



# District 6000 News

Rotary International, District 6000, Iowa USA

Delwyn D. Bluhm, Governor

– A Global Network of Community Volunteers –  
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Governor's comments . . .

## Clubs 'Lead the Way' in 'Service Above Self'

By DG Del Bluhm/Ames

Georgia and I have just completed our 60<sup>th</sup> Official Club visitation with the visit to Oskaloosa (Nov. 28); so, we only have three more clubs to visit in the next two weeks. It has really been a very uplifting experience with every club being oh, so unique, but they all are practicing 'Service Above Self,' supporting The Rotary Foundation (Every Rotarian, Every Year) and are working hard to LEAD THE WAY in 2006-07.

### Recognition for service

Awards are an important part of the district conference so it is important that club leaders track the progress for completion of all criteria. Several clubs do routinely assign a committee to follow this progress and these clubs have received awards for many years due to this motivation for success. I certainly recommend this action, as the club president cannot do everything, so let "delega-



Del Bluhm  
District Governor

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## GSE dedicated to longtime leader:

**'Willis Shaw Group Study Exchange' wings way to D-3110, India, in January**

District Governor Del Bluhm proclaimed the GSE team that will depart on Jan. 4 for District 3110 in India as the "Willis Shaw Group Study Exchange" in honor of the late Rotarian Willis Shaw of Nevada, who chaired the D-6000 GSE Committee for many years.

Shaw was "a Rotarian visionary who touched the lives of others," commented PDG Dennis Skinner (2003-04) of Nevada. Skinner and his wife, Kathy, who is also a Rotarian, recall Shaw's legacy:

"Willis Shaw passed away in Colorado on Aug. 6, 2006.



Willis Shaw

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## Input sought on Strategic Plan

By Sheila Tipton/Des Moines

D-6000 Strategic Plan Committee chair

The District 6000 Strategic Planning Committee has issued a partial draft of what is to become a five-year strategic plan for District 6000 for review and comment by all Rotarians in the district.

The draft plan will address six objectives:

- District Outreach and Support to Clubs;
- District Organization;
- Club Membership;
- District Service;
- Foundation Funding; and
- Public Relations.

Rotarians are asked to review and provide comment

on the draft plan, including the vision and mission statements, the objectives, and the strategies initially identified by the committee as ways of accomplishing the objectives. Perhaps most important, Rotarians are being asked for their input on specific goals to be set to achieve the objectives (examples of such goals can be found under Objective No. 6 – Public Relations).

The draft Strategic Plan is published in this newsletter and can be found on the District 6000 Web site. Rotarians are asked to direct their comments and suggestions by Jan. 15, 2007 to the committee chair, Sheila Tipton, at 666 Walnut Street, Suite 2000, Des Moines, IA 50309 or by e-mail at [sktipton@belinlaw.com](mailto:sktipton@belinlaw.com) (please reference D6000 Strategic Plan in the subject line of your e-mail).

# 'Governor's Club Award' criteria

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tion" work for you, too. In District 6000 we want to continue to make a difference in the world through our commitments to club service, vocational service, community service, service to youth, international service and The Rotary Foundation, plus its supported programs. This requires a motivated club leadership team who commit to providing service on many fronts and our Awards as defined below can help with this motivation.

### 2006-07 Presidential Citation

The RI President, Bill Boyd, is helping to motivate us in this work by offering the 2006-07 Presidential Citation which recognizes the many accomplishments of our Rotary clubs. He asks that your club complete the membership goal and one activity from four of the five categories listed in the criteria between July 1, 2006 and April 1, 2007. So if you are interested in this Citation, you only have four months left to complete this effort, which is still very possible to do. Once your club has met this challenge, please complete the certification form, and submit it to me, the district governor, by April 1, 2007. Club presidents can find the criteria and the application form for this award in their PETS Manual or they are also available on the D-6000 Website – "Download Forms" area.

### Governor's Club Recognition Award

As your governor, I too want to help motivate and to recognize our Rotary clubs by offering the 2006-07 District Governor Club Recognition Award, which identifies other levels of Rotary club achievement. I hope that many of our 63 clubs will compete and try to achieve this recognition. Of the 60 Official Club visitations completed to date, we have seen that all of these clubs are certainly potentially capable of this achievement. The criteria for this award include four areas:

I. Complete one or more activities noted in the Public Relations

D-6000 Challenge Bulletin listed under the four (4) categories titled "sponsor" of events, awards, programs or displays; OR participate in a literacy project; OR participate in a clean water/water recycling project.

II. Achieve a net increase of club membership by April 1, 2007 amounting to:

- One member for clubs of 100 or fewer members;
- Two members for clubs of 200 or fewer members;
- Three members for clubs of more than 200 members.

III. Achieve at the club level for Rotary Foundation activities:

- Achieve the EREY goal of \$100 or more per Rotarian.

IV. Achieve at the club level for Rotary Foundation activities, any two items:

- Secure one member as a new Bequest Society donor;
- Secure one member as a new member of the Paul Harris Society;
- Secure two new members as Benefactors;
- Secure one new member as a new Major Donor.

Once your club has met this challenge, please complete the certification form, and submit it to me, the district governor, by April 1, 2007. Club presidents can find the criteria and the application form for this award in their PETS Manual, or they are also available on the D-6000 Website – "Download Forms" area.

### Membership

Membership is always a big issue with most clubs since they usually lose approximately 10 percent of their current membership each year and, if they want to achieve a net growth, they must first replace this loss plus then add any members for a net growth. We usually suggest many new ideas given to us by our district membership co-chairs, which includes using the New RI Prospective Member Service, passing names of resigned members to Rotary clubs where they are moving, appointing a club membership chair,

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# Five reasons to attend RI Convention

Five reasons to attend the 2007 RI Convention, June 21-24 in Salt Lake City:

**1. Reconnect with Rotary.** Inspirational stories during the plenary sessions will remind you why you became a Rotarian. You'll gain a deeper knowledge of Rotary and its Foundation during workshops, discussion group sessions, and countless other networking opportunities the convention offers. You'll leave with a new sense of Rotary pride and purpose.

**2. See old friends, make new ones:** Attending a Rotary convention is like being part of the world's largest family reunion. Imagine the same camaraderie and fellowship you know in your club, multiplied by thousands. Whether on the convention floor and or in host events such as barbecues, you'll experience what Rotary fellowship is all about.

**3. Celebrate your accomplishments:** RI conventions celebrate Rotary's power to do good worldwide. Learn what a difference you and your fellow Rotarians make through volunteering

and contributing. You will have the opportunity to meet or learn about beneficiaries of Rotary programs, including the next generation of peacemakers during the Rotary World Peace Symposium, a new convention event.

**4. Location, location, location:** Nestled in the Rocky Mountains, Salt Lake City is beautiful, clean, and friendly – and waiting to be explored by you. Whether your definition of fun is fine dining or mountain biking, the region has something for you. It's also the gateway to some of the greatest sights of the American West, so plan your vacation around the convention. Salt Lake City also boasts the world's largest genealogical database, which Rotarians can access in the House of Friendship during the convention.

**5. Affordability,** Salt Lake City is inexpensive and compact. The convention's centralized venue, the Salt Palace, is near many hotels and most Host Organization Committee activities, saving you time and money. With the city's reasonable hotel rates, this adds up to one of Rotary's most affordable conventions.

# Focus on Foundation, Strategic Plan, literacy

## GOVERNOR/continued

providing improved new member orientation and mentors, and finally having a documented club membership plan to be shared with the club board and all members. Club leadership team members, including the club membership chair, should feel free to contact our D-6000 membership co-chairs Mike Ruby and Bill Koellner at any time for suggestions, help and programs on membership.

## TRF and Every Rotarian, Every Year

Within District 6000 all clubs are showing the level of their club community service and world community service to be excellent, with the latter service activity starting to grow above past levels. The Rotary Foundation is certainly an important issue with all clubs since these funds allow Rotary to provide all the outstanding programs of service. I tried and am still trying to explain these facts in my district governor's official visit presentation, where I cover how the funds grow safely and the interest earned over the three year period covers the entire cost of operation of TRF; the principal funds are then divided equally – one half to the World Fund and one half to District Designated Funds (DDF). Also, I showed the many ways that Rotarians LEAD THE WAY in local community service and world community service using the funds from The Rotary Foundation, where every dollar that you contribute goes to a full dollar of service. Most Rotary clubs in our district have created a strong interest in TRF, so I suggest to them, let's increase the number of PHFs & Multiple PHFs in your club by significantly utilizing TRF Recognition Points from the club and district levels. Let's additionally consider asking some of your members to become super sustainers of EREY at the TRF-APF support level of \$200 per Rotarian per year and some additional members being asked to become Paul Harris Society members (\$1,000 per year). Please ask your club Rotary Foundation chair to contact the district Rotary Foundation chair, PDG Don Goering, for any needed help on TRF.

As I stated in the last issue of the District 6000 News, I believe that we can become a centurion district; that is, one where the average support given to the APF via EREY is more than or at least equal to \$100 per capita. Based on our latest district total membership figure, we would need to raise approximately \$444,500, which is only about \$33,000 over the total district EREY goal for this year of \$411,768. My TRF goal is that we do raise this larger figure!

## Other . . .

**Strategic Plan:** New this year are the activities of the District Strategic Planning Committee, with the objective to develop a long range district plan, to be updated annually, which will guide the district organization and management over approximately a five-year period. This committee has had their first working meeting where they developed a partial draft plan for review and comment by all Rotarians. Please see the article in this District 6000 News on this topic by the committee chair, Sheila Tipton.

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**RYLA:** A very successful RYLA event was held on Oct. 10 for 155 high school sophomores, where they learn about leadership, citizenship and personal growth at the National Guard's Leadership Reaction Course at Camp Dodge. (See the article covering this event in this District 6000 News.)

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**Literacy:** Greetings District 6000 Rotarians: As your district governor this Rotary year of 2006-07, I want you to know that the district is launching a major thrust for literacy under the guidance of the District Literacy Promotion Committee. This committee is charged with the objective to identify ways to improve literacy and to support District 6000 literacy initiatives. I do heartily endorse this new District 6000 literacy campaign titled "Rotarians for - Reach Out and Read".

At an Oct. 28 press conference, First Lady Christie Vilsack donated \$30,000 to Iowa's Reach Out and Read program and recalled Rotary's comparable donation that helped launch her Stories 2000 project. Then District Governor-Elect Diana Reed, representing Rotary District 6000, announced Rotary's plan to also support Reach Out and Read by matching Vilsack's gift.

The Literacy Promotion Committee will be contacting your club soon to schedule a club program about Reach Out and Read. Please join Georgia and me in contributing to the campaign. I am proud that Rotary is once again "Leading the Way" to promote literacy.

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**Incorporation:** Thank you to all of our Rotary clubs who participated in this three-week period of a ballot-by mail! Results of the vote on District 6000 incorporation were 56 Yes, 0 No, 4 Late 3 Nonvoting. We needed two thirds of our clubs to approve this issue, or 42 clubs. Therefore, the District 6000 Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) program can now be permanently approved by RI; this approval was dependent on the district becoming incorporated, allowing our RYE Program to meet all certification requirements.

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**Public Relations:** Public Relations (PR) for Rotary International is now an official District 6000 activity with assigned committees. Twenty clubs applied for RI Public Relations Grants. RI's process for awarding grants is summarized in this newsletter.

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## A PROCLAMATION FOR THE GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE) OUTBOUND TEAM TO INDIA IN 2007

Now, therefore, I, Delwyn D. Bluhm, District Governor of Rotary International District 6000, do proclaim the Group Study Exchange Outbound Team to India in 2007 shall be named the Willis Shaw Group Study Exchange Team.

Willis, a former Rotarian from Nevada, passed away in Colorado on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006. He was extremely active on the district GSE Committee for many years. See a tribute to him in this District 6000 News by PDG Denny and Kathy Skinner.

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**District Conference:** Georgia and I have really enjoyed making our official club visits this past summer and fall. So now we are looking forward to a little more time for normal District 6000 business, occasional visits to clubs when they invite us to attend special events and time to help plan for the spring training events and the 2007 district conference. Notice the article in this District 6000 News about this unique conference by Bob Anderson, 2007 District Conference co-chair. We think that everyone will enjoy this District Conference so plan to attend and don't miss it!

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Until the next District Newsletter as we all LEAD THE WAY in 2006-07.

# Shaw: 'Diamond in the rough' leads Rotary

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He was a member of the Nevada, Iowa Rotary Club until he moved to be near his son and family in Colorado.

"In life there are a few people who influence you profoundly. Willis was one of those people for both of us.

"When I (Denny) was a new member to the local Rotary board of directors, Willis was the person who consistently said to go forward with a project. And it was Willis who was my mentor and the person who proposed me (Kathy) as a member of the Nevada club.

"Willis Shaw was the driving force in our club's commitment to The Rotary Foundation while he was living. He has instilled in many of us at Nevada that same genuineness of standing for those who are in need of help.

"As the story goes, when Willis was proposed as a Rotarian, he was described as 'a diamond in the rough.' This may have been because of his military background as one of the original Navy Seals, then called the Scouts and Raiders, and his participation in the D-Day invasion of France in 1944, and retired rank as Commander in 1966. He served on many ships that varied from a two-man rubber boat to the Battle Ship IOWA. He received many commendations from both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army during his service and later from the United Nations, the National Defense, and the Republic of Korea. But it may also have been his 'never say die' attitude. Willis probably never knew the modern Star Wars characters, but he and 'Yoda' both professed the same attitude: 'Do or Don't Do, there is no Try'.

"Over the years, anyone talking with Willis about Rotary, the Navy, or the Seals, could denote that philosophy. Ask the GSE team interviewees who faced his poignant interview questions and the ambassadorial scholars he promoted, and they could tell you that Willis instinctively knew what type of individual could

## Team members for Willis Shaw GSE

By Karin Franklin/Iowa City

D-6000, Group Study Exchange chair

We successfully completed the interviews and have a team for the Group Study Exchange to District 3110 in India, Jan. 4-25.

The team leader is Brian Donaghy (Des Moines). Team members are: Kristie Bell (Des Moines); Jesse Hornback (Washington); Amy Swenson (Ames AM); and Jason Walsmith (Johnston).

Brian was a team member under John Tone for the 2002 trip to India. That was Brian's first trip abroad and he hasn't been home

since. He has joined Rotary and through other interests has led humanitarian trips to Guatemala and Thailand and has traveled with other humanitarian groups as a team member to Nepal and India since his maiden voyage in 2002.

Kristie is in marketing for a German-based legal insurance company. Jesse is an administrator of mental health services for Keokuk County. Amy works for the Iowa Energy Center promoting alternative energy sources. Jason is principal of The Nadas, a recording label, and a singer and songwriter who has done anthropology study in Africa. A diverse and exciting group!

Thanks to everyone for their work and especially to John Tone, Jeff Russell, and Steve Churchill for their interviewing skills.

handle an international assignment and would be a worthy ambassador for Rotary and for our district.

"Willis was always there to lend a hand, to be a friend, to create awareness and take action, to show Rotary cares, to build the future with action and vision, to celebrate Rotary, and to lead the way in his club, community, and the world.

"His memory will endure in our hearts as Rotary endured in his. If there is ever a man who embodied the heart of Rotary, it would be Willis."

## Send a student to World Affairs Seminar!

By PDG Ken Noble/West Liberty

The 31st annual World Affairs Seminar for high school students will be held in June 2007 on the campus of the University of Wisconsin. Many district clubs have sponsored students for this worthwhile activities, and all are encouraged to do so.

The seminar is designed and conducted for high school students across Canada, the U.S., and international exchange students. It is a unique, high-energy educational program, which provides a forum for future world leaders to discuss the most perplexing global issues and problems.

The central theme, 'Global Health: Bridging the Divides' will be addressed by renowned experts, then participants break into small study groups to create position papers. Daily schedules in-

clude: lectures; films; discussion sessions; and recreational/social activities.

Qualifications to enroll: Grade 10, 11, or 12; and age 16-18.

Enroll by: Self application or scholarship (school/service club/business).

Fee: \$465 (there is a special rate for international students). Six nights lodging and all meals are provided.

Check in: After 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 16.

Check out: After breakfast on Friday, June 22.

Transportation: Air/motor coach/rail (student's responsibility) or private car. Arrange through: Carlson-Wagonlit travel in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. (wastrans@wi.rr.com or [www.worldaffairsseminar.org](http://www.worldaffairsseminar.org) (click on Transportation).



District 6000 pledges \$30,000

# Leading the way for literacy. . .

By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning

D-6000 Literacy chair

District 6000 Rotarians are gaining a reputation for supporting literacy. We are excited by the prospect of Rotarians helping to eliminate illiteracy and low literacy as successfully as we helped to eradicate polio.

This year District 6000's special project is raising dollars to support Reach Out and Read (ROR) in Iowa. By partnering with physicians in *Reach Out and Read*, Rotarians will help Iowa children from birth to 5 years of age get off to a good, healthy start and be better prepared to succeed in school. Reach Out and Read, with its focus on vital preschool years, is a great match for other literacy projects of local clubs.

## Clubs asked to schedule literacy speakers

Every Rotary club has been asked to have a club program about *Reach Out and Read* between now and March 2007. Callers have contacted clubs to identify possible dates. The plan was that Literacy Committee members would give programs to clubs in their areas. This will work in some cases, but scheduling is proving to be a challenge.

We have an excellent "Do it yourself" option to offer. If your club has a date but no speaker yet, please invite a local club member with special interest in the education of young children to give the *Reach Out and Read* program. Likely presenters could be librarians, school administrators and teachers, school board members, early childhood educators, physicians, parents and grandparents.

The District Literacy Promotion Committee will provide online resources needed to give a program. The program "Rotarians for Reach Out and Read," is available both as a power point presentation that can be downloaded and as a "talking" program with a handout that includes the power point slides. Forms for recording donations are also available.

To receive downloadable program materials, please email District Administrator Jerri Uitermarkt at [dis6000admin@lisco](mailto:dis6000admin@lisco).



Iowa First Lady Christie Vilsack says reading to a child will be the best part of your day.



At a press conference on Oct. 27, First Lady Christie Vilsack, pictured with PDG Corliss Klaassen and DGE Diana Reed, praised Rotary District 6000 for its literacy initiatives.

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- Give the name of your presenter and their email address.
- Give the date of your club's program.

If your presenter cannot download and print a power point presentation, please provide the email address of another local person who has that software.

The Literacy Committee will gladly answer questions and support local presenters by email and phone:

• Carolyn Jons: email [cc-jons@aol.com](mailto:cc-jons@aol.com); Ph. (515)292-9685

• Pat Schnack: email [rschn5028@aol.com](mailto:rschn5028@aol.com); Ph.



District Governor-Elect Diana Reed announces District 6000's commitment to raise \$30,000 for literacy.

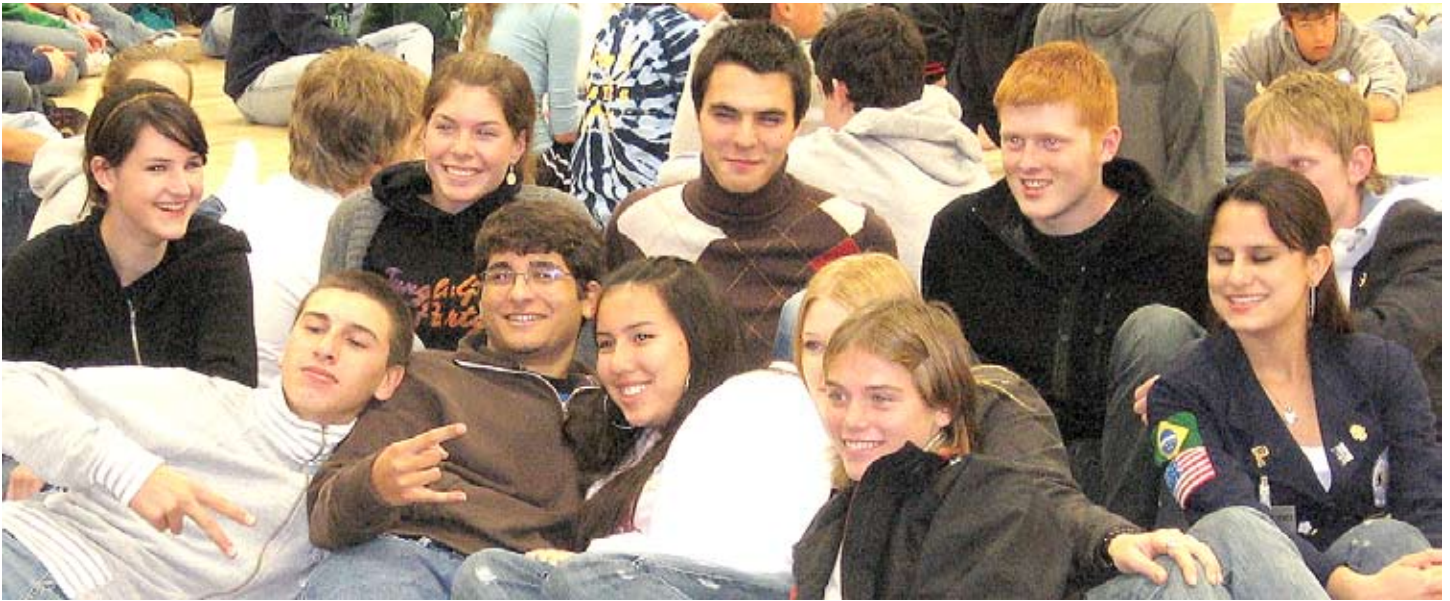
## Clubs asked to help

Club presidents are asked to follow-up and collect contributions from the club itself and from individual members, too. If every club contributes \$7 per member, the minimum goal of \$30,000 would be raised. Individual Rotarians who contribute \$25 will have the satisfaction of knowing that amount will purchase all eight books that one child will receive at check-ups from 6 months to 5 years. Every dollar will be used to purchase children's books.

Make checks out to FAMSCO (tax-deductible). Write Reach Out and Read in the memo line. For each donor, record their name, address, amount of contribution, and Rotary club. Send Record Forms and money to: Tom Pohlman, District 6000 Treasurer, First National Bank, 405 5th Street, Ames, IA 50010.

Let's reach our goal by April 2007 and start putting books in the hands of babies and toddlers through Reach Out and Read Iowa.





Young leaders of Iowa, and Rotary Youth Exchange students, at District 6000 RYLA.

# Leadership in action

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's annual training program for young leaders, emphasizing leadership, citizenship and personal growth. On Oct. 11, 155 students, sponsored by District 6000 Rotary clubs were hosted by the Rotary Club of West Des Moines at RYLA Day at Camp Dodge, Johnston.

RYLA is a day-long leadership program for sophomore students which demonstrates Rotary's respect and concern for youth. Participants learn methods of responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership through a training experience that encourages continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth. The conference also publicly recognizes high qualities of many young

people who are rendering service in their communities as leaders, and provides positive motivation.

Leaders with a high public profile address the participants in subject areas that have included Leadership Styles, Leadership and Conflict Resolution, Leadership and Moral Values, Leadership and Community Service, and Leadership and the Art of Communication.

An exciting part of the seminar is the opportunity for team-building exercises on the National Guard's Leadership Reaction Course. Students internalize the training and are encouraged put the knowledge to use in their school and community.



Lively discussions with top speakers (above), and putting leadership into action (l) at the Leadership Reaction Course.

# STRATEGIC PLAN DRAFT, 2006-09

## Rotary International District 6000

### PARTICIPANTS

Jim Black, facilitator; Del Bluhm (Ames), Brock Earnhardt (Davenport), Karin Franklin (Iowa City), Susan Herrick (Boone), Craig Hertel (Jefferson), Corliss Klaassen (Chariton), Cal Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), Diana Reed (Northwest Des Moines), Denny Skinner (Nevada), Sheila Tipton (Des Moines).

### ROTARY DISTRICT 6000

#### VISION STATEMENT

Rotary District 6000 will be an energetic, cohesive, diverse and forward-looking organization that will empower its club to make a difference in the world.

### ROTARY DISTRICT 6000

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The Rotary District 6000:

- empowers our clubs to excel in the four avenues of service
- provides an organization that enables clubs to be successful
- provides the tools for continuous membership growth
- identifies and facilitates opportunities for service
- motivates clubs to support programs of The Rotary Foundation
- creates public awareness of the impact of Rotary service

### ROTARY DISTRICT 6000

#### INITIAL OBJECTIVES

**1. OUTREACH** – We will provide support, education, and training to the clubs to help them be strong and active in community, district, and international service.

**2. ORGANIZATION** – We will create an efficient district committee structure with a trained leadership team to provide the support necessary for strong service programs.

**3. MEMBERSHIP** – We will increase and develop membership:

- Recruit younger members
- Develop an energized and informed membership

**4. SERVICE** – We will ensure that District 6000 is a leader in service at the club, district, and international level.

**5. FUNDING** – Increase participation in and revenue contributed to the Rotary Foundation.

**6. PUBLIC RELATIONS** – We will accelerate the Public Relations effort by being active, focused, and diligent in communicating what Rotary stands for and accomplishes.

#### OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES, AND

#### GOALS ACTION PLAN

**1. OUTREACH** – We will provide support, education, and training to the clubs to help them be strong and active in community, district, and international service. *Each of the goals will be assigned a responsibility and given a target date.*

A. Upgrade website to provide tutorials, forms, and interactive capabilities on the website to assist clubs in performing their functions.

B. Provide training for Club Committee Chairs and provide links to RI materials on our websites.

C. Focus Assistant Governor efforts on assisting clubs with club needs.

D. Seek representation from every club on district committees.

E. Increase participation in regional seminars on membership and foundation.

**2. ORGANIZATION** – We will create an efficient district committee structure with a trained leadership team to provide the support necessary for strong service programs. *Each of the goals*

*will be assigned a responsibility and given a target date.*

A. Review and revise district committee structure in light of RI leadership plan.

B. Provide training to new district committee chairs.

C. Encourage district committees to meet with their club counterparts.

D. Utilize the district office more fully to assist clubs.

**3. MEMBERSHIP** – Increase and develop a diverse membership by recruiting younger members and developing an energized and informed membership. *Each of the goals will be assigned a responsibility and given a target date.*

A. Inform club leadership of the goal to recruit young members.

B. Identify tools for clubs to use for recruitment and retention.

C. Develop new tools for recruitment of younger members and members of diverse backgrounds.

D. Use public relations efforts to focus on District 6000 website.

E. Increase use of website to “sell” Rotary.

**4. SERVICE** – We will ensure that District 6000 is a leader in service at the club, district, and international level. *Each of the goals will be assigned a responsibility and given a target date.*

A. Promote district simplified grants and world community service matching grants.

B. Encourage use of zone and Rotary international speakers.

C. Increase participation in club, district, and international service projects.

D. Develop a best practices publication for community service projects.

E. Provide specific matching grant projects to clubs.

F. Identify and implement two new district service projects in the next five years.

**5. FUNDING** – Increase participation in and revenue contributed to the Rotary Foundation.

*Each of the goals will be assigned a responsibility and given a target date.*

A. Raise money.

B. Provide training.

C. Recognize efforts and communicate outcomes.

**6. PUBLIC RELATIONS** – We will accelerate the Public Relations effort by being active, focused, and diligent in communicating what Rotary stands for and accomplishes. *Each of the goals will be assigned a responsibility and given a target date.*

A. Create visibility for Rotary.

1. Identify major events and events around the District that Rotary needs to participate in.

2. Sponsorships

B. Provide specific public relations training for clubs.

1. Best practices

2. Identify high impact projects that happen in the club.

C. Provide high quality tools for public service announcements.

1. Public service announcements templates for clubs to use and adapt.

2. Identify list of local newspapers and media outlets.

3. Communicate opportunities to clubs via the District newsletter (paper and electronic).

D. Develop action plan that specifically addresses districts and statewide media.



# Recognizing Rotarians, clubs for service

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

Co-Chair, D-6000 Awards & Recognition Committee

During this Rotary year there are many opportunities to recognize D-6000 Rotarians for the hard work and dedication to help achieve the goals and ideals of Rotary in our clubs, our district, and throughout the world. The following is list of Rotary awards for this 2006-07 Rotary year.

Application information and deadlines for the district awards will be sent to each club President in the near future.

*Awards that clubs can present:*

**Family and Community Service Award:** A certificate that your club can present to individuals or organizations for outstanding service to families and communities or in recognition of positive contributions to individual Rotary clubs made by spouses and/or family members of Rotarians. Each club determines the number of certificates they present.

**Four Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarian:** Each Rotary club may recognize one its members for his/her outstanding efforts in the Four Avenues of Service. Clubs may submit requests for recognition at any time during this Rotary year.

*The following awards and recognitions will be presented at the District Conference May:*

**Best Cooperative Projects Award:** Recognizes clubs that conduct outstanding projects in cooperation with other local, national, or international organizations. Five awards available.

**Membership Development & Extension Award:** A certificate recognizing clubs for membership growth, retention of current club members, and the organization of new clubs.

**Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives:** Recognizes clubs for the development of a creative plan or strategy to support one of the three primary foundations of membership growth and development: retention, recruitment of qualified new members or the organization of new Rotary clubs.

**Presidential Citation:** A certificate presented by RI President William Boyd for each club that achieves the standards set.

**Public Relations Award:** Recognizes clubs for outstanding media campaigns that improve Rotary's public image. One nomination to be submitted by D-6000 to RI.

**Significant Achievement Award:** Recognizes clubs for outstanding local community service projects. One project will be nominated to RI.

**The Rotary Foundation District Service Award:** District 6000 can recognize 10 district Rotarians for service to humanity through Rotary Foundation programs.

**The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service:** The Rotary Foundation Trustees recognize Rotarians who have rendered significant service to The Rotary Foundation. Only one Rotarian in District 6000 can be nominated.

For additional information or questions, please contact D-6000 Awards Committee co-chairs PDG Don Goering or Bill Tubbs.



The prize – this 1977 Corvette

## Corvette raffle to boost Wellman Activities Center

The Wellman Area Foundation and the Wellman Rotary Club are sponsoring a raffle of a 1977 Corvette L-82 T-Top, 47,000 miles. The Proceeds are going to help build the Wellman Parkside Activities Center (Day Care and Recreation Center). A tax deductible donation of \$50.00 is asked for each ticket. The drawing will be held Dec. 20, 2006.

For more information about the activities center, the Corvette, or to order tickets visit our Web site at: <http://www.parksidecenter.com/> or call Tom at Buckwalter Motors at (319) 646-6695.

You must be 18 years or older to enter. The winner is responsible for the tax and license. Make checks payable to the Wellman Area Foundation.



A scene from the 2005 Albia Rotary Club hog roast.

## Whole hog in Albia: community fund raiser

A significant fundraiser for the Albia Rotary Club is the annual Rotary Hog Roast for the Albia Community High School Homecoming. All of our club members get involved. We try to presell tickets so we know about how many we will be serving. Dean Stocker is our professional hog roaster. He does such a wonderful job. Every member also brings homemade cookies/and or bars to be served at this event. In addition to the people we serve in the gym, we also prepare orders to go. – Submitted by Denice Gradeless, Albia Rotary secretary



# Harvest Party



The Rotary Club of Davenport treated more than 200 inner-city children to a "Youth Harvest Party" at the Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch on a cold October evening. The children enjoyed wagon rides, a hot dog roast, s'mores, pumpkins, a corn maze and more. President Bud Hagen (l) was on hand to greet the youngsters, and Kerry Skinner and Brian Delaney (r) took them directly to the pumpkins. The Harvest Party was the result of a challenge for new members to come up with a project.

## Rotary's role on Iowa's Disaster Council

**By Phil Houle/Northwest Des Moines**  
D-6000 Disaster Relief Co-Chair

Perhaps the best way to understand the importance of the Disaster Relief Committee is to consider our participation in the Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council (IDHRC). The participants of the IDHRC subscribe to the following statement of understanding:

"As an Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council member, we agree to work cooperatively to assist persons and families who have been adversely affected by a disaster. We agree to regularly attend IDHRC meetings, share information about those we are assisting and utilize IDHRC procedures and forms. We agree that all disaster victims should be served in a manner that is as simple, uncomplicated and stress-free as possible. In addition, whenever possible, we will rely on each other's assessments and recommendations."

IDHRC is a state counterpart of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters ([www.nvoad.org](http://www.nvoad.org)) and serves as the statewide Citizen Corps Council. Activities of the IDHRC are supported and coordinated by the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, which is headquartered at Camp Dodge in Johnston, IA ([www.iowahomelandsecurity.org](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org)).

The purpose of the IDHRC is to bring together faith-based, voluntary, and governmental organizations active in disaster services to foster more effective response to the people of Iowa in times of disaster through:

- Cooperation (creating a climate for cooperation, information,

and meeting together);

- Coordination (fostering a common understanding and providing liaison with public offices);
- Education (increasing mutual awareness and understanding of each organization);
- Convening mechanisms (arranging meetings, conferences and training as necessary);
- Legislation (encouraging effective disaster relief legislation and policy).

IDHRC seeks to ensure the availability of needed services and to encourage uniform, impartial provision of these services.

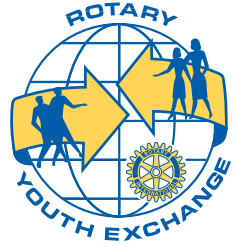
The Disaster Relief Committee for Rotary District 6000 is co-chaired by Keith Mattke (North Scott) and Phil Houle (Northwest Des Moines). Both have represented Rotary by attending monthly meetings of the IDHRC. Since Rotary represents a multitude of individuals with various professional services and equipment, we stand ready to meet the unmet needs of those that may be in need. We are not considered to be first responders, but to step in when goods and services are requested by the Council.

In addition to personally participating at meetings of the IDHRC, Keith Mattke has involved Rotary in specific projects. He led efforts that built a ramp for a handicapped couple in Bradgate and for an individual that was a double amputee. He was also able to arrange to replace a lift chair for an individual in northeast Iowa that went through a flood.

Membership on the IDHRC increases the visibility of Rotary and leverages its roles in the community.



# YOUTH EXCHANGE



Eighteen inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students were welcomed and received an orientation at the Fall Picnic at Knoxville on Sept. 24. They are pictured with District Governor Del Bluhm and Georgia. The next district Youth Exchange event will be the Winter Retreat, Jan. 13-14 at Camp Wesley Woods, Indianola



Student names, home countries and host clubs (l-r): Saiko "Ialin" Miyasato (Thailand, Indianola), Fernanda "Nanda" Neves (Brazil, Knoxville), Guilherme Gomez (Brazil, West Lilberty), Alberto Soares (Brazil, Decatur County), Maia Xicota (Brazil, Nevada), Christina Michaelis (Germany, North Scott).



(l-r): Alexander Affredsson (Sweden, Corydon), Andreea "Nita" Bicurri (Romania, Atlantic), Jaduiga Lisyova (Slovakia, Boone), Simone Vitello (Italy, Ankeny), Nirali Shah (India, Winterset), Lasse Esbech (Denmark, Tipton).



(l-r): Nita Bicurri (Kosovo, Muscatine), Linda Sophie Wenzl (Germany, Newton), Kaltrina Luzha (Kosovo, Muscatine), Pei-Hsin "Jeff" Wang (Taiwan, Wellman), Damien Calvet (France, Iowa City AM), Molle-Alonso Matthieu (France, Fairfield).

# Strengthen your club's membership

**By Bill Koellner/West Liberty**

D-6000 Membership Development Co-Chair

These suggestions are not listed in any order. No doubt you are already doing some of these things. Great! Have your committee review the list and identify any suggestions they would like to try. Remember to set a realistic timeline for implementation of new plans. The Membership Committee is encouraged to work with the local Rotary board to see that many of these things are done.

- Appoint committee members who have a passion for Rotary and those who not only are able to sell Rotary but want to sell Rotary to others.

- Use the 50-50 approach: Spend 50 percent of committee's time and energy on new members and 50 percent on retaining current members. Be sure everyone understands that retaining current members is just as important, and perhaps even more so, than recruiting new members.

- Keep in mind that currently on a national basis, only 10 percent of Rotarians invite others to join.

- Get new members immediately involved on a committee that interests them.

- Develop a good local brochure that can be used for recruiting.

- Hold Fireside Chats on a timely basis. Make a big deal out of them. Have good speakers and a folder of information for people to take home. Club can pick up any costs.

- Include the spouse of new members. Be sure spouse has literature and is invited to Fireside Chats. When a spouse is aware of what Rotary does and stands for, they are likely to be more supportive of the club.

- Insist that when a sponsor brings in a new member that they agree to be a mentor for the new Rotarian for 3-6 months. The new Rotarian needs to be introduced to others, get active on a committee, and feel a part of the club early on if we expect them to become active. This is a whole new world for them and they need a mentor to help them through this overwhelming "maize".

- Keep Rotary in the media. Give local radio stations and newspapers information to keep the club in the public's eye.

- It is important to strive to keep the club younger. The 30 and 40 year olds have a lot to offer a club and will become active if they feel part of the club and can do meaningful assignments. They are strong subscribers to the WIIFM concept – What's in it for me? If they don't see personal benefit, they will drop out in 2-3 years. They insist on getting their time and money's worth or they will move on.

- Refer to the August 2005 Rotarian magazine on membership article. Outstanding! Make sure each membership committee member has a copy of this.

- Have greeters at the door at least twice a month. Just a friendly handshake, "we are glad you are here and appreciate you being a member of our club" goes a long way in good will.

- Stay on top of those who are absent for any more than 3-4 consecutive times. Get this information from club secretary. These Rotarians should have an e-mail or telephone contact to let them know they are missed and is there anything we can do to help them attend more meetings. There are big red flags that go up if a member has missed more than six consecutive meetings. Find out what the problem is.

- Produce a membership directory annually. Does not have to be fancy, but will help members stay in the loop.

- Take 5-10 of the newest members and form a "class." Give them a budgeted amount of money and have them form their own committee. The purpose of this short term committee is to decide on a local project (install park bench, paint fire hydrants, community signs, tend to flower garden in park, etc.) and carry it through. This will help the new members bond with each other, which is even more important in the long run than the project results.

- When a person drops their club membership have an informal "exit interview" to learn of the reason. There might be some trends that can be detected and avoided.

- Be aware that a typical club will lose 10% of its members in a normal year.

- Contact realtors and Chamber of Commerce for possible new members.

- Offer an incentive of \$50 donated to the Rotary Foundation in the name of a sponsor of a new member, or take \$50 off a quarterly bill.

- Appoint a "goodwill person" in the club who will send get-well, sympathy, or congratulation cards as appropriate.

- Have regular programs on Rotary district, national & international levels. This will help all members to connect with the bigger picture of Rotary and have them realize Rotary is much more than a meet, greet, and eat club.

- Do Rotary profiles on a regular basis (once a month?) so Rotarians get better acquainted with each other.

- Get the big picture on different classifications represented in the club. That way you are able to determine which occupations or companies are not well represented and focus on those groups for a better rounded club membership.

- Help keep the fun in Rotary by asking members to sit at different tables, hold raffles, have Rotary "quizzes", social outings that include spouse, meeting at different venues 2-3 times a year, etc.

- Put Rotarians in an e-mail group so periodically e-mails can be sent to update the Rotarians on upcoming events, news items, etc. It's a great way to keep club members in the loop.

- Be sure all members are aware of who the current Rotary board members are as well as who are the chairs of the different committees.

- Adopt the philosophy "we care about you." Once this is done Rotarians will have better attendance and get more involved.

## Tell Your Rotary Stories

Clubs in District 6000 are invited and encouraged to submit news of past and upcoming activities for District 6000 News. Send Word documents and free-standing .jpg photos to: [btubbs@northscottpress.com](mailto:btubbs@northscottpress.com).



Muscatine Rotarian John Schwandke and children at the Hogar Victoria orphanage in Nuevo Necaxa, Mexico

# from Xicotepec ... with love



*District 6000 Rotarians John Schwandke of Muscatine and Nancy Stroburg of Jefferson made a special trip in April to Xicotepec, the village in the eastern highlands of Mexico to which 75 D-6000 Rotarians and friends will travel next March.*

## By John Schwandke/Muscatine

Xicotepec Rotarians once again extended the hand of friendship by welcoming a pair of District 6000 Rotarians for their third visit to the community. Nancy Stroburg (Jefferson) and John Schwandke (Muscatine) were joined this time by Pat and Mitch Sonn of St. Louis, Mo. The foursome is focusing their attention on the Hogar Victoria orphanage in the neighboring community of Nuevo Necaxa.

Armed with \$4,000 in combined funding from their local clubs and a plan developed in conjunction with Xicotepec Rotarians, they were once again amazed at how far a dollar can go in the mountains of central Mexico. "We never could have done this without the help and guidance of our hosts," said Schwandke. "We've been communicating with Ruben Garcia and Carlos Gomez-Tello since last October developing a plan that could be implemented during our April 2006 visit. We wanted it to be something that would be of major benefit to the staff and children at the orphanage, and within the limited budget we had available for this particular visit. It was decided that replacing the antiquated cooking equipment in the kitchen would have the most impact."

As you can see from the photo at right, the old cast-iron stoves had seen better days. Originally, the two stoves had six burners each. But, in recent years, only only three of the original twelve still worked. The ovens no longer worked and, as we found out when removing them to the junkyard, had become home to a family of rats. Better for the kids that they've gone "adios!"

So, what was accomplished in ten days, you may ask? Installation of a new LP gas tank along with all new piping into the building; two additional 1100-liter storage tanks to complete the

roof-top system originally begun by Xicotepec Rotarians helped by Kay Carpenter, Jeff Koeppel and others from the Coralville-North Corridor Rotary Club.

We added a new, restaurant style, six burner cook-top range; a massive, two burner grill (with three gas rings each) and sits low to the floor to better accommodate those huge oversized kettles they so often use. We painted the kitchen and dining hall a bold and bright coral-pink with cream, added a new Whirlpool wash

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Stoves like this have seen their better days.





Meal time at Hogar Victoria

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ing machine, four irons, two ironing boards – and gave out 5,684 Rotary hugs to the children. It might have been more than that! We sort of lost count.

As you can see in this photo, the director of Hogar Victoria, Rev. Norma Salazar, seems quite pleased with the new equipment. Our first meal, as prepared by the wives of Xicotepec Rotarians, using Marita de Garcia's famous recipe, is the region's most popular dish. "Mole!" (And *no!* we're not talking about those pesky little creatures that burrow under the ground to wreak havoc in neighbor's yards).

This "mo-leh" is a delicious, saucy chicken recipe that consists of 35 ingredients, and takes days to properly prepare. It was fantastic! And, for most of these children this was the first time

they'd ever had it.

Later that afternoon, Nancy Stroburg looked like the pied piper as she led the children in a "Pudding Party!" The next major project at Hogar Victoria will include an overhaul of the electrical system, installation of a purified drinking water system, and general improvements to the building in which the children live. A multi-thousand dollar Rotary Foundation Matching Grant application is being prepared to subsidize funding for these major improvements. It should also be noted that the Xicotepec Rotary Club is but a small group. Only 20 men, who are supported strongly by their wives and admired greatly by their community. Together, they are achieving wonderful things. "Hats Off to them!"



Orphanage director Rev. Norma Salazar (left).



Nancy Stroburg (r) with children at Hogar Victoria.

# Rotary Foundation Annual Program Fund giving

## District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2006 - Nov. 30, 2006\*

CLUB (Members/6-06)	(1) '06-'07 Goal	(2) Thru 11-30-06	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (29)	\$ 2,900	80.00	3	\$ 2.76
Albia (37)	2,500	900	36	24.32
Ames Morning (66)	6,800	6,500	96	98.48
Ames (263)	36,270	12,251	34	46.58
Ankeny (77)	7,600	4,525	60	58.77
Atlantic (61)	3,000	300	10	4.92
Bettendorf (92)	9,000	5,700	63	61.96
Bloomfield (14)	1,300	0	0	0
Boone (65)	6,600	3,600	55	55.38
Burlington (108)	8,000	6,245	78	57.82
Carroll (60)	6,000	0	0	0
Centerville (48)	2,236	0	0	0
Chariton (49)	5,300	275	5	5.61
Clinton (120)	10,890	3,076	28	25.63
Coon Rapids (25)	2,500	0	0	0
Coralville-North Corridor (43)	8,761	0	0	0
Corning (56)	2,160	1,700	79	30.36
Corydon (17)	400	0	0	0
Creston (19)	550	0	0	0
Dallas Center (25)	2,000	2,502	125	100.09
Davenport (173)	12,000	3,120	26	18.03
Decatur County (14)	2,500	0	0	0
Des Moines AM (139)	15,000	3,275	22	23.56
Des Moines (366)	24,675	100	0	0.27
East Polk County (46)	4,800	2,900	69	0
Fairfield (69)	7,000	1,425	20	20.65
Fort Madison (49)	2,650	450	17	9.18
Grinnell (31)	3,200	825	26	26.61
Indianola (49)	5,300	500	9	10.20
Iowa City A.M. (58)	9,240	2,426	26	41.83
Iowa City Downtown (27)	2,400	0	0	0
Iowa City (309)	3,100	4,100	132	13.27
Iowa Quad-Cities (51)	1,590	525	33	10.29
Jefferson (54)	5,400	1,310	24	24.26
Johnston (37)	3,700	50	1	1.35
Kalona (42)	2,150	900	24	21.43
Keokuk (87)	4,000	3,000	75	34.48
Keosauqua (29)	2,100	821	39	28.31
Knoxville (65)	6,500	0	0	0
Lenox (32)	2,475	975	39	30.47
Manning (16)	1,500	725	48	45.31
Marengo (12)	1,000	100	10	8.33
Marshalltown (186)	10,000	2,100	21	11.29
Mount Pleasant Noon (36)	2,625	870	33	24.17
Mt. Pleasant (30)	2,250	0	0	0
Muscatine (139)	16,800	7,966	47	57.31
Nevada (61)	6,400	300	5	4.92
Newton (91)	10,440	1,865	18	20.49
North Scott (102)	10,600	2,400	23	23.53
Northwest Des Moines (69)	12,070	0	0	0
Odyssey of Ottumwa (19)	400	0	0	0
Osceola (38)	3,600	0	0	0
Oskaloosa (58)	3,600	3,023	84	52.13
Ottumwa (110)	11,445	11,775	103	107.05
Pella (41)	4,200	0	0	0
Perry (33)	2,475	0	0	0
Tipton (34)	2,550	0	0	0
Washington (68)	7,000	0	0	0
Waukee (65)	5,670	2,225	39	34.23
Wellman (31)	3,200	1,470	46	47.42
West Des Moines (80)	10,800	75	1	0.94
West Liberty (36)	3,600	4,500	125	125
Winterset (28)	1,000	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 377,772</b>	<b>\$ 111,188</b>	<b>29.43</b>	<b>\$25.36</b>

## 'Every Rotarian, Every Year!'

**By John Kleinschmidt/Ames**

D-6000, Annual Giving Chair

The recently completed Foundation/Membership Seminars brought the message of Rotary to various sites throughout our District.

Foundation emphasis was placed on **EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year)**. This concept was introduced with the expectation of increasing funding to the **Annual Programs Fund**, the cornerstone upon which all of the Foundation's programs are built.

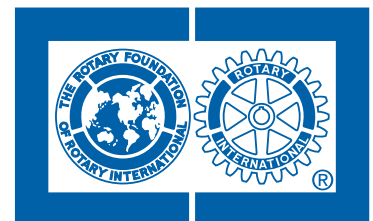
With 1.2 million members worldwide it's reasonable and rational to assume that raising **\$120 million or more** each year is both feasible and expedient. Last year nearly half the clubs in District 6000 reached or exceeded this goal. That's a great achievement.

Now we need the other half to step up to the plate. The capacity to give is evident (27 cents a day, **everyone** can do that)! The next step involves the willingness to do so.

One means available to inform our members is the use of **The Foundation Minutes** which were distributed at the Seminars. A one- or two-minute explanation of various aspects of the Foundation can be read by club presidents every week throughout the year.

Rotary's *Fourth Avenue of Service, International Service*, is best exemplified by support of the Foundation by **Every Rotarian Every year** to our respective clubs!

(\*) Source: Rotary Foundation MCR. (A delay between the receipt of payments and their posting is possible.)







Bob Anderson



Committee members brainstorming . . .

## 'Not your father's district conference!'

By Bob Anderson/Ames

District Conference Co-Chair

The 2007 Rotary District 6000 Conference will be held May 10-12, 2007, at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, Ames. This will *not* be "your father's district conference." Many aspects of the 2007 conference will be different than previous conferences.

Plans for this conference began with a story boarding session on Oct. 8, 2006. About 20 key Rotarians participated in developing the broad plan for the conference.

The **goals** of the 2007 conference are:

- Celebrate Rotary.
- Have the most-successful-ever conference.

The **objectives** of the 2007 conference are:

- Inspire and motivate attendees to higher levels of service and commitment.

- Increase fellowship among attendees.
- Increase the number of first-time attendees.
- Lower the cost of attendance for attendees.
- Have fun.

The **means** by which we will achieve the 2007 conference objectives are:

- Dynamic presenters with many short, professional presentations.
- Sharing valuable experience of district clubs.
- Much time for building fellowship.
- Aggressive encouragement to attend.
- Many financial conference sponsorships.
- Light-hearted activities and audience singing.

The **program** for the 2007 conference will:

- Include some top-notch RI presenters who are known to be excellent speakers.
- Include 12 short presentations from 12 different district clubs to share useful experience.
- Have most presentations supported by Power Point slides.
- Have most presentations last only 15 minutes or less.

Programs **schedule**:

- Thursday: Golf in the afternoon; meal at golf course; informal reception.
- Friday: Breakfast; program starts at 10:00 a.m.; all-club lunch; more program; awards; then home hospitality.
- Saturday: Breakfast, AM and PM 12 club and other presentations, closing banquet over by 8:30 p.m.

The **conference** will:

- Allow ample time for fellowship.
- Solicit financial sponsorships so that individual registration fees can be minimized.
- Be sure that Rotarians who live far from Ames need only spend one night in Ames.
- Include fun activities interspersed throughout the conference.

Bring your significant other – both of you will have a great time. You will return home with a much greater appreciation for Rotary and all that Rotary does to improve the lives of people in southern Iowa and around the world.

Reserve these dates in your calendars now.

You don't want to miss this district conference!



. . . more brainstorming



Ideas posted for discussion

# District Simplified Grants awarded

**By DGN Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant**

Chair, D-6000 District Simplified Grants Committee

The District 6000 District Simplified Grants Committee announces these awards for community projects in the 2006-07 Rotary year. These grants are funded by our contributions to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

**Muscatine, Soccer Complex Flag Pole: \$1,750.** Muscatine Rotary club will purchase and install a flag pole at the community soccer complex. Muscatine is host the many soccer tournaments, including the state of Iowa Girls' State Championship. The current flag pole is too small and cannot be seen by all of the participants of the many fields. A permanent identification plaque identifying the donation by Rotary will be installed and recognized at a dedication ceremony planned with the local press covering the ceremony.

**Grinnell, Baseball Diamond Maintenance and Repair: \$950.** The project is to perform needed maintenance, repair and improvement to Merrill Park, a municipal park in Grinnell. The object of the project is the repair and improvement of Merrill Park so that the park becomes a more safe and enjoyable environment for users and in particular baseball players using the baseball diamond. For many years the Grinnell Rotary Club has collaborated with the City of Grinnell in painting, landscaping and generally maintaining this park and the ball diamonds.

**Coralville North Corridor, 4th Grade Dictionary Project: \$896.50.** The purpose of this project is to purchase and distribute dictionaries to every fourth grader in a four-county area of District 6000 in eastern Iowa, surrounding and including Iowa City and Coralville. The objectives of the project are to promote and improve literacy of children in Rotary District 6000, and to provide each fourth grader in our area their own dictionary for their use in and out of school.

**Washington, Sound Off Washington: \$3,175.** This project is the second part of the Centennial Project of the Washington Rotary Club. The first part of the project provided a sound system for the city's Central Park Band Shell. This part, the second part, is to provide microphones and other sound enhancements to finish this portion of the project at Central Park. The second part of the project will also install a new sound system in the community Room of the local YMCA, where the Rotary club meets.

**Fairfield, Jefferson County Civic Center Conference Room Furnishings: \$5,000.** The Rotary Club of Fairfield is applying for funds that will provide furnishings for a conference room in the soon to be completed Jefferson County Civic Center. The conference room is the only one of its kind in Fairfield and will be used by a variety of groups and individuals, including nonprofit organizations, businesses, industry leaders, the Chamber of Commerce, teachers and students.

**Jefferson, Russell Park Climbing Wall Project: \$2,000.** Russell Park is the largest city park in Greene County, providing a block and a half of green space. Russell Park is the outdoor recreational focal point. The park provides playground equipment, tennis and basketball courts, and a picnic shelter. Upon assessing the community need, the development committee agreed to assist the City of Jefferson with a Climbing Wall at Russell Park.

**Iowa City AM, College Green Park Beautification Project: \$1,500.** College Green Park was established in the downtown

area in 1939. This beautiful park has been enjoyed by many Iowa Citizens, particularly university students, for many years. The park was virtually demolished by the tornado that struck downtown Iowa City on April 13, 2006. Large trees and plantings in the park were destroyed. The project will provide manpower, landscaping and plantings needed for the restoration of College Green Park.

**Bettendorf, Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket Project, \$2,500.** The Rotary Club of Bettendorf will use the money to provide baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas to needy families in Bettendorf. The baskets contain everything needed to prepare a nice holiday meal. The Rotary Club of Bettendorf will also purchase and wrap Christmas gifts for the families based on "wish lists" provided them by DHS. By providing these holiday baskets to these needy families, the Rotary Club of Bettendorf is giving these families an opportunity to prepare a holiday meal for their families, something they might not have been able to do on their own.

**Pella, Ticket Shelter: \$855.56.** The ticket shelter will be used to facilitate the open air community tours, known as the "Rotary Tours," during the Pella's Tulip Time Festival each May. The shelter will be prominently located during the festival. The Rotary Club of Pella has been offering open air wagon tours of the community as part of Pella Tulip Time for about 50 years. The Rotary wheel will be prominently displayed in the shelter and on the tours.

**Kalona, City Welcome Sign Renovation: \$844.** This project is to landscape and renovate the "Welcome to Kalona" sign at the intersection of Iowa Highways 1 and 22 in Kalona. The location is the entrance to Kalona, with a signature horse and buggy. The current sign was installed in the early 1980s. Over the years the sign has been repainted and kept up, but the landscape planting around the location became overgrown and the lattice work around the base is in disrepair.

**Clinton, Beautification of Downtown Clinton Park: \$2,250.** This project will provide the amenities for the beautification of a downtown park that is located next to a subsidized housing unit and across the street from a second subsidized housing unit. The completed project will provide a comfortable and accessible gathering area for residents of nearby buildings. It will also enhance the appearance of the downtown area of Clinton.

**Lenox, Bicycle-Walking Path: \$1,000.** The existing bicycle-walking path runs along the back of the junior-senior high school and the elementary school building. The proposed project will extend the existing path to the back entrance of the elementary school building. At the current time, the students have to cross the road and two entrances to the school parking lots both to and from school. This will enable students who bicycle or walk a safe path to school without crossing the parking lot entrances and exits.

**Iowa City Downtown, Birthday Bags for the Underprivileged: \$1,000.** The "Birthday Bag" project consists of providing all the basic ingredients for a child's birthday party in a bag. The birthday bags will be prepared for a variety of ages and distributed through the Iowa City Crisis Center to families with underprivi-

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leged children who may not otherwise have the resources to provide for even a simple birthday party for their child.

### **Waukee, The Garden of Eden, Raised Garden Box: \$1,250.**

The Waukee Rotary Club plans to build raised garden boxes for the Garden of Eden project. Garden of Eden is a volunteer driven, social service organization focused on producing food through community gardens and operating education center. The project will build six additional garden boxes that will enable the agency to double the amount of food that is produced, from 6,500 pounds to over 12,000 pounds.

### **Tipton, Cedar County Historical Computer Workstation**

**Project: \$2,960.** The Rotary Club of Tipton will assist the Cedar County Historical Society Museum by providing at least one high-performance Window based PC workstation, a high resolutions scanner and photograph archiving/cataloging software. The workstation will be used by museum staff and volunteers to scan hundreds of original historical photographs and documents in their collection. The scanning and cataloging of these documents will preserve these delicate materials digitally. This project will make documents, in the collection, that were previously impossible to access, available for public inspection.

### **Nevada, Krysilis Group Home Privacy Fence Project:**

**\$650.** This project includes the purchase and construction of a privacy fence for the Krysilis Group Home for disabled persons. The project will provide a fence to protect the rear entrance and side yard area of the property. The main objective of the project is to protect the privacy of the disabled individuals who reside at this group home.

### **Carroll, Third Grade Bicycle Helmet Project: \$1,800.**

This project includes educating every third grader in Carroll and Glidden regarding bicycle safety. Each child will be provided with a bicycle helmet and educated on its use in preventing head trauma. Carroll Rotarians will fit each child's helmet and train them how to make adjustments as their head grows. Each child will be provided with a bicycle safety brochure.

### **Keosauqua, Van Buren Schools' Famous Graduates Project:**

**\$200.** The Keosauqua Rotary Club project will be to recognize outstanding graduates of Van Buren High School. A joint effort by the Van Buren High School English and art students along with the local Rotarians will identify famous graduates. A placard will be prepared about this person and their accomplishments, that can be displayed prominently in the high school library. The objective of this project is to provide examples of successful residents who will create a motivation for local students to further their education.

**Quotable:** Rotary is neither a religion nor a substitute for religion. It is the working out of religious impulses in modern life and especially in business and international relations. In my lifetime, business practices have undergone particularly marked changes, and here the influence of Rotary has been strongly felt.

— Paul Harris in *My Road to Rotary*



## *Iowan of the Day . . .*

Loring Miller of the Decatur County Rotary Club, pictured with his wife and fellow Rotarian, Phyllis, was named "Iowan of the Day" at the Iowa State Fair on Aug. 19. Loring has served District 6000 as Youth Exchange chair and Assistant District Governor, and has been involved in numerous service projects in his community and internationally. The "Iowan of the Day" program recognizes 10 individuals annually who have made significant contributions to their communities while exhibiting dependability and integrity.



## *Top telethon team . . .*

The Bettendorf Rotary won the trophy for raising the most money for public television in the Quad Cities in the WQPT-TV Rotary Challenge. Rotarians from clubs in Illinois and Iowa – including Davenport, North Scott, Muscatine, Clinton and Iowa Quad Cities – took turns hosting a night during the August campaign. Pictured (l-r): Fred Anderson, Rich James, Decker Ploehn, Carolyn Leutwyler, David Peters, Duncan Cameron and Dick Schillig.



# Ambulance doing 'a wonderful job' at Red Cross . . .

## Veterans and friends of the Xicotepec Project:

The ambulance donated by the Ankeny Rotary Club and driven to the border by Rotarian Dean Lange has now arrived in Xicotepec and will be used by the Red Cross. Below are messages from Xicotepec Rotarians, President Jorge Alberto ("Beto") Rodríguez and Jaime Wurts. – *Jim Peterson, Xicotepec Project Coordinator*

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Jim: I'm letting you know that the ambulance donated to the Xicotepec chapter of the Red Cross by the Rotary Club of Ankeny and District 6000 arrived here on Friday, Nov. 10. Please send this file to all of our Rotarian brothers and sisters so that they know that the ambulance is now in Xicotepec.

Thank you very much for this donation from the Xicotepec Rotary Club. The Xicotepec chapter of the Red Cross and the people of Xicotepec are grateful to you. Attentively. -s- *Jorge A. Rodriguez Fernandez (Beto). Greetings and Embraces*

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Today (Nov. 10) I went to the Red Cross at 2 p.m. and I saw a beautiful ambulance. Of course I got inside and everything is perfect. Thank you all! Now you know that your work is here, and is going to do a wonderful job in the Red Cross. Also we already gave the money to buy the new ambulance, and we are going to do a Rodeo (Charreada) to get more money to do more works. Your Mexican family of Xicotepec is working. -s- *Jaime Jesus Wurts Martínez*



Xicotepec Rotarians and residents celebrate the arrival of their ambulance from Ankeny and District 6000.



Monica Gilkeson (l), representing students at Davenport West High School who raised the money, presented a check for \$4,800 to D-6000 for the Hogar Victoria Orphanage in Xicotepec. Pictured (ll-r): District Governor Del Bluhm, and Muscatine Rotarian John Schwandke and president Dale Lucht.

## . . . will YOU help move FAMSCO's fire truck?

By **Linda Muston/Iowa City**

*A project on a platter . . .*

If your club would like an international service project handed to you on a platter, here it is! FAMSCO (Our District 6000 Fire And Medical Supply Company) has two fire trucks from Bouton, Iowa, ready to go Mexico. Jorge Valdivia of the Hermosillo Pitic (Mexico) Rotary Club has indicated that they would like them to be there for their project fair in January. While this is an ambitious goal, the trucks now housed in Dallas County could be on their way with the financial help of your club.

FAMSCO leadership will handle the complex details of getting the *dos bomberas* on their way, but approximately \$4,000 is needed to fund the transportation, insurance and permits ASAP.

Clubs and/or individuals interested in helping should contact Linda Muston at (319)354-0241 or [lindamuston@mchsi.com](mailto:lindamuston@mchsi.com) and indicate your level of support. Funds to get the trucks to Mexico can be mailed to FAMSCO Treasurer Dick Kennedy at 1811 Dubuque Road, Iowa City, 52245.

## Project Fair in Mexico

By **Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM**

D-6000 World Community Service Committee

District 4100 of Mexico will be its 4th annual project fair on Jan. 19-21, 2007 in San Carlos Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico. Attending a project fair is an excellent way to make international contacts and to find World Community Service and Matching Grants projects for your club.

The invitation came from Jorge Valdivia of the Hermosillo Pitic Rotary Club. Jorge has worked closely with FAMSCO in the past and will soon be receiving additional fire trucks from FAMSCO. I know that he would be personally delighted to host project fair attendees from District 6000. Please consider representing your club and our district at the D-4100 Project Fair.

For more information, with [www.rotary4100.org](http://www.rotary4100.org) and click on "Feria de Proyectos" or contact Jorge Valdivia at [javumx@gmail.com](mailto:javumx@gmail.com).



# Project Fairs: Good will, understanding

**By Brock Earnhardt/Davenport**

Chair, D-6000 World Community Service Committee

Looking for a Rotary club to partner with yours in a humanitarian matching grant application?

How about a quick mid-winter get-away?

Here's a way to find both: The Central America Project Fair. It's held every January – so it doesn't conflict with PETS, district conferences, international conventions and other Rotary events – in one of the seven Central America countries.

The project fair is a networking conference that brings together more than 250

Rotarians from Central America and North America to explore humanitarian service opportunities in some of our hemisphere's most impoverished communities, to form project partnerships, and to discuss best practices and socialize in an atmosphere of Rotary friendship.

This Rotary year, the Central America Project Fair will be Jan. 18-20 in San Miguel, El Salvador. The San Miguel Rotarians have a Web site that describes the event, and the host city and provides a registration form. The site address is: [www.uniendo-america.org/main\\_eng.htm](http://www.uniendo-america.org/main_eng.htm)

The fairs are not official programs of Rotary International; they're grassroots efforts organized by the host country Rotarians, but RI always arranges to have experts from the World Community Service staff attend.

Face-to-face meetings over the 13 years of the project fairs in Central America have created lasting friendships, forged new working relationships and facilitated the accomplishment of hundreds of WCS projects benefiting countless people in need. It is what Rotary International is all about: creating goodwill and understanding through international cooperation.

Six District 6000 Rotarians are already planning to attend the fair in San Miguel, so you will have lots of support if your Spanish speaking skills are rusty. If you have questions about the Central America Project Fair or want to coordinate travel plans, contact Jim Peterson or Brock Earnhardt.



**Brock Earnhardt**



Iowa City AM Rotary Club president Jim Peterson (second from left) has attended many Project Fairs.



Why we serve – so children can smile.



Davenport Rotarian Bill Burress (yellow shirt, center), at the 2006 Project Fair.



A typical Project Fair scene.





DG Del Bluhm (l) and DGE Diana Reed (r) with Dave Groner of Michigan and Mena Patel of Ohio (above); DGE Reed with RI President Bill Boyd and Lorna (right).



## Zone: 'A truly international experience'

**By DGE Diana Reed/Northwest Des Moines**

Zone Institute, or "Zone," was held in Canada this year and was titled "Summit at the Falls."

What, do you asked, is Zone? That is a question that many people ask.

Zone is held every fall and has two parts to it. The first four days consists of training for incoming District Governor-Elects. In our case, the training was for Zones 27, 28 and 22.

District 6000 is part of Zone 27 and our Zone has 11 districts. Zone 28 has 14 districts and Zone 22 has 22 districts.

All three districts together include the upper half of the Midwest extending as far north as New York, Canada, and Russia, east of the Ural Mountains. There were four countries represented, including the United States, Canada, Russia and France, therefore making this particular Zone meeting "a truly international experience."

Bringing District Governor-Elects together from all four countries really added a unique element to the training that was received. That training was very intensive. We started each day with breakfast around 7:00 a.m. and continued with sessions until lunch, after which we had afternoon sessions until about 5:00 p.m. It was then time to change for dinner.

Dinner was always informational also, as there were many interesting speakers. Dinner was usually over about 9 p.m. at which time the Zones got together to practice a skit that is to be presented at the International Assembly in San Diego in February 2007. Yes, it really is absolutely fascinating to see incoming dis-

trict governor-elects dance and sing. I want you to know that the skit that Zones 27 and 28 (we decided to combine) has prepared will be outstanding.

The three days following GETS (Governor-Elect Training) is called Zone Institute. All of the District Governor-Elects remain and are joined by past district governors from all the districts represented by the three Zones.

We can be truly proud of the many past district governors from District 6000 who came to Zone. Our district was well represented. This is the opportunity for people to find out the latest information from Rotary International concerning a variety of topics such as the Foundation, Membership, issues and changes that are being considered, and updates on service projects around the world, as well as where we are in the eradication of polio.

There are reports from many of the RI Officers including International President Bill Boyd and his wife Lorna. It truly was a privilege to be able to talk with them.

One of the other outstanding events was a presentation by one of our previous Peace Scholars, Jeanette Koes. She is fluent in French, Arabic as well as English. Her resume is amazing and this is one of the many wonderful things that Rotary does in supporting outstanding young scholars as they go about making a difference in the world.

Next year (September 2007) Zone will be held in Davenport. It will be great to have a Zone meeting right here in Iowa. We will have the opportunity to not only showcase our state but also our district. It is really a great honor to be able to host Zone.



District 6000's representatives at Zone Institute included (l-r): PDG Denny Skinner, Georgia Bluhm, PDG Corliss Klaassen, Linda Dasher, PDG Bill Tubbs, DG Del Bluhm, PDG John Dasher, Jeanne Klaassen, RI Director Frank Goldberg of Omaha, Doris and PDG Don Goering, Mary and PDG Dale Belknap, and DGE Susan Herrick and Bob.



# Rotary park leads the way in Pella

The planning for adding up-to-date equipment in Rotary Park began in the summer of 2004 in consultation with the City Park Commission. A neighborhood resident, Marilyn Van Wyk, approached the Pella Rotary Club with an offer to contribute toward the purchase of new equipment suitable for younger children. The Club allocated \$4,000 in its 2004-2005 budget toward the project. In that fiscal year there was no funding available in the city budget, and we missed the deadline for submitting a District Simplified Grant, so grant proposals were submitted to the Pella Community Foundation and the foundations related to local industry. Positive responses were received from the Pella Foundation, the Rolscreen Foundation, the Vermeer Foundation and Precision Pulley. Initial commitments totaled \$10,000.

Subsequently, the city administrators and the city council approved an additional \$20,000 toward the park project. A new Park Commission Director, Kevin Vos, was employed in January 2005 and played a significant role in working out the many details of the project, including liaison with suppliers, cost comparisons, site planning and the coordination of the workdays.

The site preparation was completed by Sept. 8, 2005. Volunteers worked with Rotarians and the city staff to assemble the equipment on Sept. 16 and 17, 2005.

A new Rotary Park marker was added to the park. It was presented to Jim Ebberts of the Pella Rotary Club by the Sewah Company of Marietta, Ohio, as the result of a drawing at the Rotary International Convention in Chicago in June 2005. A description of Rotary is on one side and the Four Way Test is on the other.

Further enhancement was made possible this past year when a District Simplified Grant in the amount of \$3,750 was received. This covered the cost of benches, grills and a bike rack as well as the installation of lights and outlets the shelter house. A grant from the local Wal-Mart store made it possible to install safety capping on the chain-link fence surrounding the Little League diamond.

Rotary Park is now one of the brightest features in Pella's park system. Many expressions of appreciation from the residents of the immediate neighborhood have been received.



The sign acknowledges the leadership of the Rotary Club of Pella.



Children will get hours of enjoyment from the new equipment.

## Year-end gifts come with tax advantages

### *Consider Making A Year End Gift!*

Are you looking for a great dividend this year? Make a gift of appreciated securities – common stock, bonds or mutual funds – to The Rotary Foundation before year end and send a message of international hope. You may realize significant savings while serving others at the same time. By transferring securities to The Rotary Foundation, you avoid paying capital gains taxes on the appreciated value of your gift!

### *Good Tax News You Can Use!*

Under the new Pension Protection Act, individual donors who are 70 ½ at the time of the gift may donate from \$100 to \$100,000 this year (*and next*) from their Individual Retirement Account directly to The Rotary Foundation without increasing federal gross income for this tax year. It is a great way to become a Paul Harris Society member or make the gift of a lifetime in your lifetime.

Please note that contributions must be outright to the Foundation without any benefit to the donor. IRA gifts cannot be used to fund charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, donor advised funds or the pooled income fund.

The IRA assets must be transferred **directly** to the Foundation or it is recognized by the IRS as income. Please contact your IRA administrator and the Foundation to assist with the process of transferring the desired percentage or amount of the IRA.

### *Other IRA Options to Consider*

This is a great time to ensure that valid beneficiary designations are on file for your IRA. If you have not already notified the Foundation that it is a beneficiary of your IRA, then you could become a Rotary Foundation Benefactor or Bequest Society member today!



## District 6000's first electronic seminar. . .

District 6000 sponsored six regional meetings focused on Membership Development and The Rotary Foundation this fall, including the first Web cast electronic meeting on Oct. 12. In the Web cast, District Membership Development co-chair Mike Ruby of Muscatine (top, left), delivered a message that was projected on a screen for audiences in Carroll, Corning and Bettendorf (above, right). The meetings were well attended.

### District Governor:

## Special recognition and a big Thank You to leadership team

It is always a large task to organize the 63 Club Leadership Teams which starts almost six months before the actual Rotary year begins on July 1. This year with our 16 Assistant Governors and the Assistant Governor Coordinator working together, they have been an exceptionally well oiled team. They have assisted the entire District Leadership Team, the District Administrator, the District Committees/Subcommittees and all of our 63 Club Leadership Teams. We started with this list of these suggested duties:

- Attend district training meetings.
- Administration of 4-5 clubs.
- Assist club presidents-elect with Planning Guide.
- Serve on the District EREY Subcommittee.
- Assist club presidents-elect with Fund Development EREY Club Goal Report.
- Assist with the Official DG Visitation.
- Regularly visit their assigned clubs.

But as the effectiveness of this AG/AGC Team became obvious to all, we have recently expanded this list to many new tasks for the remainder of this Rotary Year 2006-07.

So we want to thank this outstanding AG/AGC team for helping make our DG official visitations go so smoothly and for all their efforts plus hard work helping administer and manage the business of our District 6000!

— DG Del and Georgia Bluhm, 2006-07

## News Briefs

**Attendance Reporting:** District secretary, PDG Denny Skinner of Nevada, reports that the D-6000 Executive Committee, at its November meeting, voted unanimously to extend the reporting of club attendance to the district administrator from the 15th of the next month to the last day of the next month. This should provide all secretaries enough time to record eligible make-ups for the month reporting.

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**Public Relations Grants:** District 6000 Public Relations Committee chair, DGE Susan Herrick of Boone, reports that more than 20 clubs from our district applied for Rotary International Public Relations grants. PDG Bill Tubbs, who represents North America on the RI Public Image Resource Group, said response to the Public Relations Grants was overwhelming. More than 3,200 applications were received from 90 countries, compared with fewer than 200 last year. The RI staff is overwhelmed in their efforts to fairly evaluate the proposals. Their tentative schedule: Submissions that have NOT met program requirements were to be notified by Nov. 22. Clubs who are eligible for the first round of funding will be notified by Dec. 15. These first approved proposals have been selected as the best PR plan in their respective regions. They have met all the requirements, with significant amount of club matching funds and donated media. Clubs who are eligible for funding in the next Rotary year will be notified by Feb. 13.

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**Polio:** DGE Susan Herrick participated in National Immunization Days in Nigeria in November. Watch for her compelling report about this experience in the next issue of District 6000 News.

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**Tell Rotary's Stories:** Club leaders are encouraged to ask the publishers and editors of their local newspapers to visit the District 6000 booth at the Iowa Newspaper Association's annual meeting and trade show, Feb. 1-2 at the Marriott Hotel in Des Moines. Members of the D-6000 Public Relations Committee will have Rotary information and resources to help them tell Rotary's story in your community.

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**Rotary in Pictures:** District administrator Jerri Uitermarkt reports that the District Office has two CD sets of "Rotary in Pictures." Each set includes two CDs and contains images published in The Rotarian magazine and other photographs depicting Rotary's humanitarian initiatives around the world. Suggested uses include Rotary club newsletters, web sites, publicity materials, presentations, training seminars and fundraisers. If you would like to 'check-out' a set of "Rotary in Pictures", please contact the district office to schedule a time for the CDs to be sent to you. Jerri will need your mailing address, a telephone number where you can be reached and the date you would be returning the CDs to the District Office. There could be a high demand for using these CDs, so please plan ahead. Phone (877) 976-8279, or e-mail: dis6000admin@lisco.com.

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**Secretary Honored:** Henrietta Cahill was honored by the Rotary Club of North Scott for 33 years of service at the club's annual Installation Party. Henrietta was secretary to longtime Davenport and North Scott Rotary executive secretary Bob Bawden from 1973-96, and continued as assistant to executive secretary Bill Tubbs of North Scott Rotary from 1996 to the present.

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**District 6000 News:** Thanks to Nancy Pacha (Iowa City AM) and Kathy Skinner (Nevada) for helping procure news for District 6000 News. We truly do want you to submit news of your club. Deadline for the next issue is March 1. Send Word documents and free-standing .jpg photos to: btubbs@northscottpress.com. Questions? Contact PDG Bill Tubbs at (563) 285-8111.

## 2006-07 CLUB ATTENDANCE PERCENT AND RANK

August, 2006 - October, 2006

CLUB	AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	69.00%	20	72.25%	19	69.00%	25
Albia	67.00%	25	66.00%	30	58.00%	44
Ames	58.54%	37	59.51%	41	56.61%	47
Ames Morning	54.55%	42	49.22%	52		
Ankeny	64.00%	31	68.00%	26	64.00%	35
Atlantic	76.79%	12			63.93%	37
Bettendorf	80.28%	9	75.86%	13	86.75%	4
Bloomfield	70.00%	18			64.00%	36
Boone	62.30%	34	64.70%	34	81.00%	12
Burlington	84.11%	4	94.15%	3	81.28%	11
Carroll						
Centerville	45.00%	49	56.00%	48	53.00%	51
Chariton					69.00%	26
Clinton	62.43%	33	59.31%	42	54.21%	50
Coon Rapids			63.00%	37	71.00%	21
Coralville-North Corrido	77.00%	11	86.00%	5	94.00%	3
Corning	73.24%	16	71.93%	21	67.36%	27
Corydon						
Creston	54.00%	43	58.00%	43	52.00%	52
Dallas Center	61.00%	35	57.00%	46	63.00%	39
Davenport	40.70%	52	52.83%	49	50.20%	54
Decatur County	58.00%	38	71.00%	22	76.00%	17
Des Moines	65.59%	28	72.12%	20	72.18%	20
Des Moines A.M.			57.00%	47	65.00%	31
East Polk County	64.00%	32	66.00%	31	65.00%	32
Fairfield	51.86%	45	57.73%	45	57.18%	46
Fort Madison	73.27%	15	67.06%	28		
Grinnell						
Indianola	69.66%	19	78.67%	12	66.85%	29
Iowa City	42.00%	50	60.00%	40	55.00%	49
Iowa City A.M.			66.00%	32	66.00%	30
Iowa City Downtowr					83.64%	6
Iowa Quad-Cities	67.80%	24	74.28%	15	64.20%	34
Jefferson	58.00%	39	58.00%	44	65.00%	33
Johnston	72.58%	17	72.37%	18	77.23%	15
Kalona	74.09%	13	99.38%	1	78.48%	14
Keokuk	48.09%	48	50.47%	50	59.93%	42
Keosauqua	52.80%	44	61.50%	38	75.00%	18
Knoxville	74.00%	14			67.00%	28
Lenox	68.00%	22	67.00%	29		
Manning	80.00%	10	86.00%	6	85.00%	5
Marengo	66.00%	26			62.75%	40
Marshalltown	56.74%	41	61.49%	39	63.31%	38
Mount Pleasant Noor			50.00%	51	50.65%	53
Mt. Pleasant	82.00%	6	75.00%	14	82.00%	8
Muscatine	48.19%	47			46.68%	55
Nevada	81.92%	7	84.62%	7	82.86%	7
Newton	68.00%	23	70.00%	23	70.00%	23
North Scott	80.89%	8	81.40%	10	82.00%	9
Northwest Des Moines	85.20%	3	84.30%	8	81.60%	10
Odyssey Rotary Ottumwa	42.00%	51	65.00%	33	58.00%	45
Osceola	64.81%	30	64.20%	36	69.63%	24
Oskaloosa			69.80%	24		
Ottumwa	60.00%	36	64.70%	35	73.00%	19
Pella	84.00%	5	79.00%	11	81.00%	13
Perry	58.00%	40			59.00%	43
Tipton	65.60%	27	67.33%	27	76.24%	16
Washington	50.15%	46	68.18%	25	55.68%	48
Waukee	65.00%	29	73.05%	17		
Wellman	98.71%	1	98.38%	2	98.36%	1
West Des Moines			84.06%	9	70.38%	22
West Liberty	69.00%	21	74.00%	16	60.00%	41
Winterset	95.86%	2	86.72%	4	95.00%	2

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## Notes for club leaders

### From DG Del Bluhm . . .

- Update your club's membership list for accurate semiannual reports for January.
- Place Rotary billboards in your community and plan public image projects.
- Schedule a literacy speaker when you are contacted by the District Literacy Promotion Committee representative.
- Secretaries submit 2007-08 officers to RI and to District, the latter as directed by AG.
- Deadline is Dec. 31, 2006: for paying RI semi-annual dues or Club charter will be pulled.
- Deadline is Jan. 1, 2007 for clubs' financial obligations to RI that are greater than \$250 for 6 months terminated.
- Strategic Planning is progressing please note the article in this District 6000 News.
- Recognition & Awards – Track criteria completion for 2006-07 Presidential Citation. (See the Governor's Comments in this District 6000 News.)
- Recognition & Awards – Track Criteria Completion for 2006-07 District Governor Club Recognition Award. (See the Governor's Comments in this District 6000 News.)
- Submit news of your club's successes or upcoming events by March 1, 2007 for the next District 6000 News.
- Check your club's progress toward your 2006-07 Rotary Foundation EREY Goal and implement plans to meet and/or exceed your goal. Submit payments quarterly if possible to the new TRF address.
- Incorporation ballot-by-mail is completed, but note the article in this District 6000 News.



# PEACE / PAZ / HEIWAH

*Submitted by PDG Ev Laning, Indianola:*

By whatever name it is known Rotary International endorses *peace*. And to promote it calls on Rotary Clubs everywhere to seek out and recommend local citizens as candidates for either the Rotary Peace Fellow or the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies programs. Because of the competitiveness and complexity of these programs at least 18 months of time is needed to identify, qualify, select and train candidates before they could go abroad. Here is what to look for in prospects:

## **Rotary World Peace Fellows – 1 to 2 year Master's level degree program funded by The Rotary Foundation**

- Has already earned a bachelor's degree or equivalent before starting the fellowship
- Proficiency in more than one language (study is done in one of 7 universities in 6 countries around the world)
- Has significant, relevant work experience in the areas of conflict resolution, mediation, diplomacy, international relations and similar fields
- Excellent leadership skills
- Demonstrates a commitment to a career dedicated to peace and conflict resolution following the fellowship

## **Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies – an intensive certificate course designed for professionals in mid- to upper level positions who can arrange to take three month's time off from their employment to participate in the program**

- Employer willing to hold the position open for the candidate's return and able to cover the estimated US\$5,000 cost for tuition, room and board, educational materials, insurance, and other related expenses. The Rotary Foundation will provide funding for round-trip travel to Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand
- Instruction is in English and offered twice a year from the first Tuesday of July through last Friday of September or second Tuesday of January through first Friday of April

Applications are now being sought for 2008-9 Peace Fellows and July 2007 Peace and Conflict Studies certificate seekers.

***To start the application process or for more information, contact Rotary District 6000 World Peace Subcommittee Chair Everett Laning at 515-962-5200 or [ruev@juno.com](mailto:ruev@juno.com).***

Additional resources can be found at: [www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp/index.html)