

District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Terry Geiger, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –
Second Quarter (October-November-December 2012)

Membership: The lifeblood of Rotary

By DG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

Over the last five months Peg and I have traveled District 6000 from end to end as we visited all 64 clubs in this great district. What we found were caring Rotarians in all their communities who are always working on "Peace Through Service."



Terry Geiger
District Governor

For the welcome and hospitality you offered us in our visits, we sincerely say "thank you," and thank you for being Rotarians.

When we visited each of your clubs, we talked about membership, membership development and membership retention, and how important it is if we are to continue to be able to do the many great things in our communities and around the world.

We must all remember that every one of us as Rotarians is a part of the membership committee. There are some clubs in the dis-

trict that emphasize the importance with membership challenges to bring in new members, and their numbers reveal that a proactive approach reaps rewards.

There are some clubs that emphasize the importance of retaining members by getting new members immediately involved in club activities or providing mentors to the new members. All these activities contribute to the success of club membership.

What is your club doing? You need to look at your own membership practices and evaluate it for yourself.

Rotary International is well aware of the membership crises that we are facing and has given clubs the ability to "try new things." Have you looked at the possibility of using the associate member strategy? Have you looked at the possibility of corporate memberships in your club? These are new ways clubs can help with their membership development.

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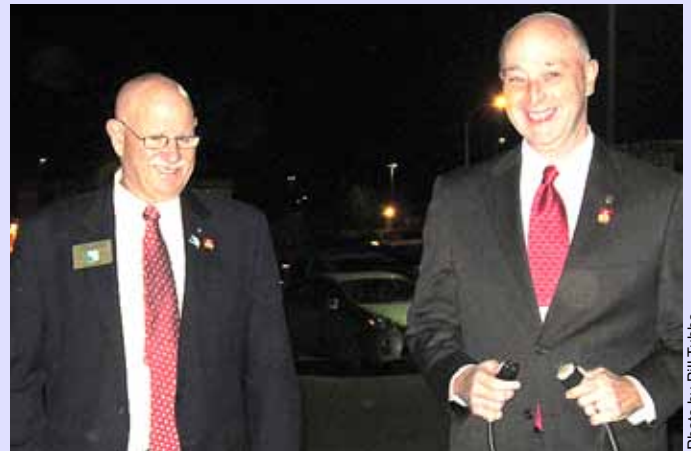


Photo by Bill Tubbs

Foundation celebration ...

Rotary International Director-Elect Larry Lunsford of Kansas City (above, with DG Terry Geiger) connected the circuit to shine "End Polio Now" on the West Des Moines Marriott for the first annual District 6000 Rotary Foundation Banquet Nov. 17. Celebrating the lighting (left photo) were (l-r): Lunsford and his wife, Jill; Peggy and District Governor Terry Geiger; Jim and District Governor-Elect Jacques Andrew; District Governor Nominee John Ockenfels; and District PR chair PDG Bill Tubbs, who wrote the grant for the lighting. More pictures from the banquet are on pages 8-9.

Rotary arranges for Hurricane Sandy relief

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Look at your club and decide whether you are attractive to younger members and if you are not, what can you do to make it desirable for younger men and women to join your club? One of my goals is to increase women members in District 6000 by at least 50. Is your club looking at women in business as potential members for your club?

Past District Governor Gary Welch once said to me that during his year as governor (2010-2011), he wishes his one and only goal would have been to increase membership. I commend Gary for that statement because as the title of this article says, "Membership is the lifeblood of Rotary." Without blood, we die and without members, we also still die. To those of you who have made it a priority, I truly thank you.

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Hurricane Sandy Relief: I made an appeal a couple weeks ago to Rotary clubs and Rotarians in District 6000 to aid those affected by the terrible Hurricane Sandy in the eastern United States.

In 2008, people in Iowa were devastated by floods and at that time, Rotarians from all around the world sent aid to us to offset some of the tragic losses as a result of those floods. So now again, it is time for us to support those in need, as we were supported.

Since I made the appeal, Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in District 6000 have donated over \$3,000 to the Sandy Relief Fund and for all of you, I sincerely thank you. That money was sent directly to Rotary clubs of Staten Island who will use the funds as they see fit to aid those who need it the most. This is a long term recovery so we are still accepting funds to help in the effort.

If you still wish to contribute, please make your tax deductible check payable to HEF with "Sandy Relief" on the memo line. Send it to Sandy Pickup, 818 3rd Avenue, Iowa City, Iowa 52245.



"Peace Through Service" is RI President Sakuji Tanaka's theme, and District 6000 inbound Youth Exchange students from many nations formed a human peace symbol at the Oct. 26 "pumpkin carving" event at the fairgrounds in Indianola. The event and lunch were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Indianola. More pictures are on page 14-15.

Photo by Peggy Geiger



Rotary Club of Grinnell president Bruce Blankenfeld and Grinnell Rotarians are busy collecting shoes for South Africa to answer District Governor Terry Geiger's roll call of clubs at District Conference.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

Bring your shoes to District Conference at Honey Creek!

By DG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

Peggy and I want to extend an invitation to all Rotarians to attend our wonderful District Conference April 11-13. We have a great lineup of events and presenters for you to enjoy and also to learn about the activities in District 6000 and Rotary around the world.

Our venue is the beautiful Honey Creek Resort which has a myriad of amenities for your enjoyment. Tops on the list are the indoor water park, so we are encouraging you to bring your families for them to enjoy. There is a beautiful 18-hole golf course on which we will be having a golf outing on Thursday for the golfers. It is a wonderful setting for a resort, so come to southern Iowa!

Some of the stars of the show will be Past Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith, Dr. Jim Blessman who will be talking about his work in South Africa, and our various youth groups will all be featured on Friday as "Youth Day." These will include the inbound and outbound Youth Exchange students, and the Interactors who will be celebrating 50 years in Rotary.

Entertainment will feature the Folkloriko Dancers from Mexico and many other activities such as a silent and live auction, music, and most importantly an opportunity for fellowship with other Rotarians.

Finally, we have our shoe project that we have been promoting as we traveled the district visiting all 64 clubs. We are asking all clubs to bring to the conference as many pairs of new shoes as they have members in their club. The shoes will be gathered around the fireplace to then be shipped to South Africa in support of the Blessman Ministries efforts. We will have a roll call of shoes where clubs will answer their call with the number of pairs of shoes they have brought for the effort.

So please come and join us for great fun and fellowship.

PETS training a must for incoming presidents; D-6000 is hosting Feb. 28 to March 2 in Des Moines

By PDG Diana Reed/Northwest Des Moines
Chair/Multi-District PETS



Diana Reed

PETS, as the President-Elect Training Seminar is affectionately known, will be here before you know it!

All incoming 2013-2014 club presidents need to put the dates of Feb. 28-March 2 on their calendars. PETS this year will be at the Holiday Inn Airport/Conference Center in Des Moines. District Governor-Elect Jacque Andrew of Jefferson and District Trainer Tom Narak of West Des Moines are busy planning the District 6000 sessions that are shaping up

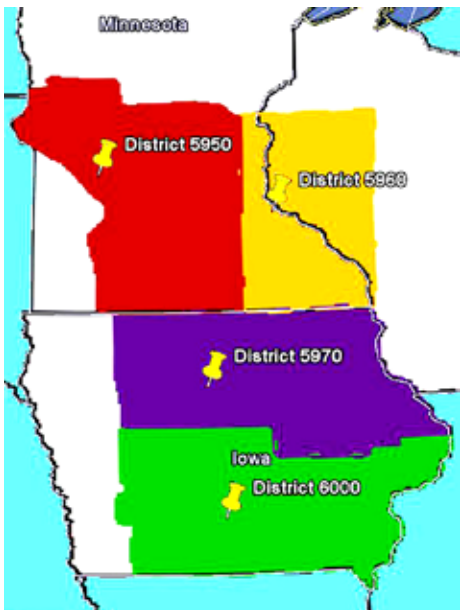
to be exhilarating, with extensive information to help you have the best club year ever.

In addition, there will be general sessions provided by North Central PETS. North Central PETS is composed of the four districts of 5950, 5960, 5970 and 6000 located in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The presence of all four of these districts in the same place and at the same time provides the opportunity for club presidents to network with peers from in-



Rotary International President-Elect Ron Burton and 2013-14 District Governor Jacque Andrew will meet incoming club presidents at Multi-District PETS.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



Incoming club presidents from these four districts will participate in PETS training Feb. 28-March 2 in Des Moines.

side and outside their own district. The key assets of this interaction are the tremendous opportunities to share best practices and project ideas, and engage in joint learning.

There will be general sessions on supporting and strengthening clubs, focusing on and increasing humanitarian service, as well as enhancing public image and awareness. There will also be elective sessions to choose from to enhance your knowledge and skills in a variety of topics.

Best of all are the plenary sessions featuring outstanding Rotary International officers such as at Rotary International President-Elect Ron Burton from Oklahoma, Rotary International Trustee Stephanie Urchick from Pennsylvania, and Past Rotary International Director John Smarge from Florida. You will not want to miss the inspiring messages and latest information they have for us.



Stephanie Urchick

Registration is now open at www.ncpets.org, so do not wait. Go online to register now! Instruction, networking, inspiration, collaboration and resource awareness are the elements in a success equation you do not want to miss.

See you in Des Moines!!

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Team members of the GSE from District 4340 in Chile who are coming to District 6000 (l-r): David Gonzalez, Javiera Reyes, Luis Marchant, Cecilia Espejo and John Bolton.
(Provided by Doug Lewis)



The GSE team from District 6000 that will travel to Chile (l-r): Ben Bonanno, Melanie Berry, Lindsey Clausen, Amy Jennings and team leader Linda Chastain.
(Provided by Lynn Hicks)

Group Study Exchange with D-4340, Chile:

■ Hosts wanted for inbound team

By Doug Lewis/Des Moines

District GSE Inbound chair

Four Group Study Exchange team members and a team leader have been chosen to represent District 4340 of Chile who will come to District 6000 April 2-30, 2013.

Team members are:

Team Leader: John Bolton, 65, managing director, Trehwela's School.

Member: David Gonzalez Marambio 34, English teacher.

Member: Cecilia Espejo Zarate, 31, elementary teacher.

Member: Javiera Reyes Araya, 29, English teacher.

Member: Luis Marchant Fernandez, 39, lawyer.

Already several clubs have already expressed interest in hosting the special international exchange team, but there are still opportunities to host at all levels.

Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your club, your community and build lasting international friendships.

Chile has one of the best economies in South America. This is your club's chance to build lasting friendships with young leaders from this up and coming country. If your club is interested in hosting this team of five, don't miss out. This is a wonderful opportunity for your club to showcase your town and your businesses to Chile and its young leaders. Also, Chileans are among the most proficient English speakers in South America.

If you are interested, please return an email to dis6000gse@gmail.com. Please give as much information as you are able to share now. No commitments are necessary. Hosting options include:

- Three- to five-night stays in Rotarian homes.
- Day hosting only.
- Event hosting: Check your calendar for special club events that this group could attend.
- Hosting in the first half of April before the District Conference.
- Hosting in the second half of April after the Conference.
- Special vocational hosting.

Please include a contact name in your club information with day and evening phone number and email address. Don't wait on this! Get your club's commitment in today. Doug Lewis, Rotary Club of Des Moines, GSE Inbound Chair, 1515 Linden St., Suite 220, Des Moines 50309. Ph. (515) 650-3288. Skype: DougLewis2000.

■ Outbound team members selected

By Lynn Hicks/Des Moines

District GSE Outbound chair

Members of the team that will travel to District 4340 in Chile from April 15-May 15, 2013, are:

Team Leader: Linda Chastain, retired financial consultant with Smith Barney. She is a 5-year Rotarian and past club president of the Rotary Club of Decatur County.

Member: Melanie Berry of Iowa, Iowa City Free Medical Clinic volunteer and clinic coordinator. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown.

Member: Ben Bonanno of West Des Moines, Wells Fargo Home Equity, loan adjuster specialist. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

Member: Lindsey Clausen of West Des Moines, Robert Half International, staffing manager. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM.

Member: Amy Jennings of West Des Moines, Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute, executive director. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

Iowa City service clubs meet together

Service clubs in Iowa City held a Joint Service Clubs Luncheon in October, hosted by the Rotary Club of Iowa City. President Nancy Quellhorst welcomed representatives of: Altrusa Club of Iowa City, Coralville-North Corridor Rotary, Corridor Kiwanis, Iowa City AM Rotary, Iowa City Downtown Rotary, Noon Kiwanis Club, Noon Lions Club, Junior Service League, Noon Pilot Club, Old Capitol Kiwanis, Old Capitol Sertoma Club, Optimist Club of Coralville, Optimist Club of Iowa City Noon, Optimist Club of Iowa City Sunrise, Pilot Club of Iowa City and the Rotary Club of Iowa City.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Sally Mason, president of the University of Iowa. Also attending: State Rep. Mary Masher; Johnson County supervisors Sally Stutsman and Terrence Neuzil; University representatives Carroll Reasoner, vice president for legal affairs and general counsel; Tom Rocklin, vice president for student life; Gary Barta, director of athletics; Laura McLeran, director of outreach and events; Ann Goff, IT support consultant in the Office of the President; and Lynette Marshall, president and CEO of the University of Iowa Foundation.

'Banner year ahead' for children of Iowa MOST

By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM

Iowa M.O.S.T. team member

The 2013 Iowa MOST mission to Guatemala to repair cleft lip and palate anomalies will take place in Huehuetenango from Feb. 14-24, 2013 at the Hospital de Especialidades. There is good news to report! A record number of volunteers, enthusiastic new and returning personnel, a possible large funding grant from Johnson & Johnson, and continued support from DHL to ship supplies and equipment to Guatemala are all part of the 2013 Iowa MOST story.

As was noted in the last newsletter, volunteers often are so taken with the experience that they wish to repeat it. And they take their stories home generating enthusiasm among friends and colleagues. Some of those who hear the accounts decide they want to be a part of this exceptional experience too.

Last year Reinhard Juraschek and Krasi Hristov, from Johnson & Johnson and colleagues of medical team leader Dr. John Canady, participated and they will again this year. Three of their associates will also join the team! Virginia Gilbert, DHL employee who has done hands-on facilitation of shipping for the last six years, long ago found the passion for the Iowa MOST mission and will go this year to Guatemala. Rotarian Dr. Tom Novak and his wife Louise Wolf-Novak have heard Iowa MOST stories for many years and can no longer hold back their desire to be a part of it all.

A record number of 41 participants will travel from the U.S. in February to play a part in the next mission. The two Guatemalan physicians who regularly work by our side as well as our in-country translator and organizer will round out the delegation.

In February follow the day-to-day activity at www.iowamost.blogspot.com. This should be another banner year for Guatemalan children whose lives will be changed by their cleft surgeries, and it will provide deep satisfaction for the individuals who contribute their time and expertise to serve them.

'Integrity' deadline Jan. 31

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

D-6000, Vocational Service Chair

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, District 6000 is asking clubs to nominate one member for the third annual "Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award."

A nomination form has been posted at the District website and sent to clubs. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31, 2013.

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. The award will be presented annually to a Rotarian in District 6000 who has been a member for a minimum of three years who exemplifies the attributes and passion for ethics and integrity in his or her vocation, business and personal life that Paul exemplified.

This award recognizes individuals who have made contributions in business, media, academia or government and who have by their actions, writing, policies and public pronouncements strengthened and fostered development of integrity and ethical practices.

The nominees will be introduced and the winner will be announced at District Conference. Past district governors are not eligible for the district award.

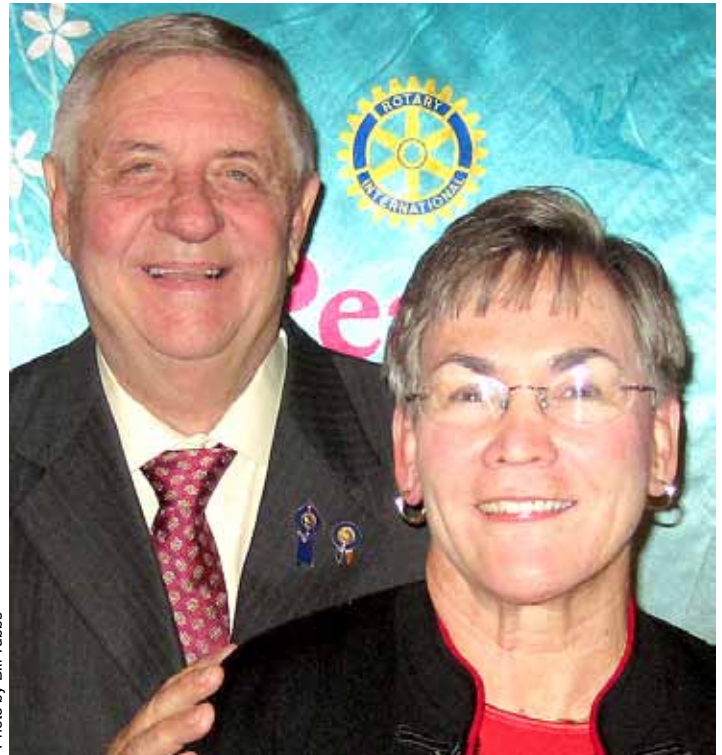


Photo by Bill Tubbs

District Governor 2015-16 Loring and Phyllis Miller.

Loring Miller nominated for District Governor

By PDG Gary Pacha/Iowa City

Chair, District Nominations Committee

District 6000 is fortunate to have many highly qualified candidates for the office of District Governor. In November, Loring Miller of the Decatur County Rotary Club was selected by the District Nominating Committee as District Governor for the Rotary year 2015-2016.

A Rotarian since 1976 and the third generation of his family to belong to Rotary, Loring is well known to us all as a longtime Rotary Youth Exchange chairperson. It was Loring who coordinated the Youth Exchange for the Simon Estes South African Youth Chorus in 1998-99, which led to our district being named the Most Outstanding Youth Exchange District in USA/Canada in 2000.

Along with his wife Phyllis, who is also a Rotarian, Loring has served as Assistant Governor. His service to our district is notable. In 2012, he received the Citation for Meritorious Service. However, Loring has also been active on the international scene, having immunized children against polio in both India and Africa, built schools in Mexico and an orphanage in China, and introduced technology to a medical facility in an Amazonian village.

Loring's major focus has always been Youth Exchange. International presidents have called on him to serve on the Rotary International Youth Exchange Committee and to coordinate youth activities at international conventions. In 2002, Loring was president of USA/Canada Youth Exchange Network. He has instituted Youth Exchange programs in districts worldwide. In addition, he has hosted five Rotary exchange students in his home.

We look forward to Loring's term as District Governor. It bodes well for our youth, since there is a new emphasis on youth in Rotary with a fifth "Avenue of Service" called "New Generations."

Loring owns Miller Insurance, and Phyllis is a pharmacist.



From Colombia to Fairfield to France to Iowa State
to Virginia to Washington, D.C., and beyond, Cilia
Mariz Ruiz-Paz is District 6000's newest

Peace Scholar

On Nov. 8, District 6000 Peace Fellows chair Kathy Skinner of the Rotary Club of Nevada was notified by Rotary International that our district's nominee for a Rotary Peace Fellowship, Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz, had been accepted into the program. She will enroll at the International Christian University in Japan next year. Cilia is the second Peace Scholar from District 6000 in the program's 10 years. The first was Wendi Boxx, from Ottumwa, in 2004-06 (see p. 30).

By Doug Flournoy and Dave Reiff/Fairfield

Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz was born in 1985 in Barranquilla, Colombia, South America. Eight years later she was heading for a small town in Iowa called Fairfield. Cilia came to our attention first as a student at Fairfield Middle School. We followed her informally while she pursued interests in music and softball, each of us having a daughter who befriended her.

But, Cilia's official introduction to the Rotary Club of Fairfield did not come until 2003 after she applied to become a Rotary Youth Exchange student. She landed in Mortagne-au-Perche, Normandy, and maintained close contact with her sponsoring club in Fairfield during her stay and afterward.

Cilia returned from France having earned her 1ère Baccalauréat, now trilingual, and with more international experience under her belt at age 19 than most of us will ever gain. She had developed good relations with some French Rotarians, relationships which would bear fruit for her and the Rotary Club of Fairfield years later.

By this time she had already developed a love of cultures, languages and global issues. Having completed her studies at Fairfield High School before embarking on her adventure in France, she headed to Iowa State University. There she acquired double majors in psychology and international studies, and double minors in criminal justice and French, while in the Iowa State University Honors Program.

As if this were not enough, she also spent one semester at sea in the Shipboard Study Abroad Program offered by the University of Virginia; another Full Immersion Study Abroad Semester at Université Paul Valéry- Faculté de Lettres, Montpellier, France, and four months at The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars in Washington, D.C.

During her Semester at Sea experience, she took a class from Dr. Bernie Streneky on service learning and eventually became a founding board member of the \$100 Solution (<http://www.the100dollarsolution.com/>), staying in close contact with the two of us and keeping us posted on her adventures as she sailed around the world. Afterward, she drew us into the \$100 Solution organization, an outgrowth of her Semester At Sea experience, and introduced us to Rotarians from Kentucky at the Rotary Club of Prospect Goshen.

Her move to Washington D.C. to be an intern gave her a brush with INTERPOL and international crime. This in turn led to her first professional position at the command center of the INTERPOL National Central Bureau in Washington, but eventually her skills



(Provided by Kathy Skinner)

Peace Scholar Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz
at the Great Wall in China

and talents brought her to Lyon, France, where she currently serves as program manager for the INTERPOL Environmental Crime Programme at the General Secretariat. She shares with us that "the amount of intelligence regarding wildlife trafficking, electronic waste, pollution and general injustice can at times be overpowering."

This last experience has convinced her that her passion is international crime and even more so the environment. Cilia is convinced her future lies in pursuing international justice, and how can anyone get more international than environmental crime? This crime impacts governments and people everywhere as we all share in this important natural resource.

She wishes to take her life experiences, language skills and social activism and apply them to advocate for peace. The skills acquired through a Rotary International Peace Fellowship will enhance her effectiveness as a peace and conflict resolution advocate in regards to solving conflicts related to resource allocation and exploitation at a global level.

Cilia will conduct her studies at International Christian University in Japan with academic emphasis on international organization law and security. She notes that "Asia and the Pacific are a focus of multiple intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations making the region an ideal general location in which to conduct a field experience related to environmental conflict and its resolution."

Future Vision: What clubs must know

By PDG Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

District 6000 Rotary Foundation Chair 2012-15

The District 6000 Rotary Foundation (Future Vision) Coordinating Committee is moving forward in its plans of preparing District 6000 for the implementation of what has been called Future Vision, July 1, 2013.

Starting July 2013, Future Vision will be known as The Rotary Foundation (TRF) new grant model. The transition into the new grant model is coordinated by District Governor 2013-14 Jacques Andrew (Jefferson), District Rotary Foundation chair 2013-14 PDG Cal Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), program chair PDG Diana Reed (Northwest Des Moines), grants chairs Brock Earnhardt (Davenport) and Doug Flournoy (Fairfield), fund raising chair Bill Koellner (West Liberty), secretary PDG Don Patterson (Washington), District Governor Terry Geiger (Decatur County), DGN John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM) and DGND Loring Miller (Decatur County). Each committee chair has several subcommittees that they will be working with to complete the operation of The Rotary Foundation.

The coordinating committee made presentations at the Fall Foundation Seminars, and as of Nov. 20, District 6000 has been qualified by RI to participate in the grant programs of RI. For the district to be qualified, Andrew, Ockenfels and Litwiller had to work through a questionnaire on the RI website.

Now that the district is qualified, we can participate in both District Grants (formerly known as District Simplified Grants, DSG) and Global Grants (International Matching Grants) through RI.

The next activity the coordinating committee is responsible for is to help the clubs in District 6000 become qualified to participate in grants. For clubs to become qualified, a member of each club wanting to participate in any type of grant, either District or Global, must attend a **Grant Management Seminar (GMS)**. After attending the GMS, both the current club president and president-elect must sign a **Club Memo of Understanding**. The Memo of Understanding is a document that describes the required procedures for both District and Global grants. A signed copy of the Club MOU must be on file before a District 6000 club can participate in any grant of any type during the 2013-14 Rotary year.

A common question that clubs have asked is who should attend the GMS. A minimum of one member from each club wanting to apply for a grant during 2013-14 must attend a GMS. It is the committee's recommendation that the person from the club who will be responsible for grants attend the GMS along with the 2013-14 president-elect. If more members of a club want to attend a GMS they will be welcome. It is not possible for clubs to become qualified via a webinar or Internet. Club member or members must be present at the GMS in person. It is required by RI that attendance be kept for each GMS and maintained for future reference.

The GMSs for 2013-14 will be held at three different locations as follows:

1. West Liberty Community Center, **Feb. 16, 2013.**
2. **Feb. 28, 2013**, at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. This meeting date has been scheduled to be the day before PETS, which will hopefully save some travel miles for those who are attending PETS.
3. **March 23, 2013**, at the DMACC Center in Newton. The third meeting is during the District 6000 Assembly.

Each club wanting to apply for a grant should be planning to



PDG Cal Litwiller talked about the transition to the Future Vision plan of The Rotary Foundation at fall seminars in Des Moines.
Photo by Peggy Geiger

attend one of these meetings so their club can become qualified for 2013-14. We do not want any of our District 6000 clubs to decide during the 2013-14 year that they want to apply for a grant and find that they have not attended a GMS and are not qualified..

Here are two things that clubs must anticipate when planning for grants during the 2013-14 Rotary year:

1. If they want to apply for a **District Grant (DG)**, the application for the grant will have to be submitted by **May 1, 2013**. This early deadline date is a necessity for District 6000 to be able to prepare a spending plan that must be submitted to RI before the money for the District Block Grant will be released to us by RI. District 6000 would like to have the spending plan ready soon after July 1, 2013.

2. **Global Grants** for international projects will have to be larger than they have been in the past, starting July 2013. International projects will have minimum budgets of \$33,750 and will require \$7,500 contributions from Rotary clubs; club contributions will be matched with contributions of \$11,250 District 6000 DDF and \$15,000 grants by TRF.

These changes are two of the many things that will be discussed at the **Grant Management Seminars** which clubs are required to attend.

Rotary International and the 100 Future Vision pilot districts have put many hours into making the transition as smooth as possible. District 6000 has been in contact with District 5950, Minneapolis, for direction and insight while working through this transition. We have also been in contact with District 6400, Ontario/East Michigan, and District 7930, New Hampshire, for further resource and understanding. The coordinating committee is meeting on a monthly basis in an effort to make sure that District 6000 will be prepared for the change into the new Rotary Foundation.

If any District 6000 club would like a presentation relating to the changes that Future Vision provides, any of the coordinating committee members would be happy to come to your club and make a presentation relating to these changes.



“Highway” (his real name) was in the 40-member Simon Estes Choir from Capetown, South Africa, that spent the year in District 6000 in 1998-99. Pictured here with his family, he inspired the audience with his singing.



PDG Gary and Colleen Welch of Ankeny (c) were thanked for a \$250,000 bequest to The Rotary Foundation (Level 5 Bequest Society) by Jamie Revord, the Major Gifts Officer of The Rotary Foundation, and Dick Galitz of Naperville, Ill., who is the Zone 28 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator..



PDG Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen of Chariton were thanked by Jamie Revord as Level 2 Major Donors (\$25,000 to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation).

Photos by Bill Tubbs

Celebrating The Rotary Foundation

More than 90 attended District 6000's first “annual” Rotary Foundation celebrating the evening of Nov. 17 at the West Des Moines Marriott. The event was organized by DG Terry Geiger and District 6000 Foundation leaders Bill Koellner, PDG Corliss Klaassen, DGE Jacque Andrew, DGN John Ockenfels and others.

Contributors of The Rotary Foundation were recognized, and speakers included: PDG Bill Tubbs of North Scott about polio NID in India; Ambassadorial Scholar Chris Deal on his work in Africa;

Doug Flournoy about Fairfield's major Nepal water project grant; Carolyn Jons about the Rotary Club of Ames Morning's literacy project; Rotary Foundation Major Gifts Office Jamie Revord of Evanston, Ill.; and RI Director-Elect Larry Lunsford of Kansas City.

“This district is doing exactly what a major gifts officer would hope,” said Revord.

Lunsford talked about the commitment, partnerships and trust of Rotary. “Never underestimate the connections, capacity and caring



Alan and Karen Hermanson of the Rotary Club of Ames Morning were recognized as Level 1 Major Donors (\$10,000) by DG Terry Geiger and RI Director-Elect Larry Lunsford.



RI Director-Elect Larry Lunsford (r) congratulates District Governor Terry Geiger and Peggy as Level 1 Major Donors (\$10,000) to The Rotary Foundation.



Jefferson native and Ambassadorial Scholar Chris Deal talked about entrepreneurial partnerships for humanitarian service. He is pictured with his wife, the former Traci Paus-tian of Walcott, who played basketball at Iowa State.

Foundation event raises funds for PolioPlus

power of Rotarians,” he said.

\$900 was raised for PolioPlus from proceeds of the event, and Rotarian Wayne Steen reports that the Global Missions Committee of First United Methodist Church of Iowa City, after hearing the good news about Rotary’s work with polio, decided to give \$2,000 to The Rotary Foundation!

– Bill Tubbs



Todd Wheeler (c), president of the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines, with DG Geiger and Director-Elect Lunsford, was recognized as a Level 1 Bequest Society member.



Assistant District Governor Lee Holmes (second from left, with his wife, Roberta) received the Major Donor Level 1 crystal at his club meeting on Nov. 1 for gifts of \$10,000 to the Annual Programs Fund. Presenting the crystal were DG Terry Geiger (l) and District Rotary Foundation chair PDG Corliss Klaassen (r). (Provided by Corliss Klaassen)



The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM presented Paul Harris Fellowships to Anne Schularick, West High 1440 Interact faculty advisor, and to Carrie Watson, City High Interact faculty advisor, in June at the club’s year-end meeting. They are pictured with 2011-2012 club president Dr. Tom Novak. Both women were touched and honored. Their fathers are both Rotarians so the award was meaningful to them.

(Provided by Nancy Pacha)



Patty Hoffman and Dennis Hanson, Ankeny Rotarians, presented Lynn Sprague (c), widow of former member Bill Sprague, with a Paul Harris Fellow plus 2 at the Nov. 6 club meeting. Bill was an active Rotarian since 1992, transferring to Ankeny in February 2010. He passed away suddenly on May 22. A tree in memory of Bill was planted at On With Life, a not-for-profit organization that specializes in post acute brain injury rehabilitation. A plaque will be placed by the tree at a later date in honor of Bill. (Provided by Jody Savage)



Exchange students Camille Delanoe from France, with the Rotary Club of Boone, and Morgane Cloesen from Belgium, with the Rotary Club of Oskaloosa, are showing their jack-o-lantern carving skills. (Provided by Peggy Geiger)



The Rotary Club of Decatur County was excited to have all three host families present for their training in Iowa City on Sept. 22. (l-r): Aaron, Charles and Heather Linhart (host family No. 3), Youth Exchange Committee members District Governor Terry and Peggy Geiger, Alberto Reyes from Chile, Joann and Steve Dean (host family No. 1), Youth Exchange Committee members Phyllis and Loring Miller, and Tanya and Chris Coffelt (host family No. 2). All have welcomed Alberto to Central Decatur High School and the community of Leon. (Provided by Peggy Geiger)

Watch for information about the new RYLA, July 7-12 at Wartburg

By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny

As you know, RYLA is changing this next year. It will move from a one-day event to a five-day event July 7-12 at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, in partnership with District 5970 (northern Iowa). The fee for the five-day event will be \$400 per student.

We are asking each club to appoint a RYLA coordinator so we have a contact person to provide information to your club, whether you intend to send a student or not. There will be additional training provided at PETS on March 1-2, 2013, in Des Moines for the Presidents-Elect and at District Assembly in Newton on March 23, 2013 for the RYLA coordinators.

We have a team who is very willing to do a presentation to your club to explain the changes and the impact on future leaders. If you are interested in a presentation please contact me to arrange a date at the address below.

We met with District 5970 on Dec. 1 to discuss details and as we know more, all the RYLA coordinators will be informed. We plan on putting application forms, medical release and other forms on the district website after the first of the year for clubs to use, as well as a recommended procedure for student selection.

We would encourage you to meet with your local high school principal and/or counselors to provide information about RYLA and help select candidates from the sophomore and junior classes. It is also a great opportunity to provide information to the schools about our exemplary Youth Exchange program.

It will be up to the club to select and sponsor the student(s). We are encouraging you to consider average to above average students who may not normally get a chance for a leadership opportunity. Often times the very top students have a variety of opportunities; however, it is up to the club to make the selection. We are also encouraging the clubs to continue mentoring the student after they return. The youth are our future and this is an opportunity for Rotarians to influence future leaders.

Also, if you would like to become a member of the District RYLA committee please let us know.

If you want to reserve a spot for a student(s) for the RYLA event please let me know at e-mail: gwelch3002@msn.com. If you have questions or concerns please contact Gary at the same address or call (515) 419-3707.

District Assembly is March 23

The annual Rotary Training Assembly on Saturday, March 23, at Newton is a training and work session for club officers, all club board members, and other interested Rotarians to learn more about our wonderful organization, to plan for our coming year, refresh ourselves with the newest ideas and build friendships.

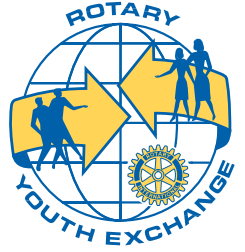
Assembly is the official term for this annual training used across RI. It is when planning and preparations occur for the new Rotary year with new Rotary leaders from across the district. There is no fee to attend. It is covered by district dues, however, your registration will help the organizers plan. Watch for details at the district website, www.rotary6000.org. Dress is business casual. Registration with coffee, juice and rolls is from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. The training begins at 8:30 and ends at 1:30 after lunch.



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pin with pride!**



FACES OF THE WORLD: As seen through District 6000 Rotary Youth Exchange



Paula Lomascolo, Spain, Rotary Club of Burlington
Nuria Cumado, Spain, Rotary Club of Newton
Fumika Nakamura, Japan, Rotary Club of Ottumwa



Flavia Vincenzott, Italy, Rotary Club of Tipton
Camille Delanoe, France, Rotary Club of Boone
Rafaella Andrino, Brazil, Rotary Club of Muscatine



Morgane Cloesen, Belgium, Rotary Club of Oskaloosa
Gloria Barbarino, Italy, Rotary Club of West Des Moines
Canberk Yilmaz, Turkey, Rotary Club of Fairfield



Titus Boldt, Germany, Rotary Club of Iowa City
Alberto Reyes, Chili, Rotary Club of Decatur County
Ghilane Gamboso, Belgium, Rotary Clubs of Mt. Pleasant
Noon and Mt. Pleasant Evening



Rafael Heliot, France, Rotary Club of Grinnell
Barbara Alliger, Austria, Rotary Club of Pella
Anette Nosted, Norway, Rotary Club of Iowa City AM



Christian Gross, Germany, Rotary Club of Nevada
Lucas Santana, Brazil, Rotary Club of Winterset
Felipe Viteri, Ecuador, Rotary Club of Marshalltown

Photos by Peggy Geiger from the Fall Picnic, Sept. 22 at Iowa City

POLIO: Clubs asked to raise \$20/member for three years

Dear District 6000 Rotarians,

When asked if the children of India are now free from polio, now that India has been eliminated from the list of countries that are endemic for polio, the answer of the World Health Organization was “not until polio is eradicated worldwide will the children of India be safe from polio.” That answer stands true for every child of the world – until we eliminate polio from this planet, no child will be safe from the crippling, killing polio virus.

In May, 2012 the World Health Assembly declared polio eradication a global health emergency. Thanks to the generous contributions of Rotarians, the number of polio cases is declining. RI President Sakuji Tanaka tells us “the current funding shortfall of US\$945 million and uneven political commitment puts the program at risk. Rotarians made a promise to the world’s children that no child ever again would suffer the crippling effects of polio and we must increase our efforts in collaboration with our partners WHO, UNICEF, US CDC and the Gates foundation to realize our dream.”



In response to the new gift of \$75 million for polio eradication, although no challenge was issued to the individual clubs, the PolioPlus Challenge team is issuing a challenge to each of the District 6000 clubs to match the \$75M at a rate of \$20/member/year for three years. This would be a \$75,000 goal. District Governor Terry Geiger shares that the individual club pledges for this year are over \$80,000, so if the clubs honor their pledges, District 6000 should be right on target with this challenge.

What can you do? Advocate for political and financial support of polio eradication with our government. Communicate to our Rotarians and the corporate sector that this remains an issue here and around the world. And continue your fundraisers, which not only raise funds but continue to raise awareness that polio is not gone – it is only a plane ride away from your children and grandchildren.

If your club needs a reminder of what this disease can do and is still doing, we have Rotarians who have been to those countries that still live with this disease, and they would be happy to come speak to your club to share their experiences. If you would like someone to come speak to your club, please contact any member of the PolioPlus Challenge Team and we will provide you with a speaker.

The week of Nov. 10 there were 181 cases of polio year-to-date in 2012, while last year at this time there were 505 cases. We are winning this fight – but we can’t stop now! Rotary has never stopped short of a goal. Being “this close” isn’t a win. Let’s help keep Rotary’s obligation to the children of the world! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything District 6000 has done and continues to do. Eight million children have been saved from polio paralysis since 1985. Now let’s save all the children!

In Rotary Service,

PDG Susan H. Herrick, chair,
PolioPlus Challenge Team, and
District Governor Terry Geiger



A PolioPlus Committee met Nov. 13 to plan for the Feb. 9 Iowa Energy polio fundraiser, front (l-r): Sharon Jasa (Boone), Vernetta Riley (Perry), DGE Jacques Andrew (Jefferson), Gabe Olson (Des Moines); back: Mike Thibodeau (Greater Des Moines), Pat Kelly (Marketing VP, Iowa Energy), Ed Arnold (Northwest Des Moines), Tom Downs (East Polk) and Chris Makris (General Manager, Iowa Energy).

Des Moines-area clubs plan Feb. 9 polio fundraiser with Iowa Energy

By Ed Arnold/Northwest Des Moines

For the past four years the Iowa Energy has teamed with local Rotary clubs to help eradicate Polio from the planet. We are so close to winning the struggle to eliminate a crippling disease from impacting another child’s life.

The first four years of the combined Rotary/Iowa Energy partnership raised more than \$33,000 for Polio Plus. The total funds raised by this collaborative effort has provided approximately 55,000 children with the vaccine needed to prevent polio. Iowa Energy provides their \$20 sideline seats to the Rotary clubs for \$16; then rebates \$8 per ticket to the polio eradication effort. In addition, Rotarians will also solicit donations for the direct benefit of Polio Plus, before, during, and after the game.

A committee has been working since August 2012, in partnership with Iowa Energy Basketball to: 1) to raise funds for PolioPlus/polio eradication through Iowa Energy ticket sales and donations; 2) fill the seats at the Feb. 9, 2013, Iowa Energy game (Saturday night); 3) provide a vehicle for promoting Community Service for both the Iowa Energy and Rotary; 4) inform the general public about the Iowa Energy, polio eradication 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.

Our goal for 2013 is to sell 2,000 tickets (fewer than two tickets per member), which, with contributions could raise \$20,000, providing nearly 35,000 immunizations. When polio is finally eradicated, the Des Moines area Rotary clubs, the Iowa Energy Basketball Club and the Des Moines Area Community will be able to proclaim, “We were an integral part of the “Global Polio Eradication Effort”.

Our website, www.polioplusiowaenergy.com, will soon be updated to include more information. Clubs from Ankeny, Boone, Des Moines, Des Moines AM, East Polk, Greater Des Moines, Indianola, Johnston, Northwest Des Moines, Perry, Waukee, West Des Moines and West Polk County participated last year. All District 6000 clubs are welcome to participate! If your club does not have a representative appointed for the PolioPlus Committee, please select one today. Contact Ed Arnold at (515) 979-6215; ed.arnold@mchsi.com or earnold@cpmi.com to sign up or for more information. We meet the second Tuesday of each month.

Interact growing, serving in D-6000



By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Interact chair

Fifty years ago in Melbourne, Florida, 23 students at Melbourne High School formed the first Interact club, a Rotary-affiliated youth organization. Today there are more than 11,000 Interact clubs in 120 countries with an estimated membership of 250,000.

In District 6000, 13 active Interact clubs supported by local Rotary clubs afford service to their communities on scales large and small. Today three more clubs are in stages of formation in Oskaloosa, Burlington and Johnston.

Interact has been Rotary International's service club for young people ages 14-18, although rules are changing and junior high age youth are now also eligible. The energetic, enthusiastic Interactors provide benefit to their communities while building leadership skills and discovering their own personal power.

What do Interactors do? Interactors carry out food drives and fundraisers for organizations like local food banks and Habitat for Humanity chapters. They support literacy projects and return to their elementary schools to help in a variety of ways. Interactors tutor their peers and welcome the teachers new to their schools each year. They clean up highways and creeks running through their communities. They volunteer at retirement homes and hospitals and public libraries. On the international level, they go to Xicotepec, Mexico, they adopt and support children through international programs, they receive and befriend our Rotary Youth Exchange students.

An easier question to answer is what do they not do? Interactors serve us all well.

What can Rotary clubs do for Interactors? Rotarians can work alongside Interactors, offer them scholarships, send them to RYLA, support their fundraisers, let them know about Rotary Youth Exchange and Xicotepec and Rotary programs they might access in their future such as Peace Scholarships and Ambassadorial Scholarships, write them recommendations, offer to be a reference, recognize their efforts publicly. Some of our best-spent time can be in our service to youth. There will be positive ripples.

In all of their pursuits, Interactors develop personal integrity and leadership skills. They learn the value of service and of individual responsibility and hard work. They begin to establish a lifetime habit of service. And they learn about Rotary and its goals, which is a path to becoming a Rotarian.

If your community has an Interact club, support it. If not, help to establish one. There are only benefits to everyone. Need help? Contact District Interact chair Nancy Pacha at npacha@aol.com.



West High 1440 Interact students doing a wall build for Habitat for Humanity.
(Provided by Nancy Pacha)

Interactors dance for humanity

By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Interact chair

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. 17, 2013, from 7-10 p.m. All generations are encouraged to participate.

This longtime fundraiser features the great music of 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 \$10, the price of a ticket to the dance for an adult. And it's only \$5 for students!

Interactors provide refreshments along with this pleasurable music and dancing experience. A silent auction with interesting and unusual items is also 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. 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.

**Interactors invited to District Conference;
Please see page 29**

District 6000 Interact clubs and their sponsors

INTERACT CLUB: Sponsor

Ankeny: Ankeny Rotary Club

Clear Creek Amana: Coralville/

North Corridor Rotary Club

Fairfield, a community based

club: Fairfield Rotary Club

Iowa City High School: Iowa City

AM Rotary Club

Iowa City West High 1440: Iowa

City AM Rotary Club

Jefferson-Scranton: Jefferson

Rotary Club

Muscatine: Muscatine Rotary Club

Mt. Pleasant: Mt. Pleasant Evening Rotary Club

North Scott Junior High: North

Scott Rotary Club

Ottumwa High School: Ottumwa

Rotary Club

Pleasant Valley High School:

Bettendorf Rotary Club

Southeast Polk High School:

East Polk County Rotary Club

Winterset: Winterset Rotary Club

Iowans give British Columbians 'one of the best holidays ever'

By AG Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities

District 6000 was privileged to host a Rotary Friendship Exchange team from British Columbia in early September. This was the reciprocal exchange after a team from D6000 visited D5080 in British Columbia in 2009. The British Columbian team comprised five Rotarian couples with diverse backgrounds, but a shared love of travel and Rotary fellowship.

The team was hosted by four clubs during its 12-day stay in Iowa. Iowa Quad Cities Rotary welcomed the group on Sept. 4, followed by Muscatine, Ottumwa and Indianola. Each club rolled out the welcome mat and showed our northern neighbors some of the best that D6000 and Iowa have to offer. Highlights included boating on the Mississippi, visiting museums, art galleries, factories and Amish farms; dining in homes and restaurants; watching ice cream, bacon, and furniture being made; and, perhaps the most memorable activity, balloon rides in Indianola.

Gordon Turner, one of the ten travelers who enjoyed the exchange, wrote the following for his local newspaper:

"You're going where?" I was asked time and time again. "What's in Iowa?" was the query. "I really didn't know the answer before I went, but now I think it was one of the best holidays we ever had."

That was just some of the positive feedback we received after the exchange was completed. Rotarians in D6000, you have much to be proud of here in Iowa, and much to show to visitors who may arrive from around the world. There will be future exchanges and we on the RFE Committee welcome your participation, either as hosts or as part of an outbound team. Currently exchanges are in the planning stages for trips to South Africa and Australia. Let us know of your interest soon, before the teams fill up.

For more information, contact Jack Schreiber, D6000 RFE Chair. Check out the D6000 website for contact information.



British Columbian Friendship Exchange team members enjoyed a Mississippi River cruise on the Pearl Button paddlewheel boat in Muscatine on Sept. 9. They are pictured with District Governor Terry and Peggy Geiger. Not pictured are several Muscatine Rotarian hosts. The couples stayed in Muscatine three days and enjoyed outings that included the Pearl Button museum, the Laura Musser museum, Stanley Art Gallery, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, Ardon Creek Winery, and the Amana Colonies. We said our good-byes after Monday's Rotary Club of Muscatine meeting.

(Provided by AG Mike Ruby)

Sign up now to travel, and to host teams with New Zealand and Australia

By Rachel Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

District 6000 Friendship Exchange Committee

District 6000 is happy to announce we will be hosting two inbound Friendship Exchange teams in September of 2013. The teams will be from districts in New Zealand (D9910) and Australia (D9500). If your club is interested in hosting either of these teams please contact me, Rachel Litwiller, litwiller457@gmail.com with your intent.

We are also thrilled to announce we are working with District 9500 in Australia for them to receive an outbound team from District 6000 in May of 2014. We are planning this Friendship Exchange to draw to a close just before the Rotary International Convention in Sydney June 1-4, 2014. You will be able to enjoy both experiences on the same airline dollar. If you, or you and your spouse are interested in this experience, please contact me, Rachel Litwiller, litwiller457@gmail.com.

We will be taking names of those interested with an application to follow.



The British Columbian Friendship Exchange team at the Iowa Machine Shed Restaurant in Davenport with hosts Doug and Luann Peterson. (Provided by Doug Peterson)

Districts Simplified Grants awarded to clubs

By Doug Flourney/Fairfield

District Simplified Grants Committee chair

This year the District Simplified Grants Committee received 16 club applications for projects. Fifteen of these were for projects to be carried out in the clubs' home communities and one application was redirected to the International Grants Committee. The total asking for the 15 eligible applications was \$49,160, while the committee had \$42,460 of Rotary Foundation monies to award. We are pleased to say that this year every eligible project submitted to the committee received some funding:

Ames Morning: "Thrive by Five: social-emotional well-being." The club will provide age appropriate children's books and family-friendly activity trips to help parents with low income. \$3,000.

Burlington: "Literacy Book Distribution." The club will purchase and distribute age appropriate books for local children. \$4,180.

Clinton: "Parks for Children – Erickson Center." \$4,000. The club will build a playground for young children at the Erickson Community Center.

Decatur County: "Graceland University Bicycle Project." The club will establish a storage rack with bicycles for Graceland students to use as transportation. \$1,100.

Fairfield: "Communication Devices for Special Response Team of Jefferson County." The club will provide for new communication equipment which is worn by members of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Special Response Team. \$3,750.

Greater Des Moines: "YESS Library." The club will supply age appropriate periodicals and books for the library for Youth Emergency Services and Shelter and two seminar speakers. \$718.

Grinnell: "Grinnell Regional Medical Blood Analyzer." The club will purchase a blood analyzer for Grinnell Regional Medical Center. \$2,750.

Iowa City: "Shelter House Family Literacy Project." The club will enhance the children's room at the local homeless shelter to show that it is literacy rich environment. \$1,000.

Jefferson: "Thomas Jefferson Gardens of Greene County." A

life-sized bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson flanked by gardens filled with specimens from Thomas Jefferson's home will be installed. \$4,000.

Johnston: "Youth Homes of Mid-America Recreation Seating Tables." The club will provide park-like tables and benches with concrete pads for the youth in on-campus recreation areas on campus. \$5,000.

Knoxville: "Auld Park Flag Pole Project." The club will install flagpoles for the United States, Iowa, and Rotary flags. \$638.

Nevada: "Nevada Community School District Auditorium-Automates External Defibrillator (AED)." The club will purchase an AED for the Nevada Community School District Auditorium \$817.

North Scott: "School Adoption: Fillmore Elementary, Davenport." The club will provide low income elementary students with several of their basic needs. \$4,700.

Ottumwa: "Ottumwa Trails Benches Project, 2013." The club will provide eight benches with attached Rotary logo adjacent to the Wapello County trail system. \$2,802.

Waukee: "Collaboration of the Rotary Club of Waukee with the Waukee Area Christian Services Food Pantry, Free Clinic and Fruitful Vine Community Garden." The club will donate laptops, hygiene items and school supplies to the Waukee Area Christian Services Free Clinic. They will also build raised gardens for the Fruitful Vine Community Garden. \$4,000.

There have been many good projects supported by this program over the 10 years it has been in existence. While this will be the last year for District Simplified Grants; we look forward to serving D6000 clubs and continuing great work under the new model of Foundation funding to be adopted by D6000 on July 1, 2013.

If your club has not submitted a grant 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 email at dsflourney@hotmail.com.

Deadline for next year's grants is May 1, 2013

By Doug Flourney/Fairfield

District Grants Committee chair

This current Rotary year is the last year for clubs to receive District Simplified Grants. Henceforth, this style of grant will be called a District Grant and will be funded under a new set of rules that are being adopted by The Rotary Foundation worldwide on July 1, 2013.

What does this mean to your club? Well, what follows is some advice I think might help you and mirrors what I am doing in my club to get us ready for the new model.

Start planning now for a project you may want funded in Rotary year 2013-2014 as a District Grant. Get your club committed to a project and the required funding now. While my club has not decided on a particular project yet we are talking about it; our annual fund raising mechanism is in place and funds are committed.

Additional training will be required in order to be eligible to apply for a grant. Plan on sending two to three people, but at minimum at least one person, from your club to a district sponsored Grant Management Seminar. Two of these are scheduled in February 2013 and

one in March 2013. You must attend if you want to submit an application for a District Grant. If you do not attend, you cannot apply.

An early application deadline of May 1, 2013 is already in place for receipt of District Grant applications. The application itself should not be significantly different from the current application for DSGs. This can be found on the district's website, and will act as a good guide to completing a District Grant application.

Find a champion for your project who is willing to become educated, willing to make the time commitment, and willing to write a report and shepherd the project through to the end.

If it sounds daunting, please don't be dissuaded; there are lots of resources available in D6000 to help you. Preparedness and commitment is the key in doing the good work supported by your Rotary Foundation. And that's why we are here, right?

And as always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me by phone at (641) 472-0216 or by email at dsflourney@hotmail.com.



Tom Narak, the retired superintendent of the West Des Moines School District, and friend at the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Pre-school.



School furniture being stored in a classroom at the Guillermo González Camarena Tele-secondary School. Constructing a secure storage area for extra furniture, equipment and supplies will free up valuable classroom space at this school.



Jim Peterson, Guillermo Batalla and Bob Main meet in the center of Xicotepec. Guillermo was a student at the Rotary Club Primary School in 2003, when the first project team from Iowa came to Xicotepec. He is studying law and needs one more year to graduate.

PREVIEWING XICOTEPEC:

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

Xicotepec Project Team Leader

District 6000 Rotarians Tom Narak (West Des Moines), Bob Main (Newton), Nancy Stroburg (Jefferson) and Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM) visited Xicotepec in early November to work with Rotarians there in planning activities for the March 2013 project team, which will depart Iowa on March 16 and return on March 24. Also making the trip was Julie Reynolds, of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

With the help of Xicotepec Rotarians, members of the “Advance Team” were able to analyze potential projects and visit the sites of those that seemed the most promising. The team arrived in Xicotepec on Sunday evening, Nov. 4, and ate dinner at the “Los Alcatrazes” restaurant with their hosts before retiring after a long day of travel.

As in past years, a preliminary work session was held on Monday in which the Xicotepec Rotarians shared many of the peticiones (requests for assistance) they had received from various schools and community groups. The merits of each request and the suitability of the poten-



Pedro Abelardo Pérez Carrillo, Director of the primary school, discusses the installation of a drinking water system with Bob Main of the Rotary Club of Newton. Name of the school is “Clemente Vázquez” primary school.



Classroom at the Francisco Velasco Marañón II primary school – a school with many needs which were difficult for the project team to prioritize. Xicotepec Rotarians are looking further into the needs of this school and may suggest a project for March.

Photos by Tom Narak



Bob Main checks the drinking water system installed last year at the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Pre-school.

Team of Rotarians travels to Mexico to plan projects for 2013

tial project for the March team was discussed in each case, and a schedule of site visits set.

During the site visits, Xicotepec and D6000 Rotarians meet members of the community and discuss their needs and priorities. Notes and photos help keep the details straight – it's not hard to confuse them after a long day of site visits!

Bob Main, who over the past several years has overseen the installation of 14 drinking water filtration systems in schools and other locations, makes a point of visiting each of the installations, obtaining a water sample and testing it to make sure that each system is functioning correctly.

At the Thursday evening Rotary session, the week's activities are reviewed and the most promising projects are agreed upon.



Xicotepec Rotarian Carlos Gómez-Tello Fosado with his daughter Carla.

Any problems with the water systems are also discussed along with plans for how they will be resolved.

Friday is used to tie up any loose ends, visit old friends, shop for souvenirs, and pack. On Saturday morning the D6000 team returns to Mexico City by bus and early on Sunday are on their way back to Iowa.

XICOTEPEC/
continued



Angelina Pimentel Cabrera, Jim Peterson, Nancy Stroburch, Gabriela Carballo de Oropeza, Bob Main, Tom Narak, Gabriela Oropeza Carballo, Eusebio Solís López, and Rotary club president Dr. Miguel Oropeza González at the Los Alcatrazes Restaurant.



Jim Peterson visits with Argelia Hernández Cruz, director of the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Pre-school.



A "classroom" - a new classroom is now under construction, and the "classroom" in the picture will be converted to a secure storage area for school equipment, supplies, etc. - which will free up other classroom space that is now being used for storage.

Photo by Tom Narak

Signup now for 2013 Xicotepec Project Team

XICOTEPEC/continued

All of the "Advance Team" have been to Xicotepec numerous times and have made many friends and acquaintances there. One of the most gratifying encounters on this visit was with Guillermo Batalla, a young man who was a student at the Rotary Club Primary School when it was first visited by a D6000 project team in 2003. These days, Guillermo is a university student and has one year of studies left to graduate from law school.

Some of the potential projects identified by the "Advance Team" for March include the construction of a storage room at the Gabriela Mistral Pre-school, play area improvements and landscaping at the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Pre-school, construction of a storage room at the Guillermo González Camarena secondary school and the installation of water filtration systems at three primary schools.

There will also be ongoing projects from previous years, such as the de-worming program, which has treated 3,000 school children each year since 2007 for soil-borne intestinal worms (helminths). Worm infection, which can hamper a child's development, is a common problem, especially in the poorer areas of Xicotepec. A team from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry will continue the program started two years ago to promote proper dental hygiene to school children.

The March 2013 trip is shaping up to be a busy and productive one. The "Advance Team" and others will continue to work between now and March to insure that all team members have safe, enjoyable and meaningful experience during their week in Xicotepec.

If you have questions about the March 2013 trip or about the Xicotepec Project, contact Kay Carpenter or Jim Peterson, Project Coordinators, by E-mail at xicoproj@gmail.com.

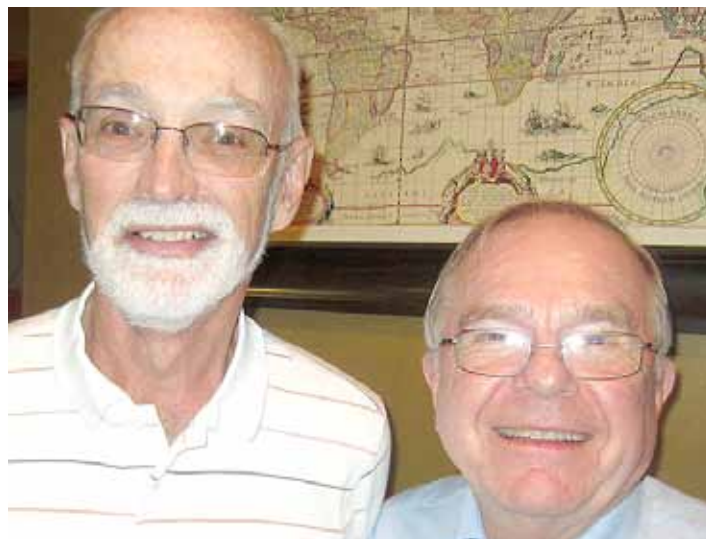


Photo by Bill Tubbs

Dave Fox and Gerald Klonglan

Ames Rotarians seek partners for Tanzanian water projects

By Gerald Klonglan/Ames

In the spirit of the new Future Vision initiative of Rotary International, the Rotary Club of Ames invites your Rotary club to be an active partner in the planning and implementation of a new Global Grant focusing on water and sanitation in Tanzania.

The spirit of Future Vision includes partnering clubs, initiating larger grants (goal \$200,000), having greater impact, having measureable outcomes and being sustainable over time. The vision also includes the creation of Vocational Training Teams (VTT) and integrating student scholars with the global grant.

The Tanzania Rotary Clubs of Same and Moshi-Mwanga in new Rotary District 9211 are eager to work with Rotary clubs of District 6000. The time frame is to build partnerships and develop specific grant proposals with the clubs between now and March 31, so everything will be in place for project implementation July 1, 2013.

Members of the Rotary Club of Ames Global Grants Committee are prepared to visit your club to discuss various opportunities for your club and club members to become involved with the many aspects of the project. If interested please contact Gerald Klonglan, chair, Rotary Club of Ames World Service and Global Grants committee, at geraldk@isunet.net, or call (515) 232-9973.

What is unique about Tanzania? In 2010 Rotary International selected 100 Rotary districts worldwide to test Future Vision ideas. District 9200, of which Tanzania is a part, was selected. On July 1 2012 Rotary International selected 10 pilot districts to initiate a one-year Project Enhancement Process (PEP) in the water and sanitation area of focus to develop large scale global grants. District 9200, including Tanzania, was again selected. Dave Fox, Rotary Club of Ames, has been a member of the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group that developed the Project Enhancement Process (PEP). Dave brings his knowledge and network to aid us in the development of our Global Grant.

Initial responses from clubs considering partnering have been positive. Some have moved quickly to partner and allocate funds for the Global Grant. Others are in the process of having their International Grants Committee or club board discuss the idea of partnering. Still others have invited a Global Grant partnering presentation for a weekly meeting of their whole club. The interest in implementing the spirit of Rotary Future Vision is very high. Some smaller clubs have found the partnership idea to be especially appealing.

Grant opportunities will change lives in Argentina

By Nenu Piragine/Iowa City AM

Nenu Piragine of the Iowa City AM club recently presented three matching grant proposals for projects in District 4585, which includes Paraguay and four northern provinces of Argentina (Chaco, Corrientes, Formosa and Misiones).

Nenu (whose full name is María Concepción Piragine) is originally from northern Argentina and is a past president of the Corrientes Sur Rotary Club. She lived in Iowa City in the 1980s and 1990s, and in Greece for seven years, after which she returned to Argentina.



Nenu Piragine

Recently she moved back to Iowa City to live, and transferred her Rotary membership to the Iowa City AM Rotary Club, but she remains in close contact with Rotarians from D4585, which has 1,328 Rotarians in 66 clubs.

At the November meeting of the D6000 Global Grants Committee in Grinnell, Nenu brought greetings from DG 2012-13 of D4585, Eduardo Monzon, and she described the general economic and social conditions in her former district, where the unemployment rate is about 20 percent and the malnutrition rate for children between the ages of two and five is 20 percent.

More than 50 percent of the population lives in poverty. The northern provinces of Argentina have the smallest and least developed economies in the country.

Three clubs from D4585 have proposed matching grant projects that would help meet needs in their areas.

1) The Rotary Club of Corrientes in the city of Corrientes, which is in the province of Corrientes, has proposed a project to provide computers and software to the Instituto Valentín Haüy, which serves 160 blind people between 14 and 60 years of age, as well as a number of younger children. The computer equipment will convert printed text such as books, magazines and websites to spoken language and allow the residents to be in contact with the outside world, study and look for work.

The total cost of the project is US\$16,000. The Corrientes Rotary Club will provide \$100 and D4585 will provide \$4,000 for this project. A club (or clubs) in district 6000 can sponsor this project with a contribution of \$1,745, with the rest of the funding coming from our district's DDF and a matching grant from The Rotary Foundation.

2) The Rotary Club of Resistencia Sur, in the city of Resistencia, Chaco, has proposed a project that would furnish and equip ten recovery rooms, a sitting room and library in the non-profit Casa Garrahan Resistencia. This is a residence where children who were hospitalized may come to recover from surgery or illness before going home. Lodging is also provided for one parent at Casa Garrahan. Admission to Casa Garrahan is based on economic and medical needs, and the children there receive quality care from the staff, which includes doctors and nurses. Many poor parents cannot afford to stay



Photo by Bill Tubbs

George Ntibarikure, the director of the Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs (CNFA) for Uganda, was the guest of Merle Anderson at the Rotary Club of North Scott on Sept. 21. Anderson met Ntibarikure when he was a volunteer for CNFA in Uganda earlier this year, teaching farmers to increase productivity. Anderson (l) and Ntibarikure were joined by retired Tipton veterinarian and Rotarian Gordon Esbeck and his wife, Jan. The Esbecks' son, Craig, lives in Uganda. As a result of this connection, the Rotary Clubs of North Scott and Tipton are seeking a grant to equip God's Mercy Orphanage in Kampala, Uganda. Clubs who would like to be a part of this grant, please call Bill Tubbs at (563) 285-8111.

with their children if they remain in a hospital in Buenos Aires or elsewhere, and the Casa Garrahan offers an alternative that is economically feasible and medically sound.

The total cost of the project is US\$24,560. The Resistencia Sur Rotary Club will provide \$200 and D4585 will provide \$6,000 for this project. A club or clubs in D6000 can sponsor this project with a contribution of \$2,733, with the remainder coming from D6000 and a Rotary Foundation matching grant.

3) The Formosa 9 de Julio Rotary Club has proposed a project to purchase equipment and furniture for a community center that is run by Belgian nuns and serves the poor community of Las Lomitas, which has about 15,000 inhabitants. The center is an educational and health facility and also has dormitory housing. The equipment to be purchased includes sewing and baking equipment and tools for various trades; the equipment and tools will be used to train residents in various skills and trades and enable them to have more income. There are many indigenous communities in the area of Las Lomitas.

The total cost of this project is US\$16,876. The Formosa 9 de Julio Rotary Club will provide \$100 and the D4585 will provide \$300 for this project. To sponsor this project a club or clubs from D6000 would contribute \$3,584.

The deadline for matching grant applications in the 2012-13 Rotary year is March 31, 2013. There is still ample time to obtain grants for these projects this year. Interested Rotarians or clubs should contact M. Concepcion "Nenu" Piragine, (319) 429-5611, nenupiragine@hotmail.com, or Jim Peterson (319) 631-2992, jim-peterson@mchsi.com.

Eastern Iowa clubs seek partnerships for wells in Haiti

By AG Mike Ruby/Muscatine

Ever heard of a McTWL? Webster does not list this odd word in the dictionary, but in Rotary, a McTWL is alive and well. McTWL stands for four eastern Iowa Rotary clubs in District 6000: Muscatine, Clinton, Tipton, and West Liberty. The clubs, led by presidents Kelly Garvin, Norlan Hinke, Teresa Horton and Jim Carey are working with Assistant Governor Mike Ruby as their coach, mentor, and cheerleader.

The McTWL group stays in close contact, offering each other support by sharing ideas, successes, and encouragement. Frequent communication is by e-mail and once each quarter all five gather for dinner. The most recent outing was Dec. 6 at the Machine Shed

restaurant in Davenport. The four club presidents have become good friends and take an interest in the club activities of their peers.

The McTWL clubs have agreed to combine efforts to help sponsor the building of four water wells in southwestern Haiti. With \$4,000 as seed money (\$1,000 from each club), they are in the process of applying for a Rotary grant. Working with Water for Life in Haiti enables the money from the grants and clubs to go much further, with Water for Life paying for 56 percent of the wells and Rotary paying for 44 percent. Representatives from all four clubs were in attendance at the Dec. 3 Rotary meeting in Muscatine to hear a program on Water for Life and to meet Leon and Joy Miller, our Haitian contacts who will be in Iowa for a short time.

Celebrating 90 years of Rotary in Indianola

By Amy Duncan/Indianola

Past Club President

One of my favorite things about being a member of the Rotary Club of Indianola is the Four-Way Test. This simple guideline describing what a Rotarian should ask himself or herself, is a good road map for anyone in business or in life.

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Sixteen Indianola businessmen (and they were all men) adopted Rotary's creed of service above self back in 1922 when they formed the first Rotary Club of Indianola. When the Four-Way Test was born in 1932, and then adopted by Rotary International in 1943, they adopted that as well.

Saturday night, the current club celebrated its 90th anniversary with a dinner and presentation of Paul Harris awards. Today, the club has about 50 members. They work to bring to life the story of Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary.

According to legend, as recalled by Ev Laning, Rotary became a service organization when a doctor's horse died in Rotary's home base of Chicago. At the time, doctors didn't have offices, they visited the sick in their homes, so the lack of a horse was a problem for the doctor, and for his patients.



The Rotary Club of Indianola celebrated its 90th anniversary with a Saturday evening dinner and Paul Harris Fellow recognitions. (Provided by Amy Duncan)

Members of Rotary raised the funds to replace the horse, turning what had been a social organization into one that helps benefit the community.

Today, Rotarians who have donated \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation are known as Paul Harris Fellows. They continue to be recognized at various levels of giving. In addition, each year, community members who have supported the community in some way are recognized as honorary Paul Harris Fellows.

Rotary isn't the only group that provides service to the community. Groups from Lions to Kiwanis and Jaycees also support the communities where they exist and help

to make their communities better places. Deciding which group to join can be tough, in some ways. But I, like many other Rotarians, followed in family footsteps – both my real family, and my newspaper family.

I still have the Rotary pin my grandfather wore, and I recognized some of the members of Rotary from 1959 in a slide show at the birthday party – former publisher Don Berry and editor Dick White. And like them, and many other Rotarians around the world, I try to base my decisions on the four questions of the Four-Way Test.

Rotarian Amy Duncan is publisher and editor of The Record-Herald and Indianola Tribune.

Indianola's 'Log Cabin Days' highlight literacy

By Terry Pauling/Indianola

"Log Cabin Days" is celebrated during the last weekend of September in Indianola and Warren County. This year, the Rotary Club of Indianola decided to move the annual book sale from the first Saturday after Labor Day to the Log Cabin Days weekend in an effort to help more people find books to read during the upcoming winter months.

Club members set up the tables and laid the books out in the Indianola Public Library's meeting rooms on Thursday evening, Friday evening, Friends of the Library and Rotary members were given an opportunity to purchase books. Saturday and Sunday afternoons the public was invited to look over the large selection and purchase books at a cost of \$1.00 for hardcover books and \$0.50 for paperback books.

We estimate that over 5,000 books were

purchased at this year's event, with the proceeds used to help the library purchase new inventory and the Rotary Club of In-

dianola to purchase Student Dictionaries for third-grade students in the elementary school system.



Indianola Rotarians set up tables at the Indianola Public Library during "Log Cabin Days" and helped the library sell books. The event was a fundraiser for the club, as well, for the purchase of Student Dictionaries. (Provided by Terry Pauling)



Rotary president Bettie Bolar with fellow Rotarians supporting the Not In Our Town anti-bullying initiative.

(Provided by Curt Hoff)

NOT IN OUR TOWN! Marshalltown Rotarians say No! to bullying

By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown

Marshalltown Rotarian Mike Schlesinger is taking the point position to increase awareness about bullying. Schlesinger, who is the publisher of the *Marshalltown Times-Republican*, along with his managing editor, initiated the efforts and recruited community leaders and volunteers to help.

Showing up at a recent Rotary luncheon with fellow Rotarian Denny Grabenbauer as host, complete in a fluorescent orange tuxedo and shoes, Schlesinger talked about the local campaign. "What makes the Marshalltown effort unique is that we are not waiting for a tragedy to respond to," says Schlesinger.

Marshalltown is the first community in the national Not In Our Town movement to act in such a proactive manner. Schlesinger also



Marshalltown past president Mike Schlesinger, who is the publisher of the *Marshalltown Times-Republican*, presented a program on anti-bullying efforts he has helped initiate. Schlesinger is shown here with "Host" Denny Grabenbauer in a fluorescent orange tuxedo, theme color of the campaign.

pointed out that bullying is not limited to schools and the workplace. Says Schlesinger, "The consequences of bullying behavior can be tragic – from absenteeism to violence."

The focus of the campaign is to increase awareness, show support, and make it clear that we oppose such behavior. There are numerous community events scheduled in that regard, many involving the signature orange theme.

The Rotary Club of Marshalltown has pledged financial support to this worthy campaign and many of its members have signed personal pledges of support in addition to heading up leadership positions to oppose bullying behavior.

Governors focus on leadership development

By DGN Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

On Friday, Nov. 2, District 6000 leaders attended the Rotary Leadership Institute Part 1 training sponsored by District 5970, our northern Iowa neighbor. The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a grassroots, multi-district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education.

Innovative training techniques were utilized throughout the day to cover topics including leadership insights, the Rotary world, engaging members, The Rotary Foundation goals and programs, ethics-vocational service and club/community service projects.

District 5970 also held a session for trainers preparing them to provide the RLI content in their own district and beyond. Discussions between the two districts are underway to offer the RLI training in District 6000.

"Identifying and developing leadership for district level positions is a top priority," said DGE Jacque Andrew. "We are always looking for Rotarians who are interested in assisting and building clubs through district service. Please contact me at jeandrew@netins.net or (515) 370-8358 to share your interest and discuss possibilities."



Attending the Rotary Leadership Institute training in Marion on Nov. 2 were (l-r): RLI trainers Bevin and Pam Wall of Newport, NC; Jill Olsen, D5970 District Governor of Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Terry Geiger, D6000 District Governor of Leon; Jacque Andrew, D6000 Governor-Elect of Jefferson and John Ockenfels, D6000 Governor-Nominee of Swisher.

(provided by Jacque Andrew)



Nine-month-old Kensi, the daughter of Indianola Rotarian and Assistant Governor Jenn Pfeifer-Malaney, turned the Oct. 21 AG get-together at the Geigers' in Leon into a "Family of Rotary" event.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

Big auction in Atlantic!

The Rotary Club of Atlantic made changes in their big community-wide auction and reports record success. Watch for a full report in the next issue of *District 6000 News!*

Grinnell to celebrate 75th anniversary with Past RI President Ray Klinginsmith

By Dennis Conway/Grinnell

Club Publicity Chair

Grinnell Rotarians have had a busy fall. Activities included participating in the Homecoming parade and passing out candy. The Rotary Youth Exchange student from France, Rapheal Heriot, also participated in the parade by being driven in a convertible by a Rotary member.

Another fall activity for our club was volunteering in the concession stand at the high school football game. Upcoming winter activities are a soup supper served in conjunction with a high school basketball game to raise funds for two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to two Grinnell High School graduating seniors.

The current club president, Bruce Blankenfeld, has initiated a program which invites graduating high school seniors to Rotary meetings to learn about Rotary. These seniors will be the scholarship candidates in the spring.

A city favorite is the performance of Shults and Co., a musical performance enjoyed by all who attend. Frank Shults and his wife Sherry, the founders of the group, do a wonderful job of organizing a very entertaining program. Frank is a Rotarian and the proceeds from this program goes to support a community project of their choice.

Jo Wells is chairing our upcoming 75th Anniversary Celebration, which will be May 7, 2013. Our speaker will be Past RI President Ray Klinginsmith and we will be inviting many Rotarians from other clubs. Dec. 1 we helped the Salvation Army with their holiday kettle collection.

Chicken feed for Burlington...

PDG Ray Muston and Linda of Iowa City dropped in as "mystery shoppers" at the big, annual Burlington Rotary Chicken Barbecue on Sept. 18, and submitted these pictures and the comment, "Hard workers, good food, for a great cause!"





Muscatine shelter project

The Rotary Club of Muscatine was one of the eight sponsors of this project, a new shelter house in Weed Park. Sponsors' logos are on a dedication stone (below): Monsanto, Kent Corporation, Central State Bank, Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine, Hahn Ready Mix, Leadership Muscatine, Iowa Memorial Granite Company and Rotary. For another project, an architect is drawing preliminary plans for an amphitheater on the riverfront. (Provided by Mike Ruby)



AG's social

Fellowship was shared by Assistant Governors at a fall social at the home of DG Terry and Peggy Geiger in Leon on Oct. 21. Back (l-r): AG John and Helen Schroeder of Bloomfield, DGN/AG John and Deb Ockenfels of Iowa City AM, team leader PDG Bill Tubbs of North Scott, and AG Craig and Mary Scott of Chariton. Seated in the middle are AG Mary Ellen Stanley of the Decatur County, AG Jennifer and Shawn Pfeifer-Malaney of Indianola, and AG Steve and Pam Wieneke of Johnston. In front are Jim and DGE Jacquie Andrew of Jeffersn with DG Terry and Peggy Geiger.



Time lapse photo by Peggy Geiger



For the cause of literacy!

Rotarians love FUN and the Rotary Club of Iowa City found another way to put the FUN in FUNdraising. We held a LITERACY CHAMPIONS PARTY for Rotarians and guests in September. The party helped support this year's gift of 750 "I Can Read" DVDs to kindergarten families in our community. This is easy to replicate. Just find a Rotarian with a big house and a big heart, invite guests, suggest a donation, and have social time together. Above, Rotarians enjoy the evening hosted by Sharon and Bill Oglesby (photo at right). Contact LDWicklund@aol.com for information on gifting the DVDs.

(Provided by Ladonna Wicklund)



PDG Bill and Joyce Reese
60th anniversary



The 60th wedding anniversary party of PDG Bill and Joyce Reese of West Des Moines on Oct. 27 could *almost* have qualified as a Rotary makeup! Among the Rotarians celebrating were John Lewis, Colleen Welch (wife of PDG Gary Welch), Wanda Lewis, Peggy Geiger, exchange student Alberto Reyes from Chile, District Governor Terry Geiger, and Jill and Jack Schreiber. A big jack-o-lantern (left) was carved with "Celebrating 60" and the faces of Bill and Joyce. (Provided by Peggy Geiger)



Family ...

Nine-month-old Grace Katherine Griffin attended the PDG Christmas Party Nov. 3 at Two Saints Winery near St. Charles with her "amma," DGE Jacques Andrew of Jefferson and her grandpa Jim Andrew (newest member of the Rotary Club of Jefferson).



Oct. 30 was the Rotary Club of Des Moines' second annual Hands-On Book Fest for Kids which was full of fun and learning for fifth-graders from four inner city schools. Pictured (l-r): Rotary Club of Des Moines members Jamie Boersma and John Tone, DG Terry and Peggy Geiger, club member Eric Fogg, author/illustrator Claudia McGehee, Mayor Frank Cownie, and club member Dick Reasons. In the photo at right, club member Evie Johnson is pictured with "Del," a 4-month Lab pup. Evie explained that Del is in training for 18 months and will be assigned to a returning soldier diagnosed with PTSD. The children and adults enjoyed having them both visit for the day. A very successful event.

(Provided by Peggy Geiger)



Clinton Rotary president Norlan Hinke presented a book from a recent meeting to Rotarian Amy Birtell, who is director of the Clinton Public Library. The club donates a children's book every week on behalf of its guest speakers to library. Hinke said the Rotary club started this program four years ago as a way to support the library and encourage reading. More than 200 children's books have been donated.

(Provided by Ida Lorenz)



Bettendorf Rotarian Todd Larsen presents Student Dictionaries to fourth-graders in local schools.

Dictionaries donated in memory of Faye Clow

By Glenn Kass/Bettendorf

Club Publicity Chair

Once again this year, Bettendorf Rotarians made visits to area fourth-grade classes in support of the club's Faye Clow Dictionary Project. (<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/dictionary-project>)

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

In 2011, the club's board decided to re-name the program after Clow in recognition of the late Bettendorf Public Library director and the first woman president of the Bettendorf Rotary. Clow succumbed to her battle with cancer earlier in 2011.

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.



On Oct. 17, the Rotary Club of Albia distributed dictionaries to 96 fourth-grade students. Ms. Ratliff's classroom at Lincoln school was chosen as their first stop. Books were distributed by Rotarians Dan Stocker, Loren Pence, Nellie Coltrain, BobSinnott and Dona Flahive. (Provided by Tony Humeston)



Rotaract in action at ISU...

ISU Rotaract president Hayley Nelson reports that on Saturday morning, Sept. 22, members of Iowa State Rotaract joined the Rotary Club of Ames Morning in picking up trash along a section of Mortenson Road. She says Iowa State Rotaract is looking forward to a productive semester with lots of community interaction. This clean-up event was well-spent as an opportunity to both beautify the Ames community and to allow Iowa State Rotaract and Ames Morning Rotary members to become better acquainted. In another activity, club secretary Derick Tan reports that the club's fundraising goal was surpassed with \$700 profits from a cookie baking project. Do-Biz donated the dough and Rotaractors baked 750 cookies. The proceeds will be given to PolioPlus.

(Photo provided by Hayley Nelson, ISU Rotaract president)



The Rotary Club of Albia contributed \$1,000 to the veteran's monument in Albia. The monument lists the names of Iowa veterans, including six from the Civil War. Jim Keller, an Albia decorated Vietnam veteran from Albia, was the driving force behind the Welcome Home Soldier Monument. Jim told me that in the uncertainties of war every soldier is entitled to one certainty: that he or she will be remembered. In another activity, the club holds its annual hog roast on homecoming night at Albia High School and raised \$2,008 for scholarships and for the "I Can Read Songs" program for children.

(Provided by Tony Humeston)



Generations of Rotarians are common to the Ohde family. Alison Ohde River, club president of the Rotary Club of Manning, is seated here with a very special gavel in her hand. This gavel is the one presented to her grandfather, William F. Ohde, in 1952 when he became the founding club president. Also in Alison's club is her mother, Ruth Ohde, who is a past club president herself. Congratulations to the club for reaching its 60th year!

(Provided by Peggy Geiger)



The Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant Noon volunteers at this booth at the Old Threshers' Grounds for Halloween for five weekends, braving cold and rain, and serving hot drinks and famous Garrels Elk Burgers and hot dogs as the Haunted Rails and Thresher House of Horrors went on around them. The net result was \$1,400 raised for PolioPlus.

(Provided by Rich Mueller, club publicity chair)



Rotarians meet for fellowship and training at Des Moines (above) and West Liberty (below).



FALL SEMINARS A SUCCESS



Fall seminars were attended by 125 Rotarians Sept. 27 at Living History Farms in Urbandale and Oct. 3 at the West Liberty Community Center. Training included the latest information about The Rotary Foundation and Future Vision, membership development and Youth Exchange.



Doug Flournoy presents about grants for district and world projects..



PDG Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen talk about Rotary Foundation changes.



The Bettendorf delegation at the West Liberty seminar: Lee Seminow, Mark Ross, Chelsea Power and Chris Glass.

Photos by Peggy Geiger and Bill Tubbs



Rotarians Sherri Nielsen and Chuck Corwin with Santa's price list.



Rotarians and family members who helped at the gift shop posed with Santa.
(Provided by Jim Arthur)

Northwest Rotarians volunteer for 'Make-A-Wish'

For several years, the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines has been providing volunteers for the gift shop at the Make-A-Wish Foundation's annual fund raising event, "Jolly Holiday Lights." This event takes place at the Des Moines Water Works park, and provides 3.5 miles of lighted Christmas displays, many of them animated.

At the gift shop, workers, including our club members, sell stuffed animals, various holiday garb, cookies, coffee, and several other items. Santa is there, and photos with the jolly old elf are available for \$5. Funds raised help the Foundation to give hope, strength and joy to children with life-threatening medical conditions.



Rotarians Ed Arnold, Brenda Auxier-Mailley and Dianne Downing-Nelson are ready to park cars on a cold night.

Rotary Foundation Annual giving

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(Members: Jul 11/Jul 12)	(1) 11-12 Goal	(2) Thru 12-4-12	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (26/29)	\$ 2,900	745	296	\$ 25.69
Albia (28/28)	1,860	0	0	0.00
Ames Morning (61/58)	8,450	4,675	55	80.60
Ames (230/237)	31,500	7,625	24	32.17
Ankeny (62/62)	7,100	0	0	00.00
Atlantic (64/64)	4,800	555	12	8.67
Bettendorf (113/108)	13,560	7,325	54	67.82
Bloomfield (14/8)	750	0	0	00.00
Boone (52/53)	6,600	1,821	28	34.36
Burlington (85/90)	7,600	3,015	40	33.50
Carroll (55/50)	5,500	1,600	29	32.00
Centerville (41/46)	4,300	985	23	21.41
Chariton (53/52)	4,900	3,325	68	63.94
Clinton (116/116)	9,360	5,926	63	51.09
Coon Rapids (29/27)	1,300	0	0	0.00
Coralville-North Corridor (22/19)	2,662	0	0	0.00
Corning (48/45)	2,350	1,643	70	36.51
Corydon (20/21)	380	100	26	4.76
Creston (19/21)	1,000	25	3	1.19
Dallas Center (26/27)	2,600	0	0	0.00
Davenport (132/123)	12,300	3,265	27	26.54
Decatur County (25/23)	5,500	3,500	64	152.17
Des Moines AM (139/142)	10,000	2,700	27	19.01
Des Moines (294/293)	22,500	10,575	47	36.09
East Polk County (42/40)	4,200	1,250	30	31.25
Fairfield (60/62)	7,150	55	1	0.89
Fort Madison (52/51)	5,200	50	1	0.98
Greater Des Moines (37/34)	3,100	500	16	14.71
Grinnell (33/36)	1,770	0	0	0.00
Indianola (50/52)	4,900	250	5	4.81
Iowa City AM (55/55)	7,950	4,330	54	78.73
Iowa City Downtown (19/20)	500	25	5	1.25
Iowa City (303/304)	31,400	11,800	38	38.82
Iowa Quad-Cities (47/47)	3,055	0	0	0.00
Jefferson (53/53)	5,500	5,000	91	94.34
Johnston (53/54)	5,400	0	0	0.00
Kalona (43/41)	1,355	1,400	103	34.15
Keokuk (84/78)	6,455	2,630	41	33.72
Keosauqua (26/23)	1,890	883	47	38.39
Knoxville (63/62)	6,000	0	0	0.00
Lenox (23/27)	2,300	526.76	23	19.51
Manning (22/18)	1,328	600	45	33.33
Marengo (10/10)	850	0	0	0.00
Marshalltown (158/163)	11,830	7,130	60	43.74
Mount Pleasant Noon (51/59)	2,500	840	34	14.24
Mt. Pleasant (24/25)	2,500	700	28	28.00
Muscatine (117/112)	15,680	215	1	1.92
Nevada (66/61)	7,480	960	13	15.74
Newton (72/66)	7,000	0	0	0.00
North Scott (91/87)	10,920	3,470	32	39.89
Northwest Des Moines (49/42)	7,050	500	7	11.90
Osceola (28/29)	1,500	0	0	0.00
Oskaloosa (55/59)	1,575	0	0	0.00
Ottumwa (98/106)	10,500	0	0	0.00
Pella (40/43)	4,400	1,750	40	40.70
Perry (29/33)	2,800	0	0	0.00
Tipton (28/25)	2,800	50	2	2.00
Washington (55/48)	4,900	0	0	0.00
Waukee (50/50)	5,100	1,631	32	32.63
Wellman (36/36)	4,320	635	15	17.64
West Des Moines (71/63)	7,171	50	1	0.79
West Liberty (39/39)	7,800	2,520	32	64.62
West Polk County (0/25)	2,700	1,000	37	40.00
Winterset (29/31)	2,400	0	0	0.00
Total (4,015/4,011)	\$ 393,001	\$ 110,157	28	\$27.46

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Foundation news

Deadlines for 2012 gifts

Rotarians wishing to make contributions to The Rotary Foundation in 2012 are asked to be aware of these deadlines:

Credit Cards: Online via www.rotary.org, must be authorized on or prior to Dec. 31, 2012, midnight (Central Standard Time).

Fax: (847) 328-4101; phone: (866) 976-8279), must be received prior to the close of business on Dec. 31, 2012.

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At the Rotary Institute Sept. 13-16 at Mackinac, Mich., District 6000 was recognized as the second highest giving district among 12 districts in Zone 28 with \$445,126 for the Annual Programs Fund in 2011-12, and \$583,301 total giving, including polio and restricted gifts. Foundation chair Corliss Klaassen (second from left) and 2011-12 District Governor Don Patterson (second from right) received the awards from past RI President Ray Klinginsmith (l), Foundation trustee Stephanie Urchick (c) and 2013-14 RI President Ron Burton. At right, Betsy Demaray of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., who represents Zones 28-29 on the RI Board of Directors, dresses for the Institute theme, "Somewhere In Time."

Photos by Bill Tubbs



Bring Interactors to Conference!

District Governor Terry Geiger wants to celebrate 50 years of Interact at our District Conference in April. He asks that each sponsoring Rotary club invite two Interactors to participate at our conference on Friday morning, April 12 at Honey Creek Resort when sessions will focus on youth. He would like clubs to invite the Interactors to remain through midday to witness the Youth Exchange flag ceremony and to host them for lunch. This is a wonderful way for sponsoring clubs to serve Interactors and let them know that their efforts are appreciated.

— Nancy Pacha

Be part of polio immunization history!

Howard Tours of Oakland, CA, is organizing an NID trip to Delhi and Uttar Pradesh, India, for 10-12 days in February 2013. India has been polio free since Jan. 13, 2011, but immunizations continue because the wild poliovirus is alive in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. Dates of the trip will be set when the government of India announces the NID dates, which will be Feb. 16-18 or Feb. 22-24. This is the trip that PDG Bill Tubbs and Keokuk Rotary president Tony Conn were on last year, and is highly recommended. For information, contact Brad Howard, (510) 834-2260, email: Bhoward@HowardTours.net.



Terry Geiger and Peggy hosted the annual Past District Governor's holiday party Nov. 3 at Two Saints Winery, St. Charles. How many do you recognize? Front (l-r): Bill and Linda Tubbs (2004-05), Jim and Jacque Andrew (2013-14), Terry and Peggy Geiger (2012-13), Joyce Reese, Colleen Welch. Standing: Dale and Mary Belknap (2001-02), Gary and Nancy Pacha (2002-03), Cal and Rachel Litwiller (2009-10), Roger and Pat Borup (1997-98), Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen (2005-06), Susan and Bob Herrick (2008-09), Del and Georgia Bluhm (2006-07), John and Deb Ockenfels (2014-15), Bill Reese (1994-95), Rick Rarick, Gary Welch (2010-11), Diana Reed (2007-08).

Photo by Two Saints Winery

News Briefs

RI Convention: The earlybird deadline to register for the June 23-26, 2013, RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, at the price of \$265 is Dec. 15. From Dec. 16-March 31 it is \$315, and from April 1-June 15, on-line only at www.rotary.org, for \$365. The theme for the 2013 convention is "Harbor For Peace." Rotarians are encouraged to attend this granddaddy of conventions to experience the fullness of Rotary. Watch for announcements of a District 6000 Breakfast, which will be the one event in Lisbon where D-6000 Rotarians can be together.

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Displays: Clubs will have an opportunity to showcase their projects when the North Central Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (NCPETS) is held in Des Moines, March 1 and 2, 2013. An application form is available from Mark Dripps at mdripps@daviesprinting.com. Displays may be set up on Feb. 28. Cost of an eight-foot table (with table cover and skirting) is \$25. Electrical service is extra. Information: www.ncpets.org.

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Youth Exchange: The Winter Retreat for Rotary Youth Exchange will be Jan. 12-13 at Camp Wesley Woods, Indianola. Rotarians are welcome to participate! Another district-wide Youth Exchange get-together will be hosted by the Rotary Club of North Scott at the Steeplegate Inn in Davenport on March 2-3, and Outbound orientation will be March 17 at Central College in Pella. In an email to clubs on Nov. 30, Youth Exchange chair Chris Knapp asked all clubs to review an RYE information form and return it to him by Jan. 10 whether your club is planning to host a Rotary Youth Exchange student or not. Information: Chris Knapp, knappc1@mchsi.com (319) 338-0909.

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Assembly: DGE Jacque Andrew of Jefferson will spend a week of training with the 530-plus members of the 2013-14 class of district governors at the Rotary International Assembly, Jan. 13-19 in San Diego. *Best wishes, Jacque!* PDG Cal Litwiller of Mt. Pleasant will spend two days in San Diego with District Rotary Foundation Chairs to receive additional training in Future Vision.

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Budget: The auditor's review of the 2011-12 district financial report was accepted by the budget and exec committees on Oct. 16. Transfers from the unspent contingency fund were made to Iowa MOST (\$5,095) and FAMSCO (\$5,094).



Peace Fellow Wendi Boxx (third from left) with President Sakuji Tanaka at the Berlin Peace Conference.
(Provided by Wendi Boxx)

Greetings from Peace Fellow Wendi Boxx

Dear Rotary Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to forward you a photo given to me from the Berlin Peace Conference. I was pleased to be able to take part in this wonderful gathering of international Rotarians and Peace Fellow Alumni living and working in Germany. It was also good to practice a little Japanese when talking with President Tanaka!

It was a special experience to me because I had the honor to meet Charles C. Keller, who endowed the Rotary Peace Fellowship Fund, and thank him personally for the fellowship. He was a character, you know after some good natured encouragement he became very solemn and confessed this conference was his first trip

back to Berlin since he bombed the city in WWII. Amazingly moving experience to have him hold my shoulders, look me in the eye and confess that. It really got me to thinking.

"The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war," said Douglas MacArthur.

This fellowship matters - thank you sincerely for making it possible.

In Service Above Self,

Wishing you all a healthy, happy and joyous holiday season.

Wendi Boxx

ICU Peace Fellow 04-06

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Letters

Just a note to say congratulations and nice work on your most recent district newsletter. Consistently one of the very best I have seen. Lots of photos, lots of names, great variety, very interesting. Thanks for sending me a copy. YIR, Mike McCullough, Past RI Director, District 6400, Trenton, Mich.

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We are hosting a couple from British Columbia as part of the Friendship Exchange. When they saw the latest copy of the newsletter they were greatly impressed, to say the least. I gave them a couple old copies so they could share them with the

others in the group and take them back to their local district. They simply cannot get over the high quality and professionalism of the publication. AG Mike Ruby, Muscatine.

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I enjoyed receiving the D-6000 Newsletter and will appreciate remaining on the distribution list. You have set the bar high in terms of newsletters. John Last, District 5970 administrator, Mason City.

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Thank you for the color version of the newsletter. It is very nice. Also, a very special thank you for the great write-up for Youth Exchange. The newsletter is one great piece of work, advertising for the district. D-6000 Youth Exchange chair Chris Knapp, Iowa City AM Rotary.

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

July 2012 - September 2012

CLUB	JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	64.00%	24	57.00%	39	62.00%	29
Albia	55.70%	34	63.90%	25	56.50%	41
Ames	61.56%	27	61.87%	30	64.54%	26
Ames Morning	52.30%	41	50.90%	49	54.80%	45
Ankeny	71.14%	14	69.10%	22	73.19%	17
Atlantic			45.61%	51	50.00%	49
Bettendorf	67.67%	21	60.20%	33	62.25%	28
Bloomfield	48.00%	47	75.00%	13		
Boone	50.00%	45	53.00%	44	56.00%	42
Burlington	74.70%	11	80.30%	10	85.20%	7
Carroll	57.56%	31	56.40%	40	67.48%	22
Centerville	51.00%	44	53.00%	44	50.00%	49
Chariton	57.87%	30	62.06%	29	59.41%	34
Clinton	52.12%	42	54.27%	43	40.33%	53
Coon Rapids						
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00%	1	95.00%	1	100.00%	1
Corning	76.00%	9	74.00%	14	69.00%	20
Corydon	41.00%	51			43.00%	52
Creston	53.00%	40	63.00%	26	70.00%	19
Dallas Center	60.00%	28	72.00%	17	77.00%	12
Davenport	41.26%	50	43.63%	52	51.71%	48
Decatur County	69.00%	20	91.00%	4	78.00%	11
Des Moines	53.26%	39	57.13%	38	53.21%	47
Des Moines A.M.	42.25%	49	51.70%	47	55.80%	43
East Polk County	56.58%	32	72.57%	16	75.00%	15
Fairfield						
Fort Madison	75.00%	10	60.00%	34	58.00%	36
Greater Des Moines	64.00%	24	73.00%	15	61.00%	31
Grinnell	69.40%	19	75.00%	13	68.00%	21
Indianola	63.38%	25	59.79%	35	61.14%	30
Iowa City	29.94%	53	33.65%	53	43.08%	51
Iowa City A.M.	69.45%	18	71.23%	18	76.85%	13
Iowa City Downtown	87.37%	5	86.84%	7	84.21%	9
Iowa Quad-Cities	77.35%	8	60.43%	32	66.30%	23
Jefferson	54.00%	36	59.00%	36	66.00%	24
Johnston	70.30%	16	71.15%	19	76.30%	14
Kalona	62.16%	26	67.81%	23	94.67%	3
Keokuk	53.65%	38	51.68%	48	54.13%	46
Keosauqua	56.00%	33	56.00%	42	57.50%	39
Knoxville	53.67%	37	57.26%	37	57.85%	37
Lenox	75.00%	10	71.00%	20	77.00%	12
Manning	86.00%	6	88.00%	6	88.00%	6
Marengo			85.00%	8	90.00%	5
Marshalltown	55.41%	35	62.07%	28	59.57%	33
Mount Pleasant Noon	45.80%	48	52.10%	46	56.67%	40
Mt. Pleasant	85.00%	7	81.00%	9	90.00%	5
Muscatine	40.91%	52	46.36%	50	57.72%	38
Nevada	91.77%	2	70.00%	21	73.27%	16
Newton						
North Scott	88.89%	3	88.76%	5	84.62%	8
Northwest Des Moines	74.68%	12	91.94%	3	94.85%	2
Osceola	70.00%	17	70.00%	21	81.00%	10
Oskaloosa	59.40%	29				
Ottumwa	49.13%	46	52.57%	45	65.56%	25
Pella	53.00%	40	63.00%	26	44.00%	50
Perry	50.00%	45	57.00%	39	59.00%	35
Tipton					55.00%	44
Washington	66.84%	23	60.83%	31	73.06%	18
Wauke			77.50%	12		
Wellman	88.28%	4	93.51%	2	92.56%	4
West Des Moines	66.94%	22	62.96%	27	62.55%	27
West Liberty	71.00%	15	66.00%	24	60.00%	32
West Polk County	51.95%	43	56.16%	41		
Winterset	71.55%	13	79.50%	11	78.00%	11



Peggy and District Governor Terry Geiger captured the spirit of the theme, "Somewhere In Time," at the Zones 28-29 Rotary Institute Sept. 13-16 at the Grand Hotel in Mackinac, Mich. Rotary leaders from New York to Nebraska to North Dakota and Ontario, Canada, convened for training and fellowship.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

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?

NEW! Calendar

A new feature at the district website, www.rotary6000.org, lets clubs post their special activities on a calendar, including date and time, cost, details, and name and contact information of a club leader. Upcoming events posted thus far:

Jan. 8..... Bloomfield 75th Anniversary
 Feb. 2 Ankeny Auction
 Feb. 16 Manning Dancing with the Stars
 April 20 Waukeee Auction, Wine Tasting
 April 22 Kalona Blood Drive
 May 7..... Kalona Omelette Breakfast
 May 21.. Kalona Senior Women's Luncheon
 June 2..... Wellman Auction
 June 6..... Grinnell Barbecue

Obituary

Cornelia P. "Connie" Taylor, 98, of Mt. Pleasant, the wife Ralph Taylor, who served as district governor in 1959-60, died Nov. 7 at Park Place in Mt. Pleasant.

She attended Western Illinois University and was a teacher. In Mt. Pleasant, where she and her husband ran the Taylor Hatch-

ery, she was active in the First Presbyterian Church, Rotary Youth Exchange, TTT, Mentor Club, Coterie and Mt. Pleasant Education Association. Survivors include daughters Barbara Welandor of Mt. Pleasant and Patricia Wilson of Ankeny.



"Connie" Taylor

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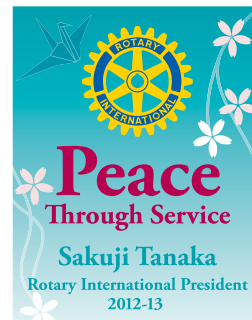
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Club leaders' checklist



From DG Terry Geiger . . .

- Secretaries submit your **2013-14 officers** to RI and District administrator Carolyn Scharff (both, please!) by Dec. 31.
- Register your 2013 club president to attend **Multi-District P.E.T.S.** Feb. 28-March 2 in Des Moines (p. 3).
- Collect **shoes for South Africa** to bring to **District Conference** April 11-13 at Honey Creek, and register yourself and members for **District Conference** (p. 2).
- Answer our district's appeal for **Hurricane Sandy** relief (p. 2).
- Ensure that your members know the requirements for attending **Grant Management Seminars** and of your signing the **Memorandum of Understanding** for your club to be eligible for Rotary Foundation grants (p. 7).
- Encourage members to join a **Xicotepec Project Team** to Mexico in March 2013 (p. 16-18).
- Support your **Interact Club** or explore starting one if you do not have Interact in your community (p. 13).
- Nominate a worthy member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** by Jan. 31 (p. 5).
- Let district leaders know if your club is interested in hosting the **GSE from Chile** (p. 4).
- Raise \$20/member annually for three years for **Polio-Plus** and sign up for the **NID in India** (p. 12, 29).
- Watch for information and plan to sponsor student(s) for **RYLA at Wartburg College**, July 7-12 (p. 10).
- Encourage your president-elect and all members to register for the **Rotary International Convention** June 23-26 in Lisbon, Portugal (p. 30).
- Identify projects and plan activities, including membership development, to achieve 2012-13 RI President Sakuji Tanaka's **Presidential Citation** (www.rotary.org).
- Encourage club leaders to attend **District Assembly**, March 23 at Newton (p. 10).
- Sponsor an **international project** of your own, or from those available in District 6000 (p. 18-19).
- Begin thinking about a **community project** for 2013-14 to qualify for a **District Grant** by the May 1 deadline (p. 15).
- Tell the **Friendship Exchange** Committee of your club's interest in traveling and hosting in 2013-14 (p. 10).
- Make plans to meet or exceed your club's **Rotary Foundation** goal (p. 28-29).

• **Submit news** of your club's activities by March 3, 2013, for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, at btubbs@northscottpress.com.

• **Build "Peace Through Service" in your club, community and world.**

