

Rotary District 6000 News

Rotary District 6000, Iowa USA

Chris Knapp, Governor

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Opportunities of Rotary membership

By DG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

Fall is here and winter is just around the corner. Half of the Rotary year is almost over. How quickly time flies.

These oft-used expressions seem quaint but so very often on point. We sound like our parents when we say them, and we so want to be our own person.



Chris Knapp
District Governor

How do we become ourselves? How do we seek our own direction and yet pay respect to the many and great lessons of life that we have learned from our parents and use every day in our daily activities?

These are the questions that we have asked ourselves at one or more times during our journey of personal and occupational growth.

When we were growing up we had our parents, siblings, teachers and friends to offer advice and to be our role models. We used classrooms, meetings and conferences as learning centers and places to exchange experiences and ideas. We often refer to our teachers and the guides of our adult life as

mentors and colleagues.

Where do we meet our mentors and colleagues today? We meet them at our weekly Rotary meeting. We also meet them at the Rotary Leadership Institute, Grant Management Seminars, NC-PETS, One Rotary Summits, District Assembly, District Conference and International Conventions. Here, we meet new- or reconnect with our Rotary mentors, friends and colleagues. This is where we become Rotarians of action and purpose.

These weekly meetings, annual seminars and conferences are some of the **Opportunities** that we do, or should, take advantage of. These **Opportunities** give us the chance to develop our skills and to become more effective leaders. These **Opportunities** give us the chance to use our knowledge and experiences to meet and overcome the challenges, both large and small, that we meet in our personal and Rotary lives. A special Opportunity to make a difference in the world this year is, the **Legacy Dinner, May 24, 2017** (see article on page 2).

There are many **Opportunities** throughout the year to learn more about the dynamic world of Rotary. Rotary International with its:

- Five Avenues of Service;
- The Rotary Foundation's Six Areas of Focus; and
- Our district and local club projects ...

offers each and every Rotarian, regardless of age or experience,

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U.S. District Court Judge, Stephanie M. Rose

RYLA keynote speaker challenges teens

U.S. District Court Judge Stephanie Rose accepted the invitation of *District 6000 News* to put her life-enhancing "10 pieces of advice for teenagers" that inspired students at RYLA in writing. Her words of wisdom are on pages 16-17.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION Centennial Celebration

Leaving our legacy during Foundation's centennial year

By DG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

The Rotary Foundation is celebrating 100 years of service to the world.

Arch Klumph, Rotary International President 1916-1917, speaking to the conferees at the 1917 Atlanta International Convention, put forth the idea that Rotary should establish an endowment as a way of "Doing good in the world."

This concept, like Rotary itself, was new and innovative. What Klumph was suggesting was that Rotary, through its growing worldwide network of clubs, was becoming uniquely positioned to do projects around the world.

From its humble beginning of \$26.50, contributed by the Rotary Club of Kansas City, The Rotary Foundation has grown into a world class foundation that was just recognized by Charity Navigator with it highest rating for efficiency and excellence. From its first grant to the Cripple Children's Fund to the present, The Rotary Foundation has pursued opportunities to improve lives around the world.

Our Foundation has distributed over \$3 billion dollars US through a variety current and legacy programs. These programs have provided Rotarians the opportunity to change lives. Today, we are changing lives in ever growing numbers through an ever-widening array of innovative ideas and programs.

Our Foundation is special. We as Rotarians have the unique opportunity to not only guide where our contributions to the Foundation are spent, but to actually work on site where we are spending our contributions. As Rotarians, we are motivated by and to Service Above Self.



Rotary Foundation founder Arch Klumph, who was a leader of the world famous Cleveland Symphony, is honored, and the story of The Rotary Foundation is told, in this three-sided monument located near the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. District 6000 PDGs John Ockenfels, Bill Tubbs and Jacque Andrew, and DGE Mike Ruby were among the Rotarian leaders from Zones 28 and 29 who celebrated Klumph's legacy during the Sept. 29-Oct. 2 Rotary Institute.



Stephanie Urchick

This year, let us celebrate 100 years of giving and sharing. Let us leave a lasting legacy to the world of Rotary and District 6000.

Join a growing number of District 6000 Rotarians who this year are leaving a Legacy gift to The Rotary Foundation. This generous and thoughtful commitment will build an ever-growing base of Foundation dollars coming back to our district year after year to build bridges across oceans and continents that better friendships between the people of the world.

Become a Major Donor or a Bequest Society member this Rotary year and make yourself eligible to join other District 6000 Rotarians May 24, 2017, at the Radisson Hotel, Coralville, for the **District 6000 Legacy Celebration Dinner.**

Our special guest will be Stephanie Urchick, past trustee of The Rotary Foundation who currently serves as chairperson of the Strategic Planning Committee and chair of The Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration Committee.

For more information on how you can leave your Legacy contact any of the following:

- **DG Chris Knapp**, Rotary Club of Iowa City AM. Ph: (319) 621-4977.
- **PDG Jacque Andrew**, Rotary Club of Jefferson. Ph. (515) 370-8358.
- **AG Steve Dakin**, Rotary Club of Boone Ph: (515) 230-0036.
- **PDG Terry Geiger**, Rotary Club of Decatur County. Ph. (641) 442-5559.
- **DGN Tom Narak**, Rotary Club of West Des Moines. Ph. (515) 229-9846.
- **James Slavens**, Rotary Club of Bettendorf, Ph. (563) 340-8857.
- **Wayne Steen**, Rotary Club of West Liberty. Ph. (563) 607-3367.
- **Rachel Greenhoe**, Major Gift Officer of The Rotary Foundation in Evanston, Ill., is our RI liaison. Ph.: (847) 866-3476.

Rotary membership offers opportunities

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the **Opportunity** to learn, share, and participate in global and local projects.

Being a Rotarian is a daily, weekly and year-after-year commitment. Rotary is committed to offering daily, weekly and year-after-year **Opportunities** to learn and participate in international and local projects and events.

These **Opportunities** help us to become the Rotarians that this year's theme suggests: Rotary (Rotarians) Serving Humanity.

President-Elect Training coming to Ames

RI President-Elect Ian Risely will keynote NCPETS at Iowa State

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson
NCPETS General Chair

March 9-11, 2017, District 6000 is rolling out the red carpet for club presidents-elect of the four districts that comprise the North Central Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (NCPETS); 5950 and 5960 (Minnesota/Wisconsin) and 5970 and 6000 (Iowa).

Set for the Scheman Building at the Iowa State University (ISU) Center in Ames, the event will offer inspiring, stimulating speakers, useful training and an unmatched opportunity to network with and learn from other leaders from Rotary clubs and districts.

“Preparing presidents-elect for the ‘best job in Rotary’ is the goal of NCPETS as we ‘join leaders, exchange ideas and take action,’” said D6000 PDG Jacque Andrew, Jefferson, general chair of NCPETS.

Several new optional sessions of interest to PEs, presidents-nominee and assistant governors will be offered on Thursday afternoon including: Using “My Rotary” Hands-On Lab, Fundraising Roundtable, and Member Recruitment – Best Practices.

Those registering for NCPETS may also choose between two “levels” of Rotary Foundation sessions.

The on-line registration was completely revamped by the NCPETS executive committee and the registrations will now be processed by ISU Conference Planning and Management. Registration went live on Dec. 1, 2016, at www.ncpets.org for presidents-elect (PE), presidents-nominee (PN), assistant governors (AG) and others participating in the event.

Early registration is encouraged for the best rate. Hotel reservations can be made at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, (515) 292-8600, and the Holiday Inn on University Blvd., (515) 268-8808, for the NCPETS room blocks.

Rotary International President-Elect Ian Riseley of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, will headline the Friday evening dinner as the general session keynote at the Gateway Hotel.

RI Vice President Jennifer Jones of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, who represents the NCPETS districts and 24 others in Zones 28 and 29 on the RI board of directors, will address the attendees and “commission” the presidents-elect in a memorable Saturday morning



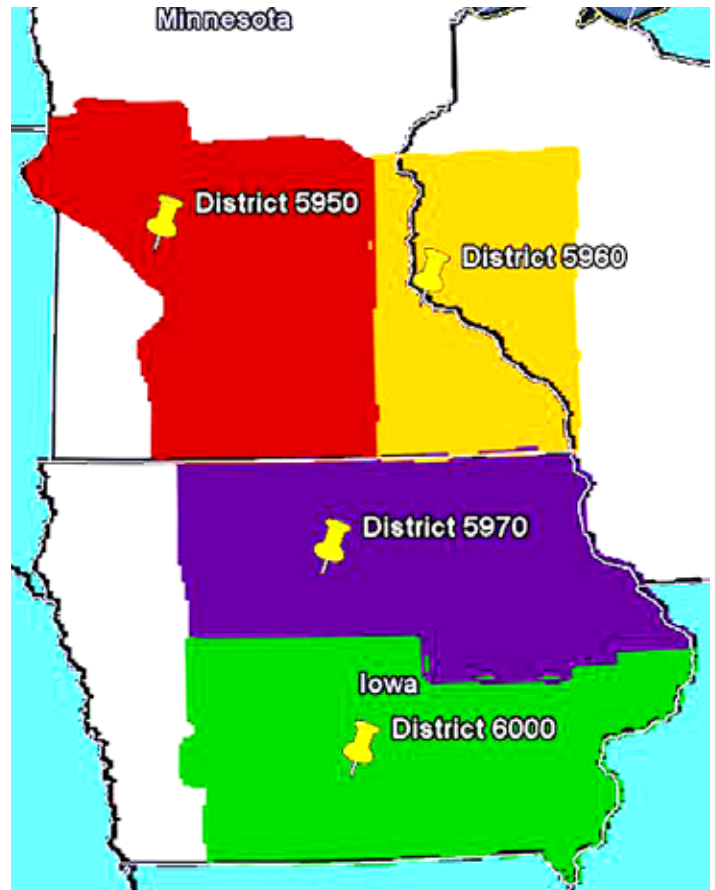
Ian Risely



Jennifer Jones



Brad Howard



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Incoming club presidents from these four districts will participate in PETS training March 9-11, 2017, in Ames, Iowa.

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PETS: 'An unforgettable Rotary experience'

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general session. RI Director Brad Howard of Oakland, Calif., will deliver a motivational membership message at the Friday luncheon general session. Also in attendance will be Rotary International Director-Elect Robb Knuepfer from Chicago.



Robb Knuepfer

All PEs will meet with their District Governors on Friday morning for District-specific training. Friday afternoon's break-out sessions will focus on RI strategic priorities for club success of membership, public image and humanitarian service through The Rotary Foundation with participants grouped by club size with all four districts.

Saturday morning includes sessions on leading volunteers, effective meetings, and an "ask the expert" panel plus specific AG and PN forums.

An additional Thursday optional activity will be a program at the Brunnier Art Museum in the Scheman Building. The benefactors of the museum, ISU alumnus Henry J. Brunnier and his wife, Ann, have Rotary ties, too. As president of the Rotary Club of San Francisco in 1914, he conceived of the idea of Rotary districts. Born in Manning, Iowa (District 6000), he was president of Rotary International in 1952-53 and his wife was one of two original "Rotary Anns."

Following the Thursday evening welcome reception at 6 p.m., PEs and other attendees can continue the fellowship with "Dine Around Ames" opportunities to share dinner with local Rotarian hosts at a variety of restaurants. "We look forward to a seeing all District 6000 presidents-elect in Ames for an unforgettable Rotary learning experience that will launch a successful year of club leadership," said Andrew.

District has 'scholarships'

By DGE Mike Ruby/Muscatine

North Central President-Elect Training (NCPETS) will be held in Ames March 9-11, 2017. Nearly all of the District 6000 Rotary clubs underwrite the expenses for their president-elect (PE) to attend since it is required attendance and clubs must plan for this expense.

In the event a club does not have the funds for their PE, a very limited amount of scholarship money is available that will pay the \$210 registration fee (but not motel or mileage).

The President-Nominee (PN) is strongly encouraged to attend NCPETS. Clubs who send both their PE and PN realize the benefit they receive in building stronger club leadership almost immediately. In addition, the PN avoids the "fire hose of new information" when he/she returns the next year as PE.

In an effort to encourage PNs to attend, there is some scholarship money available. In order for a PN scholarship to be awarded, the PE must attend PETS and not receive a scholarship. Clubs are not eligible to apply for two scholarships.

Please contact me if you have questions about the scholarships. Mike Ruby, District Governor-Elect, Rotary Club of Muscatine (563) 260-2862



The leadership team for NCPETS (l-r): DGE Mike Ruby, Muscatine; Karin Sevde and Allyson Walter, Ames; PDG Jacque Andrew, NCPETS general chair, Jefferson; and PDG Jim Patton, Ames.

Vendors, clubs wanted for House of Friendship

By Ros Dunblazier/Nevada

While NCPETS 2017 is a few months away, March 9-11, planning for the event is in full swing! As in the past, we will have a House of Friendship (HOF) and Trade Show, and this year NCPETS will be held in the Scheman Building at Iowa State University in Ames. The HOF will be in the Second Floor Lobby.

The HOF and Trade Show will be open the following hours:

- Thursday, March 9: 4-7 p.m. (optional);
 - Friday, March 10: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
 - Saturday, March 11: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.;
- Set up for vendors will be Thursday 1-4 p.m.

Set up Thursday 1-4 p.m. is optional for nonprofits and clubs.

With a captive audience of incoming presidents, the House of Friendship is a perfect opportunity for promoting Rotary products and services that might be something that a president would find useful for his or her club. We also welcome nonprofits and Rotary clubs that have programs or projects of Rotarian interest that they want to share.

Displays that would be of interest include:

- Rotary logo clothing and jewelry;
- Rotary logo club supplies;
- Fund-raising projects;
- Service projects;
- Club technology, tools;
- All things Rotary!

Please contact me at (515) 382 3541 or rdunblazier@midwestins.com, or visit www.ncpets.org, for more information and a VENDOR, NON-PROFIT or ROTARY CLUB contract.

The President-Elect Training Seminar is the most important meeting in Rotary, according to Past RI President Cliff Docktermann

Thanks to Rotary: Jefferson Highway an official heritage byway

By PDG Loring Miller/Decatur County

Gov. Terry Branstad held a press conference at the State Capitol Building in Des Moines on Oct. 31. He announced the addition of specific routes to the Iowa scenic byway system and included the Jefferson Highway route as a historic route. The Jefferson Byway joins the Lincoln Highway as the only historical highways across Iowa to be designated Heritage Byways.

Early highway systems provided road surfaces that would allow unrestricted usage in adverse as well as ideal weather conditions.

Improved roadways connected communities and encouraged tourism. The Jefferson was a monumental contribution to early transportation history. The proposed highway became the first long distance international highway, starting in Winnipeg, Canada, and continuing 2,300 miles to New Orleans, La.

In Iowa, the road ran from Northwood to Lamoni, roughly along U.S. Highways 65 and 69.

The Jefferson Highway was conceived in Iowa by Edwin T. Meredith, noted publisher and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in the Woodrow Wilson administration, in 1915. Meredith was an active member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines. Utilizing his influence as a publisher, politician, and Rotarian, he enlisted friends and business associates in seven states and the province of Manitoba, jurisdictions impacted by the highway, and quickly advanced the project. Construction began in 1916.

This was a Rotary project 100 years ago. It was appropriate that concerned Rotarians and Iowans preserve the Jefferson Highway name in this centennial year. Members of Iowa Rotary clubs and the newly reorganized Jefferson Highway Association diligently worked to gain the support of governmental departments and impacted communities to submit an application to designate the Jefferson as a

Heritage Byway. The October press conference verified acceptance of that application.

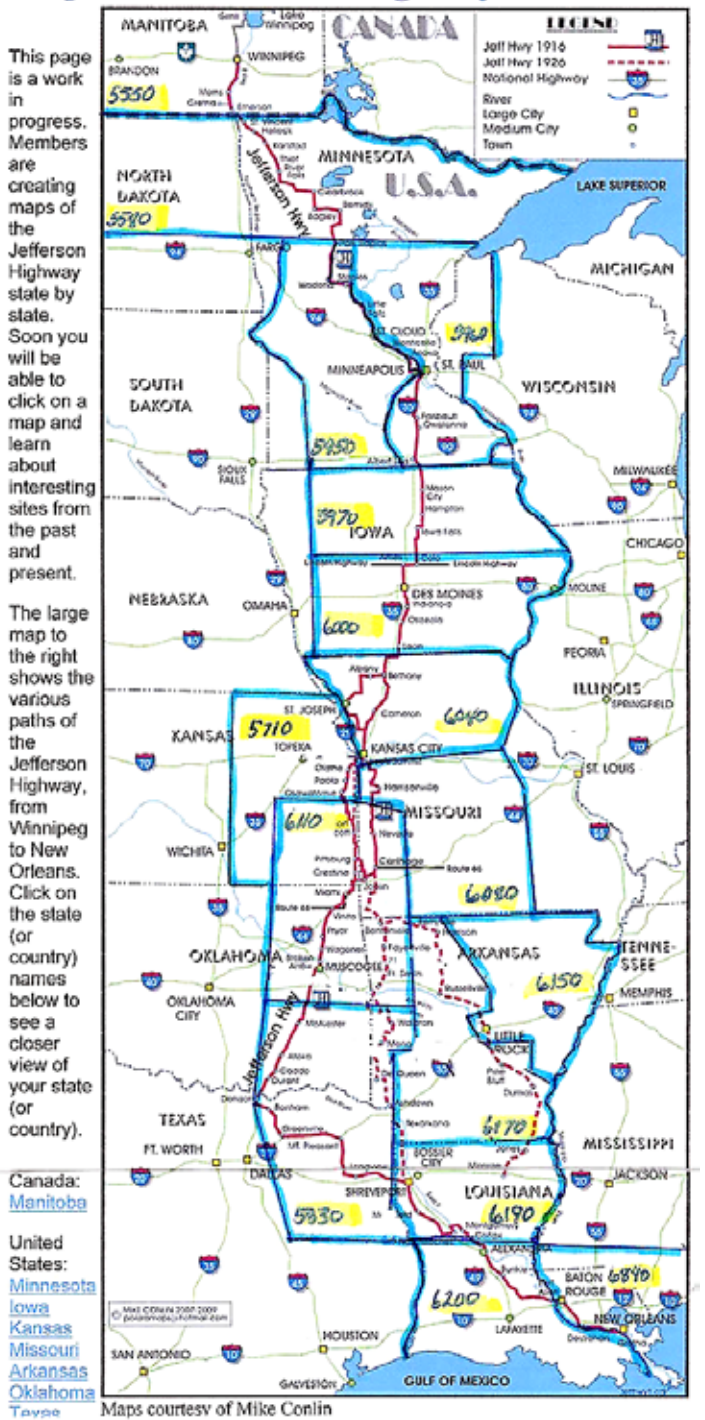


At the press conference, PDG Loring Miller announced a plan to move forward utilizing resources from Rotarians and members of the Jefferson Highway Association to duplicate the Iowa byway process to identify the entire Jefferson route through signage, (l-r): Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, Miller, Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds and Iowa DOT director Paul Trambino.

Heritage Byway. The October press conference verified acceptance of that application.

Gov. Branstad said in his presentation that, "Iowa byways meander through the countryside, offering up glimpses of the variety Iowa has to offer. These byways play an integral role in not only telling the story of our state, but supporting the economy of the communities along their routes. The passion of people involved makes it easy for all of us to enjoy Iowa through our byway system." Byway signs will mark the route through Iowa in 2017.

Map of the Jefferson Highway





RAG4Clubfoot

UI President Harreld will promote Ponseti Method

By PDG Herb Wilson/Iowa City

Office/Position

University of Iowa President J. Bruce Harreld recently accepted PDG Herb Wilson's invitation to observe Dr. Jose Morcuende utilizing the Ponseti Method of treatment on a child born with clubfoot at the UIHC Clubfoot Clinic.

Upon arrival, Dr. Morcuende first provided President Harreld with some information about the incidence of clubfoot, the numbers of patients treated at UIHC and how families travel from all corners of the world to be treated at the UIHC clubfoot clinic. Dr. Morcuende then introduced President Harreld to two orthopaedic surgeons (one from Arkansas, USA, and the other from Phnom Penh, Cambodia) who were visiting the clinic for Ponseti Method mentorship.

Dr. Morcuende asked everyone to join him in the patient exam room to meet the two-week-old patient and his parents. Dr. Morcuende examined the foot, and explained as he went for the benefit of the parents and the observers. His thoroughness was excellent and he gave every assurance to the first-time parents that their son would lead a normal life. He advised them of the schedule for the day and the subsequent castings.

Dr. Morcuende provided gentle manipulations to the foot and the nurse wrapped cotton materials in place. This was followed by applying the plaster mesh materials around the foot and up the leg. After this was accomplished, the cast was extended further up the leg and past the knee, as required.

President Harreld was amazed at the process and complimented Dr. Morcuende and the staff on their competence. He affirmed that the training of orthopedists around the world must proceed post haste, and he would do whatever he could to benefit our Rotarian Action Group, RAG4Clubfoot.

Herb and President Harreld departed wishing they could share what they just witnessed with all Rotarians – that this non-invasive low cost procedure is truly AMAZING!



University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld (l) watched Dr. Jose Morcuende and nurse, Maria Miller, perform non-invasive clubfoot repair on this 2-week-old boy at UIHC. PDG Herb Wilson, who has championed the formation of the Rotarian Action Group RAG4Clubfoot, is an observer.

VTT proposed for Mexico as Ponseti interest grows

By Tomeka Petersen/West Liberty

The Mexico Ponseti Method Vocational Training Team proposal to train 29 orthopedic surgeons was resubmitted on Oct. 24 for further review and consideration by The Rotary Foundation.

Rotarians and/or clubfoot champions from multiple countries like Australia, Bolivia, Cambodia, Colombia, Guatemala, Pakistan, Philippines and South Africa have been in communication with RAG4Clubfoot, inquiring about Ponseti Method trainings or other clubfoot related activities. Information: info@rag4clubfoot.org

See us at Atlanta RI Convention

RAG4Clubfoot will be at Booth No. 2825 in the House of Friendship at the RI Convention June 10-14 in Atlanta, Ga., and there will be a breakout session at a time to be announced.



Buchanans make lead gift ...

The lead challenge gift of \$125,000 from Iowa City Rotarian John Buchanan and his wife, Ellen (c) for RAG4Clubfoot was announced at the District Foundation Dinner Nov. 5 at Coralville. Rotarians are challenged to match the gift by June 30, 2018. Information? PDG Jill Olsen (l) at (319) 551-0399 or PDG John Ockenfels (r) at (319) 321-4601.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

RAG4Clubfoot board collaborates with RI

Leaders 'Connect for Good' in meeting with RI officials at Evanston

By Tomeka Petersen/West Liberty

RAG4Clubfoot co-chairs PDG John Ockenfels (D6000) and Jill Olsen (5970) and several other board members met with Zuhail Sharp, Senior Specialist for Service and Networking Programs, at RI headquarters in Evanston on Oct. 28.

Zuhail clarified issues regarding the role of the Rotarian Action Group (RAG) and what is permissible under RI policy regarding raising funds to maintain operations and fundraising for clubfoot related projects. Zuhail suggested talking with other RAGs to learn how they support operational costs. She also offered tips regarding successful RAGs: 1) Stay in frequent communication with RI; 2) Share and delegate responsibilities and engage members; 3) Keep a database of expertise of membership and project resources; and 4) Have geographical point persons.

All RAGs were asked recently to review current RI RAG policies and to provide feedback to the RAG chair, which will be forwarded to the RI Board of Directors for further consideration.

RAGs exist to support clubs/districts to make connections with other Rotary clubs/districts; assist to find resources for Rotarians to create successful projects and to bring expertise.



RAG4Clubfoot leaders met with RI officials in Evanston to learn how to best advance the Rotarian Action Group's goal of training doctors worldwide in the Ponseti Method of clubfoot repair, front (l-r): Patty Roberts, and PDGs Jill Olsen and John Ockenfels (co-chairs). Back: Tomeka Petersen, Zuhail Sharp of RI, and PDG Herb Wilson. Provided by Jill Olsen

Wilsons take Ponseti message to West Coast

By Tomeka Petersen/West Liberty

RAG4Clubfoot founder PDG Herb Wilson and his wife, Janice, traveled to Santa Barbara, Calif., to join their son, Charles Wilson (member of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, Calif.) and to staff the RAG4Clubfoot exhibit space in the House of Friendship at the Zones 25 & 26 Rotary Institute.

Herb met with current and incoming District Governors to inform them of the aim to train 4,000 orthopedic surgeons worldwide to meet the need of correcting the feet of 200,000 children born with clubfoot each year.

RAG4Clubfoot assists to facilitate and link Rotary districts with other interested Rotary districts to sponsor Ponseti Method training

global grants. Contact us at info@rag4clubfoot.org if you have district designated funds (DDF) available for a Ponseti Method training.

To learn more about training projects, visit: <https://rag4clubfoot.org/projects/>.



PDG Herb Wilson and Janice's son, Chas Wilson, a California Rotarian, at the Rotary Institute

Photos provided by Jacque Andrew



PDG Herb Wilson and Janice with the Ponseti Method display in the House of Friendship at the Zones 25 and 26 Rotary Institute in Santa Barbara, Calif.



2017 DISTRICT 6000 CONFERENCE UPDATE

MAY 4-6, 2017 at Coralville Marriott

The 2017 District Conference Committee has been busy. The tentative schedule of keynote speakers and panels of storytellers is nearly complete.

Here is an early look at what is being planned for you:

Thursday Afternoon, May 4th

Xicotepec Project Reports: Marriot Hotel.
Conference Kick-off Reception: Iowa Car Museum and Johnson County Historical Society Museum at Iowa River Landing. Heavy appetizers and refreshments: \$30 per person

Friday, May 5th

Opening Ceremonies.
House of Friendship: 8:00 a.m.. to 5:00 p.m.
Story Telling: Rotary projects both near and far.
Fund Raising: The Why and How.
Luncheon: Lunch with author David C. Forward - author of "A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International" and "Doing Good In The World, The Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years."

Home Hospitality - Dinner with local Rotarians

Saturday, May 6th

Breakfast Buffet.
House of Friendship: 8:00 a.m.. to 5:00 p.m.
Story Telling: D6000 Youth Programs.
Stories from Parents.
Engaging and Growing Membership.
Serving Generations.
Luncheon: Lunch with Andrew Carter.
District Governor's Reception and Dinner.
Go to the District 6000 website: <http://www.rotary6000.org/>
Early Registration Discount.

**Watch for more details at
www.rotary6000.org and in
future issues of District 6000 News**



Inbound Youth Exchange students got into the Halloween spirit at the fall picnic, (l-r): Viola (Italy), Raquel (Spain), Giuliana (Italy), Nico (Italy), and Elinor (Sweden).

Rotary Youth Exchange: A year-long activity

By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities
D6000 Youth Exchange chair

Unlike some district programs that have a limited time span or are seasonal or have planning leading up to a single event, Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) has something going on all year long. The tireless efforts of our committee members help keep the program active and give our Inbound and Outbound students many opportunities to enjoy their stay in Iowa or prepare for an overseas adventure.

The first event was a fall kick-off, in which our ten Inbound students got introduced to one another and had their first chance to meet the D6000 committee. Like most of our events, this was held at the Christian Conference Center in Newton.

In October, the students had a pumpkin carving party in Indianola, hosted by the Rotary Club of Indianola. The picture shows the finished products. The five Inbound students who were able to attend were joined by our Rebounders (last year's Outbound students) who are an invaluable asset for training and sharing experiences with all our students. Rounding out the attendance were Interactors and Rotaractors from Indianola.

The committee held interviews for prospective Outbound students for 2017-18 this past November. Those students selected will begin their training at the Winter Retreat, an overnight event Jan. 7-8 in Newton. Other training events follow in the spring.

Everyone looks forward to the District Conference, where both Inbound and Outbound students participate in the flag ceremony, a much anticipated tradition for D6000. At the conference, the students have an opportunity to share their stories, their experiences, and their culture with district Rotarians. For many of the Inbound students, this is a happy but also sad event...the last time they will be together as a group. But in today's world of social media, there will be messages flying to all corners of the world. Making friends around the world is one of the most rewarding aspects of RYE.

Starting in January, clubs will be getting information about RYE

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Help us find candidates for Rotary Peace Fellows

By Kathy Skinner/Nevada

D6000 Peace Scholars chair

We are looking for Peace Fellow applicants!

As you participate in family dinners and office celebrations this season, it is a good time to identify potential candidates for Rotary's spectacular "Rotary Peace Fellowship." If you know or learn of non-Rotarians who are actively working in peace or conflict resolution positions and who seek further training, the Peace Fellowship might be for them. (Remember, there is an anti-nepotism rule and the applicants cannot be sons or daughters or grandchildren of current Rotarians).

The Peace Fellowship is a fantastic opportunity for a special person in our District 6000. Rotary actively advances conflict resolution and peace in our changing world. Rotary created master's degree fellowships at premier universities in fields related to peace and conflict resolution. These 15-24-month-long masters' degree programs are conducted at universities in the U.S., Japan, UK, Australia and Sweden, while a three-month program in peace and conflict resolution is conducted in Bangkok, Thailand. Up to 100 paid fellowships/certificates are awarded in this worldwide competition.

Our District 6000, following Rotary International's lead, is searching for individuals who might make a significant impact on the world by promoting peace, tolerance and cooperation. Our committee is accepting applications now. The individuals must be screened and interviewed at the club level, then the District level before the applications are sent to Rotary International before July 1, 2017. Please contact those Rotarians on the Peace Fellowship Committee for more information or visit Rotary.org for application materials.

Nominee James King keeps working for peace

James King, originally from Liberia and currently living in Des Moines, was nominated but not awarded the Rotary Peace Fellowship in the 2016 application cycle. Throughout the process, however, he became involved with members of the Rotary Club of Waukee and learned of the value of Rotary. James plans to continue writing and working in journalism and supporting Rotary.



James King

Clubs urged to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange

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and how they can host a student. A commitment form will be sent to all clubs so they can begin considering the possibilities of hosting a student and participating in one of the premiere programs of Rotary International. Planning must start early, as we begin to receive applications for students wanting to come to the USA in early spring.

We as a district committee encourage all clubs to help us in welcoming students to Iowa and providing a cultural experience that cannot be duplicated anywhere else in the Rotary world. Please join us! For more information contact Doug Peterson of the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities.



DGND Erna Morain and Steve

Erna Morain nominated for District Governor 2019-20

The District Nominating Committee chaired by PDG Gary Welch interviewed candidates for District Governor on Nov. 13 and selected AG Erna Morain of the Rotary Club of Waukee to serve as District Governor in Rotary year 2019-20.

Since moving to Waukee in 2004, she has become highly active in her community as a board member of the Chamber of Commerce (chair of the Ambassador Committee, and committee member of the Community Development and Membership committees), a board member of the Waukee Economic Development Corporation, a graduate and board member of the Waukee Leadership Institute, a board member of the Waukee Community Foundation, and interim director of the Waukee Chamber of Commerce. In 2012, she was Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year.

She is past president and Membership Development chair of the Rotary Club of Waukee, and serves District 6000 on the Public Image Committee and as an assistant district governor.

Her interests include family, skiing, biking, hiking, traveling, reading and volunteering. She has a long history of running road races and triathlons in many cities in the U.S., and has encouraged team triathlon participation. She is a 15-year participant in RAGBRAI.

DGND Erna says that, "Volunteering is the practice of people working on behalf of others without being motivated by financial or material gain. Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity, intended to promote good or improve human quality of life."

Her philosophy, from Ralph Waldo Emerson, is "Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities have crept in; Forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense."

The succession of future governors in District 6000 now looks like this: Mike Ruby of the Rotary Club of Muscatine (2017-18), Tom Narak of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines (2018-19) and Erna Morain of the Rotary Club of Waukee (2019-20).

Members of the District 6000 Nominating Committee are PDG Welch (Ankeny), PDG Jacque Andrew (Jefferson), Merle Anderson (North Scott), Gary Anderson (Knoxville), Randy Willman (Iowa City AM), PDG Loring Miller (Decatur County), Tomeka Petersen (West Liberty), PDG John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM), Sue Rasmussen (Waukee) and Carolyn Scharff (Pella, ex-officio). The committee voted that if a nominee is from the same Rotary club as a committee member, the committee member could participate but not vote.

POLIO: Progress, but it's not over

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

D6000 PolioPlus Chair

District 6000 has many Polio Warriors who have worked and continue to work to eradicate polio from the planet. Many of us have traveled to other countries to aid with National Immunization Days to actually administer the life-saving polio drops to children who are still very much in danger from the wild polio virus.

Past District Terry Geiger's spouse, Peggy Geiger, is in Nigeria now and is the latest District 6000 Rotarian to do this life-saving work. We send her our thanks and good wishes.

With the latest message being, "We are this close to ending polio," we feel encouraged and may even be tempted to feel that we can begin to relax our efforts toward the eradication of polio.

NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH!

Even though we now may see a few weeks that are free from any new cases of polio, we turned around and hit a week where four new cases of polio were reported in November! We must be as aggressive in our efforts as we have been since we made the promise in 1985 to the children of the world that we will wipe this killer from the earth!

As of Nov. 19, 2016, there had been 32 new cases of paralysis from polio this year: 16 in Pakistan, 12 in Afghanistan, and four in Nigeria. Last year on this date there were 56 reported cases.

Progress without a doubt is being made, but with three new polio-positive environmental samples collected last week in Pakistan we know that the virus is still lurking in the shadows, waiting to attack another child.

The most recent case of polio reported in Nigeria was August of



At the District Foundation Dinner, Rotary's global Polio-Plus chair Mike McGovern of Maine (l) congratulated District 6000 Rotarians who are recipients of The Rotary Foundation's International Service Award for a Polio-Free World (l-r): PDG Bill Tubbs, Jeanne and PDG Corliss Klaassen, and PDGs Loring Miller, Don Goering and Susan Herrick.

2016 and the efforts of Nigeria to immediately wipe out any more cases in that country are encouraging, but we are still not done in that country. There have been no new polio-positive environmental samples collected in Afghanistan in 2016, but with their proximity to Pakistan, we cannot ignore the risk to the population in Afghanistan.

The Gates Foundation is currently matching all Rotarian-raised polio donations \$2 for each \$1 contributed, up \$35 million/year. Our Rotary-wide fundraising goal for the 2016-17 Rotary year is \$45 million, plus the Gates match. Our goal in Rotary International remains Global Polio Eradication.

So, if you can't travel to somewhere overseas to join in the fight against polio, you still have a meaningful role to play in this war. Rotary International cannot keep its promise to eradicate polio without the much-needed funds to carry out this effort.

Please work with your clubs and your communities to make this goal possible. If we all work diligently together, I believe that we will see the last case of polio sometime in 2017. How wonderful is that day going to be?

And with a needed three years without a case of polio on earth, in 2020 we will have eradicated the second disease ever from the planet! Think how proud you will feel to know that you helped make that possible.



District 6000 Rotarians presented Mike McGovern (c) a check for \$1,000 for PolioPlus that was raised by a raffle of wine at the Foundation Dinner (l-r): DG Chris Knapp and PDGs Jacquie Andrew, Terry Geiger and Susan Herrick. Winner of the wine raffle was Iowa City Rotarian Mark Rugberg.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

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PolioPlus Chair keynotes Rotary Foundation Dinner

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Editor, District 6000 News

The current goal of Rotary and its partners – Unicef, CDC and the World Health Organization – is to stop transmission of the wild polio virus by the end of 2017, PDG Mike McGovern told a crowd of 105 Rotarians at District 6000's annual Rotary Foundation Dinner Nov. 5 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Coralville.

That will be a challenge, said McGovern, a Rotarian from Maine who chairs Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, but we couldn't have better allies than teams that are supporting us in

Pakistan, the country with the most cases, to which McGovern has traveled twice in the past year.

"These women go up and down the streets in their burkas, not knowing if the Taliban will shoot," he said of the health workers. "They are making progress no matter what. Look at them – there is no choice but to get it done."

McGovern recalled being in a 110-degree room with 30 Muslim clerics who all had polio materials and were giving speeches. They left the building and there were two men with AK47s. Then security left and they were in Aslamabad (the city when bin Laden was killed) but the

clerics carried on and there was a parade up and down the streets with End Polio Now signs. "We couldn't have better allies."

The global case count is down (see page 10), but environmental samples have to be tested, too, and that will be a challenge as we reach the final goal, according to McGovern. Polio was thought to have been eradicated in Nigeria, but there was no surveillance in areas that were inaccessible because of Boko Haram, the Islamist militant group that made news when it kidnapped young girls. "Kids in the camps were tested and 2-3 had polio."

Testing environmental samples will take longer, but eradication will be more certain. "We can't celebrate 10 feet short of the finish line. The goal is for no mother or child to fear polio. What a celebration that will be."

A legacy of PolioPlus will be health delivery systems – labs and surveillance – that are in place. But, he warned, immunization must continue. "In my community, 10 percent of children don't have vaccinations. In Pakistan, it is 1 percent."

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The Foundation Dinner program included a welcome by District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Terry Geiger, a Rotary Moment by DGE Mike Ruby, the National Anthem on the violin by John Schultz, remarks by District Governor Chris Knapp, and recognition of Rotarians who have achieved new levels of giving by Geiger and the District 6000 fundraising team of PDG Corliss Klaassen, Bill Koellner, and PDGs Jacque Andrew and Don Goering (see photos with this article).

Iowa City Rotarian John Buchanan and his wife, Ellen, were honored for their challenge gift of \$125,000 to Ponseti International for global clubfoot repair (see page 6).



Iowa City Rotarians Mark Ruggeberg and Robert Brooks (c) became Bequest Society Level 5 members with a bequest of \$300,000 to The Rotary Foundation, (l-r): PDG Corliss Klaassen, PDG Terry Geiger, Brooks, Ruggeberg, DG Chris Knapp and PDG Don Goering.



Linda and Bill Tubbs of North Scott achieved Major Donor Level 4 with cumulative gifts of \$100,000. They are pictured with PDG Jacque Andrews and Rotary International Polio Plus Chair Mike McGovern.



PDG John Ockenfels and Deb (c) achieved Major Donor Level 2 with cumulative gifts of \$25,000, (l-r): PolioPlus Chair Mike McGovern, District Foundation Chair Terry Geiger, Annual Giving Chair Corliss Klaassen and DG Chris Knapp.

(More pictures are on the next page)



Major Donors and Bequest Society Members thanked



DG Chris and Vernetta Knapp of Iowa City AM (c) were honored for Bequest Society Level 2 for promised gifts of \$25,000 to The Rotary Foundation, (l-r): PDG Corliss Klaassen, PDG Terry Geiger, Knapps, and PDG Don Goering.



Iowa City Rotarian Chester "Chet" and Joanne Woodman, Jr., (c) achieved Major Donor Level 1 and Bequest Society Level 1. Chet joined the Bequest Society in August 2016 and became a Major Donor in December 2015, (l-r): PDG Mike McGovern, PDG Terry Geiger, Woodmans, PDG Corliss Klaassen and DG Chris Knapp.



Fairfield Rotarian Doug Flournoy (c) achieved Major Donor Level 1 for cumulative gifts of \$10,000 to The Rotary Foundation, (l-r): PDG Mike McGovern, PDG Terry Geiger, Flournoy, PDG Corliss Klaassen and DG Chris Knapp.



Iowa City Rotarian Verne Folkmann (c) achieved Major Donor Level 1 (\$10,000) in 2015, and Bequest Society Level 2 (\$25,000) in 2016, (l-r): PDG Corliss Klaassen, PDG Terry Geiger, Folkmann, PDG Don Goering and DG Chris Knapp.



Northwest Des Moines PDG Diana Reed and Rick Rarick (c) achieved Major Donor Level 1 for cumulative gifts of \$10,000 to The Rotary Foundation, (l-r): PDG Mike McGovern, PDG Terry Geiger, Reed and Rarick, PDG Corliss Klaassen and DG Chris Knapp.



Fort Madison Rotarian Matt Lafrenz and Brooke (second from left) achieved Bequest Society Level 1 for \$10,000 promised gifts, (l-r): PDG Mike McGovern, Lafrenzes, PDG Jacque Andrew, DG Chris Knapp and PDG Terry Geiger.

More pictures and Rotary Foundation information are on pages 14-15

A tribute to a Rotary philanthropist

By Bill Koellner/West Liberty

Rotary Foundation Fundraising Co-Chair

Gene Gabus, son of Past District Governor Charles (1984–85) and Frances Gabus joined the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines on March 1, 1984. Service Above Self was very much the motto of Charles Gabus, and he instilled that same attitude in his family. When Charles became district governor in 1984, his membership motto was “5,000 in 2,000 for District 6000.”

While the Gabus family ran six car dealerships and managed land development in the greater Des Moines area, Governor Charles lead by example and asked his son Gene to join Rotary. By January 1985, Gene was actively involved in the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, and became a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF). Frances became a PHF in November 1984, and Gene’s wife Lynne did also in June 1992.

As was stated in the District 6000 news issue of June-July-August 2009, “this past year, Charles Gabus, longtime sparkplug of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines and Past District Governor, passed away. In his honor, Northwest Des Moines Rotary sponsored the first annual Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride on July 5, 2009. Beneficiaries include Reach Out and Read, Urbandale School fourth-grade dictionary purchase, Urbandale Police, Urbandale Parks and Recreation (for trail improvement) and the Northwest Des Moines Rotary Club-sponsored inaugural ‘Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride’ Bicycle Collective.” While Northwest Des Moines Rotary saluted the philanthropy and leadership by PDG Charles Gabus, it was his son Gene and club member Chuck Corwin who organized and chaired this event. The total income was \$23,300.

In September 2012, Gene contributed \$100,000 to local children’s charities, extending the giving philosophy of the group’s founder, the late Charles Gabus.

Gene Gabus felt a call to give back to organizations that focused on children. That summer, checks totaling \$106,000 were presented to six local programs: Children’s Cancer Connection, Freedom for Youth, Jester Park Exceptional Riders, Teen Challenge and Urbandale Food Pantry. In addition to children’s charities, the Gabus Companies contributed extra funds when natural disasters strike, including donating to tornado relief efforts in Parkersburg.

In the July 2016, Iowa Living Magazine printed the following testament: “Des Moines, Iowa — Making a positive difference in the lives of those facing challenges is something that Gene Gabus, president of Gabus Automotive Group, believes is important. His father, the late Charles Gabus who founded the family of car dealerships, quietly supported many area charities. Gene Gabus continued the giving legacy established by his father.

“During the month of July, when customers bought a new or used vehicle from any of the Gabus Automotive Group dealerships, Gabus Automotive Group donated \$100 per car sold to local charities. Dealership visitors could also make a free will donation to four charities.

“This year, the Gabus Cares program proceeds will benefit four local charities selected by the employees at the Gabus Automotive

Group dealerships. From a pool of 55 nominated organizations, employees voted to support these four local charities: Animal Rescue League of Iowa; Children & Families of Iowa; Puppy Jake Foundation; and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Iowa, Inc.

“Gabus Automotive Group July charitable programs have raised over \$1.6 million since the charitable July sales program was established in 2008. Gabus says, “Our goal is to give more than \$100,000 this year.”

In addition to funds contributed to various organizations, Gene served several years on the board of directors of Van Meter School District.

When 10 Rotary clubs in the Des Moines metro area were developing the Rotary Riverwalk Park in 2013-14 on the banks of the Des Moines River across from the Wells Fargo Arena, Gene Gabus generously supported the effort by donating over \$30,000 in the name of the Rotary Clubs of Northwest Des Moines and West Polk County, said then-DG Jacques Andrew.

While Charlie Gabus was strong on growing membership, real growth occurred on chartering new clubs. Gene was the organizing Rotarian for three Des Moines area Rotary clubs: Waukee, Johnston and West Polk County.

Gene modeled the Rotary values of serving, but also growing membership and giving to The Rotary Foundation.

In late 2010, Charles and Frances Gabus were honored at Rotary International for their contribution to The Rotary Foundation of \$250,000, which placed them in the top givers in the world – The Arch Klumph Society. They became members of the

Trustees Circle of The Rotary Foundation.

Gene spoke before the attendees that day and addressed the teachings and philanthropy of his parents, Charles and Frances. After the ceremony, Gene spoke to PDG Don Goering and stated that someday he would have his name on the wall at Rotary headquarters, as he wished to give the same amount as his parents.

Gene made that wish come true on July 31, 2016, less than two months before his untimely death on Sept. 24, 2016, at age 69.

Rotarians are deeply appreciative of the many contributions of Gene and the Gabus family. His simple obituary as published in *The Des Moines Register* on Sept. 27 is below:

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Gene G. Gabus, 69, of Bondurant passed away on Sept. 24, 2016. A memorial gathering was held at the Veteran’s Reception Center in Van Meter, Iowa, on Sept. 28. A private family service was held at a later date.

Gene was born on April 10, 1947, to Charles and Frances Gabus in Los Angeles, California. He married Lynne Randolph on Dec. 1, 1984. Gene was the president of Gabus Automotive which includes Toyota of Des Moines, Kia of Des Moines, Des Moines Mitsubishi and Charles Gabus Ford.

He is survived by his wife, Lynne Gabus; daughter Kelsey Gabus; brother Jan (Freddie) Gabus; and sister Pat Petersen. He is preceded in death by his parents and daughter Katelyn.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Gene’s name to the Puppy Jake Foundation. Online condolences may be left at ilescares.com.



Gene Gabus

Our newest member of
the Rotary Foundation's
Arch Klumph Society

Donor Advised Fund: Like having your own foundation!

By DGE Mike Ruby/Muscatine

As Rotarians, most of us are aware of the outstanding job The Rotary Foundation (TRF) does to significantly impact the lives of millions of people around the globe. We have the opportunity to help make a big difference in the world through our support of TRF.

The watchdog group, Charity Navigators, consistently gives TRF its highest ratings, and that stamp of approval shows our contributions to TRF are wisely invested, prudently spent, and completely transparent.

Yes, most of us are aware of giving to TRF in traditional ways; Paul Harris Sustaining Member, Paul Harris Society Member, Benefactor, and Bequest Society Member. There are additional ways to support TRF that allows the donor to specifically determine where the funds should go and in return, not only receive tremendous satisfaction in supporting a project of TRF, but enjoy generous tax benefits. A Donor Advised Fund is becoming a popular way for Rotarians to support TRF.

As one Rotarian stated, "Having a Donor Advised Fund is like having your own foundation, only better." Rotary makes it easy to support your favorite charities through a single tax-efficient account. You can set aside funds for later charitable use, maximize your deductions in years they are most helpful and avoid unnecessary capital gains taxes on gifts of appreciated stock. When a project comes along that you want to support, simply recommend a grant. Rotary manages the investments and takes care of all of the details.

Another approach is to have your Rotary club open a Donor Advised Fund account. With an initial contribution of \$10,000, and no start-up costs, a DAF account is a convenient and inexpensive alternative to starting a club foundation. Rotary takes care of the accounting and reporting. The club's responsibility is to name 2-4 account holders who will make grant and investment recommendations on behalf of the club. Each July, the account will make a transfer to Rotary's Annual Fund in the amount of 1 percent of the current value of the account.

If you are interested in learning more about a Donor Advised Fund for yourself or for your club contact: Peter Doetschman, Senior Planned Giving Officer: Peter.Doetschman@rotary.org; or ph. (847) 866-3833.

Remember, it is every Rotarian's obligation and privilege to support TRF. The method you choose to help make a big difference in the world is up to you.



At the Foundation Dinner, PDG Terry Geiger and Peggy (second from left) were recognized as Bequest Society Level 1 members for promised gifts of \$10,000 to The Rotary Foundation, (l-r): PDG Corliss Klaassen, Geigers, PDG Don Goering and DG Chris Knapp.

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Rotary Foundation is best!

The Rotary Foundation has been recognized as the Outstanding Foundation of 2016 by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Rotary's PolioPlus was a major driver for selection of this award.

The award honors organizations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs.

"We are honored to receive this recognition from the AFP, which gives us even more reason to celebrate during our Foundation's centennial year," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee. "The continued strong support of Rotary members will help us keep our promise of a polio-free world for all children and enable the Foundation to carry out its mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. We look forward to another 100 years of Rotary members taking action to make communities better around the world."

Deadlines for year-end giving

By Michelle Gasparian

Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Officer

As we approach the end of Rotary Foundation Month, Rotarians worldwide are energized by the Rotary Foundation centennial message, with Annual Fund giving up 11 percent worldwide (through the end of October). And, on the heels of World Polio Day, giving to the PolioPlus Fund has increased nearly 22 percent from this time last year, as Rotarians are responding with urgency to the call to eradicate polio.



Michelle Gasparian

Year-end stock and IRA roll-over gifts:

As 2016 winds down, now is a great time to explore and promote IRA Rollover gifts with your fellow Rotarians. In the U.S., individuals who are 70 ½ and older can now make tax-free charitable gifts directly from a traditional or Roth IRAs.

End-of-Year Giving Deadlines: Please take note of the upcoming year-end giving deadlines for gifts to be counted and receipted for the 2016 calendar year.

- Online contributions via Rotary.org need to be authorized by midnight, Dec. 31, 2016 CST.

- Credit card contributions made via fax (847) 328-5260 or phone (866) 976-8279 must be received prior to the close of business (5 p.m. CST) on Friday, Dec. 31, 2016. For your security, please do not email forms with credit card information.

- Check contributions made via standard mail must have a postmark on the envelope and the date written on checks no later than Dec. 31, 2017, and must be received by Jan. 5, 2017.

Michelle Gasparian is the new Annual Giving Officer for Zones 28 and 29, which includes District 6000. She can be reached by email at: Michelle.Gasparian@Rotary.org; or ph. (847) 425.5612.

Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2016 - Nov. 29, 2016 (Interim Report)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(Members: Jul 15/Jul 16)	16-17 APF Goal	% of Goal	Per capita	Thru 11-29-16	PolioPlus	Other (**)	TOTAL
Adel (37/37)	\$ 4,000	52	\$ 55.88	\$ 2,068	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,068
Albia (22/28)	1,150	24	9.82	275	0	0	275
Ames Morning (55/55)	8,000	6	9.09	500	0	1,765	2,265
Ames (224/226)	32,000	44	62.45	14,115	4,020	35,909	54,044
Ankeny (61/77)	12,000	0	0.34	27	50	0	76.50
Atlantic (58/58)	5,500	9	8.71	505	0	0	505
Bettendorf (103/101)	14,500	44	63.37	6,400	0	0	6,400
Bloomfield (10/10)	900	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boone (42/34)	-	-	32.35	1,100	45	0	1,145
Burlington (80/79)	7,500	13	12.03	950	0	0	950
Carroll (46/44)	952	391	80.98	3,725	125	0	3,850
Centerville (50/46)	-	-	42.05	1,850	0	0	1,850
Chariton (41/41)	4,500	46	50.00	2,050	500	0	2,550
Clinton (98/97)	8,500	42	36.63	3,553	2,728	0	6,281
Coon Rapids (27/31)	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coralville-North Corridor (20/21)	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corning (34/33)	1,300	98	38.41	1,268	1,000	0	2,268
Corydon (18/15)	-	-	73.33	1,100	0	0	1,100
Creston (23/19)	100	150	7.89	150	0	0	150
Dallas Center (27/29)	-	-	0	0	166	0	166
Davenport (112/113)	14,500	34	43.36	4,900	100	125	5,125
Decatur County (30/32)	6,300	8	15.63	500	794	0	1,294
Des Moines AM (170/170)	13,000	19	14.26	2,425	0	0	2,425
Des Moines (276/270)	21,000	72	55.62	15,018	2,300	1,050	18,368
East Polk County (34/31)	3,000	36	34.68	1,075	580	0	1,655
Fairfield (74/60)	5,800	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Madison (49/53)	6,000	2	2.36	125	0	0	125
Greater Des Moines (12/12)	600	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grinnell (38/40)	5,000	4	5	200	0	0	200
Indianola (54/53)	6,500	30	37.29	1,977	800	3,593	6,370
Iowa City AM (66/69)	12,500	20	36.23	2,500	200	0	2,700
Iowa City Downtown (23/21)	2,100	82	81.90	1,720	1,252	0	2,972
Iowa City (312/329)	45,000	35	48.33	15,901	600	0	16,502
Iowa Quad-Cities (41/42)	3,500	11	9.05	380	0	0	380
Jefferson (59/59)	6,000	50	50.85	3,000	1,500	0	4,500
Johnston (60/49)	4,000	53	43.06	2,110	0	0	2,110
Kalona (42/41)	2,200	59	31.71	1,300	0	0	1,300
Keokuk (66/71)	3,500	11	5.63	400	50	500	950
Keosauqua (24/22)	-	-	32.75	721	0	0	721
Knoxville (61/58)	5,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lenox (29/28)	2,500	36	32.29	904	0	0	0
Manning (19/25)	4,692	0	0	0	1,400	0	1,400
Marengo (11/10)	150	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshalltown (150/147)	15,000	27	27.86	4,096	1,291	0	5,387
Mount Pleasant Noon (52/55)	5,000	27	24.58	1,352	0	0	1,352
Mount Pleasant (20/20)	400	39	7.78	156	88	0	244
Muscatine (79/77)	13,500	4	7.79	600	100	0	700
Nevada (71/69)	8,200	17	19.61	1,353	0	0	1,353
Newton (60/55)	3,000	1	0.48	27	0	1,050	1,077
North Scott (85/86)	11,000	33	41.86	3,600	1,550	20,000	25,150
Northwest Des Moines (34/40)	7,500	26	48.63	1,945	0	0	1,945
Osceola (28/29)	-	-	0.86	25	34	0	59
Oskaloosa (56/55)	3,000	0	0.18	10	0	0	10
Ottumwa (97/98)	-	-	1.02	100	0	0	100
Pella (29/30)	3,000	33	33.33	1,000	550	0	1,550
Perry (26/26)	-	-	31.92	830	723	0	1,553
Tipton (30/26)	2,500	106	101.92	2,650	0	0	2,650
Washington (49/48)	5,000	3	3.13	150	0	0	150
Waukee (58/64)	7,300	20	22.27	1,425	892	0	2,342
Wellman (36/34)	3,100	28	25.88	880	0	0	880
West Des Moines (62/63)	5,000	13	9.93	627	0	0	627
West Liberty (43/44)	13,000	47	139.30	6,129	250	0	6,379
West Polk County (31/18)	2,200	0	0	0	0	50,000	50,000
Winterset (25/30)	5,240	8	13.33	400	1,900	0	2,300
District Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	10,101	0
Total (3,854/3,853)	\$ 391,184	31.22	31.70	\$ 122,143	\$ 25,589	\$ 149,769	\$ 297,501

(*) Interim Report as of Nov. 29, 2016

(**) Other includes endowment fund and restricted giving for grants

Judge Rose's no-nonsense message:

Dear Rotarians,

On July 17, U.S. District Court Judge Stephanie Rose of Des Moines engaged 240 high school students with a compelling keynote address at the opening of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) conference at Grinnell College. Her no-nonsense message was delivered with conviction and good humor and held the audience in rapt attention. District 6000 News invited Judge Rose to summarize her major points for the Rotarians who have supported our extraordinary two-district RYLA Conference, and, with her blessing, encourage its widest distribution. She wholeheartedly agreed.

Judge Rose, 43, is a rising star in the American judiciary. She was nominated by President Barack Obama to serve in her current position in February 2012, and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in September 2012 with a vote of 89-1. She was the youngest U.S. District Court Judge serving in the United States, and the first woman to serve as a district court judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Rose served as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa from 2009-2012. She was the first presidentially appointed woman to serve as a U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Iowa. During this time, she investigated and prosecuted over 800 federal criminal cases, including crimes involving guns, drugs, money laundering, immigration violations, armed robbery, transportation of hazardous chemicals, and the distribution of drugs resulting in death. One famous case was the Agriprocessors kosher slaughterhouse in Postville. She talked about the pain of that case for all concerned with the RYLA students.

From 1996 to 2009, she worked for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Iowa as a law student intern (1996), Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (1997-1999), Assistant U.S. Attorney (1999-2005), Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Attorney (2005-2008), and Deputy Criminal Chief (2008-2009). She has seen it all.

Rose was born Stephanie Marie King in Topeka, Kan., in 1972 and received a bachelor of arts degree with highest distinction and with honors from the University of Iowa in 1994. She received her juris doctorate with high distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1996, where she was also Order of the Coif.

Judge Rose's message reinforces Rotary's Core Values and is one which, I believe, young people and their parents everywhere should hear and take to heart for a happier and healthier future, not only for themselves, but for all of society. I encourage all to save this page, share it with your school counselors and others, and refer to it as often as needed.

Thank you!

– Bill Tubbs, editor

By Stephanie M. Rose

U.S. District Court Judge, Southern District of Iowa

What I'm about to say will not be viewed as popular or cool with the majority of teenagers. Indeed, it may come across as harsh and judgmental. I fully recognize that the world has changed dramatically since I graduated from my teens into adulthood 25 years ago. But since that time, I have worked alongside, hired, supervised and sentenced hundreds of young adults. In doing so, I've learned a number of lessons. Here are the top 10.

1. Peer Pressure Does Not End with Graduation: Learn to Say No



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I always believed that peer pressure would end with high school, or at the latest with college. It does not. Learning as a teenager to say no to your friends and associates is a skill that will serve you throughout your life. Master that skill now, and you'll be years ahead of your peers. Consider it a fundamental aspect of a healthy, happy adulthood.

2. Limit Your Electronic Footprint

I know. You love to document your life – text messages, blogs, Facebook, Pinterest, Tweets, Instagram, SnapChat – all of it a sea of photographs, snappy one-liners, “likes,” and funny jokes that show the world your most creative side. Unfortunately, therein lies the problem. The cyber world you are creating is a permanent one – discoverable by your future spouse, in-laws, employers, friends and children.

What you now believe to be a hilarious joke or picture will not be as funny when your child finds it, or your future spouse. Photographs showing you drinking, partying or vandalizing will be evidence to your future employer that you have a serious drug or alcohol problem.

“Liking” a bully's racist, sexist or otherwise hateful statement, cartoon or Tweet may prevent you in the future from getting a security clearance, or a job, or – at the very least – will be an uncomfortable discussion you'll have to have for decades to come. Because, trust me, we employers are Googling you, and we're looking at your profiles, and your pictures, and your Tweets, and we're judging what you say and do through our adult lens.

So, please, do what you can to limit your electronic fingerprint. And if you must leave your mark electronically, pretend everything you post is going to be simultaneously viewed by your parents, your favorite teacher or coach, and your future children. If you would not want any one of those folks to see what you're doing electronically, don't do it.

3. Walk Away from Drugs and Alcohol

I sentence men and women every day whose lives have been destroyed by drugs and alcohol. Almost without exception, these men and women began their addictions in middle school and high school – usually with alcohol abuse, which graduated to marijuana use, and then continued the downward spiral to more dangerous drugs.

Addiction is typically not instantaneous. Instead, it creeps up on most people. Every smoke, every pill, every snort, every syringe, brings you one step closer to the emergency room, the

10 pieces of advice for teenagers

jail, and the morgue. Learn to live your life as a sober person. I promise that decision will pay off.

4. Delay Sex

I am not lecturing about abstinence. I believe wholeheartedly it is the best route to go, but I also prefer reality to fiction. I know that a good many of you who read this article have no plans to wait for marriage to have sex. So I ask instead that you simply delay sex as long as possible – and ideally, until at least a few months after your high school graduation.

I could lecture about the very real threat of unplanned pregnancy and STDs, but really it is as much about adult regrets. Nearly all of my closest friends in high school had sex before our high school graduation. Every single one of those friends now regrets that decision. None of those friends remain with their high school sex partners. And all of them wish their sexual history did not feature those boys or girls.

But if I cannot convince you to delay sex until you are an adult, at the very least, commit to yourself that you will have only safe and protected sex. Condoms and other very reliable birth control methods are widely available. If you are too embarrassed to obtain these items, or to use them carefully and consistently, you are not ready for sex. No partner worth having will walk away if you say no. He or she will wait until you're ready. And if they won't wait, they are not worth having in your life.

5. Don't Decorate Your Body in Permanent Ways

Fashion changes dramatically over time. What was popular in the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and 1990s is ludicrous to your generation. Understandably so. But your fashions, all those things that are cool and popular at this moment, will be equally uncool in 10 or 15 years. So please do not let style permanently scar your body.

I work with many men and women in their mid-20s. Most of them acquired a tattoo around ages 17 and 18. To a person, they regret those tattoos. I work with others who, as teens, put those huge pegs in their ear lobes, or pierced their faces in unique places. They now bear those scars and deformed skin. And there is nothing that can be done by the adult to conceal those choices that were made by a teenager asserting his or her independence.

Like sex, I don't have any belief that I can talk everyone out of a tattoo or a piercing. Those are pervasive parts of identity to your generation. What I ask is that you simply wait at least five years after your 18th birthday to get that tattoo. Start a savings account. Drop a dollar in the account each week. And on your 23rd birthday, use that money and go crazy – get a giant neck tattoo; pierce your eyebrow, nose, lip and tongue. If you still want those decorations at age 23, they are part of who you are. But wait until you are 23. Because I'm willing to bet that whatever you imagine at this moment to be a cool tattoo or cool body decoration will not still appeal to you at age 23.

If you doubt me, consider your third-grade school picture. Is that still a haircut you love? Clothing you love? Now, imagine that you had locked in that outfit, that style, that haircut, and had to display it for the rest of your life. If this doesn't convince you to forego that tattoo or piercing, at the very least get that tattoo in a place that can be concealed. Because one day soon you will be applying for a job to someone like me – someone older who does not understand tattoos; someone for whom tattoos represent poor judgment. Bosses typically avoid hiring people with poor judgment.

6. Avoid Jail

It goes without saying that you should not commit crimes. By that I mean big ones, little ones, and medium-sized ones. Don't vandalize. Don't drive drunk. Don't shoplift. Don't leave the scene of an accident. Don't buy drugs, or sell drugs. Don't hang around people who do. Spend your whole life without being fingerprinted.

Nothing good happens behind bars. Live your life as if there's a hidden body camera on your shoulder. Don't do anything that puts you at risk of a fluorescent orange jumpsuit and rubber flip flops.

7. Never, Ever Take Advantage of Anyone, or Leave Anyone, at Risk

Even if you choose to be sober, the odds are high that you will one day be at a party or a gathering where someone else is drunk to the point of unconsciousness. Treat these people as accident victims. Call someone to take care of them. Stay with them until someone responsible retrieves them. Ensure they do not choke on their own vomit.

Never, ever, ever engage in sexual contact with that person – and make sure nobody else does either. Consider yourself a special victims unit bodyguard for that person. Because rape happens to men and women every hour. And nobody deserves to be raped – no matter how much he or she drank, how he or she dressed, how many people he or she may have dated historically, no matter what.

And there is no excuse, absolutely none, for allowing someone to be assaulted in your presence because you did not want to get involved. If you can bring yourself to do nothing more, secretly call 911, report the person's unconscious status and the address where he or she can be found, and leave when you hear the sirens. Friend, stranger, enemy – think of that passed-out person as your beloved brother or sister. You will never regret being that person's angel.

8. Work Hard

Work hard. Whatever it is you do, try your hardest. Do your best work. Put more into a project than you must. Carry your load on any project. Being described as a "hard worker" is incredibly important in the employment world. Nobody hires someone who a reference describes as "lazy." Find a job that you can be passionate about, and give it your all.

9. Be Kind

We all have bad days. But make it your general goal to be kind to everyone you meet. It costs you nothing. Fake it if you must. Eventually, it will become second nature. Kindness spreads. In a world of ever-expanding terror, hate and bullying, kindness is a vaccine that every person needs.

Don't "like" cruel Tweets or posts. Don't forward embarrassing pictures. Don't make fun of people. Don't mock. Be supportive. Be complimentary. Be a person who everyone describes as "nice." Nice is never a bad thing.

10. Be Helpful

Every day you have a chance to help others. Open a door. Offer a seat. Carry a bag. Answer a question. Teach a skill. Entertain a child. Pay for a stranger's food. Protect someone weaker than you. Make a difference – big or small – in someone else's life. What you've given will come back to you.

Rotary Serving Humanity:



District 6000 District Governor-Nominee Tom Narak of West Des Moines and Carol with their Xicotepec Rotarian hosts Millo Fosado and Teté González de Fosado.



District 6000 Rotarians join Xicotepec Rotarians at their club meeting to celebrate their longterm relationship. The first contact between the Rotary Club of Xicotepec and PDG Ray Muston was in late 2001 – 15 years ago!

Team of seven from District 6000 assesses needs for 15th annual project team trip to Xicotepec, Mexico

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

Xicotepec Project Team Leader

A team of seven leaders of the Xicotepec Project traveled to Xicotepec, Mexico, in late October to meet with Rotarians there and make plans for the 2017 project team trip that will take place from March 11-19, 2017. District 6000 planning team members were Chris Catney (Iowa City), Bob Main (Newton), Tom Mott (Newton), Tom Narak (West Des Moines), Carol Narak, Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM), and Nancy Stroburg (formerly of Jefferson, now living in Richmond, VA).

The Rotary Club of Xicotepec regularly receives *peticiones*, or requests, for assistance from schools, social service and community organizations and others. The planning team usually spends much of its time reviewing these requests and visiting the proposed project sites. Site visits allow the team to talk with stakeholders and beneficiaries and gather additional information about the need for help. While not every *petición* leads to a project, most projects undertaken as part of the Xicotepec Project begin as a *petición* from a community group.

This year, some of the projects that were proposed and reviewed by the planning team were:

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The anniversary cake celebrates 15 years of good relations between the Rotarians of District 6000 and Xicotepec.



Mothers preparing lunch, and children eating at the primary school in Mazacoatlán.

Rotarians name Xicotepec projects for 2017

- Roof repairs at the Centro Cruz Azul, a Catholic center for training and retreats, and the facility that houses all high school and college students who come each March to participate as project team members;
- Repairs to the school office and addition of classroom space at the Escuela Club Rotario, which was the site of the very first project undertaken by D6000 in partnership with the Rotary Club of Xicotepec in 2003;
- Construction of a covered area at a small secondary school (7th-9th grades) to be used for teaching activities related to the processing and preparation of food;
- A request from the rural community of Los Arroyos for cement block, cement, waterproofing and paint to be used for improvements at a primary and secondary school;
- A covered area at a special education school that will be used to help students with special needs get into and out of cars, vans, and vehicles, especially when the weather is bad;
- Construction of a classroom at a preschool in the village of San Pedro Itztlá;
- Electrical wiring and other improvements at the local Red

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Young leaders who are members of the Rotaract Club of Xicotepec partner with Rotarians in service projects.



Ladies line up in Chichahuaxtla (l) to receive aid from members of the Xicotepec Inner Wheel Club (r).

Service Learning Students will partner with Rotarians

XICOTEPEC/continued

Cross chapter.

The team was also able to visit sites that were affected by Tropical Storm Earl in early September. While Xicotepec itself emerged with little damage or loss of life, in two nearby communities, Huauchinango and Tlaola, many homes were destroyed and over 40 people were killed by mudslides and floods. The orphanage La Aldea, home to 53 children and several adults, was destroyed by the storm, and the Rotary Club of Xicotepec has helped by finding a large private property where the children can live, installing playground equipment, wiring for the washing machine and dryer, and donating food and clothing. The former site of La Aldea is not safe for rebuilding and the orphanage cannot return to that site; some kind of activities at the orphanage or with the children will be planned for the March 2017 project team.

Between now and March, budgets will be developed for each of the potential projects and Rotarians from Xicotepec and D6000 will together choose the 2017 projects.

Several ongoing projects will also be part of the 2017 activities:

- Since 2007, the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy has recruited service-learning students to carry out a deworming effort in local schools in which several thousand children will be treated for soil-borne worm (helminth) infections.

- The U of I College of Dentistry will continue working with several schools – including teachers, students and parents – to promote dental hygiene.

- Rotarians Bob Main of Newton and Keith Hobson of Nevada will head up the water team, which has installed about 20 drinking water systems in schools and other public locations in Xicotepec, and which is working with the local water utility to improve the municipal water quality.

- Many members of the 2017 project team will have a chance to take part in one or more of these ongoing projects during the week in Xicotepec.



Xicotepec Rotarian Millo Fosado speaks with the director of the preschool in Chicahuaxtla.

The online registration period for the 2017 project team trip closed on Nov. 8; the 2017 project team will have about 54 members. In the next issue of *District 6000 News* we'll publish the team roster and have more news and details about plans for March.

If you would like to know more about or donate to The Xicotepec Project, please visit The Xicotepec Project webpage. You might also like to see The Xicotepec Project Facebook page.

More pictures are on page 21, at right.



District 6000 Rotarians partnered with Xicotepec Rotarians to assess the areas damaged by the tropical storm.

Preschool, orphanage will receive help



Parents at the Preschool in San Pedro Itztla discuss projects and look forward to the service work of Rotarians.



Projects will benefit the school (l) and playground at the Preschool in San Pedro Itztla.



Rotarians and service teams assess the damage at the La Aldea orphanage.



The temporary home of the La Aldea orphanage

Fellowship: 'Cooking with Beer' a big hit

By Curt Hoff/Marshalltown

Iowa River Brewing was host to the Rotary Club of Marshalltown "Cooking With Beer" event that served as a club social and membership recruitment vehicle.

Rotary club president Bill Fitzgerald not only organized the impressive production, but served as head chef as well. Cooking is something Fitzgerald has always had an interest in, and he supplemented his experiences with a little help from Amazon and the Craft Beer Cookbook.

It was clear to those present that Fitzgerald was no rookie as he worked his magic and described each dish as they were rolled out. The entrées started with macaroni and cheese bolstered with pork ribs. Side dishes included jalapeno slaw and pickled vegetables. The baked wild rice dish featured local crappie caught by recent Rotary guest Jimmy "The Jet" Johnson.

The author's favorite menu item was Nicoise chicken garnished with olives and plumbs. Many of the dishes were marinated for days. The last dish of the evening was a dessert of stout chocolate brownies with amber ale caramel sauce.

"Engagement, diversity, and growth are part of some key goals I've set forth for the club during this year," said Fitzgerald. "We do so many good things in this club but we don't do a lot of formal socializing outside of our Tuesday luncheon meetings."

The occasion allowed for such an opportunity as well as providing a great venue and event for prospective members. Background music, little humidity, few bugs, and great conversation helped round off what past-president Scott Neff described as a "gem of an event."

IRB proprietor Roger Brown has transformed the establishment into a comfortable place to enjoy craft beer and conversation, touting the motto: "Drink responsibly, Drink craft beer." The recently added deck makes for a great venue of musical entertainment and other special events.

Lannister, Oak Smoke, and Simcoe were among the brews crafted for the event. Information sheets about Rotary were presented to each attendee that asked if you want to give back and have fun doing it, then Rotary could be for them. Some of the IRB patrons wandered over to the deck area with interest and some even made donations. Net proceeds from the event were targeted toward the club's Project Warm efforts to purchase winter coats for children in the Marshalltown school system.



Marshalltown Rotary president and head chef for the club's Cooking With Beer event, Bill Fitzgerald, describes one of the five entrées being served up.



This beautiful venue on the first day of autumn played host to Marshalltown Rotary's Cooking with Beer club social and membership recruitment event.

Rotarians prepare for Miles Of Smiles Team mission

Deb Dunkhase/Iowa City AM

Plans are underway for the 11th annual District 6000 Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.) Cleft Medical Mission to Huehuetenango, Guatemala.

A team of 36 dedicated individuals will work to change the lives of Guatemalan children born with cleft lips and/or palates by repairing the birth defects. Without the health challenges that cause mal-nourishment, speech and hearing problems, and other problems related to failure to thrive, these children will now be able to attend school and be accepted into the social make-up of their community. Their isolation will end with the surgeries provided by Iowa MOST!

Though the MOST medical mission is primarily made up of non-Rotarian medical professionals, this year we have a high percentage of Rotarians from three different districts making up 22 percent of the team. Rotarians participating in the Feb. 2-12, 2017, mission include:

Dr. John Canady, Rotary Club of Iowa City;
Deb Dunkhase, Rotary Club of Iowa City AM;
Dr. Dan Jorgensen, Rotary Club of Spencer;
Susie Poulton, Rotary Club of Iowa City AM;
Thais Winkleblack, Rotary Club of Iowa City;
Cassye Dunkhase, Rotary Club of Boulder, Colo., New Generations;

Karen Gorham, Rotary Club of Washington;
Amy Nicholson, Rotary Club of Iowa City AM.

Thank you to District 6000 for your support in changing the lives of so many very deserving children to bring them hope for a bright future!

QUOTABLE:

I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served, and I saw that service is joy. *Kahlil Gibran*



Earlier this year



November

Baby boom: Washington is GROWING!

The Rotary Club of Washington is pleased to report that we have three new moms in our club. Last April, all we had were three pregnant Rotarians, (l-r): President-Elect Michelle Redlinger holds Cavan. Club secretary Kierstan Peck holds Anders. Past president Tsalika Elaine Rich holds Colin. Pictured on the right is Dr. Ann Harris, DDS. Harris was the club's first woman member, first woman club president (1994-95), and first pregnant Rotarian. Provided by Ed Raber

Volunteers needed to make RYLA successful

By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny

We need YOU as a Rotary volunteer to make RYLA possible. We will need at least 20 volunteers for 2017. We will provide RYLA training on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at Grinnell College from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The RYLA Conference is scheduled for Saturday, July 15 to Friday, July 21, 2017, at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa.

We did have several new volunteers this year who had an up close and personal experience with the RYLA magic. Of the 20 volunteers, 14 are from D6000 and six from D5970.

For those who have not been through the experience, the most difficult thing is to explain the impact that RYLA has, and what it does for both the youth and volunteers. Being gone for a week is a huge commitment of your time and energy. You will be exhausted by the end of the week, but will know that you made a positive difference in the lives of these youth.

Think of RYLA as a paid vacation. You get to see the sunrise each morning, play all day with 240-plus of your closest friends, and have meals provided with private accommodations. What more could you want?

Application for volunteers will be available at iowaryla.org website on Feb. 15, 2017. Since we are working with youth, Rotary requires you to pass a background check and attend the training on June 24. You must be there for the entire week of RYLA in July, since it becomes a very intense personal experience and it takes time to build trust.

We place the students in teams of 12 students, one youth coun-

selor and one volunteer. Your purpose is to provide support to the students and counselor (who leads the team). Your experience and wisdom is a critical part of your role. You have life experiences and can give these young people a perspective that they do not have. Life sometimes sucks, but it can be an interesting journey.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at gwelch3002@msn.com or (515) 419-3707.



2016 RYLA volunteers from D6000 are: T. Waldmann-Williams, Wayne Steen, Marlyn Ebberts, Richelle Naylor, Tom Narak, Carol Narak, Mark McAndrews, Alka Khanolkar, Lee Holmes, Susan Herrick, Al Hermann, Cath Hahn, Barb Gannon and Patt Englander. From D5970: David Kutter, Lynn Kuethe, Keith Handyman, James Collier, Helen Beneke and Mike Babcock. Leadership team was Gary Welch of D6000 and Linda Nudd from D5970.



Rotarians with their cars and the magnetic Rotary Foundation signs, front (l-r): Jim Arthur, Larry Sample, Helen Turner and Chuck Corwin; back: Mark McAndrews, Wendianne Wilson, Cindy Ray, Bill Corwin, Brenda Auxier-Mailey, David Piersel, Leray Glendenning and Regis Karch.

Northwest Rotarians promote Rotary Foundation

By Mark McAndrews/Northwest Des Moines

The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines is celebrating and promoting the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation by displaying magnetic signs on our cars during this year.

The signs feature the logo of the 100th Anniversary Celebration and are approximately 8.5" x 11". They promote The Rotary Foundation and serve as conversation starters from anyone we may encounter.



Des Moines metro clubs plan celebration of The Rotary Foundation

By Brad Helgemo/Northwest Des Moines

How often can you celebrate a 100-year birthday?

Trick question? The answer is once in a lifetime if it is the 100-year Rotary Foundation Birthday, so why not join us to celebrate The Rotary Foundation financing thousands of great projects since June 18, 1917.

To help celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, the Des Moines metro-wide Rotary clubs have teamed up to give the Foundation a fun-filled celebration party!

So watch for future announcements about this event, probably during April.

Information: bhelgemo@explogistics.com



Ankeny family picnic ...

The Rotary Club of Ankeny held its annual family picnic in early August. Pictured are attending members with their families in the newly built AMP Pavilion at the Ankeny Trail Head, a popular hub for bikers along the High Trestle Bike Trail.

Provided by Jody Savage



Cleanup time at Waukee ...

On Saturday, Sept. 24, Waukee Rotarians and friends picked up litter along the roadside of Ashworth Road from Maple Church to L.A. Grant Parkway. "Roadside Clean-ups" are scheduled twice a year (spring and fall) early on Saturday mornings. It is great fellowship and a great service to our community. Overall, the ditches were fairly clean except for the number of cigarette butts and empty liquor bottles. A big thanks to ALL the Rotarians and friends who showed up to make Waukee a "cleaner" place. Rotarians involved included Erna Morain, Mark Heffernan, Matt Olson, Drew Strube, Chriss Curran, Brad Mills and Frank Hayer. In front are Blake Heffernan, Nolan Olson and Owen Koons.

Provided by Mark Heffernan

AmazonSmile: An easy way to give to our District 6000 HEF

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

AmazonSmile is an easy way to support Rotary District 6000 Humanitarian and Educational Foundation, Inc. (aka "D6000 HEF").

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support a charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. You use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. Eligible products are marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. You can choose from almost one million eligible 501(c)(3) public charitable organizations – including Rotary District 6000 Humanitarian and Educational Foundation, Inc. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5 percent of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. From time to time, AmazonSmile offers special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations.

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QUOTABLE:

Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.

– Booker T. Washington



Jean Behrens and Katie Wall with the Rotary Club of Manning calendar.

Manning Rotarians publish calendar for community

By Jean Behrens/Manning

Rotarian Katie Wall, chairman of the Rotary Community Calendar project, is pictured showing fellow Rotarian Jean Behrens a proof of the 2017 informational calendar.

Community members were able to submit names and corresponding birth and/or anniversary dates which were placed on the appropriate calendar months.

Advertising was sold to help defray the cost of printing and calendars will soon be available for purchase. It is hoped they are a helpful reminder of special days and could prove invaluable for husbands and wives!

Proceeds allow continued support of worthwhile local and international projects.

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, 2017. The nominations will be submitted to the District 6000 Vocational Service Committee and nominees will be recognized at the District Conference, May 4-6 at Coralville.

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.

On the road with Governor Chris ...



Governor Chris Knapp's travels took him to all 64 clubs and special activities, including a fundraiser at Washington where he connected with Reid Basten, a former RYLA student sponsored by the Rotary Club of Washington (photo, at left), and auctions at Tipton (above) where Chris and Vernetta met RYE student Kaeligh, and at Jefferson (below) where the Knapps were welcomed by PDG Jacque Andrew and Jim.

Provided by Chris Knapp



9,000 dictionaries at Ankeny ...

The Rotary Club of Ankeny recently held its 11th annual dictionary distribution to 965 area fourth-graders in the Ankeny School District. Also included this year in the distribution were solar calculators for each student. This brings the total dictionaries distributed to 9,000 with this year's donation over the 11 years. Each year after handing out the dictionaries, each student is asked to look up the word "service" and then the Rotarians share stories of some of the service projects our club and those around the world participate in each year.

Provided by Jody Savage



Iowa City AM fundraiser ...

District Governor Chris Knapp attended his club's fundraiser in September. He reports that "Valaerie Rotarian from our club has her own business and cooked French onion soup and French deserts." Pictured are cook Jesse, cook and hostess Valerie, Governor Chris and Deb Dunkhase. Below, club members enjoy the evening.



Adel Rotary is active

By "Van" Van Buren/Adel

Club President

It was a busy, productive summer/fall for the Rotary Club of Adel. We have had various fundraising activities, including water sales at the 33rd annual Adel Sweet Corn Festival, and an excellent lineup of informational speakers at each weekly meeting. We were blessed with consistent attendance, increased publicity and good participation in the seven projects below:

Warm Coats: 180 purchased for needy families.

Dictionaries: Provided Student Dictionaries for 140 third graders in the ADM school system.

Arts: ADM Fine Arts contribution.

Dog Park: Adel Dog Park contribution.

Mission Adel: Contributed to a fix-up/clean-up project for elderly homeowners.

Library: Adel Public Library project started with a District 6000 Community Service Grant.

Global: Hosted Nigerian Birthing Clinic doctors and nurses.



Oktoberfest at West Des Moines ...

On Oct. 8, the Rotary Club of West Des Moines held a successful and fun-filled fundraiser with their annual Oktoberfest. The event featured music from three different bands, a German-style dinner, and sampling of over 40 German beers.

Provided by Linda Hulleman



On Law Enforcement Day at Decatur County Rotary, president Peggy Geiger and president-elect Bridget Davis are pictured with Decatur County Sheriff Ben Boswell, Lamoni Police Chief Bob Bell, Decatur County Chief Deputy Sherri Chris Lane, and Leon Police Chief Jason Weir.

Law Enforcement Day

By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County

The Rotary Club of Decatur County wanted to say "thank you" to the men and women in blue for their service in Decatur County. By doing so they invited all three departments of law enforcement to lunch. Not all officers were able to attend that day, but care packages were sent back to their stations.

All three departments were represented that day. President Geiger presented each department with a \$100 check to use towards in-house equipment.

Each officer was given an opportunity to speak about themselves in their respective communities. When Lamoni Police Chief Bob Bell spoke, he said that as retired military he had been to several countries and saw firsthand the work that Rotary is doing to help with Polio eradication. He then turned to the club and said, "thank you Rotary" to us.

"I can't remember ever having so many guests for a Rotary lunch that carried weapons on them, and under the circumstances it was totally OK," president Geiger commented. It was a beautiful day with a feeling of community unity and I was glad Rotary had brought it all together.



One wheel, one color: Rotary's identity at a glance

By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County

D6000 Public Image Chair

While at the Rotary Institute zone training for public image at the end of September in Cleveland, we were told that there are no "Rotary Police" out there when it comes to using the Rotary brand.

We are asked to use our discretion, our good judgement, and to stand proudly behind our brand that we place on items. Please keep this in mind when branding all items: banners, brochures, shirts, projects, any and everything.

There are resources to check on branding. Always a quick two-step reference to logos is to log on to "rotary international logos" and then click on "images." You will get more images than you need there, but those two are readily available.

OR, log into rotary.org, scroll down under Online tools and click on Brand Center and then on to Logos. There, you have no doubt on what is the proper and acceptable branding to use.

Do not waste what you have; use up the inventory of Rotary wheels. But going forward, replace ordering the old with the new!

And remember, "One wheel, one color."



DGE Mike and Jo Anne Ruby were introduced at the formal banquet along with 24 other incoming governors from the upper Midwest USA and southern Canada at the Rotary Institute, Oct. 1 in Cleveland, Ohio. Photo by Bill Tubbs

From Fairfield to Coon Rapids

DGE Mike and Jo Anne Ruby are on the move

By DGE Mike Ruby/Muscatine

This is a busy year for District Governor-Elect Mike Ruby as he participates in various training events, both on the district and Rotary International level. In September Mike, and his wife Jo Anne, attended the Governor-Elect Training Seminar (GETS) in Cleveland, Ohio, with 28 other Governors-Elect from Zones 28 and 29.

A major event that Mike is helping to plan is the North Central Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (NCPETS) March 9-11, 2017, in Ames. This event provides training for about 180 club presidents-elect from four districts in Iowa and Minnesota.

Mike has a personal goal of visiting all 64 clubs in our district this year, so when he returns to the clubs in his official capacity next year he will be somewhat familiar with the culture of each club. By mid-December he and Jo Anne will have visited 38 clubs, meeting dozens of Rotarians, and exposed to a variety of programs, ranging from RYLA student speakers in Fairfield to touring a new hog confinement facility in Coon Rapids.

The next training event for the Rubys will be attending the International Assembly in San Diego in January with all 535 District Governors-Elect representing over 200 countries. This event is the crown jewel of their training.

Mike is working closely with District Governor Chris Knapp (Rotary Club of Iowa City AM) and District Governor-Nominee Tom Narak (Rotary Club of West Des Moines) to make leadership transition as seamless as possible. In addition, our district is fortunate to have a strong team of past District Governors to offer their full support.

Yes, it will be a busy time for Mike and Jo Anne during the next several months but as Mike says, "We have securely fastened our seatbelts on the Rotary roller coaster and ready for the ride of our lives."



Christy Stroope UCSD Juvenile Court Liaison Officer, Kari Schlueter, USCD Coordinator of Student Services, and Michele Hamilton, USCD Coordinator of Student, Family and Community Services organize coats for distribution.

Northwest Des Moines: 589 coats in three years

By Brenda Auxier Mailey/Northwest Des Moines Club President

Building on the momentum of the previous two years the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines distributed 114 coats to help students in need attending St. Pius X, Metro West Learning Academy and Urbandale Community Schools.

"The coats mean so much to our students. One of my students who is usually at the receiving end of being helped asked if she could have a coat for her older sister who had not had a coat for the past two years. The next day my student expressed to me how happy she was that she was able to help her sister stay warm this winter. It means so much to our students not only to get a coat for themselves but to be able to help others," said Michele Hamilton, Coordinator of Student, Family and Community Services for the Urbandale Community School District.

Providing coats to keep kids warm is part of a larger Rotary community service project that started in 1998, when Operation Warm's founder Dick Sanford, along with the Rotary Club of Longwood, Pa., purchased and gave away 58 coats to school children in need. Over the next few years, other Rotary clubs joined the effort, helping expand fundraising and assisting with more coat giveaways.

In 2014, the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines joined other clubs in District 6000 to provide winter coats to children in need.

"Service above self is what Rotary is all about and it is our club's honor to be able to partner with the St. Pius X, Metro West Learning Academy and Urbandale Community Schools to assure that every student has a warm coat this winter," said Brenda Auxier Mailey, Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines president.

Driven by a collective passion and purpose that places service above self, the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines has proudly distributed 589 winter coats over the past three years to help keep students warm during the cold winter months. The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines funds community service projects with matching grants from The Rotary Foundation and by holding two major fund raises, a golf tournament in September and the Mayor's Bike Ride in May.

Atlantic Rotary hosts Salute to Veterans

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Publicity Chair

The Rotary Club of Atlantic held its annual Salute to Veterans event on Nov. 8. Atlantic Rotarian and veteran, Rick Burns, arranged for our guest speaker U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst. Because it was Election Day, the different locations we had used in the past for the event were not available. So this year's event was moved to a new location, St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The veterans knew they were in the right spot because of the welcome on the church sign.

The event was attended by about 100 veterans and Rotarians. Before Sen. Ernst spoke, one special veteran was introduced. Elleen Wheatley will be turning 99 this year and we were advised that she is the oldest living female Marine in the Cass County area. She may even be the oldest in the state of Iowa, but her family had not had the opportunity to verify that. So if you know any female Marines who might be older than her, let the Atlantic Rotary Club know.

Rick started the program by saying, "It's always a special feeling when veterans get together." With this in mind he had arranged for Sen. Ernst to speak at the event. She served in the military for 23 years and now is serving in the U.S. Senate. She is the first woman to serve in a federal elected office from Iowa and serves on four Senate committees.

Sen. Ernst talked about what inspired her to serve in the military and her four pillars of success. When she spoke about the pillars, she gave an example of a veteran who exemplified each pillar. Her four pillars are: 1. You must take Prudent Risk; 2. Provide Leadership; 3. Exemplify Service; and 4. Express your gratitude.

She reminded us that there is a difference in leadership and a position of authority. Just because you have a position of authority doesn't mean you are a leader. You must prove to others you can lead not just exert power. When she spoke about gratitude she reminded us that a simple thank you note will go a long way.



U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst (r) congratulated 99-year-old Elleen Wheatley for her service at the Rotary Club of Atlantic's Salute to Veterans. Elleen may be the oldest living female Marine in Iowa.

At the conclusion of her talk she presented Kate Olson, president of the Rotary Club of Atlantic, a flag that had flown over the United States Capitol. This flag was presented to the club as an item for the annual Rotary auction.



Craig Butterfield, Simon Estes, and club president Matt Olson.
Provided by Erna Morain



Greg Butterfield, Tiffany Hentges, Simon Estes, Dr. Jim Blessman, Erna Morain and Melinda Behn

Simon Estes takes malaria campaign to Waukee

The Rotary Club of Waukee hosted Iowa's Simon Estes on Thursday, Nov. 17th at their weekly club meeting and heard his presentation on his latest campaign to save young African children from malaria. Mr. Estes, a world famous opera singer, has been pursuing the campaign against malaria and other good works throughout Iowa and the world. From his CD, "Save the Children, Save their Lives," \$5.00 will go to buy a treated bed net to save a child from dying of malaria in Africa.



Check for clubfoot repair ...

Tomeka Petersen (r) along with PDG Jacquie Andrew made a presentation to the Rotary Club of Boone about the RAG4Clubfoot's efforts to make the Ponseti Method available to children world-wide, and Boone Rotarian Steve Dakin presented a \$1,000 check to advance the effort.

Provided by Jacquie Andrew



Foundation day at Iowa City ...

Rotary Club of Iowa City president Usha Balakrishnan and club Foundation chair Verne Folkmann invited PDGs Jacquie Andrew and Terry Geiger and District Governor Chris Knapp to do a program about The Rotary Foundation on Nov. 3. The club recognized donors Jody Braverman (at left, Major Donor Level 1), Chet Woodman (seated, Major Level 1 and Bequest Society Level 1), and Verne Folkmann (standing, third from left, Bequest Society Level 2). They were joined by PDGs Gary Pacha, Herb Wilson (seated), Jill Olsen and John Ockenfels.

Provided by Jacquie Andrew

Polio donations warm a cold day in Leon

By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County

Club President

With "sandwich boards" ready in hand and in time to hit the pavement to catch the early morning traffic between 7:30 and 8:15 a.m., Rotarians were dressed pretty warmly with coats and gloves as temperatures had dropped the night before. Standing in the middle of traffic at the only 4-way stop in town on a cold morning made them wonder if maybe they should have waited until it warmed up a little later that day. But after the first trucker stopped, rolled down his window, dropped in a \$10 bill and told me "thank you," it warmed my heart up real fast. After that, it didn't matter how cold our toes were.

The donations kept coming for all four of us. I'd look over and see that Marcia Stephens would be holding her bucket out for someone to drop money into it. I saw a time where Phyllis Miller had a lady put her car in park, get out to go around to the back seat to get her purse so she could get money to add to the bucket. And even Loring Miller said he had someone empty their entire change collection into his polio bucket. Cold? It wasn't cold that morning. Every donation that came in that morning warmed our hearts.

I not only felt proud of our club members for working the three shifts that day, but of the people who stopped, rolled down their windows and pitched in for a good cause. To those people who said, "sorry, I have no change" and went and got some and came back around and donated, and for those who said "Thank you to Rotary for doing this" – what a great day to be a Rotarian!

We not only created awareness that it was World Polio Day and that Rotary is still fighting the battle of immunizing children against the dreaded disease in three countries, but we raised \$741.45 in three hours (morning, noon to 1 p.m., and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.).

Thank you Rotarians Loring and Phyllis Miller, Marcia Stephens, Linda Chastain, Marilyn Saxton, Chet Redman, Tammy Heintz and Bridget Davis. With your "Service Above Self" we will be able to help immunize 3,700 children.



Bridget Davis was one of eight Decatur County Rotarians who raised funds for polio despite cold weather on Oct. 24.



Children from Sonshine Ministries at Mount Joy had a blast at the Rotary Harvest Party (l-r): Jaelynn Dodd (c) and the Loefflerhoh sisters, Aliviah, Aliya, Kylee and Hailey.

Harvest Party treats 228 youngsters to a day on the farm

Two hundred twenty-eight children from nine after-school programs and agencies in the Quad Cities got a taste of the country for the first time at the annual Rotary Youth Harvest Party Oct. 12 at Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch, rural Long Grove. Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of North Scott and Davenport, which provided 53 volunteers, the youngsters picked their own pumpkins, petted the animals, made s'mores and enjoyed "taco in a bag" meals.

They played games, and saw fire trucks and ambulances. They received a goodie bag with gloves and hats – along with a new appreciation of where the food on their tables comes from. "It's one way we reach out to the youth of communities," said Rotary club presidents president Jeff Helms of North Scott and Gary Loss of Davenport..

– Bill Tubbs



Aereanna Reese from Davenport's Boys and Girls Club picked the perfect pumpkin.



Wagons with built-in safety features took the children to the pumpkin patch. Here, Rotarian volunteer Greg Schaapveld (r), a civil engineer with Shive-Hattery, escorts children to the field.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



North Scott Rotarians attorney Josh Cobie (l) and scarecrow Fred Mulch, a veterinarian, were among 53 Rotarians who volunteered at Rotary's Youth Harvest Party Oct. 12.



Davenport Rotarian volunteers included Mike Hamann, Chris Townsend, Josh Lederman and Regina Matheson.



John Schultz, District Trainer



Wayne Steen, Membership



PEG Terry Geiger, Rotary Foundation

One Rotary Summits a success

125 Rotarians from 36 clubs enjoyed fellowship and about Rotary at OneRotary Summits at West Des Moines Sept. 22 and West Liberty Oct. 5. The new format, which gave Rotarians the chance to participate in small group discussions on multiple topics, was judged a success. Thanks to the presenters at both Summits. Photos here are from West Liberty.



Chris Knapp, District Governor



Clinton Rotarian Jim Bruhn



Peggy Geiger, Public Image



PDGs Al Bonney of Traverse City, Mich., and Jacquie Andrew of Jefferson, Iowa (District 6000) were co-trainers for the DGE spouse-partner class at the Rotary Institute in Cleveland.

District 6000 Rotarian served as Zone co-trainer

PDG Jacquie Andrew (Jefferson) represented Zone 28 as the co-training facilitator for the DGE 2017-18 spouse-partner class at the Legacy Zone in Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 28-30. Her co-trainer was District 6290 PDG Al Bonney of Traverse City, Mich., in Zone 29.

Jacquie and Al jointly formulated the curriculum for the training creating a booklet of resources for the participants. In addition to facilitated group learning and discussion, the agenda for the class included remarks from Rotary senior leaders RI President-Elect Ian Riseley and PDG Juliet Riseley, RI VP Jennifer Jones and PP Nick Krayacich, along with RI staff John Hannes and panels of PDGS and PDG spouses. RI Director-Elect Robb Knuepfer was scheduled to speak to the class but flight delays prevented his participation.

The DGE spouse-partners and the DGN spouse-partners also worked together on a service project to benefit victims of human trafficking in the Cleveland metro area.

This is the second year PDG Andrew has been selected as a training facilitator for Zone with service last year in Detroit.

— Jacquie Andrew



Saturday evening was sari night in celebration of Indian culture. D6000 Rotarians included (l-r): PDGs Bill Tubbs, Jacquie Andrew and John Ockenfels, Vernetta and DG Chris Knapp, DGE Mike Ruby and Jo Anne, Wayne Steen, John and Rebecca Schultz, and DGN Tom and Carol Narak.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

Legacy Zone celebrated 100 years of Rotary Foundation

It was called the Legacy Zone to celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation and its founder, Cleveland civic leader Arch Klumph. More than 350 past, present and future district governors, membership chairs and Foundation leaders gathered in downtown Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 29-Oct. 2.

The Institute, convened by RI Vice President Jennifer Jones, brought Rotarians together from New York to Nebraska and parts between, including Canada, with a sprinkling of international Rotarians like Past RI President Bill Boyd of New Zealand and RI President-Elect Ian Risely of Australia, and others.

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For three days it was Rotary on steroids with one dynamic speaker and new Rotary connection after another. DGE Mike Ruby and DGN Tom Narak and their spouses were immersed in training, along with membership and Foundation chairs Wayne Steen and PDG Terry Geiger.

District 6000's achievements stand proudly in this venue: second in Zone 28 (12 districts) for Annual Giving (\$457,255), third for Total Giving (\$651,385) and the Polio Champion Award for giving 20 percent of DDF to PolioPlus.

— Bill Tubbs



Casey Kidwell of Iowa City was one of 40 young professionals who participated in Institute discussions.



The portrait of Rotary Foundation founder Arch Klumph was on display.



D6000 trainer John Schultz (l) made music with renowned violinist Aaron Blomme at the Interfaith service.



Rotarians marched to the iconic Key Tower in Public Square for the illumination of the End Polio Now message.



Wayne Steen accepted the award for D6000 having the most new members in Zone 28 – 420 (net increase of one!).

News briefs

Community Grants: A list of the clubs and projects whose Rotary Foundation Community Grants were recommended for approval will be published when received by District 6000 News.

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. 18 from 9-2 at West Liberty, March 4 from 9-2 at West Des Moines and March 24 from 5-9 p.m. at Newton. The District Training Seminar for club leaders is Saturday, March 25 at DMACC at Newton. To ensure your club's success, plan to attend these events!

Interact: Over the last two years Interact clubs have grown in numbers around the world. This growth is due to an emphasis on bringing younger members into the Rotary family. The teens of the world are eager to help those in their community in need. They also reach out to those outside their boundaries. These clubs help their Rotary sponsors as well. It is a win-win. District 6000 has 18 Interact clubs with more on the way. Those Rotary clubs sponsoring Interact clubs are: Ottumwa, Perry, Des Moines AM, Northwest Des Moines, West Liberty, Ankeny, Coralville-North Corridor. Fairfield, Des Moines, Jefferson, Des Moines, Iowa City AM (two clubs), Mt. Pleasant, Muscatine and North Scott (two clubs). When will your club join this outstanding list? Information: Paul Seelau, D6000 Interact chair: paul_seelau@hotmail.com, ph. (563) 650-5979.

Assembly: The International Assembly for the 535 incoming governors of the Rotary world, including DGE Mike Ruby and Jo Anne, will be Jan. 15-20 in San Diego. In conjunction with this event, the Past Officers Reunion for PDGs will be Jan. 15-17. A schedule and registration can be found at <http://www.rotaryreunion.org/>.

Bell Ringers: District PR chair Peggy Geiger says that Rotary Ring Day is Saturday, Dec. 10, a reminder that Rotarians across the district will be ringing bells for our local Salvation Army units.

Peace Conference: The Rotary clubs of Michigan, northern Indiana and southern Ontario, Canada, invite Rotarians to attend a World Peace Conference with RI President John Germ and leaders and experts from around the world March 31-April 1 at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Registration information can be found at <http://2017peaceconference.org/register/>.

Meals: Rotary clubs in the Quad Cities held a Membership Event at St. Ambrose University on Oct. 13 during which 36 volunteers prepared 20,000 meals for local food pantries.

Polio Event: Rotary clubs in the Iowa City area held a joint event for polio on the evening of Oct. 10 at the Park Lodge at Terry Trueblood Recreational Area. A dinner of pork and veggie burgers was served and funds were raised for polio eradication.

Building Bridges: A full-page ad saluting the Lions Club of Iowa and Lions International has been placed in the program booklet for the Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, Jan. 5-7 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, with the message: "The Rotary clubs of Iowa congratulate Lions International for 100 years of service to our communities and world: 1917-2017." The ad was created by Bill Tubbs and is signed by District 6000 Governor Chris Knapp and District 5970 Governor Jim Coloff.



Magnificent new Hancher ...

Past district governors and their spouses were treated to a guided tour of the new Hancher Auditorium at the University of Iowa by executive director Chuck Swanson at the annual PDG Holiday Party Nov. 6. The auditorium was designed by world renowned architect Cesar Pelli. One feature of the spacious \$179-million theater is the mural in the background of this picture, which dominates the main entrance. Entitled "Anonymous Creature," it was created by Nigerian artist El Anatsui out of the tops of liquor bottles that are connected the glass. The original Hancher was destroyed in the Iowa River flood of 2008. Thirty months were given to redesign and 30 for construction. Three workers were killed during construction of the original Hancher in 1968. This time, there was just one sprained ankle. Swanson said the Japanese dedicated the ground and symbolically transferred energy and history from the old site to the new before construction began. "All along the way it was a journey of love," he said. Most of the workers live locally and can say, "We built an auditorium." The new auditorium has 1,800 seats instead of 2,500, but the trend is to make auditoriums more intimate, Swanson said. "Companies want to stay longer and do more shows to smaller audiences. The back row of the new Hancher is 50 feet closer to the stage than the old, and the stage is 13 feet higher, designed to withstand even a 500-year flood. In a remarkable collaboration, the usher uniforms were created by students in the College of Design at Iowa State. Overall, a fabulous asset for the people of Iowa.

—Bill Tubbs



Korean kiss ...

PDG Herb Wilson of Iowa City was touring South Korea on JeJul Island at Dragon Head Shore prior to the June 2016 RI Convention when this his daughter, Amy Nicholson (r) and granddaughter, Emily Nicholson (l) gave him a smooch. "A once in a lifetime opportunity for us!" said Amy. "Life is too short for drama and petty things. Laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly."

Provided by Amy Nicholson



Register now to be part of the fun in Atlanta!

By Mike McCullough/Trenton, Mich.
Past RI Director

The June 10-14, 2017, Atlanta Convention is only six months away and the excitement is building. Already, there are almost 30,000 Rotarians and guests from all over the world who are registered for the BIG event celebrating the 100th Anniversary of OUR Rotary Foundation. This will truly be a "once-in-a-lifetime" convention and I know that you will want to be part of the FUN!

Please note that the registration fee will increase \$75 on Dec. 16th. If you are not yet registered, click on the registration link in the attached newsletter and register NOW! (<http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta/register>)

The current registration fee is just \$340 per person and it will allow you to participate in all of the General Sessions, as well as entrance to the Hall of Friendship. Watch the RI website (www.rotary.org) and the Zone website (www.zones28-29.org) for information about hotels, speakers, things to do in Atlanta, and of course, our Zones 28 and 29 party. See you in Atlanta!

CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

CLUB	JULY 2016		AUGUST 2016		SEPTEMBER 2016	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	59.00%	25	61.00%	26	50.00%	43
Albia			46.40%	47	53.60%	38
Ames	58.42%	26	59.04%	29	60.11%	31
Ames Morning			50.60%	44	52.40%	39
Ankeny	72.66%	11	72.28%	15	74.18%	10
Atlantic			37.50%	50	34.91%	50
Bettendorf	47.10%	46	54.20%	33	47.70%	47
Bloomfield	63.00%	21	54.00%	34	60.00%	32
Boone	60.00%	23	65.00%	22	64.00%	24
Burlington	81.90%	6	80.40%	5	85.90%	4
Carroll	56.86%	32	52.10%	41	52.04%	41
Centerville	52.00%	39	60.00%	28	49.00%	44
Chariton	59.32%	24	76.27%	9	68.35%	17
Clinton	36.10%	51	49.66%	46	34.59%	51
Coon Rapids	60.00%	23	59.00%	30	56.00%	36
Coralville-North Corridor	71.00%	13	73.00%	13	85.00%	5
Corning	65.00%	19	61.00%	26	65.00%	23
Corydon			51.00%	42	71.00%	14
Creston	54.00%	38	50.00%	45	57.00%	35
Dallas Center	72.00%	12	70.00%	17	72.00%	13
Davenport	39.99%	50	40.97%	49	48.32%	46
Decatur County	49.00%	44	69.00%	18	66.00%	20
Des Moines	50.24%	41	52.50%	38	52.07%	40
Des Moines A.M.	51.00%	40	74.00%	12	74.00%	11
East Polk County	55.65%	35	60.54%	27	60.94%	29
Fairfield	35.59%	52	33.90%	51	33.70%	52
Fort Madison	56.00%	34	57.00%	31	61.00%	28
Greater Des Moines	52.00%	39	64.00%	23	52.00%	42
Grinnell	80.21%	9	75.08%	10	76.95%	8
Indianola	57.20%	31	53.16%	36	57.33%	34
Iowa City	27.68%	53	31.46%	52	31.97%	53
Iowa City A.M.	80.80%	7	79.71%	7	80.93%	6
Iowa City Downtown	91.23%	1	88.17%	3	88.89%	2
Iowa Quad-Cities	65.85%	18	77.59%	8	65.85%	21
Jefferson	67.00%	17	66.00%	21		
Johnston	58.33%	27	68.00%	19	62.22%	26
Kalona	68.97%	16	67.39%	20	70.90%	15
Keokuk			30.47%	53	34.92%	49
Keosauqua	50.00%	42	60.00%	28	67.00%	18
Knoxville	49.56%	43	54.98%	32	55.19%	37
Lenox	58.00%	29			60.00%	32
Manning	70.00%	15	71.00%	16	72.00%	13
Marengo	88.00%	3	80.00%	6		
Marshalltown	40.41%	49				
Mount Pleasant Noon						
Mt. Pleasant	75.00%	10	70.00%	17	63.00%	25
Muscatine	46.67%	48	52.24%	40	48.89%	45
Nevada	56.85%	33			65.59%	22
Newton	54.05%	37	61.61%	25	66.17%	19
North Scott	90.30%	2	89.58%	1	92.93%	1
Northwest Des Moines	70.25%	14	74.84%	11	74.47%	9
Osceola			45.00%	48	47.00%	48
Oskaloosa	50.00%	42				
Ottumwa	47.89%	45	50.80%	43		
Pella	64.00%	20	70.00%	17	69.00%	16
Perry	55.00%	36	61.00%	26		
Tipton	58.30%	28	62.00%	24	61.40%	27
Washington	60.42%	22	52.60%	37	72.17%	12
Wauke	57.47%	30	52.26%	39	57.84%	33
Wellman	87.50%	4	89.13%	2	88.82%	3
West Des Moines	46.86%	47	53.36%	35	60.87%	30
West Liberty	75.00%	10	50.00%	45	57.00%	35
West Polk County	80.56%	8	72.50%	14	77.38%	7
Winterset	85.00%	5	86.00%	4		

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Club leaders' checklist

From DG Chris Knapp . . .

- Secretaries submit your **2017-18 officers** to RI and District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (both) by Dec. 31.
- Register your 2017-18 club presidents to attend **Multi-District P.E.T.S.** March 9-11 at Ames (p. 2-3).
- Nominate a worthy member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** (p. 25).
- Encourage members to register for the **RI Convention in Atlanta, Ga.**, June 10-14, 2017 (p. 35).
- Watch for registration information early in 2017 for **District Conference**, May 4-6 at Coralville (p. 8).
- Support the **Ponseti Clubfoot Repair Project** (p. 6-7).
- Encourage members to volunteer for **RYLA** (p. 23).
- Attend a **Grant Management Seminar** (p. 34).
- Check your club's progress toward your **Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund** goal and **PolioPlus** and make plans to meet or exceed them (p. 15).
- Make plans to meet or exceed the requirements of the **RI Presidential Citation** and the **District Governor's Citation** (materials handed out at PETS).
- Invite quality **new members** to grow the fellowship and service that you enjoy in your club!
- Educate members about the proper use of **Rotary logos and marks** (p. 27).
- Watch the **District website**, www.rotary6000.org, for updates and "save the date."
- **Submit news** of your activities by March 1 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs at btubbs@northscottpress.com.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Four-Way Test

(of the things we Think, Say or Do)

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