it is unlikely clubs will receive funds before next year, possibly as late as February.

This is unfortunate on two counts. Many clubs would like to get their projects started immediately and the district would like to see club projects completed by the end of the current Rotary year, June 31, 2012. Last year, checks for awards were not delivered until April; six months after award decisions had been made.

The reason for this delay is inadequate reporting by some clubs on grants they have received in the past. We are currently awaiting reports from five clubs for grants they received in the

2009-10 Rotary year.

Once these reports have been received they are subject to an independent financial review, which is required of all club reports. After that review is complete, a report is written and submitted to our Grant Coordinator at The Rotary Foundation. Only after that final report is accepted by our Grant Coordinator will the money for 2011-12 be released to the district for dispersal to the individual clubs.

The process is actually more involved than I have laid out here, but the point is that clubs must get their project reports submitted in a timely fashion. In addition, clubs must provide receipts or paid invoices for all money spent on the project and give evidence that the club has met its required financial match.

# Rotarians celebrate World Polio Day

## ■ Case count down world-wide; arrests made in Afghanistan

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

D-6000 Polio Eradication chair

For the week ending Nov. 12, 2011, Rotarians worldwide have now raised over \$194 Million dollars toward the \$200 Million Polio Plus Challenge!

This is great news.

However, polio still rears its ugly head in our world. Currently there are 506 cases of polio. Better than last year at this time when we had 753 cases, but eradication is still just beyond our grasp. The endemic countries (India, Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan) have 227 cases (while last year there were only 169 cases at this time) and the non-endemic countries have 279 cases, well below the 584 cases a year ago.



The great news is that thus far there is only one reported case in India this year. This is a major triumph. But Nigeria has 43 cases (21 in 2010), Pakistan has 136 cases (144 in 2010), and Afghanistan has 47 cases (25 in 2010).

However, in an unprecedented move, two people were arrested and an Afghan national was deported from Pakistan this week for refusing to vaccinate their children against polio. Health officials in Pakistan said that this action was warranted to protect the children of Pakistan from the crippling ailment. People who instigate others against the polio campaign could also face legal action.

District 6000 has total DDF contributions since 2007 of \$117,567.23. The polio contributions from clubs equal \$309,700, less than the \$378,000 requested as our part of the Polio Plus Chal-



The Rotary Club of Jefferson celebrated the Oct. 24 World Polio Day with a birthday cake for Dr. Jonas Salk at their Oct. 31 meeting. Rotarian Jim Copeland, Rotary District 6000 Governor Don Patterson, Becky Patterson, and Jefferson Rotary President Karen Younie hold up the birthday cake. The Rotarians also had a mini fund raising effort which netted \$286 for the battle against Polio.

lenge. However, clubs have been active during the World Polio Day commemoration by posting articles in their hometown papers, their newsletters, and holding other fundraising events that will show a sizeable increase to our numbers.

PDG Cal Litwiller rode coast to coast on his bicycle this summer and raised an impressive \$1,250 for polio eradication. (See pages 26-27.) *Many thanks to Cal!*

If you want an inspiring beginning or ending to your plea to your communities or fellow Rotarians, I would advise that you check into YouTube's "The Last Percent" – the moving video that Bill Gates used to end his address to the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans in May. It effectively makes the argument that there is no reason to stop at 99 percent when we are within 1 percent of reaching polio eradication.

Please use your creativity and resources to extend our fight against polio until we reach that all-important finish line!

## Decatur County says we're 'This Close' to eradicating polio

Decatur County Rotarians told the world on Oct. 21 that we're "this close" to eradicating polio. Oct. 24 is "World Polio Day." Globally, there are 327 polio cases year to date – compared with 612 this time last year. Endemic Countries are India, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Thanks to local support of our fundraisers, the Rotary of Decatur County contributed more than \$200 per member last year to The Rotary Foundation for the "End Polio Now" campaign.





# Jan. 21 game raises funds, awareness for polio

By Ed Arnold/NW Des Moines

For the past three years, the Iowa Energy NBA D-League basketball team has teamed with local Rotary clubs to help eradicate polio. The clubs have partnered with the Iowa Energy to sponsor an evening of good fellowship, good basketball, and provide an easy way for Rotarians and the community to participate in the unique opportunity to eradicate polio.

A committee comprised of members from the area clubs has been working since August with Iowa Energy Basketball to: 1) raise funds through Iowa Energy ticket sales and donations; 2) fill the seats at the Jan. 21, 2012, Iowa Energy game (Saturday night); 3) provide a way for promoting Community Service for both the Iowa Energy and Rotary; 4) provide information about the Iowa Energy, PolioPlus and Rotary; 5) establish a basis for repeating this fundraiser in future years, initially to support PolioPlus, then to support other worthy local projects; and 6) give others in the community the opportunity to participate financially in the eradication of polio in our lifetime.

The first three years of the combined effort raised more than \$23,500 for PolioPlus – providing 44,000 children with the vaccine needed to prevent polio.

For each ticket the Rotarians sell to the Jan. 21 game, the Iowa Energy rebates a portion to PolioPlus. In addition, Rotarians will solicit donations for the direct benefit

## Rotary International teams up with Iowa Energy to fight polio

For a third year straight, Iowa Energy, Des Moines' D-League basketball team, and Rotary International have teamed up in the fight to eradicate polio. Rotary International has been working since 1988 in 125 countries to reduce the spread of the disease; it is currently endemic in only four countries and more than 2 billion children have been immunized against it. Iowa Energy and Rotary International have raised over \$23,000. Pictured are Patrick Kelly, left, vice president and director of sales for Iowa Energy, and Ed Arnold, Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines and Polio Plus Committee member, displaying the Energy's 2011 championship trophy. SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER



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of PolioPlus before, during and after the game. Our goal is to sell 2,000 tickets, which with contributions, could raise \$20,000, providing nearly 35,000 immunizations.

When polio is finally eradicated, the Des Moines area and local clubs, the Iowa Energy Basketball Club and the Des Moines community will be able to proclaim, "We were an integral part of this important effort!"

For tickets, go to [www.polioplusiowaenergy.com](http://www.polioplusiowaenergy.com) or contact a local area Rotarian. Participating clubs include: Ankeny, Boone, Dallas Center, Des Moines, Des Moines AM, East Polk County, Greater Des Moines, Indianola, Johnston, Northwest Des Moines, Perry, Waukee, West Des Moines, and a new club being formed by Northwest and Waukee.

# Polio story told in Op-Ed in Quad Cities' newspapers

By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities Club President

*This article and picture were published in the Davenport Quad-City Times and El-dridge North Scott Press in October.*



Doug Peterson

In October, we observe both World Polio Day (24th) and the birthday of Dr. Jonas Salk (28th), who developed the world's first safe and effective vaccine against this crippling and sometimes deadly disease. We also celebrate the fact that the world is on the verge of eradicating one of the most feared diseases of the 20th century.

When Rotary launched its push to end polio in the 1980s, the poliovirus crippled

nearly 1,000 people every day. Since then, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have reduced the incidence of polio by 99 percent. And the push continues. This year, India, one of only four countries in which polio remains endemic, has the lowest number of polio cases in its history. Along with India, only Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan remain polio endemic. We are "this close" to ending polio once and for all. But as long as the wild polio virus is alive anywhere, it can spread everywhere. It is just one airplane flight away.

Despite this tremendous progress, children in these developing countries continue to be infected. That's why Rotary and its partners must reach every child in some of the most challenging regions of the world with its oral vaccine. But the greatest chal-



PDG Bill Tubbs administered the "two drops for life" during polio Sub-National Immunization Days in Nigeria in 2007.

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District Governor Don Patterson presented Nate Myer, recipient of an Ambassadorial Scholarship for 2012-13, a book bag to use while studying abroad. Nate was visiting the Rotary Club of Decatur County the day DG Don and Becky Patterson were making their official visit. Governor Patterson commended Nate for being the first Ambassadorial Scholar to be sponsored by the Rotary Club of Decatur County. Nate is a December 2010 graduate of Graceland University in Lamoni, and will be doing his studying in South America. The club and Governor Patterson wish him the best in his future endeavor.



President Marsha Appleman and members of the Rotary Club of Keosauqua prepared this display of their club activities for a recent Community Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

(Provided by Bill Shewmaker)

## Rotary's Core Values

- Fun and Fellowship
- Integrity
- Service
- Leadership Development
- Diversity

# Miles Of Smiles Team to return to Guatemala

By PDG Gary Pacha/Iowa City

Iowa M.O.S.T. Team Leader

Planning is underway for the Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team's (MOST) seventh consecutive cleft lip/palate repair trip to the western highlands of Guatemala.

This time we will be going to Quetzaltenango, and are in process of working with the local Rotary club to make it a successful trip. Having had such a great experience in Huehuetenango in March 2011, the Rotarians in Quetzaltenango (a.k.a. Xela) will have their work cut out for them.

Chief Medical Officer Dr. John Canady has put together a medical team made up of many veterans of previous trips, as well as quite a few "newbies," for our scheduled trip from Feb. 23 to March 4, 2012.

Rotary volunteers serving on the trip besides Dr. Canady, are PDG Gary Pacha (Iowa City) and wife Nancy (Iowa City AM), as well as PDG Cal and Rachel Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), Dr. Pete Wallace and Tita Coffman (Iowa City). These are all return members who have valued their service and wish to repeat the experience.

We will also be joined by Jim Arthur (NW Des Moines), who volunteered for MOST because of a positive experience in Xicotepec, Mexico, and who desires to serve in Guatemala.

In the six years since this District 6000 initiative has been going to the two towns in Guatemala, we have successfully surgically treated and made life better for hundreds of poor people who would otherwise lead a life of seclusion and embarrassment with a deformity we seldom even think about here in our country. All who have participated in a trip consider it a life changing experience for themselves as well as those served.

We deeply appreciate the generous voluntary contributions of the Rotary clubs of District 6000 for making it possible to continue this valuable service in an under-served area of the world. Without this support, we would be unable to continue.

# Scholarships awarded for best RYLA essays

By Ken Angelsola/West Des Moines

D-6000, RYLA chair

The following are the 2011 RYLA Scholarship awards from April 2011 for their essays on how RYLA has encouraged each of them to seek new challenges and develop their leadership capabilities.

**First:** Hannah Bolen, \$1,000, Clinton, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Clinton;

**Second:** Jack Gibbons, \$750, Ames, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ames;

**Third:** Lisa Daringer, \$500, Carroll, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Carroll.

The 2011 RYLA Conference had 132 attendees and was well received by all the participants. Approximately 25 percent of the students submitted essays for the scholarship reviews with these students being judged as the top candidates for the awards.

The 2012 RYLA will be held in April with the date to be announced in early January. All the clubs should be watching for this announcement and further updates by late January and February, 2012.



# Lots of opportunities to travel and host with Friendship Exchange

By Jack Schreiber/Des Moines

D-6000 Friendship Exchange chair

There is a great line-up of opportunities to see the world. Take note! Join the fun!

*Our plans for 2012:*

- **Outbound New Zealand**, Feb. 28 - March 14, 2012: A two-week experience visiting District 9910 on the north of the North Island of New Zealand. One space is still available. Contact Gary Murphy, Washington: bandana319@yahoo.com.

- **Inbound Argentina**: A team of six Rotarian couples from Resistencia, Argentina, will be with us in District 6000 April 9-23, 2012. We had previously had an exchange with Resistencia in 2000. Interest was high so we will repeat the fun!

The Argentina team will be hosted in several District 6000 cities. This is an opportunity for having an international experience by hosting. For hosting opportunities and further information, please contact Jack Schreiber, Des Moines: schreiber58@msn.com

- **Inbound British Columbia, Canada**: We will be hosting five Rotarian couples from District 5080 Sept. 3-17, 2012. A number of folks from District 6000 visited British Columbia in 2010, so this will our opportunity to host those wonderful Rotarians as they return to us to complete the inbound and outbound experience.

**'A world of friends is a world at peace.'**

– Rotary founder Paul Harris

Interested? Please contact Dick Johnson, Sheldahl: richardjia@hotmail.com.

- **Outbound to Argentina**: Not only will we be enjoying an Inbound to Argentina (above), but interested District 6000 members will be traveling to Resistencia Sept. 20-Oct. 4, 2012. How fortunate we are to have both Inbound and Outbound the same year! What a great opportunity! Please contact Jack Schreiber, Des Moines: schreiber58@msn.com for more information.

*Our plans for 2013:*

- **Inbound Australia**: Tentatively set for the first two weeks in April 2013. For more information contact Al Orsborn, Ottumwa: acokmo@yahoo.com.

- **Outbound Australia**: Tentatively set for the last week in September and the first week in October 2013. Contact Al Orsborn, Ottumwa: acokmo@yahoo.com.

- **Outbound South Africa**: Tentatively set for spring or fall of 2013. For more information contact Sarah Lande, Muscatine: sarahlande@gmail.com.

So there you have it! International travel experiences abound in District 6000, either at home by hosting someone from another country, or by visiting another place in the world; and as an added bonus, having the opportunity to stay with a fellow Rotarian or several Rotarians when we visit them. Imagine eating at their table or ours, staying in their home or ours, and seeing another country from the eyes of someone who lives there.

Contact one (or more) of those listed above about the chance to be a world traveler.



In 2008, the Rotary Club of Waukee partnered with the local YMCA to bring the first piece of public art to the community. This involved commissioning an artist, assisting with the design, contributing funds, and helping with the unveiling at the Grand Opening of the YMCA. The words Community, Family, Responsibility and Leadership connect the Y and Rotary with the greater community as shared values. Pictured with DG Don Patterson are Rotary club secretary Devon Murphy-Petersen and club president Jim Strauss.



The Rotary Club of North Scott welcomed a Friendship Exchange team on Sept. 23. Club president Becky Bray (fourth from right) exchanged banners with team members from England (l-r): Ken Knoch (Holbeach), Peter and Christine Balmbra (Hoton), Lesley and John Tyers (Leicestershire), and Sue and Graham Scorthorne (Spalding). The team was hosted by clubs in the Illinois Quad Cities in District 6420.





**Ecuador:** David Apolo  
Rotary Club of Chariton



**France:** Tamina Khaldi  
Rotary Club of Knoxville



**Poland:** Natalia Bobowicz  
Rotary Club of Winterset



**Mexico:** Sarah Carbollo  
Rotary Club of Nevada

## Inbound Youth Exchange 2011-12



**Spain:** Alicia Diez (Burlington)  
and Mikel Alonso (North Scott)



**Belgium:** Karoline Deckers (West Des Moines)  
and Juliette Reheul (Boone)



**Brazil:** Pedro Belem DeFigueiredo (Ft. Madison), Heli  
Nascimento (Newton) and Gabrielle Cavaletti (Iowa City)



**Germany:** Julian Teplinski (Iowa Quad Cities), Anika Brehl  
(Decatur County), Laura Koch (Iowa City AM)



## YOUTH EXCHANGE: Exchange students experience American pumpkin tradition

By Terry Pauling/Indianola

Club Public Relations chair

On a bright, crisp, beautiful Saturday morning on Oct. 22, 10 Rotary District 6000 international exchange students and four past outbound Rotary exchange students gathered at Indianola's Historical Society pavilion to experience the art of pumpkin carving.

This was a chance for these students to meet with each other and experience a very American tradition. The Rotary Club of Indianola provided a cookout of local cuisine including bratwurst nicely toasted on the grill, potato salad, chips galore, desserts and punch.

Our master of ceremonies was Chris Knapp, the Rotary 6000 District Rotary Youth Exchange coordinator from Iowa City. His wife was the master of supplying desserts.

We had exchange students from Germany, Spain, Brazil, Mexico, France, Belgium, Ecuador and Poland. Also in attendance were 12 members of the District Youth Exchange Committee and several of the students' host families and Youth Exchange counselors.

To make this a memory not to forget for our guests, we failed to supply them with utensils for scooping out the guts of the pumpkins. Luckily the actual carving went very well, and no Band-Aids® were needed. One student evidently had the tradition well in hand as she went around collecting as many of the pumpkin seeds as possible to take home to salt and bake.

This was our second annual event and we look forward to doing this every year. It is a joy to meet such bright and enthusiastic ambassadors from their respective countries. This is such a great opportunity for them to learn some customs to take home at the end of their adventure in the United States.

## Students come together at fall training session in Iowa City

By Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

D-6000, Youth Exchange chair

"Hola," "Bonjour," "Guten Tag" and "Hi" were heard as exchange students, club counselors, host parents and district committee members met for training on Sept. 17 at the fairgrounds in Iowa City.

This was the first time the 13 students in District 6000 had gotten together since their arrival in the United States in August. This year District 6000 is hosting students from Brazil, Ecuador, Germany, France, Belgium, Spain, Mexico, and Poland (first time in many years).

All 73 people at the meeting participated in the training but also enjoyed meeting and talking with the students (see pictures and names of host clubs on the opposite page).

If the first meeting is any indication, this should be a fun year for Youth Exchange in District 6000. The next event for students was a pumpkin carving social event at Indianola on Oct. 22.

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**Hosts Needed for 2012-13:** It is that time of year when every District 6000 Rotary Club president, president-elect and YEO needs to inform the District 6000 Youth Exchange Committee if their Rotary club will host an Inbound exchange student for the Rotary Year 2012-2013.

This is a very important request to you as the current club president, president elect and Youth Exchange Committee. The District



Inbound Youth Exchange students immersed in American culture by carving pumpkins (above) and showing the results of their work (below) Oct. 22 at Indianola.



Committee is already being asked to commit to hosting students from our exchange partners and we need to know if your club will participate. A Club Commitment Form and a Club Certification Form were sent to clubs. Please complete both forms regardless of your accepting a student or not.

I hope that every club will give thoughtful consideration to hosting. This year the clubs of Fort Madison, Burlington, Iowa Quad Cities and Iowa City initiated hosting students for the first time in many years. They took up the challenge and have had wonderful experiences hosting and sponsoring Youth Exchange students.

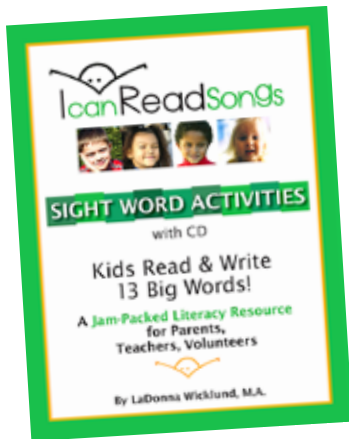


## Teachers delighted with 'I Can Read Songs' CDs

By LaDonna Wicklund/Iowa City

This year 84 Iowa City area kindergarten and special education teachers will have a new resource to use to work their magic of boosting kids in literacy.

The Rotary Club of Iowa City gifted 84 "I Can Read Songs: Sight Word Activities with CD" books to teachers in the Iowa City elementary schools.

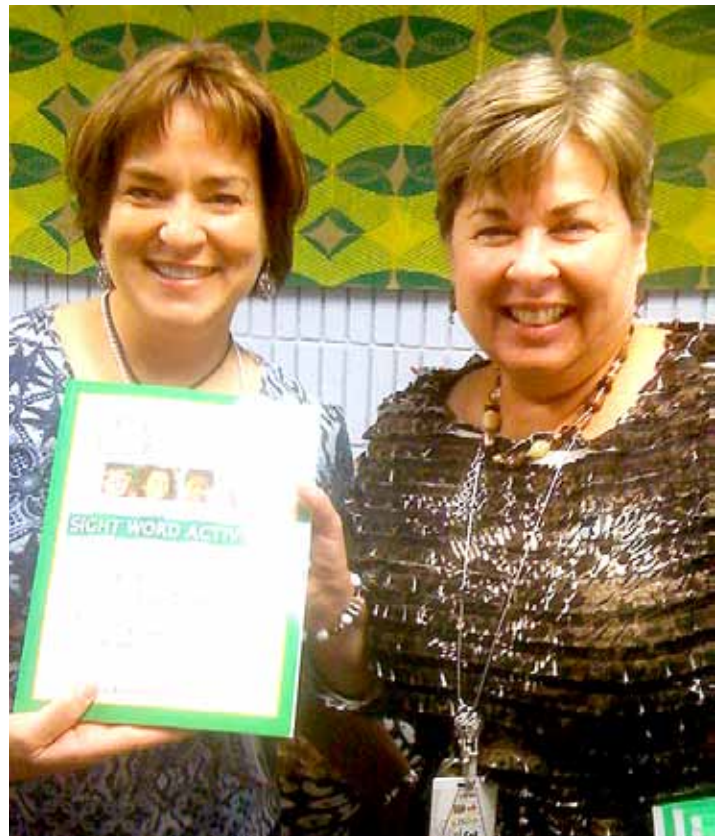


Teachers' comments included: "Awesome! Can't wait to use the activities!"

And a principal commented: "What a great resource for our teachers!"

The club literacy committee threw a Literacy Champions party to raise funds for the project. Rotarians enjoyed a social evening together and know that their name is labeled on each book so that the teachers know that Rotarians care about literacy.

Way to go, Iowa City Rotary! Other clubs are invited to start a Literacy Champions Project. Contact LDWicklund@aol.com.



Teacher Carolyn White and principal Terry Dervrich at Shimek Elementary in Iowa City said the "I Can Read Songs" CDs were "awesome!"

## Bettendorf honors librarian with Dictionary Project

By Glenn Kass/Bettendorf

Club Public Relations Co-Chair

In recognition of the late Bettendorf Public Library director and the first woman president of the Bettendorf Rotary, the club has announced its top literacy outreach will now be known as the Faye Clow/Bettendorf Rotary Club Dictionary Project.

This annual program provides a free dictionary to every fourth-grade student in the Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley schools districts as well as private institutions Rivermont Collegiate, Lourdes Catholic and Morning Star Academy. It occurs each October.



Annually for the past five years the Rotary Club of Albia has given free dictionaries to the fourth graders in the Albia schools. We have been doing this for five years. Student Dictionaries are a popular project for several clubs in District 6000.

(Provided by Tony Humeston)

BRC members handle in-class distribution of the dictionaries which the students keep as their own. It extends literacy outreach for the club which includes several scholarships and is a fitting tribute to the memory of Clow. Regular club fundraising activities cover the cost of the dictionaries.

"The efforts of our members to organize and present this program for our club is truly remarkable," said Bettendorf Rotary Club president Scott Naumann. "Adding Faye Clow's name to the title is without question a great way to continue her legacy as both a champion of literacy and a great Rotarian."

## District 6000 to host GSE team from New Zealand in April

District 6000 will welcome a Group Study Exchange team from District 9910 in New Zealand in April 2012.

The team leader is Warren Patterson, a mobile learning facilitator at the University of Auckland. Team members are: Duane Wells, who is involved in horticulture; Laura McKenzie, a secondary school teacher; Nirav Shah, a funds manager; Phillipa Bolton, an architect and environmental engineer; and Damian Dixon, who works in agriculture.

Clubs wishing to serve as host clubs should contact Mark Snell: (515) 401-9881 or (515) 460-0367; e-mail: mark.snell@scouting.org; or Lynn Hicks: (515) 277-4898; e-mail: Lhicks@dmreg.com.

For 2012, we have applied to RI for an exchange with District 4340 in Chile. We expect to host a team in April 2013 and send a team at a date to be determined.



## HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Rotary Club of Iowa Quad Cities continues food basket tradition ...

**By J.D. Walls/Iowa Quad Cities**

Twelve Bettendorf area families will have a happier holiday season, thanks to the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities.

On Nov. 21, the club continued its 26-year history of service to the Quad City community by purchasing and distributing Thanksgiving food baskets to the homes of 12 area Bettendorf families who are struggling this holiday season. The baskets included not only all of the traditional Thanksgiving foodstuffs but also many other staples to provide many additional meal options during what can be a difficult holiday season for some families.

"Rotary is all about Service Above Self and, as a club, we believe strongly in doing what we can to provide support to our community where it is needed most" said president Doug Peterson, "and we embrace this opportunity to be a blessing to families that might be struggling at this time of year."

The food basket project is a partnership between the Iowa Quad City Rotary Club and the Bettendorf Police Department.



Helping at the October, 2011 meal at Trinity United Methodist Church from the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines were (l-r): Joe Kobes, Jean Lipscomb, Jim Lipscomb, Diane Downing-Nelson, David Vestaal, Zach Kobes (in front), Dave Piersel, Ed Arnold, Nancy Sample, Eric Dickinson, Wanda Armstrong, Larry Sample and Jim Arthur.

## ... Northwest Des Moines serves meals for children and families

**By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines**

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines members provide meals in support of Children and Family Urban Ministries at the Trinity United Methodist Church.

For the past several years, they have provided a hearty meal to approximately 100 to 150 adults and children in need of a hot meal and a loving caring atmosphere. Meals are provided on the fourth Monday of each even numbered month (February is month 2).

Usually 10 to 12 Rotarians and/or their spouses and children arrive at the church around 4:15 to prepare a meal consisting of the city's best spaghetti, provided by former Northwest Rotarian Chuck Celsi (Tavern II, West Des Moines). In addition, members prepare salads, and often bring homemade desserts. At precisely 4:45 a prayer is offered by one of the guests, and then prayers or special concerns are offered. The guests go through the buffet line and sit as a community in the church basement. Interaction among the guests and Rotarians results in good feelings, friendships, thankfulness for a good meal, and an overall satisfaction with the opportunity to "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity."



Past President Bob Welander inducts new members at Mount Pleasant (l-r): Eileen Enslinger, Anita Hampton, Erica Martin, Randy Stroud and Michael Coons.

## Membership is on the move for Mount Pleasant Noon Rotary!

**By Rich Mueller/Mount Pleasant Noon**

Club Public Relations chair

Wanted to give you a piece of news from our Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant Noon. We have grown 30 percent year-to-date (Oct. 5). Our membership committee got organized and created a little contest approach to growing our club.

Led by Rich Garrels, the committee created teams and named them after sports teams to create competition. The team with the most new members inducted by a certain date were treated at a social event hosted by losing teams. It has taken our club from 40 active and one honorary to 52 active and one honorary. Just goes to show if you come up with a plan and hold someone accountable it will work!



Brenda Hostetler (l), president of the Rotary Club of Ottumwa, shows first lady Becky Patterson the shelter house where the tables were furnished by the Rotary club with help from a Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant.

# Osprey project SOARS in western Iowa, thanks to Coon Rapids, Manning Rotarians

By Charlie Nixon/Coon Rapids

Publisher, Coon Rapids Enterprise

Coon Rapids Rotarians looked to the sky for a unique environmental project that links with other local initiatives. Not just a financial supporter of SOAR (Saving Our Avian Resources), the Rotary Club of Coon Rapids volunteers participate in the release and care of osprey birds in the Whiterock Conservancy located just south of Coon Rapids.

Osprey once nested and lived in Iowa, but no nests were recorded since the state was settled by Europeans. That is, not until a reintroduction of osprey was begun by the Macbride Raptor Center and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in 1997.

According to SOAR, osprey return to where they were raised to build a nest and raise their young. For the reintroduction project, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) helps to obtain young osprey and work with local conservation agencies and volunteers to place the young birds in hack towers, feed and monitor them, in hope they will expand their range into Iowa.

In 2006 SOAR partnered with Whiterock Conservancy to establish nesting osprey along the Middle Raccoon River. Young osprey were carefully removed from nests in Wisconsin and Minnesota and brought to Iowa. Funding to pay the costs of obtaining the chicks has come from the Rotary Clubs of Coon Rapids and Manning.

At Whiterock they were “hacked out,” an ancient falconry technique of slowly releasing young birds back to the wild from a secure tower structure. They are provided with food and water as they learn how to fly and become proficient hunters.

Osprey are neotropical migrants, spending the northern hemisphere winter season in South America. They are also slow to mature and will not start nesting until they are three or four years old.

Nesting structures have been installed at Whiterock Conservancy (with the help of Coon Rapids Rotarians) ready for any of the re-

turning released birds or perhaps a migrating osprey will see the structures and chose to stay and nest.

Four sites across Iowa will release young osprey this year. This reintroduction effort directed by the Iowa DNR has successfully returned nesting osprey to Iowa, with eighteen active nests this year in the state.

All Iowa-released ospreys have a USFWS silver identification

band on one leg and a purple identification band with a unique alpha-numeric ID on the other leg.

“This will be SOAR’s and Whiterock’s sixth year of releases and everyone is wondering when our own nesting pair will take up residence,” said Kay Neumann of SOAR. “Since osprey are a long lived species and don’t start nesting until they are four or five – we may only have a few birds that were released at Whiterock that are now old enough to nest.

“There are three nesting pair in western Iowa, that have not been identified for sure, so it may be one of our babies along the Missouri raising young there. We are hoping that persistence will payoff.”

During the time when the young ospreys were “hacking,” several volunteers helped to feed them twice a daily. Their diet consisted of fish, which was, in large part, provided through the efforts of local fisherman.

According to Coon Rapids Rotary member Doug Carpenter, SOAR is a great organization to support and work with. He encourages Rotarians to check it out at <http://www.soarraptors.org>.

It is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 1999 dedicated to saving our avian resources through raptor rehabilitation, education, and research. SOAR maintains all necessary U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Iowa DNR permits to provide the rehabilitation and education.

The group has established a regional raptor rehabilitation facility to serve western Iowa; using personal connections with individual, wild animals to bring attention to important natural resource conservation projects/issues and to the conservation of habitat, providing needed research and educational opportunities.



The Rotary Clubs of Coon Rapids and Manning are supporting SOAR (Saving Our Avian Resources) to bring osprey to the Whiterock Conservancy at Coon Rapids.

‘SOAR is a great organization to support and work with.’

– Doug Carpenter, Coon Rapids Rotarian



# Interactors organize Dance for Humanity

By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM

The two Iowa City Interact clubs, City High Interact and West High 1440 Interact, are combining forces to organize their annual Dance for Humanity, a fundraiser to help build the next Habitat for Humanity Youth Build home. The dance will take place at Old Brick, 26 E. Market St. in Iowa City on Sunday, Feb. 19 from 7-10 p.m. All generations are encouraged to participate.

This long-time fundraiser features the great music of the University of Iowa Latin Jazz Ensemble and UI World Beat Ensemble under the direction of James Dreier. It is difficult to find this caliber of music for dancing and for enjoyable listening at the low price of \$5.00, the price of a ticket to the dance.

Interactors provide refreshments along with this pleasurable music and dancing experience. A silent auction with interesting and unusual items will also be offered. It's an evening of enjoyment and recreation. You all are invited to have fun and to help the Interactors reach a goal of building a deserving family a home.

Tickets will be available from Interactors at West and City High, on line at <http://iowavalleyhabitat.org> or at the door.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to support this cause, you can buy tickets which will be donated to families staying at Ronald McDonald House. In previous years, these families have appreciated the chance for a leisurely evening of diversion.



Interact students from Mt. Pleasant High School collected more than 500 cans of food during halloween. They went "Trick-or-Treating for Cans" throughout the community to replenish the local food pantry. (Provided by PDG Cal Litwiller)

Simply go to <http://iowavalleyhabitat.org>, find the Dance for Humanity link and purchase tickets, indicating that they are to be donated to residents of Ronald McDonald House.

Manage several goals at once by having fun, helping someone have a home and supporting our Interactors, the next generation of Rotarians.

# FASMCO finds cache in Decatur County

Volunteers from the Rotary Club of Decatur County were on board to assist John Ockenfels, vice president of FASMCO, on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the old Decatur Medical Services building in Leon. FASMCO collects and ships medical equipment and supplies, emergency vehicles and other humanitarian goods to developing

countries and Dr. Larry Richard of Leon, and Dr. Mark Easter of Lamoni, had a building full of equipment to be donated.



Rotarians Phil Metcalf, Bill Morain and Will Hobin assist in the loading of the donated equipment.



FASMCO volunteers at the Rotary Club of Decatur County in Leon included, front (l-r): high school students Ben Brenizer, Thomas Slade, Michael Cooper and Rotarian Lynn Milnes; and back: volunteer Shane Akers, Rotarian John Henderson, DGND John Ockenfels, Rotarian Chris Coffelt, and Dr. Larry Richard. FASMCO is a 100 percent volunteer organization with participation from Rotarians and other volunteers throughout the District. (Provided by DGE Terry Geiger)





The colors were presented by Junior ROTC.



Dr. Ed Rogalski chats with Past RI President Ray.



Past president Carl Zurborg researched information for a colorful 28-page club history ...



... that was edited and produced in cooperation with Davenport Rotarian Barb Howe.



Doug and Luann Peterson (r) received Bequest Society recognition from (l-r): Past RI President Ray Klingensmith, Foundation Chair PDG Corliss Klaassen, RRFC Don Goering and DG Don Patterson.



# 100 YEARS OF ROTARY:

## By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

In May 2011 it was the Rotary Club of Des Moines – Iowa's first – celebrating 100 years. Months later it was Davenport, Iowa's second and the 34th in Rotary International.

The occasion was done to the nines on Nov. 11, 2011 (11-11-11) with a gala banquet attended by 185 at St. Ambrose University's Rogalski Center.

Featured speakers were immediate past RI President Ray Klingensmith of Missouri, William Staib of Iowa City, a successful entrepreneur who repaid a \$15,000 Davenport Rotary scholarship that changed his life, and Command Sergeant Major Steve Blake of the Rock Island Arsenal, whose message about service, honor, loyalty and integrity left his audience saying "Wow!"

Special guests bringing a touch of laughter from the past were "founders" W.H. Harrison and William Waterman, portrayed by Tom Dennis and



Bettendorf Rotary past president Tom Howard displays memorabilia in the form of a club banner from 80 years ago.





Davenport Rotary founders W.H. Harrison and William Waterman returned for the centennial as portrayed by actors Tom Dennis and Scott Tunnicliffe.

## Rotary Club of Davenport, the second club in Iowa and 34th in Rotary, celebrates its centennial with a Veteran's Day salute

Scott Tunnicliffe. "This is the first time I've followed two dead guys," joked Past President Klinginsmith.

In the Quad Cities, the Rotary Club of Davenport is the "Abraham" club, having chartered nine area Rotary clubs, plus one in Cambodia. The local clubs were present and were given the opportunities for table displays: Rock Island and Moline, Ill., in District 6420, Maquoketa in District 5970, and Bettendorf, Muscatine, Iowa City, Burlington, North Scott and Iowa Quad Cities in District 6000.

Club president Mike Hamann, who was the guiding force behind the celebration, proudly announced the club's centennial gift to the city of Davenport: a gazebo in the new River Heritage Park, located at the foot of the first bridge spanning the Mississippi River. A lawsuit in 1856 between the railroad and the river navigation interests, represented by lawyer Stephen Douglas, was settled in favor the railroads, represented by lawyer Abraham

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Past District Governor Doyle McCully of Bettendorf (1987-88) had the Rotary spirit. Photos by Bill Tubbs and Barb Howe



Former scholarship recipient William "Bill" Staib gave an inspiring speech.



DG Don Patterson presents a 100-year certificate to club president Mike Hamann.



Davenport mayor Bill Gluba was present to help the Rotary club celebrate.



Sergeant Major Steve Blake made everyone proud to be Rotarians.



Club president-elect Cheryl Goodwin prepares to lead Davenport Rotary as it begins its second century of service.

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

## *RI Conventions inspire, motivate first-time attenders*

*Clubs in District 6000 with 25 or fewer members were given the opportunity of a total of \$5,000 offered by PDG Herb Wilson last year to send their presidents-elect to the RI Convention in New Orleans, May 21-25, 2011 – the last in the U.S. until 2017.*

*PDG Wilson's belief, supported by the district executive leadership team, is that attendance at an RI Convention is important. Indeed, the RI Manual of Procedure states, "The primary purpose of the annual convention is to inspire and inform all Rotarians at an international level, particularly incoming club presidents... so they will be motivated to further develop Rotary at the club and district levels."*

*Five clubs accepted the offer and one – Coon Rapids – had to withdraw, but for the other four it was transformational, as you can see from their answers to questions given to PDG Del Bluhm.*

### **Nancy Kohrt, Rotary Club of Marengo**

My experience in NOLA (New Orleans, LA) was totally inspiring. I am amazed at what I learned about Rotary on a worldwide basis! Oh yeah, I knew about the fight to end polio but I learned that we, as Rotarians, do so much more!

It all started with the taxi ride from the airport. Rotary had put up billboards all along the interstate, using a common theme of Rotarians as just your ordinary people who get to be heroes through Rotary: "Jane Doe, wife, mother, world humanitarian" and "John Doe, husband, father, businessman, and polio eradicator." Seeing those billboards, it really hit home how Rotary can have a profound impact in the world.

Once settled in at our hotel we went out for a bite to eat. We found a nice restaurant playing some good jazz music. As the singer worked the crowd asking where people were from, I realized most of the customers were Rotarians from all over the states. This was when I began to see the width and breadth of the convention.

The next day we went to the convention hall to get checked in, receive our programs and I.D.s, and get our tickets for the special evening event. We checked out the Mississippi River and found that there was no flooding in the downtown area. Later that evening, we sat along the banks of the Mississippi with thousands of Rotarians from around



**Nancy Kohrt**

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**– Nancy Kohrt, Marengo**

introduced and spoke with many interesting Rotarians that evening. We exchanged ideas on club fund raising and how to grow our membership. We also heard about all the great community projects that were going on in many home towns due to the generosity and volunteerism of our fellow Rotarians.

Sunday brought the District 6000 breakfast with our fellow Iowans, where I met many of my counterparts. What a great group

to visit with during convention! Then on to the Interfaith Service, a great way to celebrate our Higher Being in many different ways around the world. Nothing brings people together better than a sharing of our ideologies. Some really great music by Simon Estes, of Iowa, also helped to bridge religions. Then on to the House of Friendship where I learned of all the really great projects being done by other clubs and how our club could join with others to do some really great work in the world, like the Shelter Box project. Being fairly new to Rotary, I was truly amazed at all the great projects being done. This was my defining moment for the convention to see all this great work by other Rotarians. Then on to the opening ceremony, which had a truly international flavor, with the presentation of the flags and opening speech by Ray Klinginsmith and his cowboy theme.

Monday brought the second plenary session and later some breakout sessions that were really diverse and well presented. We had to leave Monday night, which was much too soon as we were really enjoying the convention and all that New Orleans had to offer. The trip was well worth the time and taught me so much more about Rotary than what I have seen so far!

### **Linda Chastain, Rotary Club of Decatur County**

As a three-year Rotarian, attending our International Convention in New Orleans in May of 2011 was a very educational and enlightening experience.

I feel it is very important for any Rotarian, let alone an incoming club president, to be aware of the scope, magnitude and power of Rotary International.

Our multi-district PETS meeting in March was very informative in these areas on a more local level, but there is no substitute for the experience of an International Convention.

Attending the New Orleans convention is somewhat like observing a giant war machine at work:

- a war machine against polio;
- a war machine fighting poverty;
- a war machine improving living conditions in third-world countries;
- a war machine working toward better communities;

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**– Linda Chastain, Decatur County**

- a war machine with 1,200,000 people working toward common goals.

It is with this “armed” mindset, that I return to the local club with hopes of inspiring, leading and promoting Rotary at the local level. Any financial help toward sponsoring attendance at a RI Convention is money well spent.

Darn, why didn’t I wait for Bangkok!



**Linda Chastain**

- a war machine enabling educational goals to be met;

- a war machine promoting interpersonal relationships of understanding between countries of our world;



## Theresa Horton, Rotary Club of Tipton

Now more than ever I'm proud to be a Rotarian.

*Solutions:* It is one thing to look at pictures of people or to read articles about the needs of people. It is quite a different thing to look into the eyes and talk directly to people who will be returning to a country with huge needs.

However, Rotary isn't about the problem. It's about the solution. That is really driven home in the House of Friendship. We visited all kinds of project booths. Each one talked about how a huge need was met. There was one from India talking about the need for safe drinking water in the villages. The local clubs, through teaming with other clubs and grants, had dug 120 new wells in the past year. They were hoping to keep up the pace – 120 new wells!

We saw photos of rows of sewing machines. These were sold on a small loan to women who were previously begging for food for themselves and their children. The women were able to pay back the small loans and provide for their families. The list goes on and on. The booths we saw were only a sampling of the work Rotary does throughout the world. This area created a commitment within me to be more internationally focused. The world became so much smaller and these people who are across the ocean really became my neighbors.

*Clothes:* Everyone was encouraged to dress business casual for their country. Then, there seems to be a tradition of taking a lot of pictures. Really fun! (Smile!)

*Rotary Bond:* I don't know how else to describe this – at the convention it became clear that there is a strong bond between Rotarians. This was true even as we talked with Rotarians from different countries, backgrounds, etc. There was a clear openness that is very unique to Rotary. The fellowship we felt with the other Rotarians would be more like something at a family reunion than a convention.

*Workshops:* We went to workshops each time they were offered. I'd encourage anyone who has the opportunity to go to a convention to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the workshops. The hardest part of that was selecting the workshops we wanted to attend. There were so many choices. In the end, we split up, took notes and reported to each other to double what we could take in. The speakers were some of the best in the world. Many of the workshops we took in were educational not just in the Rotary context, but also in the workplace and in life in general.

*Sessions:* Each of the daily sessions was educational and inspirational. One of the huge highlights was hearing Bill Gates' moving speech on polio eradication. There were cheers from the crowd. The opening and closing sessions really stuck with me. As part of the opening ceremony, the flags from all the Rotary countries were brought out. I really started to realize how large Rotary is when they were bringing out the flags. There was always another country. What a picture of how far reaching Rotary is. The very end of the closing ceremony was very moving for me. The tradition is to all lock arms or hold hands and

**N**ow more than ever I'm proud to be a Rotarian. The world became so much smaller and these people across the ocean really became my neighbors ... I expected to enjoy the convention. I did not expect it to have such an impact on me.'

– Theresa Horton, Tipton



Theresa Horton



It's a small world! Rotarian Bob Hardy of Iowa City (r) met Rotarian Bob Hardy of Southern Illinois.

## Bob Hardy, meet Bob Hardy!

### Bob Hardy, Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown

There are many reasons that would cause me to recommend that every Rotarian, and especially presidents-elect, should attend a Rotary International Convention. To begin, it would be very hard to provide by any other means such immediate access to current, accurate and necessary information about the state of Rotary

**S**ince taking over as president, I have already applied lessons learned in the plenary and breakout sessions in New Orleans.'

– Bob Hardy, Iowa City Downtown

that will be useful to an incoming president. For example, each plenary session included presentations that offered valuable insights and understanding of the ongoing mission and accomplishments of our parent organization, its financial and organizational health, its concerns for the future, the issues we will face, and the strategies in place to deal with them. These sessions also allowed the membership to meet, in a manner of speaking, the leadership that will guide us through the coming year and the years that will follow.

Breakout sessions offered more specific learning opportunities with an ample variety of topics relevant to most clubs and useful for both veteran members and new leaders. Topics were very current and the quality of the presenters, often a panel, was informed and well documented. Since taking office as club president, I have already applied lessons learned in the plenary and breakout sessions in New Orleans to the operation of our club.

Yet as I reflect back on my first Rotary International Convention I believe the most valuable lessons learned were not necessarily in the sessions I attended. In conversations with other Rotarians, visits to booths in the House of Friendship or just watching the countless interactions of members from all over the world, I came to understand the true magnitude of Rotary International. What I learned was that it is possible for people to work together, to be tolerant, to take pride in each other's accomplishments and to understand that despite our differences we do share common goals. And through these interactions it is possible to make a difference. Though Rotary may be best known for its incredible work in ending polio, that effort is just the tip of an enormous pyramid of projects supported in local communities around the world by people just like me and clubs just like yours. And these projects do make a difference. Based on my experience, now when someone ask me "What is Rotary?" I tell them if you want to make a better world, Rotary is the place you want to be.

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## Convention comments ....

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sing "Let there Be Peace on Earth." Here we were singing about peace on earth holding hands with people from all over the earth. I cannot describe how meaningful that was.

*How will this affect my role as president?* No doubt I will be a better president. I have a more complete understanding of Rotary. Because of that, I feel more confident and directed in my role. It is a good thing as a leader of my club, to have had this experience. I hope it will be something that is possible for other PEs in future years. For me, it would not have happened without the financial generosity of the district and their encouragement that it is a good, important thing to do. I expected to enjoy the convention. I did not expect it to have such an impact on me. I think it should be a priority of every Rotarian. Again, I don't think I fully got what Rotary is until I went to the International Convention and saw Rotary worldwide under one roof. I knew the facts and numbers, but when you see things firsthand they become reality. You WILL leave different. There is no way around it.

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*District 6000 News* reached out to other convention attenders. Their responses:

#### Darlye Vegge, Ames Morning

First convention. I definitely liked the city of New Orleans!! My lasting impression was of journalist Penny LeGate entering the stage with her white flag and then going on to talk about Rotary NOT surrendering to polio. Attending the RI Convention helped me recall all of the good that Rotary does, especially in the fight against polio. So the good for me was the creation of appreciation and enthusiasm for the service portion of Rotary; I also think that the discussion about the Rotary strategic plan and also the workshop on public relations were beneficial for me.

I think that the incoming club president would be a good person to have attend if the person/club can afford it. It seemed to me that this whole conference is geared more to people who have advanced through the ranks of Rotary, i.e., those who are directly involved at the District level and above.

One of my disappointments was that there seemed to be a lot of empty time; if I am going to make the trip and have it do me some good, then I'd like to fill the time!! I also would like to have seen more "how to" workshops; as an incoming president, I was hungry for some good lessons. As I said though, the good was that the convention got me "revved up" for the upcoming year.

#### Verne Folkmann, Iowa City

It was not my first convention. Musical entertainment and speakers were my most lasting impressions. Attending an RI Convention could motivate me even more about Rotary, although I was motivated before or I would not have gone. Rotarians should definitely attend. It gives a person a broader view of the entire organization and all the things going on in the humanitarian services.

#### James Ahrens, Grinnell

It was my fourth convention. Bill Gates' speech was my most lasting impression. It showed what Rotarians can do. I learned a number of things relating the forthcoming emphasis on water quality and sustainability of projects. All Rotarians could profit from the learning opportunities of a convention as well as the contacts one can make and the fellowship enjoyed.



PDG Roger Borup (1997-98) and Pat were in attendance at the PDG holiday party in Washington, but have sold their house in Wellman and moved to Florida. Roger says they will be in Iowa at least part of the summers in their motor home. "If things go right, we'll be in an RV caravan to the Maritime Provinces part of July and August and expect to help with the Berger fall harvest." PDG Roger gave Service Above Self as our district accountant for many years and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity. Address: 2876 Oleander St., D6, St. James, FL 33956-2175. Ph. (239) 283-9943, (319) 321-6512.



Northwest Des Moines Rotarians with Santa, front (l-r): Chuck Corwin, Brenda Auxier-Mailey and Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski. Standing (l-r): Eric Dickinson, Gene Gabus, Ed Arnold (with Bear), Santa, Carolyn Nagel, Nancy Sample, Larry Sample, Wanda Armstrong, Vicki Foresman, and Dave Nagel. A fun and rewarding time was had by all.

## A 'Holly Jolly' Christmas

### By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines

On Nov. 28, several members of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines worked in Santa's Workshop, helping Santa spread holiday joy to hundreds of guests stopping to visit Santa after viewing the wonderful lighting display in Waterworks Park. Rotarians helped take photos of children with Santa, sold keepsakes of the evening, provided popcorn, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee to the guests.

For this writer, it was an absolute joy to watch the children enter the workshop and gaze in awe at the Christmas decorations replete with Santa's elves at work and play. The 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. shift seemed to go fast, but still allowed Rotarians to visit with the guests and each other. Proceeds go to support the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Conversations with many of the guests revealed that they had previous direct involvement on the receiving end of Make-a-Wish and were taking this opportunity to "give something back" by supporting the light festival and Santa's workshop. More than \$1,000 was raised for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Just another way for Rotarians to, "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity."





Nancy and PDG Gary Pacha made the West Liberty seminar international with guest Nenv Piragine of Argentina (c).



Rotarian Earl Shepard of Fairfield reports from the public relations breakout at the Mt. Pleasant seminar.



Connie Tjarks and Evie Redling of Maquoketa in District 5970 accepted our invitation to come to West Liberty.



**200 attend**



## Fall Seminars for training, fellowship

DG Don Patterson and the training committee convened seminars at Mt. Pleasant, Ankeny, West Liberty and Indianola in September.

Topics included The Rotary Foundation, membership, public relations and Rotary Youth Exchange.



Trainer Michael Schmitz demonstrated how clubs can enhance public relations with Facebook.



Ed Kiedaisch of Keokuk reports from a breakout session at Mt. Pleasant.



Rita Perea of Greater Des Moines Rotary (r) talked about Future Vision in plenary sessions at all four seminars.

## Teams plotting strategies for Bunny Harper Golf Tournament

**By Greg Kenyon/West Des Moines**

On June 6, 2011, Rotarians from District 6000 converged on the Elmwood County Club in Marshalltown to compete in the 32nd annual Bunny Harper Memorial District Golf Tournament.

In stroke play, Don Coffin from the Des Moines AM club was the medalist with a 71, followed closely by Jamie Bunn of the West Des Moines club. In the low net division, Terry McMitt of Ottumwa claimed the first prize by recording a net 65, followed by Tony Woods of the Des Moines AM club and Paul Weilage of the West Des Moines club.

The battle for the coveted Bunny Harper trophy was won by the West Des Moines club, as their four lowest gross scores bested the field. The four players who led the WDM contingent were Jamie Bunn, Todd Wishman, Paul Weilage and Larry Everett. The Des Moines AM club was the first runner-up and is already plotting strategy for 2012.

An attendance trophy is also awarded. It is awarded to the club who brings the most players the farthest distance. Calculating the winner requires a determination of the mileage from each club to the tournament site, multiplied by the number of players. After consulting a nationally recognized CPA firm, it was confirmed that the WDM club, with 11 players competing, edged out the seven players from Ottumwa. Great thanks to the host club Marshalltown and especially to their host committee and chairman Tom Apgar.

During the awards ceremony, participants were entertained by comments from the District Governor, Gary Welch, Patrick Apgar, a member of the club for over 50 years (and whose father was a founding member of the Marshalltown club) and Doug Robertson, son-in-law of the late Bunny Harper, a past district governor.

The 2012 event is slated for June 4 at the Preserve at Honey Creek on Lake Rathbun and will be co-hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Centerville and Albia. Mark your calendars!





The historic Salisbury House is 100 years old and was the location of a meeting of the Rotary Club of Des Moines to celebrate the centennial. Giving a history of the house and his experience with Rotary was Carl Weeks, played by Mark Toeppen of the Des Moines Playhouse.

## Rotary's heritage comes alive as Salisbury House celebrates its centennial

**By Sarah Trudeau/Des Moines**

Communications Intern

The Salisbury House in Des Moines was filled with nearly 130 Rotary members and their guests Thursday, Sept. 15 for the Salisbury House Centennial Celebration.

Guests took self-guided tours of this local treasure and enjoyed the special centennial display of our club's history while the Tango Trio from the Des Moines Symphony provided background music. As people began to eat dinner underneath white dimly light white tents, Carl Weeks, as portrayed by Des Moines Playhouse actor, Mark Toeppen, spoke about the history of his home and his experiences with Rotary.

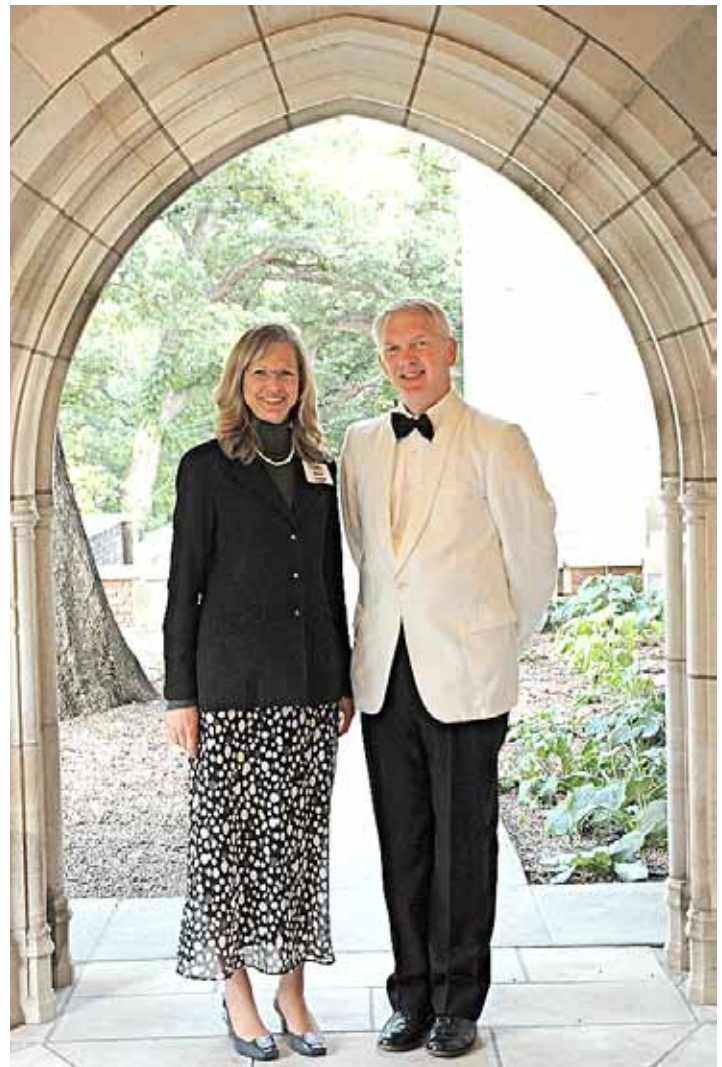
Weeks, of Pioneer Cosmetics, built the Salisbury House in 1928 and was an active member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines, serving as president in 1922-1923 and District Governor in 1923-24. Weeks spoke about the connection between his home, the location of the event, and Rotary saying, "I don't know how many of you know this, but many bricks and stones in my home came from Rotary clubs from around the world."

In fact, his home was modeled after another home he had seen while traveling in other parts of the world. Weeks and his wife, Edith, had their home designed to be similar to King's house in Salisbury, England.

While standing on his balcony looking down at the members in attendance, Weeks spoke about the value of Rotary in his time, and in ours.

"Twentieth century civilization, and for that matter Twenty-first Century, rests upon the foundation of good business and I look upon Rotary as the cement, growing stronger with age," said Weeks.

As the sun went down and people began to finish their dinners, Weeks closed by saying, "As I look back at the last 100 years of this group, I believe that you can be proud of how we have operated our lives and our businesses. Congratulations again on your 100-year anniversary and I'll see you all again in another hundred years."



Greeting guests as they entered the Salisbury House was Rotary Club of Des Moines president DeAnn Thompson, and Mark Toeppen of the Des Moines Playhouse, who portrayed Salisbury House founder and Rotary District Governor 1923-24, Carl Weeks.



Members of the Rotary Club of Des Moines enjoy dinner at sunset on the terrace of the Salisbury House.



# Sierra Leone orphanage aided by Sun Oven from Marshalltown Rotarians

By John Fink/Marshalltown

On Sept. 6, 2011, Jonathan's House Orphanage in Bo, Sierra Leone, received the Sun Oven that District 6000, The Rotary Club of Bo and the Rotary Club of Marshalltown partnered together in to make possible.

The idea was first thought of when Mike Schlesinger was president. The Rotary Foundation District 6000 Designated Funds and the Rotary Clubs of Bo and Marshalltown contributed financially to make this project happen.

The orphanage will be using the Sun Oven as follows:

1. Jonathan's House Orphanage purchases nearly 100 loaves of bread per day. The oven will save the orphanage money in the bread they need each day.

2. The Sun Oven will be used as a learning tool for their own children. These children will be participants in learning how to run a bread business by baking bread, developing a business plan for selling that bread (over their own needs), establishing a customer base and a mode for delivery, and a budget for the bread they sell.

3. The Sun Oven will be used for the preparation of other food at the orphanage, thereby saving them money on purchasing and transporting the wood they have to buy to cook.

We are a worldwide organization and thanks to you, we will be able to touch the lives of those in need.



The Sun Oven at Jonathan's House Orphanage in Bo, Sierra Leone, was provided with a Rotary Foundation matching grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Marshalltown.



The dedication of the Sun Oven was a happy occasion with Roger Hatch, the international director of Jonathan's House Orphanage.



PDG Ev Laning (r) shows DG Don Patterson an altar and the cross he built for the meditation room at The Village in Indianola where he lives. PDG Laning used cherry veneer and solid maple wood and it took him approximately six weeks to complete.



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## Kalona playground

Members of the Rotary Club of Kalona were invited to the Kalona Elementary playground ribbon cutting ceremony. The club donated \$6,650 towards the project over three years. The money represented the proceeds from the annual French Toast Breakfast held each spring.

(Provided by Pat Anderson, club president)



# 'What will they say about what we did here?'

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Lincoln (see photo on page 5).

District Governor Don Patterson presented a rare 100-year certificate from Rotary International to Hamann on behalf of the club, and Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator PDG Don Goering and District Rotary Foundation Chair Corliss Klaassen presented Bequest Society recognition to Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Club president Doug Peterson and his wife, Louann. (Louann's father, Harlan Pfaff of Fort Dodge, was District Governor in 1994 in District 5970.)

Past President Klingensmith said Rotary is "the world's premiere service club," whose 34,000 clubs render more than \$1 billion in service to their communities annually. "The genius of Rotary," he said, "is friendly service finding expression in the lives of Rotarians. Out of all the talk about football games and such at meetings comes a dynamic force for good in the world."

Hamann said the Davenport club, through

**W**hat will the people who sit in your seats 100 years from now say about what we did here? As iron sharpens iron, one generation sharpens another. How will you sharpen the next generations for the next 100 years of Rotary?

— *Command Sergeant Major Steve Blake*

its foundation, has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships in its first 100 years. Scholarship recipient Staib, who studied at Stanford and in Japan and received multiple patents for artificial intelligence computing, said the Davenport Rotary scholarship in 1988 was more than money. "It was Rotary saying 'go for your dreams and we'll be here for you.'"

Command Sergeant Major Blake, who led troops through difficult but successful missions in Iraq, equated military values with Rotary's Four-Way Test. "It's what you do that makes it worth fighting for — giving

loyalty and respect to something bigger than yourself," he said.

"What will the people who sit in your seats 100 years from now say about what we did here? ... As iron sharpens iron, one generation sharpens another. How will you sharpen the next generations for the next 100 years of Rotary?"

Blake said Rotary is like his mother's "must-go" soup served every Friday with all the left-over meats, vegetables and spices. "We're all different, and each person, each flavor, is important. Take one out and it isn't the same, but when you put us all together we can't be stopped."

Wrapping up the Veteran's Day theme, he said we all want the same things. "But democracy is not a final achievement; it is a call to sacrifice."

"The whole evening made me proud to be a Rotarian," remarked Maquoketa Rotary Club president Connie Tjarks to her club the next week.

Everyone in attendance would surely agree.



## Winning walkers at Indianola ...

Members of the Rotary Club of Indianola walked with more than 291,000 Iowans in the Start Somewhere Walk on Oct. 7. The club turned the walk into a fundraiser and asked members to vote for who they would like to see walk. Our winner, Todd Kielkoff (a new member) challenged the club for his walk and \$473 was raised for the club's Service Project Fund. Indianola Rotary members

support Gov. Branstad's "Healthiest State" initiative and have made a commitment for a stronger and healthier club. Pictured at right are members who walked, and the winners are in the photo at left (l-r): Mike Lindeburg, Todd Kielkoff and Bill Campbell. Stan Taylor is not pictured. He was out of town and paid for a new member to walk in his place!

(Provided by Deb Virkus, club president)





Harvesting, drying and bagging edible beans.



The Ugandan version of mechanized farming.



Rotary Volunteer Merle Anderson with bush farmers and an interpreter.

# Building a business plan for Ugandan farmers

**By Merle Anderson/North Scott**  
Rotary Volunteer

In mid September 2010, I traveled to Uganda for three weeks as a Rotary Volunteer. I was in Uganda to work with the Mukwano Oilseeds and Grain Division. My assignment was to teach the management team of Mukwano how to develop a Strategic Business Plan and then, I facilitated the planning process for them.

Uganda is a country in Central Africa that is approximately the size and shape of the state of Oregon. Kenya is east of Uganda, Sudan is to the north, the Republic of Congo is to the west and Lake Victoria and Tanzania is to the south. Lake Victoria is the second-largest fresh water lake in the world. It sources the Nile River which runs through ten countries.

Uganda is the 12th most populated country in the world (and only the size of Oregon). Some 33 million people live in Uganda with 3 million of them living in the capital city of Kampala. Kampala sits on the equator. Uganda's population in 1950 was 5 million. It is estimated that the population will grow to 103 million by 2050 and 167 million by 2100.

Uganda has many natural resources, including: copper, cobalt, crude oil, natural gas and good soil. They produce fruit, citrus, maize, soybeans, sunflowers, cassava, edible beans and some livestock, such as: goats, pigs, cattle and chickens. They export coffee, fish, fish products, tea, tobacco, cotton, beans and sesame.

Ugandans speak Swahili and English and various dialects of Luganda. There is 70 percent unemployment. The average income is \$460 per year, with 30 percent of the population living on less than \$1.00 per day. Most Ugandans only go to school from grades 1-7. Four huge issues facing Ugandans are HIV/AIDS, malaria, high rates of infant mortality and literacy. Life expectancy is 49 for males and 50 for females. The population is 84 percent Christian and 12 percent Islam.

Uganda suffered repression under Idi Amin and then Milton Obote in the 1970s and 1980s. They destroyed the economy and killed at least 500,000 Ugandans. Yoweri Museveni is the president of Uganda. He has already served as president for 25 years and was recently re-elected to another 5-year term.

Most of the population of Uganda lives in the bush in thatch-roof huts. The average Ugandan farmer owns, rents or leases six acres. Two of the acres are in bush (brush, weeds and trees). The other four acres are used to produce food. Uganda normally receives timely rains and has daytime temperatures in the 80s and overnight lows in the 60s. This allows Ugandan farmers to produce two crops per year.

Mukwano Oilseeds and Grain Division provides Ugandan farmers with quality soybean and sunflower seeds so they can grow crops that Mukwano buys from the farmers. Mukwano Oilseeds and Grain Division purchased the grain and then, crushes the soybeans and sunflowers and extracts oil used primarily for cooking. Mukwano has another division that refines, bottles and sells cooking oils. It allows Ugandan farmers to earn income for producing and marketing oilseeds and grain.

Much of the Strategic Business Plan focused on ways to help bush farmers turn more of their land into production, learn proper growing methods, and marketing their production.

Before I began helping the management team develop a business plan, I traveled in to the bush and interviewed farmers to see how they live and how they farm. The infrastructure in Uganda is very poor. Roads are mostly dirt paths. Every four or five miles is a "Center" where tribes gather for trading or bartering. Individual families live in three huts. One hut is for the mother and father, one hut is for the children and the other hut serves as a kitchen. Most Ugandan tribesmen eat one meal a day. A typical meal would include: corn meal boiled in water, edible beans boiled in water, fruit such as pineapple, banana or watermelon and maybe citrus such as oranges. Meat is rarely eaten, as they have no electricity, running water or refrigeration.

It is common for women to carry heavy loads on their heads, such as water, food and laundry. At the same time, they may have one or two children tied on. Very few have a bicycle or a motorcycle. Most Ugandans walk. They frequently carry water for up to two miles. The water is used for drinking and cooking. Bathing normally takes place in a pond or a creek.

There are many organizations in Uganda working to improve the lives of Ugandans. I found Ugandans to be hardworking, eager to learn and appreciative of the assistance they are given. I continue to correspond with the folks I worked with. They are now executing their business plan.

## Follow-up and a connection with the son of a Tipton Rotarian

*In November 2011, Merle reconnected with a lady in Lira, Uganda, who sent the letter below. She manages a small farm supply and grain marketing store. The "friend" she refers to is Craig Esbeck, the son of Tipton Rotarian Gordon and Jan Esbeck, who lives in Uganda and whom Merle met during his Rotary Volunteer experience.*

"Farmers Centre Ug Ltd- FACE is still fine with work progressing very well at our small holder farmers groups level, although the challenge is now with agricultural financing. Our country's economy is becoming more and more expensive with high agricultural financing of over 33 percent interest rate charged, and this makes the cost of everything high, slowing down operations. We are trying more harder to maintain our objectives and right on we have invested a lot in the grain warehouses, post-harvest grain cleaning/drying equipments and hoping to get a 20-60 mt ton capacity of maize milling plant a day to handle issues of value addition on the farmers products for the existing market.

"Mukwano is fine and David is fine too. we always meet at different form and we like to share ideas. Thank you for your concern on how we are doing and Uganda generally. We hope that one time you pay a visit to Lira Uganda in particular. Your friend's son above our office is also fine and I almost see him every morning as he is either going in or out of his office. Regards to your friends, family and our dear progressive farmers over there." *Thanks, Jannet*

# Litwillers' 'Bucket List' adventure raises funds for polio, Iowa M.O.S.T.

## ■ Bicycle ride from Pacific Ocean to Atlantic connects with Rotarians

By PDG Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

**D**ipping the rear tire in the Pacific Ocean at Hobuck Beach, Wash., PDG Cal Litwiller began his cycling trek across the continental United States on Memorial Day, May 30, 2011.

After 3,650 miles and 60 days of pedaling his TerraTrike tricycle, he dipped the front tire in the ocean, this time the Atlantic; all the while his wife, Rachel, took the helm behind the steering wheel transporting their supplies.

As a result of contributions from Rotarians and friends, the Litwillers were able to raise money for PolioPlus and Iowa MOST. They received \$1,712 for PolioPlus and \$1,300 for our District 6000 program, Iowa MOST (Miles Of Smiles Team).

"This has been on Cal's bucket list since 1996 when two ladies from Mt. Pleasant accompanied Chuck Offenburger to celebrate 150 years of the statehood of Iowa, and rode across the U.S.," said Rachel. "We were just looking for something a little different," says Cal.

Cal, a retired science teacher from Mt. Pleasant Community High School and Past District Governor for District 6000, is no stranger to cycling; he has completed RAGBRAI 11 times. RAGBRAI is *The Des Moines Register's* Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa.

The RAGBRAI tradition is for cyclists to dip their back tire in the Missouri River at the beginning of the race and upon reaching the Mississippi River the riders dunk the front tire of the bicycle to signify the end of the trek.

**T**he pair did a trial ride across the Natchez Trace through Mississippi and Tennessee in the spring of 2011 to determine if they were compatible for this type of experience. Due to this positive experience the Litwillers decided to embark on the cross-country expedition.

After snow removal had occurred on the Northern Cascade Mountain Pass, the couple began their trip on Memorial Day, May 30. The ride began with Cal dipping a tire, in true RAGBRAI fashion, in the Pacific Ocean at the western most point of the lower 48 states at Hobuck Beach near Cape Flattery, Washington.

Cal then rode his TerraTrike, a three-wheeled recumbent tricycle, across the Pacific Northwest and Midwest arriving in Mt. Pleasant July 7, after logging 2,375 miles on the nose when the couple arrived in Mt. Pleasant.

The scenery of Washington, the Cascades (5400 ft.), Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams, and Montana, the snow-capped continental divide mountains as well as all of the prairie lands, were breathtaking at times. The Dakotas and Iowa had their usual beauty due to their expansive farmlands.

The Litwillers decided to stay around in Mt. Pleasant until the middle of September, through the heat of the summer.

The second leg of the trip began Sept. 18 and concluded 1,275 miles later, on Oct. 15 at Cape Henlopen, Del., near Lewes, Del. There, Cal dipped the front tire in the Atlantic Ocean; completing



PDG 2009-10 Cal Litwiller, with Rachel at his side, dips the wheels of his Terra Trike tricycle in the Atlantic Ocean to complete a cross-country ride that connected with Rotarians and raised funds for PolioPlus and Iowa Miles Of Smiles.

the journey.

When asked what he did to pass the time along the 3,650 miles Cal answered, "I'm not one to listen to radio. I didn't have music, especially on a highway. You just watch the miles go by and being a farm kid you're always curious to see what's going on in the fields around you and what people are doing."

During the first two thirds of the trip Cal pedaled roughly 70 miles each day, averaging about 10-12 miles an hour. Cal rode 100 miles one day just to say I did it, and had three 90-mile days.

**O**n a typical day Cal would bike from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., depending on the light of day. He would bike seven days straight and then take a day to relax. On days off, the couple visited with friends or took time to see local historical attractions.

Rachel was always somewhere in the vicinity during the ride, usually within 20 miles either ahead or behind him. On the road she would occasionally stop to visit antique shops or boutiques, or take photos of wildlife.

On numerous occasions heading east from Iowa, Cal rode on bike trails. During this time the couple kept in touch using cellular phones, when service was available that is. Ironically, they always seemed to arrive at a prescribed destination within minutes of each other.

The Litwillers used Adventure Cycling maps to plan the route from the Pacific to Iowa and the bike feature on Google-maps to plan the eastern route from Iowa to the Atlantic. They found that going with few people makes travel easier. "As soon you involve more people there's more decisions."

Highways, bike trails, country roads and former canal paths were

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# Scenery is 'breathtaking'

LITWILLERS/continued

all part of the trip. Cal road along the tow path of the Hennepin and I & M Canals in Illinois, the Great Alleghany Passage (GAP) trail from Pittsburgh, PA to Cumberland, MD, and the C & O Canal, which follows the Potomac River into Georgetown, Washington D.C., to name a few.

The stop in Pittsburgh served two purposes; one to satisfy Cal's interest in seeing the Pittsburgh Steelers Heinz Field, and two, because this is the beginning of the GAP trail. The GAP trail is an abandoned railroad that has been turned into a bike trail going from Pittsburgh to Cumberland. Since this is an abandoned railroad, it doesn't have many ups and downs. The C & O Canal tow path was flat as well, taking Cal through the Appalachian Mountains with few major climbs.

Only one close call occurred on the TerraTike. It was in west central South Dakota, involving a semi-trailer grain truck and a pickup pulling an antique two-row corn picker. Other than that, just flat tires, one blown tire and a tire that acquired a slit were the only mechanical bumps in the road.

Rain only caused problems for three days during the first 5½ weeks of the ride. During the second third the Litwillers had to contend with rain for nearly a solid week through Indiana and Ohio. Cal had his rain gear to contend with the rain and just keep going. "It wasn't something that I wanted to let slow me down, so we kept going," Cal says. "We learned where guest laundry services were in hotels," Rachel noted.

The scenery seemed to be well worth the hours of traveling. One of the most breathtaking spots was during the first half of the expedition. Cal was heading out across the prairie and came through a little bit of a ravine. He came up on the ridge and happened to look in his mirror and caught a glimpse of the Continental Divide Mountains. He stopped and got off his hike and looked. It was the Rockies from one end to the other snowcapped. "Pure breathtaking beauty."

To summarize the trip, Rachel says that she thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful scenery, which resulted in taking numerous scenic photos in addition to some bird watching along the way. Rachel says that it was special being on back road America. "We weren't whizzing by at 70 miles per hour."

If you are interested in reading more you can go to their blog where written entries and many photos can be found. The blog is online at [www.litwilleradventures.blogspot.com](http://www.litwilleradventures.blogspot.com).



The Rotary Club of Albia bought and installed playground equipment at the local city park. In a separate project, the club raised \$1,550 at its annual hog roast in support of scholarships to local students. (Provided by Tony Humeston)

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## Two ways to shop and raise funds for polio

District 6000 has two ways you can buy gifts and raise funds for PolioPlus:

1. The Rotary cookbook is a PERFECT fundraiser before Christmas! The Rotary International Cookbook, approved by Rotary International, costs \$12.00 (includes shipping and handling) and \$5.00 goes to PolioPlus. You can order individually or as a club. Questions should be directed to PDG Cal and Rachel Litwiller at [rlitwiller@yahoo.com](mailto:rlitwiller@yahoo.com), or call (319) 385-8440.
2. The Simon Estes CD, "Save The Children," costs \$15 but \$5 of that comes back to Rotary to help the Polio cause. If your club is interested in offering these as a fundraiser or you just want to buy some for gifts for Christmas or any time, contact Thomas Brooke of the Rotary Club of West Liberty [tmbrooke@Lcom.net](mailto:tmbrooke@Lcom.net), or call (319) 627-7124..

## Picnic, concert at Keosauqua

The Rotary Club of Keosauqua sponsored "Picnic in the Park" and a band concert on Sunday, Sept. 11 at the Keosauqua City Park. The event drew a crowd of 280 with over \$3,000 in net proceeds raised from the picnic and pie auction. Proceeds from the event will be used to help finance new children's equipment in the Keosauqua City Park. The club thanks members of the Tarnished Brass Band, Fire Department, Legion, Kids at Play Committee, Vicki Robertson, Mike and Jeanette Goehring, Sydney Atwood and Emily Jester.

# Rotary Foundation Annual giving

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(Members: Jul 10/Jul 11)	(1) 11- 12 Goal	(2) Thru 12-6-11	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (28/26)	\$ 2,400	60	3	\$ 2.31
Albia (32/28)	1,840	775	42	27.68
Ames Morning (61/61)	8,450	2,925	35	47.95
Ames (237/230)	30,000	7,800	26	33.91
Ankeny (63/62)	9,000	25	0	0.40
Atlantic (65/64)	4,725	522	11	8.16
Bettendorf (101/113)	12,720	6,975	55	61.73
Bloomfield (14/14)	1,600	0.00	0	0.00
Boone (54/52)	6,270	1,825	29	35.10
Burlington (90/85)	7,440	4,550	61	53.53
Carroll (56/55)	5,700	75	1	1.36
Centerville (40/41)	3,360	885	26	21.59
Chariton (57/53)	5,500	2,750	50	51.89
Clinton (115/116)	9,435	3,850	41	33.19
Coon Rapids (23/29)	1,250	0.00	0	0.00
Coralville-North Corridor (27/22)	2,662	350	13	15.91
Corning (49/48)	2,800	1,573	56	32.78
Corydon (17/20)	380	100	26	5.00
Creston (21/19)	525	50	10	2.17
Dallas Center (26/26)	2,600	0	0	0.00
Davenport (133/132)	13,100	13,044	100	98.08
Decatur County (20/25)	5,000	0	0	0.00
Des Moines AM (138/139)	13,500	2,000	15	14.39
Des Moines (306/294)	22,500	6,625	29	22.53
East Polk County (41/42)	2,000	2,125	106	50.60
Fairfield (65/60)	6,930	1,305	19	21.75
Fort Madison (58/52)	5,200	0	0	0.00
Greater Des Moines (44/37)	4,300	75	2	1.97
Grinnell (31/33)	3,100	0	0	0.00
Indianola (45/50)	4,700	0	7	7.00
Iowa City AM (55/55)	7,950	40	1	0.73
Iowa City Downtown (18/19)	450	0	0	0.00
Iowa City (297/303)	27,000	23,600	87	77.89
Iowa Quad-Cities (48/47)	2,990	350	12	7.45
Jefferson (54/53)	5,500	0	0	0.00
Johnston (49/53)	4,700	100	2	1.89
Kalona (45/43)	5,170	1,600	31	37.21
Keokuk (87/84)	8,700	2,100	24	25.61
Keosauqua (24/26)	1,890	1,361	72	52.35
Knoxville (67/63)	6,200	0	0	0.00
Lenox (26/23)	600	350	58	15.23
Manning (20/22)	2,000	0	0	0.00
Marengo (12/10)	390	0	0	0.00
Marshalltown (168/158)	11,000	15,219	138	96.32
Mount Pleasant Noon (37/51)	2,100	1,415	67	27.75
Mt. Pleasant (28/24)	3,200	0	0	0.00
Muscatine (125/117)	17,400	3,025	17	25.85
Nevada (61/66)	7,700	0	0	0.00
Newton (72/72)	8,140	200	2	2.86
North Scott (96/91)	11,760	6,696	57	73.58
Northwest Des Moines (51/49)	5,733	200	3	4.08
Osceola (30/28)	1,350	0	7	3.57
Oskaloosa (50/55)	5,400	0	0	0.00
Ottumwa (100/98)	10,800	0	0	0.00
Pella (39/40)	4,510	0	22	25.64
Perry (26/29)	540	0	0	0.00
Tipton (24/28)	3,000	150	5	5.36
Washington (61/55)	6,930	200	3	3.64
Waukee (48/50)	5,100	1,650	32	33.00
Wellman (37/36)	4,070	705	17	19.58
West Des Moines (74/71)	8,280	381	5	5.37
West Liberty (37/39)	8,200	2,250	27	57.69
Winterset (30/29)	2,400	0	0	0.00
<b>Total (4,053/4,015)</b>	<b>\$ 400,140</b>	<b>\$ 123,307</b>	<b>30.82</b>	<b>\$ 30.70</b>

(\*) Interim Report

## Foundation news

### D-6000 all-time giving to Rotary Foundation is \$11.8 million!

**By PDG Corliss Klaassen/Chariton**  
District Rotary Foundation Chair

In 2010-11 our district gave \$409,184 to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Congratulations to PDG Gary Welch and his Foundation Committee because our district came in second out of 12 districts in Zone 28 in total giving to the Annual Programs Fund. We were also able to give 20 percent (\$49,960.00) of our DDF to PolioPlus. Rotarians from District 6000 also gave \$36,055 to the Permanent Fund and \$19,404 to PolioPlus.

If you would go into Member Access on the RI website, as Bill Koellner did for me, and compile all the statistics from the Club Recognition Summary, you would end up with some interesting facts. On a positive note, it is hard to comprehend, but our district's "All Time Giving" to The Rotary Foundation is \$11,866,097.

Among our current membership, 2,174 are Paul Harris Fellows, 104 are Benefactors, 58 are Bequest Society Members and 36 are Major Donors. Also 3,464 have donated at least one time to The Rotary Foundation, but can you imagine 554 have NEVER contributed a cent to any of the three Foundation programs; the Annual Programs Fund; a Matching Grant; or PolioPlus.

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**Recognition Points:** On Oct. 1, 2011, The Rotary Foundation changed how recognition points will be awarded. In the past, Foundation recognition points were only awarded once the donor became a Paul Harris Fellow. Now, Foundation recognition points will be given for EVERY dollar contributed to the Foundation.

Remember, Foundation recognition points will be given for every dollar contributed to not only the Annual Programs Fund, but also contributions made to PolioPlus and the sponsor's portion of a Matching Grant.

Because of this change, your club members will be receiving many more points.

How will your club and its members use these points?

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## Use of Recognition Points changed

### FOUNDATION/continued

Maybe these points could be used to challenge other Rotarians who don't contribute to the Foundation to start giving.

Maybe you could offer 100 of your points if they would agree to become a Sustaining Member. (A Sustaining Member is someone who contributed \$100 to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation every year).

Whatever you do with your points is up to you, but I would encourage you to use them to challenge other Rotarians by being creative in the use of these points.

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**Donating Made Easy:** The Rotary Foundation has made it easier for you to make a contribution. In the past, you had to fill out a TRF-Direct (998-EN-US) form if you wanted to set up a recurring-giving program. Now all you have to do is go on to the Rotary Web site ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)) and click on the tabs located at the top of the page which says "CONTRIBUTE." It then walks you step by step through the process.

One of the first options is to decide which fund you want to contribute to. Your choices are The Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus Fund or the Permanent Fund.

If you choose Annual Programs Fund, we hope you will check Annual Fund SHARE because half of those dollars come back to District 6000. Your next option is how much you wish to contribute, and then whether you want to make a one-time contribution or a multiple contribution, for example: 1) Monthly; 2) Quarterly; 3) Semi-annually; or 4) Annually. Then it will ask for billing information which would be your credit card information.

If you would just try it once, you will be surprised how easy it is to make a contribution to The Rotary Foundation!



DGE Terry Geiger and Peggy (l) were presented at the Institute in Lombard, Ill., by PDG Diana Reed and her husband, Rick Rarick. PDG Reed also served as a trainer for Governor-Elect Training..



The "Rally In Chicago" Rotary Institute at Lombard, Ill., Sept. 8-11 had a baseball theme and districts who gave the most to The Rotary Foundation were recognized. PDGs Corliss Klaassen and Gary Welch accepted honors for District 6000 which was second highest in the Zone 28 in total giving to the Annual Programs Fund.

## Make a difference with year-end giving

By John Hewko/General Secretary  
Rotary International

Year-end is often a time for celebration, reflection and for taking steps to reaffirm and support your principles and values. It is a time when most of us engage in financial planning and deciding which charities to support financially. As 2011 winds down, I wanted to share two ways of supporting The Rotary Foundation, which could help you meet your charitable and financial objectives at the same time.

1) You may wish to consider a gift of appreciated securities – common stock, bonds or mutual funds. A gift of appreciated securities allows you to continue your generous support of Rotary Foundation activities, avoid unnecessary capital gains tax and receive a full income tax deduction.

To make a gift of appreciated securities to The Rotary Foundation this year, please review our Publicly Traded Securities leaflet, or contact our Fund Development staff at [giftadministration@rotary.org](mailto:giftadministration@rotary.org) or call (847) 866-3100.

2) If you are 70-1/2 or older, the IRA

charitable rollover is a provision that allows certain individuals in the United States to make tax-free distributions of up to \$100,000 from an IRA directly to charity. The opportunity to use the rollover is set to expire Dec. 31, 2011.

To make a gift to The Foundation from your IRA, download the IRA transfer forms, or contact us using the information above.

When you give to your Rotary Foundation, you will likely never meet the beneficiaries of your care – never shake their hands, never see their faces. Still, your support is changing their lives by: preventing diseases like polio; providing training to community leaders to prevent conflict; increasing access to clean water; improving child health; reducing gender disparity in education; and fostering economic development.

I wish to personally thank you for your significant and continued support of The Rotary Foundation. The generosity and commitment of Rotarians and friends like you is making a lasting difference in our world.

Thank you again, and all the best in the year ahead.

## Fulfilling our promise to eradicate polio

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challenge to the polio eradication effort is a funding shortage.

Addressing that shortage, Rotary is working to raise \$200 million in response to a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. All of the resulting \$555 million will support crucial immunization activities in countries where polio still threatens children. Rotary club members worldwide already have raised in excess of \$185 million toward the \$200 million challenge.

Over the past 26 years, Rotary's 1.2 million members in 200 countries and regions, including the 15 clubs in the Quad-City area, have contributed more than \$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to help im-

mune more than 2 billion children in 120 countries. Rotary also reaches out to governments worldwide to obtain vital financial and technical support. Since 1995, donor governments have contributed in excess of \$8 billion to polio eradication, due in part to Rotary's advocacy efforts.

The commitment of Rotary volunteers worldwide demonstrates the extraordinary role civil society can play in improving global health. Right now, in honor of World Polio Day, Rotary clubs around the globe are doing their part to raise awareness and critically needed funds to vanquish the disease forever.

Once eradicated, polio will join smallpox as the only two human diseases ever eradicated, fulfilling Rotary's promise to create a polio-free world.

# News Briefs

**Xicotepec:** District 6000 will be sending a team of nearly 80 Rotarians, youths and University of Iowa service learning faculty and students to Xicotepec, Mexico, during spring break March 10-18, 2012, reports project coordinator Jim Peterson. This will be the Xicotepec Project's tenth year of humanitarian service and friendships in the eastern Mexican village.

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**International Assembly:** DGE Terry Geiger and Peggy will be District 6000's representatives at the 2012 International Assembly, Jan. 15-21 in San Diego, Calif. They will spend the week with Rotary's 530 incoming district governors to receive training, build friendships and to hear the theme and goals of 2012-13 RI President Sakuji Tanaka of Japan. The Past Officers' Reunion will be held in conjunction with the Assembly at the San Diego Hyatt.

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**RI Convention:** The 2012 Rotary International Convention will be May 6-9 in Bangkok, Thailand. The earlybird registration deadline is past, but you may still pre-register by March 31 at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

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**AG Training:** DGE Terry Geiger has scheduled Assistant Governor Training for March 1 in Rochester, Minn., the day before Multi-District PETS.

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**PR:** Rotary International has approved a \$30,000 Public Relations Grant for Districts 5970 and 6000 in Iowa for a corporate partnership with Iowa Public TV. Rotary's "Humanity In Motion" messages will air 928 times starting soon and continuing in



"Couldn't resist sending this photo in," writes Peggy Geiger. "A future Rotarian? Nora is the daughter of two members of the Rotary Club of Decatur County, Sarah and Will Hobin, who have been in the club a little over a year."

2012 on Iowa Press, Washington Week In Review, the Newshour with Jim Lehrer, Nightly Business Report, Nova, and PBS specials. Rotarians will also be involved with Iowa Public TV's FESTIVAL. It is the fifth consecutive year that the two districts have partnered on PR grants. The grants were written by District 6000 PR chair, PDG Bill Tubbs.

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**PR:** One of the extraordinary PR initiatives this year was a full-page ad in the *Corridor Business Journal* paid for by Rotarians from the Iowa City area, showing we are "this close" to eradicating polio. Watch for it in the next issue of *District 6000 News!*

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**RI Director:** The Zone 28 Nominating Committee has selected PDG Mary Beth Growney-Selene of Madison, Wis., to serve on the RI Board of Directors for a two-year term starting July 1, 2012. She will succeed Director Betsy Demaray of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. PDG Cal Litwiller was District 6000's delegate to the Nominating Committee.

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**RRFC:** The Zone 28 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for 2012-2015 will be Richard (Dick) Galitz of Naperville, Ill. Dick was the DG of District 6450 in 1995-96 and played an integral part in the success of the Centennial Convention in Chicago in 2005. He will succeed PDG Don Goering of Ames who will complete three years as RRFC on June 30, 2012. The RRFC helps districts to build Foundation support.

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**Winter Retreat:** The District 6000 Rotary Youth Exchange Winter Retreat will be Jan. 14-15 at Camp Wesley Woods near Indianola.

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**President:** Debra Scott is the new president of the Rotary Club of Bloomfield.

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**Project Fairs:** There are three Rotary project fairs coming up in early 2012 that will afford wonderful Rotary International fellowship:

- District 4240 (El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica & Panama) Playa Jaco, Puntarenas, Costa Rica: Jan. 26-29; <http://sites.google.com/site/costaricaprojectfair>

- Districts 4180, 4190 & 4200 (Southern Mexico) Oaxaca, Mexico; Jan. 26-28; YouTube video of the 2011 fair [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7y\\_urGkj7A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7y_urGkj7A)

- District 4250 (Belize, Guatemala and Honduras) Tegucigalpa, Honduras: Feb. 2-4.

If you are interested in attending one of the project fairs and would like to be in touch with others from our district who are attending, please contact Brock Earnhardt at [brockearnhardt@hotmail.com](mailto:brockearnhardt@hotmail.com).

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**Program:** The Rotary Club of Des Moines AM is expecting a large crowd for its meeting on Friday, Dec. 30, at the Wakonda Club at which Newt Gingrich will be the speaker. They are requesting reservations. RSVP to Kevin McLaughlin at [kevinm@bdfs.com](mailto:kevinm@bdfs.com).

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**Honored:** Gerald Klonglan of Ames, emeritus sociology professor and retired associate dean who earned bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in rural sociology in 1958, 1962 and 1963, received the Iowa State University Alumni Service Award.



Past, present and future governors held their annual holiday party at Café Dodici in Washington Nov. 12, front (l-r): Terry Geiger, Dale Belknap, Susan Herrick, Don Patterson, Jacque Andrew, Roger Borup, Cal Litwiller; back: Bill Tubbs, Denny Skinner, Corliss Klaassen, Del Bluhm, Ken Noble, Bill Reese, Herb Wilson and Don Goering.





Can anybody beat this! DG Don Paterson presented a pin for 49 years of perfect attendance to Davenport Rotarian Ralph Heninger (r) during his official visit with the club on Nov. 7.

## Letter

**Meals from the Heartland:** On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Meals from the Heartland, thank you for your continued, generous support of this organization. For me to say "thank you" doesn't begin to share what is in our hearts at Meals from the Heartland. We all praise God and thank Him for the support that has allowed for the feeding of millions of people.

With your financial gift of \$2,073 on 6/19/11 and the continued help of volunteers across Central Iowa coming together, Meals from the Heartland continues to package and ship meals to hungry people around the world and right here in Central Iowa ...

At Meals from the Heartland, our vision and hope is that every meal is reaching a child who otherwise may not have food to eat. Our mission is "empowering people to feed the starving," which with your contribution we are helping children one life at a time. Again, please accept our deepest thanks!

Blessings,

Mark Acilts, president

Meals from the Heartland

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**DISTRICT CONFERENCE**  
**APRIL 12-14, 2012**  
**RIVERSIDE CASINO & RESORT**  
**Save the Date; Watch For Details!**



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## CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

August 2011 - October 2011

CLUB	AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	66.00%	32	61.00%	36	63.00%	25
Albia	56.60%	40	54.20%	44	56.70%	40
Ames	61.00%	36	66.00%	27	58.00%	37
Ames Morning	54.50%	42	55.80%	42	51.70%	45
Ankeny	72.24%	20	71.24%	19	73.16%	16
Atlantic	45.90%	53	47.08%	50	41.80%	51
Bettendorf	70.80%	22	70.50%	21	77.00%	12
Bloomfield	52.00%	46				53
Boone	53.00%	45	59.00%	38	52.00%	44
Burlington	76.80%	13	89.40%	4	78.40%	11
Carroll	70.40%	23	62.00%	33	48.00%	48
Centerville	57.00%	38	53.00%	45	57.00%	39
Chariton	72.73%	18	60.22%	37	59.71%	32
Clinton	53.16%	44	43.91%	52	59.70%	34
Coon Rapids			75.00%	13		53
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00%	1	98.00%	1	100.00%	1
Corning	68.00%	29	68.00%	24	71.00%	18
Corydon	49.00%	50	64.00%	30	55.00%	41
Creston	49.00%	49	46.00%	51	65.00%	24
Dallas Center	75.00%	17	70.00%	22	65.00%	24
Davenport	61.47%	35	42.45%	53	45.05%	49
Decatur County	69.00%	26	73.00%	16	68.00%	22
Des Moines	56.66%	39	61.46%	34	62.84%	26
Des Moines A.M.	50.00%	48	63.00%	32	54.00%	42
East Polk County	51.98%	47	51.25%	47	62.58%	27
Fairfield	43.98%	55				53
Fort Madison			66.50%	26	52.90%	43
Greater Des Moines	82.00%	7	50.00%	48	52.00%	44
Grinnell	76.00%	16	68.00%	24	69.00%	21
Indianola			56.77%	41	66.67%	23
Iowa City	38.86%	56	40.47%	54	37.57%	52
Iowa City A.M.	78.60%	10	74.03%	15	73.25%	15
Iowa City Downtown	89.47%	3	82.89%	7	92.41%	4
Iowa Quad-Cities	71.10%	21	66.52%	25	62.50%	28
Jefferson	67.00%	31	66.00%	27	69.00%	21
Johnston	72.65%	19	72.45%	17	72.62%	17
Kalona	68.40%	27	93.50%	2	85.90%	7
Keokuk	48.48%	51	49.76%	49	50.30%	46
Keosauqua	61.80%	34	77.20%	11	57.71%	29
Knoxville	68.33%	28	65.83%	28	60.45%	31
Lenox	86.00%	6	83.00%	6	81.00%	9
Manning	76.00%	15	81.00%	8	75.00%	14
Marengo	76.00%	14	81.00%	8	92.00%	7
Marshalltown	45.53%	54	52.16%	46	50.00%	47
Mount Pleasant Noon	54.90%	41	61.06%	35	62.50%	28
Mt. Pleasant	80.00%	9	78.00%	10	86.00%	6
Muscatine	46.18%	52	57.32%	40	43.45%	50
Nevada					70.76%	19
Newton			63.20%	31		53
North Scott	86.47%	5	84.21%	5	82.16%	8
Northwest Des Moines	77.78%	11	79.00%	9	80.86%	10
Osceola	62.96%	33	58.33%	39	59.26%	33
Oskaloosa	80.10%	8	71.40%	18		53
Ottumwa	54.07%	43	74.54%	14	57.36%	38
Pella	67.00%	30	69.00%	23	61.00%	30
Perry			55.00%	43		53
Tipton			55.00%	43	58.40%	35
Washington	60.85%	37	75.86%	12	58.17%	36
Waukee	87.50%	4			95.31%	3
Wellman	92.22%	2	89.58%	3	97.86%	2
West Des Moines	77.16%	12	70.92%	20	75.20%	13
West Liberty	70.00%	25	66.00%	27	71.00%	18
Winterset	70.15%	24	65.80%	29	70.16%	20

**Auctions:** Clubs are invited to submit stories, pictures and comments about their successful auctions for the next issue of *District 6000 News*. To report your club's news, send Word documents and free-standing high resolution .jpg photos to: [btubbs@northscottpress.com](mailto:btubbs@northscottpress.com). The deadline is Feb. 24. Questions? PDG Bill Tubbs, (563) 285-8111, or Jacque Andrew, (515) 386-2114; or Karin Franklin, (319), 321-8261.

### The Four-Way Test

(of the things we Think, Say or Do)

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

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# Club leaders' checklist

*From DG Don Patterson . . .*

- Secretaries submit your **2012-13 officers** to RI and District administrator Carolyn Scharff (both, please!) by Dec. 31.
- Register your 2012-13 club president to attend **Multi-District P.E.T.S.** March 2-3 in Rochester, Minn. (p. 4).
- Watch for registration information for **District Conference**, April 12-14 at Riverside ([www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org)).
- Encourage your president-elect and all members to register for the **Rotary International Convention** May 6-9 in Bangkok, Thailand (p. 18-20).
- Provide information to your members about opportunities for year-end giving to **The Rotary Foundation** and about changes in **Recognition Points** (p. 28-29).
- Identify projects and plan activities, including membership development, to achieve 2011-12 RI President Kalyan Banerjee's **Presidential Citation** ([www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org)).
- Plan activities and create awareness in your community of Rotary's campaign to **eradicate polio** and to raise funds to meet or exceed your club's commitment (p. 6-7).
- Contact **GSE** inbound chairman Mark Snell or GSE chairman Lynn Hicks if your club would like to host a team from New Zealand in April of 2012 (p. 12).
- Ask your members to host an inbound **Rotary Youth Exchange** student in 2012-13 (p. 10-11).
- Nominate a worthy member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** (p. 4).
- Tell your members about opportunities for cultural exchanges with **Rotary Friendship Exchange** (p. 9).
- Watch for an announcement of 2012 **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** and plan to sponsor students (p. 8).
- Tell members about the opportunity to buy **Rotary cookbooks** and the **Simon Estes CD** (p. 27).
- Promote literacy projects, including the **"I Can Read Song"** DVD (p. 12).
- Encourage members to attend a **Project Fair** (p. 30).
- Promote attendance and report your **attendance** monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 31).
- **Submit news** of your club's successes or upcoming events by Feb. 24, 2012 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacque Andrew (Jefferson).
- **"Celebrate Rotary," enjoy the holidays and Have Fun!**