

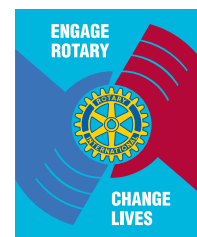
Rotary District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Jacque Andrew, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

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Keys to Rotary's future: Engage new members in meaningful service

By DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Greetings, Rotarians!
The just completed club visits reveals there is a prideful “nation” of Rotarians in District 6000! Club presidents,



Jacque Andrew
District Governor

officers and members proudly shared their projects and dreamed with me about what they might do in the future. It was truly an amazing journey to visit all 64 clubs plus the Ankeny satellite club!

During my visits we talked about the powerful message of

ENGAGE ROTARY, CHANGE LIVES.

We covered the importance of not only member recruitment but the great impact of member retention. Taking a page from the playbook of higher education and the priority placed on freshman orientation, Rotary's approach to member retention should start “day one” with new members. Helping them to be warmly welcomed, involved and fully engaged is a step in the right direction of retention and a lifelong relationship with Rotary.

A natural result of engagement is service, which can be life-changing not only for beneficiaries but also for those who are serving. Our clubs are working in their communities to make them better, addressing needs and changing lives. At the same time, they are working in partnership with other clubs improving the lives of others thousands of

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Here's where the “pride” comes in, the third leg of the stool, telling our Rotary story. There are ENGAGED Rotarians who are CHANGING lives through service. Every effort should be made to tell the story of what clubs are doing with their communi-

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Rotary's peace-building work engaged at United Nations

By DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

“When the world meets here at the United Nations, our fate is in the hands of these leaders and we hope they make the right decisions,” said RI president Ron Burton.

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In this venue, Rotary International Day at the United Nations is “a rededication of each of us to get more people engaged in Rotary and in the peace process through which we inevitably change lives,” he said. At the UN, decisions are

made and initiatives advanced with world-wide implications.

The day-long event, held Saturday, Nov. 2, brought together senior leadership of

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Rotary International President Ron Burton with DG Jacque Andrew at Rotary Day at the United Nations, Nov. 2.



DG Jacques Andrew and RI Vice President Anne Matthews.

RI VP Matthews to speak at District Conference

By DG Jacques Andrew/Jefferson

Great news!! We were waiting for confirmation of a really top-notch speaker for the 2014 District 6000 Conference, which will be May 1-3 at the Gateway Hotel & Conference Center in Ames. I announced the news at the Foundation Dinner on Nov. 9.

As we recognize the 25th year that women have been members of Rotary, the first woman to serve as both a Rotary Foundation trustee and a director on the board of Rotary International, AND the first woman to be vice president of RI, Anne Matthews, will be OUR SPEAKER on Friday, May 2 at the All Club Luncheon.

Anne is a former director for the South Carolina Department of Education, and is president of Matthews and Associates, an educational consulting firm. A member of Leadership South Carolina, she also served on numerous boards, including the board of her undergraduate alma mater. Matthews received two presidential appointments from President Ronald Reagan.

The photo was taken of Anne and me at the Rotary International at the United Nations Day in New York City when she confirmed that she WILL be in Iowa for OUR District Conference!!

Can you tell I'm excited??? Thrilled!! Watch for details.

Eradication of polio remains goal No. 1

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ties and beyond! Utilize every opportunity to share our collective impact on the world!

At this time of gratitude, a review of our foundation, The Rotary Foundation's, goals falls right into place. First and foremost, the eradication of polio is goal No. 1. We have our challenges right now and will remain vigilant as every member should be! END POLIO NOW!

The global launch of the transformative new grants model is goal No. 2. As its use evolves, greater impact throughout the world will be felt because of Rotary's vision.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace is

central to the third goal which is to engage in innovative projects and partnerships to help build a more just and peaceful world by partnership with others. The success of the far-reaching PolioPlus program's partnerships is a prime example.

The fourth goal is to build ownership and PRIDE in our Foundation by supporting the Annual Fund, the Permanent Fund, and the PolioPlus Fund. Sharing our Rotary story helps build the pride Rotarians have in what their clubs and all of Rotary accomplishes. There are so many needs in our world and Rotarians can have confidence and PRIDE in what is achieved by grants and projects through the Rotary Foundation to address these needs. Utilizing the structure and accountability of The Rotary Foundation, Rotarians know that every dollar contributed is maximized for good purposes. We can also be assured that donations to the annual fund are returned to the district for use in community service grants (detailed on page XX) and that we are able to generously match grant applications to help even more good be done in the world.

If our district is to remain strong, we must continue to focus on our development and retention of members, helping them to engage in meaningful service, nurturing pride in our clubs and telling our Rotary story...these are KEYS to ROTARY'S FUTURE!

Thank you for all you do for Rotary! Because of you, we ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES!

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Rotarians attending Rotary Day at the UN included RI Director Larry Lunsford (speaker at the 2012 D6000 Foundation Dinner), trustee Michael McCullough, RI vice president Anne Matthews, RI President-Elect Gary Huang, Rotary Foundation chair D.K. Lee, and President Ron Burton with DG Matt Ingemanson of D7230 of New York (who recently completed a project with Iowan Floyd Hammer's Outreach effort to feed homeless in New York City).

Rotary Day at United Nations

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Rotary, including many current and past officers and board members, UN officials, interested Rotarians from the northeast and elsewhere, and many from what Burton calls the "New Generation."

"When we talk about the 'New Generation', they aren't our future, they are our NOW," said Burton. About one-third of the meeting room was filled with young Rotarians and Rotaractors. Members of the Rotaract Club of the United Nations served as sergeants and as assistants throughout the day.

Among those attending the event were District 6000 Governor Jacque Andrew of Jefferson and District 6420 Governor Ruth Lee of Rock Island, Ill. Andrew became aware of the event while on an NID to India in February, she purchased tickets in September immediately after they went on sale and invited her 2013-14 classmate to join her.

Renovation of the UN's grand meeting hall (in the massive six-block long complex) moved the annual Rotary-UN event to another assembly location where UN representatives currently meet. 100,000 runners and supporters from the New York Marathon congregated directly across the street from the UN for race packet pick-up while UN day participants were being cleared through security.

Inspiring and impressive speakers filled the day from opening plenary to closing remarks. The UN keynote was delivered by Jan Eliasson of Sweden, UN deputy secre-

tary general, himself a former Rotary Youth Exchange student to Indiana. In his remarks, he commended Rotary on the "tremendous significance of its polio eradication work. We need you now more than ever. The fight is not over and we must continue until it is won."

The challenges facing the world are many, he said: Ending the war in Syria (one million Syrian children are refugees); sustainability of the planet; respect for human life, peace development and human rights; ending severe poverty by 2030 among them.

"Nobody can do everything but everybody can do something," he challenged. "We count on Rotary being together with us; we're all on the same team."

A panel on economic, community, basic education and literacy included Ambassador Dnyaneshwar M. Mulay, consul general of India, and Deepa Willingham, founder of PACE Universal.

Several other panels under the topics of "doing good in the world," "maternal and child health," "how engaging with Rotary changes lives," featured Rotary leaders and UN partners including chair of The Rotary Foundation, D.K. Lee; Carlos Gonzalez, Ambassador of El Salvador; Rotary International primary representative to the United Nations, Joseph Laurenzi and others.

Following lunch, breakout discussion sessions on water, youth, maternal and child health, disease prevention and treatment and peace and conflict resolution were held. Robert Scott, chair of the Rotary International PolioPlus committee, and Peter Crowley, director of the UNICEF



District Governors Jacque Andrew of Jefferson, Iowa, and Ruth Lee of Rock Island, Ill., at the United Nations.

Polio Team were the disease prevention and treatment panelists.

Scott noted several "pluses" of PolioPlus: the laboratory structure certified by the World Health Organization, vaccine delivery by volunteers around the world, the fast-tracking of vaccines, synchronization of countries, partnership of Rotary with UNICEF and WHO and millions of children can now run and play because of the polio eradication effort.

The day ended with participation in a fundraiser hosted by the Rotaract Club of the UN to benefit a toddler from Kosovo in desperate need of a cardiac surgery.

The event was an experience of a lifetime to meet so many dedicated Rotarians and to learn of Rotary's partnerships with agencies of the UN in one of the most magnificent cities in the world.

Nelson Mandela was the recipient of Rotary's highest honor, the Rotary Award for World Understanding. The award was presented by RI President Luis Vicente Giay at the RI Convention in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1997.

Fall training seminars attract 160 Rotarians

By DG Jacques Andrew/Jefferson

More than 160 attended the "Let's Talk Rotary" fall training seminars in Ankeny (92 on Tuesday, Sept. 24) and West Liberty (72 on Thursday, Oct. 10).

Engaged learning took place thanks to experienced trainers from the district in areas of membership, Rotary Foundation, public image, secretaries/treasurers and Rotary Youth Exchange. A speaker who participated in the "new" RYLA program lead off the evenings.

Responses to evaluations were very positive and appreciative of the training opportunity. In response to requests, the Foundation and

Membership training sessions were videotaped and available for viewing on the district website. They are "stored" on YouTube but don't be afraid of going to this site to see the videos. They are well worth it!

Thanks to presenters:

Rotary Foundation: Cal Litwiller, Bill Koellner, Corliss Klaassen, Brock Earnhardt, Doug Flournoy and Don Goring;

Membership: Mike Ruby and Ginny Hughes, assistance from Usha Balakrishnan and JoAnne Ruby;

Secretary/Treasurers: Terry Geiger;



John Smith, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM, is pictured doing a great job of recapping the membership session at the end of the evening in Ankeny.

Photo by Jacques Andrew



Chris Glass of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf talks about social media at West Liberty.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

Rotary Youth Exchange: Chris Knapp;
Social Media: Chris Glass; and
RYLA: Gary Welch and students.

Other assistance from Carolyn Scharff, Jeanne Klaassen, Deb Ockenfels and Ken Noble. Steve Wieneke made arrangements at the DMACC campus and ordered meals and in West Liberty the club served as hosts providing the food and location. Thank you to all!

Membership survey yields a call for action!

By AG Mike Ruby/Muscatine

District Membership chair

At the recent "Let's Talk Rotary" fall seminars some interesting results surfaced during the breakout session on membership. There were 37 Rotarians who completed a brief survey with the following instructions:

Please rate how your club is currently doing in the following categories on a scale of 1-10 (1 is low, 10 is high). Be honest!

- **Induction of New Members:** Meaningful, sponsors are present, packet of materials handed out, appropriate introductions, etc.

- **Orientation of New Members:** (Sometimes referred to as a fireside chat) – a separate meeting following induction that is specifically designed to orient new members to Rotary. This meeting is normally held within a few weeks after induction.

- **Mentorship Program:** Each new member is assigned a mentor for at least 6 months.

The results clearly show there is considerable work to be done. The highest scores went to Induction of New Members. It was encouraging to see 28 Rotarians (76 percent) ranked this a 6 or higher. Not bad! However, this is certainly a concern for the six members who ranked it a 3 or below.

The response to Orientation of New Members definitely raises a red flag. Only 17 (46 percent) rated their club a 6 or higher with 14 members (38 percent) rating it a 3 or below. Not good.

By far the most alarming results were from the Mentorship Program. Only four members ranked their club a 6 or higher. That's a weak 16 percent. A whopping 30 (81 percent) ranked their club a 3 or below in this area. Ouch!

If your club is doing poorly in one or more of these areas it is crucial that you take immediate action. It is not fair to invite people to become Rotarians and then let them fend for themselves. Make sure there is a solid program in place to nurture your new members before you extend the invitations.

For starters, you are encouraged to go to the district website www.rotary6000.org. On the front page, listed in the left column is Club Service and the first entry under that is Membership Development. Check out the handouts on the topics of induction, orientation and mentoring. Accessing these documents is only the first step. This information needs to be shared with your club's board of directors and the membership committee. The next step is to make an action plan for each area that includes a timeline, task assignment(s), plan for implementation, and follow-up assessment of the plan for any additional tweaking.

Let's learn a valuable lesson from successful colleges who spend extra time with incoming freshman, making sure they get a good start on their college career. When students are well oriented, nurtured and feeling an important part of the college they not only increase their chances of completing all 4 years but will be strong alumni supporters. As Rotarians, let's make sure we don't unintentionally adopt a "sink or swim" mentality with our new members.

If you have questions or need guidance, feel free to contact one of the district 6000 Membership Committee members who are listed on the Membership Development page of the website. We are here to be your coaches, mentors, and cheerleaders. Let us know what we can do to help your club turn ho-hum members into strong Rotarians with a passion.

Training for 2014-15 club presidents returns to Rochester, March 7-8

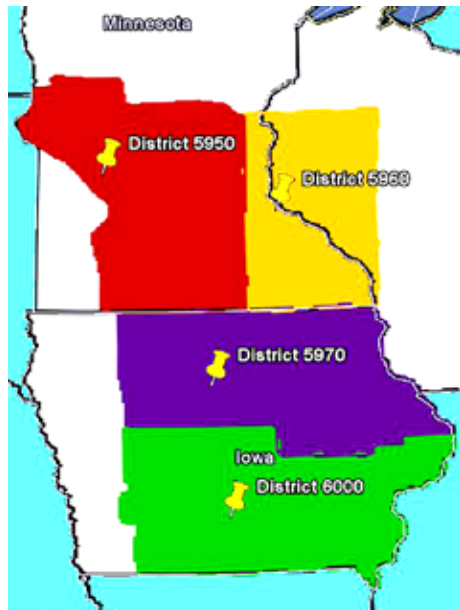
By DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Calling all Presidents-Elect of District 6000! The preparation begins for the 2014-15 Rotary year!

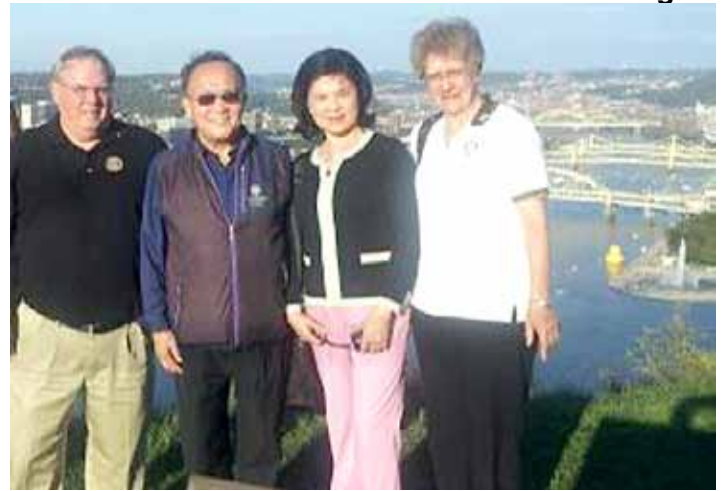
All incoming Presidents-Elect in District 6000 and the neighboring districts of 5970 (northern Iowa) and 5950 and 5960 (Minnesota and Wisconsin) will meet Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8, 2014, in Rochester, Minn., for the annual training of club leaders in the North Central PETS region.

District Governor-Elect John Ockenfels of Iowa City AM and district trainer Tom Narak of West Des Moines are planning the sessions for District 6000 presidents-elect that will be motivating, experiential, practical and useful in preparing for the year of leading Rotary clubs.

In addition to the individual district sessions, there will be general sessions in which presidents-elect from all four districts will learn together interacting in smaller groups and through inspiring plenary speakers. The opportunity for incoming club



Incoming club presidents from these four districts will participate in PETS training March 7-8 in Rochester, Minn.



D6000 Governor-Elect John Ockenfels (l) and Deb (r) were aides for a day with RI President-Elect Gary Huang of Taiwan and his wife, Corinna (center), on Oct. 5 in Pittsburgh. Training for their year will be March 7-8, 2014, in Rochester, Minn.

presidents to network, share ideas and best practices is priceless, an experience not to be missed!

The multi-districts PETS structure affords access to truly outstanding speakers from Rotary International and beyond. Mary Beth Growney Selene, Rotary International Director 2013-2015, will be the Friday luncheon speaker. She is well-known for her enthusiastic presentation style, quick wit and can do attitude. The Friday evening banquet will feature PDG Steven Wilcox, an experienced international trainer, visioning leader and entrepreneur. On Saturday the plenary speaker will be Richard Lett, a former Secret Service Agent with Scotland Yard. The unique perspective of working with the Royal Family provides Lett a back drop to discuss the role of teamwork and managing volunteers in truly exceptional circumstances.

Registration is now open at www.ncpets.org and ready for Presidents-Elect to sign up! Don't delay! This event will give PEs a leg-up on a successful year leading their clubs.

To prepare District 6000 PEs for the new Rotary International procedures, a "Pre-PETS" will be held in the district prior to the NCPETS event. Watch your IN BOX for details about the important Pre-PETS event!



RI President-Elect Gary Huang of Taiwan and his wife, Corinna, with representatives of District 6000 at the Zones 28-29 Institute, Oct. 3-6 at Pittsburgh, Pa., included (l-r): DGE John and Deb Ockenfels, PDG Don and Becky Patterson, PDG Cal and Rachel Litwiller, PDG Bill Tubbs, DG Jacque Andrew, PDG Gary Welch and DGN Loring and Phyllis Miller.



MAKING AN IMPACT

District Rotarians celebrate work of The Rotary Foundation

By **DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson**

"Making An Impact," the second District 6000 Foundation Dinner, drew 110 attendees on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Marriott in West Des Moines.

More than \$2,653 was raised for the polio eradication effort from the event (\$1,408.27 "profit" from the event and an additional \$1,245 donated by attendees from a challenge issued by DG Jacque Andrew).

The event was chaired by PDG Corliss Klaassen and Sharon Vickery, immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Des Moines. Serving on the committee were Bill Koellner, PDG Don Goering, DGE John Ockenfels and DG Andrew.

Donors to The Rotary Foundation annual fund and endowment fund were recognized by the District Foundation Team, DRFC Cal



District Governor Jacque Andrew at the Foundation Dinner with Natalia Bonfonate Ginez, Annual Giving Officer of The Rotary Foundation, and keynote speaker Linda Bradley, who is vice chair of the Peace Center Major Gifts Initiative.
Photos by Bill Tubbs

Litwiller, William Koellner, PDG Klaassen and PDG Goering.

Presenting remarks on behalf of The Rotary Foundation were Natalia Bonafonte Ginez of Chicago, TRF Annual Giving Officer; PDG Richard Galitz of Naperville, Ill., Regional Rotary Foundation Chair; and PDG William Tubbs of North Scott, Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Chair.

A special message from the District 6000 Rotary Peace Scholar Cilia Maria Ruiz Pas, now a student in the Tokyo, Japan, peace center, was used in the introduction of keynote speaker PDG Linda Bradley of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, who is vice chair of the Rotary Peace Centers Major Gifts Initiative committee. "Everything we do in Rotary is to bring peace and fulfillment into the lives of

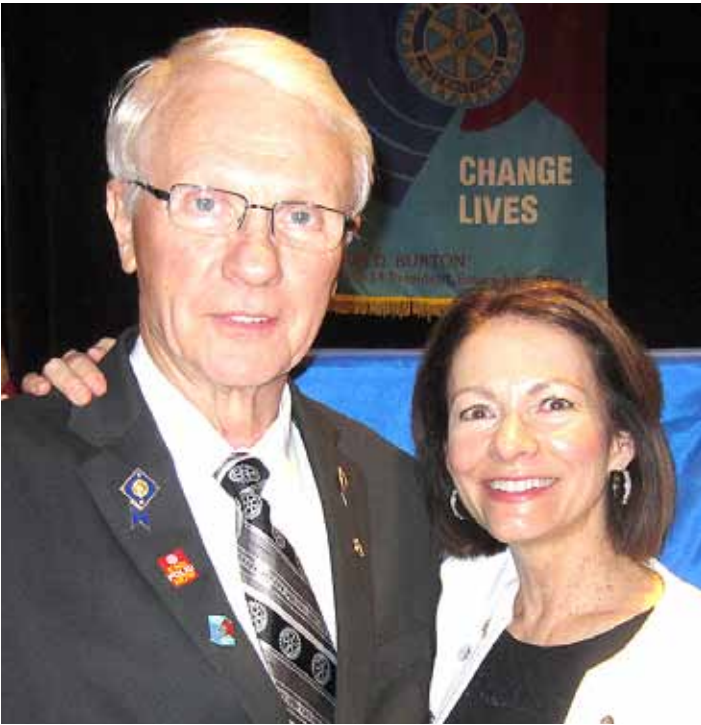
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Among the Rotary leaders supporting the Rotary Foundation Dinner were (l-r): Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Dick Galitz of Naperville, Ill.; D6000 polio challenge coordinator PDG Susan Herrick, and PDG Don Goering, a former RRFC for Zone 28.



Natalia Bonfonate Ginez thanked Fairfield Rotarians Linn Cornick, Dave Reiff and Doug Flournoy for their club's matching grants for projects in her home city of Cartehena, Colombia: a children's hospital, children's feeding program, hospital ventilator and a drug rehabilitation program.



Co-chairs of the Foundation Dinner were PDG Corliss Klaassen of Chariton and Des Moines Rotary past president Sharon Vickery.

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others and we do this through the Rotary Foundation," she said, and all other programs are in jeopardy when peace is threatened.

Catherine Staub of the Rotary Club of Des Moines did graphic design for the event. Musical entertainment was provided by "The Iowa Diamondtaires" under the direction of Des Moines Rotarian Chuck Kuba, and PDG Tubbs led the closing, "Let There Be Peace On Earth."



Peace Scholar Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz welcomed attendees long distance from Japan.



"The Iowa Diamondtaires," led by Des Moines Rotarian Chuck Kuba, played dinner music.



Recognized with DG Jacque as members of the Bequest Society Level I for their future gifts to The Rotary Foundation were (l-r): Steve and Leslie Dakin (Boone) and Ruth Freeman (Jefferson). Brad Helgemo (Northwest Des Moines) was recognized as a Level II Bequest Society member.



Darrell Limkeman (Ottumwa), with DG Jacque Andrew, Foundation chair PDG Cal Litwiller and endowment chair PDG Don Goering, was recognized as a Level I Major Donor.



Recognized as new Paul Harris Society members were Troy Thompson (Boone), Donna Cowan-Newbrough (Ames), Carolyn Scharff (Pella), Ted Clausen, (Grinnell), DG Jacque Andrew, PDG Cal and Rachel Litwiller (Mount Pleasant) and PDG Denny Skinner (Nevada).



Recognized as Level 2 Major Donors were PDG Bill and Linda Tubbs and PDG Roger and Pat Borup, pictured with DG Jacque Andrew and Foundation chair PDG Cal Litwiller.

EYES FIXED ON THE PRIZE

■ *Despite outbreak in Syria, there is hope for a polio-free world*

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Editor, District 6000 News

Reprinted from Nov. 20, 2013, Eldridge North Scott Press

Friends who know of my work with global polio eradication through Rotary International have read about outbreaks in Syria and Somalia, and have asked what's going on. I will attempt to answer.

Even though the Western Hemisphere has been polio-free since 1989, the disease is still alive and only a plane flight away.

The outbreak this fall in the Arab nation of Syria serves as a reminder to the world that polio has NOT been eradicated. Our children and grandchildren will not be out of harm's way from the crippling disease until it is has been stamped out everywhere.

The last cases of polio in Syria, until the 13 cases that were reported this fall, were in 1999.

They let their guard down and stopped immunizing every child, and look what happened!

Syria grabbed the headlines, but the situation was worse in Somalia, where 180 cases were reported, and Kenya, with 14 cases. Two other countries that had no cases last year were re-infected: Ethiopia (6 cases) and Cameroon (2 cases).

When you consider the horrible, lifelong effects of polio, even one case is too many. But overall, the trend line is down, and despite the 334 cases that had been reported by the World Health Organization as of Nov. 13, there is reason for hope.

The good news is that the number of cases in the three remaining polio-endemic countries of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria is decreasing, and that's what matters most. There were just 119 new cases in those three countries as of Nov. 13, 2013, compared with 217 last year. There were 51 new cases in Nigeria, compared with 101 last year. In Afghanistan there were only nine, compared with 27 last year. The case count was up by one in Pakistan, to 59 from 58, but the trend line is down, and that's good.

When the wild polio virus spreads to the non-endemic countries like Syria, health workers enter with a large-scale mobilization. On Oct. 24, 1.6 million children in the infected area of Syria received the oral vaccine, and 22 million children throughout that country will be immunized within six months. Similar campaigns are underway in Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Cameroon.

The campaigns are expensive, but that will mop things up in those countries, and the focus will return to the three endemic countries of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. That's where the battle must be



won, and the success in India, which last year was declared polio-free against all odds, gives us hope.

For decades, it was thought that India would be the last country to get rid of polio, but they made an all-out commitment and in February 2012, India was removed from the endemic countries list. I was in Delhi when the announcement was made, and saw first-hand how they did it: 172 million children in India under the age of 5 received the oral polio vaccine in one three-day sweep. Two-and-a-half-million volunteers and health workers were involved.

The logistics were daunting, but the vaccines were delivered and detailed records were kept.

Members of 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries have contributed \$1.2 billion toward polio eradication since 1987, and lent their hands in support of immunization campaigns in

almost every country. In 2007, I participated in immunization campaigns with Rotarians and health workers in remote regions of the west African nation of Nigeria. In February 2013, John Maxwell, another member of the Rotary Club of North Scott, traveled to the same regions of northern India where I had been in 2012, and did the same.

Rotary is joined in the campaign by the World Health Organization, the U.S. Center for Disease Control, and UNICEF. The Gates Foundation and the governments of the world are partners, too. They project that the spread of the wild polio virus will stop in 2014 and that the world will be declared polio free in 2018. When that

happens, the campaign will have cost \$10 billion and our resources can be directed towards other humanitarian purposes.

That is our hope for the children of the world, but it won't happen without continued effort and advocacy. The outbreaks in Syria, Somalia and the other countries will have helped if they raise awareness that it's not over until it's over.

People who are old enough to remember when communities were gripped with fear know that eradication is a must. In just the decade of the 1950s, in just Iowa, polio afflicted 9,193 and claimed 388 lives. Worldwide, it was proportionally greater.

In 1987, when Rotary's campaign began, there were almost 1,000 new cases of polio in the world every day – 350,000 a year. Now only a few hundred. Great progress has been made, but the job isn't finished! The days of quarantines, closed swimming pools and patients warehoused in iron lungs are unacceptable when polio is so preventable. So we keep our eyes fixed on the prize.

Thank you for accurate report; problems in Pakistan

Dear Bill,

End Polio Now Zone 28 coordinator Jon Stillman sent me a copy of your recent article regarding polio.

I wish to thank you most sincerely for writing and publishing it.

The facts were all correct as I would expect from an Assistant RRFC (Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator), but being a little skeptical re: press reports, the fact that a press article is so on the ball with respect to the program, I again thank you.

We have major problems at this time in Pakistan where I visited two weeks ago. I feel it is easily possible from a scientific and operational aspect but will require much effort and tact to overcome some of the opposition and allow us to vaccinate all the children.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Scott, chair

Rotary International PolioPlus Committee
239 Queen Street, Cobourg, Ontario, Canada



With pumpkins in hand, children wait in line to board the wagon to return to the farmstead.



The smile of E'Marieona Shaw of Neil Armstrong Elementary shows that she had a good day at the farm.



Jeremy Kaiser, who works for juvenile services for Scott County, chaired the event for North Scott Rotary.



Davenport Rotarian Glenn Hummel writes a child's name on his new prized possession – a pumpkin.

Children connect with the country at Rotary's Youth Harvest Party

By PDG Bill Tubbs

Reprinted from North Scott Press

Two hundred-forty-three children from Neil Armstrong Elementary School in Park View, and seven agencies in the Quad Cities, connected with the country on Oct. 16 at the seventh annual Harvest Party sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of North Scott and Davenport.

"It was a blast!" commented Armstrong principal Curt Rheingans, "You could see it in their faces." This year's venue – Cinnamon Ridge Dairy at rural Donahue, owned by Rotarian John Maxwell – was new, and some children, for example, had to overcome the fear of seeing a cow for the first time. But they did, and the mission of showing children firsthand that not all things grow in stores was accomplished.

The children ranged in age from kindergarten to third grade, and schools tied their curriculum around the event. Students were bussed from locations in the Quad Cities to the farm and activities included: participating in sack races and a "corn in the bucket" relay; petting a calf, rabbits and other animals; eating a "taco in a bag" meal and making s'mores over an open fire; seeing cows milked by robots; and taking a trip to the field where each child selected a pumpkin to take home. Each child received a backpack with goodies from sponsors and Rotarians. *The event was manned by volunteers:*

North Scott Rotary: Cody Allen, Mike

Auliff, Marcia Brandt, Josh Cobie, Dick Cole, Chris Connolly, Steve Fahrenkrog, Christine Garrow, Richard Golinghorst, Charlie Jones, Jeremy Kaiser, Paul Kallainoff, Glen Keppy, John Maxwell, Gene Meyer, Pat Olsen, Greg Schaapveld, Paul Seelau, Jim Smith, Steve Suiter, Jillian Townsell, Jan Trimble, Bill Tubbs, Ryan Varner, Donn Wilmott and Anita Wubbena.

Davenport Rotary: Annette Horvath, Paul and Kay Johnson, Wes Rostenbach, Carl Zurborg, Roger Killion, Steve and Bonnie Gray, Eloise Graham, Brock and Carol Earnhardt, Cheryl Goodwin, Sharyl Stein, Tom Bowman, Brian Nagle, Jessi Lane, Dudley Hanson, Regin Matheson, Maggie Tinsman, Glenn Hummel, Patt Englander, Monica Forret, Mark Zimmerman and Gary Loss.



Karmelo Cooke of Neil Armstrong Elementary balances kernels of corn in a spoon in a relay event.





D6000 Rotarians, service learning students, and Xicotepec Rotarians and friends on the last day in Xicotepec.

Friendships in the hemisphere

■ *Largest project team ever in March 2013 in Xicotepec, Mexico*

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

Xicotepec Project Coordinator

2013 was the 11th consecutive year in which a D6000-led project team traveled to Mexico to help carry out the community projects of the Rotary Club of Xicotepec (D4180). This year's U.S. team had 74 members, making it the single largest project team to travel to Xicotepec since the Xicotepec Project began in 2002.

On March 16, 2013, project team members departed by air from Chicago, Des Moines, Seattle, Grand Rapids and Minneapolis, converging on Mexico City. The following morning they rode together to Xicotepec on chartered buses, and that same afternoon the team visited the Casa Hogar Victoria Orphanage, where children were weighed, measured and de-wormed. Each child at the orphanage also received a new pair of shoes, compliments of Jefferson Rotarian Nancy Stroburg and her husband, Jeff (who paid for them) as well as Xicotepec Rotarians and their wives (who made sure that

each child was able to choose the style of shoe she/he wanted and recorded the shoe size of each child before making the purchase).

During the week in Xicotepec a variety of activities and projects were undertaken. U of I dental students continued a dental health project that started two years ago, and pharmacy students administered another 3,000-plus de-worming treatments (making the total more than 21,000 since 2007). Some U of I undergraduate students worked together with university Rotaractors from Xicotepec on projects to improve and beautify their campus and community, while others researched and documented the history of the Xicotepec Project.

High school youth and D6000 Rotarians worked on projects at the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Preschool and at the Centro Escolar Francisco Velasco Marañón II and assisted the dental and pharmacy

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Kay Carpenter with the head nun at Francisco Velasco Marañón II School.



Members of the pharmacy team at work at the Rotary School.



Tom Narak of West Des Moines Rotary with children and one of the nuns at Francisco Velasco Maranon II School.



Children at Casa Hogar Victoria Orphanage with their new shoes, thanks to Rotary.

Xicotepec: Service learning

students. Projects at the schools included such tasks as painting, paving play areas and landscaping. The D6000 water team, led by Bob Main, installed additional filtration systems that provide safe drinking water for Xicotepec school children.

2013 was the first year in which Xicotepec Interact and Rotaract Clubs (both recently formed) participated along with the U.S. project team to carry out projects, and many of the university and high school students were pleased and excited to work alongside Mexicans of their own age.

The coordinator for the 2013 team was Kay Carpenter of the Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor, a veteran of many trips to Xicotepec since her first in 2005, and she was assisted by West Des Moines Rotarian Tom Narak, his wife Carol, Jefferson Rotarian Nancy Stroburg, Newton Rotarian Bob Main and other project

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A ceremony was held to celebrate the presentation of a defibrillator for the Xicotepec Red Cross.



Members of the pharmacy team at Casa Hogar Victoria Orphanage.



Children join in a celebration at Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz Preschool.



Mattresses are delivered to Francisco Velasco Marañon II School for the nuns.

Xicotepec: Lending a hand

veterans.

Beginning in 2007 and in each year since, service-learning students from the University of Iowa have taken part in the trip as part of the interdisciplinary, international service-learning course "Inter- national Perspectives: Xicotepec."

The 2013 project team included 31 service-learning students from the University of Iowa and Ferris State University (Michigan), as well as eight faculty members from these two institutions. Some of the disciplines represented were Pharmacy, Dentistry, Engineering, Business and Liberal Arts. For the second year in a row, U of I faculty member Stacy Narcotta-Welp and students of the Career Leadership Academy participated thanks to a generous grant from Rockwell-Collins.

Much of the cost of funding projects is borne by the project team members themselves, and additional outside funding is both needed and welcome. Anyone wishing to contribute may make tax-deductible contributions to The Xicotepec Project through the District 6000 Humanitarian and Educational Fund (D6000 HEF). Be sure to designate your gift to "The Xicotepec Project."



University of Iowa Service Learning students painted a fence and cleaned the grounds at Francisco Velasco Mara- non II School.



Rotary projects were carried out at the Centro Escolar Francisco Velasco Marañon II School.



Volunteers do cement work at Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz Preschool.



Kay Carpenter with the director at Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz Preschool.

Clubs raise \$500,000 for Principal Riverwalk

By Emily Schetter

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The completion of the Principal Riverwalk last year and the opening of the Hub Spot have made the area along the Des Moines River in downtown Des Moines a popular leisure destination.

Now city leaders and area Rotary club members are hoping a new playground on the west side of the river will make the area even more appealing to young families.

Six area Rotary clubs have been working together to raise \$500,000 to install play equipment just north of the Women of Achievement Bridge near Center Street.

"We want to build a park like none other in the world because we believe there is no city like Des Moines in the world," said attorney John Bouslog, a member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM.

Fundraising efforts also are underway for a \$3 million skate park between the proposed playground and the downtown dog park, offering even more opportunities for people to spend time along the river, Parks and Recreation Director Ben Page said.

"The Riverwalk is a destination spot, and we want to extend the stay of people coming down to the Riverwalk," Page said.

The Rotary Riverwalk Park would be the first traditional playground in the downtown area, something young families and others have been encouraging the city to consider for some time.

Design plans call for a fishing-themed playground that will connect people to the river, Page said. Swings will hang from a fishing pole coming out of the levee, and there will be a large bobber for children to climb and play on, he said.

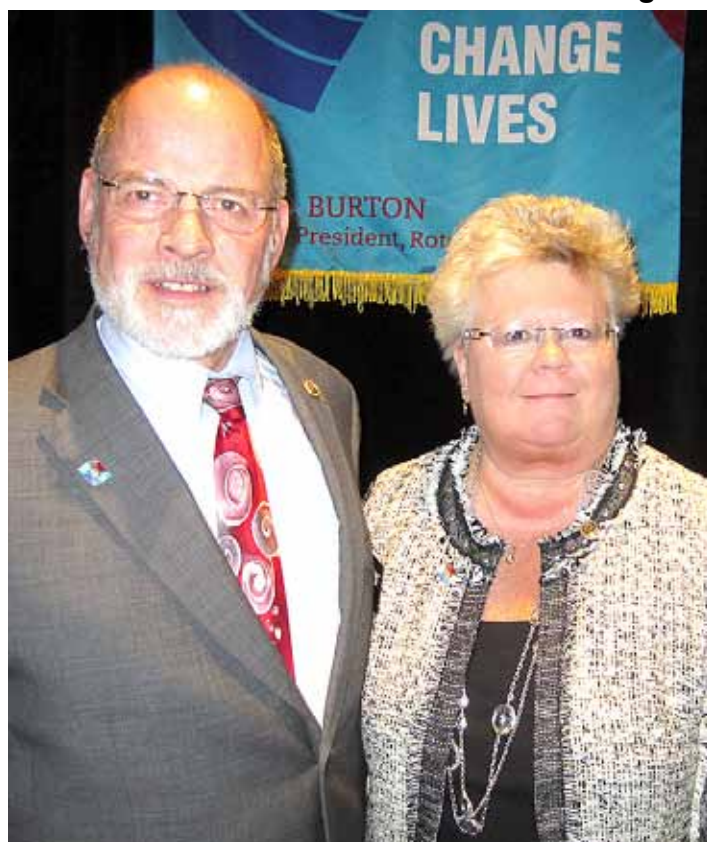
The final proposal, along with naming rights for the Rotary, is expected to go before the Des Moines City Council in January. Rotary members have already completed fundraising for the project. Construction will likely begin next spring, and the playground could be open by the end of next summer, Page said.

(Editor's note: The clubs are Des Moines, Des Moines AM, Northwest Des Moines, West Polk, Waukee, West Des Moines, Adel and District 6000.)



District 6000 gave \$5,000 to the Iowa Human Resources Disaster Fund on Sept. 19. Participating in the presentation were (l-r): Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department administrator Mark Schouten, Rotarian Steve Dakin of Boone, DG Jacquie Andrew, Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council (IDHRC) president Rick Wulfekuhle, IDHRC vice president Janna Diehl and IDHRC treasurer Don Hampton.

Provided by Jacquie Andrew



District Governor Nominee Designee Chris Knapp of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM and Vernetta. Photo by Bill Tubbs

Chris Knapp nominated for District Governor 2016-17

Christopher W. Knapp of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM was the well qualified selection of the District 6000 nominating committee for District Governor for the 2016-17 year.

A Rotarian for 24 years, Chris is a third generation Rotarian with his father a 50-year member and his grandfather a 60-year member.

Long active in District 6000 Youth Exchange as a member since 1992 and District Chairman since 2006, Chris has served in numerous Youth Exchange capacities at the regional level.

Chris has served as member-at-large of the management committee of South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE), the 36 Rotary district Youth Exchange organization of which District 6000 is a member. Chris is the District 6000 representative on the board of directors of SCRYE and also the representative for SCRYE to CSIET, Council on Standards for International Educational Travel.

Chris is a 1973 graduate of Iowa State University with a bachelors degree in history. In 2002 he received his MBA from the University of Iowa's Henry B Tippie School of Management.

Chris retired in June 2013 from U.S. Bank in Iowa City following a 35-year career in banking. He is also an adjunct faculty member of Kirkwood Community College. In his spare time he chaired three successful capital campaigns for his church, raising over \$1 million.

Chris is married and his wife, Vernetta, is a Rotarian and a member of the District 6000 Youth Exchange Committee. Vernetta also retired from U.S. Bank in June 2013, after 42 years. They have two sons and have hosted six Rotary exchange students in their home.

Chris brings a wealth of experience and dedication to youth development to district leadership. We look forward to his term.

— District Governor Jacquie Andrew

A TRUE BELIEVER:

LeBeau attended Rotary, collected banners to the end

By Fred Anderson/Bettendorf

When he died recently, after more than 40 years as a Rotarian, Carter Noel LeBeau, 87, of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf, Iowa, very well may have held the largest collection of Rotary club banners anywhere. He had 843 of them.

Carter and Kaye, his wife of 17 years, mounted banners on all of the walls – and half of the ceiling – in one bedroom of their late-19th century home in Davenport, Iowa.

“Carter would always say, ‘It’s your entitlement as a Rotarian to make up a meeting, no matter where you are,’” Kaye said. “He wished more members would take advantage of that.”

Carter joined Rotary in Davenport, Iowa, in 1970, about five years after he moved from Chicago, where he had begun a 31-year career as an executive of the Oscar Mayer Co. During his working years, he was also active in many organizations besides Rotary, including the Davenport Chamber of Commerce, Toastmasters International and the American Cancer Society. He served as a director on boards as diverse as Junior Achievement of the Heartland and Marycrest College in Davenport. He was chairman of the Meat Machinery Manufacturers Association in the 1960s.

Born in 1926 in Evanston, Ill., Carter was raised in Chicago, educated at St. Sabina Catholic Grade School and Calumet High School, both in Chicago, and graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign. He served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps in World War II. Carter married Dorothy Gallagher in 1950, and they had a son and two daughters. Dorothy died in 1980.

Carter’s 29-year quest to achieve perfect attendance at Rotary meetings – including make-ups and banner exchanges with other clubs, whenever possible – began shortly after he retired from Oscar Mayer in 1981. It coincided with – and was interrelated with – three of his other passions: travel, bicycling and the singing of fight songs (he was a diehard fan of the Chicago Bears and Cubs, the Fighting Illini and – when they weren’t playing against the Illini – the Iowa Hawkeyes).

He took up bicycling, seriously, in early middle-age. A long-time member of the Quad-Cities Bicycle Club, he helped found the group’s Tour of the Mississippi River Valley (TOMRV) and was inducted into its Hall of Fame.

In 1973, when two Des Moines Register editors proposed taking a week-long bike ride across the state of Iowa, Carter was among the few cyclists who joined them. In 2012, at the 40th anniversary of what came to be known as RAGBRAI (The Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa), Carter was honored as one of only eight persons who had participated in all 40 events to date.

RAGBRAI grew into the “oldest, largest and longest recreational bicycle touring event in the world,” according to its Web site.

Among many other trips, Carter also cycled U.S. Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica, Calif.; joined an international bike tour of Australia; and instigated scores of “tailwind tours.” For those “tailwind” rides, which began in the Quad Cities of Iowa and Illinois, Carter and friends would ride – often for up to a week – whichever way would put the wind at their backs. Dean Arney, a frequent biking pal, said, “Carter made several make-ups on those rides. The fellows were willing to wait while he went to the meeting. Sometimes, another Rotarian was along, so he’d go with Carter.”

During the LeBeaus’ Route 66 bike tour, they stopped for a Rotary meeting in Shamrock, Texas. The scheduled speaker had cancelled that noon, Kaye LeBeau remembered, “So Carter ended up as the program. He talked about the Route 66 ride.”

Non-cycling trips and cruises took Carter and Kaye to nearly every continent and climates ranging from the cool inner passage cruise from Seattle to Alaska to the heat of a Persian Gulf cruise originating in Dubai.

“The first thing Carter did after we planned a trip would be to get his Rotary book out,” Kaye recalled. “Every place we were going to be, he would look up the Rotary meeting, and he’d always

have that information with him, so we’d know exactly where to go.”

Usually, Carter and Kaye would not contact a club until they had arrived in the community. “Sometimes on RAGBRAI, we would do it ahead of time,” Kaye recalled. “He would say, ‘I would like to stay there, so could you have a banner available so we could do the exchange.’”

Sometimes, the LeBeaus discovered the meeting site had been changed. “We had to go several places before we could actually find the meeting,” Kaye said. “I would say, ‘Well, I guess we can’t do it this time.’ But he would be so persistent, and explain that it was so important to him, so he would pursue it until either we’d get a definite no, or we found someone – and usually he could find someone to make the exchange with us.”

During cruises, it was rare for the LeBeaus to arrive at a port on a meeting day, but that didn’t hinder the quest for a banner. “As soon as we landed in port, he would call the name in the Rotary book,” Kaye said. “Quite often it was a long process until we got to an individual who could make the exchange.”

When the LeBeaus began cruising, ships would offer a meeting when all service club members aboard could get a make-up. “Towards the end of our travels, they were not scheduling that meeting,”



The late Carter LeBeau is surrounded by some of the 843 Rotary banners he collected in his lifetime.



Ankeny Rotarians who volunteered at the Saint Joseph Family Emergency Shelter on Nov. 19, (l-r): Nate Burnham, Steve Wieneke, Carl Koedam, Chad Sorensen and Anne Porter.
Provided by Steve Wienecke

Rotarians provide home cooked meal for shelter

By AG Steve Wieneke/Ankeny

On Nov. 19, five members of the Ankeny Evening Rotary Club performed a community service project at the Saint Joseph Emergency Family Shelter in Des Moines. All members were involved in planning, preparing a home cooked meal and serving the meal to 28 men, women and children who are temporarily living in this shelter.

This is the second community service outreach project the club has performed. Each month the club plans to conduct one community service outreach project in Ankeny or the Des Moines metro area. In October the club volunteered time to cleaning up a large flower, shrub and tree garden space in Ankeny that we have recently adopted. In December we plan to participate in a community blood drive.

Last makeup was at Knoxville

LEBEAU/continued

Kaye recalled. "So Carter would call up somebody in charge, and when they'd say, 'We're not having them anymore,' he would insist that they put it into the schedule. There were a couple of occasions that he was the only one there, but they gave him a make-up. Once, the notice brought out some Kiwanians, too."

Before starting their last cruise together, in Dubai in 2012, Carter, Kaye and some Iowa friends took an elevator to the top of the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest manmade structure. Despite local laws against "excessive boisterousness," Kaye said, Carter and friends broke into "The Iowa Fight Song." Amid some disapproving glances, "they did finish it," Kaye said.

Carter LeBeau attended his final make-up meeting, and had his final club banner exchange, with the Rotary Club of Knoxville, Iowa, at its noon meeting, Wednesday, July 24, 2013 – the same day bicycle riders in RAGBRAI-XLI had their overnight stop in the town. Carter and Kaye stayed overnight in Knoxville in the home of a fellow Rotarian.

Carter presented the Knoxville banner to the Rotary Club of Bettendorf at its July 31 meeting. He died Aug. 10, 2013.



District 6000 Calendar Notes

LEARNING...

Grant Management Seminars

Saturday, February 22, 2014--Community Center, West Liberty, 9 am to 2 pm, box lunch

Saturday, March 1, 2014--Adel Public Library, Adel, 9 am to 2 pm, box lunch

Friday, March 28, 2014—DMACC center Newton, 4 to 8 pm, includes boxed lunch

All Rotarian District Training Assembly

Saturday, March 29, 2014
DMACC center, Newton

PETS and Assistant Governor Training

March 6, 2014—Assistant Governor training
Rochester, MN

March 7-8, 2014—Presidents-Elect Training
North Central PETS, Rochester

2014 District Conference

Celebrating success in our clubs and district —

May 2-3, 2014, Gateway Center, Ames

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Topics chosen by our Rotarians for learning and to showcase club and district activities
- Incentives for young or 1st time attendees
- Honoring 25 years of women in Rotary
- Live and silent auction for youth programs
- FUN with Dueling Pianos
- Bunny Harper Golf Tournament

Watch for details for registration on the District website www.rotary6000.org, District newsletter, by email reminders, announcements by club presidents

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Hotel reservations - 515-292-8600 or 800-367-2637



Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students in 2013-14 in District 6000, front (l-r): Paula Gerwin, Germany (Knoxville); Maria Carcaba, Spain (Newton); Franziska Popp, Germany (Mount Pleasant); Hannah Purner, Austria (Washington); Marta Calsamiglia, Italy (Decatur County); Lais Krause, Brazil (Iowa City); Bertrand Joliet, France (Nevada); Madeleine Maitre, France (Winterset); Giulia Festugato, Italy (Ottumwa). Back: Tae-Sung Yun, Korean Republic (Iowa City AM); Augusto Queiroz, Brazil (Burlington); Silvia Pellegrino, Italy (Ankeny); Carlos Perez, Spain (Clinton); Claudia Prota, Italy (West Liberty); Federico Ferretti, Italy (Fairfield); Lucas Jacobs, Brazil (Muscatine); Alejandro Wurts, Mexico (West Des Moines).

Provided by Doug Peterson



Carving pumpkins at Indianola.

Students celebrate 'Pumpkin Fest'

By Terry Pauling/Indianola

The Rotary Club of Indianola hosted the 2013-14 Rotary Youth Exchange students, host families, district counselors and district leadership at the annual "Pumpkin Fest" on Oct. 26 at the Warren County Historical Building.

Nine RYE Students were able to attend the session, which provided district leadership with an opportunity to note how they were adapting to life in the U.S.A and to determine if they were engaging in school activities. We were informed that all students have adapted very well and are enjoying their RYE experience.

Tae Sung Yun celebrated his 16th birthday the previous day, so a cake, with the flag of South Korea was served to help him celebrate. In addition, pumpkins were delivered to provide the students with a first time experience of decorating a pumpkin for the Halloween season. It is always fun to watch as new ideas spring forth from the minds of those who have never experience something and how the results provide us hope of the future.

Clubs welcome 17 Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students

By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities

AG, Youth Exchange Committee

The Rotary Youth Exchange year has begun! For over 50 years, District 6000 has provided opportunities for young men and women to participate in a life-changing experience through the finest youth exchange program in the United States.

This year, D6000 is hosting 17 inbound students from eight different countries. We welcomed these students for their first orientation session on Sept. 21. One hundred-seven people, including students, host parents, committee members, and counselors met in Iowa City for training in all aspects of youth exchange.

It is important that everyone involved gets started on the right foot to make the students' exchanges a successful and satisfying experience. This training event was the first of several occasions in which the students can meet one another and establish friendships that could last a lifetime. We welcome all the students and wish for them the best year of their lives!



Tae Sung Yun of Korea cuts the cake for his 16th birthday.



Youth Exchange students with their jack-o-lanterns at the Oct. 26 "Pumpkin Fest" at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Indianola.

Provided by Terry Pauling

'World Class' RYLA moves to Grinnell

By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny

D6000 RYLA chair

World Class – we will accept nothing less. To that end, a RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) visioning process was held on Nov. 24 in Urbandale. Dave Cook, Tamara Kenworthy, Nan Sloan and Daryle Vegge facilitated the vision. There were 19 Rotarians from District 6000 who attended.

The purpose of this visioning process was to determine what kind of a RYLA leadership experience we want for your students. The complete summary will be sent to your RYLA representative. Please let us know what you think. After all, this is your RYLA.

These are a few of the ideas that we want to accomplish in five years:

- Teaches young people how to bridge gaps in understanding for effective communication.
- RYLA provides passion for effective positive leadership.
- We are the premier training center for RYLA.
- 100 percent of the clubs will send someone to RYLA.
- Looking for “diamonds in the rough.”
- Use Rotary’s Four-Way Test.
- Ethics training.
- How to handle conflict, success and failure.
- Create and open, safe and respectful environment.



RYLA Visioning Committee participants led by David Cook were Stephanie Kitchen, Bob and PDG Susan Herrick, Colleen Welch, DGN Loring Miller, Terry Welker, DG Jacque Andrew, Phyllis Miller, Clay Haley, Corrine Lambert, Heriberto Hernandez, Vernetta Knapp, DGND Chris Knapp, Sue and Dick Rasmussen, and Mary Ellen Stanley. Not pictured: Jeff Burbank, PDG Gary Welch, Shari Bender.

- Develop strong leadership skills.
- Diversity.

We have a lot of work to do to provide the best possible leadership experience and your help is needed.

It is important to keep a few dates in mind as we move into this next year.

- Jan. 15, 2014: Provide a number to Gary Welch of how many students you are going to send to RYLA so that a spot will be reserved for your student.
- Feb. 15: Student application is open on the rylaiowa.org website.
- March 15: Rotary Volunteer application is open on the RYLA website.
- March 15: Your club sends a non-refundable check for \$400 for each reserved

student.

- March 29: Training for your RYLA Representatives at District Assembly.
- April 30: Student application is due to your club.
- May 15: Selected students submitted to RYLA registrar.
- June 21: Training for Rotary volunteers and youth counselors.
- July 13-18: RYLA experience at Grinnell, Iowa.

Additional information will be sent directly to your RYLA representative.

If you have any additional questions or I can help in any way, please contact Gary Welch at (515) 419-3707 or gwelch3002@msn.com.

Cilia María's Postcard for Peace from Tokyo

Greetings District 6000 Rotarians,

Nov. 14: It is incredible to think that four months is about to elapse since my arrival at the International Christian University Rotary Peace Center! The experience, as to be expected, has been nothing short of fantastic! In addition to being reminded of the bountiful and profound array of reading material on this planet and re-touching base with that quiet and peaceful inner me that had been toppled over by work, I have also learned that peace is both very simple and very complex.

With my one semester into the program, I have already absorbed game theory's relations to political institutions, how the “liberal peace” and “structural violence” play a part in our perception of peacekeeping and peace building, and how human rights throughout the world can be applied in various ways depending on interpretation of international law.



Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz

To me, peace used to be pretty simple: not simply the absence of war but a combination of empathy and a sincere respect for a belief system other than your own. Now, I have come to realize that my task for the next two years is to internalize and make sense of all of this new information and come up with a plausible response to whatever the opposite

of peace actually is and then sensibly apply it to my field!

Regardless of what the “true” meaning of peace is, I know that it is an ideal to strive for in order for individuals to live in harmony, with sufficient food and minimal suffering... and I will do all that is within me to embody it in everything I do.

Stay tuned for the next chapter of “A Postcard of Peace” where I will share Reina's and my experience with the wonders of the Japanese Christmas and New Year's holidays! In the meantime, feel free to visit my blog, <http://ciliamaria.blogspot.jp/>, and join the private District 6000 Facebook Group!

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Rotary Foundation Annual giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2013 - Dec. 4, 2013*

(Members: Jul 12/Jul 13)	(1) 13-14 Goal	(2) Thru 12-4-13	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (26/27)	\$ 2,800	515	18	\$ 19.07
Albia (28/24)	1,200	0	0	0.00
Ames Morning (61/54)	6,770	2,550	38	47.22
Ames (230/235)	26,975	6,560	24	27.91
Ankeny (62/66)	18,000	135	1	2.05
Atlantic (64/55)	5,200	731	14	13.29
Bettendorf (113/101)	16,000	6,700	42	66.34
Bloomfield (14/11)	0	0	0	0.00
Boone (52/47)	7,950	1,215	15	25.85
Burlington (85/77)	7,600	300	4	3.90
Carroll (55/50)	5,200	0	0	0.00
Centerville (41/48)	4,800	0	0	0.00
Chariton (53/49)	5,300	2,500	47	51.02
Clinton (116/112)	0	4,225	0	37.72
Coon Rapids (29/31)	1,400	0	0	0.00
Coralville-North Corridor (22/19)	2,000	0	0	0.00
Corning (48/43)	1,836	1,571	86	36.55
Corydon (20/21)	200	100	50	4.76
Creston (19/19)	500	50	10	2.63
Dallas Center (26/26)	2,700	0	0	0.00
Davenport (132/123)	13,000	7,045	54	57.28
Decatur County (25/25)	5,600	100	2	4.00
Des Moines AM (139/153)	11,000	2,500	23	16.34
Des Moines (294/278)	21,500	9,896	46	35.50
East Polk County (42/37)	3,800	1,475	39	39.86
Fairfield (60/63)	6,500	80	1	1.27
Fort Madison (52/42)	5,300	50	1	1.19
Greater Des Moines (37/19)	2,000	0	0	0.00
Grinnell (33/36)	3,800	150	4	4.17
Indianola (50/55)	4,350	350	8	6.36
Iowa City AM (55/57)	8,400	50	1	0.88
Iowa City Downtown (19/19)	800	0	0	0.00
Iowa City (303/304)	34,700	14,735	42	48.47
Iowa Quad-Cities (47/44)	3,500	1,125	32	25.57
Jefferson (53/55)	12,000	3,000	25	54.44
Johnston (53/51)	4,100	0	0	0.00
Kalona (43/39)	0	1,650	0	42.31
Keokuk (84/77)	3,700	2,380	64	30.91
Keosauqua (26/21)	1,210	975	81	46.43
Knoxville (63/59)	5,325	0	0	0.00
Lenox (23/27)	3,500	825	24	30.56
Manning (22/19)	0	1,616	0	85.09
Marengo (10/12)	120	0	0	0.00
Marshalltown (158/157)	11,825	1,158	10	7.38
Mount Pleasant Noon (51/58)	0	1,327	0	22.88
Mt. Pleasant (24/25)	2,700	0	0	0.00
Muscatine (117/112)	15,420	0	0	0.00
Nevada (66/69)	8,050	0	0	0.00
Newton (72/65)	4,000	1,648	41	25.35
North Scott (91/81)	10,625	2,865	27	35.37
Northwest Des Moines (49/41)	4,900	0	0	0.00
Osceola (28/31)	1,644	0	0	0.00
Oskaloosa (55/53)	0	0	0	0.00
Ottumwa (98/104)	10,600	0	0	0.00
Pella (40/27)	3,000	1,300	43	48.15
Perry (29/29)	350	0	0	0.00
Tipton (28/30)	2,000	50	3	1.67
Washington (55/48)	4,900	0	0	0.00
Waukee (50/52)	5,200	2,050	39	39.42
Wellman (36/37)	3,700	690	19	18.65
West Des Moines (71/76)	7,300	165	2	2.17
West Liberty (39/39)	13,800	2,500	18	64.10
West Polk County (25/23)	3,000	0	0	0.00
Winterset (29/30)	0	0	0	0.00
Total (4,015/3,917)	\$ 383,650	\$ 88,882	23	\$22.69

(*) Interim Report

Foundation news

Making a difference today

By PDG Corliss Klaassen/Chariton
D6000 Annual Giving Chair

Have you thought about how you could impact the world this year through The Rotary Foundation? There are many gift options from which to choose, several of which offer attractive benefits for you.

1. Make a tax-free gift from your IRA:

If you are 70-1/2 or older you can transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to a qualified charitable organization, such as The Rotary Foundation. This transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you don't have to itemize to take advantage of this opportunity.

2. Give cash:

Cash is an easy way to support Rotary's immediate needs.

3. Contribute securities you have owned for more than one year:

If they are worth more than what you originally paid for them, you can claim deductions for their full fair market values and eliminate any tax on the appreciation.

4. Invest in a life income plan:

These gifts provide you with payments for your lifetime and support the work of The Rotary Foundation. If you use appreciated securities that you've owned longer than a year to fund the gift, you will eliminate up-front capital gains taxes and be entitled to an income tax deduction based on the charitable portion of the securities' full value.

5. Donate an insurance policy:

A life insurance policy you no longer need makes a perfect year-end gift. To qualify as a deductible gift, The Rotary Foundation must become the policy owner. For most types of insurance policies, your

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How one small club found its next president

By Charlie Nixon/Coon Rapids

Publisher, Coon Rapid Enterprise

Jacque, as you know, our club has been struggling with club presidents, or lack of them. Our president-for-life Mark Thomas has been in the seat for nearly five years but no one has stepped up to become the new president. Many of our older members have already served the office and they didn't want to do it again, feeling that the younger members should take a turn. The younger members, in their defense, were just a bit intimidated by the prospect.

Recognizing that something had to change, I sent out an email to four of our most youthful members last week, asking that they agree to put themselves in a straw vote, sort of speak. I suggested we have a contest in which the one who picks the longest straw is the new president. Three of the four agreed. The photo shows the three candidates comparing their straws during the contest. Dr. Natalie Lewis (middle) was the winner! It was really an exciting moment and I think everyone had a little fun too.

Not only do we have a new president in July 2014, but now we at least two others waiting in the wings!

Maybe not by the book, but at least it worked.



The three candidates for president of the Rotary Club of Coon Rapids compared their straws. Dr. Natalie Lewis (middle) was the winner!
Provided by Charlie Nixon

Consider a year-end gift to The Rotary Foundation

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tax deduction is usually the cost basis of the fair market value of the policy – whichever is less.

Don't want to part with your assets today?

If you believe in the future of "The Rotary Foundation" but don't want to part with money today, a gift in your will or trust may be the donation option you've been looking for. This option allows you to make an impact without giving up any assets today. It has these benefits:

Simplicity:

You only need a few sentences in your will or trust to do this. Your attorney can help you with proper wording.

Flexibility:

Because you are not making a gift until after your lifetime, you can change your mind at any time.

Versatility:

You can structure the gift to leave a specific item or amount of money, making it contingent on certain events, or leave a percentage of your estate to The Rotary Foundation.

Tax relief:

When you make a gift to The Rotary

Foundation in your will or trust, your estate is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

If you have already included a gift to The Rotary Foundation in your will or trust, please notify someone on the District Rotary Foundation Committee or at the Rotary Foundation headquarters. That way we can ensure your gift will be used exactly as you intend.

We want to thank you for your past contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Remember, when we contribute to The Rotary Foundation we become ENGAGED ROTARIANS AND WE CHANGE LIVES.



New Paul Harris Fellows inducted at the Rotary Club of Jefferson Christmas party on Dec. 2 make the club a 100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow Club. From left: Andy Harland, David Jaskey, David Zorychta, Tammy Ford, Bob Younie (accepting for Karen Younie receiving posthumously), Carol Vileta, Lisa Jaskey, Aaron Schroeder, Tim Christensen (president), DG Jacque Andrew, David Pedersen, Rita Pedersen, Maranda Van Cleave and Mike Palmer. Not pictured is Bob Schmidt and Brian Phillips.

Provided by Jacque Andrew

Interactors seek partners to alleviate poverty



Members of the Iowa City West High 1440 Interact Club at their Halloween-themed movie night fundraiser.

Photo by West Side Story/student Meredith Cullen

By Velarchana Santhana

West High 1440 Interact co-president

On Oct. 18, the Iowa City West High 1440 Interact Club hosted a Halloween-themed outdoor movie night and raised \$375 to benefit Kiva, a non-profit that channels donations worldwide to people in poverty through small loans. The Kiva fundraiser was a fun social event for our Interact Club, and later we enjoyed selecting the recipients of our contribution through the Kiva website.

1440 Interact would like to invite all fellow Interact clubs in District 6000 to join us in a collaborative effort to raise money to invest in this organization. No matter how much money each individual club can raise, by donating funds to Kiva we hope we can unify the Interact clubs of District 6000 through supporting a meaningful international concern together.

Please contact Nancy Pacha for more information or to report your fundraising effort at (319) 351-6251 or npacha@aol.com.

Clear Creek Amana Interactors in action on Highway 6

Members of the Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor and Clear Creek Amana High School's Student Assistance Team/Interact Club gathered on Oct. 12 for their semi-annual Adopt-a-Highway roadside cleanup day at Clear Creek Amana High School in Tiffin. Two times each year, these groups join forces to remove litter along a two-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 6 through Tiffin. The Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor sponsors the CCA Interact Club, which is now in its third year. Pictured are, (l-r): Shane Hendricks, Addie Weldon, John Calacci, Natalie VanErsvelde, Mark Hovey, Celine Fender, Keith Jones, Geoff Wilming, Vicki Struzynski-Olson and Steve Kuhl. Not pictured: Anna Calacci and Kelly Durian

Provided by Vicki Struzynski-Olson



District Governor Jacquie Andrew met with youth at CAR-THA offices in the Iowa City area on Aug. 13 who were planning the kick-off event for the Iowa City Area Rotaract Club (l-r): Michael Moonjely, Uma L. Balakrishnan, Beautia Chung, DG Jacquie Andrew, Glenn Martin, Usha R. Balakrishnan and Katherine Valde.

Provided by Jacquie Andrew



Rotarians in the Quad Cities from Districts 6000 in Iowa and 6420 in Illinois met at the New Ventures Center in downtown Davenport on Oct. 24 to discuss possibilities for Rotaract clubs. Front (l-r): Usha R. Balakrishnan of Iowa (District 6000 Rotaract chair), Dudley Hanson (Davenport Rotary past president), District Governor Jacquie Andrew and Gary Loss (Davenport Rotary president). Back: Bob Benson (Iowa Quad Cities Rotary), Assistant Governor Doug Peterson (Iowa Quad Cities), PDG Bill Tubbs (North Scott), Sigrid Zaehinger (Iowa Quad Cities president), Steve Knight (Rock Island Rotary), Stacy Banfield (St. Ambrose University), and Jim Wagoner (Davenport Rotary).

Provided by Bill Tubbs

Rotaract, Interact alive and well at Fairfield

By Beth Alonso/Fairfield

Rotaract and Interact chair

The Fairfield Interact Club is a community-based club. It is open to students from all schools and backgrounds in the Fairfield area. Although it is a small club (this year we have eight members), it is a very active one. We do a variety of projects every year and often team up with our Fairfield Rotaract Club for many projects. Some examples of projects we have done in the past couple of years:

- Veggie garden project at a local assisted living center for senior citizens. The Interact club teamed up with the Sustainable Living students from the university to create a large vegetable garden for the residents at Sunnysbrook Assisted Living Center.

- Weatherization project. We helped weatherize homes for local veterans in the area.

- Haiti project. Collected school supplies for children in Haiti.

- Working Bikes project. Collected used bicycles to donate to poor people overseas.

- "When the Lights Go Out, Storybook Characters Come to Life" events at the Fairfield Public Library. The students helped with game booths, crafts tables, face painting, storybook reading, preparation, and clean-up.

- "Family Garden" event at the Fairfield Public Library. The students worked at different booths helping to teach kids about various aspects of organic gardening.

- Literacy projects. Did various fundraisers to purchase educational DVDs from "I Can Read" for all the kindergartners, plus supplementary materials for their teachers, in the Fairfield school district.

- Helped with the Fairfield Rotary Club's Nepal Water Project. Baking treats and running the donations booth at Art Walks on the Fairfield Square, also assisted with the fundraiser Middle School dance.

- "Mad Science" events at the Fairfield Public Library. Managed different booths around the library demonstrating fun science experiments to kids. The Youth Librarian at the Fairfield Public Library has learned to count on the Fairfield Interact and Rotaract clubs to help with all their fun family events!

- Community Orchard Planting. Assisted with fruit and nut tree planting for Fairfield's Community Orchard.

- Fairfield Blue Zones Project. Assisted in getting people to sign up for the Blue Zones Project.

- Rise Africa Neem Tree Project. Raised



Fairfield Interactors and Rotaractors at a Middle School fundraiser dance in November for the Rise Africa Fruit Tree Planting Project. I am really proud of our Interact and Rotaract clubs. They are a great group of young people! – Beth Alonso

\$500 (through a Middle School fundraiser dance) to donate towards non-profit organization, Rise Africa for a special Neem tree planting project in a village in Tanzania, Africa. The students chose the Neem tree idea over mosquito nets because of the lasting impact the trees would have on the village. Neem trees are a natural mosquito repellent (the trees themselves, the dried leaves and also the oil), and they also have many other medicinal uses. In addition, the trees will prevent soil erosion and provide cooling shade and beauty in the village. One other beautiful aspect of the project was that the planting of the seedlings gave the students at the orphanage in the village something positive they can contribute to their community and see grow along with them.

- Kids Korner events during Fairfield's First Friday Art Walks. The Interactors helped with the Arts and Crafts tables, the bouncy house and other games, as well as with set up and clean up.

- Rise Africa Fruit Tree Project. Building on the successful Neem Tree Project of last year, the students agreed to do another tree planting project in the same village in Tanzania. Again, they raised funds by putting on a Middle School fundraiser dance and sold drinks and treats, only this time, they are purchasing fruit tree seedlings for the village. They club is donating \$500 towards 100 trees, plus they are donating an extra \$50 towards the purchase of 25 solar stoves for families in the area. The solar stoves will prevent people from needing to cut down trees for firewood. The Fairfield Interactors also wrote letters to the students at the orphanage there, introducing themselves

and hoping to build a bond of friendship and goodwill.

- I like to organize useful workshops for our students to help build their leadership skills. For example, we had someone from the local Toastmaster's Club give us a communication/public speaking workshop and I'm also organizing a financial planning workshop for them next semester.

That is a good sampling of the kind of projects the Fairfield Interact Club has done in the past couple of years. They are an amazing group of kids with bright minds and big hearts and they genuinely enjoy doing good in their community and the world!

'Integrity' award

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

D-6000, Vocational Service chair

District 6000 is asking clubs to nominate one member for the fourth annual District 6000 "Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity" awards. A nomination form is on the District website and will be sent to clubs.

The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31, 2014. The nominations will be submitted to the District 6000 Vocational Service Committee and nominees will be recognized at the District Conference, May 1-3, 2014, in Ames.

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. All nominees will be honored. Act now to ensure that your club is included!



District Governor Jacquie Andrew with Sally Mason, president of the University of Iowa and members of the Board of Regents, Robert Downer of Iowa City Rotary and Hannah Walsh of Spirit Lake, a University of Iowa student, at the 31st annual All-Service Club Luncheon in Iowa City at the University Athletic Club.

Provided by Jacquie Andrew

President Sally Mason speaks at Iowa City service clubs annual joint meeting

By District Governor Jacquie Andrew

For more than 30 years, the Rotary Club of Iowa City has hosted the Joint Service Clubs Luncheon at its venue, the University Athletic Club.

For each of her seven years' tenure, University of Iowa president Sally Mason has been the keynote speaker for the event and she delivered her annual "state of the university" message.

Members of several Rotary clubs from the area were in attendance along with members of numerous other service clubs.

Among president Mason's topics were updates on the many university building projects and student success examples. She mentioned Zach Wahls, a UI honor student, one of 62 in the nation to receive the Truman Scholarship. Wahls is also a member of the new Rotaract Club of the Iowa City Area (RICA).

DG Jacquie attended as a guest of club president Jody Braverman.



Iowa State connections ...

Iowa State University athletic director Jamie Pollard (l) was the featured speaker at one of the Rotary Club of Boone's three special guest days on Wednesday, Oct. 30. More than five new members have been inducted to the club as it focuses on membership recruitment this fall. Central Iowa TV weatherman John McLaughlin and world-renowned opera singer Simon Estes were the speakers who spoke to the club at other meetings. Invited by Assistant District Governor Dave Cook (r), who is a member of the club, the speakers drew many prospective members, several of whom attended more than one meeting.

Provided by Jacquie Andrew



District Governor Jacquie Andrew was an invited guest of the Rotary Club of Marshalltown on Nov. 19 when Iowa State University president Dr. Steve Leath was the speaker.

Photo by John McCarroll, Director of University Relations



October 2013 Reading Day involved Rotary Club of Des Moines AM members Bob Montgomery (front), Steve Davis (back) and Mark Brauer (floor).

Provided by Tamara Kenworthy

Club continues longtime support of Capitol View School

By Tamara Kenworthy/Des Moines AM

Club President

Over the past 20 years, the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM has sponsored a range of activities at their adopted elementary school, Capitol View in Des Moines.

Some of the projects have included:

- Annually donate 50 books to the library which are signed by weekly meeting speakers;
- Provide sleeping bags to students;
- Provide landscaping to beautify the entrance;
- Donated more than \$3,500 toward a Learning Center which is of ongoing benefit to the school;
- Two to three times a year, club members read to Capitol View students.



Iowa City Rotary Club AM past president Mike Messier (c), awards grants to representatives from the Free Medical Clinic, United Action for Youth, Visiting Nurses Association, Iowa City Hospice, and Johnson County Crisis Center.



A local family donates their cans at the City Carton Recycling site. This project was started when a local Rotarian (John Ockenfels, District 6000 Governor-Elect) who was CEO of City Carton Recycling, offered to provide a bin at the company's local recycling site for collection of returnable deposit containers.
Provided by Sue Cronin

Iowa City AM has a 'Can Do' approach to fundraising!

By Sue Cronin/Iowa City AM

The Rotary Club of Iowa City A.M. "CAN DO!"

The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM is able to help its local community in multiple ways with one of its biggest projects it likes to call "Can Do." This project is a joint effort of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM, City Carton Recycling, and the Can Shed to collect donated bottles and cans from the community and invest that money in the most worthy service organizations.

"Can Do" not only helps keep the environment clean, but also assists local nonprofit organizations with much needed funding. Historically, this project has raised over \$10,000 per year and the goal is to double that revenue by expanding can and bottle collections sites to additional locations. A new idea the club is trying this year is to use mobile horse trailers to take to local grocery stores, high school football games and other special events to collect the cans and bottles. The money collected from these efforts turns into grants that are awarded to local nonprofit organizations.

The grant review process is greatly streamlined with the assistance of the Community Foundation. Thirty volunteers from the Foundation carefully review all grant applications that come into them to receive their funding. However, the Foundation cannot fund all the applications they receive, even though they are all worthy organizations. The Rotary club takes the Foundation's remaining applications they cannot fund and reviews them to determine which grants they will fund

with the "Can Do" revenue. The joint effort with the Community Foundation has made the grant review process for the Rotary club less time-consuming and more efficient, while assuring that the organizations applications have been thoroughly reviewed.

Past recipients of money raised from the "Can Do" project have been organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, The Children's Museum, The Johnson County Crisis Center, Community Mental Health, and United Action for Youth, among many others. The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM embodies the "Can Do" spirit and is looking forward to seeing how the expansion of this project will benefit the community in the future.



The freshly painted and remodeled horse trailer is ready to receive the first can donations from Iowa City Rotary AM Club members.

Vocational Service: Century-old business leaders 'talk shop' at 98-year-old Marshalltown Rotary

By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown

Established in 1915, the Rotary Club of Marshalltown was among the early clubs established in Rotary's first decade. When new members are presented a history of the club they are reminded that Rotary was a club where its members were encouraged to "talk shop." Well, the program committee took those words to heart as they put together a lineup this last summer. Vic Hellberg and Kay Beach were program chairs for the month of July and invited four family-owned businesses that have operated in Marshalltown for more than 100 years to tell their story.

Bob McGregor, a high-school classmate of Hellberg, represents the third generation in the oldest family-owned furniture store in Iowa. Headquartered in Marshalltown, McGregors has seven stores across the state. In his presentation, McGregor described a colorful family background, originating in the Scottish Highlands. Bob's father, Chuck, was a former Marshalltown Rotary president and a very active leader in Marshalltown. The family has always valued the importance of education and understands that honesty and integrity are at the core of the

business.

Jonathan Hull who manages and owns Willard's Furs & Fashions joined the family business in 1983, 120 years after his great-great-grandfather Hiram came to Marshalltown. Before coming to Marshalltown, Hiram worked in a tannery in Galena, Ill., owned by Jesse Grant, the father of Ulysses S. Grant. Although the tanning factory in Marshalltown is gone, Willard's still operates in the same location after nearly 150 years and is the oldest retail firm in Marshalltown. Jonathan is the fifth generation to carry on the business known today as Willard's Furs and Fashions which consists of women's ready-to-wear in addition to furs and men's suits and tuxedo sales and rentals.

Tom Apgar of Apgar Photography presented an iMovie presentation consisting of over 200 photographic images of the company's 102-year history in Marshalltown. The presentation included video and audio narration synced with images and background music. Tom and his father Pat are the only existing members of the Marshalltown club who are direct descendents of a charter member other than McGregor, whose grandfather Charlie St. Clair was also a charter member. That charter member was Rossie (R.E.) Apgar who started the studio in 1911 and operated it 41 years before handing the reigns to Pat. Tom took over in 1987 and described the transition to the computer and digital age. There was a tremendous amount of learning required in this new digital age and Tom described with a bit of sadness how the old camera lenses and accessories have gone by the wayside. "It has been 11 years since I shot a roll of film," Tom said. Both Tom and Pat expressed how they have enjoyed this journey together, noting that "we've been fortunate to be in a profession that deals almost exclusively with happy moments."

Hellberg, a past president of the Marshalltown club, described how his great-grandfather, family in tow, headed east on a train trip, and stopped for lunch in Marshalltown. He went for a walk to Main Street, liked what he saw, and announced to his family that this would become their new home. He

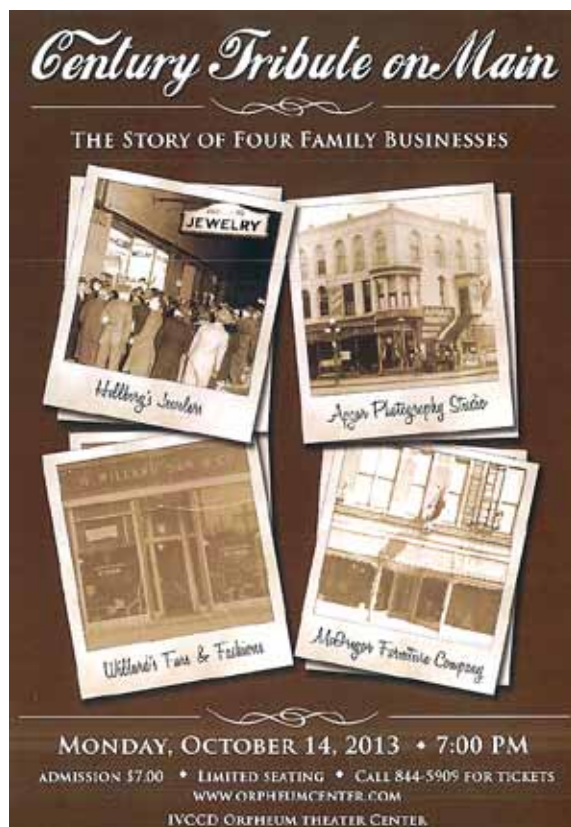


Pat and Tom Apgar share fond memories during their Century Business presentation to the Rotary Club of Marshalltown.

opened a store in 1898. "It says a lot about this community that four businesses could be here for that long," says Hellberg. "It shows that we've been fulfilling community needs and receiving their support over the years. There aren't a lot of communities where you'll find this. We're talking three to five generations of the same family. These four businesses are within a block of each other. That's amazing."

These stories created a buzz and Hellberg helped facilitate an evening entitled "Century Tribute on Main" at the historic Orpheum Theater where these programs were combined and shared with the public. The Orpheum was re-opened in 2010 after extensive renovation and remains a jewel along Main Street in Marshalltown. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Orpheum, now owned by the Iowa Valley Community College District. Rotarians served coffee and cookies before the program and used the event to hand out "What is Rotary" material.

Three of the four presenters are Rotarians, which illustrates that its membership comes from many diverse businesses and professions. As the four entrepreneurs described their journey of service, it was clear that the Rotary Code of Conduct and Four-Way Test were embedded within.



Poster promoting Marshalltown tribute.

Ties to Rotary boost Dallas Center student's World Food Prize project

By Michelle Wearmouth/Dallas Center

Riley Wearmouth, son of Dallas Center Rotarian Michelle Wearmouth, qualified for the 2013 World Food Prize Global Youth Institute based upon his research paper, "Utilizing Rotary International to distribute water filtration in war torn and political strife areas such as Zimbabwe."

In April 2013, just over 300 student applicants from across the globe gathered at Iowa State University to participate in the World Food Prize Youth Symposium and discuss food safety, GMO research and feeding the world. From those students, a select few, including Riley, were invited to participate in October's World Food Prize Ceremonies including the Global Youth Institute.

Riley's research focused upon methods to reach into the community not only to distribute simple water filtration systems, but also to utilize Rotarians to reach out and educate the population. When asked how he knew of Rotary as a service organization, Riley replied that he had been helping at Dallas Center Rotary pancake breakfasts for many years and knew that Rotary raised funds to work toward the elimination of polio, a goal nearly reached. He knew Rotary could reach out across the globe for other humanitarian goals.

Riley's paper was well received by the committee, and he was selected to present with a small group of nine students to this year's World Food Prize winners, Dr. Robert T. Fraley and this year's Borlaug field award winner, Dr. Charity Mutegi. Both of these award winners were aware of Rotary's impact globally and encouraged Riley to further his studies in the field of biochemistry. Riley plans to apply for the Borlaug-Ruan International Internship, a program to study abroad working with world-renowned scientists and policymakers at a leading research center in the summer of 2014. The positive impact of involving youth in Rotary fundraising and programs is evident.



Riley Wearmouth of Dallas Center with 2013 World Food Prize Laureate Dr. Robert Fraley and Borlaug Field Award Winner Dr. Charity Mutegi.



More than 30 Waukee Rotarians and guests spent an enjoyable evening Sept. 16 on the paddle wheeled riverboat on the Des Moines River. Among those boarding were Roberta and Lee Holmes, Cindy and Denny Dolmage, Terry and Peggy Geiger, and Steve Sandahl. The social gave Rotarians the opportunity to mingle, eat and drink on a perfect fall evening and to view Des Moines from a totally different perspective. As they say in the newspapers, "a good time was had by all."

Provided by Erna Morain



The Rotary Club of Newton gave \$4,000 in support of the community's Arboretum. Rotarians who participated in the presentation were Bev Rossow, John McNeer, Marty Hoffert and Rose Trapp. Nathan Unsworth, director of Parks and Rec, accepted on behalf of the Project Awake board.

Provided by Rose Trapp.



Club raises \$43,000 ...

Governor Jacque Andrew laughs with North Scott Rotarian Josh Cobie who was selling spoons for dining cards worth \$25 and more at the club's annual auction at the Starlite Ballroom in Davenport. More than 300 Rotarians and invited guests attended the event that had gross sales of \$52,000 and net proceeds of \$43,000 for the club's community and world projects.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Life of pie (?) ...

When attending the Rotary Club of North Scott's 40th anniversary meeting on Oct. 11, Governor Jacque Andrew bought a chocolate French silk pie for \$80 in the club's "pie auction" that was part of its fund raising to promote the club's Oct. 24 auction. Pie baker Shirley Cole delivered a fresh pie the next week to Bill Tubbs, who brought it to Jacque at the district executive committee meeting in Pella on Oct. 17. In the spirit of Rotary, Jacque shared it with the committee. Thanks, Jacque!

Photo by Bill Tubbs



60-year Rotarian honored at Nevada

Nevada 60-year Rotarian dentist Dr. Don Hale (red sweater) was honored on Nov. 6 at the club's meeting. District Governor Jacque Andrew presented the 60-year pin from the club and gave introductory remarks including a history of Don's participation and leadership in the club. Many district leaders were able to attend, including (l-r): PDG Del Bluhm, club president Dan Johnson, PDG Don Goering, PDG Denny Skinner, Rotarian Don Hale, DG Jacque Andrew, PDG Terry Geiger, DGN Loring Miller and AG Dave Cook. According to DG Jacque, club president Dan Johnson did a fabulous job of planning the event and getting everyone there!

Provided by Jacque Andrew



Jim and Jacque Andrew host assistant governors

District Governor Jacque Andrew and Jim hosted a delightful gathering of assistant governors at their home in Jefferson on Oct. 20. Front (l-r): Vicki Struzynski-Olson (Coralville-North Corridor), Jack DePond and Mary Ellen Stanley (Decatur County), Deb Ockenfels (Iowa City AM), Becky and PDG Don Patterson (Washington), Phyllis Miller (Decatur County), Pat and Norm Van Klompenburg (Newton), and Jacque and Jim Andrew (Jefferson). Row 2: Pam and Steve Wieneke (Ankeny), John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM), Beverly Clausen (Carroll), David Cook (Boone), Sue Rasmussen (Waukee) and Lisa Cook (Boone). Back: PDG Bill and Linda Tubbs (North Scott), Joanne and Mike Ruby (Muscatine), Gerald Clausen (Carroll), Dick Rasmussen (Waukee), and Peggy and Terry Geiger (Decatur County).

Provided by Jacque Andrew

Thought for the season ...

"Why is it that in a world where too many of us place no limits on what we want, we all too often put limits on what we would give?"

Corning Rotarians flip pancakes for polio

■ Veteran Jack Cruise saw the pain of polio in Omaha wards after WWII

By DG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Corning Rotarian Jack Cruise wasn't worried about what they said about polio when he returned from World War II. "I made it through the war in the Navy. Polio wasn't going to get me!" he said with a grin. So the young Omaha native, a graduate of Creighton prep and a pre-med student at Creighton University, signed up to volunteer at the children's hospital on the polio floor. "They said, 'we can't pay you.' I didn't ask for it. I just went to help because I love kids."

Jack continued: "Those kids stole my heart because they didn't deserve to suffer the pain of the disease" which was approaching its peak in the United States at the time. Cruise said he arrived at the hospital and got "right to work" applying hot compresses to the children's legs to ease the pain. "We didn't have much for medicines then. We just loved them, carried them around and tried to help them feel better."

One boy was having so much trouble breathing that Cruise called the fire department for another iron lung as there were no more available for use at the hospital. An early form of ventilator, the machine created pressure to assist the boy in breathing as his muscle control had been lost and he didn't have the strength to breathe on his own.

Cruise continued to volunteer on the polio floor for about two years. "I just couldn't walk away from those kids. Some got to be pretty special. I got my heart all wrapped up in them. You just couldn't love them enough to take away the pain." He married a young woman from Corning and has been there ever since. The couple had five children of their own.

Now the Rotary club Cruise has been a member of for over 20 years holds a pancake breakfast annually with the total proceeds going to Rotary International's "End Polio Now" project. With Rotary as a leading partner, the polio eradication effort started in 1987 and has eliminated the disease from all but three countries in the world, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria.

The funds raised from the pancake event usually held the last Saturday of July go to the polio eradication effort. For about 20 years, the club has raised about \$1,000 each year to help make good on the promise to the children of the world that they will no longer suffer from the disease.



Jack Cruise of the Rotary Club of Corning is pictured at right with District Governor Jacque Andrew and Dr. Robert Peterson, a Corning dentist and chair of the pancake breakfast to end polio event for the club.



DG Jacque Andrew is pictured with Ed Arnold, president of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, at the club's first golf tournament for polio on Friday, Sept. 13. (No bad luck! A great event!) Sixty golfers took to the Urbandale Golf and Country Club course on a gorgeous afternoon. Teams from several Des Moines area clubs enjoyed the course and the Rotary camaraderie. Northwest Rotary team No. 1 was the winner of the event. Governor Jacque took photos of each of the 15 teams while enjoying the beautiful weather and cheering on the golfers.



The Rotary Club of Albia cleared over \$2,000 selling barbequed pork meals at the high school during Albia's homecoming. The money will be used for scholarships in Monroe County. Albia won the football game, too!

Provided by Tony Humeston

Provided by Jacque Andrew



Pork chops at Oskaloosa ...

District Governor Jacques Andrew served baked potatoes at the "wildly successful" Rotary Club of Oskaloosa's homecoming barbecue. "Best pork chop I ever had!" she reports. The pork chop barbecue was Sept. 26. 1,100 delicious pork chop dinners were assembled into carry-out boxes and distributed through the drive-up method. "It was very efficient and there was no dining room clean-up!" The pork chops were prepared by Hy-Vee. Governor Jacques helped in the serving line, scooping up baked potatoes and delivering the boxed meals to the vehicles of customers.

Provided by Jacques Andrew



Turkeys at Washington ...

District Governor Jacques Andrew volunteered at the Rotary Club of Washington's turkey dinner with Youth Exchange student Hanna Purner from Austria. More than 600 tickets were sold for the Sept. 9 event. Half of the meals were carry-outs, but those who carried out missed the congenial ambience and dining room service of Washington Rotarians! One of Hanna's hosts this year is Washington president Becky (and husband PDG Don Patterson). DG Jacques helped take tickets, serve beverages to diners and tried to catch photos of the kitchen clean up crew...they're a shy bunch!

Provided by Jacques Andrew



The Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Ribs for Kids event at Kelly's Irish Pub and Eatery in Davenport.

Ribs for Kids raises \$14,000

By Sigrid Zaehring/Iowa Quad Cities Club President

On Aug. 16, the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities hosted its Ribs for Kids event at Kelly's Irish Pub and Eatery in Davenport. This was the third time the club organized this occasion, which aims to benefit children of military families and a host of other causes in the community.

Though Rotary has always been committed to helping children around the world, in recent years the Iowa Quad Cities club has sought to sharpen its focus on projects and initiatives that aim to help disadvantaged children. For example, in addition to supporting military kids, the Iowa Quad Cities club looks forward to contributing to the North Scott club's God's Mercy Orphanage Center project in Kisoro, Uganda.

This year, after working hard to attract sponsors, gather raffle prizes, and publicize the event throughout the community, the club was once again fortunate to enjoy pleasant weather and a crowd that surpassed the size of the two previous years. Several of the perennial favorites made reappearances, such as the local rock band Wicked Liz and the Bellyswirls, and of course, Kelly's famous barbecue, but the new addition of a photo booth was a big hit with attendees.

The club has been tremendously happy with the lively, family-friendly atmosphere at the event and has already been soliciting ideas from members on expansions and improvements for next year. Ribs for Kids 2013 netted approximately \$14,000, which the club will distribute to worthy small grant recipients in the spring of 2014. The Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities wishes to express its thanks for the generosity of its sponsors, guests, and members who made the event possible and cordially encourages all Rotarians to mark their calendars for next year!

Auction donations wanted

Items are being sought for the Fundraising Auction to be held at District Conference 2014. Show your pride in your club or community by assembling a basket of goodies representing them. Creativity in basket assembly is especially encouraged. The auction will be held on Friday, May 2 (the first of the two-day conference) in Ames at the Gateway Center. Those bringing baskets are encouraged to contact the auction chair, Steve Dakin of the Rotary Club of Boone. The auction will benefit the Rotary District 6000 Youth Fund that helps District 6000 youth participate in humanitarian service projects. If you have questions about the auction or need more information, contact Dakin at steve@dakinag.com or call his cell (515) 230-0036.

Grants approved for community projects

A list of Rotary Foundation Community Service Grants that were approved for local projects in 2013-14 was announced this fall by committee chair Doug Flournoy of the Rotary Club of Fairfield:

Osceola: Health: General. **99Ways.** This project will provide games, craft items, school supplies and meals to 99Ways, an organization which provides opportunities for mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical growth to Clark County youth grades K-12. **\$1,800.**

Iowa City AM: Education: Literacy. **Humanitarian Library Collection.** To create a collection of library books, all of which have a humanitarian focus, for all elementary and six secondary public schools in the Iowa City Community School District. **\$2,430.**

West Liberty: Community Development: General. **Ron-de-Voo Park.** To add concrete planters, that will also serve as benches, to a city-owned lot adjoining an alley. The planter-benches will block off the area, beautify it and promote further development of this venue by other civic organizations. **\$5,000.**

Fairfield: Community Development: Renovation. **Improvements to Carnegie Historical Museum Entrance.** To replace the lamp and crumbling brick wall lamp base in front of the Carnegie Historical Museum and build a 6-foot retaining wall with original stone from Barhydt Chapel. **\$1,947.**

Fairfield: Community Development: General. **Equipment for Water Rescue Craft.** To purchase equipment to outfit a water rescue craft for the Fairfield Fire Department. **\$1,553.**

Des Moines AM: Education: General. **LEGO Robotics Lab.** To fund a LEGO robotics lab that will provide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) learning opportunities at Capitol View Elementary, an economically challenged elementary school in Des Moines. **\$1,250.**

Davenport: Health: General. **Davenport Rotary S.O.A.P. (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution).** To supply local hotels with soaps that will provide immediate assistance to victims by giving them the National Human Trafficking number they can call for local assistance. **\$3,670.**

Ottumwa: Community Development: General. **Ottumwa Rotary Fitness Circuit Expansion.** To support the expansion of the Ottumwa Rotary Fitness Circuit to provide for the community's health and wellness, improve recreational opportunities, and enhance quality of life factors. **\$3,020.**

West Des Moines: Health: General. **Bicycle Project.** To support the repair and cleaning of donated bicycles. These and helmets are then given to local area elementary students who do not have bicycles and cannot afford them. **\$1,861.**

Atlantic: Education: General. **Nishna Valley Family YMCA Tutoring Program.** To provide the local YMCA with needed technology to expand their after school tutoring program. **\$4,663.**

Wellman: Community Development: General. **Wellman Rotary Soccer Field Concession Stand Equipment.** To purchase equipment to be used in Wellman Rotary Soccer Fields concession stand. **\$1,852.**

Burlington: Education: General. **Greater Burlington After School Program.** To provide food and field trips for the after school program students at two Burlington middle schools. **\$2,000.**

Washington: Community Development: General. **Garden With A Mission.** To purchase a glass water wall fountain for the indoor garden at Washington High School. **\$2,500.**

Pella: Community Development: General. **Rotary Park Benches.** To replace the park benches near the play equipment at

the Rotary Park in Pella. **\$1,275.**

North Scott. Education: Literacy. **Youth/Teen/Adult Summer Reading Program 2013-2014.** To provide funding for books, prizes, and other supplies to support the Summer Reading Program associated with the seven branches of the Scott County Library System for youth and adult patrons. **\$2,850.**

Nevada: Community Development: General. **Nevada Public Library-Children Section Furnishings.** To provide furnishings for the children's section of the Nevada Public Library. **\$5,000.**

Ames Morning: Education: Literacy. **Community Learning Center.** To provide print, digital and educational resources, classes and support for parents and caregivers, tutoring for struggling readers, and story times and books for children in order to improve literacy and learning, especially for disadvantaged children 0-8. **\$5,000.**

6000 Contingency (maximum 20 percent): Money to be used for disaster relief should a natural disaster occur within the geographic boundaries of District 6000. **\$9,534.**

6000 Administration (maximum 3 percent): Money to be used for expenses associated with the administration of DG1410473. **\$1,716.**

Spending plan total: **\$58,921**



A Rotary Foundation district grant supported the distribution of 22 bicycles to 17 boys and five girls at Crossroads Elementary in West Des Moines on Oct. 16 by the Rotary Club of West Des Moines. The project has been done by club for nearly three years and 200 bicycles have been given to children who otherwise wouldn't otherwise have a bike. District Governor Jacques Andrew was present for the distribution. Pictured (l-r): Harold Hulleman, Linda Hulleman, Tom Narak (club president), Casady Brittain, Amy Feters, DG Jacques Andrew, Russ VerPloeg and Ken Kremer. Connie Bever of the WDM club took the photo and new member Mike Anderson also helped with the distribution. Provided by Harold Hulleman



Members of the Rotary Club of Corning lay sod in Memorial Park. Provided by Jayne Templeton

Corning volunteers honor community's veterans

By Beth Waddle/Corning

Memorial Rock Park got a new look in September. Corning Rotarians, the Freedom Rock Committee and Corning's Park & Rec Committee rose early on a Saturday morning to lay sod throughout the park.

Adam Grundman, Rotary service project chairperson, said, "We wanted to do our part to help honor the veterans from Adams County who have served across the decades. We felt the Freedom Rock and the Memorial Rock Park were worthy projects."

The Rotary Club of Corning donated \$500 to help pay for the sod and 12 Rotarians and their families not only helped lay the sod, but will also be assisting in the daily watering.



Band kids get \$11,000 boost in Johnston

On Nov. 19, the Rotary Club of Johnston presented a check in the amount of \$11,000 to the Johnston Community Schools Foundation to provide students in the Johnston Community School District the opportunity to participate in music programs.

The Johnston Community Schools Foundation is working with the Beginner Band Instrument Initiative to provide band instruments to fifth-grade students who would not otherwise be able to participate in the Johnston band program. Students are allowed to use the instruments for up to three years. Forty to 60 students will benefit from this program annually across the school district.

"We are very fortunate to be in a community that supports the schools and student programs," said Superintendent Clay Guthmiller. "Involvement in music can greatly enhance the life of a student and we thank you for making it possible for more youth to become involved in this program."

The Rotary Club of Johnston raised this money at their fourth annual community barbeque, which was held Sept. 12 at the Simpson Barn.

"Johnston Rotary is committed to supporting local organizations through our an-



Members of the Rotary Club of Johnston presented representatives from the Johnston Community School Foundation and Johnston Community School District with a check for \$11,000 to support the Beginner Band program. District Governor Jacque Andrew (front, left) was present for the presentation. Johnston Rotarian and superintendent Clay Guthmiller is third from right. Rotarians pictured are Ryan Peterson (back left), Ryan Roberts (back center), Clay Guthmiller (front row middle), Jon Kallen (to the right of the check) and Tom Foldes (to Kallen's right).

Provided by Jon Kallen

nual community barbeque event," said Kallen. "We selected this organization through a competitive proposal process which was sent out to several local Johnston-based schools or non-profit organizations. The Johnston Community Schools Foundation's efforts resonated with our club and we are

happy to help."

Johnston Rotary would like to thank the many sponsors of the Beginner Band Instrument Initiative as well as the community barbeque attendees who graciously attended the event in September.

—provided by Jon Kallen



Albia ...

The Rotary Club of Albia held its annual dictionary give-away Nov. 13. The club gave 85 dictionaries to members of the third grade in Albia.

Provided by Jody Savage

Dictionaries!

Since 2004-05, giving "A Student's Dictionary" to students has been a popular project for most of the clubs in District 6000.



Ankeny ...

The Rotary Club of Ankeny completed its eighth year delivering dictionaries to local fourth-grade students. Since the inception of this service project in 2006, over 6,000 dictionaries have been distributed. The highlight this year was the delivery of the 6,000th dictionary to a student on Oct. 25 at Westwood Elementary in Ankeny. This is a great project the Rotary Club is proud to sponsor each year and the teachers and students always look forward to the Rotarians visit to their classroom!

Provided by Jody Savage



Coralville ...

Members of the Rotary Club of Coralville-North Corridor prepare Dictionaries for distribution to area fourth-grade elementary students. The club distributes approximately 800 dictionaries each year. Pictured are (l-r): Jack Fesler, Bert Eisenhouer, Vicki Struzynski-Olson, Steve Laughlin, Keith Jones, Phil Shive, Judy Meyer and Michele Brandstatter.

Provided by Vicki Struzynski-Olson



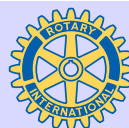
Muscatine ...

The Rotary Club of Muscatine has a long tradition of presenting dictionaries to grade schools across the Muscatine Community School District and in Wilton. This year, every third-grade student in the area received a dictionary. In the lower left photo, Rotary club president Keith Porter (left) and Community Project co-chair Todd Poci (right) pose with Student Dictionary recipients at Saints Mary and Mathias Grade School. Above, the third-grade class of Mrs. Karen Martin (right) at Jefferson Elementary School also received dictionaries along with principal Corry Spies (left).



Muscatine

Provided by Keith Porter



**Wear your Rotary
pin with pride!**





40 years at North Scott ...

The Rotary Club of North Scott observed its 40th anniversary with an off-site meeting at the Strieter Motor Co. showroom in Davenport on Oct. 11. A trivia contest called "North Scott Rotary Wheel of Fortune" was written by PDG Bill Tubbs who, with John Pfeiffer, is one of two charter members still active. DG Jacques Andrew was "Vanna White" and club member Cody Allen was emcee "Pat Sajak." All in attendance received a Four-Way Test coin. Pictured (l-r): Club president Steve Suiter, AG Doug Peterson, DG Andrew, Tubbs and Allen. The club received its charter from RI President William Carter of London, England, on Oct. 19, 1973, at an inner-city meeting in the Quad Cities with 800 in attendance, including Iowa Gov. Robert D. Ray.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

Teachers to be honored

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

The first annual Outstanding Teacher Award has been created by the Rotary Club of Atlantic. A steering committee consisting of Rotarians Ted Robinson, Kate Olsen and Jennifer Plumb, spent several months establishing the guidelines and requirements for the award.

The award will "recognize and reward outstanding educators in our public school system who exemplify the Rotary motto of 'Service Above Self' through their continuous dedication to students, parents, peers and the larger community, as well as the art and practice of education," according to the mission statement about the award.

Ted Robinson made a presentation at the Atlantic Rotary Club to explain the program and go over the guidelines for nominations. Teachers in the Atlantic School District will be nominated, either by students, peers and others who have been impacted by the teacher's work. Nomination kits will be available at all the principal's offices in the district beginning Nov. 1, 2013. Nominations are due by Feb. 1, 2014. The nominated teacher will be informed of their nomination and then required to provide information to go with the nomination. That information will be needed by March 1, 2014. A committee made up of those in the field of education outside of the Atlantic School District, along with business officials and public service representatives from within Atlantic will select the award winner in May. The award presentation will be held in May. The award winner will give a program during the August Rotary club meeting and will also be required to write an essay about how the year's Rotary theme relates to them and their work in education.

The winner will receive a \$3,000 award as part of the distinction, which "may be used to enhance the educational resources of the teacher, further the teacher's education, or for any other purpose which the selected teacher deems appropriate."

Veterans thanked; Club aids Afghan foundation

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

The Rotary Club of Atlantic Rotary held its annual Veteran Appreciation Event on Nov. 5. This year's event was twofold. Lt. Gen. (Ret) John Bradley spoke to the veterans, thanking them for their service to the country. He spoke about the present generation of soldiers about how they have changed yet are still the same as previous generations of soldiers. He described them as dedicated, loyal and courageous individuals wanting to serve their country. He thanked past and present veterans for all they did or are currently doing for our country.

Lt. Gen. Bradley also spoke about the non-profit organization called the Lamia Afghan Foundation created by he and his wife. The foundation helps out Afghan people by setting up job training centers, and helping them get job skills. He explained how foundation officials spoke with people living in one village in Afghanistan and simply asked what types of skills they would like to learn. They were interested in learning how to sew, make carpets, repair vehicles and raise livestock such as goats and turkeys. A \$1,000 donation from Atlantic Rotary is helping with skills for raising goats.

Atlantic Rotarian Rick Burns was instrumental in arranging for the club to donate to the Lamia Afghan Foundation to purchase goats for the Afghan people. Rick spent three tours of duty in Afghanistan and when he came home he knew he had to continue to help the Afghan people. The goat project is similar to the international Heifer project. A family is provided two goats, milk processing equipment and training. The goats' offspring are then to be passed on to other families. The goat project is still in need of funds to reach its goal. But Rick will see that it is accomplished. Rick often says "I can't change everything, but I can do this small thing."



New Zealand Friendship Exchange



Rotary Club of Iowa Quad Cities president Sigrid Zahringer exchanges banners with Ron King of the New Zealand Friendship Exchange team that spent time with District 6000 clubs in September. For information about Friendship Exchange, contact ADG Doug Peterson, (563) 332-5007.

Little Free Libraries put the 'story' in Story County

Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning
D6000 Literacy Committee

Ames Morning Rotary was one of the sponsors of the week-long Ames Literacy Festival in April 2013. An innovative new project adopted as part of that celebration was to create a network of Little Free Libraries in Story County. This project fit well with Rotary's focus on promoting literacy. Rotarians joined forces with other community members to contribute hands-on service for this project and to donate supplies and some funding.

A Little Free Library is a small, sturdy, waterproof structure, which is set up outside and filled with books which are typically "gently used." People are encouraged to select any book that interests them. After reading it, they can either keep it, return it, or exchange it. Each library has a steward to maintain it and keep it stocked with books.

Research shows children's reading improves when they can select books of interest to them and have books in their homes. Children living in families with low incomes have few books in their homes and often face challenges (transportation, hours, fines for overdue books) in using the public library. It is these children and families who could benefit most from having convenient access to a variety of books 24 hours a day. For this reason, one consideration in selecting Little Free Library locations was easy accessibility to disadvantaged families.

The Ames project expanded from the original goal of 10 libraries. So far, 18 Little Free Libraries have been built and are being

installed in neighborhoods in Ames, Gilbert, Nevada and Huxley. These neighborhood libraries also help build a sense of community as people gather, share books, and talk about what they are reading.

Rotarian Bob Anders of the Ames Morning club worked with community partner Bill Ripp. After originally committing to produce one library, they ended up building four Little Free Libraries.

Harold Pike, member of Rotary Club of Ames and construction company owner, had two Little Free Libraries built and generously provided storage for donated materials.

Ames Morning Rotarian Bill Dreyer built and donated one of the Little Free Libraries which is now located on the front lawn of the Ames Tribune office downtown. (photo attached) Bill is an architect by trade and his involvement in this project started his creative juices flowing. He is now in the process of designing a unique two-story Little Free Library that will have two-storied compartments with books accessible to children below and adults above. It will have a Rotary wheel brand and would make a great project for local clubs! Stay tuned.

The Little Free Library movement began in 2009 in Wisconsin with Todd Bol, who built the original library in the shape of a one-room schoolhouse in honor of his mother, a retired teacher. He then placed it

outside his home in Hudson, Wisconsin, for anyone to pick up a book or leave a book. Today, the movement has spread worldwide with more than 6,000 libraries in 36 countries. Learn more at the website LittleFreeLibrary.org.



Bill Dreyer's Little Free Library at Ames Tribune.



A new past district governor couple in District 6000 is Jim and Diane Patton, formerly of Rockwell City. Jim was district governor in District 5970 (northern Iowa) in 2011-12. The Pattons recently moved to Ames. This photo was at the Zone 28 Institute Oct. 5 in Pittsburgh. Welcome to District 6000!

Photo by Bill Tubbs



The Rotary Club of Decatur County thoroughly enjoyed the performance of Rotary Youth Exchange student Marta Calsamiglia from Italy. Marta delivered a beautiful ballet performance during International Night at Graceland University on Saturday, Nov. 2. Along with two of her host families, the following Rotarians attended: DGN Loring Miller, Bill Morain, Phyllis Miller, Jack DePond, Mary Ellen Stanley, Peggy Geiger, and PDG Terry Geiger.

Provided by Peggy Geiger

Rotary's Core Values

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



News Briefs

Director: Jennifer Jones, a past district governor from LaSalle, Ontario, Canada, who was Ray Klingensmith's president's rep at Gary Welch's district conference in 2011, has been nominated to serve as Rotary International director from Zones 28-29 in 2015-17.



Jennifer Jones

Xicotepec: Project coordinator Jim Peterson said 105 applications had been received by the deadline to fill approximately 80 spots on the March 15-23, 2014 project team to Xicotepec, Mexico. An ad hoc committee will meet on Dec. 11 to select the team. "Unfortunately, we're in a position of having to turn away eligible applicants," said Peterson. Applicants will be encouraged to apply for the 2015 trip.

MOST: The Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team has been filled for the Feb. 6-16 mission trip to Huehuetenango, Guatemala, where they will perform cleft lip and cleft palate repairs. Read about Iowa MOST at www.iowamostblogspot.com.

Magazine: Information has NOT been sent to clubs thus far regarding our 2013-14 public relations project, the Iowa Rotary Magazine. Clubs will be asked to name their top seven projects and to tell us how many magazines they will need for community-wide distribution through their local newspapers. We hope to launch the project early in 2014 for distribution in the spring.

Sydney: The registration fee for the June 1-4, 2014, RI Convention in Sydney, Australia, will go up by \$50 per person on Dec. 16. Register online at www.rotary.org.

Governor-Elect:

Jim Nelson of Rockford, Ill., and formerly of Newton, Iowa, will be district governor in northern Illinois' District 6420 in 2014-15. In Newton, Jim was publisher of the Newton Daily News. Though in Illinois, he wears his school colors proudly!



Jim Nelson

Budget: District 6000 ended the Rotary year 2012-13 with an unspent contingency fund of \$8,183. On Oct. 17, the executive committee directed that this amount be divided four ways: RYLA, the Humanitarian Services Fund for disaster relief, the Youth Services Fund for scholarships for Xicotepec, and Colorado Flood Relief each received \$2,045.75. The report of district finances, as reviewed by Corwin, Reichter & Co, P.C., was filed according to the by-laws with the IRS and Rotary International.

RYE: Youth Exchange students will have two opportunities to spend time with one another in the first quarter of 2014:

- The annual District 6000 Rotary Youth Exchange Winter Retreat will be Jan. 18-19 at Camp Wesley Woods, Indianola.
- The Rotary Club of North Scott will host Youth Exchange students March 1-2 at Steeplegate Inn in Davenport and treat them to activities in the Quad Cities.

Rotarians are encouraged to meet and show our interest and support for these outstanding young people. There is an opportu-

nity, as well, for Rotarians and/or spouses to chaperone the two-week bus tour of the U.S. with Youth Exchange students in June 2014. Information: Chris Knapp, (319) 338-0909.

Disasters: District 6000 has established funds in the Humanitarian Education Fund of the District to provide assistance in Colorado and the Philippines. Contributions to the fund are tax-deductible as the HEF fund is a 501(c) 3. Donations may be sent to HEF, c/o PDG Don Patterson, 605 S. 15th Street, Washington, IA 52353. Contacts have been made with District leadership in both areas and funds will be distributed through Rotary.

India: Brad Howard, a travel agent and Rotary past district governor from Oakland, Calif., who will speak at our District Conference, is organizing a polio immunization trip to Delhi, India, the latter half of February. Dates will be announced when the Indian government sets National Immunization Days. District 6000 Rotarians have had successful experiences on this trip. The cost is approximately \$2,400. Information: (510) 834-2260, or BHoward@HowardTours.net.

Project Fair: Rotarians looking for international projects are invited to the Unindo America (Central American) Project Fair, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, hosted by the Rotary clubs of Guatemala. Registration forms and information can be seen at: <http://www.projectfairantigua2014.org/>. Rotarian Brad Howard has organized a "Guatemalan Project Safari." Information: <http://www.howardtours.net/2014-uniendo-america-project-fair.html>.

Assembly: The best wishes of District 6000 Rotarians go with DGE John Ockenfels and Deb who will attend International Assembly in San Diego, Jan. 12-18, where they will connect with district governors world-wide in their Class of 2014-15!



Governors past, present and future in attendance at the annual PDG Holiday Party, hosted by JD Jacque Andrew and Jim on Nov. 10 at the Hall of Pride in Des Moines were, seated (l-r): Roger Borup, Dale Belknap, Dave Piersal, Jacque Andrew, Ev Laning and Herb Wilson. Standing: Don Goering, Jim Patton, Chris Knapp, Terry Geiger, Loring Miller, Gary Welch, Bill Tubbs, Ray Muston, Diana Reed, Lynn Johnson, Ken Noble, Corliss Klaassen, Susan Herrick, Del Blum, John Ockenfels, Don Peterson, Gary Pacha, Denny Skinner and Cal Litwiller. Spouses were in attendance, too!

Foundation



D-6000 singers: Bill Tubbs, Jacques Andrew, Loring Miller, Cal Litwiller.

Sing a song with the word 'sanitation'?

At the Rotary Institute in Pittsburgh, districts were challenged to perform songs with words from The Rotary Foundation's six Areas of Focus. District 6000's assigned words were "Clean Water and Sanitation." Our team (above) brought the house down with these words put to its rendition of "Singin' In The Rain." Thanks to Don and Becky Patterson for the umbrellas!

*We're singin' in the rain,
Just singin' in the rain;
Collecting clear water,
We're happy again.
Sanitation is clear,
That's why we are here;
Just singin', singin' in the rain.*

District recognized for Foundation giving

District 6000 was recognized in four categories of Rotary Foundation giving at the Zones 28-29 Institute Oct. 5 in Pittsburgh:

- Second in Annual Program Fund giving among 12 districts in Zone 28 with \$415,260.

- Third in total Foundation giving, including Annual Program Fund, restricted funds earmarked for projects, and polio: \$535,898.

- Polio Champions: Districts who donated 20 percent or more of DDF in 2012-13 to End Polio Now.

Director's Polio Awards: Districts were at the top total DDF contributions to End Polio Now: \$42,460 (28.8 percent of DDF).

Congratulations to our 2012-13 District Governor Terry Geiger, his team, and all who gave!

Deadlines for gifts credited to tax year 2013

Annual Giving Officer Natalia Bonfante Ginez asks Rotarians to note these cutoffs for gifts to be credited to The Rotary Foundation for calendar year ending Dec. 31, 2013:

Checks: Both the postmark on the envelope and the date written on the check must be no later than Dec. 31, 2013.

Via the Bank of America lockbox: All checks must be received at the bank lockbox by Friday, Jan. 10, 2014.

All checks should remain in the original postmarked envelope.

Note: Payments mailed at the end of December 2013 intended as early gifts for January 2014 will be treated as December 2013 gifts.

Credit Card Payments:

- Via rotary.org: Must be authorized by midnight on Dec. 31, 2013.

- Via fax, phone or mail to World Headquarters: Must be received and authorized prior to the close of business on Dec. 31, 2013.

Mailed items should be in the original envelope postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2013.

For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions electronically; fax to (847) 328-5260.

Wire Transfers: Must be initiated by Dec. 31, 2013, and received by Friday, Jan. 3, 2014.

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK July 2013 - September 2013

CLUB	JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	59.00%	33	59.00%	33	54.00%	43
Albia	68.30%	21	60.40%	30	63.00%	28
Ames	63.27%	27	64.77%	24	63.97%	27
Ames Morning	63.50%	25	63.20%	27	62.50%	29
Ankeny	69.52%	19	73.41%	13	70.52%	21
Atlantic	37.95%	55	34.21%	56	51.92%	46
Bettendorf	61.60%	30	62.10%	28	53.60%	45
Bloomfield	70.00%	18			70.00%	22
Boone	56.00%	35	50.00%	50	50.00%	49
Burlington	86.80%	3	87.30%	4	89.70%	4
Carroll	49.19%	48	59.33%	32	67.76%	23
Centerville	44.00%	53	46.00%	54	51.00%	47
Chariton	54.74%	39	57.52%	38	54.86%	42
Clinton	53.62%	41	51.35%	47	44.75%	51
Coon Rapids						
Coralville-North Corridor	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	92.00%	1
Corning	69.00%	20	67.00%	20	71.00%	20
Corydon						
Creston	44.00%	53	49.00%	52	58.00%	37
Dallas Center	68.00%	22	72.00%	16	77.00%	12
Davenport	50.10%	46	51.00%	48	56.05%	39
Decatur County	90.00%	2	87.00%	5	88.00%	5
Des Moines	52.20%	43	53.38%	44	58.19%	36
Des Moines A.M.	63.00%	28			67.00%	24
East Polk County	54.55%	40	56.94%	39	56.25%	38
Fairfield					33.88%	54
Fort Madison	52.00%	44	58.00%	37	61.00%	32
Greater Des Moines	69.00%	20	45.00%	55	63.00%	28
Grinnell	77.00%	12	73.00%	14	79.00%	10
Indianola	52.67%	42			61.73%	31
Iowa City	30.82%	56	28.51%	57	39.42%	53
Iowa City A.M.	82.75%	7	79.91%	10	85.71%	7
Iowa City Downtown	82.11%	8	77.63%	11	76.32%	14
Iowa Quad-Cities	77.44%	10	72.55%	15	73.13%	16
Jefferson	66.00%	23	66.00%	21	70.00%	22
Johnston	63.49%	26	65.00%	23	73.00%	18
Kalona	70.17%	17	68.35%	19	73.10%	17
Keokuk	48.48%	50	49.73%	51	50.67%	48
Keosauqua	52.20%	43	52.40%	45	62.10%	30
Knoxville	54.80%	38	58.76%	34	59.34%	35
Lenox	78.00%	9	70.00%	18	58.00%	37
Manning	73.00%	15	83.00%	8	82.00%	9
Marengo	74.00%	13	85.00%	7	70.00%	22
Marshalltown	56.91%	34	58.18%	36	55.56%	41
Mount Pleasant Noon	49.15%	49	50.83%	49	53.81%	44
Mt. Pleasant	84.00%	5	86.00%	6	87.00%	6
Muscatine	45.79%	52	47.10%	53	49.08%	50
Nevada	60.41%	32	71.37%	17	71.95%	19
Newton	55.60%	36	65.50%	22	59.38%	34
North Scott	86.21%	4	90.16%	2	91.67%	2
Northwest Des Moines	70.18%	16	80.71%	9	75.42%	15
Osceola	70.00%	18	60.00%	31	70.00%	22
Oskaloosa	50.00%	47	58.53%	35	65.00%	26
Ottumwa	47.63%	51	53.61%	43	66.85%	25
Pella	61.00%	31	54.00%	42	62.50%	29
Perry	55.00%	37	62.00%	29	56.00%	40
Tipton	51.00%	45	52.00%	46		
Washington	77.08%	11	55.83%	41	77.84%	11
Waukee	73.33%	14	77.61%	12	76.92%	13
Wellman	83.78%	6	87.57%	3	90.54%	3
West Des Moines	62.29%	29	63.32%	26	60.07%	33
West Liberty	64.00%	24	59.00%	33	61.00%	32
West Polk County	40.91%	54	56.06%	40	39.77%	52
Winterset	70.00%	18	64.00%	25	83.00%	8

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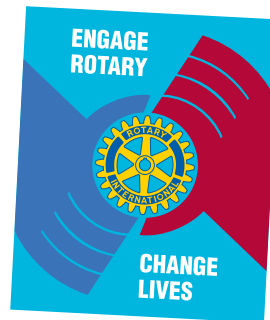
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Club leaders' checklist



From DG Jacque Andrew . . .

• Secretaries submit your **2014-15 officers** to RI and District administrator Carolyn Scharff (both, please!) by Dec. 31.

• Register your 2014 club presidents to attend **Multi-District P.E.T.S.** March 7-8 at Rochester, Minn. (p. 5).

• Nominate a worthy member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** (p. 21).

• Check your club's progress toward your **Rotary Foundation** Annual Programs Fund goal and make plans to meet or exceed it. (p. 18-19, 35)! • Arrange for one or more members to attend a **Grant Management Seminar** (p. 15).

• Identify student(s) for 2014 **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** and observe the deadlines (p. 17).

• Plan **Membership Development** strategies and **engage new members** in meaningful service! (p. 1, 4).

• Encourage members to support **Disaster Relief** efforts for Colorado and the Philippines (p. 34).

• Tell members about opportunities for international service in **India** and the Project Fair in **Guatemala** (p. 34).

• Encourage members to create a personal **My Rotary Account** at the new RI website, and use **Rotary Club Central** to record your goals and plans.

• Create awareness and raise funds for the **Global Campaign to Eradicate Polio** (p. 8, 27).

• Watch for information about the **IOWA ROTARY MAGAZINE** (p. 34).

• Promote **attendance** and report your **attendance** monthly to District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (p. 35).

• Encourage members to become involved with **Youth Exchange** activities (p. 16).

• **Submit news** of your club's successes or upcoming events by Feb. 28, 2014 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Mary Ellen Stanley (Decatur County).



• **Celebrate the Holidays, and "Engage Rotary" and "Change Lives" in your club, community and world.**

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