



District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Loring Miller, Governor

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Iowa Rotarians: 'A gift to the world'

By DG Loring Miller/Decatur County

I have had the honor to visit all 64 clubs in District 6000. Phyllis and I were thrilled to witness the good that clubs accomplish at home and around the world. It is evident that local Rotarians are partners for development and success in their communities. They also address global issues: saving lives, improving local environments, and generating friendships for peace. Every Rotarian is a part of that mission and as such they are a gift to the world.



Loring Miller
District Governor

It is heartwarming to review the extensive community projects for public improvement. Clubs take pride in their community contributions and in most cases they identify those additions through branding.

The Rotary symbol reminds non-Rotarians that the club is vibrant, and I believe branding encourages membership growth from citizens interested in community service.

After each club visit, Phyllis posted on the District 6000 Facebook page photos of community projects supported by the local Rotary clubs. "Friend" Rotary District 6000 Facebook page to follow great projects throughout the district. Identify your next club project/event from suggestions posted thereon.

During those visits, I reported to membership my encouragement about continued contributions to the annual fund of The Rotary Foundation. Support to this fund generates dollars returning to the district three years after donated in the form of District Designated Funds which are utilized by local clubs for community and global grants.

I also shared my concern for decreasing membership within this district. That continual downward trend is alarming. Fewer members introduce challenges to accomplish the good that we introduce in our communities and worldwide. Foundation support suffers when there are fewer members participating. I am happy to report that we may be reversing this trend. District 6000 has experienced a 46 member increase this Rotary year. Worldwide, Rotary has increased 18,585 members since the July 1.

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District Governor Loring Miller (in tuxedo) leads the release of 240 Rotary blue and gold balloons to raise funds for polio eradication on Nov. 7 prior to the District 6000 Rotary Foundation Dinner in Des Moines. At Loring's right is Past RI President and current Rotary Foundation Chair, Ray Klingensmith, of Kirksville, Mo. District 6000 Rotarians pictured include Bill Koellner and Wayne Steen of West Liberty, PDG Corliss Klaassen of Chariton, and PDG Susan Herrick of Boone. Read more on page 10. Photo by Bill Tubbs

Four clubs in District 6000 celebrated their centennials this fall (pages 2-4). A life is saved at Coon Rapids Rotary (pages 30-31).

Clubs celebrate Centennials

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We have also had the privilege to attend four club centennial celebrations this fall: the Rotary Club of Clinton, the Rotary Club of Marshalltown, the Rotary Club of Burlington and the Rotary Club of Iowa City.

Clinton has embarked upon a monumental project to restore the Eagle Point Park Lodge to its former glory. Marshalltown presented to John Osterlund from The Rotary Foundation \$17,000 which brought the club's all-time Foundation giving to over \$500,000. Burlington members opened a Rotary time capsule sealed since the national Bicentennial year. Past Rotary International President Rick King was the keynote speaker. Iowa City featured video messages from around the world highlighting projects and services provided by the club. Past Rotary International Director Mary Beth Growney-Selene gave an inspiring message.



PDG Ray Muston and Linda Muston raise a champagne toast to 100 years of Iowa City Rotary at the club's centennial Nov. 5 at the U of Iowa Memorial Union. Photos by Bill Tubbs



Governor Loring Miller presented a 100-year certificate to Rotary Club of Clinton president Jim Dobbyn on Nov. 16.



DG Loring Miller (c) presented a 100-year certificate to Rotary Club of Burlington president David Miller at the club's centennial celebration on Oct. 23. Keynote speaker was Past RI President Richard King of California (second from right). PDG Bill Tubbs is at left and AG Tony Conn is at right.



Burlington Rotary president David Miller and DG Loring Miller open a time capsule at the Burlington club's centennial.



Rotary Foundation general manager John Osterlund was the keynote speaker at the Marshalltown Rotary centennial.

Iowa City celebrates a century

By Ann Parker/Iowa City

The Rotary Club of Iowa City celebrated its 100th anniversary at the Iowa Memorial Union in Iowa City on Nov. 5. More than 300 Rotarians, soon-to-be Rotarians and friends gathered to share in the history of the club. Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek read a proclamation from the city council declaring November “Rotary Month,” District Governor Loring Miller shared greetings on behalf of the district, and Past RI Director Mary Beth Growney Selene of Madison, Wis., represented Rotary International.

The Iowa City club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids in November 1915. Twenty-nine business and professionals and two university faculty and staff were among the founding members. Charter No. 192 was presented to the club by then-District Governor John Knutson. William Peter Hohenschuh, a local undertaker and furniture store owner, was the first president of the club. Iowa City was the tenth Rotary club to be formed in Iowa.

Iowa City Rotary was instrumental in starting FAMSCO, Iowa MOST, the Xicotepec Project and most recently the Ponseti project, all of which have become District 6000 projects. The club has also worked closely with the local Ronald McDonald house to raise over half a million dollars “Fore the House” in their annual golf outing. The club has been a supporter of the “I Can Read” program, providing CDs and reading materials for children to learn to read. They have supported many local projects including playgrounds, school health clinics, the Salvation Army, Neighborhood Centers, Habitat for Humanity, student dictionaries and much, much more.

The Iowa City club has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for students to study abroad, for 4-H scholarships, world affairs seminars and RYLA. They have provided other scholarships to individuals for a variety of programs, and have been an important advocate of Ambassadorial Scholarships.

The 100th celebration included presentations of special anniversary flags to each of the visiting clubs in attendance, and raffle drawings for a 2015 Toyota Highlander, Colorado condo vacation, gift cards, basketball tickets, and a year’s worth of frozen custard. Proceeds of the raffle will benefit the Iowa City, Coralville and North Liberty libraries.

A special video and highlight of the evening, created by PDG Ray and Iowa City past president Linda Muston, featured special greetings from Rotary partners around the world. The video showcased some of the many projects the club has been involved with over the years. The evening ended with another heartwarming video from friends at the school Escuela Maritza Hurtarte Guillén in Guatemala City and a special toast by club president Thais Winkleblack.



DG Loring Miller (l) presented a 100-year certificate to Iowa City Rotary president Thais Winkleblack. They are joined by past RI Director Mary Beth Growney Selene and emcee, former Iowa City Rotarian Roy Justus. Photos by Bill Tubbs



A special club banner featuring Rotary founder and U of Iowa Law School grad Paul Harris was unveiled by Iowa City president Thais Winkleblack and past president Ann Parker.

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The music of pianist Arlene Selby creates a welcoming feeling for members of the Rotary Club of Marshalltown at their weekly luncheons at the Marshalltown Country Club.



Marshalltown president Carol Hibbs with AG Bonnie Lowry and PDGs Bill Tubbs and Jacque Andrew presents a check for \$17,000 to John Osterlund, general manager of The Rotary Foundation, raising the club's all-time giving to \$500,000.

Marshalltown: '100 years and looking good'

By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown

When long-time Marshalltown Rotarian Conrad Dejardin helped kick off the club's centennial birthday at the start of the Rotary year in early July, he observed "100 years old and looking good."

As he distributed commemorative pins to the group, he suggested that each member has reason to be proud of the Rotary legacy. Not even halfway into the year, it is clear that the club is having fun celebrating this milestone.

Dejardin and Rotarian Mark Osmundson, along with Marshalltown Community College's Steve Muntz, drove the production of a visual history of the club's first 100 years. When Osmundson hit the play button during this kick-off meeting, Rotarians were captivated by this first look at the 12-minute video.

President Carol Hibbs presents an anniversary "factoid" at each weekly meeting. These snippets from the past are helping the group have a better understanding of this legacy.

An example of one of these fun facts is that 60 businessmen gathered for a charter dinner in 1915 at the Marshalltown YMCA. Interestingly, five of this group travelled by train from Cedar Rapids to become charter members.

For a glimpse into the times a century ago, the Public Affairs Committee of the newly formed club listened to 2-minute talks on proposed local projects. Issues included finding a competent city assessor and clearing the snow on the courthouse grounds. The project garnering the most support a century ago was a public comfort facility (aka restroom) in the basement of the Courthouse. And finally, Rotary was instrumental in starting the Rural-Urban Dinner in 1917, which continues more than nine decades later. For several years of the event, farmers were treated to airplane rides over their property by Rotary pilots.

On the first meeting day of October, club members received a Rotary tabloid, which was also placed in *Marshalltown's Times-Republican* daily newspaper, to kick off the club's 100th anniversary of their charter month. There is a lot of history that accumulates over 100 years, and the piece, through the efforts of members Mike Schlesinger, Vic Hellberg and Sue Martin, did a fine job of narrating a colorful and proud 100 years.

Rotarian and Mayor Jim Lowrance proclaimed October 2015 to be Marshalltown Rotary Club Month in recognition of its 100 years

of service and contribution to Marshalltown and the surrounding area. Lowrance joked before reading the proclamation, asking that the audience to be patient, as it was a challenge to summarize a century of service in such a short manner.

Later in the month, the club held an early evening reception at Elmwood Country Club over hors d'oeuvres and drinks while reminiscing to enjoy each other's company, along with invited guests from District 6000. President Hibbs urged membership to shine the light here in Marshalltown and contribute to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in honor of the centennial celebration, echoing the 2015-2016 Rotary theme, "Be a Gift to the World." District Governor Loring Miller presented Hibbs with a certificate and made some brief remarks in honor of the club's 100 years of impact.

The next day, the club hosted John Osterlund, general manager and chief development officer of The Rotary Foundation at its weekly luncheon meeting, which was also a 100th anniversary celebration. Members and guests were given commemorative 100th anniversary coffee mugs. Marshalltown Rotarian and Assistant District Governor, Bonnie Lowry, welcomed former District Governors Jacque Andrew and Bill Tubbs, and Assistant Governor Ruth Freeman.

President Carol Hibbs asked Osterlund to come forward in order to accept a special gift from the club. To a standing ovation, Hibbs presented a larger-than-life check in the amount of \$17,000 that put the club over the half-million dollar mark of giving to The Rotary Foundation over the last 100 years.

"Wow," exclaimed Osterlund, "What a way to start!" Osterlund said it was an honor to help celebrate the club's century birthday, remarking it was his first in the 24 years he has been with Rotary.

The population in Marshalltown 100 years ago was 14,500. Osterlund found it interesting that Rotary was initially skeptical that a club could thrive in a town with a population fewer than 25,000 and therefore initially denied a charter. "Not only has this club thrived, but I believe Rotary clubs are at their best in rural America," he said.

Osterlund pointed out that the Marshalltown club is one of the rare clubs that pre-date the establishment of the Foundation which is planning for a 100-year celebration itself to begin next year. He invited the club to leverage the opportunity of increased awareness to impact fundraising.

Presidents-Elect Training March 11-12

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

NC PETS Committee

Calling all Presidents-Elect of District 6000! The preparation begins for the 2016-17 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 11 and Saturday, March 12, 2016 in Rochester, Minn., for the annual training of club leaders in the North Central PETS region. A welcome reception and opportunity to begin acquaintance with classmates will be held on Thursday evening, March 10.

District Governor-Elect Chris Knapp of Iowa City AM and District Trainer John Schultz of Iowa City 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 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. Jennifer Jones, Rotary International Director 2015-2017, of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, will be the enlightening, energetic and engaging Friday luncheon speaker.



Bryn Styles



Jennifer Jones

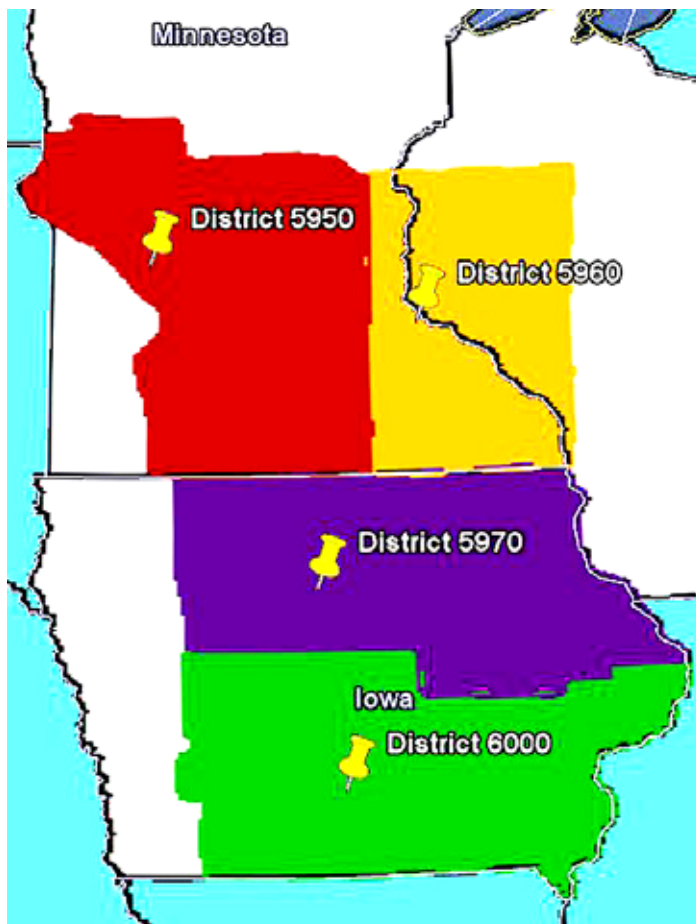


John Smarge

The Friday evening banquet will feature Past Rotary International Director John Smarge of Naples, Fla., an inspiring speaker with a passion for building membership. On Saturday, the plenary speaker will be past Rotary International Director and Rotary Foundation trustee Bryn Styles of Barrie, Ontario, Canada, lending his own unique perspective.

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!



Incoming club presidents from these four districts will participate in PETS training March 11-12 in Rochester, Minn.

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www.zones28-29.org

***Please note this CHANGE in DATE and VENUE!**
District 6000 Breakfast will be held at the Zone event.

District Conference



Thursday, March 31, 2016

Botanical Garden Social

Friday-Saturday, April 1-2, 2016

District Conference

Airport Holiday Inn & Convention Center

6111 Fleur Drive • Des Moines

Conference registration to open in January

By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County

Registration for the 2016 Rotary District 6000 Conference will be available in early January on the district website. District Governor Loring and Phyllis Miller extend an invitation to join them in Des Moines March 31 and April 1-2 to celebrate the many ways in which Rotarians have carried out this year's theme, "Be a Gift to the World."

The Airport Holiday Inn and Conference Center on Fleur Drive will be conference headquarters, with the official opening ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday, April 1. For room reservations, contact the hotel directly at (515) 287-2400 or (800) 248-4013 and mention Rotary to receive the special discount rate of \$98 per night, available until March 10.

Come early and join Loring and Phyllis at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, 909 Robert D. Ray Drive, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 31. Enjoy appetizers and a cash bar while socializing and networking in a beautiful tropical atmosphere.

The conference will feature presentations on Loring's two special projects, signage and promotion of the original Jefferson Highway from Winnipeg to New Orleans in its Centennial year of 2016 and fundraising for the Ponseti method of clubfoot treatment. The latter will be highlighted with a ping pong ball drop in the Holiday Inn's atrium on Saturday morning. (See story on page 7.)

Featured speakers scheduled to date include RI Director Jennifer Jones; District 7780 PDG Ann Lee Hussey; and Dr. Troy D. Paino, president of Truman State University, Kirksville, MO.

Saturday evening's formal dinner will include the auction of a king quilt made and donated by Deb Ockenfels. The festivities will conclude with music for listening and dancing by Decatur County Rotarian Dave McGahuey and his band.



Attending the Rotary Leadership Institute training Oct. 17 in Omaha were, front (l-r): Lori Conn, DG Loring and Phyllis Miller, and Peggy Geiger; Back: Tony Conn, PDG Terry Geiger, DGE Chris Knapp and PDG John Ockenfels.

John Ockenfels, Terry Geiger are RLI grads

By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County

District 6000 has now seen its first two RLI Graduates since partnering with District 5650 (eastern Nebraska/far western Iowa).

The one day RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) training session was held in Omaha on Oct. 17. Attending were: Level I session Tony and Lori Conn, Keokuk; Phyllis Miller, Decatur County; DGE Chris and Vernetta Knapp, Iowa City AM. Level II session: DG Loring Miller and Peggy Geiger, Decatur County; and Level III session: our first two RLI graduates from D6000. PDG Terry Geiger, Decatur County; and PDG John Ockenfels, IA City AM.

Congratulations PDG Terry Geiger and PDG John Ockenfels for completing all three levels. Good Job!



RLI grads (l-r): Chair Nicki Klein, DGE and facilitator Gary Bren, PDGs John Ockenfels and Terry Geiger, and facilitator and curriculum chair Carol Horner. Provided by Peggy Geiger

Rotary Leadership Institute comes to Iowa

By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

The first session of RLI was held in District 6000 on Oct. 24 at the Shive-Hattery office in West Des Moines. It was filled to capacity.

Sixteen Rotarians participated in session No. 1 of this new program for our district, and all came away with enthusiasm about their added knowledge about what Rotary is and what Rotary does. Facilitators Gary Bren and Carol Horner and Heartland RLI Chair Nicki Klein, all from District 5650 (eastern Nebraska and western Iowa) helped make the day an exciting and eventful day for District 6000.

I received some testimonials from participants that day.

Kolton Hewlett, president-nominee from the Rotary Club of Decatur County: *"RLI is a great learning opportunity for all Rotarians. The curriculum covers a wide range of information that both new and seasoned members can profit from."*

John Schulz, from the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM and our district trainer: *"Rotary Leadership Institute provides energy, enthusiasm, connection and self reflection to all participants about their Rotary story and journey. Since the program is about facilitated self*



reflection and sharing, the RLI program is equally suited to all Rotarians from the new to veteran. Any Rotarian who wants to enhance their understanding and enthusiasm about Rotary would enjoy this program!"

DGN Mike Ruby: *"Being a Rotarian for 36 years, I tried hard to view the RLI course through the eyes of*

new Rotarians. I was impressed with the amount of information covered in a simple, direct, conversational format. As a veteran Rotarian, I was surprised at the amount of information that I gained. Most of it was not new material to me, but it was the way that it was presented that I found to be very helpful and downright inspirational. All Rotarians, regardless how long they have been a member, can gain some valuable knowledge about our wonderful



Participants in the RLI training Oct. 24 at West Des Moines were, front (l-r): Rebecca Schultz, DGN Mike Ruby, Sue Kelly and Todd Wheeler; Row 2: John Schultz, Mary Ellen Stanley and Kolton Hewlett; Row 3: Jody Braverman, Deb Ockenfels, PDG Diana Reed and Kristin Pike; Row 4: Lee Holmes, Heather Riley and Wayne Steen; and Row 5: Chris Bertelson and Steve Wieneke. Provided by Peggy Geiger

'Service Above Self' organization. I wish I had this opportunity decades ago."

AG Mary Ellen Stanley: *"RLI was a positive and rewarding learning experience. It far exceeded my expectations for the day. I am looking forward to the next session."*

Our next session will be held in Coralville Public Library on Feb. 27, 2016, and we will be holding both Sessions 1 and 2. Registration should be available soon at: <http://www.rli-heartland.org/>. We encourage all clubs to consider sending a member to learn more about our organization. It is well worth the time and the money.

Ping-Pong ball drop to support RAG4CLUBFOOT

By DG Loring Miller/Decatur County

Every three minutes a child is born somewhere in the world with clubfoot, a deformity that will limit mobility and ability to function in society.

University of Iowa-based RAG4CLUBFOOT, a Rotarian Action Group, needs our support. Rotarian financial support is needed for healthcare professionals to be properly trained to apply the Ponseti Method of clubfoot correction. We can also provide improved nighttime braces, a device required to complete the Ponseti treatment not readily available in low-resource countries.

At the Rotary District 6000 Conference to be held at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn, conference leadership will conduct a PING-PONG BALL DROP to benefit Ponseti financial needs identified by RAG4CLUBFOOT. Every Rotarian in District 6000 is encouraged to purchase a \$5.00 number on a ping-pong ball.

Later in December, club presidents will receive a list of numbers to be sold within their club, one available number for each club member. The numbered balls will be dropped in mass on Saturday, April

2, 2016. Three balls that land within a cup will be declared winners:

1st Place: \$1,000.00 cash prize will be paid and if the winner is registered for the conference, that person will also be assigned 1,000 Paul Harris points.

2nd Place: \$500.00 cash prize will be paid and if the winner is registered for the conference, that person will also be assigned 500 Paul Harris points.

3rd Place: \$250.00 cash prize will be paid and if the winner is registered for the conference, that person will also be assigned 250 Paul Harris points.

All participating district Rotarians are winners because they will have a sense of pride knowing that they helped provide timely treatment and appropriate care for children born with clubfoot deformity somewhere in the world.

BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD!

Please turn the page to see why the Ponseti Method is Iowa Rotarians' Gift to the World

Iowa's Gift To The World:

Rotarians take Ponseti non-surgical clubfoot repair world-wide with Rotary Action Group

By PDG Jill Olsen/Mt. Vernon
District 5970

On Friday morning Sept. 25, I observed in the Clubfoot Clinic at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. As a guest of Dr. Jose Morcuende, I shadowed this humanitarian doctor as he met with patients who have been diagnosed with clubfoot.



Jill Olsen

Clubfoot is a congenital foot deformity which affects the bones, muscles, tendons and blood vessels and can be present in one or both feet. In clubfoot, the heel points downward, while the front half of the foot turns inward. I observed children in various stages of Ponseti Method treatment – which typically is completed by the time the child is four years old.

I watched a tiny baby receive his first casts – which will be changed weekly for a period of six weeks. After this time, the child is given a brace to maintain the correction. The brace is worn for several years when the child is asleep.

I asked Dr. Morcuende if one of his patients could ever make a Hawkeye football or basketball team, and he said there are children born with clubfeet who, after Ponseti Method treatment, now have professional sports careers. And then he smiled, and added that, of course, the patient would have to have the discipline to train for the sport. He had no control on the talent or will of the child.

Just what is the Ponseti Method? Developed by Dr. Ignacio V. Ponseti of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, it is the gold standard for the treatment of clubfoot. It involves gentle manipulations of the ligaments, joint capsules and tendons. A plaster cast is applied after each manipulation to retain the degree of correction

and soften the ligaments. No surgery is needed.

So why would a Rotarian like me want to observe this procedure? Because the home of the Ponseti Method is Iowa and District 5970 and District 6000 are supporting the formation of a RAG (Rotary Action Group) called RAG4Clubfoot which will enable Dr. Morcuende and other well trained Ponseti Method providers to train cadres of doctors worldwide.

An initial VTT (Vocational Training Team) application is in preparation right now and will target Mexico. You see, the overhead for this procedure is negligible, making it attractive for use in low resource countries. Of course it is also less invasive and dangerous for the patient. So training doctors and supporting Ponseti clinics (e.g., by housing patients' families, providing gauze and plaster for casts) are opportunities for Rotarians to make a big impact for children around the world.

A baby is born with clubfoot in every 750 births, regardless of the country where the parents reside. It is a new frontier for us as Rotarians and yet another chance for us to help children afflicted with clubfoot to walk and be normal and, yes, to exert every child's right to jump and run and play. We did it with polio. Now a new generation of Rotarians is called to continue to help children.

The Ponseti Method is Iowa's gift to these children and a natural fit for Districts 5970 and 6000 and all the partner districts across the world.

To learn more about this exciting project, visit:

<http://www.rag4clubfoot.org/>

To learn more about the efforts of Ponseti International Association, visit:

<http://www.ponseti.info/>

To schedule a speaker about this project, contact tomeka-petersen@uiowa.edu



The gentle doctors

During my visit to Dr. Jose Morcuende's Ponseti clinic on Oct. 14, I was able to witness this 7-1/2-week-old baby boy receiving his fifth cast. Pictured with Dr. Morcuende are (l-r): Dr. Brandon Wilkinson, an orthopedic resident at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics; Dr. Kuan Yang of Shanghai and Dr. Honad Kermiche of Algeria, both are observing orthopedic physicians learning the Ponseti method. The child's mother is feeding him while he is casted.

The "best opportunity for success with the Ponseti method is with a brace that is comfortable so that it will be used," said Dr. Morcuende. An advocate of a holistic approach, he said parents and other caregivers need to integrate use of the nighttime brace into the routine of the child for greatest success. In 50 percent of cases, the child brings the brace to the parents at bedtime, a sign of true integration. Braces need to be used consistently for maximum benefit just as we use car seats every trip for the safety of children.

– PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Tom Narak selected for District Governor 2018-19

On Nov. 2, the District 6000 Nominating Committee interviewed candidates for District Governor Nominee Designee 2018-2019. The committee selected Tom Narak of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines. The nomination was subsequently certified according to the by-laws of Rotary International.

Tom and his wife, Carol, have been married for 45 years and are parents of three married children: son Tom and Marie, daughter Jill and Kenny, and daughter Susie and Colette. They have four grandchildren and one great granddaughter – and, according to Tom, "a wonderful German Shorthair Pointer pheasant-hunting dog named Jake."

Carol grew up in Watertown, SD, and Tom grew up in Chicago. They met while both were students at Morningside College in Sioux City. In addition to their bachelor's degrees from Morningside College, Tom has a master's degree from Northwest Missouri State University and a doctorate of education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Carol has her master's of education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Both Tom and Carol are retired educators. Tom retired in 2011 as superintendent of schools in West Des Moines. Carol retired in 2011 as the high school teacher librarian in Norwalk. Tom began his career as a middle school science teacher. In addition to being a superintendent, he has been a principal at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Carol also taught special education during her career. Since retiring as a superintendent, Tom has served as the director of government relations for the School Administrators of Iowa. He works as a lobbyist during the session of the Iowa Legislature.

Tom began his Rotary experience in Schuyler, Neb., while he was principal there. After moving back to Iowa, he belonged to the Rotary Club of Indianola, serving as president in 2003-2004. He is a member of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines and was president in 2013-14. Tom has also served as the Youth Exchange Officer for the Rotary Club of West Des Moines for several years. They have served as host parents for some wonderful Rotary Youth Exchange students from several countries including Mexico, Norway, Taiwan, India and Brazil. The Naraks enjoyed the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, in 2013. They have been actively involved in the Xicotepec Project for District 6000 since 2007. Tom currently serves as the co-chair of the project with Jim Petersen. He served as the District 6000 trainer for DGs Jacque Andrew and John Ockenfels during their terms.

Tom serves on the board of trustees of Morningside College. He also serves on the board and is the chair of the Education Cabinet



Carol and DGND Tom Narak

of the United Way of Central Iowa. Carol serves on the board of the West Des Moines Friends of the Library. When it involves helping people, and especially children, Tom and Carol are both eager to help make a difference for disadvantaged people wherever needed.

The succession of future governors for District 6000 includes Chris and Vernetta Knapp of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM in 2016-17 and Mike and Joanne Ruby of the Rotary Club of Muscatine in 2017-18.

Deadline for 'Guardian of Integrity' nominations is Jan. 31

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

D-6000, Vocational Service chair

To encourage Rotarians and clubs to focus on Rotary's core value of integrity, and to honor the memory of the late PDG Paul Hellwege, District 6000 is asking clubs to nominate one member for the sixth annual District 6000 "Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity" awards.

A nomination form will soon be posted at the District website and sent to clubs. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31, 2016. The nominations will be submitted to the District 6000 Vocational Service Committee and nominees will be recognized at the District Conference, March 31-April 2 in Des Moines.

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

The award will be presented annually to Rotarians in District 6000 who have been a member for a minimum of three years and who exemplify the attributes and passion for ethics and integrity in his or her vocation, business and personal life that Paul exemplified. This award recognizes individuals who have made contributions in business, media, academia or government and who have by their actions, writing, policies and public pronouncements strengthened and fostered development of integrity and ethical practices.



District Rotary Foundation Dinner highlights



The Arch Klumpf Chair's Level (\$500,000) bequest of Randy Gambill, a longtime Northwest Des Moines Rotarian, was recognized at the Nov. 7 Rotary Foundation Dinner. Dr. Gambill's widow, Lois Yvonne, received roses and recognition from (l-r): District Rotary Foundation Fundraising Chair Bill Koeller, Northwest Rotarian Doyle Sanders, Rotary Foundation Chair Ray Klinginsmith, District Governor Loring Miller, and District Rotary Foundation Chair Terry Geiger.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County District 6000 Rotary Foundation Chair

Nearly 100 Rotarians and their guests enjoyed an evening celebrating and recognizing generosity for The Rotary Foundation in District 6000 at the fourth annual Rotary Foundation Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines. All had an opportunity to enjoy the indoor exhibits offered by the zoo during the social hour.

The evening actually began at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse at 5 p.m. where 240 Rotary blue and gold balloons were released (though not all of them flew) to create awareness and raise funds for our polio eradication effort. Balloons were presold for \$20.18 each, indicating the year projected to have the world declared polio free. \$5,148 was raised toward this effort and with the Gates Foundation 2:1 match, over 25,000 children can be immunized as a result of this event.

After a meal catered by Johnny's, PDG Jon Stillman from District 5960 in Minnesota, and current member of the International Polio Plus Committee, updated the audience on the current polio situation in the world. When Rotary began the effort in the mid 1980s, there were over 350,000 cases of polio in the world each year. To date this year, we have 51, so we are really "this close" – but "this close" is not close enough. Jon emphasized that we will finish this job.

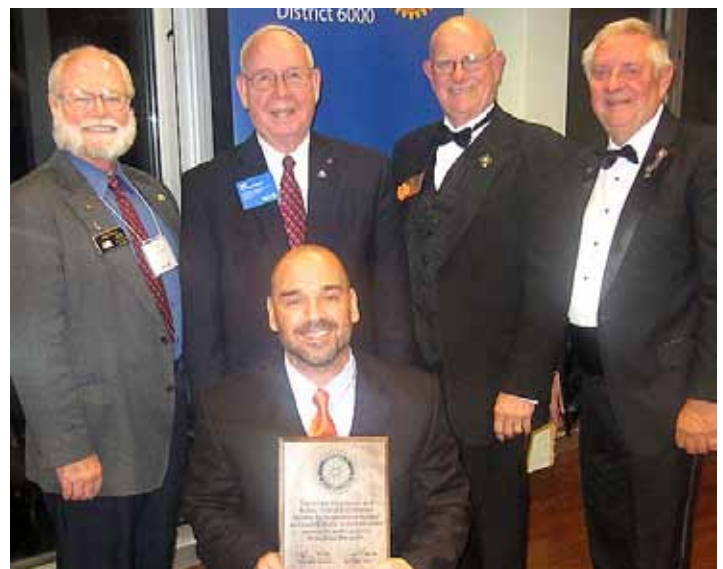
A special award was presented first to Lois Gambill, widow of Dr. Randy Gambill, a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. He left a major part of his estate to The Rotary Foundation in a Charitable Remainder Trust. Lois was presented the very special Arch Klumpf Society (Chair's Circle) Award by District Governor Loring Miller and Past RI President and current chair of The Rotary Foundation trustees, Ray Klinginsmith. We thank the Gambills for that generosity! A special rose was also presented to Lois by PRIP Klinginsmith on behalf of the family.

A special Rotary plaque was also presented to Hy-Vee for the support they have given to Rotary water projects around the globe. They have participated in global grant projects with District 6000 clubs to help alleviate water shortages. Receiving the plaque and

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Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Officer Amanda Runge (red) recognized new Paul Harris Society members (l-r): DG Loring Miller, Chris and Vernetta Knapp, Nate Burnham, Diane and PDG Jim Patton, and PDGs Corliss Klaassen and Terry Geiger.



Brad Walter of Hy-Vee Stores (front) was thanked for Hy-Vee's support of Rotary Foundation water projects. Standing (l-r): PDG Gary Welch, Past RI President Ray Klinginsmith, PDG Terry Geiger and DG Loring Miller.



New Major Donors (l-r): PDG Bill Tubbs (Level 3), TRF Annual Giving Officer Amanda Runge, PDG Don and Doris Goering (Level 2), Ted Clausen (Level 1), Wayne Steen (Level 1), DG Loring Miller (Level 2), PDG Corliss Klaassen (Level 2) and PDG Terry Geiger (Level 1). Photos by Jon Stillman



New Bequest Society members in attendance were (l-r): PDG Don Goering (Level 1), PDG Bill Tubbs (Level 5), DG Loring Miller (Level 1), Todd and Joyce Wheeler (Level 2) and District Rotary Foundation Chair, PDG Terry Geiger.



Minnesota Rotarian PDG Jon Stillman, who is a member of the International PolioPlus Committee, presented the book, "Fulfilling Our Promise," to PDG Susan Herrick in appreciation of District 6000's exemplary support of polio eradication.

D6000 recognized for support of polio eradication

representing Hy-Vee was Brad Walter. He is the liaison with PDG Gary Welch, representing District 6000 and Hy-Vee..

All new major donors and major donors who moved to Level 2 or Level 3 were specially recognized, as well as new Bequest Society members. All new Paul Harris Society members were also given special recognition. PDG William Tubbs and Linda were recognized as becoming Level 5 Bequest Society members.

Our keynote address was presented by current Chairman of the Trustees and Past Rotary International President Klingensmith. He

presented us with an inspiring talk on the good Rotary is doing by providing needs to those less fortunate. The money we give to the Foundation truly is making a difference in the world. We in this country are fortunate as we won the gene pool lottery to be born where we were. We thank Ray for coming to this special event inspiring us all with his knowledge.

We thank all those who attended this special evening of celebration and we again thank all Rotarians in District 6000 for their generosity.

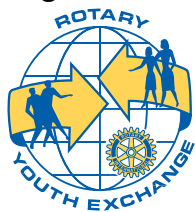


Northwest Des Moines Rotarians at the District 6000 Foundation Banquet, front (l-r): Bill and Anne Grask, Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski, PDG Diana Reed, Maggie Sanders, Lois Gambill and Rick Rarick. Back: Mary and Mark McAndrews, Cecilia and Ed Arnold, Doyle Sanders and Brad Helgemo.



Waukeee Rotarians at the Rotary District 6000 Foundation Banquet (l-r): Erna Morain, Joyce Wheeler, Jim Blessman, Sue Rasmussen, Dick Rasmussen, Roberta Holmes, Ron Robbins, Pat Robbins, District Governor Loring Miller, Lee Holmes and Matt Olson.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



Rotary Youth Exchange in full swing for 2015-16

By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities
D-6000 Youth Exchange chair

District 6000 Rotary Youth exchange is in full swing. With 17 inbound students in the district this year, we are giving more clubs than ever the experience of hosting an exchange student.

One of the current inbounds from New Zealand will be returning home in January. In her place, we will be hosting a young woman from South Africa, who is being sponsored in part by Blessman Ministries, an organization that has its roots in District 6000 through Waukee Rotarian Dr. Jim Blessman.

Southern hemisphere schools are on a different schedule from our schools in North America. This presents some challenges for the school, the club, and the district committee. But we are pleased to be able to host this student and allow her to experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

We are in the process of selecting students from District 6000 who are applying for our outbound program for 2016-17. Our annual goal is 15 students. Selected students will start their training at the winter retreat, Jan 16-17 in Newton, followed by several additional sessions designed to prepare the students for their exchange year.

We are receiving very positive reports from our current outbound students. Thirteen teens are enjoying their year in the countries of France, Germany, Spain, Austria, Czech Republic, Norway, Italy, Brazil and Japan. Our Outbound Coordinator, Paul Kalainoff, maintains contact with each student to ensure that their exchange year is the best that it can be.

With recent events in Europe, we have been especially vigilant concerning student



Rotary Youth Exchange students at the Fall Fun Day at Indianola, front (l-r): Luiz Carlos Maia, Arnon Reichow and Natasha Hamer. Back: Sara Creatini, Ines El-Ouachini, Petra Kolembova, Millo Fosado and Inga Wegger.

safety. Our partners in Europe are also working hard to ensure that our students will have a safe and enjoyable exchange.

In October, several of our Inbound students, enjoyed an American tradition: carving pumpkins. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Indianola, the event included carving, picnicking, and socializing. Each student was able to return to their host families with

a carved pumpkin, photos, and memories to be shared back home.

It is a goal of the district committee to be able to involve more district clubs in the Exchange Student experience. For information about how your club can participate, contact District 6000 chairman, Doug Peterson at louandoug@mediacombb.net, or phone (563) 332-5007.

District 6000 Youth Exchange students

DISTRICT 6000 2015-16 ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Outbound:

Adelina Reels (Winterset) Germany
Alista Wikle (Fairfield) Spain
Brice Page (West Liberty) Austria
Elizabeth Frevert (Burlington) Czech Republic
Ethan Jones (Iowa Quad Cities) Norway
Hannah Sheldon (Iowa City AM) Italy
James Trettin (Newton) France
Jonah Marks (Fairfield) Brazil

McKayla Sturtz (Ankeny) France
Madylin Merydith (Keokuk) Germany
Nicholas Guild (Ankeny) Brazil
Nicole Nabity (Ankeny) Japan
Sarah Downs (Pella) Italy
Inbound:
Pauline Bantegnies (France) ... West Liberty
Andres Bravo (Ecuador) Washington
Lara Celeghin (Italy) Iowa City
Andres Cienfuegos (Spain) Clinton
Sara Creatini (Italy) Grinnell
Ines El-Ouachin (France) Nevada

Victoria Ewering (Germany) Kalona/Wellman
Hector Gonzalez (Mexico) . NW Des Moines
Emigdio Gonzales (Mexico) West DM
Petra Kolembova (Slovakia) . Decatur Co.
Kinuka Miwa (Japan) Ankeny
Arnon Reichow (Brazil) Oskaloosa
Jakob Schmidt (Austria) Des Moines
Luiz Villa-Boas (Brazil) Newton
Luis arkinen (Germany) Burlington
Inga Wegger (Norway) Boone
Girl from New Zealand arriving in December

Rotary leads the way in preserving, identifying historic Jefferson Highway

By DG Loring Miller/Decatur County

The Jefferson Highway was the first major north-south hard surfaced, other than dirt, roadway in the United States, extending 2,300 miles from Winnipeg, Canada, to New Orleans, Louisiana. With the Jefferson enjoying its historic centennial year in 2016, Iowa Rotarians have initiated a historic preservation project to restore appreciation and identity to this grand effort through signage along the original route in Iowa.

The city of Des Moines is the birthplace of the Jefferson Highway concept. Edwin T. Meredith, Jefferson Highway founder and Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Des Moines, envisioned a north-south equivalent to the Lincoln Highway, the first east-west transcontinental route. The general offices for the original Jefferson Highway were located in Des Moines.

An application has been submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation recommending the Jefferson Highway as an official Iowa Heritage Byway. This designation will acknowledge its historical significance to early

transportation development and will mark the original route. This designation will also instill in Iowa residents a sense of pride in this route passing through their midst.

Once approved by the Iowa Byways Committee, signs will appear on this historic route entering from Minnesota near Northwood along sections of U.S. 65 south to Colo, then west along sections of U.S. 30 to Ames, and proceeding south along sections of U.S. 69 to the Missouri border near Lamoni. A short alternate variation in Story and Polk Counties will also be identified.

When the Iowa segment of this 2,300-mile signage project is completed, District 6000 Rotarians will duplicate the Iowa process north to Manitoba and in the remaining seven U.S. States. The original historic project became reality due to the support of Rotarians in Des Moines. It is appropriate that Iowa Rotarians lead the charge to preserve the good name of the Jefferson Highway for generations to come.

Map of the Jefferson Highway

This page is a work in progress. Members are creating maps of the Jefferson Highway state by state. Soon you will be able to click on a map and learn about interesting sites from the past and present.

The large map to the right shows the various paths of the Jefferson Highway, from Winnipeg to New Orleans. Click on the state (or country) names below to see a closer view of your state (or country).

Canada: [Manitoba](#)
United States: [Minnesota](#) [Iowa](#) [Kansas](#) [Missouri](#) [Arkansas](#) [Oklahoma](#) [Texas](#)



Maps courtesy of Mike Conlin

Map above shows the route of the Jefferson Highway and the various Rotary districts along the route in eight state plus Canada.

Map at left shows the Jefferson Highway through Iowa on U.S. Highways 65, 30 and 69.



Making winter warm for kids

By Deb Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

Just look at what you've done! And what might that be?

The Rotarians of District 6000, along with friends and family and a Rotary club from District 5970, have provided new, warm coats again for 9,149-plus kids in need across our district and in Waterloo.

In two years of the District 6000 Operation Warm Coats project, Rotarians will have given coats to over 18,130 children in need. You've had an impact on more than those 18,130 children who have a new coat that is clean and whole. Think of the parents, who didn't have to decide what they would have to cut back on so they could provide coats for their children. That gives the ability to provide better food for the family. The schools didn't have students who arrived at school too cold to concentrate, if they got to school at all in bad weather. The kids are healthier since they're not outside with inadequate clothing.

There has been another positive result from this project, although many of you are not in the position to see it. The clubs of this district have worked together to help each other out. Instead of dealing only with their own club and its projects, many clubs became cooperating partners with each other this year.

Last year, clubs applied for 18 District Grants for coats, with a total of \$27,122 in grant funds awarded. This year, there were 10 grants for coats, but there were an additional 18 club partners in those grants, for a total of \$35,610. Working together enabled many clubs who had applied for coat grants in 2014 the ability to match funds again in 2015. Because of the grant funds, we were able to order enough coats to receive the discounts that come with purchasing 3,000 coats, then 5,000 coats. The quantity discounts ended up lowering our price by \$3 per coat.

The only way for the District Grant program to succeed is for Rotarians to continue contributing to The Rotary Foundation, through your clubs and as members. The money you give comes back home

to the district, as shown in the amount of grant money we've used to buy more coats. That extra \$67,732 sure went a long way!

Another example of people working together is the Waterloo club who joined in our order. We had the benefit of knowing we would definitely qualify for the higher quantity discount; they had the benefit of being able to order more coats because of those discounts. Waterloo was able to provide 936 coats for their children.

Another reason we were able to provide so many coats is the generosity of some companies who definitely deserve fanfare and a big banner! Since I can't manage that here, I'd like to mention who they are and what they did. First of all, they're all repeat helpers from last year; they obviously think this is a worthwhile project, too. WalMart Distribution Center in Mount Pleasant and Clausen Trucking in Clinton each brought a truck loaded with coats from the Chicago area warehouse to Altoona and Coralville, where the

clubs picked them up. By arranging our own transportation for the coats, we saved an additional dollar per coat, making our final price \$14 per kid's coat and \$16 per adult size. Another \$1 per coat may not sound like a lot of money, but when you consider that these two companies provided transportation for 8,808 coats, that's a bunch! They deserve a standing ovation!

Another helping hand came from Summit Products in Altoona. We were given use of their warehouse (which is warm and has a restroom!) for distribution to Des Moines area clubs. They unloaded the truck and six of their team members helped John set up club orders for pickup. They helped load some of the boxes when Rotarians came to pick them up. They also extended an invitation to come to the facility again next year.

Iowa City area clubs were able to pick up coats at the former FAMSCO warehouse in Coralville after an agreement was reached with Southgate Development. Again, hats off to these companies and their people!



Marshalltown firefighters are seen helping Rotarians deliver coats, scarves and gloves to those in need. 408 coats and accessories were delivered via fire truck. Rotarian volunteers were unsuccessful in their plea to drive.

T-R Photo courtesy of Sara Jordan-Heintz



Rotary Club of Marshalltown Project Warm committee chair Mary Giese with a sampling of the winter coats to be delivered. Read about the Marshalltown coats project on page 16.

Provided by Curt Hoff



Rotarians Ed Arnold and CeCe Arnold assist with the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines 2015 winter coat drive.

Provided by Brenda Auxier-Mailey



Northwest Des Moines Rotarians Mark McAndrews (and sons), Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski, Chuck Corwin, Brenda Auxier-Mailey and Bill Corwin.

Northwest club triples coats donations

By Brenda Auxier-Mailey/Northwest Des Moines

Building on the momentum of a successful 2014 winter coat drive, the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines distributed almost three times as many coats this year to help Urbandale students in need.

Driven by a collective passion and purpose that places service above self, the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines proudly distributed 337 winter coats to help keep Urbandale Community School District (UCSD) students warm this winter. While last year's winter coat drive was a success with 133 coats being distributed, the substantial increase in winter coats being distributed this year will have an even greater and more far-reaching impact in the lives of UCSD students. Rotary members donated funds to purchase the winter coats and collaborated with UCSD Facilitators of Family Outreach (FFO) to determine the gender and sizes needed to help support students in elementary, middle and high school.

"Service Above Self is the Rotary motto and providing warm winter coats to every UCSD student in need is one of the ways we bring this motto to life in order to make a positive difference in the lives of our youth and continually serve our community," said Brenda Auxier-Mailey, president-elect Northwest Des Moines Rotary.

The coat donations by the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines were part of a larger vision of the Rotary District 6000. Each Rotary club within District 6000 raised money to supply coats to students within their own communities. In total, Rotary District 6000 raised enough money to purchase and donate 9,176 winter coats for students in need.

The Rotary of Northwest Des Moines would like to send a special shout out of "thanks" to Deb Ockenfels for being an amazing philanthropic organizer and cheerleader!



The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines 2015 Winter Coat Drive (l-r): Christy Stroope, UCSD FFO; Helen Turner, Rotarian; Jessica Marks, UCSD FFO; Mary Polson, Rotarian; Dr. Keri Schlueter, UCSD Coordinator of Student Services; Michele Hamilton, UCSD Coordinator of Student, Family and Community Services; and Rotarian Brenda Auxier-Mailey.



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pin with pride!***



Marshalltown: Coats project grows into a community-wide activity

By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown

Last year, the Rotary Club of Marshalltown responded to then-Rotary 6000 District Governor John Ockenfels' challenge to "Keep Kids Warm" by making sure 284 coats were distributed to schools and other community service providers through Rotary's "Operation Warm" Project.

This year, project chair Mary Giese challenged the club to match that number of coats again. Thanks to generous contributions from members, some club funds, and a Rotary Foundation grant from District 6000, this committee was able to exceed that challenge and order 408 new coats for Marshalltown children in time for winter weather.

The Marshalltown Fire Department offered to partner with the Rotary club and supplement the project by conducting a drive to collect hats and mittens to be paired with the coats. Fire Chief and Rotarian David Rierson, and Nick Hanus, president of Local 16 IAFF Chapter, later reported to the Rotarians that through the efforts of the fire fighters, the drive was successful and there were enough hats, mittens and gloves to go with the 408 new coats.

These efforts inspired another Rotarian, Rhonda Miller, who is the community liaison for the local Iowa River Hospice, to invite hospice volunteers to make scarves to be distributed with the coats as well. Hospice volunteers, and volunteers from The Embers, a local independent senior living facility, and a group from the local First United Methodist Church responded by creating and contributing over 300 scarves.

Many club members and community organizations were actively involved in supporting the project in addition to these two major partners. Club members Dennis Drager and Ken Anderson helped

transport the coats to Marshalltown from the district distribution center in Altoona. Jeff Badger and David Rierson helped organize and label the boxes for delivery, and Jerry Stephens joined Rhonda Miller, Jeff Badger and Mary Giese in delivering them to the schools and other service providers.



The coats project involved volunteers from many organizations in Marshalltown and wasn't limited to coats. Here are some of the 408 scarves that were delivered to children, along with coats and gloves.

The Marshalltown Fire Department provided space for the coats to be stored temporarily as they were being prepared for delivery. The Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA loaned a trailer to the club for use in transporting the coats, and local printing company, MinuteMan, Inc., donated extra boxes to be used in organizing the coats and accessories for delivery.

A side benefit of partnering with the local fire department occurred when the coats, hats, gloves and scarves were ready to be delivered. The boxes were loaded onto fire trucks and co-delivered to the schools by firefighters and Rotarians. "How cool is that?" Giese asked club

members as she announced the delivery plans.

Understandably, there was no shortage of members raising their hands to volunteer to drive the trucks! One thing that the Rotarians learned in the process was that if you want something done and done quickly, involve the firefighters!

Although funding for the project came from Marshalltown Rotary member donations and a District 6000 grant, the project was a community-wide effort. School nurses and social workers helped identify students who needed coats and determined the sizes to be ordered.

All district pre-K-12 schools received supplies, as well Child Abuse Prevention Services, Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA) and the Salvation Army.



Inaugural One Rotary Summits get high marks

148 Rotarians from 37 clubs engaged multiple topics at One Rotary Summits Sept. 24 at West Des Moines and Oct. 7 at West Liberty (photo). Participants gave the meetings high marks for the fresh, peer-to-peer approach to Rotary Foundation (Bill Koellner), Community Service (PDG Terry Geiger), Global Grants (Brock Earnhardt), Public Relations (PDG Jacques Andrew), Rotary Youth Exchange (DGE Chris Knapp), Membership (DGN Mike Ruby and Wayne Steen), Interact (Steve Hanson) and RYLA (Linda Farkas).

Photo by Bill Tubbs

M.O.S.T.: A look into the future of our missions to Guatemala

By Deb Dunkhase/Iowa City AM

Iowa M.O.S.T. co-chair

Iowa M.O.S.T. dramatically changes the lives of Guatemalan children born with cleft deformities that cause them serious health problems and keep them ostracized by their communities, often not even allowed to attend school.



Deb Dunkhase

The surgeries performed by Iowa MOST make it possible for children to eat and drink, speak articulately, and lead a happy, healthy life as every child should.

Due to the extreme poverty rate in Guatemala, families cannot afford these surgeries without Rotary's help.

Iowa M.O.S.T. update:

- After 10 years of exemplary project leadership, PDG Gary Pacha has stepped down from his role as project leader. As a tribute to his years of service, a children's library (75 books) has been established at the Guatemalan hospital where surgeries are

performed. Iowa City AM Rotarian, Deb Dunkhase, has become the project leader.

- Gary and Nancy Pacha and Deb Dunkhase traveled to Guatemala in August 2015 to spend five days with the Rotary Club of Huehuetenango with the intent to continue building relationships with the Guatemalan Rotarians to strengthen Iowa MOST and the service that we do in Guatemala.

- Results of that reconnaissance trip include:

- 1) The transition in project leadership is going very smoothly;
- 2) Guatemalan Rotarians are deeply committed to Iowa MOST and have identified ways they can support the 2016 Mission:

- a) Increased recruitment of cleft patients;
- b) Assistance with transportation of cleft patients and their families to Huehuetenango from the very poor highland communities;
- c) Providing food and shelter for cleft patients during the screening and hospitalization;
- d) General support for Iowa MOST team.

- 3) A fundraising benefit concert will be held in Huehuetenango during the Iowa MOST mission to raise funds to help the Huehue Rotary Club pay the expenses associated with our mission. The concert will be performed in a historical performance hall by well-known Guatemalan marimba players and a cellist who is a Colorado Rotarian and Iowa MOST volunteer. The music for the concert is being composed by a former cleft patient's grandfather.

- 4) The Huehue Rotary Club has asked Iowa MOST to add cataract surgery to our medical mission, as cataracts are a very serious problem in Guatemala. Gary Pacha and Dr. John Canady are diligently working to find a surgeon who would commit to the 2016 mission. Dr. Carlos with the Huehue Rotary Club performs these surgeries in Guatemala and cannot keep up with the need. He's arranged for a Canadian medical group to be in Huehue in January 2016 to do all the cataract screenings and simple eye exams and fittings for eye glasses. Our mission would follow these screenings with the cataract surgeries in February, IF we can find a surgeon to join Iowa MOST.

- 5) The Huehue Rotarians work with several remote highland mountain communities of people living in extreme poverty to help build schools, provide clean water and sanitation, and provide simple health care. Iowa MOST will be involved with those projects by visiting these communities in our 2016 mission providing:

- a) Dental education, fluoride treatments and simple dental exams, working with Huehue Rotarian and dentist Rita Morales;

- b) Simple health checks;

- c) Supporting schools with school supplies and books;

- d) Building relationships with the community residents by spending time reading to children, playing games and sharing a simple meal.

- The 2016 Mission is set for Feb. 4-14 and is composed of 41 people (20 percent of whom are Rotarians, including 2017 District Governor Chris Knapp and his wife, Vernetta). The team includes 31 medical professionals and 10 non-medical volunteers (four from Johnson & Johnson).

- Each mission screens approximately 55 to 100 children. Many of the children are not healthy enough to receive the surgery due to malnutrition. Others have had surgeries performed by other missions where the surgeries haven't been successful and left the child with serious problems that can't be repaired by our surgical team.

- Each mission performs surgeries on 40 to 80 children. The surgery is a 1.5-hour procedure that requires a 2-3 day hospital stay.

- The cost of each mission is approximately \$46,500, which covers the cost of supplies and materials and travel for all medical professionals. All non-medical volunteers pay their own expenses. Project expenses remain the same no matter how many surgeries are performed. The funding model used by Iowa MOST is to keep a balance of \$50,000 in our Iowa MOST account at all times, which gives us the security of knowing that we have next year's mission funded at all times.

- The Iowa MOST budget is earned in the following ways:

- a) Iowa MOST fundraiser facilitated by Iowa City high school students each spring and matched by a Rotarian;
- b) Donations from individuals;
- c) Donations from District 6000 Rotary clubs;
- d) Grant awards from Johnson & Johnson. (In 2015, Iowa MOST purchased a sterilizer for the Huehuetenango hospital that was purchased with J&J funds);

How can District 6000 help support Iowa MOST?

Please encourage District 6000 clubs to include Iowa MOST in their annual budgets at a rate of \$5 to \$10 per member.

Include a presentation of Iowa MOST at annual District Conference.

Encourage clubs to request a presentation about the project at their club meetings. (Deb and Gary are both willing to do this!) I can be reached at (319) 625-6255x210.



The Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team repairs cleft lips and cleft palates that enable children like this girl, who was helped in 2011, to live a normal life. The future of M.O.S.T. will include cataract surgeries if the right personnel can be found.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:



Rotarians from nine clubs in four districts on two continents met in Ames to celebrate completion of huge water project in Tanzania

By Mary Wells/Ames

A meeting of the partners of The Rotary Foundation humanitarian global grant water and sanitation project for Tanzania, Kilimanjaro Region, Same District, Kigogo Sub-Village, was held the afternoon of Oct. 12, at the Gateway Hotel in Ames.

It was exciting and a rare pleasure to have a representative of the host Rotary club from Same, Tanzania. Elibariki Kisimbo, past president of the Rotary Club of Same, District 9211 of Tanzania, was able to attend. Kigogo is a village just outside of the city of Same. The Rotary Club of Same is overseeing the entire well and water distribution endeavor for Kigogo and ultimately five more small villages in the area.

Also present were officers of District 6000: PDG Terry Geiger, PDG Don Goering and PDG Gary Welch. Jim Patton, PDG of District 5970 and now a resident of District 6000, also attended.

Rotarians from partner clubs of Rotary Districts 5300, 5960, 5970 and 6000 were in attendance. All in all there were five Rotary districts (four from the United States and one from Tanzania) represented at this Global Grant meeting.

The purpose of the Partner Meeting was to review the final phase of the nearly quarter of a million dollar (US) deep well and water distribution system to a rural village of nearly 1,500 people that has never had a source of water. The second purpose was to discuss how to proceed with the remaining five villages needing water systems in the Same area (as identified by a Rotary Foundation sponsored WASRAG team in 2013).

Dave Fox, a member of the Water And Sanitation Rotary Action Group (WASRAG), gave a detailed presentation of the Kigogo project. Water is now flowing to several distribution points in the Kigogo Sub-Village. This project meets the water access standards of the Tanzanian government for villagers of Kigogo. He was part of one of two teams of Rotarians and non-Rotarians from several districts who just returned from Tanzania.

Brad Waller, executive vice president of Hy-Vee, Inc., was recognized for the \$25,000 contribution to the Kigogo project as part



The 50,000-gallon water tank that sits high above Kigogo village

of their One-Step Program.

Three guests were from Same, Tanzania: Elibariki Kisimbo, Joseph Kimbwereza and Gurached Mmbaga. They were here in the U.S. to participate in the World Food Prize events.

The meeting turned to considerations of finance for the future projects. A number of ideas were discussed. Probably the most popular was seeking more Rotary districts, clubs and corporate sponsors to help with the costs. The second project for the village of Masandare, Same District, Kilimanjaro Region, Tanzania (very similar to the Kigogo well project) has been written. It has been funded by Rotary clubs, Rotary District Designated Funds and corporate sponsors and now submitted to The Rotary Foundation for approval.

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Rotarians from nine clubs were joined by district leaders and Rotarians from Tanzania at Ames on Oct. 12 to celebrate the completion of a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to provide water to Kigogo Sub-Village in the African country.



A team from the partner clubs helping with construction of one of the village water distribution points under construction in Tanzania.

Rotary clubs who attended were:

- Host Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania.
- Partner clubs of South Pasadena, Calif. (District 5300), Hudson, Wis. (District 5960), Webster City, Iowa (District 5970), and clubs from District 6000: Ames (primary sponsor), Ames Morning, Des Moines, Indianola and Newton.

Rotary clubs unable to attend:

- Grinnell and Pella from District 6000, and the Rotary Club of Hudson Daybreak in District 5960.

Are you, as a Rotary club or as an individual Rotarian, interested in joining this successful humanitarian cause? Please contact Gerald Klomglan of the Rotary Club of Ames (geraldk@isunet.net) for more informative brochures, copies of the new grant and more. As Rotarians, we would be glad to talk with you about being involved in this venture. We all have been involved in this since 2013. Our grant is being used as a model by Rotary International. Many clubs and individuals would like to be involved in a global grant, but do not want to undertake it alone. Being involved in these lifesaving grants is easy for any individual or Rotary club of any size.



Tanzania (yellow) is located in eastern Africa.



Brad Waller, Executive Vice President of Hy-Vee, Inc. with the guests from Same, Tanzania: Ellibariki Kisimbo, Joseph Kimbwereza and Gurached Mmbaga.



Ames Rotarian Dave Fox (c) receives a check for the project from Charles Ladd and Burt Witthuhn of the Rotary Club of Hudson, Wis., for the Masandare well project

Clubs asked to be sponsors

Project teams gear up for 14th annual service work in Xicotepec

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

Xicotepec Project co-chair

The application period for the March 2016 project team trip to Xicotepec (Puebla), Mexico closed on Nov. 18 and your D6000 Xicotepec Committee members are now busy checking references provided by high school students, gathering, checking and organizing passport, medical, biographic and other information from each team member, and arranging the details of airline travel, charter buses in the U.S. and in Mexico, lodging in Mexico City and in Xicotepec, meals and other travel arrangements for the project team.

Among the 57 applicants are 18 Rotarians and their family members, eight Interactors and 30 University of Iowa service-learning student and faculty (including students of Pharmacy, Dentistry and Liberal Arts as well as undergraduate students enrolled in the Career Leadership Academy program).

The selection of projects to be undertaken in March is a process that began months ago. The Xicotepec Rotary Club regularly receives requests for assistance from schools, religious groups and other community groups and organizations, and the club reviews and recommends potential projects to the D6000 Xicotepec Committee.

In October, members of the committee visited more than 20 potential project sites in and around Xicotepec during a week-long trip, taking photos and making notes in each location and discussing each project with Xicotepec Rotarians. Where needed, the Xicotepec Rotary club will develop a budget for each project. Criteria for the final selection of projects for March will be based on recommendations from the Xicotepec Rotary Club, availability of funds, impact of each project on the beneficiary group or community, logistical considerations and existing relationships between the Xicotepec Rotary Club, District 6000 and the community, group or institution that will benefit from the project.

Some of the projects under consideration for March 2016 are:

- Installation of drinking water treatment systems in 3-4 schools;
- Assisting a rural preschool with installation of a cistern for water storage;
- Assisting the parents group at a rural primary school with the construction of a kitchen/dining area
- Assisting with the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Tik Nime, a foundation which provides services to cancer patients and their families (a project proposed by the Futuract Club of Xicotepec);
- Assisting with the replacement of a leaky galvanized metal roof with a permanent roof for the library at a rural secondary school;
- Assisting with clearing and partially paving a play area and the purchase and installation of games and equipment at a special education school
- De-worming to be conducted at rural schools where the infection rate is higher than in more urban schools

If you or your club are interested in supporting a particular project, or would like more information on The Xicotepec Project, please contact Jim Peterson (jim-peterson@mchsi.com) or Tom Narak (tcnarak@gmail.com).



Festival of (Rotary) tree ...

The Rotary Club of Waukee entered a tree into the Festival of Trees at the Waukee Public Library. The hats, scarves and mittens were donated by Waukee Rotarians and will be distributed to those who need them this winter in the Waukee area. Pat Robbins and Joyce Wheeler proudly stand by the tree that is also adorned with the Rotary mark of excellence.

Provided by Mark Heffernan



Prairie City native is DGE ...

Prairie City native Malinda Shafman, District Governor-Elect of Montana Rotary District 5390, visited East Polk Rotary in August and presented a banner to the club. From left are past East Polk Rotary presidents Tom Downs and Kim Byers, club president Corinne Lambert, DGE Shafman, and club secretary Paul Cornelius.

Provided by Marti Kline

Avenues of Service



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- Youth

D6000 Interact: Growing and growing!

By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Interact co-chair

For many years, District 6000 has had a vibrant Interact presence. Young people have been serving their communities and helping to make positive changes and promote ambassadorship in Xicotepec and around the world. We point to these young folks with pride and appreciate their effort and commitment to their communities and to humanitarian service.



At a time when many service clubs are experiencing dwindling membership, District 6000 youth are inspired to establish Interact clubs in their communities.

In the past two years, the number of District 6000 Interact clubs has grown appreciably with the charter of Des Moines Roosevelt

Interact, West Liberty Interact, Urbandale Interact and the reorganization of Ankeny Interact after the building of a second high school in that community.

And now, another Interact club is waiting to be chartered. The Rotary Club of Des Moines is anticipating news from RI of the charter of Des Moines Hoover High School Interact Club.

Congratulations and thanks to the Rotarians and Rotary clubs that have shepherded the Interactors through the organization and approval process. This brings new strength and vitality to our mission now, and it helps to assure the future of Rotary.

If your Rotary club wishes to bring the benefit of Interact to your community, contact one of the District Interact Co-Chairs to get the assistance you need:

Paul Seelau, co-chair: paul_seelau@hotmail.com

Nancy Pacha, co-chair: npacha@aol.com

Add to the growing list of Interact clubs below.

Interact Club	Sponsoring Club
Ankeny Interact	Ankeny Rotary Club
Clear Creek Amana	Coralville-North Corridor Rotary Club
Des Moines Roosevelt.....	Des Moines AM Rotary Club
Fairfield, a community based club	Fairfield Rotary Club
Iowa City High School	Iowa City AM Rotary Club
Iowa City West High 1440	Iowa City AM Rotary Club
Greene County Schools (fka Jefferson-Scranton).....	Jefferson Rotary Club
Muscatine	Muscatine Rotary Club
Mount Pleasant	Mount Pleasant Evening Rotary Club
North Scott Junior High	North Scott Rotary Club
Ottumwa High School	Ottumwa Rotary Club
Pleasant Valley High School.....	Bettendorf Rotary Club
Southeast Polk High School.....	East Polk Rotary Club
Urbandale High School	Northwest Des Moines Rotary Club
West Liberty High School	West Liberty Rotary Club



Rotarians, including first-time attendees, exchanged ideas at the One Rotary Summit at West Liberty (l-r): Theresa Schaefer (Iowa City), Jeffisca Licko-Avants (Davenport), Chuck Miller (Wellman), Usha Balakrishnan (Iowa City) and Bill Fitzgerald (Marshalltown).

Photo by Bill Tubbs

Interact is a global phenomenon

By Paul Seelau/North Scott

District 6000 Interact co-chair

Interact is a club for youth ages 12-18 who want to connect with others of like mind in their school. Interact club members have fun while carrying on service projects together to improve the world around them. While Interact clubs receive guidance from individual Rotary clubs, they govern and support themselves though their own constitution and by-laws.

The first Interact club was founded in 1962 by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Florida. Two months later, the first Interact club outside the United States was established in Tanjore, India. Today, with almost 200,000 members worldwide participating in more than 8,600 Interact clubs in 110 countries and geographical areas, Interact is truly a worldwide organization.

Interact is an international organization of service and social clubs for young people. The name "Interact" was created by combining the words "international" and "action." Clubs vary greatly, with both single-gender and mixed as well as large and small, some in middle schools, but most in high schools. The membership base of a club can be drawn from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools from the same community, thus making it easier to find like-minded students in small schools.

Interactors also often spearhead the formation of Rotaract clubs and participate in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). Interactors often go on to become Youth Exchange students or Ambassadorial Scholars.

Support your Interact clubs! If you have none, work on creating one! These young people are our future leaders as well as members in our international organization.



Interact clubs get together ...

Members of the Interact clubs of West High, City High and West Liberty High met in a park in Iowa City on Aug. 16 for a picnic. They ate, introduced themselves to each other, shared a few thoughts/goals, and heard encouragement from some Iowa City Rotarians.

Provided by Steve Hanson

Johnston Rotary builds friendship, service with Sister Club in Peja, Kosovo

By LuAnn White/Johnston

Members of the Rotary Club of Johnston presented a gift to the city of Johnston at the Johnston City Council meeting on Nov. 2. The club presented an artwork that had been given to the club as a gift from its Sister Club in Peja, Kosovo. The city of Johnston has a Sister City relationship with Peja, Kosovo, and the Rotary clubs are discussing possible opportunities to work together on service projects. The artwork depicts several scenes that are well known in the city of Peja, Kosovo. Lt. Col Michael Wunn is shown above presenting the artwork to Johnston Mayor Paula Dierenfeld.

Major General Timothy E. Orr, the Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, and Lieutenant Colonel Michael Wunn, who is a member of the Johnston Rotary Club, met with more than 12 Peja, Kosovo, Rotarians during a brief visit to the city of Peja on July 1, 2015. During the visit, the Johnston and Peja Rotary clubs exchanged banners as part of an initiative to establish a formal Twin Club Rotary Exchange. The Peja Club also presented the Adjutant General a plaque depicting notable scenes around the city and asked that it be given to the Johnston

Rotary Club as part of the sister club exchange.

Sister clubs, or Twin clubs, as they are better known in Rotary, are created when two clubs from different countries form a long-term relationship to promote international understanding and goodwill, as well as to work jointly on service projects within their communities. The idea for the Peja and Johnston clubs to join forces was undertaken as a way for them to support the official Sister City relationship, which was formally established in April of 2013. The clubs have used Skype video services to conduct joint Rotary meetings and are exploring various community service projects to submit as part of the Rotary International Grant program.

Lt. Col Wunn formally presented the Peja City plaque to the Johnston Rotary Club on Oct. 6 during a visit to the Johnston Rotary by four members of the Kosovo Parliament who were in Iowa as part of an Open World Educational Leadership Exchange program. The

Johnston Rotary Club decided to donate the plaque to the city for permanent display in the city's Sister City display case to further promote the special relationship between these two communities.



Johnston Rotarian Lt. Col. Michael Wunn presented artwork from the club's Sister Club in Peja, Kosovo, to Johnston Mayor Paula Dierenfeld as a gift to the city. The art depicts several scenes that are well known in the city of Peja, Kosovo. The clubs are exploring ways to increase friendship and service.

Provided by LuAnn White



Friendship with India ...

District Governor Nominee Mike Ruby (l) hosted Past District Governor K.C. Senan (c) from District 3160 in India during October. They visited Mike's home club in Muscatine as well as the Rotary Club of North Scott and the District 6000 One Rotary Summit at West Liberty on Oct. 7, where they are pictured with district trainer John Schultz of Iowa City. The Rubys plan a return visit to India in 2016. Photo by Bill Tubbs



District 6040 District Conference

District Governor Loring Miller and Phyllis, and DGE Chris Knapp and Vernetta attended the District 6040 District Conference this fall in Kirksville, Mo. PDG Kathy Fahy from Spirit Lake, Iowa (blue) was the RI President's Rep. Also attending were Zones 28-29 RI Director Jennifer Jones from LaSalle, Ontario, Canada (left), and Past RI Director Tom Thorfinnson from Eden Prairie, Minn. (at right).



Turkey dinners for 25 years!

The Rotary Club of Washington reached a milestone with its 25th Annual Turkey Dinner in September. The club pre-sold over 700 tickets to the \$10 dinner. The money raised is used for college scholarships for local high school students. Washington Rotarians serving meals at the 25th Annual Turkey Dinner were (l-r): Club president Tsalika Rich, Amber Scott and Denise Erpelding.

Provided by Ed Raber



Root beer for Special Olympics ...

Special Olympics Iowa's West Central Area hosted its annual root beer float fundraiser on Aug. 22 at Hy-Vee stores in the Des Moines area. Waukee Rotary volunteers and their families served the root beer floats, Wells Blue Bunny provided the ice cream and A & W provided the root beer. Waukee volunteers included Lee and Roberta Holmes, Erna Morain, Craig Butterfield and Steve Morain.

Provided by Mark Heffernan



Record-setting auction at Tipton

The 29-member Rotary Club of Tipton hosted a record-setting auction Friday evening, Nov. 13, at the Cedar County Fairgrounds, raising more than \$30,000 for local and world projects. The brisk bidding and generous supporters brought a smile to the faces of auction chair Rick Fleshin (l) and auctioneer Jeff Wallick.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Food for 250 families ...

The Rotary Club of Decatur County has been instrumental in providing food for over 250 families this year. Through the Food Bank of Iowa, we provide a Mobile Food Pantry at the end of each quarter. Three to four thousand pounds of food comes in on an Iowa Food Bank truck. Rotarians and community volunteers are on hand to unload and set up the food on tables for distribution later in the day. Families are lining up 45 minutes prior to distribution time and we have typically run out of food within the first hour. Thank you, Food Bank of Iowa, for making this food available to our area citizens.

Provided by Linda Chastain

Rotarians 'adopt' children in Kisiro, Uganda

By Merle Anderson/North Scott

In the far, southwest corner of Uganda is Kisiro. It is the poorest district in Uganda. It is about five miles from Rwanda and 10 miles from the Congo. The terrain is hilly and the soil is poor.

Uganda is approximately the size and shape of the state of Oregon. However, Uganda has a population of 35 million and is expected to exceed 40 million people by 2020. Unemployment is over 75 percent.

Seven Rotary clubs in Rotary District 6000 have applied for a Global Grant to improve the lives of 28 Orphans and Vulnerable Children at "God's Mercy Orphanage Center." The grant application is awaiting approval.

Meanwhile, due to the generosity of Rotarians in the Rotary Clubs of Iowa Quad-Cities, North Scott and Tipton, all of the children at the orphanage have sponsors. These sponsors have committed to provide funding to each child as long as he/she is a part of the orphanage and is enrolled in primary or secondary school grades. The funding provides school tuition fees, clothing, shoes, backpacks and school supplies.

In addition to providing money, the sponsors receive pictures and reports of their student's progress and some have involved their own children and grandchildren in corresponding with their student. I have traveled to Uganda four times as a Rotary



Members of three Rotary clubs in District 6000 have "adopted" the students at God's Mercy Orphanage in Kisiro, Uganda, and are funding their education and corresponding with them.

Volunteer, helping the farmers increase production and develop marketing cooperatives. I have visited the orphanage, as did North Scott Rotary president Glen Keppy when he was in Uganda on a similar assignment.

On average, 80 percent of Ugandans have a 7th grade education or less. Without an education, Ugandans are destined for a life of poverty. Girls in Kisiro District are particularly vulnerable. It is common that girls that have completed 7th grade are married off for a dowry. Some girls are sold off by middlemen to become servants in large cities. Most are abused and mistreated. Of-

ten times, they run away and end up on the streets in prostitution.

But, if they can get an education through Primary 1-7 and then, Secondary 1-6, they have a good chance of getting jobs in law enforcement, military, nursing, teaching or other good jobs. They may also be eligible to go on to a university, if grades and funds permit.

In school year 2015, three girls are in S-1 and the rest of the children are in primary grades. If you would like to learn more about this project, I can be reached at (563) 343-1912, or mla24@aol.com.

Polio: D6000 Rotarian who have gone

In the last issue we asked if names were missing from the list of D6000 Rotarians who have participated in polio NIDs. Names have been added. If there are others, contact PDG Susan Herrick: s.herrick@mchsi.com.

Thanks, all!



Adel
Willma Mitchell, Nigeria, 2011

Ankeny
Gary Welch, Nigeria, 2008
Pat Timmons, India, 2011

Boone
Kris Phillips, India, 2004
Kris Phillips, Nigeria, 2005
Susan Herrick, Nigeria, 2006

Burlington
Renee Ianarelli, India, 2002

Chariton
Corliss Klaassen, India, 2004
Jeanne Klaassen, India, 2004
Corliss Klaassen, Nigeria, 2007
Jeanne Klaassen, Nigeria, 2007

Davenport
Dudley Hansen, India, 2000

Becky Eiting, India, 2000
Dan Foley, India, 2000, 2002
Bill Ashton, India, 2000
Bill Ashton, India, 2006
Maggie Delaney, Nigeria, 2010
Brock Earnhardt, Nigeria, 2010

Decatur County
Jack DePond, India, 2000
Loring Miller, India, 2000
Phyllis Miller, India, 2000
Loring Miller, Nigeria, 2007
Terry Geiger, Nigeria, 2010

Grinnell
Joann Becker, Benin, 2009

Indianola
Jennifer Pfeifer-Malaney, Nigeria, 2008

Iowa City
Ray Muston, India, 2000

Gary Pacha, India, 2000
Herb Wilson, India, 2002
Janice Wilson, Indian, 2002

Iowa City AM
Nancy Pacha, India, 2000
John Ockenfels, India, 2002
Pat Schnack, India, 2010

Jefferson
Henry Alliger, India, 2000
Anne Schwarzkopf, India, 2000
Jacque Andrew, India, 2013

Keokuk
Tony Conn, India, 2012

Newton (now Rockford, Ill)
Jim Nelson, Nigeria, 2008

North Scott
Bill Tubbs, Nigeria, 2007
Bill Tubbs, India, 2012

John Maxwell, India, 2013

Northwest Des Moines
Diana Reed, Nigeria, 2007

Osceola
Julia Jenkins, Nigeria, 2008

Washington
Don Patterson, Nigeria, 2010

Wellman
Roger Borup, Nigeria, 2007

West Liberty
Jo Noble, Mexico, 1991
Ken Noble, Mexico, 1991
Jo Noble, Philippines, 1993
Ken Noble, Philippines, 1993
Jo Noble, Mexico, 1994
Ken Noble, Mexico, 1994
Ken Noble, India, 1998



Rotary and politics ...

Because Rotary is a nonsectarian and nonpartisan organization, clubs have debated whether they should invite political candidates as speakers. The Rotary Club of North Scott board answered in the affirmative, and invited 21 presidential candidates, including both major parties. Carly Fiorina was welcomed by club president Glen Keppy when she spoke on Sept. 25, the week after a strong debate performance catapulted her into the national spotlight. Attendance that day jumped from 65 to 160. "Rotary will die of boredom before it dies of controversy," said club program co-chair Bill Tubbs. "The key is to make your podium welcome to all and to apply the Four-Way Test."

Photo by Bill Tubbs

Ankeny Rotarians write checks



Dean and Gina Lange received a check on Nov. 17 from the Rotary Club of Ankeny for \$1,750 to purchase three computers for the Jorge, Cozumel, primary school in Xicotepec, Mexico. The Langes took the computers to Mexico later in the month. The purchase included three Toshiba laptops, Windows, Microsoft office and Geek Squad support. They will be used by approximately 700 children and teachers in the school. Pictured with the Langes is club president Damon Miller.



Rotarian spouse ...

Mary Belknap, the wife of PDG Dale Belknap, received the "Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award" at District Conference in 2015. PDG John Ockenfels made a formal presentation of the award on Aug. 27 at the Des Moines Rotary Club meeting. PDG Dale said, "We are both very pleased and humbled."



Bill Konnath (r), president of the Ankeny Community Chorus, received \$500 to purchase copyrighted music for the group's 85 members (l-r): Shar Dunlap, chair of the Donations Committee, club president Damon Miller, past president Julie Cooper Todtz, and Konnath. Photos provided by Jody Savage



The Rotary Club of Ankeny gave \$1,000 to the New Horizon Adult Day Center for programs that serve the Ankeny community. Vicki Engh (r), director of the Center, received the check from club president Damon Miller.



New member honor ...

Since 2003, the Rotary Club of North Scott has recognized an outstanding new member with the William F. Tubbs Honor Rotarian Award. The 2015 recipient was Boy Scout executive Andy Green (l), pictured with PDG Bill Tubbs. Andy was one of several enthusiastic young members, but has been promoted to a position in Indiana.



Rotary Club of Ankeny president-elect Carmen Davis presented a \$500 check to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Mark Martin, owner of Ankeny Auto Body.



Nate Burnham, secretary of the Rotary Club of Ankeny, presented Becky McKim, administrative assistant of the Ankeny Service Center with a check for \$250 for their Holiday Assistance program.



Wayne Steen was recognized by The Rotary Foundation as a Major Donor. His combined personal giving to the Foundation has reached the \$10,000 level. DGN Mike Ruby presents the award to Wayne.



Myrna Kirkpatrick, the head cook at West Liberty High School, lost her husband, Mike, on Oct. 24 after a battle with a grave illness. On Oct. 28, the WLHS Interact Club made signs, and encouraged everyone to wear gray, as a way to honor Myrna.
Provided by Steve Hanson

Those busy West Liberty Rotarians!



The Rotary Club of West Liberty held its annual barbecue on Oct. 18. Tom Brooke and Rotarians man the drive through. The club netted \$6,500.



On Oct. 13, the Rotary Club of West Liberty sponsored an open forum for the community to hear from the eight candidates running for the three open seats on the city council. Manuel Galvez made a video of the event and made a copy of the video with translation into Spanish.



Tom Barr, Tommie Petersen, Jodi Simon and daughter Hayley Simon packed Ponseti braces bound for Angola and China. The braces will be made available to children who have been treated for clubfoot.



The Rotary Club of West Liberty had a booth at the annual Latino Festival in September. Pictured are Nancy Knight-Barr, Tom Barr, Marian Hart and Anna Hanson.



Rotarians from Iowa City, West Liberty, Kalona and Washington enjoy a potluck gathering at Chris and Vernetta Knapp's house in September for local inbound exchange students.

Auctions pass the \$1 million mark at Atlantic

■ 250 helped Rotary club gross \$58,630 for service projects at its 33rd annual auction

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Public Relations chair

The Rotary Club of Atlantic held its 33rd Annual Rotary Auction on Nov. 21, at the Cass County Community Center. This year the event was to reach a new milestone. The auction began in 1983 and since that time the club has raised over \$960,000. A successful auction this year would put that figure over \$1,000,000 and that was the goal.

The 2014 auction raised \$48,000, which was used to fund local projects, scholarships and a number of other community needs. Over the years the funds raised were put back into the community in many different ways. Investments in the past have included restoration of Santa's Cabin in City Park, the construction of the Cass County Community Center, support with Iowa Western Community College and Atlantic School District scholarships, to name a few.

This year the auction followed its traditional format with a formal dinner with wine to kick the evening off. There were several silent auction items available for bidding. Once the meal was complete the opening of the auction began. Available were items for everyone in the family, including the pets. Examples of items auctioned were: trips, short and long; seed packages (corn or beans); dinner packages, including a progressive dinner, a BBQ, a Hoe Down and more. Also available were several sports packages, flowers for a year for your sweetheart and so much more.

This year there was a record number of donation items. Another record that was broken was the number of attendees to the auction – more than 250. But the most significant record was the amount of funds raised at the auction. The gross proceeds and cash donations for the auction were \$58,630 which was the highest ever for the auction. The million dollar mark was surpassed with funds to spare.

"I want to thank the community of Atlantic and the surrounding areas for making the 2015 Atlantic Rotary Auction a tremendous success," said club president Ted Robinson when asked about the auction. He also said, "This year's successful fund-raiser would not be possible without the generosity of those who donated auction items and, the participants at the auction itself, and the hard work of all the Atlantic Rotary Club members."

Dolly Bergmann, chair of the event, echoed Robinson. "You have to start with the donors," Bergmann said. "They were exceptional. They stepped up. The next step is the bidders, and they were phenomenal. You've got to have both for a successful auction. I'm so proud to tell people I'm from Atlantic. This community – they are wonderful. You can't say enough. The people are always willing to step up."

In the end, she said she really wanted to say, "Thank you to everyone involved (in any way in the auction)." The 2016 Auction is scheduled for Nov. 19.



Check the label: Rotarian Kellie Jirmerson of Kellie's Wine Shop at Home had a special label designed for the wine she donated.



Example of an auction item: Metal sculpture from Arnie's Art Works at Marne, Iowa.

Atlantic Rotary's Salute to Veterans a success

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Public Relations chair

The Rotary Club of Atlantic held its annual Salute to Veterans on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Cass County Community Center. The event was well attended by Rotarians and veterans. A catered lunch was served by the Downtowner Café and Catering.

Rick Burns, Rotarian and veteran, introduced the featured speaker, U.S. Rep. David Young. Congressman Young told those attending rather than talk about what Washington is or isn't doing he would read letters sent home to loved ones during previous world wars.

One letter was from the family of a soldier to another family, because one soldier

had helped another after seeing him injured. "When your son, Sgt. Smith, saw what happened, he ran to help, and carried our son to safety under heavy machine gunfire," Young said. The letter continued, "Your son carried our son '16 miles' till he came to a road to help get him to a hospital."

"These are words of brave men, and they ring as true today as they did 70 years ago," said Young. They fought and they sacrificed for our freedom. May we never forget our veterans. You (veterans) deserve such honor. Thanks for answering the call."

Many of the veterans expressed their appreciation, saying it is just one example of how Cass County has always been friendly towards its veterans.



U.S. Rep. David Young spoke at Atlantic Rotary's Salute to Veterans.

Rotary Foundation Annual giving

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(Members: Jul 14/Jul 15)	15-16 Goal	Thru 12-8-15	% of Goal	Per capita
Adel (27/37)	\$ 4,000	1,360	34	\$ 36.76
Albia (30/22)	1,200	0	0	0
Ames Morning (56/55)	10,500	5,500	52	100.00
Ames (232/224)	27,366	14,883	54	66.44
Ankeny (61/61)	10,460	5,680	54	93.11
Atlantic (56/58)	7,400	606	8	10.45
Bettendorf (107/103)	13,330	7,605	57	73.83
Bloomfield (11/10)	900	0	0	0
Boone (45/42)	6,380	1,140	18	27.14
Burlington (75/80)	14,550	3,365	23	42.06
Carroll (45/45)	2,600	0	0	0
Centerville (50/46)	4,160	1,860	45	40.43
Chariton (50/41)	5,100	2,175	43	53.05
Clinton (103/98)	9,125	3,525	39	35.97
Coon Rapids (27/27)	1,400	100	7	3.70
Coralville-North Corridor (17/20)	2,100	0	0	0
Corning (36/34)	1,375	1,254	91	36.88
Corydon (21/18)	100	0	0	0
Creston (23/23)	200	50	25	2.17
Dallas Center (27/27)	2,700	0	0	0
Davenport (120/112)	14,850	1,685	11	15.04
Decatur County (26/30)	5,700	1,975	19	35.83
Des Moines AM (160/170)	13,000	2,625	20	15.44
Des Moines (278/276)	22,000	10,854	49	39.32
East Polk County (38/34)	2,950	1,391	47	40.91
Fairfield (58/74)	7,900	0	0	0
Fort Madison (45/49)	7,500	0	0	0
Greater Des Moines (16/12)	510	0	0	0
Grinnell (37/38)	9,800	100	1	2.63
Indianola (57/54)	6,500	1,200	18	22.22
Iowa City AM (62/66)	15,000	4,050	27	61.36
Iowa City Downtown (19/23)	3,500	0	0	0
Iowa City (302/312)	46,200	28,770	62	92.21
Iowa Quad-Cities (40/41)	2,475	550	22	13.41
Jefferson (56/59)	4,129	3,500	85	59.32
Johnston (56/60)	3,500	2,657	85	59.32
Kalona (42/42)	2,700	1,500	56	35.71
Keokuk (68/66)	4,950	2,490	50	37.73
Keosauqua (23/24)	1,200	661	55	27.54
Knoxville (61/61)	5,000	0	0	0
Lenox (27/29)	2,875	410	14	14.14
Manning (19/19)	1,700	0	0	0
Marengo (11/11)	120	0	0	0
Marshalltown (157/150)	21,000	16,445	78	109.63
Mount Pleasant Noon (55/52)	3,030	2,540	84	48.85
Mount Pleasant (22/20)	550	0	0	0
Muscatine (99/79)	10,400	500	5	6.33
Nevada (73/71)	8,876	0	0	0
Newton (57/60)	4,200	0	0	0
North Scott (81/85)	11,000	6,305	57	74.17
Northwest Des Moines (43/34)	7,400	2,700	36	79.41
Osceola (30/28)	2,070	0	0	0
Oskaloosa (49/56)	2,300	0	0	0
Ottumwa (105/97)	11,600	0	0	0
Pella (28/29)	4,200	400	10	13.79
Perry (26/26)	810	0	0	0
Tipton (31/30)	2,800	80	3	2.67
Washington (52/49)	5,300	200	4	4.08
Waukee (63/58)	6,300	1,225	19	21.12
Wellman (38/36)	2,808	1,175	42	32.64
West Des Moines (76/62)	4,300	50	1	.81
West Liberty (36/43)	10,343	10,100	98	234.88
West Polk County (30/31)	4,000	0	0	0
Winterset (27/25)	2,240	1,750	78	70.00
District Contributions	0	0	0	0
Total (3,900/3,854)	\$ 434,332	\$ 155,577	35.8	\$ 40.37

(*) Interim report as of Dec. 9

Foundation news

Deadlines for year-end contributions

Here are the deadlines for contributions to The Rotary Foundation to qualify for 2015 deductions:

Credit Cards:

Via rotary.org: Must be authorized by midnight on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015.

Via fax: (847) 328-5260, phone (866) 976-8279, or mail – must be received prior to the close of business on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015.

Credit card contributions should not be sent to Rotary's Lockbox Addresses below; rather they should be done online at Rotary.org to ensure timely recording or fax them to (847) 328-5260.

Note: For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions electronically, rather fax them to (847) 328-5260. You can also make contributions over the phone by calling (866) 976-8279 during regular business hours.

Mail (least preferred):

Sending credit card information by mail is less secure and slower than contributing on-line.

Note: Contributions mailed at the end of December 2015 intended as early gifts for January 2016 will be treated as December 2015 gifts. It is best to begin mailing January 2016 gifts in the month of January.

Both the postmark on the envelope and the date written on the check must be no later than Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015 and received by Friday, Jan. 8, 2016.

United States Lockbox Address:

The Rotary Foundation

14280 Collections Center Dr.

Chicago, IL 60693 USA

Wire transfers:

Must be initiated prior to Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015, and received by Monday, Jan. 4, 2016.

Securities:

Must be received in The Rotary Foundation's gifted securities account by Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015.



IRAs for planned giving?

Clients and friends aged 70-1/2 or older may be asking whether to make charitable gifts from their IRAs, even though the renewal of the Charitable IRA Rollover for 2015 is uncertain. Congress has typically included retroactive Charitable IRA Rollover legislation as part of an extenders package near the end of the year.

Although the legislation has not been renewed, most individuals have little to lose by advising their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer to charity now.

If the legislation is subsequently enacted and made retroactive to Jan. 1, 2015, the amount transferred in all likelihood will be covered by the Qualified Charitable Distribution "rollover" provision and not added to taxable income. If the legislation is not enacted for 2015, the amount transferred would be added to taxable income, but a deduction for an equivalent amount would be allowed. For most, but not all, donors, the tax consequences for a taxable distribution and deductible contribution would be the same as it would be for the Charitable IRA Rollover, e.g. a tax-free yet non-deductible transfer.

They will look to their advisors to help make sense of their giving and tax implications, so it is important to remember that the Charitable IRA Rollover would be beneficial to donors who:

- Do not itemize their charitable deductions;
- Do itemize but would lose tax deductions or face a surtax as their adjusted gross income increases;
- Regularly contribute 50 percent of their adjusted gross income to charity;
- Live in a state with a state income tax that does not permit itemized deductions.

Please send any questions you may have about gifts of retirement plan assets to planned.giving@rotary.org or call the Planned Giving team at (847) 866-3100 any time. For assistance in planning charitable gifts, please use the services of appropriate advisors. Consult an attorney for modifications to or the creation of a will or other legal document. Tax benefits vary per each individual's situation. Some opportunities may not be available in all states. For more information, contact planned.giving@rotary.org or (847) 866-3100.

— submitted by PDG Don Goering, D6000 Endowment Chair



At Rotary International (l-r): Ray Klingensmith, Stephanie Macchia, Robert Stuart, Jacque Andrew and Jon Stillman.

District 6000 Rotarian reviews TRF policies

As an appointee of The Rotary Foundation chair PRIP Ray Klingensmith of Kirksville, Mo, PDG Jacque Andrew, Jefferson, is serving during the 2015-16 Rotary year on a policies committee for The Rotary Foundation. Other members of the committee are PDG Robert Stuart of Springfield, Ill., chair; and PDG Stephanie Macchia of San Antonio, Tex., both attorneys; and PDG Jon Stillman, of Stillwater, Minn., former RI staff member.

The focus of the committee is to review the TRF Code of Policies and TRF Bylaws and recommend any necessary amendments to those documents to the TRF Trustees. Bringing the TRF and RI governing documents into greater alignment is a high priority. The committee met in Evanston at the Rotary International headquarters for its initial meeting in July 2015. Subsequent work has been by email and through use of Rotary Workgroups via www.Rotary.org. Final recommendations will be made to the TRF Trustees in 2016 following another in-person meeting.

NEW! DISTRICT INCENTIVES FOR MEMBERS, CLUBS



To stimulate giving to The Rotary Foundation, the district executive committee has approved offering PH Recognition Points to members and clubs as follows:

1. 500 points for a member becoming a new TRF Benefactor.
2. 500 points for a new Paul Harris Society Member.
3. 500 points to the club for sending a President-Elect to an International Convention.
4. 500 points for becoming a new 100 percent EREY club member contributor to the Annual Fund.
5. 1,000 points for becoming a 100% Sustaining Member club (\$100 per member to the Annual Fund).
6. 100 points for any first-time contribution to the Foundation in any amount. If that first-time donation is between \$100 and \$500, the district will match that donation with an equal number of points.

To participate, contact District Administrator Carolyn Scharff, (877) 976-8279; or dis6000admin@Lisco.com.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

LIFE AND DEATH AT ROTARY:

School board president and father of five owes his life to the actions of two members at the Coon Rapids Rotary Club meeting

Immediate CPR and defibrillation were key factors in the man's survival in this compelling story that is reprinted with permission from the Aug. 27 issue of the Coon Rapids Enterprise. The writer, Coon Rapids Rotary Club past president Charlie Nixon, was inducted as an Iowa Master Editor-Publisher earlier this year.

By Charlie Nixon/Coon Rapids

Rotarian and publisher of the Coon Rapids Enterprise

CRB School Board president Jason Rosenbeck spoke at last Thursday's weekly Rotary club luncheon held at the CR Municipal Building – but admitted later that he almost skipped the meeting. His decision to attend almost certainly saved his life.

The 25 members and guests of the local service club were in the Municipal Building basement room listening to Rosenbeck and three other candidates for the upcoming school election discuss the issues last Thursday around 12:30 p.m. – when all of a sudden – Rosenbeck slumped forward, his right arm and head falling awkwardly on the table. Within seconds, his panicked gasps fell silent as several Rotarians rushed to his aid and laid him comfortably on the floor.

What no one knew at the moment – Rosenbeck, the 40-year-old father of five young children, was suffering sudden cardiac arrest – the result of which is almost always instant death.

Two club members sprang into action and in front of their wide-eyed fellow Rotarians, became instant and formidable heroes. For what seemed an eternity but in reality lasting about 15 minutes, the pair administered CPR. Very early on, Rotarian John Waddle had the presence of mind to go in search of a defibrillator which he found upstairs in the Municipal Utilities office. The CPR and three defibrillator jolts finally helped Rosenbeck regain a weak pulse and labored breathing. He was transported by ambulance to St. Anthony



Jason and Jenna Rosenbeck with their five children. The photo was taken four days after Jason suffered sudden cardiac arrest, which doctors think was caused by a virus.

Regional Hospital in Carroll, and later life-flighted to Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, where he underwent surgery to implant a defibrillator/pacer maker. He arrived back home Monday afternoon and expects to make a complete recovery.

"I almost made the decision not to go to that meeting," Rosenbeck reflected in an interview with the *Coon Rapids Enterprise* on Monday. "I think of how fortunate I was to be in the right place at the right time with the right people. It could have happened while I was driving, or at work where there isn't a defibrillator. There are many scenarios where it could have worked out so differently."

For Rotary club members who watched the drama unfold, the emotional anguish was raw, as many said they replayed the scene in their minds for more than a day, not knowing if Rosenbeck would be reunited with his wife, Jenna, and their five children, Jalen, Aidan, Trey, Kate and Jase.

"It's a humbling experience to see someone as young as Jason fighting for his life when just a few minutes before everything seemed fine," said Waddle. "A lot of thoughts passed through my head when I was standing there, thoughts of his wife and kids. It kind of jolted me into the harsh realities of life itself and how quickly things can change. You can't give enough credit to Chris and Mike for the job they did. The composure they showed under a very tense situation was remarkable," Waddle added.

Jason, who is employed by Van Wall Implement in Perry, says he remembers nothing about the incident. He doesn't remember his arrival to the meeting or what he was saying just before he was stricken. And he doesn't remember Michael Hocking and Chris Goodwin administering the compressions on his lifeless body.

Goodwin, a 12-year veteran on the Coon Rapids Ambulance

Rotarian heroes



Rotarians Chris Goodwin and Michael Hocking administered CPR and defibrillation to Jason Rosenbeck. Their quick response is credited with saving the 40-year-old's life.

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For Coon Rapids Rotarians, a meeting to remember

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Department who is also a Coon Rapids city council member, said the experience gave her a unique but troubling perspective unlike any other incident she has encountered as an EMT.

"We don't witness a person falling down, for example," Goodwin explained. "We simply arrive and deal with the injuries. So the first thing that went through my mind when I saw Jason, I couldn't believe it was happening. I wasn't there as an EMT, I was a bystander, so I went through the initial shock just like everyone else. As soon as I knew he wasn't breathing, I had to get past the shock. What I knew is the only chance he probably had was that we needed to administer CPR immediately."

Michael Hocking has been the administrator at Thomas Rest Haven for the past three years. Previously, he was an EMT/EMS Captain/CPR instructor for nearly 20 years with the Fire and Rescue Unit in New London. He had been on several "codes" over the years but it had been at least 10 years since he had worked with an ambulance service or involved with an arrest situation. And his EMT certification had long expired.

"I do keep my CPR certification up to date and it all came back pretty quick," Hocking said in regards to his heroic contributions.

Hocking also noted that he was shaken up by the incident.

"Administering CPR is extremely emotional," Hocking related. "Your mind is racing with questions like, are the number of compressions right, are we giving adequate breaths, is there something else I could or should be doing? I may not have been shaking at the time but I'm telling you I did shake for a couple of hours after the incident as my staff will attest to."

Goodwin also said that her mind kept thinking about Jason's family and how tragic his loss would be to them.

"Any time you give CPR it is intense, but this time was different. His wife, Jenna, is on the crew with us. She hasn't been back since she had her baby seven months ago but I recruited her when I was ambulance director. And I've also worked with Jason on school projects. I knew he had little ones at home. He told me once, 'you know, I'm very much a family man. I go to work and then go home and spend time with my family.' I just kept telling myself that I had to get over the shock and fear and all those low-survival statistics. I put that in the back of my mind and just continued doing it."

"I was so relieved when we finally got him back," Goodwin added.

Both Goodwin and Hocking credit access to a defibrillator as critical.

"Thank God CRMU had a good defibrillator," said Goodwin.

"In reflecting on the incident, the thought that keeps going through my mind is that the defibrillator was available to us," Hocking agreed. "Without that piece of equipment, I don't believe Jason

"I almost made the decision not to go to that meeting. I think of how fortunate I was to be in the right place at the right time with the right people."
— Jason Rosenbeck

had a chance. I can't stress enough how important it is to learn how to do CPR and know the location of a defibrillator," added Hocking.

Monday afternoon at the Rosenbeck house, Jenna was busy with Jase, their 7-month-old boy (doctors orders say Jason can't carry any weight for a week or two) and the other children carried on with their own tasks. Jason said the pain in his chest is a constant reminder of his good fortune in attending the Rotary club meeting.

"I almost made the decision not to go...," he repeated. "What if I had not gone because of work? So if I had made that decision would the outcome have been different? I'm going to have to ask our safety coordinator at Van Wall if maybe we can change that."

Rosenbeck also said that despite not remembering the event, the experience is a life changer. It wasn't until two days later that he figured out what happened, and then he started getting emotional about it.

"You appreciate things more and you realize you're not here forever." He's planning to make the short walk from his house at 309 Park Street to Thomas Rest Haven on Tuesday to speak with Hocking.

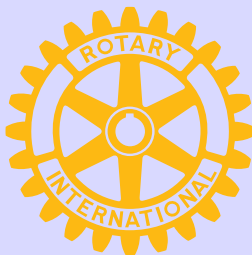
"I'll have to tell him that I can still feel the CPR. Oh my God, does that hurt. My chest hurts so bad. And do you see the burn marks that they left? Over there and over here? They don't hurt – not like my chest. I can feel right down that seam there on my ribs. Deep breaths really hurt."

"When Jason was lifted into the ambulance, he did have a pulse and was breathing, my thoughts were that there was a chance that we gave this young man an opportunity to return home to his wife and young family. I am truly elated that Jason's prognosis is good," Hocking said.

Rosenbeck also texted Goodwin on Sunday. Goodwin said she got his message while she was driving to the Des Moines Airport.

"The first sentence was very short," she said. "He wrote, 'I hear you saved my life.' And he put a little smiley face with a halo over it. I had to pull over because I couldn't keep myself together. It's been rough on everyone. I've gone through elation that he's well but fear and disbelief initially – you name it, I'm still feeling it. My nerves are shot. But I'm really glad things turned out the way they did. It could have gone so wrong. In the end it's all good – the babies get their daddy back and that's all that matters," Goodwin added.

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The Rotary Club of Manning welcomed five new members recently. Pictured (l-r): Sarah Foley, marketing for Manning Regional Healthcare Center; Father John Gerald of Sacred Heart Parish; Debby Ranniger, office manager at her husband's law firm; and Chance Wiese, a local farmer with Wiese & Sons. Also pictured (at left) is our newest member, Curt Steger, a lawyer with EVWS Law Firm that recently opened a branch in Manning. These diverse, pleasurable additions bring membership to 23 active members. *— Jean Behrens*



Curt Steger

Rotary Club of Manning celebrates five new members



Digging in for the future ...

As a result of the powers of nature, tree replacement became necessary on the east edge of Manning. In the photo above (l-r): Manning Rotarians Kevin Boyle and Chance Wiese are assisted by good neighbor Karl Albertsen, planting one of the two new trees. An Iowa Living Roadways grant enabled the original plantings. Monetary assistance from a Thrivent Financial grant allowed replacement of the unhealthy trees.

Provided by Jean Behrens



District grants fight human trafficking, protect children

Jan Beran (c) is president of Protecting Our Children. She was presented with a check for \$750 as part of the District 6000 Community Service Grant project titled "Human Trafficking in Central Iowa: How You can be Part of the Solution." The project has already recorded just over 2,000 Ames and Story County citizens who have attended at least one of the six grant-funded educational forums held since July 1.

Provided by Karin Sevede



Six members of the Rotary Club of Ames have volunteered to join the fight against human trafficking, and now serve as members of the Central Iowa Service Network Against Human Trafficking (CISN). During the Sept. 18 meeting of CISN, they presented Josh Byrne (third from left), president of ISU Students Against Human Trafficking, with a Rotary check for \$600. This check is part of the \$10,000 Rotary Club of Ames Major Grant, as well as the \$5,000 District 6000 Rotary Foundation Community Grant being carried out by Youth and Shelter Services. Rotarians (l-r): Andrew Allen, Deb Johnson, Lara Stauffer, Randi Peters, Suzy Shierholz and Roger Willroth. Rotarian George Belitsos chairs the CISN.



Peace Builder District: PDG Jacque Andrew, RI President-Elect John Germ and DG Loring Miller.

Images of Detroit's Motor City Zone

District 6000 was well represented at the Motor City Zone, Sept. 11-13, at the Marriott at the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit. More than 300 Rotarians in Zones 28-29 – 28 districts from New York to North Dakota and Ontario, Canada – met Rotary leaders, heard inspirational messages, and received training in everything from club and district leadership, to Rotary Foundation, to Council On Legislation.

RI President-Elect John Germ presented awards to District 6000 for achievements during 2014-15 for being the only Peace Builder District in the two zones (above left). In the photo (above, right), DG Miller accepted the Polio Champions award for John PDG Ockenfels' year for giving 20 percent of DDF to End Polio Now, and the award for the third highest district with \$407,966 in Annual Fund Giving in 2014-15.

PDGs Jacque Andrew and Bill Tubbs were among the many Rotarians in the much-publicized flash mob in downtown Detroit to raise awareness of polio eradication (at right). PDG Andrew was a member of the Zone Training Team.

DGE Chris Knapp and Vernetta were formally introduced with members of the Class of 2016-17 (below, right), and district trainer John Schultz and Rebecca (below) received training to prepare them for their year.

The theme of the Institute was "Motor City Zone" and featured MoTown music, an evening at the Ford Museum, and speakers like John Barfield (cover of the December Rotarian),



John Schultz (r) and Rebecca

the Launch Detroit team (in last year's Rotarian), Princess Zebu Jilani of the Swat Valley Relief in Pakistan, Canadian Master Corporal Michael Akpata, Ronald Denham who chairs the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group, and others. – Bill Tubbs



Polio Champion and Annual Giving awards: RI President-Elect John Germ and DG Loring Miller. Photos by Bill Tubbs



Polio flash mob: John Germ, Jacque Andrew, Bill Tubbs



DGE Chris Knapp and Vernetta

News briefs

Balloons: Rotarian Bob Ulrich from the Rotary Club of Chariton was the winner of the balloon release from the District Rotary Foundation Dinner. His balloon traveled 2.6 miles and was found at South Ridge Mall in Des Moines. He won a Paul Harris Fellow.

Training: Attendance is required at one of three Grant Management Seminars for clubs to be eligible to receive Rotary Foundation grants. Seminars will be Feb. 20 from 9-2 at West Liberty, March 5 from 9-2 at West Des Moines, and April 15 from 5-9 at DMACC in Newton. The District Training Seminar for club leaders is Saturday, April 16 at Newton.

International Assembly: Chris Knapp and Vernetta of Iowa City AM will attend required training for all DGEs world-wide at the International Assembly, Jan. 17-23, in San Diego. That's when RI President-Elect John Germ, from Chattanooga, Tenn., will announce his theme for the 2016-17 Rotary year. Wayne Steen from West Liberty and other D6000 Rotarians will attend the Rotary World Peace Conference Jan. 15-16 in nearby Ontario, Calif. The theme of the conference is "Peace Starts With You."

Seoul: The early registration discount for the 2016 RI Convention in Seoul, Korea, ends Dec. 15, and all pre-registration discounts end on March 31. Seoul convention planners we visited with at last year's São Paulo Convention were projecting a record attendance of 40-50,000. You can register for the convention at www.rotary.org.

Budget: The CPA review of district finances for 2014-15 was completed as required. At a meeting on Oct. 13, the budget and executive committees recommended that the unspent contingency fund balance of \$8,770 be spent as follows: \$2,500 to the District Humanitarian and Educational Fund for outbound Rotary Youth Exchange, and \$6,270 to aid clubs who need assistance to send their president-nominee to PETS, but only if the president-elect also attends. A change the in by-laws to make this possible will be voted on at PETS.

RYLA: Mark the dates of July 16-22, 2016, for next year's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference at Grinnell College. Training for volunteers will be June 18, 2016, at Grinnell. Clubs should be considering which students they will sponsor for



Welcome back!

It was great to see PDG Del Bluhm and Georgia at the District Rotary Foundation Dinner and PDG Christmas Party at the Des Moines Botanical Center in November after a challenging year. On May 15, Georgia became ill with pancreatitis. She said she lost all her strength and spent most of the year in hospitals in Iowa City and Ames, and then recovery at the Ankeny Care Center. The Bluhms will move to Northcrest Senior Living in Ames in January. Wishing the best from District 6000 Rotarians! Photo by Bill Tubbs

this annual powerhouse event. If you have questions or comments, contact PDG Gary Welch of Ankeny at gwelch3002@msn.com, or (515) 419-3707.

Benefits: When shopping, remember Rotary's Member Benefits program that was launched July 1, 2015. Rotarians can find discounts from businesses in their local area and elsewhere at www.rotary.org. If you have not already opened an account at My Rotary on the RI website, you will need to do this to see which businesses in your area have specials. The feature that sets Rotary Global Rewards apart is that any Rotarian can offer a discount at his/her business.

Project Fair: Rotarians are invited to the Uniendo América Project Fair, Jan. 28-30, 2016, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The headquarters will be in the Hotel Honduras Maya. The website is www.projectfairuniendoamerica.com, or at Facebook fan page: <https://www.facebook.com/Project-Fair-Uniendo-America-Honduras-2016-776178039163880>. If you wish to make your registration, please do so in this link: www.projectfairuniendoamerica.com/registration. You can write to our email: pro-

jectfairhonduras2016@gmail.com for any consultation or concerns. Information: Jim Peterson, (319) 214-0102 or jim-peterson@mchsi.com.

Displays: District 6000 Rotary clubs and district teams are invited to highlight their projects and activities in an upcoming Rotary gathering like the District Conference or District Training Assembly. You are encouraged you to bring a display and take advantage of district events to share your message with a large audience. To reserve your space, contact Carolyn Scharff, (877) 976-8270, or email: dis6000admin@lisco.com.

Director: PDG Jacque Andrew represented District 6000 on the Zone 28 Nominating Committee that interviewed candidates during September for RI Director for Zones 28-29 in 2017-19. The committee nominated PDG Robb Knuepfer of District 6450 (Chicago area). Robb's amazing story of life and service was featured on the cover of The Rotarian in August. Zone 28 includes 12 districts in parts of Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ontario. PDG Bill Tubbs of District 6000 was one of nine candidates who were interviewed. The last RI Director from Iowa was Allin Dakin of Iowa City in 1955-57.

President-Elect: Ian H.S. Riseley, of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria,



Ian Riseley

Australia, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2017-18. He became the president-nominee on Oct. 1. He is a practicing accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co.,

which specializes in advising local and international businesses, and has a strong interest in international affairs.

Notable: During its annual Homecoming celebration, the Iowa State University Alumni Association conferred the Alumni Medal, the premier award given to alumni by the ISU Alumni Association upon James L. (Jim) Patton and Diane Botts Patton of Ames. Jim is a member of the Rotary Club of Ames and was District Governor in District 5970 in 2011-12. Congratulations!

Quotable: "The plight of Syria's refugees is a litmus test for the world's compassion."

— John Hewko,

Rotary International General Secretary

Flood aid made a difference in Colorado

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Rotary clubs of District 6000 responded generously in 2013 when Colorado was hit with devastating floods. Funds from these clubs were directed to the D6000 Humanitarian and Educational Fund (501 c 3) during the 2013-14 year in the prospect that a project could be identified.

Through the efforts of district disaster relief chair Steve Dakin, PDG Terry Geiger (who travelled to Colorado) and PDG Jacque Andrew, who made clubs aware of the effort, \$3,545 has gone to the Glen Haven, Colo., Volunteer Fire Department. A letter of sincere thanks was received from Tony Fink, president of the Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department.

Geiger made the connection with Glen Haven at a Rotary meeting while on a trip to Colorado and suggested it as a use for the funds. The department's firehouse was used as the center for flood recovery and the firefighters are just getting back into the building.

Items for the building including equipment were put on hold during the flood response are now being replaced. The funds from D6000 will help in the effort to get the department back on its feet and may also be used in reconstruction of the community building, a total loss. The department is a first responder for all medical and fire emergencies in the Glen Haven area and its operations are totally dependent upon donations, grants and fund raising.

"District 6000 clubs should feel a sense of pride in helping others in their time of need," said Andrew. "We in Iowa know how devastating floods can be. Thank you for your assistance to a very grateful Colorado fire department that will now be able to better respond to the needs of its own community because of your generosity."

The Four-Way Test

(of the things we Think, Say or Do)

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



It's a Hawkeye state ...

PDG Ray Muston and Linda of Iowa City (I) and PDG Cal Litwiller and Rachel of Mount Pleasant enjoyed some Rotary fellowship while following the Hawkeyes at the Big Ten championship game in Indianapolis, Dec. 5. Next stop, Pasadena?

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK						
CLUB	JULY 2015		AUGUST 2015		SEPTEMBER 2015	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	51.00%	36	60.00%	25	54.00%	39
Albia	54.20%	31	46.90%	45	53.30%	41
Ames	61.17%	22	63.88%	17	65.21%	20
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Ankeny	83.90%	5	84.75%	4	75.24%	11
Atlantic	47.25%	43	43.86%	47	30.26%	53
Bettendorf	60.90%	24	57.00%	30	54.50%	38
Bloomfield	62.00%	21				
Boone	83.00%	6	54.00%	34	61.00%	27
Burlington	78.50%	8	82.70%	6	87.50%	4
Carroll	53.23%	32	61.94%	21	50.00%	42
Centerville	45.00%	46	42.00%	48	45.00%	44
Chariton	59.57%	27	60.90%	23	59.46%	30
Clinton	47.53%	42	49.44%	39	39.17%	50
Coon Rapids	58.00%	28	64.00%	16	69.00%	18
Coralville-North Corridor	86.00%	4	80.00%	9	83.00%	7
Corning	65.00%	18	63.00%	18	73.00%	16
Corydon			48.00%	42	43.00%	48
Creston	50.00%	38	56.00%	32	50.00%	42
Dallas Center	76.00%	10	72.00%	11	75.00%	12
Davenport	38.24%	47	39.98%	49	43.75%	46
Decatur County			65.00%	15	60.00%	29
Des Moines	52.43%	34	50.36%	37	58.42%	32
Des Moines A.M.	60.00%	26	56.00%	32	54.00%	39
East Polk County			60.61%	24	58.18%	34
Fairfield	30.50%	48	37.06%	50	30.82%	52
Fort Madison	58.00%	28	63.00%	18	66.00%	19
Greater Des Moines	76.00%	10	83.00%	5	61.00%	27
Grinnell	66.00%	17	81.00%	8	78.00%	9
Indianola					56.78%	36
Iowa City	26.64%	49	32.13%	51	31.34%	51
Iowa City A.M.	82.58%	7	82.58%	7	85.54%	5
Iowa City Downtown	69.32%	13	88.54%	3	92.98%	1
Iowa Quad-Cities	66.82%	16	70.12%	12	64.63%	22
Jefferson	60.00%	26	60.00%	25	60.00%	29
Johnston	49.11%	41	54.17%	33	58.47%	31
Kalona	62.99%	20	62.80%	19	83.82%	6
Keokuk	49.85%	39	45.00%	46	43.08%	47
Keosauqua	57.50%	30	52.50%	35	75.80%	10
Knoxville	50.67%	37	48.92%	41	41.94%	49
Lenox	76.00%	10	61.00%	22	70.00%	17
Manning	69.00%	14	72.00%	11	65.00%	21
Marengo						
Marshalltown	45.62%	45	49.11%	40	44.89%	45
Mount Pleasant Noon	50.00%	38	50.00%	38	50.00%	42
Mt. Pleasant	88.00%	2	83.00%	5	74.00%	13
Muscatine	46.20%	44	46.95%	44	47.55%	43
Nevada	60.32%	25				
Newton	61.04%	23	58.11%	29	63.27%	24
North Scott	87.08%	3	90.36%	1	90.00%	3
Northwest Des Moines	69.88%	12	74.10%	10	73.24%	15
Osceola			67.00%	14	63.00%	25
Oskaloosa						
Ottumwa	49.28%	40	51.87%	36	73.63%	14
Pella	69.00%	14	70.00%	13	70.00%	17
Perry	60.00%	26	63.00%	18	56.00%	37
Tipton	52.00%	35	62.50%	20	54.00%	39
Washington	67.50%	15	59.90%	26	60.20%	28
Waukegan	63.19%	19	59.05%	27	63.89%	23
Wellman	88.33%	1	88.57%	2	90.71%	2
West Des Moines	52.68%	33	56.73%	31	58.36%	33
West Liberty	72.00%	11	59.00%	28	62.00%	26
West Polk County	57.79%	29	47.49%	43	53.85%	40
Winterset	77.00%	9	72.00%	11	79.00%	8

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Club leaders' checklist



From DG Loring Miller . . .

- Secretaries submit your **2016-17 officers** to RI and District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (both) by Dec. 31.
- Register your 2016-17 club presidents to attend **Multi-District P.E.T.S.** March 11-12 at Rochester, Minn. (p. 5).
- Nominate a worthy member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** (-p. 9).
- Encourage members to register for the **RI Convention in Seoul, Korea**, May 29-June 1, 2016 (p. 5, 34).
- Watch for registration information early in 2016 for **District Conference**, April 1-2 in Des Moines (p. 6).
- Encourage members to attend **RLI Training** (p. 6-7).
- Support the **Ponseti Clubfoot Repair Project** (p. 7-8).
- Arrange for one or more members to attend a **Grant Management Seminar** (p. 34).
- Identify student(s) for **2016 RYLA** (p. 34).
- Choose a project for your club to support in **Xicotepec, Mexico** (p. 20).
- Support District 6000's **Operation Warm** program to provide coats to kids (p. 14-16).
- Start an **Interact Club** if you do not have one (p. 21).
- Check your club's progress toward your **Rotary Foundation** Annual Programs Fund goal and make plans to meet or exceed it (p. 28-29).
- Continue your support for **PolioPlus** (p. 1, 11, 24, 33).
- Support the **Iowa M.O.S.T.** project (p. 17).
- Tell members about Rotary's **Member Benefits** (p. 34).
- Implement **Membership Development** strategies.
- **Submit news** of your activities by Feb. 29 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs at btubbs@northscottpress.com.



PDG Herb Wilson, who is one of Rotary's biggest cheerleaders and supporters, raised a toast to 100 years of Rotary at the Iowa City Centennial. Thank you, Herb! Photo by Bill Tubbs