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Carol Narak of West Des Moines
at Frida Kahlo preschool in
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What are Rotarians saying about District 6000 News?

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

Mailing the newsletter to every member appears to have been a hit, judging from your emails and from feedback received by District Governor Mike Ruby during his club visits.

Here are excerpts from letters:

Barb Thomas, Iowa City: "Kudos on the most recent District 6000 newsletter. I really appreciated the printed copy – too much of my work is online, I don't read a publication online but I do page through a printed copy. Good work and good choice to make that change."



Bill Tubbs

Effie Hall, Grinnell: "I enjoyed reading the First Quarter issue of District 6000 News. I think it was a good idea to send it to all Rotarians in District 6000. I also called our members' attention to the articles about our chicken BBQ and RYLA which was held here in Grinnell."

Don Ringgenberg, Pella: "I like the recent District 6000 News that was sent to all of us. With the many pictures along with informative articles makes it interesting and easy reading."

Shirley McAdon, Adel: "I received my District Newsletter in the mail on Wednesday, Sept. 20. I plan to point out articles to our members in the coming weeks. It's a great resource."

Mark McAndrews, Northwest Des Moines: "Just had our monthly club board meeting tonight. The newsletter happened to arrive in the mail today and three board members brought their copies to the meeting. All were universally impressed with the newsletter and with getting it in hard copy. It was very well received."

PDG Herb Wilson, Iowa City: "Congratulations on this great project. I have heard many positive remarks and wish to add mine. We plan to put our copies in the right places within Oaknoll."

DGE Tom Narak, West Des Moines: "Carol and I received our District newsletter today. Congratulations on an excellent production. It is great."

PDG Chris Knapp, Iowa City AM: "An excellent and super newsletter."

Feedback from leaders outside District 6000 are encouraging, too:

RI Director-Elect Larry Dimmit, Kansas: "I am amazed at the quality and depth of your newsletter. I'd be surprised if there is anything like it in Rotary. Congratulations on this outstanding publication."

Rachel Greenhoe, Rotary Foundation Major Gifts Officer: "When I travel in District 6000, the Rotarians I meet who are not in leadership roles have a stronger knowledge of The Rotary Foundation and how their money is spent and the good work it does, than any other district. I believe it's because of this newsletter."



Rachel Greenhoe

District 6000 Rotarians have responded by sending in more club news than in the past, too. In fact, a few items had to be carried forward to the next issue, in March.

In the new year, watch your email for a survey. The information you provide will help the district leadership team make decisions about the newsletter for next year and beyond.

Be engaged. Be empowered. Make a Difference!

Bill Tubbs, District Governor 2004-05
Editor, District 6000 News

District Governor

Does improvement require change?

By DG Mike Ruby/Muscatine

Does improvement really require change?

My wife, Jo Anne, and I have visited all 66 clubs since late July and it's been a fantastic experience. We feel energized and a renewed commitment to Rotary with each club visit.

We've noticed openness by most Rotarians to suggestions of how to improve their clubs. Yes, there are always some Rotarians who are comfortable with the status quo and not very receptive to change, but those members are clearly in the minority. We can change without improving, but we cannot improve without changing. All clubs have heard me make this statement and oftentimes I notice an "aha" moment going off in the minds of the listeners.

I am a strong advocate of trying new things as a pilot, or on a trial basis, and realize that sometimes we need to do more than just turn the box upside down or think outside the box. Occasionally it may be best to just kick the box totally out of one's mind and start from scratch. I encourage clubs to try new ideas for a short time to see if the change results in improvement. If the pilot doesn't work, either tweak it or try something else.

Rotary International President Ian Riseley is a progressive thinker who has given club presidents and district governors permission to try most anything if we believe it will make our club or district healthier and more vibrant. Ian said, "We all know that if we want to do more of the good work we're here for, we have to start doing things a bit differently. With the same focus on ethics, the same high standards, the same insistence on quality – but a greater openness to doing things the way they need to be done, even when it's not the way they've been done in the past."

I am taking Ian Riseley's wise advice very seriously. Wanting to see District 6000 grow and prosper, I am leading three major pilots this year because I know that change is necessary if we want to improve ourselves. My pilots are:

**Mike Ruby**

- A hard copy of district newsletter for all 3,800 members to read and then share with others when you are finished with it.

- A Toast To Rotary District 6000 – a totally new concept for a district conference (see p. 4-5 of this newsletter).

- Partnering with World Bicycle Relief to change the economic family tree for thousands of people in Zambia, Africa (see page 7).

District 6000 is solid and highly respected throughout the Rotary world and we are doing an excellent job implementing this year's theme *Rotary: Making a Difference*. I hope I can count on you to support these pilots to make our district even healthier and more vibrant. In a few months you will have the opportunity to give feedback on the pilots to let us know your thoughts and suggestions. We value your input!

This Rotary year is only half over. There is plenty of time to try new things on a trial basis. What *Service Above Self* changes do you want to make for this year to be the very best one yet for you as an individual Rotarian as well as your club? As Mahatma Gandhi has said, "The future depends on what you do today."

An elevator speech from a non-Rotarian ...

In September, I was in a hotel elevator by myself and was wearing my white polo shirt with this year's theme *Rotary: Making a Difference* on it. On the next floor a lady got on and we politely exchanged greetings. She looked at my shirt and said, "Rotary does indeed make a difference."

I asked her if she was a Rotarian and she responded, "No, but I'm from Minnesota and I know there are a lot of people there who are in Rotary and they do tons of good work." As the door opened, she got off and I never saw her again. We were together no longer than 20 seconds but it was quite an experience for me to be the recipient of an elevator speech (literally) by a non-Rotarian.

Yes, word is spreading around the globe that Rotarians make a difference. We should hold our heads high and feel proud about our *Service Above Self* commitment to others.



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A TOAST to Rotary District 6000

Coming to a Location Near You!

The format for annual district conference will be completely new this year with these significant changes:

- ☑ 5 different locations; each event – 3 ½ hours
 - ✦ Thursday, April 12, 2018; 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.; Steeplegate Inn, **Davenport**
 - ✦ Friday, April 13, 2018; 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Radisson Conference Center, **Coralville**
 - ✦ Friday, April 13, 2018; 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.; Bridge View Center, **Ottumwa**
 - ✦ Saturday, April 14, 2018; 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Santa Maria Winery, **Carroll**
 - ✦ Saturday, April 14, 2018; 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.; Marriott, **West Des Moines**
- ☑ Cost - \$49 per person, \$55 after March 31; \$24.50 per youth

Purpose: To attract larger participation by a shorter event, less travel time, and lower cost

As Rotary International President Ian Risely said in January 2017, “We all know that if we want to do more of the good work we’re here for, we have to start doing things a bit differently. With the same focus on ethics, the same high standards, the same insistence on quality—but a greater openness to doing things the way they need to be done, even when it’s not the way they’ve been done in the past.”

What will happen at each event:

- ★ Start off with a social hour
- ★ Enjoy a delicious, bountiful, meal
- ★ Variety of speakers:
 - ✦ Lisa & Alan Herring (Texas) – Rotary International Rep.
 - ✦ Mary Beth Johnson – World Bicycle Relief
 - ✦ Perspectives from Rotarians under age 40
 - ✦ Interact and/or Rotary Youth Exchange students
 - ✦ Others to be announced
- ★ Making friends with Rotarians from other clubs
- ★ Displays to see what other clubs are doing
- ★ Plenty of fun and fellowship, including door prizes





A **TOAST** to Rotary District 6000

You may register for one or more of these events for \$49 per person per location, \$55 after March 31; \$24.50 per youth. Each event includes social hour, meal, speakers, door prizes, fun, fellowship, networking, etc. Business casual attire. Please mark which one(s) you will attend:

- ☐ Thursday, April 12, 2018 – 5:30-9:00 p.m.; Best Western Steeplegate Inn, **Davenport**
- ☐ Friday, April 13, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Radisson Conference Center, **Coralville**
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Name _____
First Last

Spouse/Guest Name _____
First Last

Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

Rotary Club of _____

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Total payment amount \$ _____

Card number _____

CVV # _____ Exp. Date (mm/yy) _____ Card billing zip code _____

Card holder signature _____

Completed form and payment should be sent to:

District 6000
PO Box 122
Pella IA 50219



Alan and Lisa Herring

Lisa Herring named President's Rep

Past District Governor Lisa Herring of District 5840 in Texas will be the official representative of RI President Ian Riseley at our "Toast to Rotary" District Conferences.

Lisa started down the Rotary path as a member of the Tivy High School Interact Club in Kerrville, Texas. That was a springboard to her many years of serving through Rotary in a variety of ways. She and Alan have hosted more than a dozen Rotary Youth Exchange students in their home. She has a special interest in helping children with disabilities. One of her most recent and impactful Rotary experiences was her selection as District 5840's Group Study Exchange Team Leader to District 3800 in the Philippines in 2010! Her Service Above Self commitment to others will be an inspiration to those who attend any of the Toast locations.



Chairs for our Rotary Toasts ...

Chairs for the five Rotary Toasts held a planning meeting Nov. 12 at Grinnell, (l-r): Deb and PDG John Ockenfels (Coralville), DGN Erna and Steve Morain (West Des Moines), DG Mike and Jo Anne Ruby, Dennis and Deb Peterson (Davenport), PDG Cal and Rachel Litwiller (Ottumwa), and Jim and PDG Jacque Andrew (Carroll).

Meet a leader from World Bicycle Relief!



Mary Beth Johnson

Mary Beth Johnson, the Grassroots Fundraising Manager for World Bicycle Relief, will attend all five Rotary Toasts. Her background is in international partnerships and programs with global nonprofit organizations. Her love for travel and exploring new cultures started when she studied in Australia, and her excitement to share new cultural experiences started when she co-founded a service-learning organization in Egypt. Her passion for international service grew when she worked at Rotary International in grants and partnerships. She's thrilled to be supporting District 6000's efforts to change lives through the Power of Bicycles!

Adel Rotarians respond to challenge to plant trees

By Shirley McAdon/Adel Club President

On Saturday morning, Oct. 28, the Rotary Club of Adel planted 35 trees, one for every member of the club, to participate in Rotary International President Ian Riseley's project to promote environmental sustainability.

President Riseley challenged every Rotary club in the world to plant at least one tree for each member (sometime between July 1, 2017, and Earth Day, April 22, 2018), which would result in 1.2 million new trees worldwide. He went on to say that "the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility, not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself on which we all live and on which we all depend."

With a huge assist from the city of Adel, Rotarians donned their gloves and brought their shovels to plant 30 trees in Evans Park and five trees at the Adel Community Archery Center. Varieties planted were Sycamore, Red Oak, Burr Oak, Chestnut Oak, River Birch, Black Cherry and Hackberry; all the trees were three to four feet tall. City staff had already dug the holes with proper spacing between and will follow up with tree guards to protect the young trees. The

trees in Evans Park are near the Disc Golf Course, a past project of the Rotary Club of Adel.

This tree-planting project brought together Rotarians, their families and friends to leave a legacy for all to enjoy.



Adel Rotarians planting trees (l-r): Tom Murphy (Rotary shirt), Bill Kimber (Rotary shirt), Shirley McAdon (Rotary shirt), Warren Poldberg (Iowa cap and sweatshirt), Paul Zeitlow (black cap and jacket), and Bob Grove (Rotary shirt).

Exciting news about Bike Project!

World Bicycle Relief recently announced they will match 1:1 all donations that are received from now until December 31. This is a great opportunity to “plant people”, offering them opportunities we typically take for granted.

By DG Mike Ruby/Muscatine

To date, more than 50 Rotary clubs in our district are participating in our partnership with World Bicycle Relief.

At press time, 672 bicycles have been purchased to be sent to Zambia, Africa. Each bike changes the economic family tree for an average of five people.

Facts:

- Each bike costs \$147, including shipping to Zambia, Africa;
- Bikes are heavy-duty, utilitarian, weighing 51 pounds;
- Health care workers are able to get to rural areas;
- Farmers use bikes as pick-up trucks to get their produce to the market;
- Students are nominated by their principals and teachers to receive a bike. The students and their parents must sign a contract with World Bicycle Relief agreeing the student will stay in school to complete their course of study. Oftentimes students must travel six miles each way to school.
- For every 100 bikes shipped, a local resident receives one week of extensive bike mechanic training so he/she can start a business servicing bikes.
- Residents take great pride in bike ownership and treat them like we treat a brand new vehicle.

Several ways to participate

Personal check: (tax deductible gift) make payable to World Bicycle Relief. Give check to club treasurer to be bundled with others and sent to World Bicycle Relief (1000 W. Fulton Market, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60607). Be sure it clearly states the check is from Rotary District 6000.

Give Online – <http://rotary.worldbicyclerelief.org/rotary-district-6000>

Remember – This is a great way for Interact students, scouts, church youth, and other community groups to support a global project. Have these groups submit their donations to the local Rotary club who will forward them to World Bicycle Relief.

This is a great opportunity for District 6000 Rotarians to implement this year's theme of *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

We can make a life-changing difference for well-deserving students, farmers, and health care workers in Zambia, Africa.



When District Governor Mike and Jo Anne Ruby visited the Rotary Club of East Polk on Nov. 15, District 6000 had purchased 620 bikes. The Rubys are pictured with Assistant Governor Tom Downs and East Polk Rotary president Bruce Mason.



This is not a bike

(it's an engine for economic and cultural empowerment)



If you own a bicycle, chances are it wouldn't last long where we work. This would be clear once your tires hit the rough roads and paths where the Buffalo Bike must perform. Producing dependable bikes helps students, healthcare workers and entrepreneurs access essential goods and services. We designed the Buffalo Bike to be strong, reliable, easy to repair and affordable. End-user feedback provides us with valuable insights for improvement. Our Buffalo Bicycles not only help people survive, they help them thrive.



Incoming leaders from four districts, March 8-10 in Rochester



Wooj Byun
Scholar



Anne Matthews
Past RI VP



Richard King
Past RI President

Presidents-Elect should plan now for NCPETS

By Tom Narak/West Des Moines

District Governor Elect

The North Central Presidents-Elect Training Seminar is an annual multi-district training event for incoming Rotary club presidents-elect and presidents-nominee. Last year the NC PETS training was in Ames, Iowa. This coming spring it will be held in Rochester, Minn.

The NC PETS training includes Rotarians from Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The experience is designed for Rotary leaders to be actively engaged in the preparation for their times as club presidents.

Networking with other presidents-elect and president-nominee leaders has been proven to be very helpful and inspirational for future club presidents. In addition to our presidents-elect, we encourage president-nominees to attend the NC PETS training to assist with their leadership development.

Multi-district president-elect training events have the distinct advantage of being able to attract speakers who are or have been senior Rotary International leaders, as well as inspirational speakers. The 2018 NCPETS is no exception. Speakers include past

Rotary International president Rick King of California; and past Rotary International vice president Anne Matthews of South Carolina, who is the first woman to hold that position. Wooj Byun, a former Rotary ambassadorial scholar from Korea, now of Minnesota, will inspire as well as inform attendees.

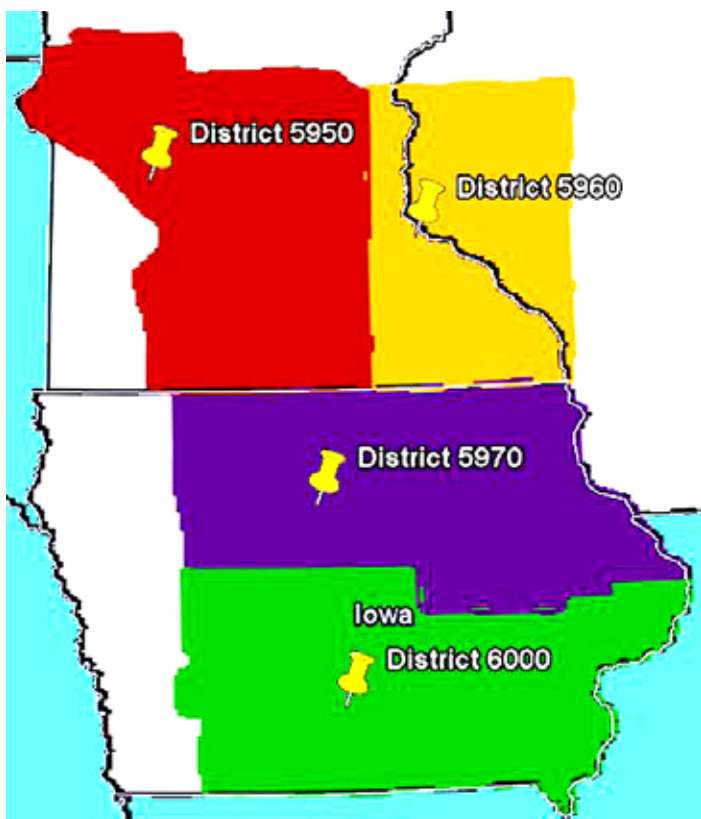
During the District 6000 training time on the agenda, we will cover many important topics. You will be seated with your assistant governor and will network with leaders from clubs in your geographic area.

In advance of finalizing our district training agenda for NC PETS, you will be able to share your ideas and thoughts in a survey designed to help us meet your District training needs. We will have an important NC PETS orientation webinar on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 7:00 p.m. More information will be shared with you later.

If you have any questions, please contact me at tom.carol@msn.com



Tom Narak
Governor-Elect



Incoming club presidents from these four districts will participate in PETS training March 8-10, 2018, in Rochester..

NCPETS 2018 Tentative Agenda: Thursday, March 8:

Jumpstart your training experience by attending any or all of these optional BONUS SESSIONS!

4:00-5:30 pm My Rotary

4:00-5:30 pm Fundraising Roundtable

4:00-5:30 pm Recruitment Roundtable

NCPETS Kickoff

5:30 pm - Welcome to Rochester Reception

7:00 pm - Dine around Rochester at Restaurants with local Rotarian hosts

(Details and restaurant list at reception)

Friday, March 9:

7:15 am - General Session Opening Breakfast

8:30 am - District PE Training Session

Noon - General Session Luncheon

2:15 pm - Multi-District Breakout Sessions

5:15 pm - Reception

6:30 pm - General Session Dinner

Saturday, March 10:

7:00 am - General Session Breakfast

8:45 am - Multi-District Breakout Sessions

11:15 am - District Wrap-Up Session

12:15 pm - Conference Concludes

The deadline for Early bird registration at \$225 is January 26, 2018. After that it will cost \$250 to register. You can register and arrange your lodging at the NC PETS website at <https://www.ncpets.org>.

Steve Dakin nominated for District Governor

The District 6000 Nominating Committee interviewed candidates for district governor and nominated Steve Dakin of the Rotary Club of Boone for district governor in Rotary year 2020-21.

Steve joined the Boone Rotary Club in 1975. He has served as treasurer, secretary, board member and club president. In 2012, Steve was honored by District 6000 with the Guardian of Integrity Award.

Steve graduated from Westmar College in LeMars in 1971. As a dealer of Sukup Manufacturing products, Steve's corporation provided equipment, bins and steel buildings for his customers in the central Iowa area. His business, Dakin Ag-Equipment, has received recognition on several occasions, including Top Dealer and Top Project. After 40 years, he welcomes retirement and is ready to spend more time on Rotarian opportunities.

Lesley and Steve married in August in 2005. They share three children: Andrew (Ames), Anthony (Des Moines), and Ariel (Ankeny). Lesley graduated from the University of Iowa in 1974, and has taught special needs students in several locations. She earned her master's degree in education from Iowa State University. In 2010 she retired from Des Moines Public Schools. She is a member of the Boone Evening Rotary Club.

Working with the Iowa FFA Foundation, Steve was instrumental in designing and raising funds to construct the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC campus in Ankeny. He has also participated in community activities through the Boone County Fair Board and his church.

Throughout his years in Rotary Steve has been a member of the PolioPlus Committee, Friendship Exchange Committee, and chaired the Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Service Fund for District 6000. He has hosted Friendship Exchanges from Sweden, New Zealand, South Africa and several GSE teams. Steve and Lesley traveled to New Zealand/Australia with the Friendship Exchange program in 2014 where they also attended the International Convention in Sydney.

He is a Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society, a Level 2 member of the Bequest Society, and a Level 3 Major Donor of The Rotary Foundation.

Rollin' with Rotary was seeking a driver for the April/May 2017 campaign and Steve volunteered. He became energized by the enthu-



Steve and Lesley Dakin

siasm and dedication of those young Rotarians as their RV traveled to 17 club events from Iowa through New York, including Canada.

Steve believes that as a Rotarian we can improve our communities and at the same time transform the world. As governor, Steve plans to share his pride in being a Rotarian. He will work tirelessly to encourage and engage all District 6000 Rotarians to invest their time, energy and talents in both individual and collaborative efforts to improve communities everywhere.

The succession of future governors in District 6000: Tom Narak (West Des Moines, 2018-19), Erna Morain (Waukee, 2019-20), and Steve Dakin (Boone, 2020-21).

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, 2018. The nominations will be submitted to the District 6000 Vocational Service Committee and nominees will be recognized at the Toast of Rotary District Conferences, April 12-14.

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.

Now's the time to reserve slots for RYLA

By Mark McAndrews/Northwest Des Moines

District 6000 RYLA Coordinator

Planning is well underway for another successful Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in 2018. RYLA will be held July 15-20 on the campus of Grinnell College.

The first major step, selecting the head counselors who will lead the conference, has been completed. The head counselors will be Allie Stutting and Bernardo Duarte. Allie was sponsored to RYLA by the Rotary Club of North Scott and Bernardo was sponsored to RYLA by the Rotary Club of Johnston. Both are students at the University of Iowa and will plan and execute a conference that develops future leaders for our communities, our schools, our state and our world.

Several key dates are coming up in the RYLA process. By Jan. 15, RYLA representatives will need to have submitted their request for slots for students to attend RYLA. By Jan. 31, club RYLA representatives will be notified of the number of spots they have received for RYLA. Please be ready to make your requests by Jan. 15.

Student applications will become available on-line beginning Feb. 1 and will close on April 30. Selection of sponsored students will need to be finalized by May 15th.

It is time to start recruiting students. One of the best resources you have are students who have attended RYLA in the past. They are already connected to your target audience and know who would be great candidates for RYLA. Interact Club members are also prime candidates for attending RYLA—they already have some familiarity with Rotary and by joining Interact have demonstrated interest in serving their community. School counselors and any contact you have in the schools can help to identify the best candidates.

Rotarians serve a key role at RYLA by adding perspective that can only be gained by experience. We need Rotarian volunteers to give the conferees the best possible experience. This is an opportunity to spend a week with some bright, passionate, inspiring young leaders. I would be happy to discuss this possibility with either individual Rotarians or make presentations to your club. Contact Mark McAndrews at (515) 371-0863 or markmcandrews@msn.com.



RYLA 2018 head counselors Bernardo Duarte of Johnston and Allie Stutting of North Scott. Provided by Mark McAndrews

RYLA alum starts Interact club

The Rotary Club of West Des Moines has recently sponsored a new Interact club. RYLA student Zoe-Ella Anderson is putting her leadership skills to work. In October, Zoe-Ella created an Interact Club at West Des Moines Valley High School. Her first meeting was held on Oct. 17.

Twenty-eight students signed up to become new members. Zoe-Ella was elected president of the club and Sydney Pearl was elected president-elect. Zoe-Ella is a Senior and Sydney is a Junior. Brenda Engstrand is the faculty advisor for the group.

The club had its meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14, where they voted on six service projects that they will participate in. Some of those include: Meals From the Heartland, Adopt a Family and World Bicycle Relief. In addition, Zoe-Ella and one other Interact member have signed up for the District 6000 project team to Xicotepec, Mexico this spring.

West Des Moines Rotary is very proud of the work Zoe-Ella has accomplished and are proud to be the Sponsor for WDM Valley Interact Club. — by Willis "Bill" Fry, submitted by Linda Hulleman



Safe travels to Croatia ...

The Rotary Club Burlington held a picnic in July for Youth Exchange student Ivana Boromisa before her return home to Croatia, (l-r): Christian Faylar, Susan Faylar, daughter of Faylar's, Ivana Boromisa, Amanda Cosgrove and Ryan Cosgrove. A big thank you to our host families, Ryan and Amanda Cosgrove and Christian and Susan Faylar. Ivana, we hope you enjoyed your experience as much as we enjoyed getting to know you! Safe travels. You will be missed!

Provided by Leah Galvin



Youth Exchange kicks off a new year

Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students and their host families kicked off the year with orientation on Sunday, Sept. 10 at Newton. The students, pictured with District Governor Mike Ruby and JoAnne, are, back: Lena Bergougnan (France, Decatur County), Marie Hanoire (France, Ankeny), Paula Mompio Martinez (Spain, Iowa City AM), Laureane Noremberg lung (Brazil, Ottumwa), DG Mike Ruby, Jo Anne Ruby, Elisa Brownrigg (Brazil, West Liberty), Daniela Lozano Lagos (Chile, Keokuk), Giulia Carlotti (Italy, Grinnell), Andrea Rodriguez Negrete (Mexico, Ankeny), and Josefine Teuber (Germany, Wau-kee). Front: Alessandro Lomaestro (Italy, Bettendorf), Leonardo Seiji Shiokawa Da Silva (Brazil, Wellman), Nayem Fayad Rodriguez (Spain, Waukeee), Matej Vukic (Croatia, Boone), and Daniel Teixeira de Campos e Barreiro (Brazil, Marshalltown), and Claudio Sanchez Zertuche (Mexico, Ankeny).

Photo by John Schultz



PDG Chris Knapp, Amanda McFadden, Peggy Geiger and Rotary Youth Exchange Chair Doug Peterson and others at the fall kickoff. (photo at right): Claudio Sanchez, Andrea Rodriguez and Marie Hanoire, the three inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students to Ankeny, were the guests of Nate and Annette Burnham, Jacquelyn and Jason Duke, and the Rotary Club of Ankeny at the Iowa State v. Oklahoma State football game in Ames on Nov. 11. It was a cool morning for tailgating but with plenty of hot chocolate, extra sweatshirts and blankets, everyone enjoyed everything but the final score as the Cowboys edged the Cyclones, 49-42.

Provided by Jody Savage



'Zero is the magic number'

By AG Alka Khanolkar/Keokuk

Have you ever felt a little nervous when you are taking a flight to a country which you've never visited before –and it's not going to be a direct flight, either? This is an experience I have had several times. When this happens, I take great comfort and am confident everything is going to be just fine.

When I see among my fellow passengers one who is clearly, recognizably another Rotarian. Before many moments have passed, we are all deep in conversation as if we have known each other for several years! These are the times when I am most grateful for the Rotary pin, the Rotary shirt, the Rotary bag, or just about anything "Rotary" that lets us know we are both Rotarians.

Most recently, this was my experience when I started out on my very meaningful and memorable trip to West Africa, specifically to Accra, the capital of Ghana.

There were 24 American fellow Rotarians traveling with me. Our mission was to visit the 2017 West Africa Project Fair, and also to participate in the Sub-National Immunization Day in several communities around Accra.

Soon after our arrival we were introduced to the wonderful culture of West Africa and the delicacies of the West African cuisine. It was wonderful to receive the most warm welcome from the U.S. Embassy and or fellow Rotarians in Accra.

On the morning that we were to begin the polio immunizations, we were all ready and eager to board the bus. And then we looked out of the entrance to our hotel and saw rain pouring down in torrents, more than I had ever seen in Iowa.

Just for a moment we experienced a sense of uncertainty and

disappointment. Our team leader, Brad Howard, with infectious enthusiasm, said that polio immunizations were a go, and everything would continue as planned.

With broad grins we boarded the bus and traveled through flooded streets to the Health Care Center singing, believe it or not, "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" – all the way!

As if magically the rain had stopped, we entered the clinic. Then it was all hustle and bustle as the healthcare workers, local Rotarians, the chiefs, team leaders and volunteers got busy with their assigned tasks. Most of all, there were more than 100 women and their children dressed beautifully in their traditional dresses with vibrant colors. The women had all come to have their polio immunizations, as well as their physical examinations.

The mothers and children were all so happy to be at the clinic. They knew, perhaps, that we were all there to help them improve and save lives, coming together as a team, and we all could make a difference. We were divided into teams and placed at different stations. Everyone was busy, but at the same time cheerful and patient. We each took turns to put out the polio drops.

No words can fully explain the feelings one goes through participating in an effort like this. "Good-Bye Polio; Thank You, Rotary!"

We have come a long way from 350,000 cases a year in 1987 to 15 thus far this year to wiping out polio from the planet.

Zero is the magic number. Let the Rotary magic continue.



Keokuk Rotarian, Assistant Governor Alka Khanolkar, delivers the polio "drops of life" in Accra, Ghana. Members of the immunization team from North America are pictured below with their African hosts and health workers.



Riders from six clubs raised \$8,140 for polio

District 6000 PolioPlus chair PDG Susan Herrick reports that 40 Rotarians from six clubs raised \$8,140 for PolioPlus by participating in the Ride to End Polio. Congratulations and thanks to:

Boone: \$3,365 raised by Steve Dakin, Susan Herrick, Vicki Greco, Lisa Mount, Jane Hitsman, Robert Herrick, Jeffrey Anderson, Amy Pollard and Troy Thompson.

West Des Moines: \$50 raised by DGE Tom Narak.

Decatur County: \$20 raised by Mary Ellen Stanley.

Johnston: \$500 raised by Bob Wiley, Corey Lunn, Mike

Schoville, Gene Nelson, Shawn Minor and Al Meyer.

Fort Madison: \$2,555 raised by Larry Smith, Lori Ilner, Tim Gobble, Matt LaFrenz, Dave Poland, Rachel Benda and Jan Garza.

Iowa City AM: \$1,650 raised by Brian Adamec, Wilson Bryan Clemons, Deborah Cobb, Peggy Doerge, Richard Huber. Frank Juvan, Chris Knapp, Vernetta Knapp, Elizabeth Loeb, Michael O'Leary, Nancy Pacha, Mark Patton, Dave Parsons, Phillip Peterson, Gregory Probst, Ann Romanowski and Hazel Seaba.

Steve Dakin of Boone topped all with \$1,680 raised!



The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM had two riders participate in The Ride to End Polio. At left is Brian "Wheels" Adamec who rode 18 miles and Dick "All Weather" Huber who rode 24 miles. The total pledges were \$1,650, and with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation match raised \$4,950 for global polio eradication.



Rotarians Ride to End Polio



Fort Madison riders ...

On Nov. 14, Ft Madison Rotarians and friends of Rotary participated in a "Ride to End Polio" event in conjunction with El Tour de Tucson to raise funds in support of Rotary International's quest to eradicate polio in the world. Pictured are Rachel Benda, David Poland, Larry Smith, Matt LaFrenz and Tim Gobble. Participating but not pictured were Jan Garza and Lori Illner.

submitted by Janelle Case

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott
Editor, District 6000 News

As Rotarians continue to raise fund for PolioPlus, the Polio Eradication Update from RI for the week ending Dec. 2 tells us that 16 cases of polio have been confirmed year to date during 2017. That is down from 37 in all of 2016, 74 in 2015 and 359 in 2014.

The trend line is moving in a positive direction, but polio won't be eradicated anywhere until it is eradicated everywhere. One new case was identified this week in Afghanistan where 11 of this year's 16 cases were confirmed. The other five were in Pakistan.

Pakistan: Five cases reported in 2017. The most recent from the Lakki Marwat district, Khyber Pakhtoon province with an onset of paralysis on 8/21/17. Twenty polio cases were reported in 2016. No new Environmental Samples reported this week, Leaving the total number WPV1 of positive samples in 2017 to 100. The next round of sub-national immunization days are planned for the second half of December 2017.

Afghanistan: Eleven cases reported in 2017, the most recent from the Muhmand-Dara district, Nangahar province, with the onset of paralysis on 11/05/17. Sub-National immunization days are scheduled for mid-December. Thirteen Polio cases were reported in 2016. No new polio-positive environmental samples were collected this week in Afghanistan.

Sixteen million children have been saved from paralysis of polio since 1988, thanks to Rotary! But our goal is global eradication! Soon, the next case will be the last case. Your gifts will be matched \$2 to your \$1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. It's not over until it's over. Give generously!



RAG4CLUBFOOT

'Iowa's Gift to the World' goes global

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson
RAG4Clubfoot

Although the Rotarian Action Group, RAG4Clubfoot, has its roots in Iowa Districts 6000 and 5970, it is reaching out to districts around the world as partners in spreading the message and technique of the Ponseti Method of treatment of clubfoot, garnering funds and training physicians globally. There are many ways to support this initiative to alleviate clubfoot while opening doors of opportunity for those affected by it.

Iowa's Gift to the World

The "Iowa's Gift to the World" campaign matches all gifts from clubs and Rotarians from IOWA. There are four districts which cover portions of Iowa: 5970, 6000, 5610 and 5650.

The Ponseti Method is a gentle, non-surgical casting method to correct clubfoot. It was created at the University of Iowa by the late Dr. Ignacio Ponseti. Dr. Ponseti's method lives on through the activities of the Ponseti International Association and the Rotarian Action Group: RAG4Clubfoot.

The RAG4Clubfoot campaign, "Iowa's Gift to the World," furthers the work of Iowa's Dr. Ponseti in treating children of the world. Iowa Rotarians and Rotary clubs have a unique opportunity to raise funds to facilitate training in the Ponseti Method in underserved regions of the world.

Campaign Goal: To raise \$125,000 by July 2018. A generous Iowa Rotarian will match your contribution dollar to dollar for the first \$125,000 raised. Through June 2017, nearly \$34,000 had been donated (not including the match).

Donations can be made by credit card on the website or by check payable to: Iowa's Gift to the World. Mail check to:

Phil Peterson, RAG4Clubfoot Treasurer
330 Butternut Lane
Iowa City, IA 52246

Contact info@rag4clubfoot.org with any questions.



Front, (l-r): PDG 5970 Greg Hapgood, D6000 DGN Erna Morain, Rotary Foundation Trustee Mary Beth Growney-Selene, D5970 DGN Michelle Bell, D5970 PDG Jill Olsen, D6000 PDG Jacque Andrew, Rebecca Schultz (D5970). Back: Christine Linda, president of the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids; D6000 PDG Herb Wilson (hidden); D5960 PDG Tim Murphy; D5970 PDG Ken Kolek; D5970 Bill Jacobson; D5970 DGE Neil Fell; D6000 PDG Chris Knapp; John Schultz (D5970); and D6000 PDG John Ockenfels.

Rotary Foundation trustee meets with RAG4Clubfoot

Mary Beth Growney-Selene, trustee of The Rotary Foundation and past RI director from Madison, Wis., met with the RAG4Clubfoot board on Monday, Nov. 6 at the University of Iowa.

Earlier in the afternoon, she visited the Ponseti Clinic at the U of I Children's Hospital as Dr. Jose Morcuende applied new casts to an infant who was receiving Ponseti Method treatment.

As a board member of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG), she shared procedures and policies used by that group that might be helpful for the RAG4Clubfoot. At noon she presented the program on The Rotary Foundation to the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids.

Attending from District 6000 were

PDGs Herb Wilson, John Ockenfels, Chris Knapp and Jacque Andrew, DGN Erna Morain, Brock Earnhardt, Patty Roberts and Theresa Schaefer.

Members of the RAG4Clubfoot board include:

From District 6000: John Ockenfels (co-chair); Herbert Wilson; Jacque Andrew; Brock Earnhardt; Jose Morcuende; John Buchanan; Pam Ehly; Patty Roberts; Phil Peterson; Theresa Schaefer; Chris Knapp; Thomas Cook; Tomeka Petersen; and Usha Balakrishnan

From District 5970 (northern Iowa): Jill Olsen (co-chair); Jim Coloff; Chris Lindell; Dennis Jordon; and Mark Hamer. Chris Knapp, Mark Hamer and Dennis Jordan are recent additions to the board.

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Vocational Training Teams promote Ponseti

Global Ponseti Method training

Brazil: In-country trainers travelled to Passo Fundo to facilitate a Ponseti Method (PM) training-mentorship with 10 orthopaedic surgeons. To date, 29 orthopaedic surgeons in Brazil have completed PM training. Trainings have been held in Sao Paulo (August 2016), Salvador (March 2017) and Passo Fundo (May 2017).

By December 2017, additional training programs will be held in Brasilia and Belo Horizonte. Approximate cost of the project is \$194,000.

Brazilian Rotarians have embraced the project and are giving their full support.

Iowa City Rotarians Tom Cook and José Morcuende and West Liberty Rotarians Tomeka Petersen and Anna Hanson travelled to São Paulo to conduct "leadership training" (train-the-trainers) sessions for Brazilian orthopedic surgeons.

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Bolivia: PM training conducted in La Paz and Santa Cruz for local physicians to be trained. The project is fully funded through Districts 6000 and 4690 District Designated Funds, D6000 HEF, the Rotary Clubs of Marco Island, Florida, and La Paz, Iowa's Gift to the World funds and the world fund of The Rotary Foundation. Approximate cost of the project is \$80,000.

University of Iowa orthopedic surgeon and Iowa City Rotarian José Morcuende

The RAG4Clubfoot Campaign: "IOWA'S GIFT TO THE WORLD"

To Advance The Ponseti Method of Clubfoot Treatment



RAG4Clubfoot



travelled to La Paz to conduct leadership training for Bolivian orthopedic surgeon

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Mexico: A Ponseti Method training grant for Mexico was approved in November 2017 and is on the ground in Mexico at press time.

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Colombia and South Africa: Vocational Training Team Global Grant applications are being developed for submission. Preliminary budget for Colombia is \$73,000 and South Africa \$117,000.

RAG4Clubfoot: Common questions, answers

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson RAG4Clubfoot

We frequently hear common questions when Rotarians meet with us. Following is more information to help you understand the RAG4Clubfoot.

1. How can Rotarians support the RAG4Clubfoot?

- Join us! Become a members of the R4C. For details visit: www.rag4clubfoot.org.

- Invite RAG4Clubfoot to provide a program during your club meeting. Several members of the RAG4Clubfoot board are doing programs for clubs. Email: info@rag4clubfoot.org to request a program or for more details on any of these answers.

- Contribute to the Iowa's Gift to the World campaign or hold a fundraiser for the campaign. Donations support Ponseti Method global grant activities. This is a unique opportunity for Iowa Rotarians, as a generous Iowa Rotarian will match dollar to

dollar for the first \$125,000 raised through June 30, 2018.

- The RAG4Clubfoot is creating work committees to accomplish specific activities like outreach, fundraising, marketing, etc. We are looking for Rotarians that want to get involved. More details about these committees will be forthcoming.

2. Why was this Rotarian Action Group formed?

- The global challenge is that too many children born with clubfoot do not have access to the Ponseti Method treatment, considered to be the "gold standard" of treating clubfoot for its efficacy, low cost and transportability.

- The RAG4Clubfoot works primarily as a clearinghouse to facilitate links among Rotarians and our partner, Ponseti International Association to organize and plan Ponseti Method training grants.

- The RAG4Clubfoot has been the visions of District 6000 PDG Herb Wilson for many years. Because of Rotary's success with polio eradication and Rotarian involvement in community service projects improving health worldwide in large cities to rural community, Herb felt that clubfoot/Ponseti Method activities would be a good fit for Rotarians. We consider Iowa the "headquarters" for RAG4Clubfoot because the Ponseti Method was developed by Dr. Ponseti who studied and perfected the method while at the University of Iowa.

3. What do RAG4Clubfoot membership fees support?

- The RAG4Clubfoot membership fees assist with operational and administrative support such as website hosting, printing of materials, fees for booths at Rotary events and administrative support necessary in processing grants.

'Teach a Child to Fish'

Rotary Foundation Global Grant in South Africa focuses on training, sustainability

By Jim Blessman/Waukee

Founder, Blessman Ministries

Pietersburg 100 Club in District 9400 in South Africa is hosting a global grant in partnership with the Rotary Club of Waukee in District 6000 to improve the lives of impoverished rural African children.

The basic idea of this global grant is to develop high quality school gardens in 10 rural impoverished schools in Limpopo, South Africa. These gardens will benefit the children, the schools and the community by providing fresh vegetables and poultry to supplement the government school feeding programs. Even with the current school feeding programs, many children continue to suffer with malnutrition. A longer-term benefit of this grant is that many of these children will develop a love of farming and learn to provide for themselves and families by establishing their own home gardens.

The Pietersburg 100 Club is partnering with a NGO Blessman International in Mokopane, South Africa, to manage this training program. These trainings will be done on a 130-acre training and research farm near Mokopane. There will also be a pilot school garden at Sterkrivier School near this training and research farm.

The pilot project is already operating while we are awaiting final acceptance from RI for the grant. The Iowa State University department of agriculture will also be a consultant for these trains.

There will be two separate three-day trainings done at the training and research farm at the Ridgway conference center and youth hostel. For each of these trainings, five individual representatives from each of the 10 schools will be hosted at the training and research facility. They will be trained in agronomy, primarily vegetable farming, small animal farming, poultry egg production and best financial and business practices.

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Two school girls from Sterkrivier Secondary School in Blessman International's pilot garden for Teach a Child to Fish.



Rotarians Steve Sandahl and Devon Murphey-Peterson with President of Rotary Club of Polokwane, District 9400.



Students of Sterkrivier Secondary School pull weeds and tend to the first Teach a Child to Fish garden, supported by Rotary worldwide.

South African grant

SOUTH AFRICA/continued

Sustainability will be an important part of the future success of this project.

Following the initial training, each school will be visited quarterly by representatives of the host Rotary club to do additional training and motivation.

It is also anticipated that many American Rotarians will be visiting this project to see how their invested funds are being used. These visits from foreign Rotarians will be a great motivation to each of the schools that they are able to visit. These intensive trainings and follow up will occur over the first two years of the grant.

After the grant closes at two years, there will continue to be follow up training and motivational semi-annual visits to the schools that are choosing to continue in the program beyond the initial grant. These follow up sessions for years No. 3 through 5 are being funded by the Ankeny and Waukee Rotary clubs in District 6000.

Multiple Rotary clubs in three districts are participating with this great project. In addition to the host club Pietersburg 100, the Polokwane Club and Mokopane clubs in district 9400 in Africa are helping with this project. In America, the host club is the Rotary Club of Waukee. In addition, five other clubs in districts 6000 and 5970 – Pella, Perry and Webster City have already pledged their support – in addition to Waukee and Ankeny.

Our corporate sponsor for the program is Land O' Lakes in South Africa. The budget for this grant is \$170,000 USD. One of the great things about Rotary is that together we can do big projects and benefit our communities around the world. If there are any additional clubs in District 6000 or 9750 who would like to join in this effort you are encouraged to email, Doc@BlessmanInternational.org. Or call Blessman International office in Urbandale at (515) 343-5920. We welcome and need your additional support.



Rene' Blessman teaching students of Blinkwater Primary School how to garden using a doorframe method. Rotary helped provide a well and toilets to this school in previous years.

Our Rotary Foundation dollars support projects in our local communities, too

Our contributions to The Rotary Foundation support projects closer to home, too. These Rotary Foundation Community Service Grants totaling \$102,915 were approved by the committee for 2017-18:

Adel: Oakdale Veteran's Plaza, \$1,976.

Ames Morning: Enhancing the Early Learning of Disadvantaged Children 0-5, \$5,000.

Atlantic: Schildberg Recreation Area Shelter, \$3,000.

Bettendorf: City of Bettendorf Plaza, Public Art, \$3,750.

Burlington: Maternal and Child Wellness, \$2,000.

Corridor North Corridor: CNC Rotary Bike Racks, \$870.

Davenport: Madison Elementary Auditorium Chair Refurbishment, \$5,000.

Decatur County: Gazebo at Little River Recreation Area, \$2,808.

Des Moines AM: Men on the Move, \$3,750.

Fort Madison: Rotary Central Park Sound System, \$1,483.

Iowa City AM: Childcare Playground Installation, \$4,133.

Iowa City Downtown: Rotary Pet Kennel Project, \$3,860.

Jefferson: Rotary Room, \$3,750.

Kalona: Kalona Historical Society Street Scape, \$2,042.

Keosauqua: Ferguson Sports Complex Bleachers, \$3,000.

Knoxville: Habitat for Humanity of Marion County, Inc., \$5,000.

Marengo: Benches for the library's Community Butterfly Garden, \$367.

Mount Pleasant: After-School Program, \$731.

Nevada: Backpack Buddies for Middle School and High School, \$5,000.

North Scott: Multi-Generational Playground Support Equipment, \$4,650.

Northwest Des Moines: Operation Warm, \$4,112.

Oskaloosa: Iowa Reading Corps, \$3,656.

Ottumwa: Canteen Alley Rotary Garden, \$3,750.

Pella: Rotary Park Restroom Repair, \$914.

Tipton #1: Cedar Manor Medical Rehab Treadmill, \$1,907.

Tipton #2: Computer Equipment for Big Brothers Big Sisters program, \$742.

Wellman: Wellman North Park Sidewalk, \$1,500.

West Des Moines: Purchasing Literary Materials for Preschool Students, \$1,872.

West Liberty: Solar Lighting for Walking and Biking Trail, \$3,450.

Goals matter: Has your club set them?

By PDG Terry Geiger/Decatur County

District Rotary Foundation Chair

Why Do We Set GOALS?

As many of you own your own businesses or work for a business, whether it is banking, retail or any other type of business, you probably set goals. You set goals for sales or maybe goals for profitability, but whatever it might be, it is something that you have to shoot for to improve your business.

You follow that goal as you go through the year to see how you are doing and then you may adjust your actions accordingly. To reach your profitability goals or sales goals, what do you need to do to hit those goals?

I would like to make one other analogy for goals. Do you have a personal budget or have you set personal goals? I think for all of us it is important to set personal goals.

When your president elect comes to PETS (President Elect Training) in March, we talk about your Rotary goals. We ask that you have an online MyRotary account so you can enter your club's goals for the coming Rotary year.

There are many goals to be entered but the key goals for you to

look at are:

- Membership and The Rotary Foundation – both for the Annual Fund and Polio.

These are keys to having a successful year, and we think you should follow those goals through the year just like goals you set for yourself and your business. Follow how you are moving toward reaching those goals and then decide if you need to make any changes during the year.

Ask yourself, “If my membership is down, maybe I need to look at that area, be it retention or recruitment,” or “If my Foundation goals are lagging, maybe we need to do something to encourage more giving.”

Whatever it may be, the goals we set for ourselves are important and give us something to aim for. So let all your club members know, as your team is all of your club members, the goals that you have entered.

As a reminder, I am always available to come to your club to talk about the Foundation. I like to talk about your club's Foundation giving to help you attain the goals you have set. Please contact me at tlgeiger@grm.net if you would to have a Foundation program.



Wayne Steen speaks at West Des Moines.

Photo by Jacque Andrew



Participants are engaged at the West Liberty Summit.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

Rotary

One Rotary Summits attended by 179

One Rotary Summits were attended by 179 Rotarians in October. This was more than the previous year because of the addition of a third location, Mt. Pleasant, in addition to West Liberty and West Des Moines.

Discussions were facilitated by DG Mike Ruby and the chairs of Rotary Foundation (PDG Terry Geiger), Membership (Wayne Steen) and Public Image (Peggy Geiger). Governor Ruby said the new format seemed well received, including by first-time attenders like Chris Catney of Iowa City who came because she read about it in *District 6000 News*.

Global Grants: 27 projects, 17 countries, four continents, \$2.8 million; 207,350 lives

By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport

District Global Grants Chair

District 6000 clubs have a remarkable 16 approved global grant projects in progress: three applications for global grant projects pending approval of The Rotary Foundation, and eight applications for global grant projects in draft for submission in 2018.

These 27 projects are being carried out in 17 different countries

on four continents. They will save and improve the lives of more than 207,350 people with project budgets totaling \$2,818,300.

Imagine that! District 6000 Rotarians saving and improving lives for about \$13.59 per person.

The Rotary Foundation really does enable ordinary people as us to be involved in extraordinary humanitarian accomplishments.

Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

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| (1) (Members: Jul 15/16/17) | (2) 17-18 APF Goal | (3) % of Goal | (4) Per capita | (5) Thru 12-3-17 | (6) PolioPlus | (7) Other (*) | (8) TOTAL |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Adel (37/37/34) | \$ 2,200 | 82 | \$ 52.79 | \$ 1,795 | \$ 100 | \$ 0 | \$ 1,895 |
| Albia (22/28/28) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 |
| Ames (224/226/217) | 29,000 | 40 | 53.03 | 11,508 | 9,792 | 0 | 21,300 |
| Ames Morning (55/55/59) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,115 | 0 | 4,115 |
| Ankeny (61/77/85) | 7,500 | 84 | 73.88 | 6,280 | 670 | 0 | 6,950 |
| Atlantic (58/58/58) | 5,500 | 9 | 8.71 | 505 | 0 | 0 | 505 |
| Bettendorf (103/101/102) | 11,000 | 61 | 65.44 | 6,675 | 2,000 | 0 | 8,675 |
| Bloomfield (10/10/10) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Boone (42/34/41) | 3,500 | 29 | 24.88 | 1,020 | 50 | 0 | 1,070 |
| Burlington (80/79/80) | 3,000 | 75 | 28.13 | 2,250 | 0 | 3,000 | 5,250 |
| Carroll (46/44/43) | 4,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Centerville (50/46/45) | 0 | 0 | 2.22 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| Chariton (41/41/34) | 3,400 | 74 | 73.53 | 2,500 | 0 | 0 | 2,500 |
| Clinton (98/97/94) | 10,000 | 33 | 34.84 | 3,275 | 0 | 0 | 3,275 |
| Coon Rapids (27/31/34) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Coralville-North Corridor (20/21/22) | 2,100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 100 |
| Corning (34/33/32) | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Corydon (18/15/15) | 1,200 | 8 | 6.67 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| Creston (23/19/17) | 100 | 50 | 2.94 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| Dallas Center (27/29/26) | 2,700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Davenport (112/113/110) | 13,000 | 42 | 50.11 | 5,512 | 50 | 125 | 5,686 |
| Decatur County (30/32/31) | 5,000 | 10 | 16.13 | 500 | 350 | 0 | 850 |
| Des Moines (276/270/269) | 21,000 | 47 | 36.76 | 9,890 | 2,000 | 0 | 11,890 |
| Des Moines AM (170/170/179) | 13,000 | 18 | 13.27 | 2,375 | 0 | 0 | 2,375 |
| East Polk County (34/31/29) | 2,500 | 41 | 35.34 | 1,025 | 538 | 0 | 1,563 |
| Fairfield (74/60/57) | 5,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fort Madison (49/53/55) | 6,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Greater Des Moines (12/12/11) | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grinnell (38/40/35) | 5,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indianola (54/53/54) | 6,500 | 44 | 52.52 | 2,836 | 0 | 0 | 2,836 |
| Iowa City (312/329/333) | 45,000 | 25 | 33.83 | 11,265 | 175 | 0 | 11,440 |
| Iowa City AM (66/69/74) | 15,900 | 2 | 4.73 | 350 | 7,963 | 0 | 8,313 |
| Iowa City Downtown (23/21/23) | 4,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Iowa Quad-Cities (41/42/38) | 5,000 | 6 | 7.89 | 300 | 0 | 0 | 300 |
| Jefferson (59/59/56) | 6,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Johnston (60/49/52) | 5,400 | 50 | 52.12 | 2,710 | 160 | 0 | 2,870 |
| Kalona (42/41/43) | 3,000 | 8 | 5.81 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 250 |
| Keokuk (66/71/57) | 3,500 | 24 | 14.91 | 850 | 75 | 0 | 925 |
| Keosauqua (24/22/23) | 1,200 | 50 | 25.96 | 597 | 270 | 0 | 867 |
| Knoxville (61/58/48) | 4,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,405 | 0 | 2,405 |
| Lenox (29/28/27) | 2,000 | 53 | 39.54 | 1,068 | 0 | 0 | 1,068 |
| Manning (19/25/21) | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Marengo (11/10/10) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Marshalltown (150/147/145) | 10,000 | 39 | 26.98 | 3,912 | 1,393 | 0 | 5,305 |
| Mount Pleasant Noon (52/55/47) | 5,000 | 23 | 24.05 | 1,131 | 0 | 0 | 1,131 |
| Mount Pleasant (20/20/18) | 800 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,300 | 0 | 2,300 |
| Muscatine (79/77/69) | 13,000 | 43 | 80.93 | 5,584 | 16 | 0 | 5,600 |
| Nevada (71/69/61) | 12,500 | 17 | 34.43 | 2,100 | 0 | 0 | 2,100 |
| Newton (60/55/49) | 0 | 0 | 6.12 | 300 | 500 | 1,024 | 1,824 |
| North Scott (85/86/89) | 12,500 | 57 | 79.78 | 7,100 | 550 | 22,500 | 30,150 |
| Northwest Des Moines (34/40/36) | 8,000 | 38 | 84.52 | 3,075 | 0 | 0 | 3,075 |
| Norwalk (0/0/20) | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Osceola (28/29/25) | 800 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oskaloosa (56/55/57) | 0 | 0 | 0.88 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ottumwa (97/98/92) | 0 | 0 | 10.87 | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Pella (29/30/29) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 716 | 0 | 716 |
| Perry (26/26/26) | 0 | 15.77 | 0 | 410 | 204 | 0 | 614 |
| Tipton (30/26/27) | 2,500 | 2 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| Washington (49/48/43) | 4,900 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Waukee (58/64/69) | 8,000 | 26 | 30.07 | 2,075 | 725 | 25 | 2,825 |
| Wellman (36/34/30) | 3,100 | 25 | 25.50 | 765 | 0 | 0 | 765 |
| West Des Moines (62/63/52) | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| West Liberty (43/44/46) | 18,000 | 58 | 227 | 10,433 | 1,500 | 0 | 11,933 |
| West Polk County (31/18/19) | 3,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Winterset (25/30/33) | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 350 | 0 | 350 |
| District Contributions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 115 | 0 | 115 |
| Total (3,854/3,853/3,793) | \$ 374,400 | 30.33 | \$ 20.94 | \$ 113,569 | \$ 38,733 | | \$ 181,977 |

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

Planning team prepares the way for spring projects in Xicotepec, Mexico

16th annual trip will occur over Spring Break in March

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM
Xicotepec Project Chair

A 10-person team completed a one-week planning trip to Xicotepec, Mexico, in October during the application period for the March 2018 project team. The application period closed on Nov. 12 with over 50 applications from service-learning students and faculty from the University of Iowa, D6000 Interactors, Rotarians and their family members. The project team will be in Mexico from March 10-18 to work on a variety of Rotary projects in Xicotepec, a small city in the Northern Sierra of Puebla state in Mexico.

Each fall since 2002, shortly after the first encounter between D6000 and Xicotepec Rotarians, a team from our district has gone to Mexico to work with the Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and other community members of Xicotepec to plan the activities for the following year's spring break trip. Typically this involves reviewing requests for support from various schools and community groups such as the Red Cross or local libraries, visiting the potential project sites to gather information, and making preliminary decisions about projects for March.

During the week of Oct. 22, a planning



Rotarians and school staff at the Tirso Garcia primary school, celebrating Rotary's contribution toward construction of a new classroom

team of ten persons from D6000 was at work in Xicotepec:

- Bill Doucette, University of Iowa (College of Pharmacy);
- Alka Khanolkar, Rotarian (Keokuk);
- Bob Main, Rotarian (Newton);
- Tom Mott, Rotarian (Newton);
- Tom Narak, Rotarian (West Des Moines);
- Carol Narak, Rotarian (West Des

Moines);

- Jim Peterson, Rotarian (Iowa City AM);
- Nenu Piragine, Rotarian (Iowa City AM);
- Ana Rodríguez, Rotarian (Greater Des Moines);
- Sophie Switzer, University of Iowa (College of Public Health).

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The planning team paid a visit to the Frida Kahlo preschool.



(l-r): Jim Peterson, Municipal Vice-president Andrés Ramos, Sophie Switzer and Bill Doucette enjoy a breakfast of barbacoa at the Thursday morning tianguis, or open-air market.



Millo Fosado and Jim Peterson speaking with staff and parents at a school where a classroom was damaged by the earthquake of Sept. 19.



Sophie Switzer (left) and Bill Doucette (rear) getting ready to enjoy dinner with Mexican friends



President of the parents' group (in red jacket) and the school director thank Rotarians for their contribution that enables the construction of a new classroom to replace one damaged by the earthquake of September 19. Looking on are Xicotepec Rotary Club president Millo Fosado, president-elect Osacar Ramírez, and former Jefferson Rotarian Nancy Stroburg.



(l-r): Xicotepec Rotarian and president-elect Oscar Ramírez, Carol Narak, Teté González (wife of Xicotepec Rotary Club President Millo Fosado), TV show hosts Antonio Rivas and León Amador, Jim Peterson, Nenu Piragine, Bill Doucette are interviewed for the local cable television show "La Tertulia."



On a visit to City Hall, with a coffee mural in the background, (l-r): Xicotepec Rotarian and president-elect Oscar Ramírez, Bill Doucette, Sophie Switzer, Municipal Vice-president Andrés Ramos, Jim Peterson, Nenu Piragine, Xicotepec Rotarian and club president Millo Fosado.



Carol Narak, Regina Fosado, Nenu Piragine, Teté González, Ana Rodríguez, (unknown in front), Alka Khanolkar, Sophie Switzer, Rosalía Domínguez and Gabriela Fosado.

Projects include schools, classrooms

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During five days in Xicotepec, the team visited a number of potential future projects. These visits were based on written requests for support sent to the Xicotepec Rotary Club. Among these were requests for assistance in replacing classrooms that were damaged by the Sept. 19 earthquake that affected much of central Mexico, including Puebla, Cuernavaca and Mexico City. While the damage in Xicotepec was for the most part minor, and there were no injuries nor loss of life, classrooms in at least two primary schools were damaged enough to make them unsafe and unusable.

At the Escuela Primaria Tirso García, a large elementary school serving a low-income population, parents and school staff collaborated to secure a pledge of about US\$15,000 from the municipal government toward the \$20,000 cost of replacing an earthquake-damaged classroom. The parents at the school worked to quickly raise another \$2,500 on their own. The final \$2,500 needed for this project was transferred from the D6000 HEF Xicotepec Project sub-account to the Xicotepec Rotary Club in the week following the planning team's visit. The funds have been awarded to the school, where construction of the new classroom is now underway.

In contrast to this example of decisive action, effective collaboration and shared costs and responsibilities, the planning team visited another primary school in need of a replacement classroom where little had been done by the parents or staff to seek support from the city government or educational authorities, and the request to the Xicotepec Rotary Club was for a new classroom funded entirely by Rotary. Agreeing that beneficiaries need to have "skin in the game," Xicotepec and D6000 Rotarians declined to help but suggested to the school director that he lead the effort to organize staff and parents to raise money and seek support from other sources so that the cost of rebuilding the earthquake-damaged classroom could be shared.

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The heartwarming story of 'Angel'

DGE Tom Narak reports a happy story of Rotarians in Action: "We met Angel last spring during our Project Trip to Xicotepec. He needed eye surgery to correct a serious issue that would eventually lead to blindness.

"Rotarians and some students stepped up and help to recover the costs of eye surgery. Today this remarkable young man, Angel, has the precious gift of eyesight.

"The picture on the left is from last March, and the picture on the right is from this fall. We spent part of our day celebrating with him and his wonderful parents."



(l-r) Xicotepec Rotarian and president Millo Fosado, (partially hidden) Alka Khanolkar, Ana Rodríguez, TV show hosts Antonio Rivas and León Amador, Jim Peterson, Tom Narak and Sophie Switzer are interviewed for the local cable television show "La Tertulia."



Upon their arrival by bus, Iowa men pose with Xicotepec men for a picture (front l to r) Abel Solís Jr, Millo Fosado, Millo Fosado Jr, Oscar Ramírez, Jesús Oropeza (rear l to r) Taurino Meléndez, Jim Peteson, Jaime Fosado, Bill Doucette, Cayo Cabrera, Tom Narak, Virgilio Cabrera, Bob Main, Tom Mott, Abel Solís.

Xico: Ideas welcomed

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Other activities during the week in Xicotepec included visiting past projects, including the 20 sites where water filtration systems have been installed to provide safe drinking water in schools and other locations. At each site the system is checked for proper operation and maintenance and the water is tested for bacteria. As the D6000 Water Team, headed by Newton Rotarian Bob Main, has gained experience, the incidence of poor maintenance and/or improper use of the systems has steadily declined as users have been coached, coaxed, trained and encouraged in the proper operation and upkeep of the systems. Of all the systems checked in October, only one tested positive for the presence of bacteria – the best results to date. When needed, follow-up repair or maintenance is performed by a local plumber, José Vázquez, who has worked for several years with Bob and his team and who is familiar with the systems and can install, troubleshoot and repair them on his own.

Planning team members from the University of Iowa are primarily interested in preparations to bring service-learning students from Iowa to Xicotepec to work on projects related to their area of study. The Colleges of Pharmacy and Dentistry have well-established ongoing projects to deworm school children and improve oral health and hygiene through school-based programs. 2018 will be the first year in which students from the College of Public Health will participate in the Xicotepec Project and CoPH administrator Sophie Switzer made her first visit to Xicotepec in October with the goal of identifying potential projects on which Public Health students can work when they come in March.

The work done by the planning team that goes to Xicotepec each fall ensures that the project team that comes the following March will have meaningful and well-organized projects on which they will work during their time in Mexico. It can also be an excellent introduction to the community and the project for anyone interested in long-term involvement. If you have an idea for a project that you'd like to pursue and think that Xicotepec may be a good place to do this, consider accompanying the planning team on their next fall trip. For more information on any aspect of the project, see the xicoproject.org webpage and/or the Xicotepec Project Facebook page and/or contact info@xicoproject.org.



Iowa and Xicotepec Rotarians enjoying a lunch hosted by Xicotepec Rotarian Taurino Meléndez.



The Rotary Club of Coralville/North Corridor was presented the Governor's Group Volunteer Award by Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg. The award ceremony was held Wednesday, Aug. 30 at the Hotel at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. The club was nominated for this award by Iowa Department of Transportation director Mark Lowe, for their significant local projects serving the Coralville, Iowa City and north Johnson County communities. (l-r): Lt. Gov. Gregg, Rotarians Melissa Tiedemann, club president Vicki Struzynski-Olson, Judy Meyer, Geoff Wilming, Judy Joyce, club president-elect John Calacci, and Gov. Kim Reynolds.

Provided by Vicki Struzynski-Olson

Coralville-North Corridor club receives Governor's Award

The CNC Rotary and the SAT/Interact Students from Clear Creek Amana High School will be cleaning up again along Highway 6 in the biannual Rotary Roadside Clean-up through the town of Tiffin.

"Volunteerism is such an integral part of what it means to be an Iowan," Gov. Kim Reynolds said. "I'm pleased to honor those who have given of themselves to meet the needs of others. Their commitment helps improve the lives of those around them and consistently keep our state's volunteerism rate in the top ten nationally."

More than 600 awards are being presented this year during ceremonies held at several locations around the state. It is estimated that more than 31,000 hours of service, with an economic impact of more than \$727,000, were served by this year's honorees during the past twelve months.

"Volunteering is win-win," Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg said. "Not only does it have a positive impact on the individuals served, but also transforms the individuals giving. The dedication of those selected for these awards often encourages others to get involved, and I'm happy to recognize them for their important contributions."

Coordinated by Volunteer Iowa, the Governor's Volunteer Award program—now in its 34th year—provides an easy way for Iowa nonprofits, charitable organizations, and government entities to honor their volunteers with a prestigious, state-level award. More information is available at volunteeriowa.org.

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24 clubs participate in Operation Warm

PDG John Ockenfels and Deb of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM report that 22 clubs are continuing to provide warm coats to kids, even though Operation Warm is not a designated district project as it was in past years.

These clubs are providing 3,300 coats for kids. That brings the total since 2014-15 when John introduced the project during his district governor year to 25,000.

Thanks to these clubs who are continue to participate: Adel, Ankeny, Boone, Burlington, Chariton, Clinton, Coralville/North Corridor, Davenport, Decatur County, Des Moines, Des Moines AM, Fairfield, Fort Madison, Indianola, Marshalltown, Nevada, Northwest Des Moines, Norwalk, Osceola, Ottumwa, Pella, Waukee and West Liberty.

Other entities include the Rotary Club of Downtown Waterloo, a church in Iowa City and the Ockenfels extended family.

Below are reports from two of the clubs.

Waukee: Coats mean self-confidence, improved health

By Mark Hefferman/Waukee

On Nov. 17, the Rotary Club of Waukee Rotary delivered winter coats through the Operation Warm program to kids in the Waukee School District. The club donated over 260 coats that were distributed to each of the buildings. Since 2013, there have been approximately 900 coats provided by Waukee Rotary and Operation Warm.

When Waukee Rotary's president Devin Boyer was asked "Why support Operation Warm?" he said, "It is a strategic initiative of our club to support those in need in our community, but especially the youth. Providing a coat to a child is more than providing warmth. Studies show, through research by Operation Warm, that coats provide an increase in self-confidence, school attendance, better peer-to-peer interaction and improved health.

"The question by Waukee Rotary when approached by the school district was not "How much will this cost and can we afford to support it?" but "How many coats do you need?" The board, club and I could not imagine denying a child a coat and we were willing to support the initiative at any level."

When Kirk Johnson, associate superintendent and a Waukee Rotarian, was asked, "What led the school district to take on the project," he said: "We began this effort in 2013. The desire to take this on and work with Rotary is rooted in the fact that the needs of our students in Waukee continue to increase and become more diverse in their nature. We have a growing number of students and families that need assistance with basic needs."



Coats delivered by Waukee Rotary.

Northwest Des Moines: 1,074 coats in four years

By Brenda Auxier-Mailer/Northwest Des Moines

Over the past four years the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines has purchased and distributed 1,074 winter coats to students. Since 2014 the club has been determined to keep kids warm during our long Iowa winters.

Starting in 2014, the club provided coats to students in Urbandale schools (Rolling Green, Olmsted, Valerius, Karen Acres, Jensen and Webster elementaries); Urbandale Middle School; Urbandale High School and Metro West Learning Academy (serving students from the Urbandale, Johnston, Waukee, Saydel, Adel and Dallas Center Grimes school districts). In 2015, St. Pius X Catholic School was added and this year, 2017, we added West Des Moines schools, the Clive Learning Center and the Des Moines Public School, Cowles Montessori, located in Windsor Heights.

With the help of a matching Community Service Grant from The Rotary Foundation, the club was able to add schools and purchase more coats this year than in the past, providing 420 coats to babies, preschoolers, elementary, middle- and high-school students. This year the club was also able to purchase over 150 pairs of gloves for students. To purchase the coats, the club partners with Operation Warm, a nonprofit organization that provides us with coats at a significant discount. Operation Warm's mission is to "provide brand new winter coats to children in need, helping to improve self-confidence, peer acceptance, school attendance, and overall wellness."

Keeping kids warm is one of the many projects the Rotary club does with the collective passion and purpose of "Service Above Self" and living our vision that "We change the world and our community by: educating, empowering; building bridges; and serving across generations, one community at a time."



Every child should have a warm coat for winter!



Rotary of NW Des Moines members Penny Luthens, Bill W. Corwin and Donna, wife of Rotarian Bob Moore



Public Image: Use your pictures with these 'Action' words to tell our story!



By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County
District Public Image Chair

While at the Zone Institute for training in Chicago, it was announced that the VERBS Inspire, Connect, Transform and End Polio are now available for downloading to create a layout with your own photo.

As promoted at District 6000's One Rotary Summits in October, personalizing photos make them a great Rotary Public Image opportunity. Take your photos and download them into a verb template already created at My Rotary.

There are only four verbs right now, but RI is working on more. To use them, go to My Rotary, log on, click on 'news & media', click on People of Action, Toolkits—Create your own and have fun. NOTE: To upload photo click on '+', then click on picture, upload, refresh, wait. You do need to edit

your photo first before you upload it if it needs to be edited.

Polio statue update

Our District 6000 Polio statue that was commissioned by sculptor David Biehl of Elkhorn, Neb., was transported on Sept. 24 to a mold maker in Loveland, Colo. The molds are now at the foundry, Art Castings of Colorado, to begin the steps of being bronzed. Anticipated completion date is March 2018.

Thank you District 6000 Rotarians for the work you have done and continue to do in the eradication of Polio. We are #People of Action.

DG Mike and Jo Anne Ruby connect with Decatur County Rotarians for their youth programs fundraiser efforts. Great example of using an RI Verb.

Cash for canine in Oskaloosa

By Wyndell Campbell/Oskaloosa
Club President

An Oskaloosa police quest to bring a K-9 back into the department has met with overwhelming support by the community and local businesses.

The amount needed to fully fund this project was estimated at \$72,000 and over \$72,000 has been raised.

Austin Rodgers, the officer who will

be the new K-9 handler, will be going to school in the spring to be trained and will be paired with his K-9 at that time.

The Rotary Club of Oskaloosa was proud to be a part of the fundraising efforts by donating \$1,000 towards the cause.

Shown (right) is Lt. Gary McClun who had the previous K-9, Nash, and is helping Officer Rodgers as he prepares for this special dog.



Lt. Gary McClun

LEARNING PROJECT BRIDGES CONTINENTS

Connections from Youth Exchange, GSE and a Rotary International Convention pave the way for grant in Chile

By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County

Approximately 2,500 Chilean public school children grades K-8 will now be able to learn science in a totally new hands-on way. With the aid of Locker Science Lab Kits, teachers will be able to instruct students for many years with a variety of experiments that bring reality to mere textbook teaching.

A committee of Decatur County Rotarians Peggy Geiger, PDG Terry Geiger and AG Linda Chastain promoted this global grant because of their existing relationships with Chile:

- Rotary Youth Exchange, which brought Alberto Reyes Cosmelli of Santiago to Leon in 2012-13;
- A GSE (Group Study Exchange) team lead by Linda, who took a young professional group to Chile in 2013; and
- District 6000 hosting Catalina “Catita” Meszaros (a young doctor) for three months, at the request by a Chilean Rotarian Jon Bolton.

These connections have developed many Rotary friendships and partnerships between our two districts.

Peggy and PDG Terry first met our primary contact, Roberto Silva from District 4340, in the House of Friendship at the 2015 Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil. When asked what can District 6000 do to help, Roberto answered, “In the area of literacy.”

So he went forth and raised money from four clubs in Chile – Huelen, Talca, Curacavi and Penololen, and Peggy raised money from the Rotary Clubs of Carroll, Chariton, Osceola and Winterset along with her own club of Decatur County. Together with our club donations and the wonder of matching grants working through The Rotary Foundation, the two districts have made this \$41,000 project possible.

We have received word from Roberto that most of the locker kits have been delivered. He said, “It was an emotional ceremony held at St. Joseph’s College that included myself (Rotary Foundation Chair of District) 4340, the mayor of Curacavi, Juan Pablo Barros, the Foundation’s partners, and a delegation of students and teachers. Delivered were three shelves fully equipped with supplies and science equipment to be occupied by students of basic education.”

He also said, “The schools benefitting from this contribution were the Fernando Carvajal Pinto School of Cerrillos, San Jose Worker, and Valle de Puangue.”

Mayor Barros stated that, “The effort made in education is an effort that has an assured result, which means that the children of our community will carry out their knowledge wherever they want to go no matter what happens in the future. I want to thank Rotarians, not only for this donation, but for all the activities they are often doing in Curacavi, always in the interest of improving education or providing health care for those most in need. Today our challenges are placed in delivering better quality education, more graphic, learning by doing, and these closets will make it possible to have an experience not only based on theory but practice, improving learning processes. We are very grateful for this gift, and we commit to giving it the best of the uses for the school education.”

Also speaking that day was Jorge Melendez, director of the school, Fernando Carvajal Pinto de Cerrillos. He stressed that “Science and technology are an area of processes that allow us to build new learning. Our thanks to Rotarians who are our main support network, are always present helping when we most need it.”



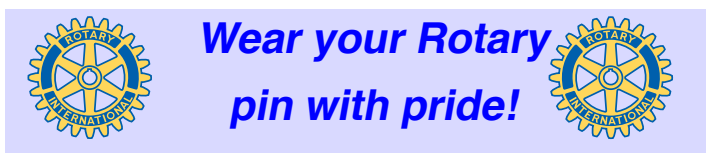
Students, teachers and Rotarians in Chile celebrate the completion of science project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Decatur County and the Rotary Clubs of Carroll, Chariton, Osceola and Winterset in District 6000.



The sign lets people know that this was a Rotary project.



Texts and materials for the project are displayed.



Burlington Rotarians barbecue for books

2,600 chicken dinners buy 6,000 books

By Leah Galvin/Burlington
Club President-Elect

Volunteers with the Rotary Club of Burlington cooked up 2,100 chicken halves to raise money for childhood literacy. For a while, it seemed as if Mother Nature was intent on extinguishing the 23rd annual Rotary Chicken Bar-B-Q before it got started. Dark clouds filled the sky Thursday morning, dropping sprinkles much lighter than the heavy rain that blanketed the area the night before. The Rotarians had a back-up plan in place, but were loath to use it. They put their faith in the weather forecast instead, and kept their grills under the open sky of the Memorial Auditorium parking lot.

"If we thought the rain was going to continue, we'd set up under the overpass. But I think it's going to blow over before we have to get cooking," said Joel Sieren, club president.

As Sieren spoke, the clouds started to part, and those sprinkles turned into a mist. Smoke from the still-dry charcoal eddied up from the auditorium parking lot less than 30 minutes later. About half-an-hour after that, Rotarians were delicately placing 400 chicken halves on two long grills, spraying it down with a secret ingredient. And that was just the first round of grilling.

By the end of the day, more than 2,100 chicken halves had been cooked, and any leftovers were donated to local food pantries. The grills are running north to south this year instead of east to west, because of



Kay Weiss as the chicken invited people to the Burlington Rotary barbecue.

the (flood wall) construction," Sieren said.

As usual, the fast paced drive-thru line stretched all the way through the parking lot. There was no dine-in option at the Port of Burlington this year, due to the nearby construction.

"We didn't know what access we were going to have to the Port of Burlington building," Sieren said.

The massive operation requires more than 80 volunteers, and the majority of those are Rotary club members like Sharon Dentlinger of Burlington. "It's quite a mix. And all the Rotary members are part of it,"

Dentlinger said.

Additional volunteers worked the drive-thru line and helped assemble the chicken dinners, but there weren't as many youth as in previous years. "Today is tricky, because it's also homecoming week. The students are doing homecoming activities, which they should," Dentlinger said.

A few students still got to contribute, though. "The high school kids, as part of their culinary arts class, did the coleslaw for us. They've been doing that for the past couple of days," she said.

Much of the chicken was cooked several hours before it was served, then placed in wax-lined boxes covered in tinfoil. Those boxes then were wrapped in insulated blankets and placed inside a small brick room inside the Port building that served as an oven. The chicken continued to cook while it was inside the boxes.

"This is really neat to see what it takes to get done," said new Rotary member Mike Dear of Fort Madison. It was Dear's first Rotary chicken event, and he was having a blast. As the new guy, he was put on raw chicken detail, but he didn't mind. "I consider myself a connoisseur. I love cooking. I enjoy the grill life," he said.

Every dollar raised will be used to buy books for area children. The Rotary club's original focus with the fundraiser was constructing playgrounds, but that shifted to childhood literacy a few years ago. The club did help out with a new playground at Corse Elementary School, though.

"We give out over 6,000 books a year," Sieren said. "Since we started the project, we've given over 25,000 books to children."

Pork barbecue a big fundraiser at Oskaloosa

By Wyndell Campbell/Oskaloosa
Club President

Camaraderie and fun were two key elements experienced by Oskaloosa Rotarians during this year's annual barbecue. This is a great fundraiser for the club and it is also an event much of the membership participates in. Part of the reason for that could be because members have a good time together! While meals are appropriately boxed and distributed, there is always a lot of good-natured bantering and lively conversation going on!

The first Oskaloosa Rotary barbecue was held over 30 years ago and started as a dine-in dinner. Today, people drive through the local Hy-Vee/MCG parking lot between



Customers pick up their meals at the Oskaloosa barbecue drive-through.

3:30 and 7:00 p.m. and pick up their orders. The menu has changed over the years, as well. This year, as it has been for the last

several years, people enjoyed a smoked pork chop, baked potato, sunshine broccoli salad, and a roll. All of the food preparation was completed by the chefs at the local Oskaloosa Hy-Vee.

"A total of 1,250 tickets were sold. Each member was required to sell a minimum of 20 tickets. Some members sold extra and a few were sold at the door," explained Craig Coen, who chaired this event. "We served 980 meals and had 29 members helping. That is well over half our active membership, which is a very good turnout."

The barbecue is the biggest fundraiser for the Oskaloosa club. Proceeds go to scholarships, career exploration, community projects, and youth projects.

Student Dictionaries: 'A boost of power'

By Jack Mithelman/Indianola

Clarity and precision are essential for communicating what is true, fair, and beneficial to all concerned, as well as building good will and better friendships. For that reason, the Rotary Club of Indianola has once again provided dictionaries for all public and private school third graders within the school district. Four public schools and one Christian school have welcomed Rotarians into their buildings this fall as the club distributed these paperbacks to each student to assist them in reading comprehension, improving their writing skills, and general knowledge.

Indianola teacher Sally Van Dorin says, "We jump right in and use these dictionaries from Day One when we receive them. Students especially love the supplemental material in the last section of the book; information about all of the states, U.S. presidents, braille, and American sign language. These are so useful for everything we're doing in third and fourth grade."

Daltry and his friend, Owen, were enthusiastic recipients of the dictionaries, telling how often they had used them. "I looked up the largest word in history," said Daltry. When asked what that was, he said, "I don't remember, but it was a bunch of letters."

Elizabeth wrote a thank-you to the club which read, "Thank you for the dictionary. It gives me a boost of power."

And to prove that Rotarians can never mention their efforts to eradicate polio too early or too often, Jackson wrote,

"Thank you for the dictionaries you gave us. I really hope you stop that sickness (sic) and good luck."

Indianola Rotarians are proud of their schools and eager to share in the success of its students.



Members of the Rotary Club of West Polk County (l-r): Ryleah Cross and Jason Kerndt, and 2017-18 president Ben Chamber deliver dictionaries to fourth-graders at South Prairie Elementary in Grimes.

Dallas Center, West Polk partner to provide dictionaries

By Matt Fox/Dallas Center

The Rotary Club of Dallas Center and the Rotary Club of West Polk County worked cooperatively to provide dictionaries to students in the Dallas Center-Grimes School District in early November. There are four elementary schools in the growing district, and fourth graders at every building received their own personalized dictionary, to be used at school or at home.

The clubs use this opportunity to maintain a positive supportive relationship with their local school district, while also educating the students. The message is twofold: the students learn how Rotary helps in their community and how Rotary helps people around the world. The students always have many good questions and their teachers are very appreciative of the effort.



Beat the chill and play trivia for a cause!

By Nancy Pacha/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Interact Committee

Leave the chill and doldrums of a January evening to have fun for a cause! Join the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM Friday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Clarion Highlander Hotel in Iowa City for stirring rounds of trivia and the chance to win cash. You can register a team of eight players for \$105 or reserve single seats at an open table for \$15. Top team prizes will be determined by the team's score. First: \$160; Second: \$80; and Third: \$40.

The biggest winners of the evening will be DVIP and Table to Table, the 2018 community organizations ICAM Rotary has selected to reap the financial rewards of this event. DVIP (Domestic Violence Intervention Program) provides services to victims of domestic violence in Johnson, Iowa, Cedar, Des Moines, Henry, Lee, Van Buren and Washington counties, and the mission of Table to Table is to keep wholesome, edible food from going to waste by collecting it from donors and distributing to those in need through agencies that



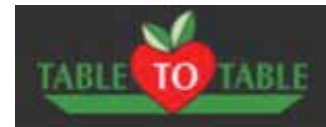
serve the hungry, homeless and at-risk populations.

And YOU will reap the rewards of a warm and fun night of friendly competition among fellow Rotarians and friends.

Light refreshments will be provided thanks to our sponsor University of Iowa Community Credit Union, and a cash bar will be available. A special block of rooms for traveling clubs (or those of you who have an exceedingly good time!) will be available at the Clarion for \$69+tax/room if reserved by Friday, Dec. 29.

A registration form can be found at the Iowa City AM Rotary website <http://www.icamrotary.org>. Be sure to mail in your registration by Friday, Jan. 5.

Don't be gripped by Cabin Fever in January! Bring your team and your Rotary spirit of friendship and service. Join us for Cabin Fever Team Trivia Night!





Tammy Oxley wraps up a bag of yard waste.



Volunteers from the Rotary Club of Nevada filled 83 large bags with leaves and performed other tasks during Community Day in October. Provided by Emmi Miller

Nevada Rotarians clean up!

By Emmi Miller/Nevada
Club Secretary

The Rotary Club of Nevada held its annual Community Day helping local families with fall yard work. We were so lucky to have a beautiful sunny, calm day in October!

The 10 families we helped were not in a position to rake leaves or clean their gutters this year due to health issues. They were so appreciative of our teams that arrived with rakes, trimmers, leaf bags and manpower!

We spent the afternoon doing whatever outside jobs they requested. At the end of the day 83 extremely large bags of leaves were filled. Denny Skinner's entire trailer was filled. We hope to have a very large bonfire with our Rotary club to celebrate success.



Junior Rotarians Elizabeth Wessels and Haley Primrose clean windows.

We had some sore muscles the next day but it was very rewarding helping those in need! Rotary is not just a checkbook; we are a strong force of volunteers doing good in our community.

Rotarians paint the town in Burlington!



More than 11,000 volunteers have painted 426 homes in Burlington since 1993 using 6,650 gallons of paint!

By Leah Galvin/Burlington
Club President-Elect

For 25 years, the Rotary Club of Burlington has donated time and talents to the annual Paint-a-Thon, which is a collaborative effort between Community Action of Southeast Iowa, Two Rivers Bank and Diamond Vogel Paint. The event started in 1993. Two Rivers Bank provides the advertising, pays for volunteer T-shirts and the luncheon. Diamond Vogel supplies all the paint that is used and Community Action helps choose the houses to be painted and does small repairs on the houses if necessary.



Jim O'Neil presented Kay Weiss, Rotary co-coordinator of this year's Paint-A-Thon, a picture of our group. Thank you, Jim, for continuing to be a supporter and leader of this wonderful community event!



Coon Rapids Rotarians and teachers (l-r): Charlie Nixon, Nathan Muench, Chris Eddy, Chad Leighty, Kyle Van Wyk (PE teacher), Jon Heydon, Chris Fiscus (band teacher), Tiffany Jones (special education teacher), Dan Gudahl, Becca Fiscus (music teacher), Dustin Mason, Larry Pote, Gina Lobendo (HS English teacher), Brad Woodard, Sue Oliver, Haley Blum (special education teacher), Natalie Lewis, Mike Klocke, Eric Ernst (third grade teacher), Larry Jensen, Paige Huntley, Ron Brower, Laura Vaughn (fifth grade teacher), Dale Miksch, Mike Hocking, Elizabeth Larscheid (fourth grade teacher), Doug Carpenter, Courtney Clawson (agriculture/CASE teacher) and Keith Dorpinghaus.

New teachers welcomed at Coon Rapids

By Charlie Nixon/Coon Rapids
Club Executive Secretary

In a meet-and-greet program, the 10 new Coon Rapids-Bayard teachers joined the Rotary Club of Coon Rapids at its weekly luncheon at the beginning of the school year. Following lunch, teachers introduced themselves, said where they are from and what they will be teaching at CRB. Rotary members then reciprocated in a like manner.

"A lot of us are in business here and you'll see us at events, so it helps to put names on faces," Rotary Club President Jon Heydon said to the teachers. "I've got a few kids in the school district, and they're pretty excited about the new teachers. I appreciate you coming here today."

Kari Woodard, an employee of Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities, and her husband, Brad, a loan officer at Iowa Savings Bank, are both

Rotarians. "I want to say that we just love sending our daughter -- and hopefully our son someday -- to Coon Rapids-Bayard," said Kari. "It's a great school district, and we're super excited to have young teachers come in and make a difference."

Rotarian Dan Gudahl, executive director of Whiterock Conservancy, said he holds teachers in high regard. "You guys have a great job and a big responsibility on your hands. And all teachers are underpaid -- I just want to say that as well," Gudahl added.

Rotarian Nathan Muench, a licensed insurance representative at Community Insurance who grew up in Jefferson, got the group laughing. "My fourth grade homeroom teacher was Mr. Ernst," Muench said, referring to Eric Ernst, who taught school at Jefferson for many years before retiring two years ago.

He came out of retirement to take the open third grade teacher position at CRB.

Bob Bartles named Rotarian of Year



Bob Bartles (l) receives the Rotarian of the Year award from David Miller.

Burlington Rotary past president David Miller presented the Rotarian of the Year award to Bob Bartles. Bob played an integral role in securing grant funds for medical advancement in a Lebanese refugee camp. He secured \$80,000 to a hospital in Beirut.

Bob's personal history, and the relationships he has made there, served as a catalyst for this project. Along with this achievement, his involvement in local Rotary projects had been consistently strong. He was also Burlington Rotary president in 2014-15. Thank you Bob for your dedication to Rotary - Service Before Self! Congratulations! — Leah Galvin



The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you go. - Dr. Seuss. Burlington Rotarians read to several children within our school district last week. Proudly supporting literacy!
— Leah Galvin



✓ Join Leaders ✓ Exchange Ideas ✓ Take Action



Robbinah Hakiza of God's Mercy Orphanage in Kisiro, Uganda, met the families from the Rotary Clubs of North Scott, Tipton and Iowa Quad Cities who are sponsoring scholarships for the children at Scott County Park on Sunday, Sept. 10.

Robbinah Hakiza meets Rotarians

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott
Editor, District 6000 News

The visit was as fruitful as it was improbable, and definitely resulted in goodwill and better friendships.

After an arduous struggle to obtain a visa to come to the United States, Robbinah Hakiza, the founder and leader of God's Mercy Orphanage in Kisiro, Uganda, spent the week of Sept. 2-11 meeting most of the 37 Rotarians and spouses from the Rotary Clubs of North Scott, Iowa Quad Cities and Tipton who are underwriting scholarships for children at the orphanage to continue their educations beyond seventh grade.

The visit was organized by North Scott Rotarian Merle Anderson, who also wrote a global grant for a water project and sustainable food production in Kisiro and numerous projects at the orphanage. The global grant was supported by the Rotary Clubs of Dav-

enport, Fort Madison, Mount Pleasant Noon and Iowa City AM.

Individual Rotarians paid Robbinah's travel expenses to come to the U.S. where she found Iowa hospitality welcoming as she visited four Rotary clubs, farms, schools and healthcare facilities. A highlight occurred at North Scott Rotary. Robbinah was overcome with emotion when president Dennis Peterson and his wife, Deb, honored her with a Paul Harris Fellow on behalf of the club.

The last Sunday she had a chance to visit one-on-one with the scholarship sponsors at a picnic at Scott County Park. Information was shared and Rotarians were challenged to underwrite scholarships for more students.

All in all, it was a highly productive week in what has been a busy fall for the North Scott club. On Oct. 11, 270 children were treated to a day on the farm at the annual Youth Harvest Party, co-sponsored with

Davenport Rotary. The \$170,000 inclusive Rotary Inspiration Play Zone was dedicated in Eldridge on Oct. 21, and the annual auction was attended by 390 and raised nearly \$80,000 on Nov. 17 at the Rogalski Center at St. Ambrose University.



District Governor Mike Ruby and Jo Anne meet Robbinah at North Scott.



Receiving Paul Harris Fellow recognition at North Scott Rotary.



Dennis and Deb Peterson present the Paul Harris Fellow to Robbinah Hakiza at the North Scott Rotary meeting.



Photos by Bill Tubbs



The Rotary Club of Des Moines AM presented 13 Paul Harris Fellow awards on Nov. 17, the day of District Governor Mike Ruby's official club visit, front (l-r): Governor Mike Ruby, Scott Mortimer, Jim Spooner, Tim Wolf, Scott Raecker and Kyle Yencer. Back: Denny Linderbaum, Kevin Crowley, Mike Lewis, Mark Schaul, Casey Cason, Chris Haviland, Dave Duncan and club president Tara Connolly.

Rotary Club of Des Moines AM activities



The Rotary Club of Des Moines AM has had a 11-year relationship of support for Capitol View Elementary School. Volunteering on Sept. 12 during Basic Education and Literacy Month were, front (l-r): Jim Green, Darrell Smith and Kevin McLean, and back: Mike Dayton, Howard Tempero, Jeff Payne, Traci Shoemaker and Chris Nebons. Volunteers not pictured: Greg Carlson, Sally Cooper, Smith, Andrea Elliott, Chris Osore and Tim Wolf. The school is located at the footsteps of the Iowa State Capitol and serves over 500 children from preschool – fifth grade.



Twenty-five Des Moines AM Rotarians plus family members and guests (total of 60) packaged 23,040 meals from the Heartland on Aug. 27. That's enough to feed 89 kids for an entire year! Meals from the Heartland is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization made up of volunteers from businesses, schools, churches, community organizations and others who package meals for delivery to malnourished people in Iowa, across the United States and around the world.

Provided by Tara Connolly, club president

\$43,000 raised at Jefferson!

The Rotary Club of Jefferson hosted its 19th annual charity auction and dinner, Friday, Nov. 10, with over 225 in attendance at the "Greene Room" at the Wild Rose Resort. More than \$43,000 was raised in the live and silent auctions, a record-breaker, and thanks to additional donations, approximately \$42,000 will be available for granting to The Rotary Foundation, district projects and community/county needs.

Whitaker Professional Auctioneers assisted with the lively event, incorporating more games and activities to keep buyers engaged in the bidding. A week at a Maui condo, several timeshares, trips to resorts, overnights at picturesque retreats, dinners, Italian cooking lessons and many other enticing offerings kept the bidders hopping.

— Jacques Andrew



District 6000 attendees were part of the fun. Pictured with Jim and PDG Jacques Andrew, at left, from the Jefferson club, are PDG Bill Tubbs (North Scott), Carol and DGE Tom Narak (West Des Moines), DGN Erna and Steve Morain (Waukee/Des Moines) and AG Ruth and Randy Freeman (Jefferson).

'Kites Over Grinnell' takes flight

By Effie Hall/Grinnell
Club President

Blue skies, sunny with 15 to 20 miles per hour breeze – it was a great day to fly a kite! Some 500 Grinnell residents – kids, parents, grandparents – did just that at Kites Over Grinnell sponsored by the Rotary Club of Grinnell on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ahrens Park in Grinnell.

“We could not have asked for a better day,” said Rotarian Bruce Blankenfeld who coordinated the event for the second year in a row. He and Dick and Sis Vogel, longtime kitefliers themselves who managed Kites Over Grinnell in the past, invited some dozen professional kitefliers to fly their huge kites all day long to the delight of the crowd.

Among them was Marion Steeves, of Skyliner Kite Club, Dieppe, New Brunswick, Canada, who drove 30 hours to get to Grinnell. She brought along a giant, colorful balloon-like kite that she made when, as a middle school teacher, she introduced the art of making a kite to her class and herself became enamored of the sport. The kids enjoyed rolling the huge kite around as Steeves kept it tethered to the ground.

But the day belonged to the kids and the young at heart. As they were greeted by Rotarians Jim Ahrens and Clem Bodensteiner at the registration table, participants were able to put their names in a bowl for the chance to win an unconstructed kite kit.

Those who did not bring a kite were able to construct one at the Kite Hospital helped by Rotarians Michael McAllister and Zach Weiderspon, professional kiteflier Cliff Quinn of Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, and volunteers from Grinnell High School and the Grinnell College swim team.

Unbeknown to the young kitefliers, the intrepid duo Rotarians Doug Cameron and Frank Shults were roaming the field to award prizes for several categories.

Spotted among the kitefliers was elementary school art teacher Leon Drake whose art classes held kite-making sessions. He observed that in two years he has helped some 1,350 students build their own kites.

Blankenfeld remarked that next year, “We’ll need to find a way to get the kids who make their kites in school come to fly them at Kites Over Grinnell. That would be quite a sight.”

Also roaming the grounds was David Brierly, of Des Moines, who made sure that every kid had a “Kite Pilot” blue ribbon. David’s



One of the professional kites that flew all day.

Photo by Michael McAllister.

father, the late Rotarian Bob Brierly in whose memory this year’s Kites event had been held, thanked the Rotarians for thinking of his father, who loved to fly a kite and himself won several kite awards as a young boy growing up in Newton prior to WWII.

There were other attractions as well: Rotarian Rod Rosburg provided free child identification with photo and fingerprints for parents who wanted it; former Rotarian Martha Mitchell and her husband, Rick, headed up a game area as kids took breaks between kite flying; food consisting of hamburger, chips, and drink was sold by a team of Rotarians headed by Jim White; a kite vendor from Chicago was on hand to sell ready-made kites; and local resident Dave Crawford provided the sound system and music all day long.

This year’s Kites over Grinnell had the support of the City of Grinnell, Ahrens Park Foundation, and Grinnell Mutual. Next year’s Kites over Grinnell is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 29, 2018.



Jim Ahrens, who handed out kite kits every hour as door prizes, posed with one of the winners, Kinzey Kriegel.



Frank Shults (r), one of the judges, with Maggie Leonard-Aparicio who won most colorful award, and her parents.



Michael McAllister (l) helped at the Kite Hospital where kitefliers could build a kite or get a kite repaired.

Rotary has a long heritage and high profile in Atlantic

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Public Relations Chair

The Rotary Club of Atlantic has made many donations to the community and is fortunate to have many things in town show those donations on a daily basis. In March a new marquee at the corner of 7th Street and Chestnut Street was dedicated. This is the busiest intersection in town. Funds from Atlantic Rotary helped complete this project. The installation was completed by Jamie Joyce of J and J Custom Graphics, a Rotarian.



Ball diamonds.



Archery equipment.



Library pergola.

You will also see Rotary at the library with the pergola in the new outdoor garden. The Little League ball diamond sign reflects the Rotary involvement along with a banner displayed at all the school archery events.

The Atlantic Rotary Club also just completed its 35th Annual Auction. The event was attended by over 200 people and had a great variety of items for sale. The event raised over \$27,800. The funds will be invested back into the community for local projects requesting funding assistance.

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The club has continued visiting local businesses this fall, visiting Camblin Mechanical. This business has been in Atlantic since 1918. They will be celebrating their 100th anniversary next year.

It started as Camblin Plumbing and Heating by Lou Camblin. Lou's brother, Ross, was president of the Atlantic Rotary Club in 1924-1925. The family continues growing the business but also serving Rotary. Lou's son, Wayne, is working at the business and was



Rotary is visible at the main intersection at 7th and Chestnut streets in Atlantic.
Provided by Dolly Bergmann

president of the Atlantic Rotary Club in 1964-1965, and his son Robert (Bob) served as president of the club in 1976-1977 while continuing to grow the Camblin Company.

In 1998 the company divided into two corporations, Camblin Plumbing and Heating, which is the residential side and Camblin Mechanical, which is the commercial side. In 2017 they moved Camblin Mechanical into a newly renovated building. The building was the previous skating rink in Atlantic. With the renovations, they kept the skating rink old floor, paying tribute to its former life.



Camblin Mechanical has a long history with Rotary.



Polio presentation in Mount Pleasant ...

Members of the Rotary Clubs of Mount Pleasant and Mount Pleasant Noon and community members from the area learned about Rotary's quest to eradicate the world of polio at a special meeting in November. The presenters were PDG Calvin Litwiller, AG Alka Khanolkar and Mount Pleasant club president Betty Mullen. The presentations were held at the second Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant.

Provided by Alka Khanolkar

Sponsors help Iowa City Rotarians send more to RYLA, World Affairs Conference

By Barb Thomas/Iowa City

Rotary's summer youth programs have the power to positively influence a young person's life. After attending either the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) or the World Affairs Seminar (WAS), students return more confident to be themselves, inspired to make a difference, and prepared to be a leader.

The Rotary Club of Iowa City had always sent a few kids to these events every year, but the committee wanted to provide the experience to more young people. The club could only budget so much each year so the committee developed a sponsorship program that would engage local businesses and individuals in this effort.

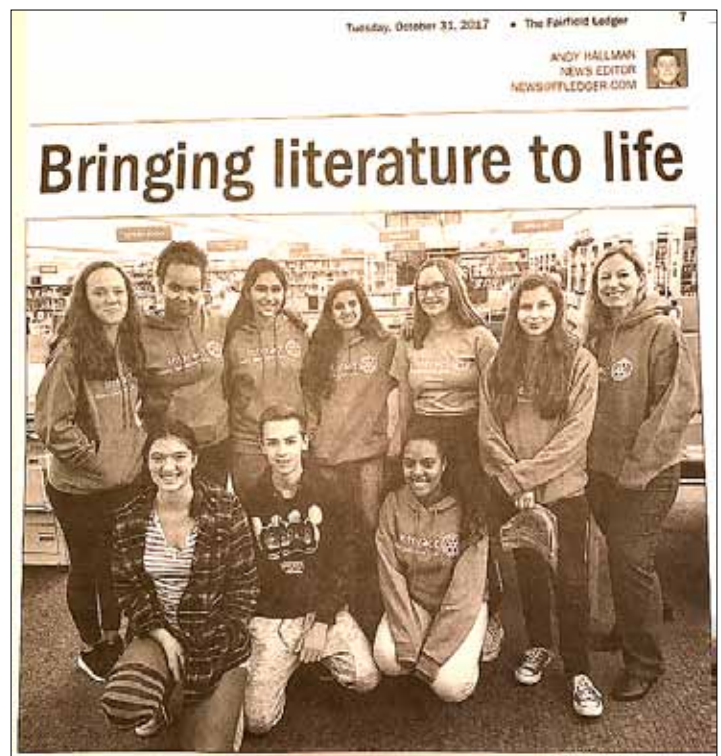
Since attendance for either event is in the range of \$500 per student, the committee developed a sponsorship program where for \$500, an organization or an individual could sponsor one student. They raised the money in August and September after the students visited the club and reported on their experiences. This enabled them to plan accordingly when interviewing potential student participants for the next year's program. The committee raised \$8,000, which sent an additional 16 young people to the conferences. In addition to full sponsorships, smaller donations are accepted.

In order to make it more meaningful and valuable to the sponsors, the committee paired specific students to specific sponsors. At the informational meeting in April, students had their pictures taken with "thank you" signs. These photos were used – along with text thanking the specific sponsor – on the club's weekly PowerPoint that is both sent to members and on display before each meeting. This provided visibility to the sponsors and made other club members more aware of the program.

"We are thrilled that our sponsorship program enables us to send more students to camp," explained committee co-chair Linda Farkas. "When you hear about the impact that this program has on these young people, you want every young person to experience it."



World Affairs Seminar students sponsored by the Rotary Club of Iowa City, front (l-r): Joseph Verry, Callie Dains, Ava Otoadese, Bihotza James-Lejarcegui, Katie Dunn, Hannah Luce, Jocoa Kerschen and Shawn Thacker. Back: Amelia Morrow, Prateek Raikwar, Ethan Seylar, Hieu Nguyen, Teagan Roeder, Reagan Hart and Lien Zhu.



Fairfield Interact at the library ...

A clipping from the *Fairfield Daily Ledger* newspaper: Members of Fairfield Interact volunteered at the Oct. 29 "When the Lights Go Out" program at the Fairfield Public Library by leading groups of children from one literary character to another, welcoming guests at the entrance and helping at the arts and craft tables. Interact is a service organization of Rotary for students ages 12-18 from all schools in the Fairfield area. Volunteers were, front (l-r): Lulu Miller, Roman Cenatori and Hermela Gebremariam; back: Jaiden Jarmosco, Yenet Deribe, Shristi Sharma, Narayani Thijm, Kirsi Bland, Adriana Alonso and advisor Beth Alonso.

Photo by Afton Hallauer provided by Connie Boyer



Bequest Society ...

District Rotary Foundation Chair, PDG Terry Geiger (c), and club president Lori Conn (l) presented the Bequest Society crystal to Alka Khanolkar at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Keokuk in November.

'Lumberjack' auction April 27

President-elect Jennifer Graf announces that the Rotary Club of Clinton "Lumberjack" auction will be Friday, April 27, 2018. \$50 tickets; be sure and join us! **Auction:** President-elect Jennifer Graf announces that the Rotary Club of Clinton "Lumberjack" auction will be Friday, April 27, 2018. \$50 tickets; be sure and join us! Information: jdgrad@mchsi.com.



Sweet Corn Serenade

Oskaloosa Main Street hosts a wonderful community party called Sweet Corn Serenade every summer. It's a family-friendly festival that allows families and neighbors to get together on the Oskaloosa Historic Downtown Square for a good time with lots of food to eat, including mouthwatering sweet corn, and to enjoy many activities and listen to a variety of musical entertainers. Members from the Oskaloosa Rotary Club help by preparing the sweet corn, serving it, or cleaning up. This year 20 members participated. Rotary club members have helped at this fun event for many years – a tradition that is looked forward to every summer!

— Wyndell Campbell



'I Can Read Songs'

On Oct. 31, West Liberty Rotarians Marian Hart and Anna Hanson distributed "I Can Read Songs" DVDs to all the preschool children in West Liberty. "I Can Read Songs" was created by Iowa City Rotarian LaDonna Wicklund to teach youngsters basic sounds and literacy. See icanreadsongs.org.



Ankeny Satellite Rotary members sponsor a fun night for MOSAIC clients. MOSAIC is a faith-based organization that provides services in a group home to individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Satellite club focuses on service

By Nate Burnham/Ankeny Club Secretary

One of the goals of the Rotary Club of Ankeny's satellite, evening club is to complete at least one service project each month. In June, they completed a food drive and collected 261 pounds of food, 11 pounds of paper products, and \$11 cash for the Holy Trinity Lutheran Food Pantry, all in about 90 minutes!

In July they assisted the noon club with the Ankeny Summerfest parade set up. Then in August, they participated in Meals from the Heartland's "10th Annual Hunger Fight." During their two-hour shift, the group prepared and boxed approximately 500 meals. Each meal contains rice, soy protein, minerals and dried vegetables and serves a family of six.

These meals will be distributed globally, most commonly to orphanages and schools. Oftentimes, children in developing areas will only eat one meal a day and when these meals are distributed at school it ensures they get nutrition and an education. A total of 4,525,200 meals were packaged by volunteers during the week, which put Meals from the Heartland over 100 million meals

packaged since they held their first "Hunger Fight" in 2008.

In September, club members helped harvest peppers and raspberries and pull weeds at AGAPE Garden in Ankeny. AGAPE Garden is located on the grounds of Faith Chapel Methodist Church in Ankeny and is the church's ministry to provide fresh produce for area feeding ministries. From spring planting through fall harvesting all work is completed by volunteers. Last year, 23,750 pounds of produce was raised and donated to area agencies. So far in 2017, 14,000 pounds have been harvested. This puts AGAPE Garden over 110,000 pounds in the last 8 years. Earlier this year the Rotary Club of Ankeny, donated \$1,500 towards the purchase of a new tractor and loader. The club members got to see the tractor in action and also view the water barrels the club donated a few years ago.

Other projects the satellite club has completed have included: adopting a flower bed from the city of Ankeny, servicing meals at St. Joseph's Emergency Family Shelter, selling raffle tickets at Iowa Wild games to benefit Adaptive Sports, and sponsoring a fun night for MOSAIC clients.



Ankeny Satellite members show off items collected during the food drive, (l-r): Kathy Sibbel, Kristofer Orth, Nate Burnham, Aiden Orth, Olivia Orth, Steve Wieneke, Jacquelyn Duke and Anne Porter.



Volunteering at AGAPE Gardens: Kristofer Orth, Kathy Sibbel, Willow Duke, Jacquelyn Duke, Craig Crist, AGAPE Garden Manager, Nate Burnham, and Steve Wieneke.

West Liberty Rotarians had a busy year!

The Rotary Club of West Liberty reports these activities since July 1, including the 50th annual chicken barbecue on Oct. 15:

Picnic in the Park (fundraising), Muscatine County Fair (fundraising), blood drive (Aug. 7), supplied 200 corn dogs to PTO Back-to-School Bash (Aug. 19), West Liberty staff Back-to-School lunch (Aug. 22), hosted a community forum on human trafficking (Sept. 5), game at Children's Festival (Sept. 16), sold Yotty bars at Fire Department Train Ride (Sept. 30), One Rotary Summit hosted by West Liberty Rotary club (Oct. 3), 2017-18 community service grant working with Dewayne on solar lighting for trail, highway cleanup (Oct. 21), World Polio Day collection of funds at football game and club meetings and viewing short polio videos, ongoing activities with Rotary Youth Exchange, ongoing support of WLHS Interact club by our liaison, survey by Tom Barr, purchased bicycles, winter coats and "I Can Read" DVDs, made a donation to hurricane relief, and supported the showing of "Wonder" at the New Strand for all middle school students. — submitted by Steve Hanson



Barbecue time at West Liberty! (left) Mary Pat Brooke, Nancy Knight-Barr, Tomeka Peterson and Anna Hanson serve; (center) Nathan Yoder and Jim Carey set grates; and (right) Ethan Anderson unpacks supplies.

Remembrance of a great humanitarian

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Reprinted from The Eldridge North Scott Press

The heart of this Cyclone fan is with Iowa this week in honor of the late Dr. Bill Olin (pronounced O-leen), an Iowa City orthodontist who was one of the finest gentlemen and one of the great humanitarians I have known. Bill died Sept. 18 in Iowa City at age 93 following a sudden illness.

In 2005, when I was District Governor for Rotary, he worked behind the scenes with University Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City when we brought a 5-year-old Iraqi boy, Rebaz Shamsideen, here for a life-saving heart surgery. Rebaz, who is now a fine 17-year-old man in his home country of Kurdistan, loves Iowa, the USA and Rotary, thanks to people like Bill, whose life touched many people in a positive way and made each person feel important.



Dr. Bill Olin

He founded the Division of Facial-Cranial Anomalies at University Hospitals and Clinics, and was invited to speak on four continents about facial deformities. He completed 12 missions abroad to perform cleft lip, cleft palate repairs for indigent people. In Iowa, he advocated for a helmet law to protect bicycle and motorcycle riders from traumatic head injuries, and he started a high school football mouth guard program for student athletes' safety.

Through it all he was a loyal Hawkeye; the kind I admire. He cheered for his team and didn't boast or belittle. His obituary reads: "He was among the most steadfast of Iowa Hawkeye fans, missing only a handful of home football games since his very first game – and

first date with his wife, Bertha – in 1948. He loyally stood, clapped and sang out loud with the band's every playing of 'On Iowa!' and the Iowa Hawkeye Fight Song.

"He was deeply kind, caring and generous, passionately dedicated to his family and community, and uniquely talented as a dental and medical professional. Though his professional accomplishments left lasting impacts, his role as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather defined him."

May he rest in peace. This Cyclone, for one, in his name says, "Go Hawks!"



Waukee Rotarians and friends made quick work of the fall roadside cleanup in Waukee on Saturday, Oct. 21. Yes, it was a windy morning but the rain held off and a good time was had by all as they fulfilled our motto of "Service above Self." (l-r): Brad Mills, Craig Bullis, Tom Young, Mark Hefferman, Steve Pugh, Denise Hays, Joyce Wheeler, Erin Stone, Josephine Tueber, Shannon Stone, Drew Strube, Kristene Stone, Anna Bergman and Erna Morain. Provided by Erna Morain



Fifth-grader Brayden Hartman keeps up on news of District 6000 before school while his mom, Dorothy, attends the meeting of the Rotary Club of Bloomfield. Provided by Mike Ruby



Governor Mike and JoAnne Ruby shared a serendipitous moment during his visit to the Rotary Club of Bettendorf, reconnecting with his boyhood friend, Rich James and his wife, Dee. It was Rich's last meeting before moving to Colorado. Photo by Bill Tubbs

News briefs

Toronto: The deadline for discounted early registration for the June 23-27, 2018, Toronto RI Convention is Dec. 15. You can register by going to: <http://www.ri-convention.org/en/toronto/register>. Watch for announcements about the District 6000 Breakfast.

Attendance: This newsletter is the first that does not include a report of club attendance, per action taken by the district executive committee Sept. 28.

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. 17 at West Liberty, Feb. 24 at West Des Moines, and March 24 at Newton. To ensure your club's success, plan to attend these events!

Audit: The annual CPA review of district finances for 2016-17 has been completed by Matt Corwin and filed with the IRS. The \$9,978 unspent contingency fund will be directed toward the polio statue that was featured in last quarter's newsletter (an update is on page 25). Watch for details as this exciting project moves forward!

COL: PDG Susan Herrick received 20 requests for information for the Council On Legislation after her article appeared in the last issue of District 6000 News.

Assembly: DGE Tom Narak and Carol will be our representatives with incoming district governors from 535 Rotary districts at the International Assembly, Jan. 14-20 in San Diego. Here's to a great experience!

Rotary Youth Exchange: The winter retreat for inbound and outbound students will be Jan. 6-7 at Newton. The committee reports 15 candidates for outbound in 2018-19. Doug Peterson and PDG Chris Knapp will represent District 6000 at the South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) meeting Feb. 25-27 at Tulsa, and the North American Youth Exchange Network (NAYEN), March 15-17 at Omaha.

Zone: Stephanie Urchick of Pennsylvania, who is currently in our paired zones has been nominated to the RI Board, but when the zones are changed, she will not be our director. That will be Larry Dimmit of Kansas. The Sept. 26-28, 2018, Zone Institute in Erie, Pa., will be our last with Rotarians from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

M.O.S.T.: The Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team's annual mission to Guatemala will be Feb. 22-March 4 and will involve cataract surgeries in addition to cleft lip and cleft palate repairs. Thank you, team!

RLI: PDG Terry Geiger reports that six are new graduates of Rotary Leadership Institute training. Information: tlgeiger@grm.net.

Letter from Amanda McFadden, Iowa City AM: Dear District Governor and Mrs. Ruby: Thank you very much for the opportunity to attend the 2017 ChiZone Rotary Future Leaders Institute. I am not exaggerating when I say it was a life changing experience for me. The Rotarians I met of all ages – people of action fired up to put service above self – energized and inspired me to consider and act upon "what more can I do?" My heart is full as I look forward to a lifetime of service through Rotary. Thank you again for providing such a warm welcome and leadership development of such high caliber. With gratitude, Amanda.



Leadership and fellowship ...

Past District Governors and spouses provide leadership in District 6000, and enjoy fellowship, too! Their annual holiday social was Nov. 12 at the Grinnell Country Club, where this photo was taken by Dennis Peterson.



The District 6000 team at the Zone Institute (l-r): Amanda McFadden, PDG Bill Tubbs, Alka Khanolkar, PDG Chris and Vernetta Knapp, PDG Corliss and Jeannie Klaassen, DGE Tom and Carol Narak, DG Mike and JoAnne Ruby, Tom and DGN Erna Morain, PDG Terry and Peggy Geiger, and John and Rebecca Schultz.



DG Mike Ruby and JoAnne accepted the trophy for the district with the best attendance at the Rotary Institute. Photos by Bill Tubbs, Mike Ruby, Peggy Geiger

Rotary Institute, Oct. 26-29, Itasca, Ill.



PDG Bill Tubbs (r) was recognized as one of 10 recipients worldwide of the International Service Award for a Polio-World World in 2015-16. Bill Ashton (not present) received the award in 2016-17.



DG Mike and JoAnne Ruby join Rl Director Robb Knuepfer in planting an Elm tree in Chicago's Centennial Park in honor of founder Paul Harris who planted a tree everywhere he went.



PDGs Chris Knapp and Terry Geiger accepted awards for D6000 for second in Zone 28 in total giving (\$772,187) and Annual Fund giving (\$479,591) to The Rotary Foundation last year.



DG Mike Ruby shakes the hand of Chicago Rotarian Ted Gifford, 99, who was a friend of Herb Taylor, who wrote Rotary's Four-Way Test.



District Governor-Elect Tom Narak and Carol were introduced with District Governors in the Class of 2018-19 in the 28 districts in Zones 28-29, which extends from New York and Pennsylvania to North Dakota and across the upper Midwest, including parts of Canada.



Let's keep our eye focused on the goal of a polio-free world! There were 16 cases of polio year to date Dec. 2, 2017; 11 in Afghanistan and 5 in Pakistan. YTD Dec. 2, 2016 there were 36.

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Club leaders' checklist

From DG Mike Ruby . . .

- Secretaries submit your **2018-19 officers** to RI and District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (both) by Dec. 31.
- Register your 2018-19 club president to attend **NC-PETS** March 8-10 in Rochester (p. 8).
- Promote registrations for one of the five **Toast to Rotary District Conferences** (p. 4-6).
- Make a Difference with your support of **World Bicycle Relief** (p. 6-7).
- Make plans to meet or exceed your **Rotary Foundation Goal** and **set a goal** if you have not! (p. 19).
- Encourage members to register early for the **RI Convention in Toronto** (p. 38).
- **Plant a tree** for every member of your club (p. 6).
- Nominate a worthy member for the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** (p. 9).
- Plan for your leaders to attend one of three **Grant Management Seminars** in February and March (p. 38).
- Reserve your spots for **RYLA 2018** (p. 10).
- Schedule a speaker so your members are informed about **RAG4Clubfoot** (p. 14-15).
- Report your club's **volunteer hours and monetary contributions** to Rotary International.
- Set a specific **Membership Goal** and invite quality new members to become a part of Rotary.
- Choose and carry out club and service projects to qualify for Ian Riseley's **Presidential Citation**.
- Plan **Membership Development** strategies and **engage new members** in meaningful service (p. 24-27).
- Share your copy of **District 6000 News** to show others what Rotary is about!
- **Submit news** of your activities by Feb. 28 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs at btubbs@northscottpress.com. Send text as a Word file or in the body of the email; and free-standing high resolution .jpg images.



**ROTARY:
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The 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?