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Rotary's legacy of peace

If every 17-year-old spent a year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student, there would be no wars.

– RI President 2005-06 Karl Wilhem Stenhammar, Sweden

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

District Rotary Youth Exchange chair Doug Peterson estimates 750 students have been sent from or received by clubs in District 6000 since 1965. World-wide, some 8,000 students study in a country other than their own each year.

As Past RI President Wilhelm Stenhammar rightly observes, Rotary's impact on peace – in just this one program – is profound. The students return to their home countries with a new understanding of things that unite us. The world becomes smaller, and boundaries disappear, when students like those featured on our cover and on

pages 8-10 come together. **The photo on page 8 of students and Rotarians forming the peace symbol makes the statement loud and clear!**

Youth Exchange is but one of Rotary's programs for peace, which can be traced to our founder, Paul Harris, who said:

"The way to war is a well-paved highway, and the way to peace is still a wilderness ... ignorance is a menace to peace ... Rotary believes that the better the people of one nation understand the people of other nations, the less likelihood of

friction, and Rotary will therefore encourage acquaintance and friendships between individuals of different nations."

Rotary's history shows that those are not idle words.

In 1917, amidst "the war to end all wars," RI President Arch Klumph said, *"It seems imminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world."* **Thus was born The Rotary Foundation whose programs provide the building blocks for peace everywhere.**

In 1940, Rotary organized a convention in Havana, Cuba, and adopted a resolution calling for the respect of human rights. **This became the framework for the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights that was adopted in 1948.**

During World War II, Rotarians convened ministers from 21 countries to plan how cultural and educational exchanges after the war might lead to better understanding of the peoples of the world. **This led to the formation of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO. Rotarians helped write the constitution.**

In 1945, world leaders gathered in San Francisco to form an organization to replace the failed League of Nations. Forty-nine of the 800 delegates were Rotarians and **Rotary helped write the United Nations Charter.**

In 1997, on the 50th anniversary of Paul Harris' death, Rotary put in motion a plan to open the Paul Harris Centers, later named the **Rotary Centers for Peace and Conflict Resolution**. Since the Centers opened in 2002 at six universities world-wide, 1,000 graduates have received master's degrees in peace and conflict resolution.

This history can be found in Rotary author David Forward's latest book, *"A String of Pearls: Inspiring Stories of How Rotary's Peace Fellows are Serving Humanity and Changing the World."*

The Peace Scholars' stories are inspiring, indeed, but so are our Youth Exchange students – and the activities of our district and clubs in this newsletter. Read it cover to cover. Share it, and ... *Be the Inspiration!*

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



Bill Tubbs



Focus on fun at District Conference

By DG Tom Narak/West Des Moines

Fun, Fun, Fun!
You are in for a special treat for this year's annual District Conference. There will be something there for everybody. We anticipate a fun gathering of Rotarians from around our District and beyond. Our conference committee has been very actively planning this gathering with two things in mind:



Tom Narak

- 1) Honoring our outstanding Rotary traditions; and
- 2) Innovating to make this conference family friendly.

The traditional purpose of a District Conference is an opportunity for Rotarians to meet new people, strengthen their connection to Rotary, and to celebrate accomplishments of Rotary clubs and Rotary members.

We believe that for Rotary to continue well into the future we also need to become much more family friendly and to have a big focus on FUN. Rotary Rocks will not be your traditional District Conference. This conference will not only be fun, but it will inspire you to help others do many more positive things in our world.

We have included some highlights of Ro-



This quilt, stitched with love by Iowa City AM Rotarian Deb Ockenfels, will be auctioned at the 2019 District Conference, Saturday, May 4. Proceeds will go to Prevent Child Abuse Iowa and Polio Plus. The pinwheels represent the logo of Prevent Child Abuse Iowa and the bookshelf on the back represents literacy, which is a focus of Rotary. It measures 110" square, which gives a 17" drop on each side and enough to tuck over pillows on a king-size bed. There are 2,189 pieces in the quilt and at least 70 different fabrics. Made with love by Crabby Ockenfels.



tary Rocks in this newsletter (page 4). Please review the many activities and opportunities that you will experience by attending. More details will be added as we get closer to the conference.

We will have a service project on site as part of the Conference. You will get many ideas for your club to take back home and use. You will have several options for attend-

ing. The best option is to attend the entire conference, but if you cannot miss work on Friday, you can register for Saturday.

Last year, people experienced a small taste of Rotary at the multiple sites. At this year's conference you will meet Rotarians from throughout the district, experience topics in depth, and have fun through many activities. Please come and enjoy the fun!

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**BE THE
INSPIRATION**

District 6000 Conference:

ROTARY ROCKS!

**May 2-4, 2019
at the Sheraton Hotel,
West Des Moines, Iowa**

Conference Chairs:

Kristin Pike and Krisanne Colby Calhoun,
Rotary Club of West Des Moines

Tentative Highlights-Subject to change

Thursday, May 2

6:30-8:30 PM: Reception and Fellowship at SALT of the
Hearth in West Glen Town Center in West Des Moines
Fundraiser for Iowa MOST

Friday, May 3

Conference Registration: 8:00 a.m.-noon
House of Friendship: 9:00 a.m.-noon
Welcoming and Opening Ceremony: 9:00 a.m.
RI President's Representative
Award Presentation
Panel: Rotary Club Literacy Promotion/Child Abuse Prevention
Panelist Breakout: In depth learning: Literacy/ Child Abuse
Prevention and discussion

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Memorial Service
Rotary Youth Exchange Flag Ceremony
Rotary Moment by an Interact Student
Luncheon
Keynote Speaker: Suku Radia, Rotary Club of Des Moines

Friday Afternoon

House of Friendship: 1:30-5:00 p.m.
Panel: Diversity/Membership/Younger Generations
Panelist Breakout: In depth learning: Diversity/Membership/
Younger Generations

Panel: Fundraising Successful Experiences/Program ideas
Panelist Breakout: Questions and answers and sharing
Paul Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Awards

Friday Evening

Fellowship with cash bar
Dinner
RI Representative Keynote Speaker
Rotary Moment by a Younger Generation Rotarian
District Governor Hospitality

Saturday, May 4,

"Family Friendly Day"

Conference Registration: 7:00 a.m.-noon
Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.
Rotary International Representative
Rotary Moment: Alka Khanolkar, District Governor 2021-2022
District Conference 2020: Erna Morain, District Governor
2019-2020

Saturday Morning

House of Friendship open until 2:00 p.m.
On Site-Service Project for all conference participants: 8:45
a.m.
Reaching out digitally to help serve the disadvantaged and
underserved

Track 1

Face painting, balloon animals, book walk, other kid
activities

Track 2

Various Rotary Topics: Involving families in Rotary activities;
Public image for Rotary clubs

11:30: Upcoming Rotary International Conference, Hamburg,
Germany, Highlights:

Steve Dakin, District Governor 2020-21

Luncheon

Keynote Speaker TBD

Polio Video

Saturday Afternoon

Track 1

Fun activities/Ideas for kids and families - several
activities

Track 2

Various Rotary Topics
Involving Families in Rotary Activities
Public Image for Rotary Clubs, Rotaract, and Interact Clubs

Reading activities for kids

Children's Museum Activities

Awards

Nature activities

Saturday Evening

Fellowship with cash bar

Dinner

Fundraising Auction: Proceeds split between PolioPlus and
Prevent Child Abuse Iowa.

Magician Entertainment: Fun for All

District Governor Hospitality



SAVE THE DATE

**Watch for Registration Information
at www.rotary6000.org**

Inspiration: Updates and opportunities

By DG Tom Narak/West Des Moines

Happy New Year. Carol and I hope that everyone had a joyful holiday season. Our experience has been awesome. It is so inspirational to see so many wonderful things happening in service to others. We have much to be proud of in our District. Our clubs and members are really doing so much to help make this world a better place. Thank you for sharing your meetings and activities with us. You are truly the inspiration.

Diana Reed

We are very sad to hear of the recent passing of Diana Reed the first female District Governor for our District 6000 in 2007-2008. She was a wonderful Rotarian and leader for our District. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers. A tribute to Diana is on page 39.

RYLA

We still need some Rotarians to volunteer to help at RYLA this summer. Please ask your members to consider helping for the week. The dates for RYLA 2019 are July 14-19 at Grinnell College. For more information, please contact Mark McAndrews at 515.371.0863 or at markmcandrews@msn.com. Read about RYLA on page 14.

Grant Management Seminars

The Grant Management Seminar schedule includes meetings at West Liberty on Saturday, Feb 16, West Des Moines on Saturday, Feb 23, and Friday, March 29 in Newton. In order to qualify to apply for a grant in 2019/2020, your club needs to have at least one of your club members attend one of the sessions. Please register today.

District 6000 Visioning

We will host a visioning session for Rotary District 6000 on Saturday, April 6 in West Des Moines. Our objective is to look 3-5 years into the future for our District. The objective for club visioning is to develop a vision and framework to sustain and increase membership, implement successful service projects, develop leaders, and build support for the Rotary Foundation. Our visioning process will focus on ways that our district can be innovative as we look forward to meeting the challenges of the future and how to better support our Rotary clubs with their important work. We are asking club members to help by participating in the process. We hope to have representatives from our wide geographic area and varied sizes of clubs. Our District Board and the DG leadership chain will participate. Please contact me at tom.carol@msn.com if you're interested. If we have too many volunteers, we will select some to have a good representation from throughout our District.

PolioPlus with the Iowa Wolves

On Feb. 2, our District Rotarians worked with the Iowa Wolves at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines for a fundraiser for Polio Plus. Ed Arnold and the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines have done a fantastic job of leading this annual event. Many clubs and

members purchased \$20 tickets with 50 percent going to PolioPlus. If you were unable to attend and wish to support this project, contact Ed at edarnold1945@gmail.com. Remember that with the Gates Foundation Match, every dollar spent will be matched 2-1. Read more about PolioPlus in this issue of District 6000 News on pages 15, 27 and 40.

Newsletter Survey

Last week we sent a Survey Monkey online survey to each of our members for input about our District newsletter. Our Board has decided to continue the newsletter as a printed copy and online, as we have been doing the past two Rotary years. PDG Bill Tubbs has been doing a fantastic job with the newsletter, and he has been working hard to try to hold the costs down. This year we will have only three issues instead of four, and for next year some advertising spots will be available to generate some revenue to help with the costs. The survey asked for ideas and suggestions about the newsletter. We want to be sure that we are meeting the needs of our members. As Carol and I have visited our District clubs, we have heard many fantastic comments about the newsletter. We heard some questions about the cost, and that is why we are making a concerted effort to offer a quality product at the best cost possible.

PETS Training

This year PETS training will be held March 14-16, at the Scheman building on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames. It is an outstanding opportunity for all Presidents-Elect and President Nominees to gain very valuable information and experiences in preparation for their year as club President. Read more about NC-PETS on pages 6 and 7.

District Training Assembly

On March 30, at the DMACC campus in Newton, our annual District Training Assembly will be offered. It is designed for club members, club Board members, and all others interested in becoming leaders in their clubs. There is no cost, and the information and help provided are very valuable.

One Rotary Summit video

The taping and editing of the video have been completed and a flash drive has been sent to all club presidents to share at a club meeting later this Rotary year.

Bring a guest!

All members should take a guest to one or more of their Rotary clubs meetings this Rotary year. We will provide special recognition to all clubs who have had 100 percent of their members do so. Membership is very important for your club.

District By-Laws

A District Board subcommittee reviewed our District By-Laws on Feb. 4. You can find the current By-Laws on the District web page.



✓ Join Leaders ✓ Exchange Ideas ✓ Take Action



Michael Angelo Caruso
Motivational Speaker



Jennifer Jones
Past Rotary International
Vice President



Mark Maloney
Rotary International
President-Elect



Stephanie Urchick
Rotary International
Director-Elect



Tom Thorfinnson
Rotary International Chief
Strategic Officer

Connect with Rotary leaders at NCPETS

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

NCPETS Operations Chair

March 14-16, 2019, District 6000 is rolling out the red carpet for over 300 club presidents-elect of the four districts that comprise the North Central Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (NCPETS); Districts 5950 and 5960 (Minnesota/Wisconsin) and Districts 5970 and 6000 (Iowa).

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

"Preparing presidents-elect for the 'best job in Rotary' is the goal of NCPETS as we 'Join Leaders, Exchange Ideas and Take Action,'" said D6000 PDG Jacque Andrew, Jefferson, 2019 NCPETS operations chair and past NCPETS general chair. PEs share many reasons to attend NCPETS in inspiring short videos that can be seen on the website, www.ncpets.org.

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

On-line registration is open for presidents-elect (PE), presidents-nominee (PN), assistant governors (AG) and others participating in the event, also available at www.ncpets.org. Registrations are processed by ISU Conference Planning and Management in Ames.

Hotel reservations can be made at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, (515) 292-8600, and the Radisson Hotel Ames Conference Center on University Blvd., (515) 268-8808, for the NCPETS room blocks.

Rotary International President-Elect Mark Maloney will headline the Friday lunch as the general session keynote. The lively and inspiring message of Past RI Vice President Jennifer Jones of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, will highlight the Saturday morning general session. Motivational speaker PDG Michael Anthony Caruso of Royal Oak, Mich., will deliver memorable remarks at the Friday evening dinner general session at the Gateway Center. Rotary International Director-Elect Stephanie Urchick of Canonsburg, PA Penn., will welcome attendees at the Friday morning opening session. Past

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March 14-16, 2019 · Ames, Iowa
Scheman Building, Iowa State University
Gateway Hotel and Conference Center

JOIN LEADERS | EXCHANGE IDEAS | TAKE ACTION



District 5950
District Governor-Elect
Russ Michaelitz

District 5960
District Governor-Elect
Paul Perez

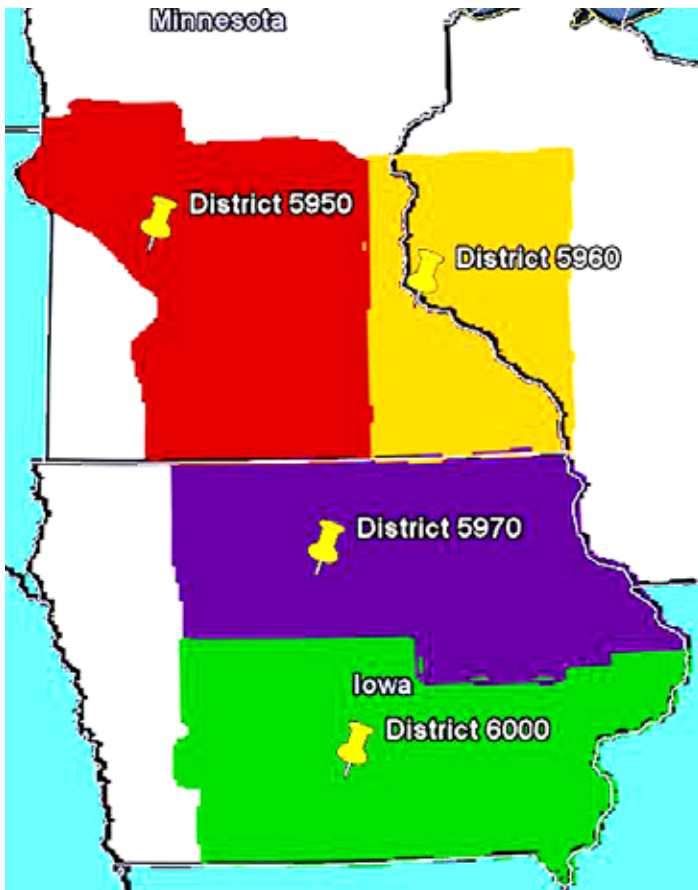
District 5970
District Governor-Elect
Michelle Bell

District 6000
District Governor-Elect
Erna Morain

The North Central Presidents-Elect Training Seminar is an annual training event for incoming Presidents and Presidents-Nominee in Districts 5950 (MN), 5960 (MN/WI), 5970 (IA), and 6000 (IA).

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District 6000 DGE Erna Morain of Waukegan (at right) is one of four incoming District Governors who are conveners of NCPETS. The March 14-16 event at Iowa State University prepares club presidents for their year of leadership.



Incoming club presidents from these four districts will participate in PETS training March 14-16, 2019, in Ames, Iowa.

District training sessions will be on Friday and Saturday mornings

NCPETS/continued

RI Vice President Tom Thorfinnson of Eden Prairie, Minn., chief strategy officer of Rotary International will speak during Saturday morning sessions.

All PEs will meet with their District Governors on Friday morning and Saturday morning for District-specific training. Friday afternoon's break-out sessions will focus on Rotary Club Health Check and ways leaders can help their clubs become more vibrant.

Saturday morning includes sessions on "Think BIG," "care and feeding of member volunteers," leading effective meetings, and club strategic planning/visioning plus specific AG and PN forums.

A welcome reception Thursday evening at 6 p.m. will kick off the event followed by "District Dinners" where PEs can get acquainted with others from their district and the District Governor Elect while continuing the fellowship over dinner. Several clubs from the 5970 and 6000 districts have graciously contributed to sponsorships of the reception on Friday evening.

"We look forward to a seeing all District 6000 presidents-elect in Ames for an unforgettable Rotary learning experience that will launch a successful year of club leadership," said Andrew.

NCPETS leadership

Executive Committee

Jill Olsen, Chair, 5970
Tim Murphy, Vice chair, 5950
Chris Knapp, Secretary, 6000
Ken Crabb, Treasurer, 5960
Gary Campbell, Immediate past chair, 5960
Jacque Andrew, Operations, 6000

DGEs (DGs 19-20)

Michelle Bell, 5970
Erna Morain, 6000
Russ Michaletz, 5950
Paul Perez, 5960

DGNs (DGs 20-21)

Tom Gump, 5950
Ed Marek, 5960
Lowell Stoolman, 5970
Steve Dakin, 6000

Instruction Chair

Judy Freund, 5960

Site Manager-Scheman Building

Allyson Walter, 6000

Site Managers-Gateway Hotel

Karin Sevde, 6000
Tanya Anderson, 6000

Sergeant at Arms

Jim Patton, 6000
with a team of 25 sergeants

House of Friendship

Peg Stoolman, 5970
Jo Grodahl, 5970

Technology

Bill Gaddis, 5950
Jozsef Gitta, 5970

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Suellen Kolbet, 5970
Carolyn Scharff, 6000

Registration Staff

Tim Grewell, ISU Conf Management

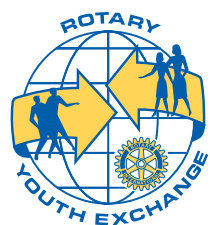


New banner ...

At the Nov. 28 executive committee meeting at the District Office in Pella, the District 6000 leadership team had the first look at the banner with the Rotary new logo, (l-r): DGN Steve Dakin (Boone), PDG John Ockenfels (Iowa City AM), DGE Erna Morain (Waukee), DG Tom Narak (West Des Moines), PDG Chris Knapp (Iowa City AM), PDG Loring Miller (Decatur County), and PDG Mike Ruby (Muscatine). — DG Tom Narak

RLI rescheduled to April 6

Steve Wieneke of Ankeny reports that the RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) training session that was planned for March 2 in North Liberty has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 6, at First United Methodist Church, 309 North Main St., Mount Pleasant. Any and all Rotary leaders or aspiring leaders are encouraged to participate in this educational, inspirational and motivational session. Information: Steve Wieneke, (515) 250-0507, swieneke@iastate.edu.



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

It's about Peace, Friendships

By Doug Peterson/Iowa Quad Cities
District Youth Exchange Chair

As I wrote in a previous District 6000 News, the work of Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is a year-round endeavor. As I write this, we are preparing to review applications for Outbound 2019-20 students and to interview the candidates for our Outbound program. Being accepted into our program is an honor and can lead to life-changing moments that will serve our students for years to come.

Depending upon how many students are accepted, we will have an equal number of 2019-20 Inbound students in the district, sent to us by our exchange partners around the world. This means that we must ask clubs to participate as hosts for these outstanding young men and women. This is the only way that RYE works. To that end, all district clubs will soon be asked to complete a "Club Commitment Form." This will tell us as your district committee of your intention to be a host club for one of our students during 2019-20.

Ideally we would have at least 20 of our district clubs committing to one of the ways to fulfill our Fifth Avenue of Service. I am asking the club presidents to please consider leading your club in this effort, enabling D6000 to show the world what we have to offer in Iowa!

The pictures that are included in this issue depict the Inbound students that are currently residing in our district. The photos were taken at our Fall Kickoff event held in September at the Christian Conference Center in Newton. It is at this event that we start the orientation/training that will be so important for the success of each

HOST CLUBS NEEDED

Inbound Coordinators for 2019-20, Beth and Sean Saxton, invite clubs to host a student(s) next year. See page 22.

student's exchange.

A few of the topics that we focus on include: student safety, cultural differences, do's and don'ts during the year, homesickness, communication, and adaptation. At our Winter Retreat which was held in January we continued to stress these topics by enlisting the Inbounds to help with the initial training of our new class of Outbounds. Our Inbounds will have a real-life view of what it is like to be an exchange student, and can help our new Outbounds understand what being an exchange student is all about. We as a committee can talk about it based on our experience, but the current exchange students can tell about their actual feelings and perspectives. This is a powerful technique in the preparation/training that we want our Outbounds to have.

Youth Exchange is one of the premiere programs of Rotary International. All participants – students, host families, clubs, committee persons – can testify to the way the program has changed them. And although each participant experiences RYE in a little different way, everyone will have memories made possible by Rotary and Rotarians that will last a lifetime. For more information or questions about RYE please contact Doug Peterson, District Chair, at louandoug@mchsi.com.



Sofia Portillo, Mexico (at Ankeny), Jesus Esteban, Mexico (Ankeny), and Carla Gomez, Mexico (Boone).



Pina Marrosu, Spain (Des Moines) and Cristina Cinotto, Spain (Iowa City AM).



Sarah Meurisse, Belgium (Ottumwa) and Pauline LeBlanc, Belgium (Mt. Vernon/Lisbon, District 5970).



Juan Carrillo, Ecuador (Bettendorf) and Bel Goedert, Brazil (Iowa Quad Cities).
Photos by Doug Peterson

ON THE COVER:

Inbound students from Spain: Rocio Mataix (Decatur County), Monica Romero (Nevada) and Ignacio (Nacho) Cagiao (Keokuk).



Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students with Rotex students (former RYE students who wish to stay connected) James Trettin, Carly Wright and Aaron Hoang at the Christian Conference Center in Newton.

Why your club should host an Exchange student

By Beth Saxton/Decatur County

District RYE Inbound Coordinator 2019-20

Starting with the 2019-20 Inbound Class, Beth and Sean Saxton will be taking over as Co-Inbound Coordinators. Rebecca Schultz has taken on an expanded role with District 5970 and had to make the tough choice to leave the position of Inbound Coordinator for District 6000. She has enjoyed working with all of the District 6000 clubs, students, and committee members over the last several years and will miss the regular interaction with everyone.

Rebecca will remain the main contact for the current Inbound Class while they are here for the rest of the year. She is also providing training and assistance to the Saxtons during the transition process.

For those looking for information regarding hosting next year, please contact the Saxtons at:

Beth Saxton: (515) 238-7078; beth.saxton@watchthemthrive.com.

Sean Saxton: (515) 238-8821; ssaxton@gmail.com.

Call for clubs to host RYE students

As your new Co-Inbound Coordinators, Beth and Sean Saxton want to remind you that the District Committee will soon be receiving applications from our exchange partners around the world and hope you will consider hosting an RYE student this coming Rotary year. Hosting a student is a great way for your club to promote peace through understanding, enhance the Rotary experience for your club members, and provide a RYE student the opportunity of a lifetime.

If you want to know what kind of an impact you can have on an

RYE student, read what some recent students hosted by Rotary Club of Decatur County have shared about their experiences:

"I couldn't imagine that this experience would change me that much. I left my house almost one year ago as a teenager, and I'm going back home as a man, with my heart full of memories that I'll never forget. Thanks everyone in Leon for accepting me as a member of the community and thanks to my host families for make me feel at home. And thanks Rotary for give me the chance to live this experience."

– Niccolò, Italy 2016-2017

"I'll be back soon, Iowa. I love you all so much. And thank you for the best year of my life. America, you stole my heart."

– Léna, France 2017-2018

"Four months ago I arrived to this little town, I was really scared because everything and everyone was new. Now after more than 100 days I feel that Leon is my home. I love everything, especially the people who have treated me as part of this big family. I feel so lucky of having such a good Rotary club and two lovely families. Thanks for everything."

– Rocio, Spain 2018-2019

If your club has never hosted a student before or just hasn't hosted one in some time and you're hesitant to do so, please feel free to contact the Saxtons. They have both served as club counselors and host parents and are happy to talk with you about what's required of your club and about any other questions or concerns you may have.

Council On Legislation to meet April 14-18 in Chicago

PDG Susan Herrick of Boone will represent District 6000 at the 2019 triennial Council On Legislation, April 14-18, in Chicago. The Council brings together delegates from Rotary's 535 districts to debate and take action on proposed enactments to Rotary's constitutional documents and bylaws.

This year's Council is one day shorter than in the past because the 2016 COL approved a Council On Resolutions, which takes action on resolutions, which are non-binding recommendations,

electronically between COL sessions.

The 115 proposed Enactments which will come before the 2019 Council have been posted online and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/ybtoudj3>. PDG Herrick encourages any Rotarian who is interested to take a look at the proposals and contact her at (515) 298-1536, or s.herrick@mchsi.com with any comments or suggestions. District 6000's alternate delegate is PDG Jacque Andrew of Jefferson.

Rotary: Seeking our better angels

By Ron Heideman/Indianola

District Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee Chair

The Peace and Conflict Resolution team will have a presence at the District Conference. We'll have an information table, and we'll also give about a 20-minute overview of what our team is working on.

Rotary Peace Academy: We recommend Rotarians learn how to build and sustain peace in their communities by taking the self-paced training course for Rotarians: <https://my.rotary.org/en/join-rotary-peace-academy>.

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Peace on Facebook: Check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-PeaceD6000/>,

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Better Angels <https://www.better-angels.org>:

This is an overview of Better Angels written by them: "Better Angels is an organization uniting red and blue Americans in a working alliance to depolarize America.

- As individuals, we try to understand the other side's point of view, even if we don't agree with it.
- In our communities, we engage those we disagree with, looking for common ground and ways to work together.
- In politics, we support principles that bring us together rather than divide us.

"Our activities are organizing community workshops and local alliances, gathering annually to determine national priorities, and convening red and blue thought leaders to make new arguments and show better ways to disagree.

"Our rule of balance is that in all our red/blue workshops and alliances, and at every level of leadership, we are half red and half blue. Our leaders and members range from working class to affluent, and come from many backgrounds, so that our organization can reflect the country we seek to serve.



"We're a dues-paying membership organization led by a small staff and many volunteers. We include our entire membership in monthly video conferences, and delegates attending an annual Convention help guide the organization. We're a 501(c)(3) non-profit led by a Board of Directors. All donations are tax-deductible.

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory ... will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature. — Abraham Lincoln, 1861"

I participated in a seven-hour Better Angels Workshop in Ames. There were two trained moderators who carefully kept us on track and civil. There were five reds (conservative, Republicans) and five blues (liberal, Democrats). It was intensive, tiring, and very worthwhile.

These were our observations following the workshop:

- We understand the other side better
- Both sides care
- We have to find answers
- Both sides are passionate
- Most people on both sides don't fully understand the issues
- All want the same things but we go about it differently
- Neither side is in lock-step with others on their side
- When confronted with different opinions we need to look deeply within ourselves

In summary, I'm convinced that Better Angels is a good program to improve dialogue between reds and blues and help us resolve our conflicts more politely.

The Rotary Club of Indianola will have a 30-minute overview of Better Angels at our meeting on Friday, March 1 at noon. You are welcome to join us. The meal cost is \$10. Please RSVP to heidemanron@gmail.com. I will propose to our board that we have a seven-hour workshop in April or May.

Rotary Foundation story has been told

By PDG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

District Rotary Foundation Chair

District 6000 Rotary Foundation Chair Chris Knapp and his wife, Vernetta, have completed visits to all 66 clubs. The What, How, and Why of the Foundation were discussed with more than 2,000 club members who were in attendance during these visits. These Rotarians now have a better understanding of how their dollars go into The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and three years later their gift to TRF comes back to our District in the form of funding for Community and Global Grants.

Our clubs should, can and do apply for these grants. Thus, our members impact the lives of the men, women and children in our communities and around the world. The world community has the opportunity to benefit from: Clean Water, Disease Prevention Initiatives, Health care for Mothers and Children, Literacy Initiatives, Community and Economic Development Grants and hopefully someday a world that has less Conflict and more Peace.



On Nov. 3, 2018, the Annual District Rotary Foundation Dinner was held at the West Des Moines Sheraton Hotel. The speaker, PDG Carl Chinnery, a polio survivor, told his inspirational story to 75 individuals. Carl's story was a reminder that giving to Rotary's Polio Plus Fund today and tomorrow has a global impact on the children in Iowa and across the globe.

Your next opportunity to learn about District and Global Grants will be at one of three Grant Management Seminars (GMS) to be held:

Saturday, Feb. 16: West Liberty Community Center, 8:30-12:30;

Saturday, Feb. 23: West Des Moines, Shive-Hattery, 8:30-12:30;

Friday, March 29: Newton, DMACC,

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Don't miss a great opportunity to learn how to write a Grant for your Club. Attendance at a Grant Management seminar is mandatory to be able to submit a grant.

Registration is now open on the District 6000 Website!

ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER

Carl Chinnery shares compelling message about polio

This report about the Rotary Foundation Dinner was submitted by Gretchen Nollan, president of the Rotary Club of West Liberty.

A celebration dinner was held in West Des Moines Saturday evening, Nov. 3, for the purpose of acknowledging Rotarians who had achieved various levels of giving or who have promised gifts from their estates. There was an excellent speaker who came from a family who was ravaged by polio. Rotarian Bill Koellner shared his post on Facebook upon returning from the dinner.

Carl Chinnery message

"We just returned home from an inspirational and compelling speaker, Carl Chinnery, a Rotary Past District Governor and attorney who lives in Kansas City.

"In 1942, members of his family with four young boys under the age of 10 became very ill. The oldest, 9, was sick and because little was known of the Polio virus, he was treated incorrectly in a Kansas City hospital. The parents were barred from entering the hospital for fear of getting the virus. The eldest died without his parents or family members present.

"Shortly thereafter the second child grew sick, but this time a doctor noticed a collapsed lung and immediately placed him in an iron lung. Again the parents were barred, but forced themselves into the hospital, stating they had lost a child already.

"The other two children were very young and survived. The mother never spoke of these issues until the mid-1990s when the youngest child, Carl Chinnery, our guest speaker, asked his mother what happened. At 89, the mother wrote a letter to her son speaking of the disease, the loss of children, the treatment or lack of treatment, and the emotions she endured for over 50 years.

"Today, polio drops for children are about 60 cents. Rotary, along with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and other countries are so close to total eradication of this disease. The Rotary Club of West Liberty just contributed enough money for 15,000 inoculations. Collectively, all of Iowa Rotary clubs have donated funds for nearly 4 million inoculations.

"Very soon you will hear this disease has been completely removed from the world.

"You could have heard a pin drop when Carl read the letter from his mother who watched her children suffer from Polio, and the fear of the youngest two falling to the fate of the oldest child.

"I am on the Board of Health in Muscatine County, and quarterly we see the number of children who refuse, by their parents to have inoculations, either for religious reasons or personal reasons. Would those parents like to be like Mrs. Chinnery and suffer emotional trauma because of not taking the Polio vaccine?"

Rotary Foundation facts

Here are some facts from the Rotary Foundation meeting. Of our 3,693 members in District 6000:

- 2,843 are EREY donors giving a minimum \$25 per year (nearly 75 percent);
- 1,967 are Sustaining donors giving more than \$100 per year (nearly 52 percent);

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Speaker Carl Chinnery got the audience's attention by cutting paper to make beautiful designs. Photos by Bill Tubbs



District 6000 Rotary Foundation leaders (l-r): PDG Chris Knapp and Vernetta (Chris is District Rotary Foundation Chair); PDG Susan Herrick (District PolioPlus Chair); speaker Carl Chinnery and his wife, Jean; and District Governor Tom Narak and his wife, Carol. Photos by Bill Tubbs

New directions needed to sustain TRF giving

- 85 Paul Harris Society Members give a minimum of \$1,000 per year;
- Nine Rotary clubs have not submitted TRF goals to date;
- Only 20 percent of our Annual Fund fundraising goal has been reached so far this year and 26 clubs have not sent in anything yet to the Foundation;
- Our district is on a general downward trend for Rotary Foundation giving;
- We are trending to a less than \$100 per capita giving level for the members in our District. We have been in the \$110s up to as high as \$124 for at least the last five years;
- There is a significant lack of business protocol with Rotary presidents in not knowing what to do in Foundation as well as other monthly business issues.

New directions

New directions proposed by District Foundation team:

- Focus on the increase in Paul Harris Society (PHS) membership, as donations from this group account for more than one-fourth of our Annual Fund giving. We have been at 85 members of the PHS for four years! A goal of 100 is doable.
- Encourage the use of Required Minimum Distributions from retirement accounts to go directly into The Rotary Foundation to reduce taxable income and support TRF at the same time...our member population.
- Shoot to exceed our District Annual Fund goal. Promote The Rotary Foundation as a "charity of choice." People have so many demands on their discretionary dollars now. We need to make the work of The Rotary Foundation more relevant and impactful for our members. Clubs establish goals for Polio and Annual Fund and encourage members to give, or to have specific fundraisers for Polio or Foundation giving.
- The first step is to work with clubs on dues structuring and the promotion of EREY and Sustaining, followed closely by Paul Harris Society.

Improve training

Improve initiatives in the business side of Rotary, My Rotary, Rotary Club Central and be sure that all presidents are trained in using these tools. Presidents should be aware of when items are due to District and to Rotary International.

William and Janet Koellner, along with William and Linda Tubbs, North Scott, who are the new owners of the *West Liberty Index*, were honored in achieving Major Donor level 4, exceeding giving of over \$100,000 in May 2016. There are only three other Rotarians in 6000 who have given more.

Koellner gave this response to the group on why The Rotary Foundation is important to himself and his wife, Janet. He said the following:

"My life has been molded by great Rotarians like Don Goering, Herb Wilson, Bill Tubbs, Jacque Andrew, Corliss Klaassen and more. The tireless gift of time by Rotarians who are not self serving, but only out to make a difference in others' lives, has led us to make these contributions. These same Rotarians are not only passionate about Rotary, but other causes in their communities. Jan and I were lucky to have parents who modeled these same values. They're called Service Above Self. They never knew that, they just did it."



Bill and Jan Koellner of West Liberty, and Linda and Bill Tubbs of North Scott, were recognized as Level 4 Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.



PDG Loring Miller and Phyllis of Decatur County, and Lesley and DGN Steve Dakin of Boone, were successful bidders for vintage bottles of bourbon, in a fun fundraiser for polio.

Photos by Bill Tubbs



Speaker Carl Chinnery received a gift to PolioPlus from DG Tom Narak and PDG Chris Knapp.

Photos by Bill Tubbs

Recruit students now for RYLA 2019

By Mark McAndrews/Northwest Des Moines

District 6000 RYLA Chair

Every club in District 6000 has sent students to Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) at some point, and most send students every year. Finding the right students to attend RYLA is an opportunity to promote greater awareness of Rotary to your schools.



Mark
McAndrews

The Rotary Club of Knoxville generates great interest in RYLA at their school every year. Their process is explained in the article below.

One key from the Knoxville club's experience is that prior RYLarians are the best recruiters you have for RYLA. Invite your prior students to assist in recruiting. They know who the best students to attend RYLA are and will be the best ambassadors to encourage them to attend. Start this process immediately after the

students return from RYLA, and get them thinking about who to recommend while the experience is still fresh in their mind.

Interact clubs are another good place to look for students. These are students who already know about Rotary and have shown a commitment to service. Several Interact clubs in the district were started by returning RYLarians.

Some clubs rely entirely on guidance counselors to make recommendations to the club.

There are many avenues to recruit students. Your community will benefit from these young leaders returning from RYLA as better leaders ready to serve.

One thing to be aware of when recruiting is that RYLA runs from Sunday afternoon, July 14th through noon on Friday, July 19th at Grinnell College. These dates will overlap state baseball playoffs and some county fairs. It is essential that conferees are able to attend all of RYLA. If a student may have a conflict, it would be prudent to recruit some alternates who could attend should they not be able to attend.

Finding the right students

Formula for Success: Recruit, Recommend, Select

By T Waldmann-Williams/Knoxville

Club Co-President and District RYLA Committee

I have had the privilege of working five years at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference and two years at Young YRYLA Camp as a Rotary Volunteer for both groups, assisting with the establishment of and member on the Iowa RYLA Board. These opportunities are an important foundation for my being a Rotarian.



T Waldmann
Williams

In 2014 we followed the example of many schools where the guidance counselors recommended candidates and the Rotarians read the applications and selected candidates. In 2015, we asked our 2014 RYLarians to participate with the guidance counselor to recommend RYLA candidates. We informed all current candidates that they would be responsible to run the Recommendation Process the next year.

2015 RYLarian Cade McNeill designed tools and led a team through the 2016 Recommendation Process. He talked with RYLA Head Counselors about their process of selecting counselors and to others to become informed on selecting potential leaders.

There are clearly three processes in getting students to a RYLA Conference: Recruiting, Recommending and Selecting.

The **Recruiting Process** includes marketing RYLA in the school and presenting Rotary and the RYLA opportunities to sophomores and juniors who then register their interest.

The **Recommending Process** includes agreeing to criteria to determine how the team will rank candidates; designing an initial online application; sending the online application link to interested students; reviewing applications and selecting about 10 individuals from the completed online applications for face-to-face interviews; creating questions for conducting the interviews; reviewing and discussing results; and recommending the team's top candidates and alternates to the club. In 2017 McNeill and Quinlan Robuck

led these processes and created a succession plan and materials for the following years.

The **Selecting Process** includes club representatives meeting with the team and reviewing the team's results. We all meet with each of the top 10 candidates informing them who are candidates and alternates and sharing each person's strengths and areas for improvement; ensuring that each candidate and alternate complete the Rotary online application; reviewing the expectations of attending the RYLA Conference and YRYLA Camp including giving a presentation to Rotary after attending RYLA-YRYLA and that they must lead or assist in the Recruiting, Recommending and After Action Review processes for the following year's RYLA and YRYLAian candidates and alternates.

Each year an After Action Review produces learnings. Some of these learnings include refining both online and face-to-face tools; identifying and assigning roles and responsibilities on the team; creating a decision-making process that includes identifying and removing biases; starting the process earlier; ensuring that decision makers be involved in the entire process; and determining how to communicate with Rotary members, school(s) staff, and potential and selected RYLarians and YRYLarians.

Our RYLA and YRYLA recipients are a key to providing our best candidates and alternates for RYLA and YRYLA. Two of our RYLarians have become RYLA counselors; all have become better leaders in school, sports, church, organizations and-or community activities; most have volunteered with Rotary; and many have become friends.

This year Quinlan Robuck is one of the RYLA Head Counselors. Our club went from sponsoring two to RYLA in 2014 to sending four to RYLA and four to YRYLA in 2019 with two alternates each for RYLA and YRYLA. We now market Rotary's Youth Exchange Program to 8th through 11th graders.

We believe RYLA and YRYLA experiences are a way to creating a sustainable future and leaders for Rotary and communities. For more information please contact me at (641) 828-6407.

Polio eradication

Be a part of history with support for the statue

By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County
District Public Image Chair 2016-18

As Rotarians in District 6000 we have prepared to tell our story to future generations of how Rotary's war of eradicating polio helped make history.

The polio statue prepared for District 6000 symbolizes that story. Sculptor David Biehl, DVM, was commissioned to create a bronze statue depicting the effort to eradicate polio. The statue has been cast and is awaiting site preparation at Unity Point Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines.

We are hoping for the dedication this spring/summer.

The cost of the statue is \$65,000, and placement at Unity Point may be as expensive as \$25,000. We raised approximately \$7,700 during PDG Chris Knapp's year, \$2,000 during PDG Mike Ruby's year, and so far \$4,000 during DG Tom Narak's year. We are still in need of covering the expenses. Individual donors and clubs will be recognized at time of dedication.

Let us add your name or club if we haven't already done so.

Please act now and donate to the District 6000 Polio Statue!

To support this worthy cause, mail checks made out to District 6000 H.E.F. (501.C.3) to: Rotary District 6000, P.O. Box 122, Pella, IA 50219. OR you may call district administrator Carolyn Scharff



One part of the statue that will commemorate Rotary's gift to the world.

at (877) 976-8279 to make a credit card payment. Donations of \$250 or more qualify for a tax deductible receipt.

HELP fund a part of District 6000 history!

Report: 1,185 bicycles 10,500 lives changed!

DG 2017-18 Mike Ruby submitted this report about District 6000's success in raising funds for World Bicycle Relief last year:

"The wrap-up with our partnership with World Bicycle Relief is now complete. Our district raised \$172,200 to purchase 1,185 bikes. About 75 percent of the donations were eligible for a match, so that means District 6000 provided about 2,100 bikes. We indeed carried out the 2017-18 theme of "Rotary: Making a Difference," because each bike changes the economic family tree for an average of five persons. That means we have changed the lives of 10,500 people in Zambia, Africa. Awesome!"



At the Toronto Convention, Mary Beth Johnson of World Bicycle Relief thanked District 6000 for changing lives!

Ride To End Polio raises \$15,050

District 6000 PolioPlus Chair PDG Susan Herrick and her committee are delighted with the results of Ride to End Polio challenge. Clubs were asked to ride bicycles or stationary bicycles the week of Nov. 10-17 and seek pledges to raise funds for Rotary's global polio eradication campaign.

District 6000 won the prize from Rotary for the top district with eight clubs raising \$8,000. The goal was increased this year to \$16,000, and that total was nearly achieved with participation from 19 clubs.

Winner of the global prize will be announced later, but here is the tally of clubs in this year's successful event:

Club (participants)	Amount Raised
District 6000	\$ 1,500.00
Boone (6)	\$413.00
Burlington (2)	\$ 175.00
Dallas Center(3)	\$181.00
Decatur County(18)	\$419.30
Fairfield (7)	\$1,225.00
Fort Madison (4)	\$444.00
Iowa City AM (24)	\$2,659.57
Indianola (7)	\$635.00
Jefferson	\$200.00
Johnston (9)	\$1,330.00
Kalona	\$1,856.00
Keokuk (15)	\$702.00
Knoxville (1)	\$50.00
Mt. Pleasant Evening (24)	\$ 264.00
Newton	\$680.00
Washington	\$612.00
Waukee (26)	\$740.00
Wellman (24)	\$915.00
West Des Moines (2)	\$50.00
19 clubs (172)	\$15,050.87
Add the Gates 2:1 match	\$30,101.74
Total	\$45,152.61

District 6000 can be proud that we have made a real difference in Rotary International's fight to eradicate polio from the world!

***Wear your Rotary
pin with pride!***



Rotary Foundation Giving: APF, Polio, Endowments

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(Members: Jul 15-16-17-18)	(1) 18-19 Goal	(2) % of Goal	(3) Per capita	(4) Thru 1-27-19	(5) PolioPlus	(6) Other (*)	(7) TOTAL
Adel (37-37-34-32)	\$ 3,300	40	\$ 40.78	\$ 1,305	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 1,305
Albia (22-28-28-24)	1,000	70	29.17	700	52	0	700
Ames (224-226-217-206)	25,000	67	81.51	16,792	10,022	3,360	30,174
Ames Morning (55-55-59-59)	9,000	40	61.02	3,600	2,948	1,575	8,123
Ankeny (61-77-85-86)	13,400	47	73.43	6,315	5,395	0	11,710
Atlantic (58-58-58-56)	3,000	72	38.73	2,169	0	0	2,169
Bettendorf (103-101-102-105)	12,000	41	46.43	4,875	0	0	4,875
Bloomfield (10-10-10-11)	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boone (42-34-41-51)	3,500	42	29.12	1,485	3,813	0	5,298
Burlington (80-79-80-80)	4,000	17	8.62	690	750	0	1,440
Carroll (46-44-43-44)	3,500	30	23.86	1,050	100	0	1,150
Centerville (50-46-45-46)	5,000	25	26.83	1,225	0	0	1,225
Chariton (41-41-34-30)	3,000	53	52.50	1,575	0	0	1,575
Clinton (98-97-94-90)	10,000	35	38.35	3,452	1,264	0	4,712
Coon Rapids (27-31-34-30)	0	0	0	0	0	1,050	1,050
Coralville-N. Corridor (20-21-22-24)	1,000	50	20.83	500	25	0	525
Corning (34-33-32-32)	1,000	119	37.13	1,188	1,000	0	2,188
Corydon (18-15-15-17)	300	100	17.65	300	0	0	300
Creston (23-19-17-18)	250	232	32.17	579	250	0	829
Dallas Center (27-29-26-25)	2,500	0	0	0	181	0	181
Davenport (112-113-110-107)	13,000	54	66.03	7,065	2,850	7,175	17,090
Decatur County (30-32-31-30)	6,000	129	258.60	7,758	2,453	0	10,211
Des Moines (276-270-269-255)	21,000	61	49.90	12,724	0	3,150	15,874
Des Moines AM (170-170-179-189)	13,000	28	19.05	3,600	0	2,100	5,700
East Polk County (34-31-29-29)	2,500	58	50.17	1,455	831	0	2,286
Fairfield (74-60-57-56)	4,000	0	0	0	1,225	0	1,225
Fort Madison (49-53-55-51)	6,000	37	43.63	2,225	655	0	2,880
Greater Des Moines (12-12-11-13)	1,000	135	103.85	1,350	0	0	1,350
Grinnell (38-40-35-38)	4,750	116	145.39	5,525	1,010	1,050	7,585
Indianola (54-53-54-47)	7,000	33	48.40	2,275	1,080	2,100	5,455
Iowa City (312-329-333-317)	45,000	28	39.10	12,395	450	0	12,845
Iowa City AM (66-69-74-71)	10,000	89	125.85	8,935	10,612	0	19,547
Iowa City Downtown (23-21-23-25)	4,000	77	123.40	3,085	1,800	0	4,885
Iowa Quad-Cities (41-42-38-42)	3,000	19	13.57	570	0	0	570
Jefferson (59-59-56-60)	5,000	63	52.87	3,172	300	0	3,472
Johnston (60-49-52-43)	7,000	67	108.49	4,665	1,280	0	5,945
Kalona (42-41-43-40)	1,800	131	58.75	2,350	1,856	0	4,206
Keokuk (66-71-57-53)	3,250	69	42.55	2,255	2,052	0	4,307
Keosauqua (24-22-23-24)	1,200	29	14.58	350	0	0	350
Knoxville (61-58-48-53)	4,500	48	40.57	2,150	1,930	0	4,080
Lenox (29-28-27-25)	2,000	40	32.00	800	425	0	1,225
Manning (19-25-21-23)	2,500	50	54.35	1,250	0	1,050	2,300
Marengo (11-10-10-11)	200	63	11.36	125	0	0	125
Marshalltown (150-147-145-133)	7,500	50	28.01	3,725	1,030	0	4,755
Mount Pleasant Noon (52-55-47-51)	5,000	42	40.76	2,079	2,000	0	4,079
Mount Pleasant (20-20-18-18)	500	35	9.72	175	675	34,182	35,032
Muscatine (79-77-69-66)	12,000	61	111.56	7,363	1,550	0	8,913
Nevada (71-69-61-53)	10,000	33	62.26	3,300	1,000	0	4,300
Newton (60-55-49-40)	0	0	6.25	250	1,320	1,300	2,620
North Scott (85-86-89-88)	12,000	84	114.49	10,075	2,000	23,500	35,575
N'West Des Moines (34-40-36-37)	8,000	60	129.46	4,790	1,025	2,625	8,440
Norwalk (0-0-20-24)	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Osceola (28-29-25-22)	800	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oskaloosa (56-55-57-54)	4,000	4	3.15	170	0	0	170
Ottumwa (97-98-92-89)	10,010	95	106.74	9,500	806	0	10,306
Pella (29-30-29-29)	3,200	60	66.72	1,935	383	0	2,318
Perry (26-26-26-23)	0	0	17.39	400	218	525	1,143
Tipton (30-26-27-22)	1,500	78	53.41	1,175	850	1,050	3,075
Washington (49-48-43-42)	0	0	.50	2,100	0	0	2,100
Waukee (58-64-69-64)	8,500	41	53.88	3,448	2,040	27,400	32,888
Wellman (36-34-30-29)	3,500	36	43.34	1,257	1,019	0	2,276
West Des Moines (62-63-52-51)	5,000	48	47.16	2,405	0	1,050	3,455
West Liberty (43-44-46-41)	12,000	72	209.76	8,600	1,700	0	10,300
West Polk County (31-18-19-20)	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winterset (25-30-33-29)	2,500	108	93.28	2,705	3,155	3,150	9,010
District Contributions	0	0	0	0	1,500	52,500	1,615
Total (3,854-3,853-3,793-3,693)	\$ 376,460	52.95	\$ 53.98	\$ 199,330	\$ 73,578		\$ 447,801

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

Global Grants looking for partners

By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport

District 6000 Global Grants Chair

Is your Rotary club “connected”?

Introducing the theme for next year, RI President-Elect Mark Daniel Maloney observed Rotary “allows us to connect with each other, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. It connects us to people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us to our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.”

The Rotary Foundation’s Global Grants program is one way District 6000 clubs are connecting. In the last five years, 43 District 6000 clubs – two thirds of our clubs – have participated in Global Grants implementing 30 projects in 18 countries. These projects will help more than 294,000 poor people who need help to enjoy better health or economic improvement, or educational opportunity, to draw water from a new well or have their disabilities lessened so they can earn a living. And that statistic is just for the first year after the projects’ completions; all of the projects will continue to provide benefits for years and years into the future.

Clubs in our district have 25 global grants in progress right now with applications either being drafted, or pending approval at The Rotary Foundation or being implemented. Six of the applications have opportunities for more partners. These projects that are seeking additional support and their D6000 sponsor clubs are:

- Rehabilitating a rural school in Afghanistan serving more than 1,000 households with improved classrooms, instructional equipment, lavatories and safety features to attract more students,

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- Providing a water well and distribution system for a village of 25,000 people in western Tanzania, Rotary Club of Iowa City AM.

- Providing chlorine water disinfection systems in Malawi for rural villages home to 3,500 people. Rotary Club of Oskaloosa.

- Upgrading a long-deteriorated public water supply system in Xicotepec, Mexico. Rotary Club of Iowa City AM.

- Providing a water well and distribution system for a village of more than 2,100 people in northeastern Tanzania. Rotary Club of Ames.

- Providing instruction on the teaching of reproductive health and relationships education to teachers in 18 rural schools serving 11,000 students in northeastern Tanzania, Rotary Club of Ames.

Rotarians and clubs that are interested in knowing more about these projects should contact global grants chair Brock Earnhardt: (563) 343-6304; brockearnhardt@hotmail.com.

Deadline for 2019-20 Community Service Grants will be June 1

By Kris Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Community Service Grants Co-Chair

It's Grant Management Seminar time of the year again!

Do you have a club project that you'd like some funding for?

Have you ever wondered how projects are funded or how your contributions to The Rotary Foundation are used?

Are you a little bit intimidated by the whole "writing a grant" concept? If any of those are true, then a Grant Management Seminar is the right place for you.

Please join us at one of the three upcoming Grant Management Seminars to learn about Community Service Grants and Global Grants. Grant applications are required to be submitted to D6000CSG@gmail.com BY JUNE 1, 2019. No late applications will be accepted! At least one person from your club must attend a Grant Management Seminar to be eligible, but the more the merrier. Be sure to register on the district website so we know to expect you. The dates are:

Feb. 16: West Liberty Community Center, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Feb. 23: West Des Moines Shive-Hattery, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

March 23: Newton DMACC Campus, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.



At the September 2018 Rotary Institute in Erie, Pa., District Rotary Foundation Chair, PDG Chris Knapp, was presented certificates recognizing District 6000 as third highest in Zone 28 (12 districts) in Annual Giving in 2017-18 with \$428,058, and for contributing 20 percent of DDF (District Designated Fund), of \$40,756, to PolioPlus. Our gifts this year will determine whether District 6000 remains a leader. Please check your club's progress in the table at left, and make a commitment to meet or exceed your goals!

Photo by Bill Tubbs



Kiran and Alka Khonalkar

Alka Khonalkar of Keokuk nominated for DG 2021-22

Alka Khonalkar of the Rotary Club of Keokuk has been nominated for District Governor 2021-22 in District 6000. Alka came to the U.S. from India and has a diverse educational background which began in India. She pursued studies in marketing in England and has done graduate and post graduate study in communications in the U.S. Her volunteer service in her community includes serving for two terms on the Keokuk School Board. She worked for a program called Kid Zone with the Keokuk schools to provide the educational opportunities to future leaders. She served on several boards and committees, including the Keokuk Area Chamber of Commerce, Keokuk Area Convention and Tourism, and Keokuk Economic Development Corporation. She was the recipient of "The Spirit of Keokuk Award" in 2015 from Main Street, Inc.

In 2008, she was invited to membership of the Rotary Club of Keokuk. She has held several positions at the club and district levels, including club president and assistant governor. She participated in a Polio National Immunization Day in India, and a Friendship Exchange to South Africa. She has attended four Rotary International Conventions (Hamburg will make five!). She attended a West Africa Project Fair and has been a member of the District 6000 Project Team in Xicotepec, Mexico, three times. She has been a volunteer at RYLA, and will be doing that again in 2019. She has served on district committees for Youth Exchange, PolioPlus, Literacy, Friendship Exchange, Youth Exchange Officer, Peace and Conflict Resolution, Membership, Rotaract, and RLI.

Alka's husband, Dr. Kiran Khanolkar, is president-elect of the Rotary Club of Keokuk. He is the Emergency Medical Director at Keokuk Unity Point Health Systems. They are parents of three daughters: Mridul works with the American Medical Association; Sarina attends Law School; and Priya is in her final year at the Tisch School of film making at NYU.

Alka has a deep passion for Rotary's core values, Areas of Focus, and the Four-Way Test. She says "Rotary Rocks!" and urges members to "Pay It Forward!" She enjoys volunteering, traveling, photography, Rotary fellowship, and speaking different languages.

41 Rotarians, students, Interactors, faculty prepare for 17th annual trip to Xicotepec, Mexico

Team leader Jim Peterson and District Governor Tom Narak will lead a team of 41 Rotarians, Interactors, service learners and UI faculty on District 6000's 17th annual mission to Xicotepec, Mexico, March 16-24. They will partner with Xicotepec Rotarians on several service projects.

The relationship with the village in the highlands of eastern Mexico began in 2003 and has been an international partnership at many levels. This year there is an inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student, Carla Gómez-Tello, from Xicotepec hosted by the Rotary Club of Boone in District 6000. Another inbound RYE student, Cristina Cinotto of Italy, hosted by the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM, will be going to Xicotepec as a member of the project team.

The service learners are students at the University of Iowa who have been preparing for the trip as part of their curriculum and will be engaged in service projects in their curricular area. Team members are named below. Watch for reports of their activities in future issues of District 6000 News.

Nailin Shi, Iowa City, Service Learner, Dentistry
 Kelley Trimble, West Branch, Service Learner, Dentistry
 Amber Mills, Iowa City, Service Learner, Dentistry
 Caroline LaRoy, Iowa City, Service Learner, Dentistry
 Taylor Majerus, Coralville, Service Learner, Dentistry
 Victoria Ridout, Coralville, Service Learner, Dentistry
 Jasmine Butler, Iowa City, Service Learner, Dentistry
 Erin Kallsen, Iowa City, Service Learner, Dentistry
 Ethan Smith, Waterloo, Service Learner, Public Health
 Caitlin Bussard, Coralville, Service Learner, Dentistry
 Brianna Priebe, Iowa City, Service Learner, Pharmacy
 Autumn Moen, Iowa City, Service Learner, Public Health
 Rachel Sears, Blue Grass, Service Learner, Liberal Arts & Sciences
 David Bainbridge, Coralville, Service Learner, Pharmacy
 Maureen Martin, Iowa City, Service Learner, Public Health
 Alexis Fahrion, Iowa City, Service Learner, Public Health
 Maryanne Menge, Iowa City, Service Learner, Pharmacy
 Anna Kane, Iowa City, Service Learner, Public Health
 Alex Syverud, Riverdale, Service Learner, Public Health
 Whitney Bash Brooks, Coralville, Service Learner, Public Health
 Ann Mwangi, Iowa City, Service Learner, Pharmacy
 Michael Parisi Mercado, Iowa City, Course Instructor, Pharmacy
 Jeffrey Dawson, Iowa City, Course Instructor, Public Health
 Amy Lesch, Iowa City, Course Instructor, Dentistry
 Steven Levy, Iowa City, Course Instructor, Dentistry
 William Doucette, Iowa City, Course Instructor, Pharmacy
 Thomas Narak, West Des Moines Rotary, Leadership
 Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM Rotary, Leadership
 Patricia Roberts, Iowa City, Rotarian
 Dale Roberts, Iowa City, Rotarian
 Christine Catney, Iowa City, Rotarian, Pharmacy
 Keith Hobson, Nevada Rotarian
 Thomas Mott, Newton Rotarian
 Robert Main, Newton Rotarian
 Carol Narak, West Des Moines Rotarian
 Philip Peterson, Iowa City AM Rotarian
 Grace Ellis, North Liberty, nominated by Rotary club
 Omar Mustafa, West Des Moines Valley Interact
 Helen Zhang, Coralville, Iowa City West Interact
 Cristina Cinotto, Iowa City, Rotary Youth Exchange from Italy
 Ella Hennager, Iowa City, City High Interact



Dr. Ignacio Ponseti is our Super Hero

Sept. 28 was Super Hero Night at the Zones 28-29 Rotary Institute at Erie, Pa., so District 6000 Rotarians and friends wore T-shirts to honor the late Dr. Ignacio Ponseti, the man from Iowa who developed a non-surgical cure for clubfoot, as their Super Hero. Iowa Rotarians formed the Rotarian Action Group, RAG4Clubfoot, to train doctors worldwide in the use of the Ponseti Method. Front (l-r): Wendy Bowman (D5970), PDG Chris Knapp, John Schultz, Don Meyer (D5970 DRFC), Jill Forrester (Emerging Leader, Greater Des Moines), Rebecca Schultz, DGE Erna Morain, and PDG John Ockenfels. Back: trainer Ron Heideman (Indianola), DGN Steve Dakin (Boone), PDG Bill Tubbs, PDG Susan Herrick, PDG Jill Olsen (D5970), DG Tom Narak and Carol, DG Neil Fell (D5970), Vernetta Knapp, Kathy Fell, PDG Jacque Andrew, membership chair Chris Nelson (West Des Moines), Jennifer Monteith (D5970), Steve Morain and Lesley Dakin. The Institute, convened by RI Director Robb Knuepfer, brought Rotarian leaders together from 28 districts in the upper Midwest, New England and Canada.

Rotarians provide coats for 28,866 kids

By Deb Ockenfels/Iowa City AM

In the 2014-15 Rotary year, then-District Governor John Ockenfels and his wife Debbie adopted the Operation Warm Coats program as a district-wide initiative. In that first year, clubs provided brand new coats to over 8,500 children across the state. This year, 4,600 coats were gifted by 30 clubs and affiliated groups, bringing the total since 2014 to 26,866 coats gifted to children in need!

Starting as a small project in 1998 by the Longwood Rotary Club of District 7450 in Pennsylvania, Operation Warm has grown into a program supported by Rotarians and other organizations across North America. Hundreds of clubs have partnered with Operation Warm to bring the warmth, confidence and hope of a new winter coat to children living in need.

For 20 years, over 300 Rotary clubs in more than 50 districts have partnered with Operation Warm to conduct service projects that provide brand new winter coats to children in their communities and beyond. Iowa clubs have been with Operation Warm since Waterloo Downtown and North Scott started programs in 2010. And District 6000 adopted the program in 2014.

In fact, Rotary clubs have provided brand new winter coats to over 300,000 children, helping Operation Warm reach and impact communities throughout North America.

“There are children right now who would not have been given a gift of warmth, confidence and hope, if it weren’t for our long-

standing partnership with Rotary clubs,” says Rich Lalley, Operation Warm’s Development Director and Past President of the Rotary Club of Winnetka-Northfield in District 6440 in the Chicago area.

Here is a list of this year’s clubs (including a club from District 5970 in northern Iowa and 6420 in the Illinois Quad Cities) and their coat totals for this year:

Adel Rotary (108)	Mt. Pleasant Noon Rotary (36)
Agudas Achim Synagogue (30)	Muscatine Rotary (90)
Ankeny Rotary (90)	Nevada Rotary (78)
Burlington Rotary (78)	NW Des Moines Rotary (306)
Coralville N. Corridor Rotary (48)	Norwalk Rotary (162)
Corydon Rotary (60)	Osceola Rotary (120)
Decatur County Rotary (42)	Oskaloosa Rotary (78)
Des Moines Rotary (444)	Ottumwa Rotary (252)
Des Moines AM Rotary (312)	Pella Rotary (36)
East Moline-Silvis Rotary (168)	Waukee Rotary (162)
Fairfield Rotary (48)	West Des Moines Rotary (60)
Fort Madison Rotary (300)	West Liberty Rotary (174)
Indianola Rotary (36)	Waterloo Downtown Rotary (678)
Iowa City AM Rotary (120)	West Polk County Rotary (60)
Jefferson Rotary (36)	Grand Total (4,596)
Marshalltown Rotary (384)	

Amanas hosted Rotary RV Fellowship

By Peggy Geiger/Decatur County

The first ever all Iowa Rotary Recreational Vehicle Fellowship rally was held Oct. 2-5 at the Amana Colonies in Amana, Iowa. A total of nine rigs and 17 Rotarians and guests braved the windy and rainy elements to attend the spirited event.

With plenty of fellowship at every evening happy hour, we all enjoyed getting to know each other much better. Some of the special highlights of the rally were:

- At breakfast on Wednesday morning, we learned a lot about the history of the Amana Colonies from John Childers from the Historical Museum in Amana. The Amana Colonies were established by German Immigrants escaping religious persecution in the mid 1800s. It remained a communal community until 1932, and the Amana Society remains in effect today as a corporation, much of the stock still owned by descendants of the original immigrants.

- Rotary attendance at the Rotary Club of Coralville North Corridor found plenty of fellowship, and included an inspiring presentation on the development and construction of the new Hancher Performing Arts Center at the University of Iowa after the old Hancher was destroyed by a flood in 2008.

- Following the Rotary meeting we visited the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum in West Branch. Herbert Hoover served as the 31st president of the United States during the '29 Stock Market crash and the Great Depression in the early 1930s. Though his term was certainly a rocky time, we were a great humanitarian who served the world and his country. He and his wife Lou are buried on the grounds.

- On Wednesday, we feasted at the Ronneburg German style restaurant. All is served family style with homemade pie included. We all went back to the campground stuffed with wiener schnitzel, ham, fried chicken, all the other homemade trimmings and of course the pie.

- Thursday was a free day, but many in the group went on a tour around the seven Amana Villages and were hosted by our tour guide, Gloria. Again, we learned much more about the history and operations of Amana.

- After our Thursday evening potluck, we were blessed and honored to have Rotarian and RVF member John Schultz and one of his students entertained us on the violin. His daughter Charlotte, 8, and son Graham, 5, were also part of the musical presentation.

Our traditional breakaway breakfast Friday morning saw the end of the rally, with the majority staying on for the Oktoberfest Festival being held in the Amanas. It's always great to see everyone, and we look forward to the next one.



At the RV Fellowship, front (l-r): Sue Rasmussen (Wauke, RVF President-Elect), Kim Konz (Nebraska), Peggy and PDG Terry Geiger (Decatur County). Row 2: Neil Loth (Florida), Sandi Anderson (full-time RVer), Sheryl Mortimer (Nebraska), Sharon Goudy (Arkansas), Mary Lou Anderson (North Scott), Sue Maifield (Illinois), Valerie Loth (Florida). Back: Mick Maifield (Illinois), PDG Tom Mortimer (Nebraska), Jim Anderson (full-time RVer), Keith Goudy (Arkansas), Dick Rasmussen (Wauke) and Merle Anderson (North Scott).

District 6000 Rotarians active in Ski Fellowship

Rotarians in District 6000 are active in the International Skiing Fellowship, which met Jan. 25-Feb. 1 in Sun Valley, Idaho. The Fellowship is for both downhill and cross-country skiers.

PDG Don Goering of Ames is past international president of the Fellowship, and the current international president is Allyson Walter of Ames and Dr. John Shierholz, Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation member. PDG Mike Ruby of Muscatine and Rotarian Mark Rutenbeck of Clinton are members. The cost of membership is \$35.

You can follow ISFR on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/isfrski/> to see updates and fun photos of the this January's trip, or email ISFRSki@gmail.com to sign up for the quarterly newsletter.

— provided by Allyson Walter



Rotary Fellowships bring members together worldwide for fun and fellowship as they pursue their shared interests.

What is a Rotary Fellowship?

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience. The nearly 100 Rotary Fellowships encompass a variety of vocations and avocations – from sports and hobbies such as music, golf, skiing, wine tasting and running – all of which serve as a way to extend international fellowship, friendship, and service. In addition to offering members an opportunity to share their passion for a particular interest with like-minded Rotarians, many individual fellowship groups enable members to use their hobbies or skills to serve others. Learn more www.rotaryfellowships.org

Thirty-one in District 6000

Eight new Interact clubs have been added in the last two years!!

By Steve Hanson/West Liberty

District 6000 Interact Chair

Rotary service clubs for youth ages 12-18 are called Interact clubs. In District 6000, eight new Interact clubs have been added or reactivated in the last two years. Mid-Prairie High School (Wellman), Liberty High School (Iowa City School District), Valley High School (West Des Moines) and Newton High School added or reactivated Interact clubs in 2017-18; during the current year Adel, Fort Madison High School, Fort Madison Middle School and Wayne High School (Corydon) formed Interact clubs.

District 6000 now has 31 active Interact clubs: 30 school-based and one community-based. The following Rotary clubs are sponsoring, or at some phase of sponsoring active Interact clubs: Adel, Bettendorf, Clinton, Coralville-North Corridor, Corydon, Des Moines, Des Moines AM, East Polk County, Fairfield, Fort Madison, Indianola, Iowa City Noon, Iowa City AM, Jefferson, Mount Pleasant, Newton, North Scott, Northwest Des Moines, Oskaloosa, Ottumwa, Pella, Perry, Tipton, Waukee, Wellman, West Des Moines, and West Liberty.

In October, some of the Interact clubs reported the following activities to the district Interact team:

1) The Fairfield Interact Club volunteered at the World Fairfield International Festival; volunteered at the Fairfield Public Library's "Science Cafe;" trick-or-treated for the Family Crisis Center; and helped the library with their Halloween event.

2) The West Liberty High School Interact Club picked up trash along Highway 6 outside of West Liberty.

3) The Mid-Prairie High School Interact Club had a special project. One of their newest members is an international exchange student from Palu, Indonesia. Not long after she joined the club, an earthquake and tsunami struck her village. MPHS Interact decided to raise funds for the recovery effort in this Indonesian village. On Oct. 16, Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Wellman visited Mid-Prairie High School and had lunch with the Interactors.

4) Liberty High School in North Liberty helped at Pink Out; made and sold bracelets; provided child care during Parent-Teacher Conferences; helped at a local run (the Rack Run); provided assistance to the 5th Ward Saints; and helped at Run for the Schools, the Kirkwood STEM festival, Penn Elementary Night, and Alexander Elementary Night. Since October they made tie blankets to donate to the Shelter House, played bingo with residents at an assisted living facility, rang bells for the Salvation Army, and raised funds to donate to an international project.

We hope to receive reports from other Interact clubs around the district and will share them in an article in the next issue of the district newsletter.

Members of the D6000 Interact Team are Nancy Pacha, Joan Garrity, Wayne Steen, Vicki Struzynski-Olson, and Steve Hanson, in addition to DG Tom Narak, PDG Mike Ruby and DGE Erna Morain.

If your club is not yet sponsoring an Interact club, and would like to know more, please reach out and contact us!



Rotarians volunteering at the Breakfast with Santa event were (l-r): Jeff Koeppel, Bryan Stolz, Santa, Steve Laughlin, Michele Brandstatter, Shane Hendricks and Keith Jones.

Coralville, Interact host Breakfast with Santa

By Vicky Struzynski Olson/Coralville North Corridor

The Rotary Club of Coralville North Corridor held its annual Breakfast with Santa at the Coralville Marriott on Dec. 1. The Rotary club members were very happy to have several terrific Clear Creek Amana SAT/Rotary Interact Club members become our elves for the morning and help insure the event was a success! This fundraising event began in 2014 and helps CNC Rotary support local Libraries, club projects at CCA and more.

Coralville North Corridor Rotary Supports the following causes:

- Clear Creek Amana Student Assistance Team/Interact Club
- CCA Scholarship Award
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) for 10th & 11th grades
- Rotary Camp Park Shelter
- Judy's Jammies (DVIP)
- Operation Warm coats
- Take a Kid Outdoors (TAKO)
- Tree Planting at Lake Macbride
- Tiffin Roadside cleanup
- Crisis Center/Food Pantries
- Dictionary Project for elementary students
- CCA High School Library
- Local Libraries- books and donations
- Xicotepec Mexico school
- Polio Plus
- Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Jennifer Jones, King 'N Trio headline Boone Centennial festivities

By PDG Susan Herrick/Boone

Wednesday, May 1, 2019, marks the Centennial of the Rotary Club of Boone and 100 years of service to the citizens of Boone County and the world. The Rotarians of Boone are anxious to share this celebration with District 6000 and the Rotarians beyond our home city.

On the evening of May 1 the Rotary Club of Boone is inviting any and all interested Rotarians and their friends to join us for an evening of looking back at our history and looking forward to the opportunities that we will undertake in the future to accomplish the mission of Rotary International: to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. "Save the date" cards and invitations will be sent out shortly to every club in District 6000 as well as to interested Rotarians throughout the country.

The invited speaker is Past RI Vice President Jennifer Jones from Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and the Rotary musicians of the King'NTrio from Colorado, who performed at the District Conference for PDG Susan Herrick. The evening promises to deliver good food, good entertainment and a chance to greet many District 6000 dignitaries. The event will take place at the Fareway Conference Center located at the Boulders Motel in Boone.

The Rotary Club of Boone, to honor its 100 years of service, has undertaken a centennial project. We will be building Boone's Welcome Train that will permanently be staged with an historic locomotive, tender and passenger car on the corner of Highway 30 and South Story Street to welcome visitors to Boone. The train cars will be placed on Iowa DOT property at that intersection, and "Welcome to Boone" will be painted on the coal tender. On the side of the passenger car, the Rotary Wheel will be prominently displayed.

This train will be among the most distinct landmarks along Highway 30 and will become a highly visible point of interest for Boone at that intersection. It will establish a permanent linkage between "Welcome to Boone" and our community's railroad heritage.



At Pufferbilly Days, Boone Rotarians promoted their Centennial project, the Welcome Train. It will be among the most distinct landmarks along Highway 30, and will become a highly visible point of interest for Boone at that intersection. It will establish a permanent linkage between "Welcome to Boone" and our community's railroad heritage.

A busy fall at Boone ...

By Lisa Mount/Boone

Club President

In September, we walked in the Boone Pufferbilly Days Parade to promote our upcoming centennial year and centennial project. We were able to collaborate with a gentleman from Belmond, Iowa, who owns and operates a working steam engine!! Together we handed out 750 magnets to parade goers to make them aware of our Rotary club and our centennial project. We also won first place in the Novelty category for our parade entry.

Boone County third-graders at Franklin Elementary were excited to receive their dictionaries this year. This is an annual project in which we give all the third-graders in Boone County Student Dictionaries with the Four-Way Test inside the cover. This includes three school districts of Boone, Ogden and Madrid.

In October we hosted our annual Rotary Pulled Pork Dinner for the community on Columbus Day. We raise money for academic, vocational and RYLA scholarships as well as the funding of many other projects we do in the community. Our exchange student Carla helped out by manning the pie stand!



In October, the Rotary Club of Boone co-hosted Coffee with a Cop with the Boone Police Department, where members of the community could come and chat with both Rotarians and police officers as well as having some coffee, OJ and donuts. We also brought the big check along and gave them a \$500 donation for their Shop with a Cop program they do over the Holiday season.



Rotary Youth Exchange student Carla Gomez from Mexico (c) helped out by manning the pie stand at the Rotary Club of Boone's Pulled Pork Dinner!

Thanks to Global Grant partners

'A great example of Rotarians using their passion to meet real needs'

By Mary Wells/Ames

Thank You! The Rotary Foundation has declared our Global Grant 1414552 Water and Sanitation, Tanzania, Kilimanjaro Region, Same District, Kigogo Sub-village (begun in 2014), complete one year ahead of schedule, stating, "This grant is a great example of Rotarians using their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects that respond to real community needs, meanwhile clubs and districts strengthen their global partnerships in doing good."

To our partners, your financial contributions and incredible support have given Kigogo (historically with no water), a village-wide sustainable safe clean water system operated by trained technicians and overseen by a village water committee trained in operations.

District 6000: The Rotary Clubs of Albia, Ames, Ames Morning, Des Moines, Grinnell, Indianola, Iowa City, Newton and Pella.

District 5960: The Rotary Club of Hudson.

District 5970: The Rotary Club of Webster City.

District 5300: The Rotary Club of South Pasadena.

District 9211: The Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania (host).

Plus: Hy-Vee, Inc. Foundation, individual Rotarians, Rewerts Well Drilling, Rotary Club of Ames Foundation.



More kids in Iowa City are learning and enjoying bicycles because of a Rotary Foundation Community Service Grant of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM. Provided by Dick Huber

Bike Library benefits children in Iowa City

By Karin Franklin/Iowa City AM

While cycling has become a popular activity in our communities as a source of exercise, recreation and sustainable transportation, some segments of the population are being left behind. Children experiencing socioeconomic barriers are particularly vulnerable as bicycling is a set of skills that most people begin to develop at an early age: learning how to ride, riding safely and obeying traffic rules, understanding how to determine routes to destinations, and developing competence for basic bicycle repairs and maintenance. As children lacking basic riding skills get older, the knowledge gap widens, making access to cycling more difficult.

The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM has partnered with Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County and the Iowa City Bike Library to improve and expand a program to teach young children how to ride a bike. Previously, Neighborhood Centers and Bike Library volunteers had worked with young children through the Center's after-school programs to introduce them to bike riding and bike safety. Now with the help of Rotary, this program will be expanded into the curriculum of the primary grades in the Iowa City Community School District, reaching many more children.

Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County is a non-profit agency providing early childhood education, parenting counseling, and after-school programs in lower income areas of Iowa City. Many of the Center's families have economic and cultural challenges that are a barrier to their kids enjoying one of the simplest and healthiest of childhood pleasures ... riding a bike.

Through a Community Service Grant, the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM was able to purchase a trailer that will enable the transport of the bikes in this program to be used at schools throughout the local school district, reaching many more kids who have not been introduced to cycling. We were also able to purchase 12 new balance bikes for the youngest children whose very first introduction to a bike is just to balance on two wheels.

As warmer weather approaches, Rotarians will join with the staff of Neighborhood Centers and the Bike Library to work directly with kids to introduce them to safe, healthy biking!



Ride to End Polio champs ...

Iowa City AM president Dick Huber is proud that his club raised the most money in the Ride to End Polio. The club had nine riders – they either rode outside or rode inside on stationary bikes (minimum of 20 miles). The riders and other Rotarians in the club raised \$2,600, plus the Interact Club had a fundraiser for Polio and raised another \$59, for a total for the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM of \$2,659, making us the top fundraiser in District 6000, for the Ride to End Polio.



Friend of Rotary (l-r): Tyler Bleu and Rotarians Doug Pfeiffer, Rebecca Hillmer, Matthew Karns, Stuart Oxe, Bill Kimber, and Paul Zietlow at the Adel food pantry fruit-and-vegetable prep project.

Community service expanded at Adel

By Shirley McAdon/Adel

The Rotary Club of Adel found a way to expand its community service projects by foregoing its lunch meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month and, instead, completing a service project suggested by members.

The 4th Wednesday Projects vary in time and scope and respond to immediate community needs. Some have interfaced with established annual projects but bring out members to participate with labor in addition to monetary contributions.

The Service Projects Committee has gathered member suggestions to form a list that includes such projects as preparing fresh fruit and vegetables for the local food pantry, remodeling an area of the food pantry for more efficient use, helping to distribute Warm Coats, and painting picnic tables for local parks.

Like the Rotary Club of Adel, Rotarians around the world are the first to respond to the needs of their communities!

Coralville Rotarians, Interactors clean Highway 6



Coralville-North Corridor Rotarians and Interactors, front (l-r): CCA Students Nazar Eltoum, Hailey Pollock, Ellie Crow, Abby Crow and Anna Fox. Back: CNC Rotarians Geoff Wilming, Keith Jones, Nick Kaeding, Steve Laughlin and Todd Nash.

By Vicky Struzynski Olson/Coralville North Corridor

Members of the Rotary Club of Coralville North Corridor (CNC) and Clear Creek Amana (CCA) High School's student club members from Win With Wellness (WWW), Student Assistance Team (SAT)/Rotary Interact Club and National Honor Society (NHS) gathered on Saturday, Oct. 27 for their semiannual Adopt a Highway roadside cleanup day at Clear Creek Amana High School in Tiffin.

Rotarians have maintained a two-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 6 through Tiffin for almost two decades, and have been joined by CCA volunteers since their Interact club was chartered in 2011.

The Rotary Club of Coralville/North Corridor sponsors the CCA Interact Club. Interact clubs began as a project of Rotary International in 1962 as a way to introduce high school students to service. NHS is a national organization based on the pillars of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The CCA chapter is always happy to help by volunteering in the community. Win with Wellness club advocates for better physical, social, mental, and environmental health at CCA and the surrounding community.

Holiday Auction boosts literacy for West Des Moines



Merchandise at the West Des Moines Holiday Auction.

By Brandon Converse/West Des Moines

The Rotary Club of West Des Moines raised over \$2,000 at its first Holiday Auction Fundraiser during their noon meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 18 at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club.

Proceeds from the auction are going toward the club's Community Grant project focused on literacy. The club has partnered with the West Des Moines School District and the West Des Moines Library to finance the 2018-2019 West Des Moines Community Reads project featuring books for students and a personal visit from renowned author Laurie Halse Anderson.

Funds will also be used for the fourth annual community poetry contest in celebration of Poetry Month and National Library Week. This year's contest will feature books written by Laurie Halse Anderson as well as a personal visit and book signing with the author during her visit on April 24.

Medical clinic in Africa a partnership with Rotary Club of Des Moines AM, others

By Sally Cooper-Smith/Des Moines AM

Club Public Image Chair

The Rotary Club of Des Moines AM (DMAM) has assisted as fiscal agents in the construction of the South African Kikandwa Medical Clinic, to help funding across borders from 2012 to present.

The medical clinic is a partnership between Drake University students and staff, the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM, the Kampala South Rotary Club, Shining City Foundations, Mukono Diocese and the village of Kikandwa.

Fundraising initiatives first began by Drake students and professors, and Shining City Foundation in 2012. They developed the partnership to build a medical clinic in Kikandwa, Uganda to serve the surrounding villages. That same year they began reaching out to DMAM and the Rotary Club of Kampala South to become involved in the project. DMAM leaders Dan Keller and Scott Raecker helped build the partnership initially.

Having the partnership provided the foundation to build relationships between DMAM and Kampala South Rotary Club. DMAM Rotary members visited Uganda in January 2018 to strengthen the relationship with the Kampala South club.

The Kampala South Rotary Club oversaw the construction and design of the clinic. And currently they oversee and manage the clinic.

DMAM, with help from member David Stark, donated seven anesthesia carts and an incubator for the new maternity clinic. The club has also provided maternity kits for mothers to safely give birth and helped with water well projects.

Currently, the clinic is fully operational. In the final phase of building the new medical clinic, the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM will take a leading role in fundraising. Patients can receive vaccines, maternity care, general medicine and care for illnesses.

Kampala South Rotary Club has also raised funds to support the completion of the project. The African Rotary club raised \$840 to treat an 11-year-old boy suffering from multiple tumors.

The Rotary Club of Des Moines, A.M. was founded in 1991, and has grown to nearly 200 members. The club is involved in international service projects in Uganda and has local service initiatives with Des Moines's Capitol View Elementary and The Connection Café. The club was instrumental in establishing the Rotary Riverwalk Park, an area attraction which has become an iconic feature of downtown Des Moines.

Peace team promotes Polo shirts

The District 6000 Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee invites orders for light blue Polo shirts with the Rotary/Peace logo. Prices for the Jerzees SpotShield™ 50/50 Sport Shirt with hemmed

sleeves, two pearlized buttons on a reinforced placket and a tagless label, range from \$15.95 for a women's shirt without a pocket to \$21.95 for a men's shirt with a pocket. Order deadline is March 1. Look for an Order Form at www.rotary6000.org, or contact Ron Heideman, (515) 979-7470, or email: heidemanron@gmail.com.



Nevada Rotarians lend a hand cleaning yards on World Polio Day

The Rotary Club of Nevada spent time volunteering in our community on World Polio Day, Oct. 24, 2018. A strong team of 20 Rotarians and Junior Rotarians dressed in our red End Polio Now t-shirts spent three hours cleaning up the yards of those in need of help. Last year we filled a trailer full of bags numbering 83! This year, our count was 140 bags which produced two huge burn piles. DGN Steve Dakin just so happened to visit our club that day and stayed for the afternoon to help! Many hands make light work!

Provided by Emmi Miller



World Polio Day presentation ...

The Rotary Club of Knoxville recently participated in the End Polio Now worldwide campaign by hosting a fundraising dinner at the Knoxville Sprint Car Hall of Fame. Thirty-three attendees were treated to an inspiring presentation by Peggy Geiger after her trip to Nigeria, recounting her first-hand experience in treating polio. The event exceeded the club's goal bringing in \$2,345. The Gates Foundation is generously matching funds raised giving \$2 for every \$1 raised. Pictured (l-r): Rotary Club of Knoxville co-presidents, Dr. Larry Formanek and T. Waldmann-Williams, with Peggy and PDG Terry Geiger from Decatur County.

Provided by Mark Worrall



Coon Rapids Rotarians hosted a delegation Chinese agricultural officials in December.

Rotary club hosts Chinese delegation

By Charlie Nixon/Coon Rapids

Reprinted from the Coon Rapids Enterprise

Xiaojing Ma, a Chinese public official for the Chinese Bank of Communications in Shanghai, China, spoke from the heart when she introduced herself at a Coon Rapids Rotary Club luncheon meeting recently.

"I like your chocolate cake very much." Her comment drew a round of laughter and put everyone at ease given the significant language barrier that made dinner conversation challenging between Rotarians and their guests.

Xiaojing was one of a dozen Chinese citizens who attended the Coon Rapids Rotary luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 20, as part of an exchange between China and the United States. The Chinese group was visiting the United States in hopes to learn about America's agricultural system.

Zhihao 'George' Liu, an employee of Triway International Group of Washington, D.C. who served as the interpreter, explained that his company is engaged in coordinating international exchanges for Chinese companies and government staff members in a variety of technical fields. In this particular case, the Chinese guests were here to learn about the United States' government sponsored crop



Xiaojing Ma

insurance program.

The leader of the group was Youfang Chen, the Director of Agriculture Department of the Ministry of Finance. Among the delegation were also government Finance Department staff members from eight Chinese provinces including Heilongjiang, Fujian, Shandong, Hebei, Hunan, Hainan, Guizhou and Gansu.

The Chinese delegation had been touring Washington, D.C. before traveling to Iowa. They headquartered in Des Moines for a week, where among other things they participated in lectures presented by Iowa State University professors on the subject of crop insurance. During their day trip to Coon Rapids, the group visited Whiterock Conservancy, where they learned about sustainable farming practices, agricultural projects going on at Whiterock Conservancy, and agricultural insurance and risk management issues concerning the row crop farms of Whiterock Conservancy.

Incidentally, all Coon Rapids Rotary Club luncheons are catered by Marlene Lake of Guthrie Center, who is also the owner and proprietor of the Strawberry Patch, a women's clothing store in Guthrie Center.

Auction party attended by 430; nets \$90,000 for North Scott



These members of the Rotary Club of North Scott Auction Committee are smiling because the results of their Nov. 16 Rotary Rallies for Youth Auction are in, and a net after expenses of more than \$90,000 has been raised in support of the club's community and world service projects. The auction party, at the Rogalski Center at St. Ambrose University, was attended by 430. Nate Kessler and Miles Thompson are in front, and Rotarians standing are (l-r): Katelyn Darling, John Maxwell, Jeff Martens, Charlie Jones, Jeff Ashcraft (club president), Cody Allen, Patrick Olsen (auction co-chair), Tom Messer, Tyler Bindrum, Jim Smith, Tricia Kane, Becky Bray (auction co-chair), Dennis Peterson, Jan Trimble and Deana Valerie. Photo by Bill Tubbs

Bill Gates: Investments in global health pay the greatest returns

By PDG Chris Knapp/Iowa City AM

District Rotary Foundation Chair

In a *Wall Street Journal* article dated Jan. 19-20, Bill Gates stated that his investing of time and money in the global health business, called “financing and delivery,” almost always pays off in a big way. Bill and his wife Melinda have invested \$10 billion into organizations that purchase and deliver medical supplies to developing countries that are fighting the war against treatable infectious diseases. He cites GAVI – the Vaccine Alliance, the Global Fund and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation are the leader in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. This has been our 35-year effort to eradicate polio.



Today and every day Rotarians in District 6000 and around the world contribute to the polio eradication effort. Rotarians contribute not only dollars, but many Rotarians contribute their time in fund-raising efforts and participating in

National Immunization Days (NIDs). The fundraising efforts are tripled through the 2:1 match by the Gates Foundation.

What makes our efforts have an even greater impact in the world of “financing and delivery” is The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Through TRF, we are not only participating in polio eradication, but we are developing projects that go to the root of disease transmission and prevention. Through Global Grant projects that identify one or more Areas of Focus – Water and Sanitation, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Economic and Community Development and Peace and Conflict Resolution – Rotarians are attacking the root causes of disease transmission.

Every Rotarian has the opportunity to make the same statement that Bill Gates has made. The return on a single dollar invested in The Rotary Foundation’s PolioPlus Fund will have a 200 percent return. When a dollar is given to TRF Annual Fund, a future Community Grant will be made that will generate multiple returns on the dollar, or a Global Grant will create returns in the thousands.

Are you making use of one of the best investment opportunities available to a Rotarian? I hope you are. I hope that every Rotarian takes the opportunity to be an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) participant by contributing to the Annual Fund by giving annually or more frequently. Or, to join the Paul Harris Society or Bequest Society or even become a Major Donor. Our investments today can and will pay off for years to come.

How is your investment IQ? Are you as astute as Bill Gates? We can do as well if not better.

Let's Pay It Forward. Give to The Rotary Foundation today!

Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus:

- ✓ **Maternal and Child Health**
- ✓ **Water and Sanitation**
- ✓ **Disease Prevention and Treatment**
- ✓ **Basic Education and Literacy**
- ✓ **Economic-Community Development**
- ✓ **Peace and Conflict Resolution**



Fellowship: Rotary club throws baby shower

The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM had a baby shower for Amanda and Walter McFadden. Contributions over \$700 were collected from the club to purchase a very special jogging, walking stroller and more. Diapers and a crib mobile were also given by the club members. Several members also gave rattles, baby quilts, and, of course one was made by Deb Ockenfels. Peggy Doerge shared a baby game of animals and guessing gestation times. A great time was had by all. Now we await the arrival of baby McFadden to be delivered in a few days.

Provided by Verne Knapp



A boost for Blessman ...

The Rotary Club of Ankeny is participating with other Rotary clubs in a Rotary Foundation Global Grant for Blessman Ministries. The grant will fund a project called "Teach a Man to Fish". A total of \$10,000 was committed with \$4,000 being disbursed last year and \$2,000 disbursed this year and in each of the next two years. Dr. James Blessman (I), founder of Blessman International, was the guest speaker at the noon Rotary meeting in August and provided an update of the other activities of Blessman Ministries in South Africa.

Provided by Jody Savage

Young members add spark at Mt. Pleasant

By Olabisi Gwamna/Mount Pleasant Evening Club Secretary

It's been one heck of a service year at our small club in Mount Pleasant. During 2018, the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant Evening suffered two losses: one member resigned for personal reasons and the other, our life-long member, and one of District 6000's oldest members, Dr. Clint Rila, died after a long illness. He was 90.

It was not all bleak; we gained two brand new members during the service year. Malene Rasmussen, from Aalborg, Denmark, is a Quality Environmental and Health manager with MM Composite, a Danish plant based in Mount Pleasant. She joined the club in July. Several months later, J.D. Klopfenstein, newly minted finance graduate and an advisor with Principal Financial, was sworn in shortly before the club's Christmas Party in mid-December. Both Rotarians Rasmussen and Klopfenstein bring to the club a much-needed youthful perspective.



J.D. Klopfenstein

During the year, our club co-sponsored, along with the Noon club, several students to the annual RYLA conference on the Grinnell College campus. The Noon club also joined the Mount Pleasant Evening Rotary Club to host the annual picnic in June, our biggest fund raiser.

In October, Mount Pleasant Evening Rotary participated in the city's downtown Halloween party on Main Street. Information pamphlets were distributed to parents while their sugar-buoyed children, sated from gorging on over 6 pounds of assorted candies, wondered if The Four-Way Test would take place "at school? after recess?" Blame it on the candy!

Sometime in the Spring, three members from both the Mount Pleasant Evening and Noon clubs visited one of the three elementary schools in town to distribute Student Dictionaries. In observation of Literacy Month, Rotarians Kadie Johannson of the Noon and

Bitrus and Olabisi Gwamna of the Evening clubs distributed dictionaries to two classrooms in the Van Allen Elementary Building. The pupils were ecstatic about going home with a book that actually belonged to them.

In collaboration with the Second Baptist Church of Mount Pleasant, the club organized an informational session on World Polio Day. Amidst bowls of soups and a variety of breads, members and guests were enlightened on the devastat-



Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant Evening president Mersihda Dyer and new member Malene Rasmussen attending to candy gnomes at the city's Halloween Party.

ing effects of the debilitating disease. Past President Mullen gave a personal encounter with a disease that almost crippled her. Assistant District Governor Alka Khalnokar showed some video featurettes on Rotary's impact on Polio. The club has inched closer to the \$1,000 goal by contributing nearly \$700 so far to the Polio effort.

Our club was one of 46 organizations in Mount Pleasant that participated in the renewed Festivals of Trees held at the Henry County Courthouse. We sponsored two Christmas trees which were decorated with Rotary logos and themes designed by local elementary pupils. Danish ribbons designed by members under the tutelage of Rotarian Rasmussen decked both trees. Earlier on that same week, Rotarians Dale Marzolf, Larry Brenizer and Betty Mullen volunteered at the Festival of Lights at the Old Threshers' Campground.

We rounded up the year at the Country Club with a Christmas party. Hosted by our indispensable in-house organist, Rotarian Mark Kimzey, members enjoyed a sumptuous Iowa dinner, raucously singing Christmas carols.



Elementary students designed and decorated Rotary logos for our Christmas tree at the Festival of Trees.

Rotary's Avenues of Service

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- Vocational

- World
- Youth



Ames Morning Rotarians serving the Sept. 29 Food At First meal, (l-r): Carolyn Jons, Ross Jabaay, Julie Kirts, Judy Jabaay, Dorothy Schumer, Amanda Ahrens, Craig Van Pay, Collette Winfrey, Andra Reason, Steve Kirts and head chef Jason Paull.

Ames Morning Rotarians serve Food At First meals

By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning

The Rotary Club of Ames Morning is known for our programs that provide food for the mind for children. This fall we adopted a new service project that also provides food for the body.

The Food At First program, located at the First Christian Church in Ames, provides daily free meals to anyone who is hungry, no questions asked. Food at First also holds a free market three times a week. Rotarian Jason Paull, a volunteer head chef, committed to prepare meals every fifth Saturday. He asked if club members would like to help and got an enthusiastic response.

Our first meal was Sept. 29 and 13 club members and their family members volunteered 26 hours. The menu included Indian butter chicken over basmati rice, a freshly made green salad, fruit, and dessert. The prep and cook crew worked from 9 to 11:30 and the serve and clean-up crew worked from 11:15 to 1:30 pm. We served about 60 folks. After the meal, attendees could take left-overs home in to-go containers.

Our second meal was Dec. 29 and 12 club members volunteered 24 hours. This menu was roast beef, mashed sweet potatoes, herb-roasted baby potatoes, spinach salad, and dessert. We served over 50 for this meal. Several members have involved family members in this hands-on community service project.



Peace proclamation ...

Keokuk Rotarians participated in a proclamation of International Peace Day on Sept. 21 (l-r): Superintendent of Schools Rotarian Chris Barnes, Rotary club president Joyce Taylor, Mayor Tom Richardson, Rotary Assistant District Governor Alka Khanolkar, Rotarian Ed Kiedaisch, and City Council member Devon Dade.

Provided by Alka Khanolkar



Members of the Rotary Club of Ames Morning accepted the 2018 Outstanding Group Philanthropy Award from the Story County Alliance for Philanthropy, (l-r): Al Hermanson, Daryle Vegge (nominator), Karen Kiel Rosser, Scott Sankey, Jeremy Lyons, Jim Dickson, and Linda Lauver

Philanthropy group honors Rotary club

By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning

The Rotary Club of Ames Morning was honored to receive the 2018 Outstanding Group Philanthropy Award from the Story County Alliance for Philanthropy on Nov. 15. This is a summary of the nomination by Story County Community Foundation's board member Daryle Vegge:

"Rotary, by its nature, is a service organization whose byline is 'service above self.' The Ames Morning Rotary Club has a long-standing philanthropic impact on Story County as well as internationally. Their primary focus has been to increase childhood literacy and healthy development of young children throughout Story County. This can be seen in their support of Raising Readers, as well as the Kids Run for Kids event. The Ames Police Association, Boys and Girls Club of Story County, Ames Public Library, Heartland Senior Services Center, the Emergency Residence Project, and the Story County Veterans Freedom Flights have also benefited from the philanthropic efforts of the Ames Morning Rotary. The members of the club not only support these efforts with financial contributions, but also with their time through volunteering. The Ames Morning Rotary may be fairly small in size (approximately 57 members), but it continues to "come through big" for Story County!"

Samaritans Purse speaker inspires giving at Ankeny

By Jody Savage/Ankeny

Club Public Relations Chair

At the Sept. 25th Ankeny Rotary meeting, Heather Rowley, a volunteer for Samaritans Purse was the guest speaker. Samaritans Purse is a nondenominational Christian organization that provides spiritual and physical aid to victims of war, natural disasters, disease, famine, poverty, and persecution in more than 100 countries.

Heather talked about one of their projects, Operation Christmas Child, where shoeboxes are decorated and filled with gifts. The club plans to donate several thousand calculators to the organization to go in the gift boxes that are sent around the world.

Community Service

Tipton Rotarians present life-saving equipment, coats and dictionaries

The Rotary Club of Tipton presented the Tipton Fire Department with a RIT PAK. The RIT PAK (Rapid Intervention Team Pak) is designed to provide firefighters "breathable air" allowing them to provide a more efficient emergency rescue of victims trapped in emergency situations. This equipment was purchased by the Rotary Club of Tipton using funds raised by the club plus a Rotary District 6000 Community Service Grant and the Rotary Foundation, making the cost to the fire department and the community zero.

"Rotary brings together the kind of people who step forward to take on important issues for local communities worldwide," said Lynne Pinegar, Rotary club president. "We are proud to be able to provide this potentially life-saving equipment to our Fire Department."

The Tipton Fire Department is an all-volunteer department with 35 active members. They respond to 100 plus emergencies a year in Cedar County. Being the largest volunteer department in the county they are often called out for mutual aid to other departments. None of the departments in Cedar County have RIT PAKS on their trucks. This equipment will hasten the rescue time of downed victims at fires and other emergency rescue situations. Having this equipment ensures the volunteer fire fighters, as well as the members of the community, that the department is doing its best to protect them from dire situations.

A RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) Pak is a specialized emergency air supply system and additional rescue tools used specifically to rescue victims trapped in emergency situations. The air supply system features a 1-hour capacity air tank, simplified air mask for easy fitting to a victim, extra-long air hose and audible alarms signaling when the air tank is low. The additional tools include fire axes, bolt cutters, pry bar, rope and lanyards used to get to the victim and help clear a way out of the life threatening area. All of this equipment is stored in two specialized Hi Vis carrying bags and are designated for emergency rescue use only.

— Lynne Pinegar



Tipton Rotarians (at right, in blue) Laurie Brandenburg and Lynne Pinegar (club president) present RIT PAKS to the local volunteer fire department.



The Rotary Club of Tipton purchased and donated 24 new winter coats for students in need at Tipton Community School as well as 31 coats for students in need at the Bennett Community School. The club works with the school nurse and guidance counselor at each school offering new coats for students that otherwise wouldn't have a winter coat. The club also worked with the Tipton Senior Center and offered new winter coats to Senior Citizens who were unable to afford a new coat. Ten new coats were purchased for this program. All coats are distributed with a matching hat and pair of gloves tucked in the pockets. This annual project is funded 100 percent by proceeds from our annual auction.

Provided by Laurie Brandenburg



On Dec. 14th Tipton Rotary President Lynne Pinegar and President-Elect Connie Smith delivered new dictionaries to 70 3rd grade students at Tipton Elementary school. The students asked very good questions about what Rotary does in our community and were especially excited to hear about all of the different places and projects that we take part in all over the world. They were thrilled with their new dictionaries and were almost too busy reading them to get them lined up for a photo!

Provided by Laurie Brandenburg



Family Fun Fest raises funds for Miracle Field of the Quad Cities

In cooperation with the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad Cities, the Rotary Club of Davenport held its annual fundraising event, Family Fun Fest, with proceeds going to support the Miracle Field of the Quad Cities, located in Davenport. The \$1 million project is supported by all 11 Rotary clubs in the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities. Miracle Field is designed to be not only physically accessible, but also safe for people with disabilities. The field will be fully accessible for those with mobility issues and features a rubberized surface with flat bases and other painted elements. The field allows players of all abilities to experience the joy of America's pastime in a safe and inclusive way. Rotary clubs committed \$100,000 toward this project and with the money raised from Family Fun Fest we were able to fulfill that commitment. Groundbreaking for the Miracle Field took place Oct. 20, so hopefully this spring we will be seeing players on the field. *Provided by Patt Englander*



Scholar aids World Food Prize

Former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Keegan Kautzky, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ames, is making a difference with the World Food Prize Foundation. He leads the national expansion of The World Food Prize Foundation's education programs, developing strategic partnerships and new opportunities to engage and inspire the next generation of young scientific and humanitarian leaders in the global effort to end hunger and poverty. *World Food Prize Photo*



Pancakes for scholarships ...

The Rotary Club of Dallas Center fed 271 hungry earlybirds at the Fall Festival Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Aug. 25. Among the servers were Matthew Ellerman, John Mortimer, and Matt Fox. Profits from the breakfast will provide one \$1,000 college scholarship for a lucky 2019 graduate from Dallas Center-Grimes High School.

Provided by Melissa Burdick



Omelet breakfast boosts school ...

Rotary Club of Kalona Treasurer Dan Bontrager (r), presents a check for \$10,350 to Mitch Swartzentruber, representing Pathway Christian School. The money was raised from the Rotary club's annual omelet breakfast and was augmented by a \$3,550 Rotary Foundation Community Grant from District 6000. Each year, the club donates proceeds from its omelet breakfast to a local school or organization.

Provided by Jim Johnson



Homecoming barbecue ...

The Rotary Club of Albia hosted a barbecue dinner at the Albia High School homecoming football game and netted \$900 for scholarships. Rotarian servers included Kevin Kness, Tony Humeston and Dave Paxton.

Provided by Tony Humeston

Rotary Inspiration from Clinton ...

The Clinton High School Interact Club is gaining momentum after roughly three years of planning, according to the club's faculty adviser, social studies teacher Bill Misiewicz. He said the club aims to bridge a gap between students and the community around them.

The Rotary Club of Clinton has a project called KICKS FOR KIDS. Rotarians will be donating all weather/winter boots to children in need in grades K-5.



Rotary Club of Clinton president Jenn Graf (l) presented a flag to Kong Lingtao from the CIEG Pangea International Academy based in Clinton. Mr. King is the 75th descendant of Confucius and is visiting Clinton with several of the Chinese high school age students who are sharing in the CIEF Pangea program.



The Rotary Club of Clinton donated \$3,000 to Shelter Box USA-Mississippi Expedition for the efforts of Rotarian Erik Elsea to help those in need, (l-r): Board member and International chair Christie Rutenbeck Collins, club president Jennifer Graf, and club treasurer Dale Dalton.

Provided by Jody Brooke



Clinton Rotarians receiving Paul Harris +2 awards were (l-r): Patti Stark, Jim Bruhn and Cheryl McCulloh. Pete Clausen is not pictured.



Clinton Rotarians receiving Paul Harris Fellow +1 awards were (l-r): Loris Freudenberg, Norlan Hinke and Kathy Klahn. New Paul Harris Fellows (not pictured) were Matt Brooke, Jody Brooke, Brian Wright, Rich Klahn and Ryan Veenstra.



The Rotary Club of Clinton supports "Gifting My Gear," which is a program for children who are newly entered in the foster care system. The program gives children their own bag full of new items, including toiletries, pajamas, pillows and necessities. The children usually enter the system with only the clothes on their back. Presenting a check for \$1,000 are (l-r): president Jennifer Graf, Liz Estilow, Idell Klein and Dale Dalton.

Provided by Jody Brooke



Ron McGauvran was presented his Paul Harris Fellow +3 award from the Rotary Club of Clinton on Oct. 15.



With the suggestion and guidance of Rotarian Norlan Hinke, a committee of Rotarians reviewed and determined the International Investment of land in Haiti called "Mission Starfish" as a worthy project. Helping Haitians learn agricultural methodology and developing needed food sources, the Rotary Club of Clinton contributed \$3,500, (l-r): Dale Dalton (club treasurer), Jennifer Graf (president), and Keith Holesinger, project liaison.

Provided by Jody Brooke



Knoxville Rotarians, RYLA students and participants in the Winter Wonder Run.

Provided by Mark Worrall

Knoxville Winter Wonder Run a success

This past December marked the second annual Winter Wonder Run led by the RYLA and YRYLArians in Knoxville. Mother nature provided favorable conditions, nearly 30 degrees warmer than the previous event, and growing participation included more sponsors, volunteers and runners.

Proceeds other than \$200 as seed money for the 3rd annual Winter Wonder Run was donated to Helping Hands, which will purchase approximately 17,160 pounds of food for the Knoxville Food Pantry. In total the event raised more than \$2,500.

Prizes were given for best costume, funniest hat, those who traveled the farthest (Betsy and Dave Kutter from Cedar Rapids won this award), and of course those who placed 1st through 5th.

Joey Kesteloot (RYLA 2017) was the team leader with teammates including 2017 Run team leaders RYLArians Trevor Poundstone and Bailey VandeKamp, and Alex Buckley, Ethan Murra, Isis Walle, Riley Newendorp, Caroline Woodle, and YRYLArians Norah Pearson and Jamie Beal. Rotarians volunteered as team mentors, sponsors, and volunteers for the day.

RYLArians help with dictionary distributions

By Mark Worrall/Knoxville

In 2004, the Rotary Club of Knoxville had a vision to supply dictionaries to all 3rd or 4th graders in Marion County in a program that aligned with Rotary International's Global Literacy Initiative.

When discussing the project with the schools, Pleasantville asked the Lions Club to lead this effort, and because there is a Rotary Club of Pella, Knoxville decided to focus efforts in the Knoxville, Twin Cedars, and Melcher-Dallas school districts.

Distribution of dictionaries started in Savannah, Georgia in 1992 when Annie Plummer gave 50 dictionaries to a school in her local area. Since Ms. Plummer's initial distribution of 50 dictionaries, The Dictionary Project became a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit in 1995 and over 18 million dictionaries have been distributed in the USA. Many clubs have taken on this project, and the Rotary Club of Knoxville has delivered around 3,800 dictionaries since 2005 to the three schools. The project is led by Gary Anderson.

Each year, Anderson asks the teachers if paper-bound dictionary-

ies are still necessary and they have resounded with "YES." Each Knoxville fourth-grader and each third-grader in Twin Cedars and Melcher-Dallas receive a personalized dictionary. Rotary club members joined Anderson in putting the personalized labels in each dictionary and distributing them in Knoxville.

This year three previous recipients of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), Caroline Woodle, Isis Walle and Riley Newendorp, assisted in distributing the dictionaries in Twin Cedars and Melcher-Dallas. They remembered receiving their dictionary all those years ago and shared with the third-graders why learning and dictionaries are important to them now. We hope parents encourage and participate in the use of the dictionaries with their children.



Dictionaries at Twin Cedars School.



Dictionaries at Melcher-Dallas



Rotary Club of Keokuk club secretary, Tony Conn, helps assemble the picnic tables for the club's Community Service Grant project.

Community Grant puts picnic tables in Keokuk

By Joyce Taylor/Keokuk
Club President

If you stop by the old Keokuk bridge observation area you will notice something new -- a set of concrete picnic tables to encourage sitting and picnicking while taking in a view of the Mississippi River and Lock #19.

This addition to the area is the result of contributions made by the Rotary Club of Keokuk along with assistance from staff from the city of Keokuk with the assembly of the tables.

There are a total of five picnic tables for public use, with two tables having wheelchair access. Tony Conn, secretary for the Keokuk Rotary Club, worked with the Park District and City officials to determine what type of seating would be appropriate for the bridge observation area, and they determined that concrete seating would be the most durable.

On hand to assist Rotary members with assembling the tables were Keokuk Public Works director Mark Bousselot, with Rod Winkler, Robert Gantt, Benjamin Bradley, Cedric Williams and James Seddon.

The Rotary Club of Keokuk has been committed to serving the city in multiple ways for many decades. Our club focuses on local projects as well as international issues, such as the global eradication of polio.

The money raised for this project came from Rotary-sponsored fund raisers and from a Rotary Foundation Community Service Grant.

Rotary supports Ram Reader program

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

Every student at Greene County Elementary took a new book of their own home for the holiday break, as a Ram Reader book distribution was held Dec. 21.

The free book distributions are coordinated by school staff and paid for by donations from local businesses and organizations, including the Rotary Club of Jefferson.

"The Ram Reader program fits in with our club's focus on literacy as we look at Rotary International's Avenue of Service asking for service to youth," said club president Carol Durbin. "We're happy to use some of the proceeds of our annual auction each year to support this important program."

During a child's time at the elementary school, he or she receives 15-20 books in the Ram Reader program. "With the Ram Reader program we know kids have amazing literature in their homes. The kids love it because they each get their own book that they've been empowered to choose," teacher Wendy Vander Linden said. "We're grateful for everyone who makes this program happen."



Greene County Schools instructional coach Shannon Hansen (l) accepts a donation on behalf of the elementary school from Carol Durbin (r), president of the Rotary Club of Jefferson. Pictured with them are fourth graders previewing books they chose to take home as their own.

Davenport has Thanksgiving dinner with Boys and Girls Clubs

By Patt Englander/Davenport
Club Secretary

A week before Thanksgiving, the Rotary Club of Davenport partnered with the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley to prepare and serve a Thanksgiving dinner for the children and their families. Rotarians worked with the children to prepare mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, green bean casserole, and stuffing. When families arrive, the children help us serve the meal. Once everyone has had a chance to eat, we package To Go boxes for the families so they can take any leftover food home with them. The children always enjoy helping to prepare the meal and are proud when their families come to enjoy what they have made.



Teams had fun as they competed for prizes in the Rotary Club of Manning's successful "Pack the Pantry" event!

'Pack the Pantry' provides food, fellowship at Manning

By Kara Havick/Manning

The Rotary Club of Manning hosted the second annual Pack the Pantry event. Businesses, churches, organizations, families, friends, and individuals were asked to form 3-person teams to participate in the event that took place at the local grocery store, Heartland Market. The competition was stiff but good-natured as all 21 teams participating had one goal in mind: to shop for items to donate to Manning Food Pantry totaling as close to \$250 without going over. Teams were given five minutes to shop for items from 12 categories that the food pantry regularly needs. If a team did not fulfill a category, they were assessed a \$5 penalty which was added to their overall total. Home Mutual, consisting of city hall members, was awarded the traveling trophy as well as a year of bragging rights as the team total came to \$247.09. In the end, 2,162 items were purchased, including 154 pounds of meat. Altogether, \$6,373 in items and money was donated to the Manning Food Pantry.



Funds for Food Youth Initiative ...

The Rotary Club of Knoxville presented a check to the Knoxville Food Youth Initiative with help from a grant from District 6000 in the amount of \$1,855. The program is a food pantry located at the Knoxville High School. The grant will purchase a freezer, refrigerator and shelving for the pantry. Pictured (l-r): Larry Formanek and T. Walden-Williams (co-presidents), Brent Hanna (Rotarian), Verlin Goodyk, Robin Maitre, Angela Nelson and Don Croghan (club treasurer).

Provided by Mark Worrall



Rotary club president Carol Durbin (l) and Jefferson Rotary Foundation treasurer Tim Heisterkamp (r) present a check for the ARC building fund to (continuing from right) Dianne Blackmer and Shirley Hauptert of the ARC. With them is Rotarian Chris Durlam, a member of the ARC board of directors.

Rotary donates to food pantry building fund

By PDG Jacque Andrew/Jefferson

The Jefferson Rotary Foundation recently donated \$5,000 to the Greene County Christian Action Resource Center for the purchase of its new home at 1006 N. Vine St. in Jefferson.

The ARC food pantry serves about 100 different families a month, but according to ARC coordinator Dianne Blackmer, a record 140 families were served in November.

The number of families served has increased dramatically in the past 10 years, and the ARC has outgrown its location on E. Harrison St. The ARC board has been able to raise \$69,000 to purchase the former Clark Heating and Plumbing store and is close to the \$30,000 needed for cleaning and minor remodeling.

Blackmer and ARC building committee chair Shirley Hauptert were at the Rotary Club's Dec. 17 meeting to talk about the project. "A lot of groups and individuals have stepped forward to help with this, and we're grateful to all of them," Hauptert said.

The donation comes from proceeds of the recent Rotary auction. "We're very happy to be part of this project that's so important in our community," said 2018 Rotary auction chair Joel Williams.

At the same meeting, Rotarians donated \$745 to the Caring Christmas food drive sponsored by Raccoon Valley Radio. The cash will be used to purchase food to be distributed at the ARC.

Rotary and Habitat for Humanity

Rotary recently entered into a service partnership with Habitat for Humanity International to help enhance our service activities. Committed to the belief that every person deserves a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity International began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in Georgia, USA. Families and individuals in need of a helping hand partner with Habitat to build or improve a place they can call home. Since 1976, Habitat and its 1.8 million yearly volunteers have served more than 9.8 million people in 70 countries around the world.

West Liberty Rotarians practice Service Above Self

By Gretchen Nollman/West Liberty

Club President-Elect

We had a very busy month in December 2018 with Rotary Club of West Liberty. We did cookies for the choir performance, teamed up for a literacy night, helped with Christmas food boxes, partnered with Operation Warm, and helped with Meals on Wheels.

Literacy Night: On Monday, Dec. 10, the Rotary Club of West Liberty co-sponsored a family night held at the West Liberty Early Learning Center. Approximately 150 people came for a light meal of hot dogs and brats, chips and fruit served by eight Rotarians. Early learning teachers provided STEM and literacy activities that were enjoyed by all participants. Students also received a book to take home, thanks to a generous donation from the Rotary Club of West Liberty. Families at the ELC are encouraged to attend three or more events sponsored by the school as part of the ELC family engagement plan. Events are held once a month. We look forward to being able to team up again for another fun literacy night.

Christmas food box program: The Christmas spirit was in full swing Dec. 12-15, at First Church United as our West Liberty community came together to distribute the annual Christmas boxes. Each eligible family received food (including turkey and potatoes), clothing, toys for children, Goodwill vouchers and much more. Thanks to our Rotary club for being able to be a part in teaming up with Operation Warm as our club was able to have a ton of new coats from toddler to adult sizes to give out along with gloves and hats that other rotary members donated. It all began over a month ago, when multiple organizations gathered food from homes throughout the West Liberty School District. The food was taken to First Church United

where multiple churches and volunteers sorted and packed the 100 plus boxes. On Friday evening and Saturday morning, families arrived to pick up their boxes and toys. Many community volunteers along with Rotary club members assisted the families with their boxes, selecting additional clothes and more. Over 100 families served. What a fun and festive evening!

Meals on Wheels: The Meals on Wheels program provides meals that are delivered to the elderly and home-bound who are unable to prepare their own meals. Priority is given to persons 60 or older. Meals on Wheels helps many people remain in their own homes by providing a nutritional meal and a friendly contact. Many seniors benefit from Meals on Wheels. The Rotary Club of West Liberty delivers each December to residents of the West Liberty area. Rotary considers the difference they can make for someone who can no longer prepare their own meals. It is a small contribution of our time and/or money and can make a difference in the life of a senior. Rotary delivered 13 times in December 2018.

Iowa City AM celebrates 30 years

The Rotary Club of Iowa City AM will celebrate its 30th Anniversary on Feb. 21, with club members, guests and past AM presidents. Information: Dick Huber, (319) 321-0473, or rthabra53@gmail.com.



West Liberty Rotarians serving food at Literacy Night included Katalina Kutsch, Jodi Kelly, Anna Hanson, Cindy Mays and Marian Hart, and (top photo), Jim Keele and Ethan Anderson.



Cocoa and Cookies: West Liberty Rotarians had a great time providing cookies and juice for the winter choir concerts at the West Liberty High School for grades 5 through 12, (l-r): Jim Keele, Katalina Kutsch, Tomeka Petersen, Anna and Steve Hanson and Marian Hart. Not pictured: Bill Koellner and Gretchen Nollman.

Atlantic: 10,000 flags properly disposed

By Dolly Bergmann/Atlantic

Club Public Relations Chair

Activities of the Rotary Club of Atlantic this fall included:

Flags: In 2004, the Rotary Club of Atlantic established a flag drop-off box in front of the American Legion Memorial Building (the Armory). This box is available to people to deposit any worn, tattered flag for proper disposal. Bob Boots, a local resident, spearheads the effort to repair any flags that can be repaired and put back into use. The remainder are disposed of in the proper manner. Bob also has done a great job of keeping track of the number of flags deposited in the flag box. Over the years we reached 1,000 flags, then 5,000 flags have been dropped off. The next goal was when we would reach 10,000 flags. On Dec. 26, 2018, that goal was attained.

Without Bob keeping meticulous records, this information would not have been available. If anyone in the area of Atlantic has a flag that is tattered or torn, or if they want to dispose of a good, gently used flag, head on down to the American Legion Memorial Building in Atlantic (201 Poplar Street), and place it inside the "mailbox" specifically marked for flag drop-offs.

Veterans: We held our annual Salute to Veterans Event on Nov. 6. Atlantic Rotarian and veteran, Rick Burns, arranged for our guest speaker, Leo Landis, state curator for the State Historical Society of Iowa, to do a presentation.

Leo presented a program on the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. He told several stories of individuals from Cass County. One was of a soldier from Atlantic who was listed on the casualties list since he was thought to have died in action. However,



Frank and Randy – this is the emcee and auctioneer

it was determined he was not dead when his wife received a letter from him from the war front.

Auction: On Nov. 17, the club celebrated its 36th annual Rotary Auction. It was another successful year, raising \$38,005 to be used for the community. The event was well attended with over 200 people attending. Over the years the funds raised were put back into the community in many different ways. Investments in the past have included restoration of Santa's Cabin in City Park, the construction of the Cass County Community Center, support with Iowa Western Community College and Atlantic School District scholarships, to name a few.

This year the auction followed its traditional format with a formal dinner with wine. There were several silent auction items available for bidding. Once the meal was complete the opening of the auction began.

There were many past items available for the auction but this year saw several new auction items. Have you ever had the

opportunity to drive a military tank? This year you had the opportunity to purchase a tank drive. Other unique items included a ride in a helicopter followed by a great meal provided by the hospital. Other new items included an opportunity to relieve some stress by trap shooting. There was an autographed football from Ed Podalak, a native of Atlantic who went on to a great football career at Iowa and the Kansas City Chiefs. Four meal packages raised over \$4,000. Other packages raising a great deal included the T-Bone to T-Bone package which includes a bicycle ride along the T-Bone bike trail with a meal of T-bones following. Other items included art work, wine, trips, sports tickets, a diamond necklace, metal sculpture of buzzards, and an electric tractor and wagon for the kids.

Dolly Bergmann, chair, said "You have to start with the donors, they are always outstanding. The next step is the bidders, and they were exceptional. You've got to have both for a successful auction. I'm so proud to tell of this community."

If you are interested in attending the 2019 auction, mark your calendar for Nov. 23.

Christmas Party: Rotarians attended the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas Parade on Dec. 1. The parade is kicked off with fireworks over the Depot (chamber office). It was a rainy evening but the fireworks still looked great. All the entries in the parade have lights. With the many lights in the trees along Main Street and on the parade entries, it is a beautiful sight. After the parade, Rotarians and their families enjoyed a soup and sandwich supper. Joining everyone at the supper was Santa. He gave the younger children a Christmas book and listened to their Christmas wishes. This year's event was an overwhelming success with attendance of over 60.

Four priorities in Rotary's new Strategic Plan

PDG Jill Olsen of Mount Vernon (District 5970) shared the new strategic plan for Rotary International with four key priorities:

Increase our impact

- Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy.
- Focus our programs and offerings.
- Improve our ability to achieve and measure impact.

Expand our reach

- Grow and diversify our membership and

participation.

- Create new channels into Rotary.
- Increase Rotary's openness and appeal.
- Build awareness of our impact and brand.

Enhance participant engagement

- Support clubs to better engage their members.
- Develop a participant-centered approach to deliver value.
- Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection.

- Provide leadership development and skills training.

Increase our ability to adapt

- Build a culture of research, innovation, and willingness to take risks.
- Streamline governance, structure, and processes.
- Review governance to foster more diverse perspectives in decision-making.

News briefs

Annual Meeting: DG Tom Narak reports that the District 6000 Annual Meeting will be held on March 15 during NCPETS in Ames. Some of the items on the agenda include: Approval of minutes; approval of the District 6000 financial statement for 2017-18; and approval of recommended changes/additions to the by-laws. One proposed by-laws change/addition provides for clarification for authority of the District board to authorize expenditures in excess of the current budget. Presidents-elect will be asked to approve the proposed 2019-20 budget. District dues of \$30 per member, among the lowest in Zone 28, will not change. Delegates will also be asked to approve the nomination of Alka Khanolkar to serve as District 6000 Governor in 2021-22.

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Iowa M.O.S.T.: As this issue of District 6000 News was in its final stages of production, the 13th annual Iowa Miles Of Smiles Team (M.O.S.T.) was leaving for its Jan. 31-Feb. 10 trip to Guatemala with surgeons and helpers to perform cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries. Team leader Deb Dunkhase



Youth Harvest Party ...

Shawnteja Wilson and Laila Wommack were two of 92 youths who were treated to an afternoon at Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch at rural Long Grove at the 12th annual Youth Harvest Party sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of North Scott and Davenport on Oct. 29. Fewer than the usual 300 children were able to participate in the event which was rescheduled from Oct. 11 due to weather, but a great time was had by all. Children came from Project Renewal, Family Resources Shelter, Sonshine Ministries and the Friendly House. They got to pick their own pumpkin, were treated to s'mores and a taco in the bag meal, enjoyed the petting zoo, and received goodie bags with hats, mittens and a book. At right, Davenport Rotarian Gary Loss serves the meal with two of the youths. Provided by Bill Tubbs and Patt Englander

of Iowa City AM reported in the last issue of District 6000 News that tonsillectomies and cataract surgeries will be performed this year, too. Watch future issues of District 6000 News for their inspirational stories!

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Hamburg: The deadline to pre-register for the June 1-5 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany, is March 31. Watch for news about the District 6000 Breakfast, which is being organized by DGN Steve Dakin. Steve can be contacted at (515) 230-0036, or email: Steve@retiredfun.net.

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Mediators: Rotary and Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI) have entered into a service partnership to help enhance our club and district peace building efforts. Rotary has worked with MBBI – an impact organization founded on the principle of people-centered peacebuilding – since 2013 to advance our common goals for peace. This new partnership will enable Rotary members to train with MBBI to sharpen their mediation, dialogue and other conflict transformation skills.

Gala: Blessman Ministries' 7th annual Gala will be Thursday, April 25 starting with a 5:30 p.m. social hour at the Holiday Inn,



6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines. The dinner and program start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$150 and support Waukee Rotarian Jim Blessman's humanitarian work in South Africa. RSVP TO (515) 343-5920 or online at www.BlessmanInternational.org.

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Nominated: Sushil Kumar Gupta, of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, Delhi, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2020-21.

Gupta has been a Rotarian since 1977 and has served Rotary as district governor, training leader, and resource group adviser, and as a member, vice chair, or chair of several committees. Gupta has received the Distinguished Service Award from The Rotary Foundation for his support of its humanitarian and educational programs. He and his wife, Vinita, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Arch Klumph Society (\$250,000).



Sushil Gupta

Gupta is chair and managing director of Asian Hotels (West) Ltd., and owner of Hyatt Regency Mumbai and JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity. He is the president of Experience India Society, a public-private partnership between the tourism industry and the government of India that promotes India as a tourist destination. He is also vice chair of the Himalayan Environment Trust and serves on the board of Operation Eyesight Universal in India.

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Singing? If you are a member of a Rotary Barbershop Quartet or know of someone who is, please contact Dallas Center Rotary Club President Bob King who is lining up a 150th event for August. Ph. (515) 478-5599; or email: roberteking706@gmail.com.

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Wellman: The Rotary Club of Wellman was chartered Dec. 14, 1939, and is observing its 80th year. Congratulations!

Farewell to a dear friend

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Editor, District 6000 News
(Reprinted from North Scott Press)

I first met Diana Reed in 2000, and we shared some poignant moments doing polio immunizations in the slums of Nigeria when we traveled together around the world in 2007 in the first delegation of North American Rotarians to the cities of Kano, Kaduna and Abuja.

It was in Kano, a region of 9 million, where we stood side by side under the hot sun and watched the Emir of Kano, who was the No. 1 leader in the Muslim dominated region of sub-Saharan northern Nigeria, lead a ceremonial parade from his palace on horseback shaded by a feather boa.

It was a great honor to be present, we were told, and the Emir favored us with entry to his throne room, where he proclaimed his full support for Rotary's polio eradication work. Until then, that had been a problem – and there was an outbreak of polio – because the Muslim clerics were telling the women to refuse the vaccines for the children because they would sterilize and spread AIDS.

You don't forget things like that. We were seated together in the center row of a jumbo jet departing Lagos on the way home. Once airborne and safely departing for Amsterdam, we exhaled, compared notes, began planning how we would tell these stories upon our return, then drifted to sleep.

Diana and I shared many experiences in Rotary before and since, but Rotary wasn't the only thing that defined this remarkable woman. She was a pioneer in women's basketball during her high school years in Texas, and a homecoming queen. After earning many post-graduate degrees, she was on the leadership team at Drake and on numerous committees in greater Des Moines. She was organized, inspiring, compassionate and fun.

Her grandson, Jake Campos, was the All-Big 12 offensive left tackle for the Iowa State Cyclones from 2013-17, and was in the training camp with the Dallas Cowboys. His brother, Ben, plays for the Iowa Hawkeyes. From grade school to college, she was there for the activities of all her children and grandchildren.

Above all, Diana and her husband and soulmate, Rick Rarick, were a joy. I count myself among many who will miss her a lot.



Diana Reed

Rotary In Memoriam

Diana Reed

**District Governor, Rotary International
District 6000, 2007-08**

Dr. Diana Reed passed away on Jan. 8, 2019 after a courageous battle with cancer. We have lost a wife, mother, and Nana, but the world has lost an incredible teacher and leader. Diana faced cancer like she lived her life, with strength, dignity, courage, style and passion.

Diana was born on Feb. 19, 1942, in Baytown, TX. She was raised in West Columbia, TX by her parents, Ola Mae and Hardin Reed. She attended West Columbia High School and was a member of one of the first girls' basketball teams in Texas. She attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX where she earned her Education degree, was Homecoming Queen, and a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Diana met and married J.S. Mendenhall her senior year. They had two daughters, Michelle and Larisa.

Diana was a high school teacher, guidance counselor and vice principal. She earned her Master's degree at the University of Wisconsin Platteville. She then earned her doctorate at the University of Wisconsin Madison. She began teaching at the University level at Western Michigan. She has also taught at SMU and found her forever professional home at Drake University. Thousands of students have taken Business Management courses from Diana and she was well known for having her classes play with Tinker Toys. She held many positions while at Drake including Assistant and Associate Dean of the College of Business. Diana also served on numerous campus committees such as the Faculty Senate, University Curriculum Committee, Honorary Degrees Committee, General Education Committee, Athletic Council and for many years an Assistant Marshal at Graduation.

Diana met and married her soulmate, Richard Rarick in 1986. They had 32 years of fun and adventure. Diana loved to travel and she and Rick journeyed all over the world for Rotary and pleasure. In her last couple years, she took a Heritage tour to China and a trip around the Southeastern United States with her granddaughter. She also went to Dallas to see a grandson play in a preseason Cowboys game.

Diana was a passionate Drake fan and supporter, rarely missing a men's or women's basketball game or the Drake Relays. She also attended almost every event her grandchildren were involved in, whether it was a 4th grade orchestra concert, a little league game, a high school football game or an Iowa State football game, she was in the stands cheering them on.

Diana joined the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines in 1988. She served in various capacities including Youth Scholarships, Greeters, Special events, Secretary and Board of Directors. Diana became the first woman president of the Northwest club in 1995. She also participated in the District 6000 activities as a member of the Training Committee, World Community Service Committee, Executive Committee, Assistant Governor, and in 2007 became the first woman District 6000 Governor. Both Diana and Rick are Paul Harris Fellows. Diana served as Zone Membership Chair, NCPETS Chair, and twice served as Official Representative of the Rotary International President.

Other community and professional involvement includes being President, Board of Directors member and Executive Council member of the Federation of Business Disciplines, President of the Southwest Academy of Management, Executive Vice President on the Board of Directors of Leadership Network, member of the city of Clive Capitol Planning Committee and Clive Park Board, and a trustee of the Valley Methodist church.

Diana was preceded in death by her mother and father. Left to keep her memory are her husband, Rick; daughters, Michelle (James) Campos and Larisa Mendenhall; grandchildren, Bryan, Jake, and Ben Campos, and Kailee Mendenhall. Diana will continue to visit new and exotic locations as her family plans to fulfill her bucket list of destinations and scatter her ashes worldwide as they honor her love of travel.

Many Rotarians attended a Service of Remembrance on Thursday evening, Jan. 17, at Hamilton's on Westown Parkway in West Des Moines.

Gifts and tributes may be directed to Rotary Foundation in the name of Diana Reed.



Diana Reed, 2007 polio National Immunization Days in Abuja, Nigeria.



Let's keep our eye focused on the goal of a polio-free world! There were 33 cases of polio in 2018, 22 in 2017, and none reported as of Feb. 2, 2019.

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Club leaders' checklist

From DG Tom Narak . . .

- Send one or more members to a **Grant Management Seminar** (p. 5, 11, 17).
- Register your President-Elect and President-Nominee for **NCPETS** (p. 6-7).
- Encourage members to save the date and plan to attend **District Conference** (p. 3-5).
- Set aside a meeting to show the **One Rotary Summit** video (p. 5).
- Encourage members to attend the **District Leadership Training Assembly** March 30 at Newton (p. 3).
- Encourage members to register for the June 1-5 **RI Convention** in Hamburg, Germany (p. 38).
- Check your progress and take action to meet or exceed your club's **Rotary Foundation** and **PolioPlus** goals (p. 16).
- **RYLA**: Encourage members to volunteer, and recruit students to attend, July 14-19 at Grinnell (p. 10).
- Tell the District **Youth Exchange** Committee that you would like to host and/or sponsor a student in 2019-20 (p. 10).
- Encourage support for the **Polio Statue** (p. 15).
- Invite members to join a **Rotary Fellowship** (p. 20).
- Explore chartering an **Interact Club** in your school, or engage members with the one you have! (p. 21).
- Explore the menu of **peace building** activities and encourage members to become involved (p. 11, 25).
- Set a specific **Membership Goal** and invite quality new members to be a part of Rotary.
- Encourage club leaders and others to register for the **Rotary Leadership Institute** (p. 7).
- Share your copy of **District 6000 News** to show others what Rotary is about!
- **Submit news** of your activities by May 24 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.



BE THE INSPIRATION

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?