



District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

William F. Tubbs, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –

October 2004

Who makes a difference in your life?

Dear District 6000 Family of Rotary,

In welcoming 175-plus youth to our district's highly successful RYLA event on Oct. 12 at Camp Dodge, it was my privilege to tell them about our great organization and why we're celebrating Rotary this year.

And, I challenged them with a simple quiz. I asked them to name:

- 1) The five wealthiest people in the world;
- 2) The last five Heisman Trophy winners;
- 3) The last five Miss Americas;
- 4) Ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize;
- 5) The last six Academy Award winners for best actor/actress;
- 6) The last 10 World Series winners.



Bill Tubbs
District Governor

Predictably, they struggled. Then I asked them to name:

- 1) A few teachers who aided their journey through school;
- 2) Three friends who helped them through a difficult time;
- 3) Five people who taught them something worthwhile;
- 4) A few people who made them feel appreciated and special;
- 5) Five people they enjoy spending time with;
- 6) Six heroes who inspired them.

Not surprisingly, this was much easier! The

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Ames Rotarians celebrated a \$100,000 bequest to The Rotary Foundation by Bob Anderson (second from right). Pictured (l-r): PDG Don Goering, who is "Every Rotarian, Every Year" chair for D-6000, President Joyce Durlam, Anderson, and Margaret Wilson, who is co-chair of the District Permanent Fund Subcommittee of the The Rotary Foundation Committee.

Clubs invited to celebrate Rotary Foundation in November

November is Rotary Foundation Month. D-6000 "Every Rotarian, Every Year" chair PDG Don Goering challenged club presidents with the checklist in this letter:

One-fourth of your year of club leadership is now history. Congratulations to the 60 of you who completed and submitted your "Every Rotarian, Every Year" Club Goal form. With nine months left of your year, I have several questions for each of you.

What steps have you taken to achieve the goal you set for club in support of The Rotary Foundation through the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" program?

A. Have you appointed a club member to be your club's Rotary Foundation Chairperson?

B. Have you sent your chairperson's con-

tact information to the District Administrator Jerri Uitermarkt or District Foundation Chair Del Bluhm?

C. Have you made arrangements to have at least two club programs on The Rotary Foundation during November, which is Rotary Foundation month?

D. Have you asked your club members to sign a pledge form for at least \$100 per Rotary year in support of The Rotary Foundation through the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" program?

E. Have you or your club secretary downloaded from The Rotary Foundation and reviewed your "Club's Recognition Summary" yet this year?

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Families who lost troops to be honored

A group of volunteers is raising funds for a program in November for the families of Iowa troops who lost their lives in Iraq. D-6000 received this letter from the organizing committee and agreed to share it with clubs.

Dear Rotary members:

As an active member of your community in Iowa, we are asking for your help in honoring the families of Iowa soldiers who have died in the War on Terrorism. Much attention has been given to the politics of this war and not enough on the actual loss to the families and our communities. In order to make a small effort to show that we as Americans truly do recognize the sacrifice of our soldiers and their families, a group of Iowa leaders has joined together in order to recognize the loss of Iowans. We invite you to also join with us in letting the children, wives, mothers, and fathers know that Iowa cares.

Representatives from state government, the military, and the Iowa chapters of Beta Sigma Phi International will be hosting a dinner to honor the families of Iowa soldiers who have given their life in the War Against Terrorism. The Nov. 26 event will be held in the Memorial Union at Iowa State University (ISU). The following day at the nationally televised ISU-Missouri football game, the families will be recognized during halftime complete with a military flyover.

A large and prestigious attendance is expected at the Honoring Iowa's Heroes in the War on Terrorism dinner. First and foremost, at this time 21 families in Iowa have lost a soldier during the conflict or while training to be sent overseas. Family response to this event has been overwhelmingly positive and emotional as they see that their loved ones are not forgotten and will be honored in such a way. Additionally, they look forward to an opportunity to spend time with the other families who have also experienced a loss. This event will also recognize those who have been

injured in the conflict, and those who continue to serve for freedom and security worldwide. This project is neither pro-nor anti-war and is nonpartisan.

First Lady Laura Bush has been invited to serve as our keynote speaker, as well as other national leaders. Also expected to attend are Gov. Vilsack, various dignitaries of state government, military leaders, business and faith-based leaders and the media. We are expecting at least 500 people in attendance.

We are also pleased to announce that at the event, an original work of art depicting Iowa's role in this war will be presented. The original, commissioned to a well-known Iowa artist, David Rottinghaus, will be gifted to the state, framed prints will be gifted to the families, and additional prints will be sold in order to raise funds to erect a permanent monument.

Fundraising efforts to pay for the dinner, travel and lodging expenses for the families and the art are underway. We have reached approximately 50 percent of our goal through donations, pledges and fundraising efforts of our own. We need your help! Would you please consider giving \$50 or \$100 or what you can towards this project? If you would like to contribute at a higher level, we invite you to donate at the \$1,000 level and receive two tickets to attend the Nov. 26 event (we have approximately 100 seats available). All contributions are tax-deductible and will be noted in the program, on all printed material, and on the project web site. Please visit our website for more information www.iowaheroes.com.

-s- Tracy E. Andrie, chairperson

Honoring Iowa's Heroes in the War on Terrorism
(515) 268-9880 or (515) 292-5828

Any donations may be sent to:
Honoring Iowa's Military Heroes Assn.
P.O. Box 325, Ames, IA 50010



The Johnston Rotary Club is assisting the Iowa National Guard Auxiliary with their "Bear Hug" project. Pictured are club president Mark Zirkelbach, who is Deputy Adjutant General for the Iowa National Guard, and club member Ken Andresen.

Rotarians aid 'bear' project

With over 4,500 Iowa National Guard troops deployed in Iraq, the Iowa National Guard Officers Auxiliary estimates that there are approximately 4,500 children under 12 who will not have the special "hug" from Mom or Dad. They will receive the "Bear Hug" with this poem, written by a Johnston fifth grader:

*I'm a Bear and you're my friend,
We'll stay together to the end.
I'll make you feel better when you're down
I'll make you smile, instead of frown.
I know your parent isn't here,
But please don't cry, don't shed a tear.
I'm here to help you when you're sad,
When you're missing your Mom or Dad.
Hug me tight and kiss me, too
'Cause where they are they're missing you.
And plus, America needs them so,
You're so brave to let them go!*

Wilson to join polio team 'on the ground' in Niger

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message is easy to understand; less hard to apply to our lives: The people who make a difference in our lives are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money or the most awards – *they are the ones who care!*

Our challenge, which was also RI President Glenn Kinross' theme in 1996-97, is to show that Rotary cares. After visiting two thirds of the clubs in District 6000 thus far, it is easy to see, through their considerable involvement with youth, that Rotarians do care. Let us never forget the message of this simple exercise as we sow the seeds for Rotary's second century in our clubs and communities.

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Polio: Margaret Wilson of Ames Rotary will join 81 Rotarian polio eradication volunteers from Zones 27 and 28 in Niger in November. This will be the largest ever polio eradication campaign in Africa, and is in response to an outbreak that resulted when governors decreed that immunization teams were not welcome because the vaccine would spread AIDS and sterilize women.

As a result, 688 of 786 children in the world who have been paralyzed this year from polio are in Sub-Saharan Africa. "This is a tragedy, because all but two of these countries were polio free, now twelve of them are infected again," said David Heymann of the World Health Organization. (As of Sept. 22, there were 544 cases of polio this year in Nigeria, 58 in India, 28 in Pakistan, 19 in Niger, 3 in Afghanistan and 1 in Egypt. As disheartening as those totals from Africa are, compare them with the statistics from Iowa in 1952, which was our worst year: 3,564 cases and 163 deaths.)

Margaret, who was pictured delivering the vaccine to a child in Calcutta, India, in the October issue of Rotary World, challenges District 6000 to put together its own team rather than join groups



The Des Moines AM Rotary Club has a near total relationship with Capitol View Elementary School, located in one of the city's most disadvantaged areas. Among their activities, more than 30 members like Christine Korte (l) are actively involved in tutoring and mentoring. Christine is pictured with "Rosevelt" and District 6000 First Lady, Linda Tubbs.

from Michigan and elsewhere. For example, teams will be going to India next February. Contact Margaret (leave a message) if you are interested: 314NE Eaglewood Drive, Ames, IA 50021. Ph. (515) 964-9909, e-mail: Margaret.Wilson@mchsi.com.

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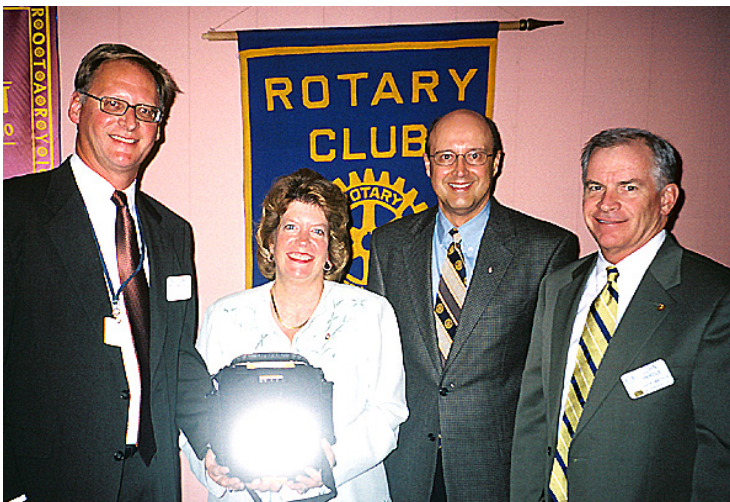
Russians: My friend Christina Weber, of the Center for Citizen Initiatives in San Francisco, said she has had contact with some Rotary clubs in District 6000 about hosting teams of Russian entrepreneurs in the Productivity Enhancement Program (PEP). This program, which brings 11 Russian business people from a particular field to your community for 23 days, is called the "Marshall Plan for Russia." I have served as coordinator for two delegations – building contractors in 1998 and newspaper publishers in 2002 – and highly recommend it as an opportunity for significant international service within your own community. It is a lot of work, but the friendships and benefits are enormous! Many are still corresponding with the Russians, and some have traveled to Russia! The entrepreneurs who return are succeeding and transforming Russia's economy. If you have questions, I'd be delighted to share my two very positive experiences. Or, call Christina at (888) 729-7071.

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FAMSCO: Jim Peterson, president of the D-6000 Fire & Medical Supply Company, received confirmation of the receipt of hospital beds from Helmut Seidel of the Tegucigalpa (Honduras) Rotary Club. The beds were sent by shipping container from Iowa City. "FAMSCO is off to a good start in the new Rotary year," writes Jim. "We hope to ship at least two more containers in the near future; one to Honduras and one to El Salvador." Did your club support FAMSCO with a \$5 per member (max. \$500 per club) voluntary contribution? We can't go on these trips, but we can support them. *Please do!*

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Bettendorf Rotary President Barb Asefi presented defibrillators to all 12 attendance centers of the Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley Community Schools on Oct. 20 on behalf of Rotary. A 2003-04 Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant for \$3,000 stimulated giving from others in the community. Pictured are PV superintendent Dr. James Spelhaug, Asefi, Governor Bill Tubbs and Bettendorf superintendent Dr. John Perdue.



The internationality of Rotary can be seen when Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students gather at events like the D-6000 Fall Picnic in September at Knoxville. These students, from 13 countries on four continents, are living in 24 Iowa communities.

Changes in RI attendance, membership, dues

The 2004 Council on Legislation adopted 100 pieces of legislation. Club leaders should be aware of the policy changes summarized below that affect membership administration.

Attendance

Attendance credit for a meeting can be given to a member for attending a meeting of a Rotary Fellowship or participating in an interactive activity through a club Web site for 30 minutes.

A member's absence can be excused for any of the following reasons: (1) The club's board has approved it; (2) The member's age and years of membership in one or more clubs totals 85 years or more (and that member has notified the club secretary of the achievement in writing and the board has approved it); or (3) The member is a current officer of RI.

Any member assigned to work away from home for an extended time can replace attendance at his or her club with attendance at the meetings of a designated club at the site of the assignment, provided there is a mutual agreement between the clubs.

Officers

Any president-elect who does not attend the presidents-elect training seminar (PETS) *and* the district assembly *and* has not been excused by the governor-elect (or, if so excused, does not send a designated club representative in his or her place) shall *not* be able to serve as club president.

The qualifications for governors-nominee have been revised to include those who have served as charter president of a club, provided

that they served the full term from the date of charter to 30 June and that this period was at least six months.

Club Membership

An active member moving from the locality of the club can remain in the club if the club board grants permission *and* the member continues to meet all conditions of club membership.

Clubs can elect into membership a transferring or former member even if his or her classification is filled. Clubs are exempt from paying prorated per capita dues for these members.

A terminated member who was in good standing at the time of termination can be reinstated in the same classification, even if that classification has since been filled. However, a terminated member who was not in good standing at the time of termination cannot be reinstated if his or her classification is filled.

The criterion for selecting honorary members has been revised to include those persons considered friends of Rotary for their permanent support of Rotary's cause.

Dues

RI per capita dues will be increased to US\$19.50 per half year in 2004-05, \$21.50 per half year in 2005-06, and \$23.50 per half year in 2006-07. Dues will remain at \$23.50 per half year until changed by the Council on Legislation.

Effective 1 July 2005, any club with fewer than 10 members shall pay additional per capita dues equal to the amount it would have paid if it had 10 members.

Four-Way Test essays focus on higher ethics

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Four-Way Test Essays: Congratulations to the West Liberty Rotary Club, which is actively promoting the Four-Way Test Essay Contest that is among our District 6000 goals for the Centennial year. The contest is a way to focus on ethics in business and vocations, which was one of the foundations of Rotary when Paul Harris met with three friends on Feb. 23, 1905, now nearly 100 years ago. I do not think it is a coincidence, for example, that the CEOs of Enron and WorldCom were *not* Rotarians!

There are three divisions: Juniors (10-14 as of 9-30-04), Seniors (15-18) and Rotaract/Rotarian. The deadline for the 400-word essays has been changed from Dec. 1 to Jan. 15, so now's the time to get the word out! The theme for youth: "How can Rotary's Four-Way Test make a difference in my life?"; and adults: "How can Rotary's Four-Way Test make a difference in my business?" Send your entries to Deb Pullin-Van Auken, 715 Second St., Columbus Jct., IA 52738. Questions? Call Deb at (319) 356-9124.

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Iowa Stories 2000: I just received a copy of "Family Pictures," the Iowa Stories 2000 book that will be given to children in all of Iowa's schools next spring. It is the story of an artist's recollections of childhood as seen through pictures. The text is in English and Spanish, with the emphasis on friendship between Iowa and Mexico. Rotary District 6000 has partnered with Iowa Stories 2000, most recently with the \$10,000 from our 2003-04 District Simplified Grant Fund. However, those funds will not be available this year because they will be directed to fulfill requests from clubs for community projects.

(The DSG requests from clubs are nearly double the available funds! The committee will meet in November to evaluate the applications and make the awards. Please remember when we talk about "Rotary grants" that these funds do not magically appear from some mysterious third party. Unlike the government, Rotary is a voluntary organization. We do not "tax and spend" or "borrow and spend." District Simplified Grants represent a portion of our previous contributions to The Rotary Foundation returned to our district to fund projects in our own communities. That is another reason to give generously to The Rotary Foundation!)

As for Iowa Stories 2000, unless Rotarians in District 6000 have an idea by Dec. 1 of where we can collectively raise \$5,000 or more, Rotary will not be a sponsor of this year's book. However, that does not mean that we couldn't purchase books to deliver to Xicotepec or other villages in Mexico where we have projects.

If you do wish to participate, however, there are three levels of sponsorship – \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$20,000. The names of all sponsors are printed in the book, and \$10,000 or more qualifies your organization's logo to be included.) Your suggestions or contributions are welcomed. Donations may be sent to: Iowa Stories 2000, c/o First Lady Christie Vilsack, Terrace Hill, 2300 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312.

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Tipton Rotary Club president Doug Boldt is pictured with the Habitat for Humanity house that was under construction this fall in Tipton with the involvement of members of the Tipton Rotary Club.



The programs of the Nishna Valley Family YMCA in Atlantic have been supported with more than \$17,000 from the Atlantic Rotary Club in recent years, thanks to the club's fund raising, in which \$30,000 and more is raised at auction.



The East Polk Rotary Club does a superb job of telling the story of its community and international projects with display boards, publications and media, thanks to secretary Marti Kline, a former newspaper publisher who is public relations director for the Southeast Polk School District.



RYLA chair Ed Minnick organized a great day for 175 students.



Old acquaintances were renewed and new friends were made among the 175 students who attended RYLA on Oct. 12 at Camp Dodge.

Students 'Celebrate Rotary' at successful RYLA event



West Des Moines Rotary president Tom Carey (r) with former RYLA chair Art Dinkin.



District Governor Bill Tubbs talked about "Rotary and Leadership," and greeted Alex Pehler and Lauren Armbruster, two of six students sponsored by his home club of North Scott.



Some left home at 3:50 a.m. on buses that took them to Rotary Youth Leadership Awards day at Camp Dodge on Oct. 12, but a positive experience was the bottom line. A highlight was keynote speaker Ako Abdul-Samad, who motivated students with his story of overcoming anger with love after his son was killed by gang members.



Participants, who included 26 Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students, had a group photo under the clear October sky after they tested their skills at the National Guard's Leadership Reaction Course.

For best prices, register for Chicago now!

Dear District 6000 Family of Rotary,

The excitement is building for what promises to be our “once in a lifetime” opportunity to attend the Centennial Rotary International Convention, June 18-22 in Chicago, immediately preceded by our District 6000 Conference, June 15-17 in Davenport. These are the events that, in my visits with clubs, I am promising will give you a completely fresh perspective of Rotary, and will energize you, your club, community and world.

District 6000 is offering a bus package from Davenport to Chicago, which was described in our September newsletter that is posted at the District website, www.rotary6000.org. Please go there to see the schedules and rates. The best price of \$50 round trip is available if you make your reservations before Dec. 31.

Likewise, you can get your best price for the International Convention registration if you make it by Dec. 31. Those forms are in *The Rotarian* and on the RI website, www.rotary.org.

Did you know that the Chicago Convention Committee will pay \$15 to District 6000 for each registrant from our district above 90, \$30 for each above 180, and \$45 for each above 270? When governors were asked to estimate the number from their district, I said 500. I hope that is a conservative estimate! You can read a table at the Zone Website, www.zones27-28.org/ChicagoConv/Scorecards/Score, that compares registrations from Districts in the upper Midwest USA as of Oct. 21. District 6000 had 41 registered as of that date. Don't delay! Register now for best pricing, and encourage others!!

For another opportunity for memories of a lifetime, volunteer to assist the Host Committee as a sergeant-at-arms, with registration, or in any of a dozen other ways. Contact Terry Mueller, Volunteers Chair, (815) 459-2176.

Below is more information about Chicago, including housing information for those who are not staying at the District 6000 hotel, the Chicago Sheraton. (Rooms are still available in our block at the Sheraton. Call Lloyd Hill, 515-457-1746.) Enjoy! – BT

Program News

The convention will kick off with the Centennial Parade on Michigan Avenue on Saturday morning. The House of Friendship will be open on Saturday, and Saturday night will be Home Host Hospitality. Sunday kicks off with the Northland Breakfast at Navy Pier (tickets are \$30 each, available from DG Bill Tubbs), a 5K/8K run-walk on Lake Shore Drive with proceeds for polio eradication and The Rotary Foundation, and an Interfaith Service (five religions: Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam and Buddhism), all in the morning.

The phenomenal opening ceremony for the Centennial Convention will be Sunday afternoon in the McCormick Center, and is worth the price of your registration! Sunday evening, District 6000 Rotarians will come together (and others are welcome to join us) for our big District 6000 Party at the Sheraton, downtown.

The 2005 Chicago Convention plenary session program will focus on President Glenn Estess' theme, Celebrate Rotary, through sharing stories of individual Rotarians doing the work of Rotary, Rotary projects, stories of persons whose lives have been changed for the better because of the help they've received from local Rotary clubs in various areas of the world, and a look at the Polio Plus effort from its inception to the present. Presentations will in-



clude video clips, live appearances, and interviews. Each day we will celebrate a different aspect of Rotary. Monday, we will look at the past; Tuesday, we'll focus on Rotary today; and Wednesday, we'll look forward to Rotary's future. Finally, the closing session will be a celebration of Rotary's 100th birthday.

Housing News

The 2005 Chicago Convention is already making history! Enthusiastic Rotarians have booked over 10,000 rooms in downtown Chicago – 8 months prior to the convention! Contact One Stop Chicago today to receive RI discounts at fantastic O'Hare properties, including Best Western, Holiday Inn, Hyatt, Westin, and Marriott brands. All O'Hare properties in the Chicago Convention housing block will receive transportation to and from McCormick Place – 35 minutes by Metra train. The O'Hare area boasts easy access to shopping and endless fine dining options, including Gibson's Steakhouse, Carlucci's Italian Restaurant, Nick's Fish Market, and Harry Caray's. Rotarians who wish to book rooms downtown Chicago may reserve upgraded (club/concierge level) rooms and suites through One Stop Chicago. Single/double occupancy rates for upgraded rooms and suites are slightly higher than RI's published single/double occupancy rates for standard hotel rooms.

To make hotel reservations, visit www.rotaryintl.org or contact One-Stop Chicago at 1-800-424-5248 (USA and Canada) or 1-847-940-2152 (outside USA and Canada). Rotary International staff does not book hotel reservations. However, Chicago convention housing questions or concerns may be directed to Steve McCall, RI Registration and Housing Services. Steve's email address is mccalls@rotaryintl.org.

Please contact Lawrence Wright of the Chicago Convention Promotion Committee. He will help in any way possible. You may also visit our Zone Website for updated information on Convention Registrations per District, www.zones27-28.org.

Contact: Lawrence S. Wright, 2005 Chicago Convention Promotion Committee, Zones 27-28, 17100 Beech Daly, Brownstown, MI 48174, Office: 734-942-1184; Fax: 734-942-1886

D-6000 Friendship Exchange activities

The Rotary District 6000 Friendship Exchange Committee met on Sunday, Sept. 12, at the home of Myrna and Keith Whigham in Ames. Present were: Myrna and Keith Whigham; Dick and Linda Kennedy; John McNeer; Marty Helgersen; Jerry and Jackie Powell; Cal and Rachel Litwiller; Bill and Joyce Reese; and John and Wanda Lewis. After a short repast and a delicious lunch, Chair Myrna called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. In the absence of Secretary Becky Helgersen, John Lewis was asked to serve in that role.

To open the meeting, John McNeer serenaded the group with a poem set to music which he recently has written in tribute to his friends from Colombia. Also, Myrna shared a copy of the RI directory of RFE chairs in various districts throughout the world and offered to provide it in electronic form to anyone who is interested. Myrna also distributed new committee directories, and later in the meeting, several members suggested changes in their information, which were noted and corrections were made.

Next, Dick Kennedy gave the treasurer's report, indicating that the balance on hand remains that which it has been for several months, \$914.48. Marty reported that he had talked with DG Bill Tubbs and was told that the budgeted amount for the committee is \$100 per year. Since there hasn't been a need for additional funding, those amounts are not being allocated to the committee on a regular basis, with the concern being raised that during June '05 we will have a higher level of activity and there will not be sufficient funding. Funding from the District will be needed for transportation costs (van rental). It was agreed that District leaders should be reminded of this situation and asked to be prepared to remit a substantial amount to the committee for its activities when that time comes.

Old Business was then taken up, which included a report by John McNeer on Ireland. He said that his contacts there have not responded on a timely basis and he has nothing further to report at this time.

Under New Business, the following areas were discussed as follows:

New Zealand: Myrna and Dick shared information from an e-mail they have received from 8-10 persons wanting to visit this District, but no specific plans are completed at this time. Later in the meeting, it was suggested that Dick should correspond with those persons, indicating that we are planning on their being here, hopefully triggering a willingness on their part to begin more definite planning.

Czech Republic: Myrna reported that an area in that country is a partner city with Ames and that Ames Rotary Club has a partner relationship with a club there. She thinks there could be a good exchange developed, but that home stays are a question due to the limited incomes of people and the smallness of homes there. After discussion, a consensus developed supporting a willingness to consider staying in commercial facilities while there, using the days for activities with the locals, but not staying in their homes. Myrna said she will pursue developing a group, perhaps as early as next May.

India: John Lewis reported on his communications with the person who acted as team leader for the GSE delegation to District 6000. That person was supposedly contacting the DG to see if there might be interest in an exchange with us, but nothing has been reported on that. In addition, John Lewis mentioned the communication he received from a former DG there who was inviting groups to consider exchanges with them. John was asked to follow up on this to see



what might develop. In addition, Cal mentioned that Bill Ashton might have some good contacts there because of his humanitarian work with them.

South Africa: Marty shared the Email that he has sent to friends there inviting them to visit us in connection with the '05 Convention. He thinks we can arrange a trip there about any time we want to do so. For the time being, we will work toward Oct. '05 for such a trip.

Chile: No report, but Marty is supportive of developing trips to Latin countries, given the influx of Hispanic influence into Iowa and several of its major communities.

England: Marty encouraged the group to consider "narrow boat" trips on England's rivers and streams. Whether or not an exchange, per se, would be a part of that, he thinks they would be very popular and enjoyable.

Norway: Rachel shared information on "mail boat cruises" which could be a very popular adjunct to the Rotary Convention in Copenhagen in '06. The cruises are along the coast of Norway, covering a significant number of cities and stations. Those interested in receiving an information booklet on those should contact Rachel as she is working through an agency in the East.

Uganda: The advisability of an exchange there is still questionable. Myrna reported on an ISU person who was befriended by Rotarians there. It was agreed that we should try to find the names of those Rotarians to see if there is a possibility of such an exchange. We will pursue but not try to hurry.

Sweden: John Lewis was asked to check with the Schreiber's about any contacts or other information they may have that would be of value in developing a possible exchange with that country.

Chicago Convention Homestays: The 2005 Convention was then discussed, emphasizing the impact it might have on this committee's activities. It was acknowledged that there is another group working in that regard, headed by Ken Noble. Dick will talk with Ken soon and also, Ken will be invited to the next committee meeting so that we can work toward coordination of our efforts next spring and summer. Ken seems to be working mainly on homestays and we need to find out how we can meld that into our efforts toward full exchanges. Also, if there are groups too small to constitute a tour in itself, perhaps we could group more than one of these and get a more efficient and workable group. It was suggested, also, that there should be a promotional announcement of our interest in hosting, which could be run in the various RI media in advance of the Convention.

Next Meeting: Saturday, Dec. 18 in Pella, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The location will be determined after John Lewis has talked with at least two potential sites there, including the Strawtown Inn and a new hotel.

There being no other business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Lewis, acting Secretary



Governor-Elect Corliss Klaassen of Chariton and his wife, Jeanne, won a prize for their authentic period costumes at Zone Institute in Mackinac, Mich., on Aug. 27.

Our first song entry!

Thank you to Jim Koch of the Davenport Rotary Club for submitting the first entry in our District 6000 Centennial Song Contest. This is to be sung to the music of "Auld Lang Syne." We encourage all clubs to have fun and share your songs with Rotarians of District 6000 – and the world!

He profits most who serves the best
Motto of Rotary
One hundred years of service giv'n
To all humanity

Centennial of Rotary
Recalls some happy deeds
To rid the world of polio
While serving basic needs

One hundred years have now gone by
Well served by Rotary
Service above ourselves, you see
Our goal will always be

We practice Service Above Self
In everything we do
And on our big Centennial
Our fellowship shows through

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
No, not in Rotary
One hundred years we've worked and served
The world community.

Charter Members of District 6000 Paul Harris Society

Thus far, there are 22 charter members of the District 6000 Paul Harris Society. These are Rotarians who pledge to give \$1,000 per year to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation for 10 years, working toward the Major Donor status of \$10,000. Charter Members are those who make this pledge during Rotary year 2004-05. They will receive a Paul Harris Society ribbon for their Rotary pins at District Conference, June 15-17 in Davenport. There is no form to sign, but to signify your intent, please contact District Governor Bill Tubbs, (563) 285-5665, or administrator Jerri Uitermarkt, (877) 976-8279.

Bob Anderson, Ames
Del/Gorgia Bluhm, Ames
Tom Brooke, West Liberty
George Christensen, Ames
John/Linda Dasher, Ames
Dave Dickson, Ames
Mary Gibbons, Ames
Don/Doris Goering, Ames
Conrad Gregg, West Liberty
Paul Hellwege, Boone
Bill Koellner, West Liberty

Loring Miller, Decatur County
Phyllis Miller, Decatur County
Don/Donna Cowen Newbrough, Ames
Jim Peterson, Iowa City AM
Bob Rudman, Ames
David Suntken, Ames
Bill/Linda Tubbs, North Scott
Don Wandling, Ames
Herb Wilson, Coralville-North Corridor
Janice Wilson, Coralville-North Corridor
Margaret Wilson, Ames

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F. Has your club Secretary/Treasurer sent in your club members' donations to The Rotary Foundation for the first quarter of this Rotary year? (One of our District Goals is to send in donations every quarter.)

G. Have you made your club members aware that they can make their contributions to The Rotary Foundation using electronic transfer or through their credit cards?

H. Have you identified one or more members of your club and asked them to become charter members of the District 6000 Paul Harris Society? (Remember – these are Rotarians willing to donate \$1,000 per year to The Rotary Foundation.)

I. Have you made plans to use the "Rotary Foundation Minutes" you received recently from John Kleinschmidt?

J. Has your Assistant Governor presented the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" program to your club yet?

K. What assistance do you need in reaching your club goal?

If I can be of any assistance to you as you work toward achieving your "Every Rotarian, Every Year" goal, please contact me at (515) 232-1736.



Governor Bill Tubbs (r) played the role of Paul Harris, who was interviewed on the Letterman Show at Zone Institute. Playing Dave Letterman was DG Jim Ives of D-6400 in Detroit. Jim is a first cousin of Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz.



The 13-member Rotary Club of Marengo, which celebrated its 80th anniversary in May, is involved with hands-on projects every month. One of their projects is making benches out of willow trees for the Iowa River Gateway Park & Preserve (pictured). The Centennial club president is Dennis Mathahs.

GOVERNOR'S NOTES

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Honored: The University of Iowa has named its cross country course in honor of Rotarian Bill Ashton of Davenport and his brother, Jim, of Dallas. The Ashton Cross Country Course features maintained running alleys and will allow Iowa to host regional and national events.

Honored: Congratulations to Centennial President Nancy Pacha of Iowa City AM Rotary, upon your induction into the Iowa City High School Hall of Fame. Nancy also served as grand marshal of the homecoming parade.

Fund Raisers: Clubs in District 6000 are celebrating successful fund raisers. Congratulations to:

– President Craig Downs and Boone Rotary, which held its most successful Steak Fry ever, on Oct. 11, at which they served 1,100 meals and netted \$9,400 for scholarships.

– President Jim Rastrelli and North Scott Rotary raised more than \$22,000 so far this year with their Oct. 20 auction, a July 11 food stand, the sale of Birdies for Charity passes, and volunteer ticket takers and ushers at Hawkeye football games.

– President Roger Archer and Ottumwa Rotary, who served 5,000 chicken dinners on Sept. 26 and raised nearly \$20,000. Thanks to President Janet Paulson and the Odyssey of Ottumwa Rotary Club for making this a cooperative event.

All clubs are invited to share your fund raising successes through the District Newsletter. Send your news to Governor Bill Tubbs, P.O. Box 223, Eldridge, IA 52748, or: btubbs@northscottpress.com.

Website Changes: A new ClubRunner Web Site for D-6000 was scheduled to be activated Nov. 1, thanks to a recommendation from the Technology Committee, chaired by DGN Del Bluhm. Administrator Jerri Uitermarkt planned to e-mail club presidents, secretaries and district leadership before reguiding the URL to explain the switch. She asks club leaders to share this information with members so that the new format will not confuse anyone. The new site, which was designed for Rotary clubs, gives us the opportunity to integrate management functions, and it costs less! Also, a Rotary thank you to AG Lloyd Hill of Northwest Des Moines for the donation of a computer! We ask your patience as we all learn and move forward together. Please direct questions to Jerri at (877) 976-8279. *Thank you!*

Haiti: Rotary International Director Mike McCullough of Detroit, who represents Zones 27 and 28, which includes District 6000, writes “news of an urgent nature from a part of the world going through ‘dark and gloomy times’ – Haiti.” Tom Thorfinnson of Minnesota describes the situation, “The devastation of the hurricanes created a humanitarian disaster. It is undescrivable. No clean water, no food, no clothes, no roof to cover children and senior citizens at nights . . . they need help, whatever can be sent. It is not possible to consider how desperately inhumane is the situation.” Those wishing to lend a hand through Rotary may send money, payable to Rotary 5950 Foundation, and send it to: Tom Thorfinnson, P.O. Box 44326, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

Share Your News: Clubs are invited to submit news and photos of your special events and projects for our District Newsletter. Mail them to: P.O. Box 223, Eldridge, IA 52748, or e-mail to: btubbs@northscottpress.com.



Four past district governors were in attendance when Governor Bill Tubbs visited the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines on Oct. 22 (l-r): David Piersal of NW Des Moines (D-5970, 1996-97), Dennis Skinner of Nevada (D-6000, 2003-04), Charlie Gabus of NW Des Moines (D-6000, 1984-85), Joe Kobes (club president), Governor Tubbs, and Dale Belknap of NW Des Moines (D-6000, 2000-01).

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

Name of Club	Number of Meetings	Number of Members	Attendance Percent	Rank for September
Adel				
Albia				
Ames	3	269	64.13%	30
Ames Morning	5	66	61.21%	34
Ankeny				
Atlantic				
Bettendorf	5	86	72.82%	17
Bloomfield				
Boone	5	70	60.30%	38
Burlington	3	105	87.30%	5
Carroll				
Centerville	5	56	51.00%	44
Chariton				
Clinton	3	123	68.26%	22
Coon Rapids	5	24	65.00%	27
Coralville NC	5	44	98.00%	2
Corning	3	56	75.70%	15
Corydon				
Creston	3	37	65.00%	28
Dallas Center				
Davenport				
Decatur County	3	16	62.00%	33
Des Moines	5	378	66.49%	25
Des Moines AM	4	149	56.00%	41
East Polk County	5	44	60.00%	39
Fairfield	4	70	63.45%	31
Fort Madison				
Grinnell	3	39	82.00%	8
Indianola	4	50	80.63%	10
Iowa City				
Iowa City AM	4	61	60.53%	37
Iowa City Downtown				
Iowa Quad Cities	5	48	63.20%	32
Jefferson	3	56	77.37%	14
Johnston	4	32	80.17%	11
Kalona	4	40	88.19%	4
Keokuk				
Keosauqua	4	28	52.10%	42
Knoxville	5	64	71.90%	19
Lenox	4	38	68.00%	23
Manning	4	21	79.00%	12
Marengo				
Marshalltown	5	189	65.07%	26
Mount Pleasant				
Mount Pleasant PM				
Muscatine	3	151	51.43%	43
Nevada	5	67	78.00%	13
Newton				
North Scott	4	97	84.17%	7
Northwest Des Moines	4	86	89.19%	3
Odyssey	2	15	67.00%	24
Osceola	3	38	57.41%	40
Oskaloosa	4	57	81.50%	9
Ottumwa	3	110	86.13%	6
Pella	4	44	70.00%	20
Perry	5	36	65.00%	29
Tipton	5	32	72.61%	18
Washington	5	58	61.00%	35
Waukee	5	48	72.92%	16
Wellman	5	33	98.14%	1
West Des Moines	4	82	61.00%	36
West Liberty	4	32	70.00%	21
Winterset				



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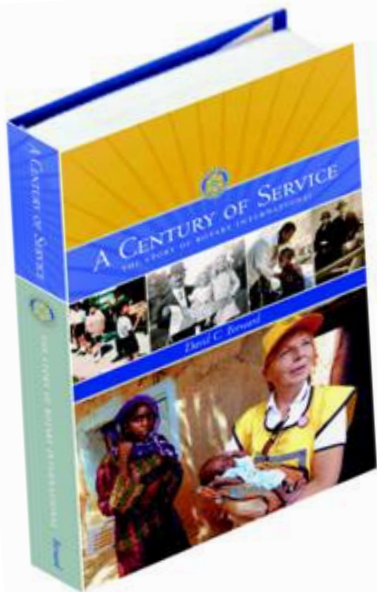
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This newsletter has been mailed to District 6000 club presidents, assistant governors, past and future district governors and committee chairs. It is also posted in PDF format with the pictures in color at our district website, www.rotary6000.org. We encourage and urge you to share your copies with club leaders and Rotarians in your clubs and to use it as a resource for your club newsletters and in any way possible for the advancement of Rotary.



2. Give Centennial Book.

Order the Rotary Centennial book (publication 913-EN) through RI Publications by calling (847) 866-4600. This book tells the history of Rotary first 100 years and costs only \$25. Ask your members to sign the inside cover and then give a copy to your local library. The book also makes a nice present!

1. Make a Square for the D-6000 Centennial Quilt.

All 63 clubs in District 6000 should be represented on this quilt! Guidelines are: Make an 8-1/2-inch cotton square. The design should represent your club. Any art medium may be used – painted, counted cross-stitch, applique, photo or whatever your creative people want to use. The square will be trimmed to 7-inches, which is why you need to leave a 1-1/2-inch border! Submit your finished quilt piece by Jan. 15 (new deadline) to: Sarah Simpson, 2633 Canterbury Rd., Muscatine, IA 52761.

3. Sponsor a Four-Way Test Essay Contest.

Details of the D-6000 Four-Way Test essay contest are on page 5 of this newsletter. We urge all clubs to involve youth (junior- and senior-high) and Rotarians/Rotaractors in this project aimed at raising awareness of ethics. The essays should be no more than 400 words. Sponsor a local contest with your own prizes and recognition, then submit your winning entries to our district competition. The new deadline is Jan. 15. Send them to: Deb Pullin-Van Auken, 715 Second St., Columbus Jct., IA 52738.

– Celebrate Rotary – YES!



Governor's District 6000

Centennial Citation



Support District 6000 goals, HAVE FUN & earn Rotary Foundation points

Section A: (40 Points + 10 BONUS POINTS if you do everything in this section)

- o Qualify for the RI Presidential Citation (4 points) _____
- o Register one or more Rotarians for the Chicago Convention (June 18-22, 2005) by March 31, 2005 (4 points) _____
- o Register 10 or more Rotarians/guests for District 6000 Conference (June 16-17, 2005 in Davenport) (4 points) _____
- o Support FAMSCO or Xicotepec financially and/or with volunteers and/or in-kind contributions (4 points) _____
- o Support Iowa M.O.S.T. (Miles Of Smiles Team, was Rotaplast) financially and/or with volunteers (4 points) _____
- o Fulfill Your Promise (pay your pledge in full) for polio eradication (4 points) _____
- o One or more members attend a Regional Foundation/Membership seminar (4 points) _____
- o Schedule an Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) speaker between July and November (4 points) _____
- o Achieve EREY or increase the percentage of Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members in your club (4 points) _____
- o Register your 2005-06 and/or 2006-07 club presidents for P.E.T.S. (April 8, 2005) (4 points) _____

ADD 10 BONUS POINTS IF YOU DO ALL OF THE ABOVE _____

SUBTOTAL POINTS _____

Section B: (30 Points)

- o Register home hosts for Pre- and Post-Convention Homestays (3 points) _____
- o Participate in a joint meeting or special event to celebrate Rotary's 100th birthday (Feb. 23, 2005) with the club that chartered you (3 points) _____
- o Complete a Centennial Community Service project(s) and post "Centennial Project" signs (3 points) _____
- o Publicize Rotary's Centennial in your community through free or paid media space (3 points) _____
- o Register volunteers and equipment for the District 6000 Disaster Response Team (3 points) _____
- o Submit a block for your club for the District 6000 Centennial quilt (3 points) _____
- o Submit entries for the District 6000 "Four-Way Test" essay contest (3 points) _____
- o Sponsor one or more local students for District 6000 RYLA (3 points) _____
- o Sponsor a window or mall display, or participate in a parade(s) to promote Rotary's Centennial (3 points) _____
- o Update your club history (3 points) _____

SUBTOTAL POINTS _____

Section C: (20 Points)

- o Give the framed "Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions" to new members (2 points) _____
- o Promote applications for Outbound GSE and/or apply to those one of our two GSE teams (2 points) _____
- o Enroll in the Twin-Club partnerships with a club in another country (2 points) _____
- o One or more members sign the register at Rotary's Iowa State Fair booth (2 points) _____
- o Plan and promote at least one "100 percent attendance" day (2 points) _____
- o Donate the new Rotary Centennial book to your local library (2 points) _____
- o Submit entries in the District 6000 Rotary Centennial poem contest (2 points) _____
- o Submit entries in the District 6000 Rotary Centennial song contest (2 points) _____
- o One or more members register for a Rotary Vocational/Recreational Fellowship for the first time (2 points) _____
- o Register one or more club members as a volunteer with the Chicago Host Committee (2 points) _____

SUBTOTAL POINTS _____

YOUR SCORE

Platinum 100 Points
 Gold 80-99
 Silver 70-80
 Bronze 60-70

PRIZE

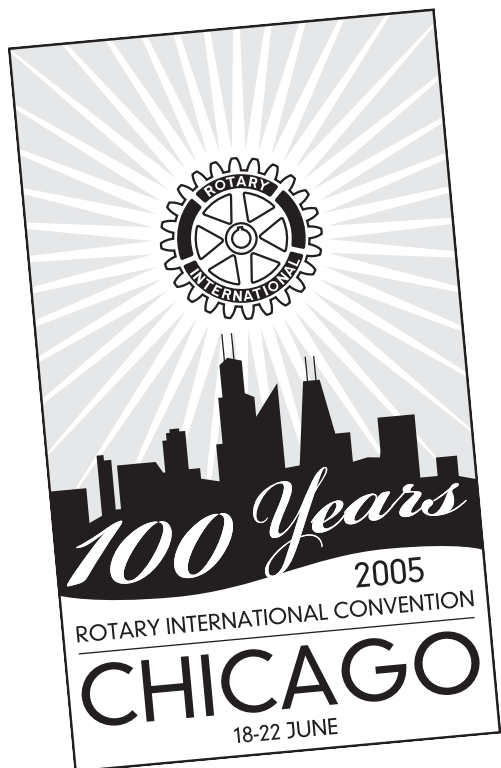
(1,000 Rotary Foundation Recognition Points: PHF)
 (300 Rotary Foundation Recognition Points)
 (200 Rotary Foundation Recognition Points)
 (100 Rotary Foundation Recognition Points)

TOTAL SCORE

Sections A, B, C

Club Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Submit by April 15, 2005 to: District 6000 Administrator, P.O. Box 46, Knoxville, IA 50138



– Celebrate Rotary –

Reserve Your Seat NOW! On the BUS from DAVENPORT to CHICAGO!

FIRST! Celebrate Rotary with your fellow Rotarians at our District 6000 Conference, "Celebration of Rotary" in Davenport, June 15-17, 2005. Festivities will conclude after our Friday noon All-District Rotary luncheon at the beautiful, clean, air-conditioned Starlite Ballroom, Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, 2815 West Locust Street, Davenport.

THEN! Leave your car in the secured fairgrounds parking lot and hop aboard the bus with your Rotarian friends for your "opportunity of a lifetime" journey into Rotary history at the Centennial Rotary International Convention, which will take place in Chicago, June 18-22.

YOUR CHOICE! You can stay for all or part of the convention by choosing between two departure and return dates. The bus is your perfect alternative to city driving, highway tolls and expensive parking. Secure your seats NOW!!

YES! Save my seat on the bus to and from Chicago!

(Buses will run based on Rotarian interest. They will deliver to and pick up from the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers and 1-2 other places in downtown Chicago. Please indicate departure and return times.)

DEPARTURE (check one):

_____ Friday, June 17, 3:30 PM

_____ Saturday, June 18, 9:30 AM

RETURN (check one):

_____ Monday, June 20, 11:00 AM

_____ Thursday, June 23, 9:00 AM

NAME: _____ **CLUB:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **Phone:** _____

TOWN: _____ **Zip:** _____

Reservations guaranteed with payment at Early Bird Price of \$50.00 round trip per seat until 12-31-04, \$60.00 until 3-31-05 and \$70.00 thereafter. Make checks payable to: Rotary District 6000.

Send to: Administrator Jerri Uitermarkt, P.O. Box 46, Knoxville, IA 50138.